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From the Estate Board

Dr. Albert Wander is retiring from the post of Secretary to the Loudwater Estate Company after nine years of unflinching effort. He has not only dealt successfully with the problems of overseeing maintenance, collecting dues etc., but with the much more formidable task of carrying out the wishes of the Board and coercing difficult residents into showing more consideration towards their neighbours.

He would be the first to admit that he has not always been successful but backed by an unshakable belief in the original concept of Loudwater, – “ – varied small to medium sized houses with at least half an acre of land set in a glade of trees, a troutstream and a country road meandering through sylvan loveliness within three quarters of an hour of the West End” – he is handing on the Estate in good condition. It still preserves that most sought after illusion of wooded country side within which formal gardens abound, which delight and amaze all strangers and newcomers. We all wish him well in his retirement from this strenuous job and thank him for so stalwartly protecting our heritage.

The Parish Boundary Review

Our M.P., Hertfordshire County Council, Bucks County Council and Chiltern District Council are being informed by Three Rivers D.C., that it strongly objects to the modifications proposed by the Boundary Commission to realign the Eastern Boundary of the Parish of Chorleywood to the North Orbital Road and to de-parish the area East of that road. Reasons given are that any adjustments of the existing parish boundaries in advance of adjustments to County and District Boundaries would be premature and would pre-judge such adjustments; that they would be financially disastrous and unacceptable for the remaining parish area of Chorleywood following a reduction in rateable value of £1,458,700 to £723,700 without any reduction in the scope and cost of services administered by the present Parish Council. and that the proposals cut across and do not reflect the community interests and historic associations shared by residents on either side of the newly constructed road.

From Mr. Kenneth Gosney, Clerk of the Parish Council, Chorleywood House.

“I think it can best be said that the role of any Parish Council is to represent its Parishioners in the manner which seems best and to provide such local amenities as are considered desirable and are within its power of provision. The amenities we administer include the Lawn Cemetery, Council Allotments, Chorleywood Common and the War Memorial Hall although the Council is interested in all that happens in this Parish and will make representations to the appropriate Authority when it is known that anything is going awry in the Parish. We can be turned to by any Parishioner who sees a need for a service which cannot otherwise be provided.

Representations are regularly made relating to Planning and Development in the Parish but other subjects include Road Accidents, Maintenance of Highways, Public Health Matters, Public Services and Public Finance including the Parish Rate.

Any Parishioner is welcome to attend all meetings of the Parish Council which are duly advertised in advance and there is at least one Meeting each year which Parishioners

are encouraged to attend and air their views but it must be said that few Parishioners attend our Annual Parish Meeting which is always widely advertised in the area.

As part-time Clerk of this Parish Council, I am at the service of the Parish every morning.”

Nature Notes

It is quite some time since we have heard from Janet Moore our erstwhile columnist whose knowledge of local bird life is profound but she has promised to contribute another of her much appreciated articles as soon as she is able. She says it has been a marvellous year for birds in her garden. She has seen many there that she has not seen before, such as the Red poll, White throat and Wood peckers.

Wood peckers you may all know but to recognise the other birds is more difficult because of variations not only between sexes and between adults and their young but also within a species. After checking references, the Editor found that British Red poll adults have black and red facial markings and fluffy plumage and the male has a pink rump and breast in the breeding season. In some years they can be seen everywhere but in others they are very scarce. They produce a purring display-song circling high above the trees. They like conifers, elders and birches.

A White throat is the commonest member of the warblers and can be recognised by a long white edged tail, pale eyes, white eye ring, pale legs and a chestnut tint along its sides. It likes open sunlit places on the edge of woods and hides in wild rose bushes, hawthorn and brambles, so you are more likely to see it if your garden borders some woodland.

A Question.

Although wild creatures are so timid and look as though their eyesight is extremely keen as is well known to be in some species, are some creatures unable to focus on things close at hand? A bird can pick up the slightest crumb but how about the squirrel who cannot regularly distinguish between a finger and a peanut? – or as Marion MacGregor (Dacres, Troutstream Way) asks, How about the Magpie who strutted across her lawn and tripped over a marking string pinned temporarily to the grass!

Now that Autumn is with us again – after those cherished days of high summer which we thought would never end – everyone will be busy putting their garden to sleep for the winter so here is your seasonal reminder: –

Don't forget that bonfires are lethal to other people's property and that the smoke contains 14 times the amount of cancer producing compounds as cigarette smoke! Also, if we get snow before Christmas please don't pinch the Company grit! (– that's for Estate dwellers only).

From Margaret Jarrett, Martha's Vineyard, Violet Way.

“Children all right?” I was asked at the A.G.M. “Oh yes,” I replied, “Tiny's with them tonight.” Amid the understanding nods, someone (could it have been our esteemed editor?) said, “Who's Tiny?” and had a battery of astonished eyes turned on her.

For everyone knows Tiny! Loudwater parents have depended on her and Loudwater children have been devoted to her for over thirty years. Nobody, except maybe Father Christmas, has been loved by so many generations of children. Tiny is quite simply the best baby-sitter in the world!

It was just after the war a friend first asked her whether she could possibly look after their young baby for an evening. The friends insisted on paying, so that she could feel free to ask Tiny to baby-sit again, and from her the word passed to another family, and another and another, until it would be impossible now to calculate how many children have been left happy in Tiny's care. (If Tiny's there, my two can't get me out the door fast enough). The children she first baby-sat for are parents themselves now, and most still keep in touch with Tiny, some from the other side of the world.

Tiny has lived in Loudwater since before the war. Since the sad death of her husband last year, she lives alone with her little dog, Amy, in her cottage in Rook's Hill. She is never idle for a moment. Apart from her baby-sitting, she regularly feeds umpteen lonely pussy cats while their owners are on holiday and has for years now helped to run the canteen at Mount Vernon Hospital. She is a tough, courageous little lady. She has suffered a great deal of ill-health over the years, but has always surmounted it and come back to "her children." Thank goodness she has for without her Loudwater practically comes to a halt! We just cannot manage without her.

I am not going to tell you her full name. Tiny is so much in demand that I am not going to increase the odds against my being able to book her. Besides, someone you know is bound to know her. Everyone knows Tiny." (except the Editor!)

This and That

Cancer Relief House to House Collection. Bill Pitt Ford (Trout Rise) and Mary Filose (Bridle Lane) would like to thank all the residents of Loudwater for their wonderful response, which resulted in their collection amounting to £167. The total to date collected by the Watford & South West Herts committee, which includes Rickmansworth and Chorleywood during the week is £2,938 – a record.

To the newly-weds we offer our best wishes: –
Mr & Mrs R. Carter's son Tony (Ladywood Close) to Denise Wood.

Mrs Karen Read has taken on the job of Minutes Secretary at meetings of the L.R.A. She lives at Nirvarna, Timberidge, Loudwater Lane, and replaces Margaret Stratford who has so cheerfully given her services in this capacity for the past two years and served on the committee for four years.

New Residents: –
Welcome to Mr F. Mendelsohn at No 11, Loudwater House, son of the well known Rickmansworth personality and toy shop proprietor.

Welcome also to Mr & Mrs Denis Goffin and their daughter Nicola at Foxhill, Loudwater Drive.

Tree Preservation Orders.

Chorleywood (Loudwater No.3) T.P.O. 1971 trees at No. 9, Lower Plantation. After a site inspection when the trees were in leaf in June, by Members of the Three Rivers D.C. Committee, it was resolved that the application for the removal of the three Sycamore trees, be not granted as the trees are of significant value in an area where many trees have been lost and that Officers will be requested to keep a detailed check on the trees within the curtilage of this site.

"When does your heart sink into your boots?"

Mine does when I hear the sound of an electric saw and think that it is possibly the death of yet another tree. I know that trees must be taken care of and sometimes need very skilled and careful pruning but they are so necessary to Loudwater, not only for their beauty and shade but also as a sound barrier.

So please, if you hear that dreadful noise of destruction, spare a little of your precious time to ring immediately, Rickmansworth 776611, ask for the Tree Preservation people and tell them as nearly as you can where the sound comes from.

This number is the office of the Director of Planning, 46, High Street, Rickmansworth and they are open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, but closed on Saturday and Sundays.

PLEASE SAVE OUR TREES!" (K.W. Loudwater House.)

The Editor has received two other pleas from the heart. One was about tipping grass cuttings into the Chess and leaving barrow loads of the rubbish to be removed at the stretch near Glen Chess. Offenders please note that this does NOT disintegrate before blocking the flow of water. You are begged please, to instruct your gardeners carefully as to the proper disposal of garden waste and check that your instructions are being carried out.

The other was about wandering dogs. This comes up so frequently that surprise has been expressed that dogs have not been impounded before, more often. One of the main problems is that of dogs that are trained to be guard dogs. A Doberman pincher, for example, regards Loudwater Drive as his own territory and launches himself at you should you pass by innocently minding your own business. This is so terrifying especially to unaccompanied ladies and is a different kettle of fish (or should one say dogs) from those pests who roam loose, jumping over walls and barging through other peoples gardens. Dog Lovers please help others to love dogs too!

From Esma Rogers, Greensleaves, Loudwater Drive.

"Dear Editor, I was interested in Mr Dones letter about the circle of trees near Loudwater House, between the footpath and the River Chess.

When I moved here nearly thirty years ago, the trees were then quite young (possibly 15 years or so) and the whole area was well fenced and cared for. I understood then that the whole field belonged to a Mr Popper who lived at Rasehill on the Chorleywood Road, and the trees were planted to enable his daughter to exercise her pony. Is it not true that if you ask the same question of six different people you usually receive six different answers!!

However, I understand Mr Popper's grandson lives close by – perhaps he could clear up the mystery."

Planning Applications

8/372/83 Ground floor and first floor extension to rear and conversion of garage to games room at The Coach House, Loudwater Lane, for M.S.P. Malski Esq.

8/392/83 Two storey side extension at Chess Holme, Troutstream Way for C. Timms Esq;

8/409/83 Erection of detached double garage to front at 5, Harewood, Loudwater for H. Cross Esq.

8/410/83 Single storey side and rear extension at Upton Troutstream Way, for G. Radford Esq.

8/469/83 Extension to rear of garage at Woodcourt, Trout Rise, for J. Pither Esq.

Permission has been refused for the following: –

8/53/83 The conversion of a single dwellinghouse to two dwellings and erection of two storey side extensions at Kytes, Loudwater Lane, for Messrs C & J Hunt.

8/103/83 The erection of one detached house at Woodlands, Whisperwood, Loudwater for Mr & Mrs Hesketh.

8/140/83 For three detached dwellings with garages at land between Green Nook and Bowden, Bridle Lane, Loudwater, for Abbis and Hale Ltd.

Permission has been granted for the following: –

8/47/83 First floor side extension and detached double garage at Pine Cottage, Cherry Hill, Trout Rise, for W. Reece Esq., with the proviso that the garage shall be used solely for the accommodation of private motor vehicles belonging to Mr. Reece.

8/201/83 The continued use of Loudwater Farm, Loudwater Lane, for group meetings and worship for Subud Britain, until 31st December, 1987.