



2010 WURA SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Early 1900s



And today



CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW JUNE 2010

As I pen this short (you'll be glad to hear) introduction to this summer's Newsletter, the temperature outside is about 30 degrees - a far cry from, that long cold and excessive snowfall earlier in the year! The Committee is attempting to get a few more grit bins installed and to ensure a steady supply of salt should next winter prove to be as harsh as the last one. In addition we are purchasing a number of snow shovels and brooms for use by willing and able bodied residents in key areas to try to keep traffic moving safely.

The newly installed posts at the top of Welcomes Road have been well received and the general opinion is that they have enhanced the appearance of the entrance. Hopefully you are satisfied with the result.

Mid July will see 2 weeks of work on the edges and deteriorating driveway entrances and sunken areas from the Hayes Lane junction down the first bend in Welcomes Road. The proposed repairs should ensure a firm base for any future tarmacing and hopefully stop the edges of the road eroding from the passage of heavy vehicles.

Work will be carried out first on one side and then the other to minimise disruption to residents. If the results are satisfactory we will award a further contract to improve the road down to the Uplands Road junction.

I wish you a happy and carefree summer.

From the Secretary's desk

To communicate better with residents you may have noticed that we have started posting notices on strategic telegraph poles around our roads in addition to material we have delivered to your doors as well as placing information on the web site. Of over 200 households I have around 30 email addresses and would like to have many more. Emailing would make keeping you up to date with what we are doing much easier especially when road works are going to take place- when we know about them!

The utilities have a habit of turning up and digging up our roads without any notice. Obviously these are usually emergencies and can effect provision of power/gas to your house. The issue for WURA is to make sure they put back the road how they found it which is not always the case.

Whatever the reason do email me or the Chairman if the road needs repairing near you. Uplands and feeder road residents can also contact Brian Clinton on road repairs in their area.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter if you have an article you would like to put in the Newsletter I should be delighted to hear from you.

From the Treasurer's desk

I am pleased to report that our strenuous efforts to chase up late payers of the levy are bearing fruit. There are currently only 7 people in arrears (compared to 13 this time last year) plus Morven House which readers may know is in administration. Serial non payers are being pursued through the on line small claims court system. A course of action approved in General Meeting.

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From the Minutes the General Meeting of Frontagers held 24th April 1956. Mr C. Neville in the Chair

The Committee recommended that a levy of 1/- per foot on Welcomes Road frontagers should be made now and 6d per foot on 1st May 1957 but if the latter prove insufficient, to have the amount increased at a General Meeting called for that purpose. It was also recommended that frontagers on Uplands Road be requested to contribute £3 per frontage now towards the cost of Welcomes Road repairs. Mr Foster proposed that in addition to 1/- per foot now the levy of up to 6d to 1/- per foot as required, and this was seconded by Dr T.A Smith and carried without opposition.

The Hon. Secretary intimated his resignation as he felt unable to carry out his duties which had become onerous in recent years by reason of additional correspondence requiring to be considered from a legal point of view regarding developments etc. It was suggested that Mr John Elgood of Taylor, Willcocks and Co., Solicitors be appointed in his place either personally or by a member of his staff at a fee suggested of up to £26:5/-. *It appears Elgood had done a lot of legal work for frontagers already in respect of new housing developments.* The following were re-appointed to the Committee: Cecil Neville, V. Harboard, R.Orr, M. Bowles, W. Rains, B.E.Prior.

By March 1957 the Road Committee, as it was then titled, had reserves of 'only' £380.5.8d and paid £135.14.9d to Allmacadams for repairs to the road. *More exciting extracts to come in future Newsletters!*

Famous Kenley Residents—Sir Karl Popper – 136 Welcomes Road

Future Newsletters may include something about distinguished Kenley residents and we are making a start with Sir Karl about whom the Secretary knew next to nothing until Robin McCallum suggested he might be a worthy candidate to kick off with. Sir Karl was born in Vienna in 1902 to middle class Jewish parents who had converted to Christianity. Karl 'enjoyed' a Lutheran upbringing and was educated at the University of Vienna. His father was Dr Simon Siegmund Popper, a Dr of Law, who was a bibliophile and had 12-14,000 volumes in his private library. Karl inherited the books and his father's disposition.

Karl briefly flirted with Marxism (1919) and became a member of the Social Democratic Party of Austria. In 1928 he earned a doctorate in Philosophy and taught in a secondary school from 1930 to 1936. In 1937 the rise of Nazism prompted a move to New Zealand where he was lecturer in Philosophy at the Canterbury University College in Christchurch. In 1946 he moved to this country and became reader in logic and scientific method at LSE where he eventually became Professor. He was knighted by the Queen in 1965 and elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1976. To try to understand why Sir Karl is such an important philosopher having been described as the most important philosopher of science since Francis Bacon (1561-1626) go to www.friesian.com/popper.htm to see some of the controversies surrounding his main proposition. This can perhaps be summarised best by quoting from one of his biographers Bryan Magee who said- *'philosophy (according to Popper) is a necessary activity because we, all of us, take a great number of things for granted, and many of these assumptions are of a philosophical character; we act on them in private life, politics, in our work, and in every other sphere of our lives- but while some of these assumptions are no doubt true, it is likely that more are false and some are harmful. So the critical examination of our presuppositions- which is a philosophical activity- is morally and intellectually important.'* Or expressed another way- *'When we enter a new situation in life and are confronted by a new person, we bring with us the prejudices of the past and our previous experience of people. These prejudices we project on to the new person. Indeed, getting to know a person is largely a matter of withdrawing assumptions and replacing them with the reality of what he/she is actually like'*. Easier said than done I suspect. Secretary



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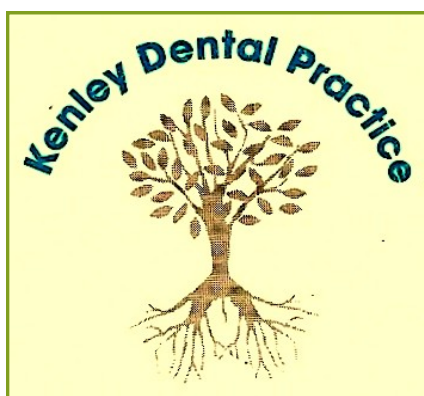
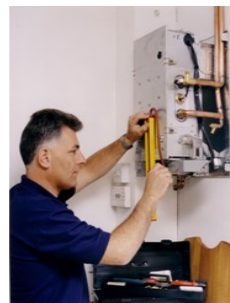
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Watch out- Car damaged at Shell Petrol Station Purley

Because it is invisible from the drivers seat, one of our residents scraped the doors of his car on this low steel guard rail causing £2,000 of damage. Staff at the garage admit customers hit this obstruction on a regular basis but no one at Shell seems to be bothered to do anything about it. There is every colour of paint left on the post by previous victims. Are you one of them??

Ray@bdisurveys.com would be pleased to hear from you.



Important stuff

If you have a property with a frontage along Welcomes Road including the Woodland and open fields it is your duty to keep the verges under control as well as keeping trees safe. Overgrown brambles are also a hazard to pedestrians when moving out of the way of passing vehicles.

In need we can find someone to do the work for you and then bill you for the work.

Your help with this would be much appreciated by the Committee as we do get complaints from time to time about scratches to car body work quite apart from the desirability of keeping our roads looking tidy.

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WURA RESIDENTS DATA BASE: Please email your phone number and email address if you have not given it to us to weluplandsroads@aol.com. This helps us to keep you informed of developments and road works via group emails.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS: If you cannot access these on the web site please leave your name and address with the Secretary at 12 Zig Zag Road Kenley CR8 5EL and he will make sure you get hard copies delivered to your house.

NEW RESIDENTS: A welcome pack will be supplied. Ask the Secretary for one if you have not got one.

CHANGES OF HOUSE OWNERSHIP AND ROAD LEVY:

If you are selling or have just moved in please remember to advise the Secretary at

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