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The Watermead Village Newsletter

Spring 1994

The Chairman's Brief

Hello everybody! As you may know, an almost entirely new Committee was elected at the AGM on 21st April. My first task as the new chairman must be to thank the retiring members of the Committee for all the hard work that they put in over several years. Thanks to their efforts we have an up and running Association with a sound financial base.

The new Committee has taken urgent steps to bring the Village Hall up to scratch and has started planning an active year of social events. I hope that you will visit the arts and crafts Fair in the Piazza on VE anniversary day (8th May). We are already looking ahead to VE day next year, which will of course be the 50th anniversary of this momentous event.

The new Committee is pledged to work closely with all interest groups on Watermead, including Neighbourhood Watch - which has got off to such a splendid start - and the Preservation Society. We also wish to foster a spirit of co-operation with our local businesses. I would urge you to support them whenever you can - why not dine out at the Watermead Inn or have your hair cut at Avanti? (I confess to reservations at having my hair styled!)

I hope to keep you informed of progress on the letting of vacant units and the sale of the ski centre. We welcome Harpers to Watermead and wish them well. As some of you will know I have mooted the idea of residents setting up our own company to revive businesses which have closed down - I think the practical difficulties may be too great but I would welcome any feedback.

I also see the role of a Residents Association as looking out for the interests of the community where we can. In future Newsletters I hope to be able to brief you on the proposals for remaining development. I am sure I am not alone in recognising that there must be a limit (and that limit may soon be reached).

Our Constitution was remodelled at the AGM, reflecting the needs of a growing association. Please feel free to approach me or any member of the Committee if there is any issue affecting Watermead you wish to discuss. I live at No. 7 Willow Herb, and my telephone number is 397963, FAX 393151.

The Agendas and Minutes for Committee meetings will be published on the Notice Board (in the 'tunnel' leading into the Piazza or Village Centre, near the hall) and the tradition of open Committee meetings will continue. I look forward to the year ahead, a year which I am sure will see our community grow closer together.

Michael Shrimpton 25th April 1994

Don't forget *your*
CRAFT FAIR, Sunday 8th May 1994
See separate insert for full details.

