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LOUDWATER'S LINKS WITH THE ORIENT EXPRESS

"Her indoors" wakened up one morning and said, "You've got a birthday next week". My spirits sank. It was the one I'd been trying to avoid, for after this one, the Good Book said I was living on borrowed time. "I'm taking you to Paris", she said and my spirits rose,"- on the Orient Express".

Not one to do things by halves, the woman I love produced a Boughton's taxi to take us from Loudwater to Victoria and a pleasant reception room where our luggage disappeared. The Bournemouth Belle (I thought it was dead) took us to Folkstone at a very smooth rate of knots. This train, with its lunch and its service, is excellent.

A transfer to a private Orient Express lounge on the ferry preceded the boarding of the Express itself. At rest, the comfort in the drawing room car is extreme. It had its own bar (I stole one of their swizzle sticks) and a little man who played a grand piano until we had to leave him for dinner in the restaurant car not that we could hear much of him once the train started, for the track is rickety and the carriages fifty years old but beautiful withal. When we reached the dining car, the steward greeted us by name and produced a large bottle of champagne on ice with a hand written card from the General Manager of the Venice Simplon and Orient Express Company wishing us both Bon Voyage. I protested that I didn't know the gentleman but the steward insisted. After all, who was I to look a gift horse in the mouth since I'd already seen the menu-champagne up to £84 a bottle!

When we married, my new wife said, "I'll look after holidays and culture". That's fine by me but I wish she wouldn't mix them. To an uncultured Ulsterman like myself, the floors in museums and art-galleries are equally as hard as Paris pavements . . . and she's the one who walks the dogs for pleasure, but I am bound to report that French snails and Parisian left-bank restaurants are as good as ever.

About the champagne: When we flew back, (the plane was late, the train had been on time), I rang the General Manager's personal assistant. It turned out that there had been three other couples on that train with the same surname as ourselves. Oh well!

Dr.D.Martin, Chess Cottage, Loudwater Lane.

LOUDWATERS ONE EYED SWAN COB

In September, our naughty swan cob who, when his cygnets were young, attacked everything that moved, from gardeners at the river's, edge, au pairs, heedless paddlers or bathers, to bridge engineers inspecting the bridges, was forcibly removed at a resident's request, by the swan people at Egham to the river Thames. There he caused so much trouble that he was taken to a private lake where he fretted and became so ill that he was taken to the garden of the caring lady at Egham to be nursed back to health.

Mrs Bicknell of Flint Cottage, whose whole life is bound up with the swans, went to great lengths to have him returned because she did not want the sick swans brought to her to nurse, which was the proposed alternative at the time of the cob's removal. The Secretary of the Loudwater

Estate Co. was prevailed upon to write to the Queen's Swanmaster at Cookham about the matter.

The net result is that our poor one eyed cob is now back with his family with wings clipped and at present very amenable and happy. The reunion was quite touching. Let's hope that no other person will shoot at him again and enrage him.

SCOOP A POOP!

The Editor has received complaints time and time again from residents about stranger dogs using their lawns as a lavatory, about access paths between roads on the Troutstream Estate being dreadfully polluted with poop and unsightly poop on verges which are being thoughtfully maintained by residents.

As there are no pavements, the verges on Troutstream Estate are there for walking on when the traffic menaces young children who are taking the air with their parents or their nannies. It is necessary that these verges be kept clean for their safety and health so PLEASE do not let your dog loose to poop where it likes, and, take a SCOOP with your dog when you go for a walk. Your compost heap would be grateful for the contents of your scoop.

MESSAGE FROM LOUDWATER TROUTSTREAM ESTATE CO.

1. The A.G.M. of the Loudwater Troutstream Estate Co. is to be held at 8.00 p.m. Friday 13th November at Chorleywood House.
2. In the coming icy months please help all motorists and the milkman by spreading sand from the appropriate bins on the troublespots on the roads.
3. Please give alternative route directions to your deliverers of loads over 5 tons in order to avoid using the bridges in Troutstream Way.

ROMAN ROAD

In Rickmansworth Park there is a ridge 12 to 15 ft. wide which is believed to be the old Roman Road. You can find it over the foot bridge slightly to the right when you are in line with the school tower. The right of way pertaining to this, was recognised when first the Railway was built and then the by-pass. It went down Solomons Hill (between Boots and the paint shop) and Berry Lane then across the town towards Harefield.

On the other side, the path follows a line through the Masonic School grounds. It was diverted in 1926 when the Masons bought the Park so the path now goes alongside their grounds parallel with Chorleywood Road. Further up, before you reach Loudwater Lane, the footpath goes down into Loudwater. This was the original way, and the line of that path picks up the footpath that goes up the other side of the valley towards Sarrat. It is a straight line. There are a series of footpaths, possibly very ancient and possibly Roman. Could anyone add to these comments?

WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS TO LOUDWATER who have not been introduced to other residents through the Newsletter. There are so many changes of house

ownership in Loudwater that have taken place during the last year that old residents are urged to let their LRA Newsletter distributor know when they have new neighbours. And, please, if you are a newcomer, do contact our LRA Secretary, Don Cammel or our President, Barnaby Osborne for a copy of our Association's aims and rules. Their addresses are at the top of this Newsletter.

LOUDWATER PERSONALITIES QUIZ

Each of these clues refers to a past or present distinguished Loudwater resident. Answers at the bottom of this page - but try before you cheat!

- A. After nestling on the Continent, he did a stout job in Britain.
- B. As regards marks, he did well. In some circles, he was magic.
- C. With a mirror and a telegraph behind him, he communicates all over the Midlands.
- D. He left the east to drive little Willie round, but he was an excellent parker.
- E. A gem of a man but he lost his treasury to a new right.
- F. He was highly delighted to find a new way of saying goodbye.
- G. If you'd done the dirty in Herts, he would cut you dead.
- H. He did commissions for charity and helped Bill round the house.
- I. A masterly man in a rubbery way, he growled over a record.
- J. She regularly had a brush with Loudwater and got hung for it.
- K. A Scouse who had full houses, but the one here was soon empty.

FROM THE FOX LOVERS OF LOUDWATER

Re letter Mrs. Groves, The Dingle, Whisper Wood.

I must reply to the amazing remarks about the foxes. Having lived in the country all my life, and having had three healthy dogs all living to great ages of 14 to 17 years, to make such an extraordinary statement: that by the foxes jumping over her fence her dog was made ill and even the poor little hedgehog. Really, this person has a lamentable lack of understanding of the true meaning of Wild Life. Anon.

FROM LOUDWATER HOUSE TO ALL RESIDENTS

"Please do not walk up the drive from the Loudwater Garage straight through the grounds of our house. It is private. There is no right of way".

Editors note: Loudwater House residents are kind enough to open their gates for estate residents to drive through to Loudwater Lane in an Arctic Winter so please heed their request.

HELICOPTERS AND NOISE

The spectre of helicopter noise is rearing its ugly head again. Some quite dreadfully low flying helicopters made their unwelcome appearance over Loudwater during the summer, usually about teatime. The noise was horrendous. In view of a proposal by Bickertons Aerodromes Ltd. to extend a hangar which has not even been built yet on Denham Aerodrome and the possibility of a new major helicopter industry there, (witness advertisements in the press) Don Cammel was approached by Cllr. Mrs Anne Shaw to make objections to the Chief Planning Officer, South Bucks D.C. Windsor Rd., Slough SL1 2HN. This he has done on our behalf. If residents are concerned about this please keep your eye on reports in the Watford Observer. South Bucks District Council's next planning meeting is on Wednesday November 4th so if you receive this newsletter in time, you might like to make your objection known to South Bucks D.C. and at the same time send a copy of your letter to the local councillor. Cllr. Holland, Woodlands, Denham Green Lane, Denham, near Uxbridge UB9 5LQ, who will then be able to make certain that all objections get to the committee.

TEACH IN ON PLANNING

Our thanks are due to Cllr. Mrs Margaret Jarrett (Martha's Vineyard, Violet Way.) for attending the "Teach-In" on planning at Chorleywood House on 16th July and sending a valuable and thorough report to the LRA Secretary. The "Teach-In" was part of the Three Rivers D.C.'s policy of glasnost which will involve public Question Times from the beginning of the New Year. The purpose is to exchange information to help Parish Councillors, members of Residents Associations and other interested bodies to understand the parameters and restrictions with which the local Planning Authority has to work.

Mr Richard Myers explained various Government directives, eg. the Strategic Plan for the South East (drawn up by the Government) and the District Structure Plan (certificated by the Government), to whose policy the Plan has to conform eg. in providing suitable land for housing in specific areas. It is renewable every five years. Mr. Myers gave ample illustration of the pressures being brought to bear on Local Planning Authorities by a government which favours market forces in preference to Planning Control.

He gave a list of permitted Developments for which no Planning Approval is required, one of which was that an individual detached dwelling house may be extended up to 15% of its cubic area. This report by Cllr. Mrs Jarrett showed the pressure on Loudwater to increase the density of the housing here. This must be resisted by all who love Loudwater. The Council is on our side but strong representations should be put forward when plans go to Appeal because Inspectors who decide these matters are outsiders with no feeling for our environment. They decide the outcome on written representations and not on local enquiry.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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| 8/483/87 | Timberdene, Loudwater Drive, one and two storey extensions (formerly Penwood House) . . . Refused. |
| 8/489/87 | Broadlands, Sarratt Lane, erection of replacement barn garage, (formerly Chateau Tranquille) |
| 8/491/87 | Timberdene, Loudwater Drive, (formerly Penwood House) new pitched roof for garage block. |
| 8/510/87 | Windy Ridge, Loudwater Lane, single storey rear extension and detached garage. |
| 8/605/87 | Ladymead, Loudwater Heights, two storey rear extension. |
| 8/613/87 | 3, Lower Plantation, erection of satellite dish at ground level |
| 8/617/87 | Far End, Wagon Way, Bridle Lane, first floor rear and single storey side extensions. |
| 8/639/87 | Loudwater Farm, Loudwater Lane, use of existing buildings for group meetings and workshop for Subud (British). |
| 8/654/87 | Oakdene, Chess Lane, first floor side extension. |
| 8/722/87 | Far End, Wagon Way, Bridle Lane, detached double garage. |

ANSWERS

- A. *Mr.E.Saunders (lived in T.Rise). Held senior post with Nestlé in Switzerland before his controversial work for Guinness.*
- B. *Mr.D.Speight (T.Rise). Held senior post with Marks and Spencer and became head of the Magic Circle.*
- C. *Mr.F.Rogers (L.Drive). Former Mirror Newspapers executive, now on D. Telegraph board and head of East Midlands Allied Press.*
- D. *Panmure Gordon (L.House). East India nabob, built the house as centre of his beloved Loudwater Park. The German Kaiser Wilhelm (then a prince known as Little Willie) was his guest and admired his coaches.*
- E. *Mr.J. (later Lord) Diamond (L.Lane) Senior Treasury Minister in Labour Government until Conservative victory.*
- F. *Emperor Haile Selassie (briefly in Glen Chess). Because Britain kept him in funds, British troops nicknamed him "Highly Delighted". Cockneys made Abyssinia into a rhyme for "I'll be seeing you".*
- G. *Dr.D.Martin (L.Lane) Former forensic pathologist for Herts C.C.*
- H. *Mr.D.Horrel (formerly T.Rise). Worked for the Charity Commission. Formerly Parliamentary legal draughtsman.*
- I. *Mr.G.Beharrel (formerly L.House). Connected with the famous rubber family, he became Master of his Livery Company. Was featured as "The Bear", in a pop album written by former L. House resident.*
- J. *Miss.K.Wigglesworth (L.House). Her water colours of Loudwater scenes were hung in the Royal Academy.*
- K. *Mr.J.Tarback (formerly T.Rise). Liverpool comedian who lived briefly in Loudwater.*