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The Garden Party

Who would have thought that the endless "lows" would change into a glorious "high" for Loudwater's day out! — that the grey days preceding, which had not even blessed the gardens with rain recently — for a change! — would blossom into such sunshine!

Perhaps it was a gift for Father's Day! Whatever it was, everyone there was amazed and delighted. How do we manage it? What would we do if we didn't have such beautiful weather? — well that's the best kept secret of all because nobody knows!

Don Cammell made a speech towards the end in which he said there were over 250 people present — not including the children but this might well have been a conservative estimate. If it had not been for the baffling loud speaker he might have been heard better! so perhaps it would be appropriate for a vote of thanks to be given here and now not only for the weather but to Benny and Pascale King for the use of their lovely garden AND bridges over the river, which certainly stood up to a lot of traffic!

The flow of water was quite surprisingly swift there and made the crossing seem a tiny bit hair raising!

As usual the bar was under heavy pressure and Maurice Escow with his trusty band of helpers was kept well and truly busy from 12.00 until 2.30. Thank you all from us all! One remark that was made was, "I did not know there were so many children in Loudwater!" "No," was the reply, "They are always kept so well under control!"

It was to the credit of everyone that such a little litter was left to clear up off the grass. Apart from the inevitable crisp bag, only one empty, discarded can could be seen glaring reproachfully across the lawn.

The West Indian steel band which had travelled down for the day from Northampton had apparently arrived clad in two overcoats and six scarves each, so this sunshine suited them very well! Once more we are indebted to Benny and Pascale for the entertainment they so kindly provided for us.

It was gratifying to know that the police were vigilant about the estate during the festivities.

Muntjacs or Roses?

After the eulogy concerning Muntjacs by the Editor in the last Newsletter the following well deserved reprimand was received for amusement only. She hopes that Bill Hanman of Chess Place will not mind if she shares these insights! because the Editor is presently writing a torch song entitled, "Where have all the roses gone?"

THE GARDENER'S YEAR or I'M ALL RIGHT MUNTJAC

The gardener's year is constantly busy,
We dig and manure and bring on the seeds,
Put in the bulbs, prune, plant out the seedlings,
Spray against pests and exterminate weeds.

Subject to wind and rain, dry days and sunshine,
Slugs and the like and the right fungicide,
We expect colour, grace, perfume and beauty;
Reward for effort and cause for some pride.

But then alas muntjacs emerge from their thicket
Cautiously picking their way down the lawn.
First comes the buck, then the doe gently follows
Showing the way to her newly born fawn.

"I say, these tulips are simply delicious
And the delphiniums must really be tried.
Savour the rose shoots or sample the lupins.
This place rated high in the last Good Food Guide".

Gorged to the eye-balls the three happy gourmands
Stagger to gardens across Troutstream Way.
There they just gaze around, belchingly benignly.
"See aren't they pretty" is what people say.

Thus gardening contributes three types of blessing:
First gives us exercise then feeds the deer
Succulent entrees; while our lucky neighbours
Unscathed pluck the fruits of **their** gardener's year.

The A.G.M. from John Jarrett

A standing room only attendance at Chorleywood House marked the L.R.A. Annual General Meeting on May 19th. For once, it wasn't raining, there was nothing on the box and we didn't clash with the Brownies!

Over 80 people heard the L.R.A. Chairman, Don Cammell describe the Association's activities over the year. The highlights (apart from another massively successful and sunny! Garden Party for our Silver Anniversary of 1982) included dealing with numerous planning applications involving objections to building in woodlands, new exerts into Loudwater Lane, drives through meadows, the obnoxious stones on verges, back development, incursion into agricultural land etc., appearing at appeals, fighting proposed sky high radio masts, forestalling helicopter routes over Loudwater, campaigning for black top on the North Orbital and even trying to keep our pillar boxes.

Then came the accounts. The L.R.A. had a small loss last year (£6.47) but this had been allowed for, when it was agreed to give the surplus from the Garden Party to Hurstleigh Homes, in recognition of the work done by Nick Nicholls in running the bar (and so many other things) for the Garden Party. The L.R.A.'s main running expense is the Newsletter. It's budget does not aim to accumulate large surpluses but to have enough for some modest representation at major planning appeals. The balance was shown as £613.22 and these figures were voted satisfactory.

The L.R.A.'s subscription remains for the umpteenth year at £1.00. Is this a record?

Don Cammell referred to the L.R.A.'s other social events. We are always being asked to do more, and both the coffee morning in 1981 and the Art exhibition last year were welcomed. The L.R.A. is trying, said Don, to arrange a musical evening next. Many accomplished singers and instrumentalists live in Loudwater. Such an event does however need more formal arrangement than previous events.

The officers re-elected were Don Cammell (for Chairman), Maurice Escow (for Vice-Chairman), Cyril Brine (for Treasurer) and Barnaby Usborne (for Correspondence and Records Secretary). The Association regrets the resignation of Margaret Stratford as Minutes Secretary, but then, if your husband is a director of Watford Football Club, life has been hectic! Len Wreatham, Pamela Done, Kathleen Deans and David Coles were also re-elected as ordinary members.

After the formal business there was, as always seems to happen, one major issue raised from the floor. Sinclair Watson drew attention to the fact, obviously new to most of the audience, that the Local Government Boundary Commission was proposing to make the North Orbital Road, the new boundary between Chorleywood and Rickmansworth so that everything East of the road would be de-parished. With some people hotly against and others seeing some advantages, the L.R.A. committee was instructed to look into the matter and either take action or call a special meeting before 28th June, the date by which objections were to be made. Dr Martin raised the vexed question of weed floating down the river and this too will be looked into by the L.R.A. committee.

Last came the guest speaker of the evening, Mr Charles Mills, the Chairman of the Chiltern Society. In a commendably short address, Mr Mills spoke of the desperate plight of the aging beech trees on the Chiltern Hills, most of which would vanish before replanting could be effective, if present plans were maintained. He called for county wide effort here, a national drive against grey squirrels and urged members to plant broadleaved trees. A warm reception and much use of Chiltern Society leaflets followed Mr Mills good effort, after which everyone headed happily and chattily for the wine.

Editors note:-

The effect of being de-parished would be that Loudwater, lying as it does to the East of the North Orbital, would no longer be part of Chorleywood Parish and residents would not be able to vote for Parish Councillors for Chorleywood. There would however, be a District Ward for the purpose of voting for District Councillors and this District Ward would be called "Chorleywood North and Loudwater." In this situation Loudwater would be like Rickmansworth, which does not have a Parish Council either, although they could form one if they wished, as could Loudwater in the event of separation from Chorleywood Parish. Rickmansworth does however, have a Consultative Committee where District Councillors meet residents for views to be aired and questions answered. One effect of 'de-parishment' would be that Loudwater residents would not have to pay the rate to Chorleywood Parish which is .98 in the £1.00 for 1983/4, saving for example £8.00 on £800 rates and it is possible that Chorleywood could have its rate increased to look after the Memorial Hall! Another effect would be that when planning applications are looked into, instead of having a Parish Councillor address the Planning Committee, should you need this service, you instead ask a District Councillor to speak for you. In both cases you would be able to go and listen to the arguments.

Bill Reece, our new resident District Councillor, made the point that the Planning Committee takes notice of Residents Associations' views and requests.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Professor George Elton, Bridle Lane, on being awarded the C.B.E. for his work at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the past twelve years. Previously he was Director at the Flour Milling and Baking Research Association at Chorleywood.

Introducing Bill Reece!

William Reece J.P. B.Sc. A.F.I.M.A. who lives at Pine Cottage, Cherry Hill (Trout Rise), could be seen at the garden party with his pretty wife Mem taking the opportunity to meet as many people as possible but it is quite a task in such a small amount of time to let people get to know their recently elected District Councillor for Three Rivers D.C.

Bill and his family moved to Loudwater in 1981. He was born in Harrow, has an Hons. degree in Mathematics, spent five years in the R.A.F., is a Senior Lecturer in Mathematics and Computing at Southall and is also a tutor for Graduate courses in Computing for the Open University.

He won a marginal seat in Harrow in 1968 where he served on the District Council until he left for Loudwater in 1981.

He is a Magistrate and holds an appointment as Justice of the Peace for the Middlesex area.

Welcome Bill!

Letter to the Editor

From Mr E.G.Done, End House, Chess Lane.

Dear Editor. You refer in the L.R.A. Newsletter for April, to the circle of trees in the grounds of Loudwater House. I was told; many years ago, that Panmure Gordon, when he lived in the house, had his own private menagerie and that the circle of trees marked the enclosure where he kept his zebras. Further evidence of this menagerie appeared in the cages which used to be visible at the bottom of Loudwater Lane in what is now the Coach House.

Now about that sewer, I used to be the local representative of the Hertfordshire War Pensions Welfare Committee and one of the pensioners in my care was a well-known character I knew as 'Chick' - I forget his real name - who had been hideously injured when the cottage where he lived next door to the 'Prince of Wales' on Batchworth Heath received a direct hit during the blitz. How he survived is a remarkable story but out of place here. He told me that he was one of the team who drove the tunnel to carry the sewer through from Loudwater Lane but he did not tell me where it went and he has been dead for nearly thirty years. Sorry I cannot help.

Local Artist

In July and August you are invited to view Yvonne Poulton's paintings on perspex and glass at her studio at The Hall in Latimer on Saturdays only between 2.00 and 5.00p.m. The paintings follow years of work in other media using light as a source of illumination to enhance the symbolism of Christianity.

Yvonne is Mrs Marsh of Glen House, Overstream. She has lived there since 1952.

Planning Applications

8/140/83 Erection of three detached dwellings (outline application) at Lane between Green Nook and Bowden, Bridle Lane, Loudwater for Abbiss and Hale Ltd.

8/201/83 Renewal of temporary consent for use of existing buildings for group meetings and worship, Loudwater Farm for SUBUD Britain.

8/236/83 Erection of detached house and garage, plus garage to existing house at, and adjacent to, Woodlands, Sarratt Lane for Mrs P. Perks.

8/286/83 Erection of detached garage at Chauminette, Trout Rise for C. Mathiew Esq.

8/339/83 Erection of two storey rear extension, St. Cyrus, Trout Rise for L. Goldstone Esq.

8/347/83 Erection of attached double garage at Cranham, Loudwater Lane for C. Appleton Esq.

8/348/83 Two storey side extension forming separate accommodation, at Briar Cottage, Chess Lane for L.J. Sunderland Esq.

8/354/83 Erection of front porch at Kirwina II, Overstream for J. Price Esq.

STOP PRESS BOUNDARY NEWS

A meeting of representatives from Chorleywood and Loudwater Residents Associations and the Parish Council was held on 13.6.83 to discuss the matter. The outcome of this was that both Associations and Chorleywood Parish Council would write letters to the Local Government Boundary Commission asking for the deadline for submission of comments to be extended from 28th June until October so that a local petition can be organised. Copies were being sent to the Chairman of Three Rivers D.C. and to Richard Page MP. This has now been done.

*Next issue entries to the Editor
by 1st September please!*