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Welcomes & Uplands Road Association

Newsletter

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Goodbye from your editor

Well, having taken on board the task of producing your newsletter it is with some sadness that I have to say goodbye to the area as we are moving to Oxted any day now. I have agreed, though, to continue to produce the newsletter as long as I am fed the contents so I do hope everyone will think hard for news, articles and adverts for me to include in forthcoming issues. Please send any copy to our new secretary who will forward it on to me. Without you we cannot produce much of a newsletter.

As you may be aware my husband, Bill, has been your treasurer for over 5 years so his role too will be taken over. Your new treasurer will be Erik Haar and your secretary Richard Russell. Their contact details are on the back page. I hope you will all give them your support.

In particular please do pay your levies promptly and give our new treasurer a good impression!!

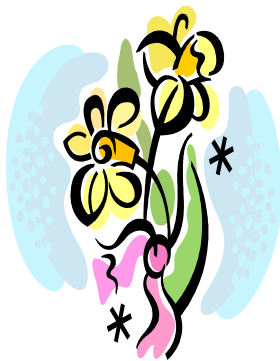
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WURA Website

Please note that the web address has changed. We have taken out a new domain name, more appropriate to our association and the web host has also been changed as the original host has disappeared into the ether—hence we have been unable to place a redirection from the original to the new site. We can now be found on:



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Morven Lodge an article by John Carr

Built about 1870 as a gate house to Young's Avenue and known as Avenue Lodge it was the home of George Arnold, head gardener at Kenley House.

This early photograph shows Mrs Louisa Young with her daughters Emily and Hannah standing at the junction of Welcomes Road. The date would be about 1896 as Mrs Young died in June 1897.

The property seems to have been acquired by Mr Spence, owner of Morven House for a member of his staff when Kenley House was auctioned in 1934.

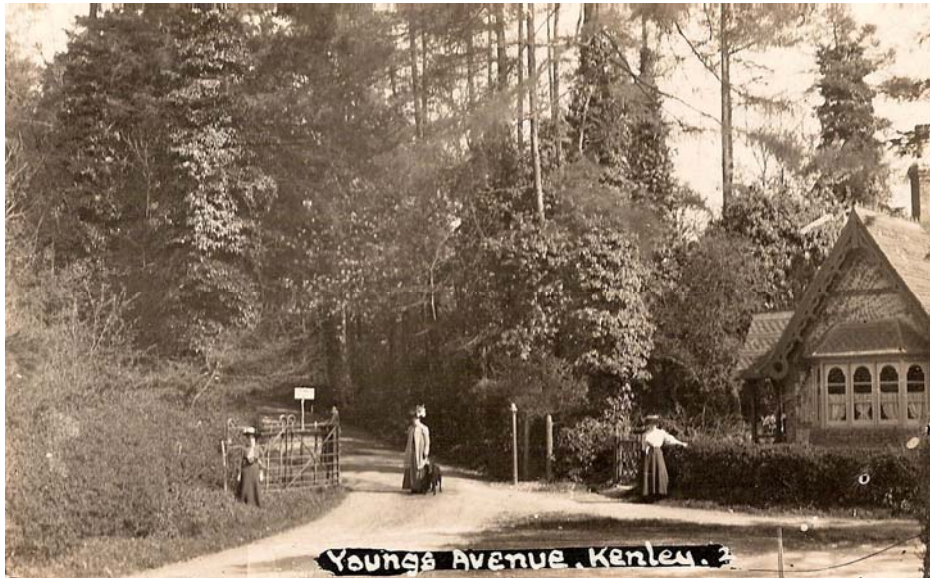
We know that Jack & Cissie Norman lived there from 1937 and throughout World War 2 and it was sold to Thomas Johnson and his wife Florence in 1951.

By 1955 Mr Earnest Camp, a bus driver and keen vegetable grower, acquired the property and lived there until his death in about 1985.

Mr Vic Grover, a well known local builder purchased the lodge and sympathetically restored it adding two more bedrooms which blend well with the original building.

Since then, Morven Cottage has had about 4 owners, all of whom have made various improvements , such as the addition of a large conservatory and reclaiming the ground at the rear of the property that seems to have doubled the length of the garden.

Sadly, the large iron gate and posts to Young's Avenue have long gone.



GRUMBLES !!!

Garden Waste

Despite requests in almost every newsletter people are still dumping waste in the woodland in Welcomes Road.

Surely everyone should feel privileged to live in this area and it should not be asking too much to expect everyone to deal with their rubbish in a responsible manner.

Croydon Council have now even issued sacks for the collection of garden rubbish so if you are not in the habit of creating your own compost please use this facility or take your rubbish to a council refuse site.

On a similar subject we notice that not every household puts out there green box for recycling—everyone must have recyclable materials that they dispose of.

.....PLEASE BE GREEN.....



157 Welcomes Road

We're sure that those of you in the immediate locality of 157 and 159 Welcomes Road will be pleased to hear that Croydon Council has rejected the retrospective planning application for the roof level windows in the new properties being built by CPS.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

WARNING !!!

It was brought to our attention at the AGM that vehicles have been seen travelling at what appears to be significantly over the 20 mph limit in Uplands and Welcomes Road.

If you see any resident who persistently exceeds the limit or spot the name and phone number of any commercial vehicle (developers or delivery vehicle for example) that you consider to be speeding please let one of the committee know so that we can ask them, politely, to drive in a more considerate manner.

PLANNING

8-10 Welcomes Road

Two pieces of news here. Firstly, the appeal by Village Developments to The Secretary of State for the proposal for 14 units that was thrown out by Croydon Council comes before the inspector on 7th August 2007. If as many residents as possible can turn up to the hearing, hopefully we can get it thrown out again as we did with the first appeal.

It seems that Village Developments may not expect success as they have now put another proposal forward to Croydon Council for just 6 detached houses (4 x 4 bedroomed & 2 x 5 bedroomed). So, watch this space!!!

Cable TV

Following a recent request we have contacted Virgin Media (formerly NTL, Telewest etc) to see if they would consider laying cable in our environs should we so desire. Unfortunately we have had no reply—they obviously have a wonderful customer service policy—but if you are interested in receiving this service let us know and if there is sufficient take up we will try again to get some response from Virgin.



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Called 'Street Faults' the site enables anybody to report a problem, be it either of the above, an abandoned car, broken traffic lights or any number of other faults.

Log on to <http://streetfaults.tfl.gov.uk>

Kenley Airfield—Fencing

Common sense seems to have won out again.

Croydon Planning have dismissed the planning application to erect 1.2 metre high perimeter fencing and gates around the airfield. The idea that this was needed was, in our opinion 'health and safety gone mad'.

Many of our residents have lived in the area for many years and frequently use the airfield for walking, cycling etc. Never has anyone been aware of an accident / incident connected with any aircraft which involved any member of the public using the airfield for recreational purposes.

We considered that the erection of a fence, such as defined in this application, to be unnecessary and wrote to planning indicating our objections. We considered this project unnecessary and it would have been extremely expensive, not only to install but in ongoing maintenance charges. It may also have been subject to vandalism – particularly as it will be an unwanted, unsightly obstacle in many peoples' opinions.



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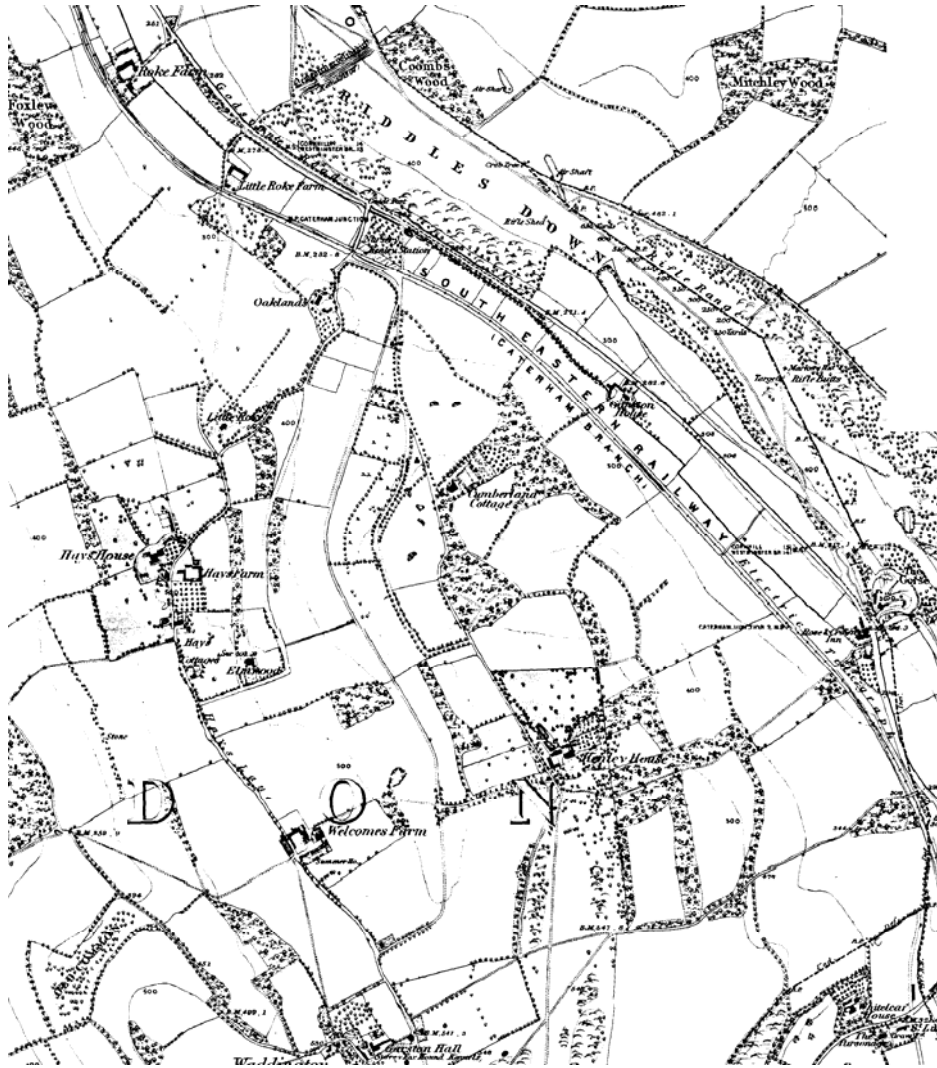
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Times—they are a'changing



This is an extract from a map of the Kenley area from 1871. There is no sign of any of the 210 houses that are now within the WURA environs here.

Perhaps when we are all complaining about future development we should stop to think that if times hadn't changed none of us would be living here today.



The same area taken from a recent aerial map. Hopefully we should soon be able to see ourselves in 3D on Google Earth.

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AGM—Record Turnout

Well it really was a record—a record low. Apart from members of the committee and some of their spouses the attendance at the AGM on 7th June was just 10 residents!!

We do hope this means that you are all so satisfied with the service from your committee that you did not feel the need to attend.

Seriously, though, we can only carry out your wishes if we know what you want and it is helpful if points are brought up at a general meeting so that they can be discussed and the view of the majority obtained. Meetings have become contentious in the past but there is no reason we should not be able to have an interesting and lively debate without anyone feeling pressured.

Our database is still very lacking on phone numbers & email addresses so if you have not submitted yours yet please do so now.



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