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Welcomes & Uplands Road Association

Newsletter

Summer 2009

Introduction by Chairman

At the time of writing, the weather looked set for a hot spell (although we all know that can be short-lived) - enjoy it while it lasts.

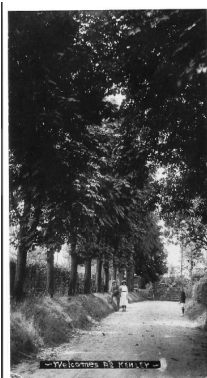
It has been a relatively quiet six months with few problems excepting waiting for road repairs and sweeping. As current developments are nearing completion and the 'credit crunch' has put paid to several possible further developments, hopefully we can enjoy a period of peace and quiet as befits our sylvan environment. You will have read in the AGM minutes that the committee is looking at ways to repair/enhance the entrance to Welcomes from Hayes Lane. As part of a rolling programme of road improvement, various ideas are being considered for new or refurbished posts plus the strengthening of the edges of the road down to the corner by the track that runs through to Golf Road. Prior to any radical changes the views and comments from residents will be sought.

I would like to echo the Secretary's plea that as many as possible view minutes/news on the web-site if only to save our legs from delivering paper versions. Please let him know your email addresses so that any urgent message can be sent e.g. the imminence of a road sweep or possible disruption of traffic due to work in the road (email addresses will be protected and never passed to a third party). You can also e-mail details of road problems which you may have noticed.

The AGM attendees were the usual minuscule numbers (many thanks to those who were present) and, although we take the view that absence means residents are happy with our actions, it would be nice to see an increase in numbers next year as it is, after all, your money that we manage and we would appreciate a wider range of views and, if necessary, complaints!

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Edwardian summer in
Welcomes Road

From the Secretary's desk

The AGM minutes for 8th June 2009 have been added to the web site archives along with those for 2008. I hope to be able to add more of these records on the web site when I find them!

Hard copies of the AGM minutes have been delivered to those who especially requested them.

Key issues for delegates were:-

1. The need to create and implement a schedule of works to keep the road and in particular the top entrance from Hayes Lane in good order.
2. To make it clear to residents that if they are persistently in arrears with their road levy payments they will be taken to the small claims court. If this happens WURA will not only be claiming the arrears but costs as well. With investment income falling drastically at current deposit interest rates and current spending plans it is essential that everyone shares the cost of maintaining our roads.
3. The overall look of our neighbourhood, though in general very good, is let down by a few houses with recycling bags left at the front of their properties for months on end and what seem to be unloved vehicles including caravans parked in the front drive. A smart neighbourhood lifts property values for everyone.

Other things.

Woodlands- verges on Welcomes Road

The owners of the woodland and other empty sites are asked to maintain the verges onto Welcomes Road. In return residents are asked not to dump waste, even if biodegradable, on these sites. The Purley Oaks recycling facility provides Croydon Council tax payers with free compost in exchange for their green waste.

If you are building a new drive-

Please ensure that it is permeable to rainwater and will not drain on to the road. If you can reduce the flow of water from an existing drive onto the road that would be welcomed by the Committee

Apart from water damage to Welcomes Road the flooding at the bottom can be serious and we need to make sure it does not get worse.

Useful dates

Sunday 16th August- Battle of Britain Memorial Flypast over Kenley Airfield

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From the Treasurer's desk

After more years than I recall as WURA's auditor, why did it take so long for me to make the obvious step to being the Treasurer? Well, illness prevented me from auditing the 2007-8 accounts and, while I was convalescing, there was a knock on the door from my newish neighbour who announced that she had joined the committee and had volunteered to see if I was interested. Well, I thought, I need something to keep my brain occupied and, apart from that, this was the first time I'd been asked by a young woman. Previous requests have been from people amply qualified for the *Grumpy Old Men* TV programmes.

Auditing is easy of course. All you have to do is check that every book entry is matched by a credible receipt, that the balance sheet does indeed balance, sign your name and collect gratefully the liquid refreshment offered by the Committee. There's a bit more to being Treasurer - like learning how to use a Microsoft Office® mail merge to prepare the invoices for the annual levy. *Apropos*, my apologies to those of you who have only a house number, not a name - there's probably a spurious comma or two in the address on your invoice. I've made a note to edit them out next year!

Finally, if my editor permits me to include a wish list, it would be

1. That more of you would pay your levy by standing order. Don't you find all those cheques a bit - well, 19th century?
2. That a few of you would just *pay* your invoices by whatever means!

Neighbourhood Watch

There is a police surgery on the 1st Friday of every month at the Kenley Memorial Hall from 10.30am to 11.30am where you can come along and meet some of the team. It is hoped Watch Coordinators will come down and share any information they think relevant. Please e-mail the team regarding any Neighbourhood Watch issues or questions you may have on security to Kenley.snt@met.police.uk

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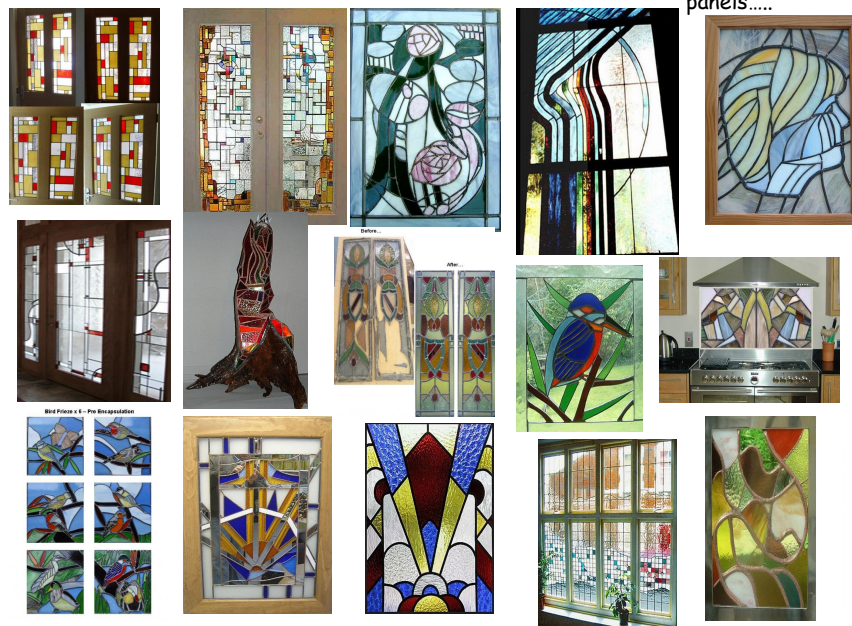
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3rd Article: Contemporary Application of Stained Glass

When you look at high street double glazing or conservatory products you will see 'Stained Glass' listed as an option. In fact this option will likely be the application of stick-on lead and coloured film. Whilst this may have a rightful place in the market there is no comparison with the real thing. The stick-on approach lacks texture, reflection of deep colour - in short aesthetics. It also lacks the ability to age and in many cases the film will blister in places over time. As a consequence use is commonly restricted to higher level locations.

Whilst the classic front window and door designs of Edwardian and Deco times remain popular today the increasing trend toward making design statements, originality and individual commission, is growing apace. It is also the case that many clients are choosing to retain their original stained glass windows by having them removed and encapsulated into replacement double glazed units or commission unique new or complimentary designs. Alternatively repair/ refurb of originals in place. Conservatories with an unsightly aspect may have a design commissioned for a panel or panels to enhance the outlook. The pictures below illustrate the diversity of contemporary applications showing to advantage the aesthetic beauty of stained glass... examples include: double glazed units, internal doors, pictures, portraits, sculptures, restoration, splash backs, mirrors, single panel windows, abstract panels.....



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Author: Paul Hollis

We are indebted to Olga Olver and her daughter Francis for these reminiscences.

They paint a picture of a rather different life in the area in the years immediately after WW2. To ease the passage of military traffic Welcomes Road had been given a thin tar covering during the war. For many years after the war working parties made up from residents appeared in the road one weekend in the summer to fill the potholes.

Entry to the road was controlled once a year to maintain its private status.

Up to the late 1950s most of the existing houses had 2 acre gardens. In Zig Zag Road 'The Beeches' owned by Daisy Knupfer had 5 acres. Woodend had 1.3 acres having been sub divided to create Wysswood for a daughter in 1905. There were swimming pools and tennis courts and social life very much revolved round these facilities, coffee mornings and sometimes afternoon tea. The Croxsons, their new neighbours, visited as soon as the Olvers moved in and remained good friends in spite of the Olvers having moved from the then down market Battersea!

There was an empty field just below Zig Zag Road with a wood opposite belonging to a house in Hermitage Road. Roscoff and Rajagiri appeared in the gardens of Elmhurst on Zig Zag Road. The Copse and 2 more bungalows went up on Welcomes Road opposite St Winifreds.

In the mid 1960s building resumed on the gardens and Simone Drive and Maryhill. Sometimes up to 50 children played British Bulldogs on the old tennis court there and one of the older boys fired an airgun pellet through one of Olga's windows..

Lawdon Development built lots of houses at the bottom of Zig Zag Road (Formerly Elmhurst's garden) placing a sign ANOTHER LAWDON DEVELOPMENT. Someone scrawled the word NOT on to the notice and added some mud for good measure.

Francis and a friend, walked along the ridge of 'Step Aside' 12 Zig Zag Road (the Secretary's house) before the roof was tiled. The children spent a lot of time playing in the woods around 'The Beeches' in Zig Zag Road. Two houses including Taskers were built on Uplands Road on former Beeches land.

In the winter of 1962-3 the ice lay deep until April and the children often used a sledge to get down to the shops.

St Winifreds had been a school, a paper research centre and the site for Conservative Fetes.

As for Welcomes Road c 1960, speed humps- 'little thin ones' appeared outside houses with children plus 2 just above Uplands. If they had a car at all most people only had one and invariably offered lifts to any residents they met walking along Welcomes. In the mid 1960s someone built a double garage - 'how the Olvers laughed—TWO CARS?!!!'

For the carless, shops delivered- eg. Wickings until the petrol crisis of 1973. If you lived up Welcomes Road you were treated as 'carriage trade' and enjoyed credit from the shops along Norfolk Terrace. As was the norm in those days mothers left baby in its pram outside the shop whilst they did the shopping and Olga was no exception.



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The event was hugely enjoyed by a record number of locals and others from far and wide who had a choice of falconry, swing boats, a dog show and many other side shows. The Scouts set up a rope walkway, and De Stafford School provided an excellent steel band. Refreshments were in high demand due to the hot weather. To close the day a Spitfire in D Day decor gave a super display.

All credit to the organisers and volunteers who put a lot of thought and effort into what is fast becoming a 'must' in the local community calendar— well done one and all!!!

We hope those residents who attended enjoyed their outing and felt that WURA's £200 contribution was well spent.

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It is hoped that more of you are now visiting www.wura.org.uk to keep up to date via our regular news flashes. If you are moving away or are new to the area please let us know. You can email your address, phone number and email address via the web site or direct to the Secretary. For new residents there is a welcome pack which the Secretary will deliver to your door.

If you want to view the accounts or AGM minutes all these are on the archive page on the web site in pdf format for you to view.

If you have a problem with any of the roads or verges for which we are responsible please let us know. Brian Clinton is your contact point for Uplands Road, Benthall Gardens, Kearton Close and Cumnor Rise.

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