

# LOUDWATER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Police have asked that in the case of burglaries in the process of being committed or when intruders may be in the grounds residents should dial 999 and ask for "POLICE - LOUDWATER". Residents should turn on all their lights at night to deter the intruders. If Police help is required but it is not an emergency then the usual procedure of phoning Watford should be followed.

Mr Davis wishes firstly, to welcome to the ranks of our "Watchers", Mrs L. Oppenheimer and Mrs Josephine Horgan who have kindly agreed to become Co-Ordinators and who between them have closed one third of the remaining perimeter gaps in the scheme. Secondly, he wishes to thank Mr. Alan Crisp who spent a great deal of time investigating electronic gate controls etc. and has asked to be relieved due to business commitments at the present time. Alan has given invaluable service and Mr Davis hopes we shall be able to welcome him back at a later date. Coverage is sought for his "beat". Mr. Peter McGregor has kindly agreed to take on the centre stretch of Troutstream Way and some properties which lie off this road. Thirdly, Mr. Davis would like residents to know the following things:-

At the end of September, an alert neighbour took note of a car number whilst a burglary was (in fact) being committed and the suspect was later arrested during a further burglary at Amersham. He has admitted the Loudwater Lane/Chorleywood Road burglary plus another in Rickmansworth. Two "jobs" cleared up, a menace removed and the neighbour was not even a member of Neighbourhood Watch

Students selling paintings door-to-door were also found to have previous criminal convictions when earlier intercepted by Police following a phone call from a vigilant householder. This was, of course, all previous to the recent burglaries in Loudwater.

P.C. Pinkney, our liaison officer, has two sets of marking kits now available on loan and these contain invisible marker pens, (these may be obtained in any stationers) diamond tipped engraver, electric engraving machine, die stamps and an ultra violet light. There is also a video film available called "Delay, Deny, Deter".

Bridgewaters Glass, Otterspool Way, Watford will also engrave your car registration number, free of charge on your car windows; a very useful gesture. Mr. Phil Tigler is engaged in correspondence with Three Rivers D.C. regarding the six signs already erected by Mr. Barnaby Usborne and himself. These signs are small and fairly unobtrusive but should convey an appropriate message to any villain on the prowl. It is hoped to erect a seventh sign shortly.

## GATES

During the recent full scale police surveillance of the Loudwater Estate, a watch was kept on the gates especially the Troutstream Way, Sarratt Lane gate. Police have publicly reported that visitors to the Estate are the ones who leave that gate open so that they can get out again. Police would like that gate permanently sealed to aid them in security. It would be advantageous for estates outside the gated area if that gate was kept locked to prevent a burglar from attempting to escape through Troutstream Way

## MUSICAL EVENING

A musical evening will be held on Sunday 20th April at Loudwater Farm by kind permission of the Subud community at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. There will be a break at 8.30p.m. for refreshments and conversation. Accommodation is limited to 50 and so it will be on a first come first served basis. Admission will be by ticket price £2.00 each. You will find an application form for tickets attached to this Newsletter which should be completed and returned to Mr. Cyril Brine whose address is at the top of this Newsletter, together with your cheque and a stamped addressed envelope to yourself for posting the tickets or to return your money to you.

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THE NEWSLETTER IS THE VOICE OF THE RESIDENTS AND CARRIES VITAL MESSAGES FROM ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF AREAS INCLUDED IN THE L.R.A. Here is one from the Troutstream Estate:-

Vandals have once more been in action within the gated area. The Kingfisher Lure and Overstream signs have been uprooted, a metal stop sign destroyed, three ramp warning signs removed and the weight warning on the Chess bridge has disappeared. This is the work of adults for it would neither have been possible for a child to throw a heavy sign ten feet up onto a hedge nor to have pulled out some of the signs. Not only is it difficult to have new signs made and erected quickly but the cost is likely to be in the region of some £300, which bill of course the residents will have to foot. Much of the above was carried out on the night of 18th-19th December and may have been stupidity on the part of young people attending a party. If you see or hear anything suspicious do phone the police immediately. They and your neighbours would be most grateful.

## Public Spirit

A number of stalwart citizens are in the process of cutting back brambles and undergrowth in Loudwater Lane at the dangerous corner opposite Loudwater Drive along the bend on the inside of the wire fence so that visibility can be improved.

## Dog Nuisance

Margaret Bianchin, Trout Rise, has written an appeal to dog owners on behalf of Pauline Irwin, Susan and Michael Fitzgerald, Valerie and Jim McFarland and others who have complained about dogs left free to roam. The appeal is in the form of a poem which unfortunately is too long to publish. It appears that in spite of appeals in the Newsletter from a number of people over the years some residents are very careless about letting their dogs free to terrorise the neighbourhood- jumping out at legitimate passers by, using neighbours' gardens as lavatories (- so dangerous for children under five!) and frightening away the wild creatures that make our life here so agreeable when they and not the dogs are left free to come and go. Perhaps neighbours who are distressed by dogs should contact the police if appeals direct to the owners are left unheeded.

From Jack Cagnet:

Childrens' Society.

On a beautiful, warm sunny day at the beginning of October, some 60 to 70 residents and friends supported a coffee morning and Bring and Buy Stall at Broad Oaks, Trout Rise, as a result of which the Childrens' Society benefitted by £150. Pam Cagnet wishes to thank everyone for their help and generosity. It is hoped to repeat the event sometime in the Spring of 1986. Meanwhile, offers of any unwanted toys (new or unused) together with other small saleable items will be greatly appreciated. Collection can be arranged. Invitations to the next coffee morning will gladly be sent to anyone who would like to attend. Please phone 772306

NEWSLETTER

One of the most important functions of the L.R.A. is the publication and distribution of the Newsletter and I feel that recognition of the work involved is much overdue. Our Editor- Mrs Dorothy Francis, will probably wish to score out my comments, (Ed. Not a hope ) and of course she has that right, but I hope that she will permit me through the columns she controls, to say how very much her work is appreciated. The Newsletter plays a vitally important role in our contact with each other and it would be a sad day if ever publication ceased. Thankyou Dorothy for all you do and not forgetting John Jarrett whose original idea it was and who was the first editor.

The story does not end there however. Dorothy's efforts would be of no avail without that public-spirited band of people headed by Mrs Pauline Irwin who regularly arrange distribution of the Newsletter and collection of the Annual subscription which is due each January and which is for the moment only £1.00 per household. In that regard- a special plea- if you are not in when your Distributor calls, please do send her your sub. It is not reasonable to expect a repeat call and unfair to forget to pay.

The members of your Committee give a great deal of their time and talents in order to protect the amenities of this beautiful area in which we are privileged to live and to that end, the co-operation of all residents is earnestly requested. Jack Cagnet, Membership Secretary.

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WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

Mike and Eunice Hill to Highfield, Ladywood Close.  
Pat and Bernard Greaves to No. 7, Ladywood Close.

Peter and Naomi Hartnell to Cherry Cottage,  
Troutstream Way.

Gay and Ken Pridige to Two Bridges, Troutstream  
Way.

Arthur and Judy Walsh to Aiglemont, Trout Rise.

Vernon Greeves and Margaret to Flat 10, Loudwater  
House.

Sheila and Kevin Cinnamond to the Round House,  
Loudwater Drive.

Margaret and Peter Rayner to Sylden, Lower  
Plantation.

Janet and Keith Elsey to Cleeves, Timber Ridge .

The Editor has recently learned that Janet Moore who used to write such welcomed articles on birds for our Newsletter has now moved from her house in Loudwater Lane to Rickmansworth. We shall miss her interesting , well informed and well written articles and are sorry to see her go and wish her happiness in her new home. The Editor is hoping that someone else who is an authority on an aspect of wild life will come forward to contribute in her place.

FOXES

Now we are beginning another Winter and to continue the saga of my dear Red Foxes to those of you who may be interested, I can say that "The Family" has been increased by two. These were probably born about April/ May this year judging by their size now. Those that were born some two years ago have gone further afield but always come back to see me from time to time. At this stage I hope people will be kind to them and feed them during this coming Winter. Please note, no sharp bones such as a dog would not eat as there would of course be no-one to help them if they are injured by incorrect feeding. One of my foxes is very partial to a golden syrup sandwich. ( I am afraid I cannot help myself from spoiling them a little). I have made additions to their diet since writing last, these being cheese flavoured dog biscuits and the extra large meaty dog biscuit which they seem to relish. Hope to have further news for you next year.-(Anonymous Resident- for their safety.)

Dick Bilton who is the representative for Lower Plantation has written to say that there is a welcome large crop of acorns this year, which suffered last season because of an insect attack. He reports a lot of activity by jays and squirrels eating and hoarding the crop. A return of the cold weather should bring some interesting species to the bird tables soon and he says we should look out for redwing and fieldfare down in the fields by the Chess which is one of the only three rivers in the country where rainbow trout breed naturally.

A Letter From George

Dear Mrs Francis, Just a few lines to ask if you would be so kind as to enter a few lines in your next Newsletter for me. I would just like to wish my many friends on the milk round, Christmas Greetings and all good wishes for the New Year, hoping that in the very near future I will be able to resume my duties amongst them all.

I do hope that your husband and yourself are well. Please pass on my kindest regards to all my very dear friends who I miss very much. Thanking you once again, George Batchelor.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8/0663/85 Erection of five detached dwellings with double garages and associated private access road at Upper Plantation, Sarratt Lane, for Lesser Homes Ltd. This has been refused for the third time on the grounds that Three Rivers D.C. does not allow development on Green Belt Land, scheduled for agricultural use in the Hertfordshire County Structure Plan and more particularly where it would result in an erosion of an "area of landscape value".

8/0678/85 Erection of seven dwellings on land at Loudwater Ridge, Sarratt Lane for Trimac Securities Ltd.

8/0711/85 Erection of one detached dwelling and garage at land adjoining the Spinney at the junction of Bridle Lane/Sarratt Lane for Mr and Mrs Morgan.

8/0725/85 Erection of one detached house at land adjacent to Woodlands, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater, for Alan C. Ford Ltd.

Mr Don Cammell your LRA Secretary has asked that people's concern might be expressed about the last three applications which if approved, would together with the Dalilea and Lower Plantation final developments totally transform the woodland environment along the bottom section of Sarratt Lane, between Troutstream Way and Loudwater Lane into another urban development and destroy another section of mature trees. The LRA is opposing all three developments.

Next issue entries to the Editor  
by 1st March please!