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DATES for your DIARIES in 1985

The AGM of this Association will be held on Thursday 16th May at Chorleywood House at 8.00pm.

The Garden Party will be held on Sunday 16th June from 12.00 to 2.00pm at Cressy House, Trout Rise. This is the same venue as the year before last. The generosity of Benny King and his family in allowing their lovely gardens to be overrun by all of us is much appreciated as is the fact that it is often preceded by much work in the garden getting it in show condition for the occasion. Hopefully, we will be able to leave it in the same condition as we find it. Usually the residents who give a helping hand find that people have been careful not to leave too much to do in the way of clearing up afterwards.

Tickets will only be obtainable in advance by post from Maurice Escow, Wildwood, Loudwater Heights so as to ensure that we won't run out of booze as has happened in the past. Please send cheques made payable to the Loudwater Residents Association, to Maurice Escow and enclose a stamp addressed envelope with the attached form.

The helpers are always short of garden furniture for the use of the more elderly of our residents, especially if it is hot weather. We have not had anyone fainting from the heat at our Garden Party yet and so all those folk who were kind enough in the past to lend their furniture please accept our grateful thanks and repeat their generosity. Anyone who has not yet taken part in this, please remember we need extra chairs. Of course it will entail bringing them to Benny King in the morning and collecting them after everyone has gone home.

Ricky week 1985 will be from Saturday 18th to 25th May.

Do you want another garage? The Estate Company has had 8 garages erected behind 'Rob's Garage', in Troutstream Way. If you wish to hire one, contact the Estate Secretary: 770894.

Good Friday Closure of Gates

The gates of the Estate will be closed on Good Friday 5th April from 8.30 to 5.30 this year to comply with the requirements of the Law that protect the rights of the Estate. The Secretary of the Estate, Mr. Hywel Francis would be grateful for volunteers of any age to help man the gates at Kingfisher Lure to let people in or out. The other gates will be kept locked.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Mr Alan Crisp, 'Burnside', Troutstream Way:-
Dear Editor,

I wrote recently to tell you that I had purchased four native crayfish each with 125 eggs in order to restock the stretch of the river which passes 'Burnside'.

In November I took delivery of a crayfish trap which was baited and placed in the stream. The catch to date has consisted of two eels, the largest of which was 27 inches, 4 goldfish, one of 9 inches, a few small trout and Millers thumbs and a shrew. Of crayfish, there are no signs. Perhaps the water voles have eaten well this winter.

George the Milkman

From: Mr H.R.G. Batchelor, 254 Leggatts Rise, N. Watford. Dear Mrs. Francis,

I am writing these few lines (with difficulty) to ask, if you would be so kind as to place a few words in your Newsletter for me, just to show a little of my appreciation to everyone.

I would like to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to all of my very dear friends who I serve on my milk round, for their most wonderful gifts, letters, get well cards, phone calls and visits, which I received as a result of my accident, I am only sorry I cannot drop a line to each and every one of you, but please do forgive me.

I still cannot move my arm very much and am still in some pain. Something like this seem to take a long time to get better but I attend the Hospital 5 days each week, so perhaps it won't be long before I am back delivering 'pintas' to your doorsteps again.

By the time you receive this Newsletter George may be back on duty. Lets hope so.

As you may know, he tried to prevent his van careering off down Troutstream Way after being struck by a skidding cart and injured his arm badly in the process.

Whilst on this subject, many residents have expressed their appreciation at the way people have regularly spread sand on the roads of the Estate this winter. The sand bins were replenished three times by the Estate Company at the various bin points. In particular Mr. Sullivan, a previous Secretary of the Estate Company, is to be thanked for the assistance he provided in the gritting operation.

Mr. Derek Longman, 'Woodstock', Violet Way who wrote in October 1982 Newsletter 25, a letter that can only now be seen as clear foresight, warning people of the dangers of allowing unsupervised children to play on Loudwater roads particularly on propelled conveyances, has now written to tell of the suffering that his daughter and inevitably, himself have undergone in connection with the regrettable accident his daughter Elizabeth was involved in on 12th January. "The accident occurred at the top of Troutstream Way, when her car was struck by a young boy, from Lower Plantation, on a sledge travelling down the middle of the road and obviously no longer in control of the sledge. As a result the boy suffered injuries and was taken by ambulance to Mount Vernon Hospital while there was also damage to the car from the collision". Mr Longman wishes to point out that if a child crashes into your car and is injured, the driver of the car, whether stationary or not has to pay any hospital fees involved even if he is entirely blameless! The whole problem of unsupervised children playing on the Estate roads or any other highway is the same. It is extremely dangerous for them. In fact, the Estate roads, Bridle Lane, etc., are more dangerous than a public highway because the children think that because they are private they are safer. The opposite is the bleak reality due to lack of pavements and the danger of the river. Children should not be put at risk by parents allowing them to play on private roads any more than they would allow them to play on Sarratt Lane, Loudwater Lane or the High Street. No one wants to go through the pain of seeing a child writhing on the road in agony from concussion or worse.

Mr H. Wigman, Cherry Tree Cottage, Chess Hill writes to say that his home was "broken into recently, the first break-in near here which long term residents can recall. Police advise that local burglaries rose dramatically in 1984 and show no sign of abating in 1985. In consequence, the area has been divided into smaller 'beats' and a PC Pinkney will be more in evidence.

It is claimed that since 'Neighbourhood Watch' was introduced to Moor Park, and I believe nearer, too, there has been a shift in activity by these villains".

Another burglary has recently taken place near this area, where a householder returned to her home to find the front door broken open. She foolishly entered the house and was confronted by a man with a knife. She was made to lock herself in the bathroom while articles were stolen. One of the men, aged between 25 and 30 had tight blond curls and was 6 ft tall. A black resprayed Ford Transit van, carpeted throughout, possibly used for transporting washing machines, refrigerators or television sets, was involved.

In February a cottage in Sarratt Lane was entered through a rear window but the persons decamped in a hurry when the alarm went off. It is thus even more urgent for residents to be vigilant and to participate in the Neighbourhood Watch precautions. If you have not heard from your co-ordinator, please contact Mr James Davis, 'Whisperwood'.

L.R.A. MEMBERSHIP

"Although a substantial part of the Loudwater population remains static - a fact for which we must all be grateful for many reasons - there, are nevertheless, changes occurring from time to time. - Old friends move for one reason or another and new ones take up residence. At the moment there is no system by which the LRA is made aware of these movements and in consequence our records are always out of date and it is something of a sadness that because of lack of information, we as an Association are rarely able to extend a welcome to newcomers coupled with an invitation to join us.

In an attempt to overcome some of the problems and to make the LRA an even more effective force in pursuing the interests of every person in the district, your Committee has decided to appoint a Membership Secretary: Mr Jack Gognet, Broad Oaks, Trout Rise, Tel: 772306 whose job it will be aided by the Electoral Roll - hopefully - to compile a list of every house and resident in the LRA area which covers in addition to the gated section, the following:-

Micklefield Hall, Cherry Tree Walk, Ladywood Close, Lower Plantation, Bridle Lane, Waggon Walk, Loudwater Lane, Armitage Close, Chess Lane, Chess Hill, Chess Close, Timber Ridge, Rooks Hill, Glen Chess, Loudwater Drive, Harewood, Chorleywood Road (Loudwater side between Loudwater Lane and Kingfisher Lure).

The Register of Electors is dated 10th October 1983 and Mr Gognet will be very pleased to have information concerning departures and arrivals since that time - and equally important - to be kept informed about changes in the future. All residents are earnestly requested to co-operate in this matter. Newcomers will appreciate a friendly approach, membership will be increased and improved, finances will be strengthened, Newsletter distribution will be made easier and overall administration made less cumbersome. So please help". J.C.

ROAD SAFETY LOUDWATER LANE

Mr Don Cammell has been much employed in recent months in an endeavour to get improvements in the most dangerous sections of Loudwater Lane where there is a pressing need to eliminate the blind bends. He is however short of information on accidents or other relevant experiences with which to fight the case on behalf of the residents who have approached the LRA and with whom they agree.

BOUNDARY CHANGES CHORLEYWOOD

Residents' attention is drawn to the fact that Chiltern District Council is making a bid for the absorption of Chorleywood into Buckinghamshire County by using the M25 as a physical Boundary. Our MP Mr Richard Page has stated that he thinks the Chiltern DC has acted in an arbitrary fashion and he would understand if there were a high degree of resentment from residents of Chorleywood resulting from this attempt to highjack them into Buckinghamshire. If this did happen, Loudwater would be totally cut off from Chorleywood by County Boundary lines as well as District Boundaries. As Three Rivers DC would lose a substantial part of their rates, it might mean an increase in the rates for us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Lady Lewis MBE our esteemed Parish Counciller and Director of Loudwater Estate Company, who has been awarded the MBE and has recently become a great-grandmother.

Sir Kenneth Durham who was Knighted by the Queen on 12th February.

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

M/s M. McCleod, 7 Loudwater House, just returned from teaching in Cyprus and is the new Headmistress of the PNEU School in The Drive, Chorleywood.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 8/769/84 Single storey and two storey side extensions at Lilac Cottage, Trout Rise, Loudwater for P. Clarke, Esq.,
- 8/787/84 Single storey rear extension at Burnside, Troutstream Way for A.J. Crisp, Esq.
- 8/844/84 Erection of detached house with integral garage at Plot 3 land rear of Dalilea, Sarrat Lane, Rickmansworth for Bruce M. Thompson, Ltd.
- 8/888/84 Two storey side extension, new roof to garage and demolition of rear of garden store at Glen Cottage, Trout Rise for J. Falconer, Esq.
- 8/901/84 First floor rear extension at Homewood, Farm Lane, Loudwater for Dr P. Evans.
- 8/907/84 First floor side extension at Gresham House, Lower Plantation, for G.L. Hughes, Esq.
- 8/0021/85 Erection of eight detached dwellings at Upper Plantation for Lesser Homes Ltd.
- 8/0068/85 Erection of detached double garage at Swandrift, Trout Rise, for A. Ducat, Esq.

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