



BLUSTERETTE

The Watermead Village Newsletter



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FORMAL NOTICE

WVRA Annual General Meeting - Thursday 21st April 1994 in the Village Hall.
Full details are given elsewhere in this Newsletter.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME FOR WATERMEAD!

On a very cold wintry night at the end of February, a goodly number of Watermead residents attended a meeting at Aylesbury Football Club. This had been arranged by Mike and Sandra Gowling with the Community Liaison Officers at Aylesbury Police Station to talk about Neighbourhood Watch.

We were first introduced to Inspector Tony Everitt, PC Frank Yabsley and PC Phil Gee, and our Area Beat Officer Kevin Isaacs. These Officers gave us an introduction to Neighbourhood Watch in general and talked about policing in the Aylesbury Area over recent years and how a Watch can become the 'eyes and ears' on which they depend. It was pointed out that a Watch not only looks out for possible crimes in the area, but also provides "care in the community" by us looking out for each other.

A "man from the Pru" gave us a brief introduction to the insurance side, indicating that most companies now give reduced premiums for house insurances to those involved in a Watch.

Part of the evening was given over to a frightening video showing a day in the life of a typical burglar! We also were shown slides of the right types of locks etc we should fit in our house and simple precautions we can take to keep ourselves safe. This will all be passed on to residents once the Watch is set up.

In view of the good turn out, the Police have agreed to the formation of a Neighbourhood Watch for Watermead. Sandra Gowling, who will become the Village Coordinator, will need residents to volunteer as Coordinators for the nine or so areas into which Watermead will be split; subsequently each street will also require one or more "sub" coordinators (ideally on a ratio of 1 for about every 10 houses). Mike has been in touch with the various builders and they have agreed to finance the cost of signing the Village, and we will also be asked to contribute about £1 per household to pay for administrative costs.

We all felt by the end of the evening that it had been a worthwhile exercise to attend and came away much more enthusiastic about and committed to the project. Since the meeting the Police have agreed to hold another one for those who were unable to attend the first time. Please contact Mike Gowling on 20956 so that a suitable date can be arranged. We still need more volunteers as coordinators, so again please call Mike or Sandra if you can help.

Jill Humphreys

EDITORIAL

I had better start with a WANTED notice!

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You will have deduced by now that I am giving up Blusterette as well as the Treasurership of the WVRA. I have had a good run on both and I think that it is time for new blood to come on to the Committee.

A few 'thank you's'. Thanks to the Committee for putting up with me, to Sandra and Mike Gowling for sterling work in getting our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme off the ground and to Julia Robertson.

Who? you may ask. Well, Julia does a splendid if almost anonymous job handling the bookings for the Village Hall. Not a very glamorous job, but an important one which few of us are aware of. At times it is a thankless task; if one booker leaves the hall dirty, the next suffers and Julia gets the complaints. I've strayed from my thanks to Julia, but she will appreciate it if you take note of our comments if you hire the hall. *Thank you, Julia!*

The WVRA has been through ups and downs during my time on the Committee; if you feel that we have not done a very good job, please come on to the Committee and show us how it should be done!

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LADIES, if you're not a member of WI, you're missing a lot! If like myself, you had pre-conceived ideas about such Institutes, you are in for a shock.

This month we had a fun evening learning how to tap dance. We even had a journalist from the Bucks Herald joining in!

Every month we aim to entertain you differently, and if you have any special ideas, we will do our best to incorporate them.

Our Institute is growing steadily and we're becoming very well known in the Bucks WI "network", but we feel that there are still many ladies on Watermead who would like to make new friends. Don't be shy, we're in the village hall every first Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Watermead Village Residents Association will be held in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday 21st April 1994. The provisional Agenda for the evening is as follows.

1. Opening remarks by the Acting Chairman and confirmation of Notice of Calling.
2. Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports.
3. Election of Officers and Committee Members. If more than one person is nominated for Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, printed ballot papers will be used to elect each officer by a simple majority. The number of Committee members nominated will be reported to the meeting and unless there are too many, all will be invited to form the new Committee. If there are too few, nominations will be invited from the floor.
At the end of the elections, the new Chairman will take over the Meeting.
4. Any other business.

Any resident who wishes to have a specific matter added to the Agenda is requested to contact the Association Secretary, Mrs J. Humphreys (6, Fieldfare; 0296 26743) as soon as possible.

Nomination forms for all Officers and Committee Members are available from Committee Members listed below; completed forms should be returned to the Secretary (address above) as soon as possible.

Alan & Cathy Elliott, 3, Kittiwake.

Jill Humphreys, 6, Fieldfare.

Michael Shrimpton, 7 Willowherb.

As none of the present Officers is standing for re-election, it is important that nominations are made for the three offices, to ensure the future of the Association. It should be noted that the Association is responsible for running of the village Hall, including cleaning and maintenance of public liability insurance, payment of electricity, printing and other bills and collection of hire charges.

Anyone willing to take over the editorship of Blusterette will also be welcome on the Committee.

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