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Welcomes & Uplands Road

NEWSLETTER
Chairmans Report

Winter 2009

All too soon winter is virtually upon us with all the accompanying problems related to the upkeep of the roads, from leaf clearing to repairs. Regarding leaf sweeping we tired of waiting for a response from Veolia and contracted Jacques Plant Hire who have now done 2 sweeps at a very reasonable price.

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As for repairs, in the spring we intend to have the road resurfaced from the top of Welcomes down to the junction with Uplands as **part of a 'rolling' maintenance programme.**

The posts at the junction with Hayes Lane are to be replaced as those in situ are rotting and beyond redemption removing the **rather ugly concrete 'collars' and thus enhancing the appearance** of the entrance to Welcomes.

I would like to emphasise that, in the event of an emergency, please ring 999 and not the Safer Neighbourhood Team whose remit is support and local safety- **the Team have a 'surgery' every first Friday** of the month in the Memorial Hall between 10.00 and 11 a.m.



There remain a handful of residents who, for reasons that escape me, withhold their road levies whilst most are happy to contribute to maintain and enhance our sylvan environment- thanks to the majority who do pay on time.



Kenley Station February 2009 - Snow on the line CJ!

Introduction by Chairman—cont'd

One unwelcome development is that the Chaldon Road recycling site closed to non Tandridge District Council tax payers from 5th October 2009. When the LBC Purley Oaks site brought in this measure they soon gave up and we can only hope that the same will come to pass at the Chaldon Road site. Our local Councillor believes there is little we can do to get any dispensation for WURA residents.

We welcome suggestions/criticism and are available for support and advice on local matters.

Building Developments

The Committee is concerned to note an increasing tendency to suburbanise the look of our neighbourhood by building in brick along the front boundaries and removing trees and shrubs rather over enthusiastically. I feel sure the majority of the residents would like to see the sylvan environment retained and encouraged. The removal of rain water is another issue when you are building a new drive. Please keep the amount of rain water draining into Welcomes Road to a minimum to avoid overwhelming the drains at the bottom of the road when there is a storm.

We wish all our residents a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!!!

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From the Desk of the Treasurer

Continuing my theme in the last newsletter that auditing is easy while being treasurer requires a bit more effort, I have to say life has been little quieter than it was in the summer months. If only all the cheques came in at once so that one trip to the bank with a long paying-in slip was a signal to go into hibernation until March!

In the real world, apart from a few wonderful people who respond within hours of receiving their invoice, the cheques arrive in a constant trickle or in some cases, not at all. Looking on the bright side, that gives me another opportunity to hone my newly acquired mail merge skills to prepare letters about overdue invoices. Where on the polite-but-firm/stroppy-and-threatening spectrum do I pitch my message?

At least two of my predecessors have confirmed that there are pitfalls in this process. It seems inevitable that one or two residents will be wrongly accused of being non-payers. **I'm no exception but I hope I have made suitable apologies** to those wrongly accused. If I have missed any then please accept my apology *via* this newsletter.

And, finally, for those with an interest in statistics, of the 210 homes in our Association, 27 have still not paid their annual levy.

From the Desk of the Secretary

Over the past few months I have had the pleasure of talking to a few more **residents when they have had 'issues'**. **These either involved neighbour's** building plans, parking issues or speeding on our roads. Most of you will appreciate that the remit of WURA is mainly to look after the road but building activity invariably impacts on the road in one way or another.

It is incumbent on residents to object to planning applications themselves. WURA represents all residents and needs to be seen to be neutral. Only where the alterations will impact on the street scene or lead to parking problems are we likely to put in objections. Sometimes we request the Council to ban contractor traffic from using our roads and this generally works well.

Joan Tolman (previous Secretary) continues to print the Newsletter in colour at a very reasonable price. Without her willingness to do this a more basic Newsletter would be necessary as we cannot justify over £1 a copy (the full cost) even with advertising.

To help us keep in touch with you more easily, if you have not already done so, please let me know your phone number and email address.

The web site had 357 visits between April and December 2009

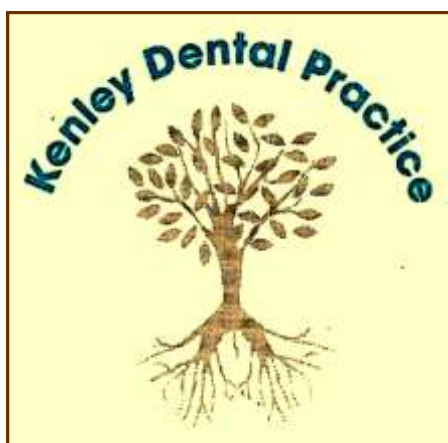
Changes of house ownership and road levy If you are selling or have just moved in please remember to advise the Secretary. His contact details are at the back of this newsletter.

If when advising the Secretary of your arrival you could supply your name, address, phone number and e-mail address this would be very much appreciated and will only be used by WURA.

Kenley Airfield The Friends of Kenley Airfield Group continue to liaise with the MOD and planners on the fence issue. The unsightly pedestrian barriers **continue to be in evidence pending the MOD's next move. The Friends have** come up with a number of possible solutions which are less intrusive which they have put to the MOD.

The Friends negotiating position will be undermined if members of the public do not respect the restrictions during flying periods. If the present experiment is successful i.e. **'it prevents those who wilfully expose themselves,** their families, the pilots and associated flying staff to danger by entering the **winch or landing areas from doing so' the arrangement may be made permanent.** Otherwise it is quite possible that an unsightly permanent and larger fence will be erected.

Hayes Lane Speed Humps It is unlikely that the speed hump layout will change unless a serious accident takes place. However a member of the Committee is a volunteer on the Kenley Road Watch Team and he will try to get Hayes Lane and Welcomes Road covered in the programme. Offending drivers will be written and invited to review their driving style.



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'Some things you never forget'

That sunny Wednesday afternoon in July 1940 was like any other, tea with **Grandma at 'Ancot' in Riddlesdown road Purley. I'm cycling on my bike in the garden watching for the planes that land at Croydon aerodrome across the valley.**

'Tea's ready John, come along in'

'Coming Mummy I'll just watch these planes land'

Like all other young boys at school I knew about military planes from the black aircraft recognition silhouettes. They came in low and fast, about 6 of them.... **THEY HAD BLACK CROSSES!!** Just about every gun in the district opened up. The **noise was deafening. Dornier 17 bombers, 'Flying Pencils' so called from there slim fuselages,** began to drop parachutes. **TERROR!**

I fell off my bike in a tangle, Mummy was yelling, and I was rescued. We spent the next hour or so huddled together, all three of us, in the broom cupboard under the stairs, **VERY frightened- 'The invasions begun' said Grandma. Eventually the 'All Clear' sounded.**

It was the beginning of the Battle of Britain and the first raid on Croydon. The enemy aircraft were dropping leaflets. All the planes returned safely to their base. So much for the early warning systems of the time and the accuracy of our gunners!

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WURA data base: Please let us have your phone number and email address if you have not given it to us. This helps us to keep you informed of developments.

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

Official documents: If you cannot access these on the web site please complete and return the form below .

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