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The A.G.M. of the L.R.A. on 20th May 1982 was an excellent meeting, very well attended by about 70 residents. This time there wasn't a football match to watch on television or bad weather to keep people away and in addition there was the added attraction of a talk from Sir George Baker to follow the main business of the evening.

Don Cammell gave a meticulous report of the activities of the L.R.A. which have been carried during the year on your behalf and at the end John Jarrett breezed in full of compliments to the new chairman and to the ladies, who he said were a great deal slimmer and prettier than Elizabeth Taylor, who had that afternoon so kindly attended a charity fete which he patronises. His thanks to Don Cammell were echoed all around the room. Don has worked unstintingly since being obliged to accept the office of Chairman of the Association and although he expects to be able to complete the year 1982/83 in this capacity, he hopes that there will be another person to take over from him at the end of that time so that he will be able to relax rather more in his limited spare time.

Among the items he brought to the attention of the meeting was that the number of households now belonging to the association was 338, which means that a lot of people are helping to deliver the Newsletter and doing the arduous job of collecting the subs in the face of bad weather and ominous guard dogs . . .

He spoke of the following matters:—

- i) The unremitting attempts of one resident to develop the land at Rasehill Close in the face of all opposition, and to make a driveway from Great Poplars to Loudwater Lane which goes over a public footpath and leads into Loudwater Lane by the side of Glen Chess.
- ii) The A405 enquiry, estimated to cost over £3,000, to which the L.R.A. has subscribed £200. The Inspector's report will be out by Christmas!
- iii) The iniquitous charges by Three Rivers D.C. for emptying cess pools and septic tanks — of which there are surprising number in Loudwater — by a private contractor, which escalated from £75.00 to £212.00, but is now being held at £100.00 for 1983. Dr. Martin (Loudwater Cottage) thanked the L.R.A. for their help in this matter.
- iv) The maps of Tree Preservation Orders printed in earlier editions of the Newsletter in 1979 and the incidence of owners (and their solicitors!) being unaware of T.P.O's on trees on the land they own. Residents are asked to contact Paul Lowe of Three Rivers D.C. who will be very ready to take action, if they see trees being chopped down, and, what is more urgent, to do it smartly before trees are felled. He recommends that people who do not like trees or want to develop land in a manner contrary to the policy and features of Loudwater, do not take up residence here or that they move elsewhere where their efforts would be applauded. Needless to say, a 150 year old tree is not easily replaced!
- v) The reassurance given by the General Post Office that our pretty red letter boxes will not disappear for another two years and then, hopefully, the L.R.A. will be consulted as to which to retain.
- vi) The need for all residents to keep watch on the River Chess for build up of weed especially on the weirs and if any problems are discovered, to contact the Thames Water Authority which wields the power to do or not to do. The most important thing to remember is *Do not cut weed yourself*. The Thames W.B. will cut it at the right time.

vii) The great care required over bonfires especially those on the boundaries of gardens. There is no easy way, no good time that suits all people and all atmospheric conditions. Rigorous control is the key, plus of course, consideration for neighbours.

viii) The snow and ice problems.

ix) A resident's survey of the traffic using the Troutstream Way gates through the Estate showed an alarming number of unauthorised regular users and of people living outside the Estate with keys, who do not contribute to the upkeep of the Estate roads. It is not only to our advantage to keep the gates closed on grounds of security as recommended by the police; not only for the safety of children or elderly residents enjoying a walk by the cutting down of traffic; but for practical economic necessity. The main difficulty appears to be the closing of gates after a car has passed through. Inexpensive ideas to facilitate this are urgently required.

At the conclusion of Don's address, copies of the L.R.A. aims and rules were looked at, Mr. Jolliffe gave the treasurer's report in Cyril Brine's absence, officers were re-elected.

The new members of the committee are:—

Maurice Escow, who is the new Vice-Chairman, and David Coles, Kathleen Deans, Pamela Done, Leonard Wretham, Roger Allsop and Fred Bingham.

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A Note For Your Diaries

As a result of the interest shown by the support for the Garden Party, it has been decided to hold a further get together — a tea party no less — at Loudwater Farm on Sunday 17th October at 4.00 p.m. Admission 50p per head, children welcome — arrangements will be made for their entertainment and tea will be served. A few local artists are being approached and they may be willing to show some of their pictures at the same time.

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CONGRATULATIONS

to Charles and Pauline Green (Marana Tha, Whisperwood) on the acceptance of their son Martin to be trained for the ministry, at Wycliffe College, Oxford.

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LOUDWATER'S MUSICAL DUCKS

It was a balmy day in spring, when we sat at ease on our patio listening to a Beethoven concert, on the third programme.

A pair of Mallard ducks climbed up the bank of the river, waddled up the garden, mounted the stone steps, and squatted down some twelve feet from where we were sitting. All four of us were happily content to enjoy the "fifth". A louder passage in the music induced me to lower the volume. Our uninvited guests, however, disapproved, rose up, came nearer, and squatted down again, six feet away from us!

This was no chance happening, for precisely the same thing occurred the next evening. It has not been repeated subsequently, however, and one is driven to the conclusion that our musical ducks decided not to attend our concerts if we are going to mess about with the volume control!

Anon.

FROM THE LOUDWATER (TROUTSTREAM) ESTATE CO.

Dr. Wander appeals once again to residents to observe the rules under the Restrictive Covenant, in particular:—

- Not to park any motor vehicles on the Company's Roads and Verges, and to remind any suppliers, gardeners, building contractors etc. to observe this rule as well. Residents should be reminded that parking or driving on the Company's verges which are to a large extent maintained and cared for by their fellow-residents on a voluntary basis is a very inconsiderate and unkind act.
- Not to dump any grass cuttings, branches or any other refuse at the Spinney (i.e. the Company's woods next to Loudwater Garage). Every year the Company staff has to spend hours clearing these woods of rubbish dumped there mostly by inconsiderate residents and their gardeners. Quite apart from the costs involved the Company staff could be better employed doing more useful work elsewhere instead of having to waste their time in those woods.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

From Lavender Cottage, Chess Hill

Dear Mrs. Francis,

Thank you for the L.R.A. Newsletter, we moved here in April and found your Newsletter most interesting.

Gerald and Therese Good

Dear Editor,

Who has lived here longest? Who is in fact, Mr Loudwater or Mrs Loudwater? I believe Lady Lewis is our oldest inhabitant but I think others have lived here longer. I've had two names suggested to me for the championship — our own Cyril Brine and Mr E Taylor of Loudwater Lane both of whom arrived here before 1939. Any challengers?

John Jarrett

Dear Editor,

Isn't it time we had some more of Janet Moore's chatty nature notes?

H.B.F.

Some Thoughts of a Good Friday Gateman

(The Estate Board closed its gates on Good Friday and the Chorleywood Road gate was manned. Drivers were asked to identify their destination.)

How pleasant and understanding most people are! Several thanks for doing the job, a number of offers to take a spell, two offers of refreshment. How sad the only bad language had to come from Mrs X of Troutstream Way — but then she is notorious for it. Apologies to the young man who, it subsequently proved, was making a call on a resident but couldn't identify the name of the house or the road or the telephone number, so . . .

Interesting that in one two hour stint, two cars were turned away and seven who started to pull in changed their minds on seeing the gate closed. Sad that one person who was turned away said he'd just use the Troutstream Way (Sarratt Lane) gate because that's always left open.

Dangerous that one car (DJJ 880H) took advantage to pull through, behind another car being admitted, while the gateman's hands were actually on the car as he was asking a question.

Noteworthy how many young men, having had to wait at most one minute, accelerated away down Kingfisher Lure at speed. (Most of them sons of residents, I'm afraid.)

John Jarrett

THE GARDEN PARTY JUBILEE

What a beautiful day it was! After the rain the day before, it was a gift!

Many people expressed their great pleasure and wished that there could be more than one Loudwater garden party each year. "We do love it", was the sentiment

expressed by at least one person and that must have been echoed by at least 250 other people who came. How nice it was to meet Freda the new wife of Jack Bennett (Muirside, Overstream) and the newcomers to Chalmadale, Troutstream Way, Irene and Ken Durham. Welcome also to Trevor and Mary Slade (Ladywood Close) with their daughter Debbie. To hear the words repeated, "Loudwater is such a friendly place and so beautiful — most other places of the same category are remarkable only for their lack of friendliness", is what the L.R.A. is all about.

The generosity of Benny and Chantal King in providing both the venue and the band is gratefully acknowledged by one and all, but no one knows the extent of the preparations in the garden that went on for three weeks previously! Thanks Benny and Chantal.

Our thanks also go to Nick Nicholls who organised it so splendidly and to Maurice Escow who with the help of David Coles, Fred Bingham, Stanley Mann, Maurice Sayer, Dr Eric Trimmer, John Boon, Peter Bates, Graham Watt, Terry Read, Michael Fitzgerald and Don Cammell, manned the bar and did all the other jobs.

As this is the last time dear Nick Nicholls will be the motive force behind the occasion it has been decided that the surplus money this year, should go to the Hurstleigh Homes which Nick patronises.

The Dixieland music of Pete Allen's Band was an inspiration. If only one had two heads so that one could listen with undivided attention both to the splendid music and to the chat of friends! Some people succumbed to the music at the end and danced the last tune away. How many were able to get back to the gardening afterwards is another question.

The Falklands Collection amounted to £190. It will be donated to the families of men who fell, as a small token of our appreciation for their gallantry.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/116/82 Erection of single dwelling house, Lower Plantation for P.Lewis Esq. (detailed drawings)

8/156/82 First floor extension "Homewood", Farm Lane, Loudwater, for Dr. Philip Evans.

8/165/82 Erection of detached house and garage on land between Great Poplars and Rasehill Close, for M.Kwintner Esq.

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8/205/82 Detached double garage and wine cellar, "Chauminette", Trout Rise, for C.Matthieu Esq.

8/208/82 Erection of studio building, Trout Cottage, Troutstream Way, for Enrico Pratt Esq. The L.R.A. is objecting to this as it will be an independent building.

8/221/82 Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and erection of new garage, "The Old Stables", Bridle Lane, for M. G. Holden Esq.

8/228/82 Single storey extension and rooms in roof, "Greythorpe", Trout Rise, for Greythorpe Investments.

8/265/82 Detached double garage to front and new bay window "Swandrift", Trout Rise, for A.Ducat Esq.

8/302/82 Erection of detached double garage and laying of driveway "Oak End Cottage", Wagon Way, Bridle Lane, for M.W.Bradshaw Esq.

8/293/82 Erection of detached house and integral garage (detailed drawings) Lower Plantation, Sarratt Lane, for Bruce M.Thompson Properties Ltd.

8/319/82 Two storey side extension and detached garage "Beeches", Trout Rise, for C.B.Colls Esq.