

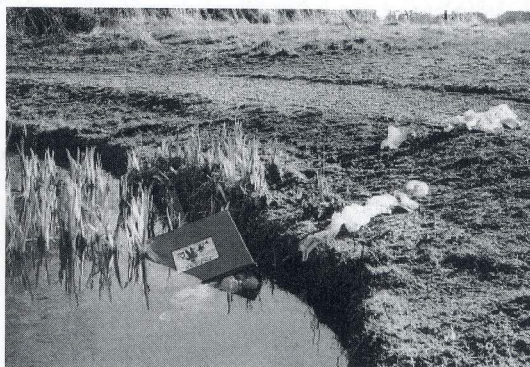
Vandalism Destroying Watermead

The beauty of Watermead is being seemingly destroyed through mindless vandalism.

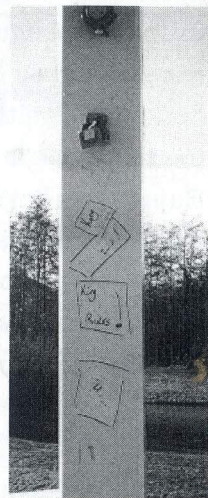
The pictures below are just a sample of the damage and destruction to Watermead over the past few months. In his Chairman's View, Michael Shrimpton describes the damage to the Plaza Fountain only hours after it's renovation.



Although the Village View team and the board of Lakeside Land do suggest residents of Watermead physically intervene in stopping acts of vandalism on Watermead, it is our responsibility, as a community to ensure we are vigilant in reporting any acts of vandalism, and the perpetrators immediately to the police.



If Watermead is to maintain it's outstanding reputation and unique beauty, it can only do so with the assistance of the entire community.

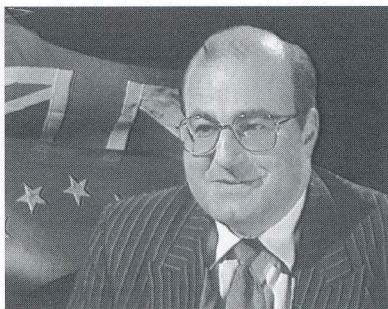


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Michael Shrimpton appearing on BBC Newsnight
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vandalism taken to silly new heights as we have already had one dog waste bin set on fire. What is the point of throwing a bin into the lake?

Many of you will have seen reports in the Bucks Herald and Advertiser of the damage done to the fountain, within hours of it being repaired. It seems as though the vandals were disturbed before they could dislodge the cherub and the top of the fountain.

Happily we have a description, which has been passed to the police. The LCAM Board have pressed for a prosecution for criminal damage and have offered a reward of £250 for information leading to a conviction of any of the gang. After consultation with the police the LCAM Board have confirmed that this reward is available to a member of the gang willing to turn Queen's Evidence, subject of course to notification to the court, defence and prosecuting

CHAIRMAN'S VIEW

authorities.

Vandalism is mostly caused by small groups of youths who come onto Watermead from surrounding estates - in the case of the fountain, it would appear they come from Meadowcroft. The best way to deter vandalism is to ensure that vandals are caught, prosecuted and sent to prison (criminal damage is an imprisonable offence and rightly so). Another way of course is by security cameras and the LCAM Board have approved the installation of security cameras in the Piazza.

Ways You Can Help

If you see vandals wrecking something on the estate, don't just watch, call the police! You can also call any Director of Lakeside Land Ltd (in many cases the vandals will have trespassed onto community land for which Lakeside is responsible, or will have damaged community property). It is very frustrating to have residents complain about vandalism, saying (as one did) that they

watched some youths kicking out panelling on the bandstand last week, and wasn't it disgraceful and isn't it time somebody did something about it! Most acts of vandalism are probably observed by someone on the estate - the life preservers for example are visible from a great many flats and houses. Destroying life preservers is a particularly criminal form of activity, yet it happens time and again.

Fishing

Some residents on the lower lake will have seen a group of fishermen camping out overnight near the Pavilion. Many more will have seen the mess they left behind, indeed they seem to have made a practice of reversing rubbish out of the bins. They are nothing to do with Watermead Piscatorials, who originally stocked the lake with fish, who do not fish overnight and who husband the lake as part of their agreement with us (which brings in much-needed revenue). Their names have

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Contact: Carol (485552)

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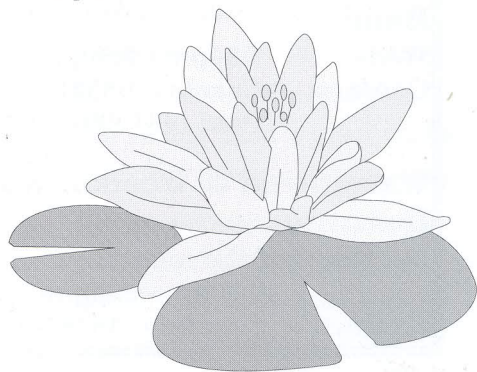
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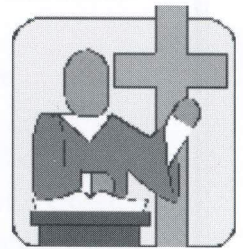
Fourteen years as an independent roundsman (he started with the Aston Clinton area), saw Alan delivering from 1 am to 8 am every single day in all weathers. In all that time he had just six weeks holiday and one week off sick. His new job as a food company sales rep is a doddle by comparison and it allows him to spend more time in the daylight, with his wife.

It's not just his customers that have reason to be grateful to Alan - he was

Watermead's unofficial night watch too. Calls to the police on his mobile meant many car thieves, intruders and other suspicious characters were caught in the act. Without Alan on the lookout at night, it behoves us all to be that much more careful - not just Neighbourhood Watch but every one of us.

Alan misses Watermead, apparently we were a sociable crowd who paid their bills and treated him like a friend. Village View was asked to pass on the message of thanks from Alan for kindness over the years. He misses you all and despite the long hard hours, there were more good times than bad. Thank you Alan, we miss you too!

Christmastide at St. James the Great, Bierton



Ah well, no gain without pain, you know!

How casually we say this, when we hear about the years of training that led to an athlete's triumph in the Commonwealth or Olympic Games. We think little of the early morning sessions, of failures along the way, of blisters, of the times of despair and of sacrifices made by other members of the family. Those same words might be applied to the Easter story. If we enter a church on Easter Day, there will be spring flowers everywhere, smiles of welcome, joyful hymns about resurrection and with any luck, bright sunlight. There will be chocolate Easter eggs to go home to. How many of us will remember the cost at which the Easter celebration was bought? We might adapt the title and say. **No Resurrection without the Cross....**

On the Cross, a real man died, a man who felt pain like the rest of us, a man, perfect in his own nature, yet who was willing to die, to be punished to the utmost for the imperfections, the sins of others, many others, including us. And worst of all, He knew from way back that this would be his lot, that He was to die; He knew long before Pilate allowed the crowd to have their way and sent Jesus to His death on the Cross. So His private agony started well before

Gethsemane and Golgotha. But He endured it all, and we believe that it was done for us,

every one of us. And on Easter day we celebrate the wonderful mystery of Our Lord's resurrection, we give thanks for our redemption and for the promise of everlasting life.

I have been asked to mention the times of our regular Sunday services. There is a Sung Eucharist (Holy Communion) every Sunday at 9am, and with very few exceptions, Evensong using the Book of Common Prayer at 6pm every Sunday. There is an informal Family Service on the third Sunday of each month at 11 am, and Sunday School at this time on the other Sundays in school term time. There are likely to be variations at times of important Festivals. You are always welcome to ring me on 426743 to confirm a time, or for details of other services.

For making arrangements about Holy Baptism or Weddings, or home Communion for the sick, please ring the Revd. Peter Faulkner on 423920. A peaceful, blessed and happy Eastertide to every reader, of any faith or none.

Anne King

Here is a summary of the main Easter Services for 1999 at the Church of St. James the Great, Bierton.

| | | |
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| 28 MARCH | Palm Sunday 9am6pm | Sung Eucharist; blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses.Evensong using the Book of Common Prayer. |
| 1 APRIL | Thursday 8pm | MAUNDY THURSDAY Eucharist - St. James the Great followed by Stripping of the Church and Vigil |
| 2 | Good Friday 10am2pm8pm | Children's Event for GOOD FRIDAY (finish 12 noon)THE LAST HOUR - Meditation on the CrossThe Liturgy of Good FridayAll Good Friday events in St. James the Great |
| 3 | HolySaturday 8pm | THE EASTER CEREMONIESIn St. James the Great |
| 4 | EASTERDAYThe Lord is risenAlleluia! 8am9am11am3pm6pm | Eucharist - Book of Common PrayerSung Eucharist - St. James's ChurchEucharist - All Saints ChurchSt. James Church - Family ServiceCarols and Readings for Easter Day - St. James's Church |
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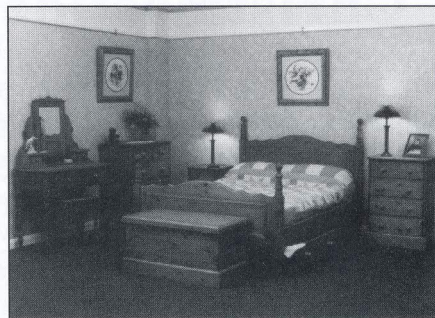
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been passed on to the Environment Agency in connection with possible offences under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 and Thames Bye-Laws, to the police and Nurserytyme, on whose land they are also trespassing. If you see this group camping overnight please let the police and a director know. On the main lake (Watermead Lake) fishermen may only camp on agreed stretches of the shoreline (not opposite the Watermead Inn), in exchange for a £250 annual fee (which has not yet been paid). Regulation of fishing here is more

complicated because ownership of the littoral and fishing rights are split.

Shares in Lakeside Land Ltd

some residents have asked if shares are still available. Without turning Village View into a prospectus the answer is yes.

Any resident of Watermead wanting more information should approach one of the Directors but this is not an invitation to subscribe to securities, nor does it constitute an offer of shares to the public within the meaning of the

Companies Act 1985.

Volunteers

Are always welcome! The Board is not a closed shop and any resident with relevant experience can apply. It's great fun and a good way to keep in touch with what is going on and serve your community.

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**From Left to Right:
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Janet Bell, Sarah Burton and Debra Easton, three healthcare workers from the Tindal Centre, Bierton Road, Aylesbury will be undertaking one of the biggest challenges in their lives during September 1999 when they aim to cycle 400 KM through the Grand Canyon, USA in just 5 days. They will be joining 200 other people who will cycle across desert, gravel tracks and finally through pine-filled landscape in order to raise money for SCOPE.

This great American adventure will take Janet, Sarah and Debra through some of the world's most famous natural wonders including the vividly coloured Kodachrome

Basin and The Spheres, spires and rigids of Brice Canyon.

Janet Bell, Community Psychiatric Nurse, says, "We are all looking forward to undertaking this challenge. We know it will be difficult times, but we really want to raise money for SCOPE. We are training now, as we know that we need to be as fit as possible to withstand not just the distance but also the heat."

Every six hours a baby is born with cerebral palsy in Britain. It can happen to any child. Scope is the largest charity in the UK, working with disabled people, their families and carers.

Janet, Sarah and Debra have to raise a minimum of £2,500 each to enable them to participate in this event and would like to hear from anyone who can offer financial sponsorship, raffle and/or car boot sale items.

For Further Information:

Janet Bell
Sarah Burton
Debra Easton
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Two of the girls are Watermead Residents, please give them your support.

It is Pat Cowell the Health Visitor again:

Firstly let me correct two small misunderstandings. I am not a District Nurse, as suggested in the last issue. Health Visitors are community nurses, with a nursing background, who have completed further training at University to equip us to support young families and be very active in health promotion and screening. District nurses do a different training, and visit to perform skilled nursing tasks like dressings, often for elderly people, with established illness. Both district nurses and health visitors are community nurses.

Also I have colleagues at other surgeries who will be visiting some of the babies in Watermead. I am health visitor only for those families registered at Elmhurst Surgery.

At this time of year many mothers contact us for advice when small children have colds. This can cause families great anxiety, especially in a young baby. The vast majority of children in fact cope quite well with a cold and do not develop complications, but the common cold has no cure and symptoms can only be alleviated somewhat. Children's paracetamol medicine, regular drinks and possibly a vaporiser may help. Young babies may have salt water nose drops from the pharmacist and older children a rub-on decongestant. Sleeping with the head 4 inches higher than the feet, by raising the head of the bed may be more comfortable. Cough medicines have little effect and a smoky atmosphere is definitely unhelpful, but sitting with the child in a steam filled room may help.

Children with a high temperature should be cooled down. It is important they are not over-wrapped and may even need sponging all over with lukewarm water. Plenty of drinks and a children's paracetamol medicine should be used in accordance with the instructions on the

bottle.

However, if a baby becomes sleepy all the time or is refusing feeds, a doctor should be contacted. If a child has a high temperature or cough for more than 3 days, a doctor should be contacted for advice. If breathing is very fast or difficult, or a child is very pale or blue, urgent medical advice is needed. All parents should also acquaint themselves with the early signs of meningitis, which are listed at the end of this article.

Finally, I would like to say that parents often worry when they do not have someone to contact for advice, but it is often possible to talk to your health visitor on the telephone, if you are not sure whether to make a doctor's appointment, early in the morning, between 9.00 and 10.00 a.m.

Thank you for the response to my last article. One lady in particular has offered to support those who are feeling isolated on Watermead, with small children.

Signs of Meningitis

- Difficult to wake
- Dislike bright light
- Bluish purple rash which does not disappear if you press against it with a glass
- Severe headache
- Pain or stiffness in the back of neck
- High pitched moan or cry
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This is the first of a series of articles on people who are part of our life on Watermead. Those who work in the Piazza are perhaps best known and we should support our local enterprise to make sure it flourishes. We start with our dentists - people its hard to talk to with a mouth full of their tools. So...

WHAT'S NEW AT WATERMEAD DENTAL CENTRE

The Dental Centre has been at Watermead for five years and is a successful, up-to-date dental practice, helping you maintain, what they call, good oral health. The equipment and materials are the best available on the market, they say. For example, from America, they are now using the latest tooth whitening techniques, in addition to white fillings in composite material or porcelain.

The most noticeable thing about the practice is the role reversal - all the dentists are female and it is the hygienist who is male. Marierose O'Hagan and Lythan Davies are the senior partners and Natasha Simmons is their young associate.

Lythan has recently qualified with a new Masters degree in the Legal Aspects of Medicine and represents us locally, as Secretary on the Local Dental Committee.

Marierose has obtained her Membership of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners, increasing her dental knowledge and skills to bring you the latest advancements in dentistry. She has recently been appointed Postgraduate Tutor in Dentistry for Buckinghamshire.

Natasha is about to leave. After a year as a vocational trainee and a further year as an associate, she has decided to travel the world - first stop is Australia. We wish her luck in her travels.

In August this year there are plans to take on a new graduate under the Vocational Training scheme for which this is an approved practice.

Pat Abbott is the Dental Hygienist, ex Tutor Hygienist from RAF Halton. His gentle hands leave you feeling you've had a massage not a treatment and he never gets cross when he tells you yet again what you have to do to maintain your own oral health.

Nikki Clarke is to be congratulated on passing her National Dental Nursing exam and is working hard tutoring Cheryl Massey and the latest recruit, Watermead resident, Sally Whitlock for their exams in November.

On the desk, the one person you needn't feel nervous of meeting, Emma Gilks, the receptionist and practice manager who keeps the whole practice in order.

NHS dentists have been in the news recently because they are so hard to find, but NHS treatment is available at the practice. As well as accepting new private patients, it takes those who fall into exempt groups such as children, the unemployed and expectant and nursing mothers. Usually there is no charge for this. The practice opens till 8.00 on Monday to Thursday and 10 till 1 on Saturdays, to cope with those of you who leave the estate early and return late. They even cover emergencies on Sundays.

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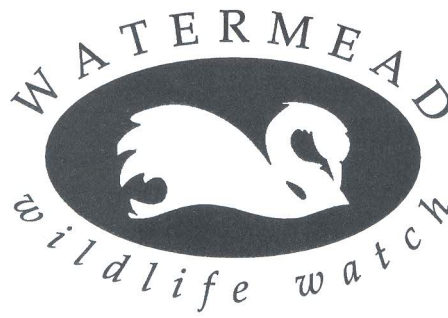
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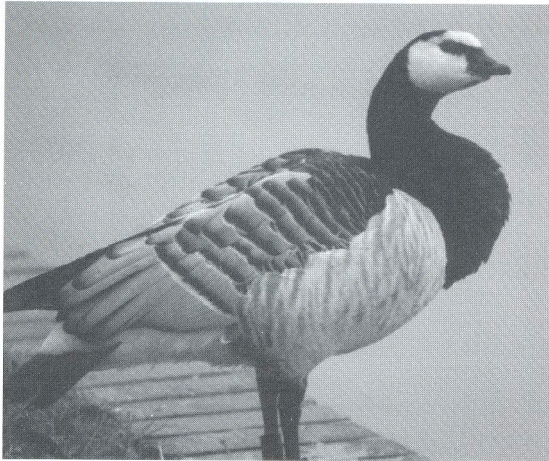
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Yes, it's that time of year again, how time flies. Talking of which, our fulvous whistling duck flew off some time back and hasn't been



Barnacle Goose

seen since. I guess he's returned to his mate at the canal in order to bring more "little whistlers" into the world. Must say i miss him strutting about, but hopefully he'll pay us another visit. The one visitor i did expect to take off was "mystery", the black swan, (suspect it's male) he's certainly stood his ground - made himself quite at home. The telling time is now, (March) as George and Henry do battle yet again for territory, they may well drive him off. I was concerned about him being without a mate, fortunately his hormones will not be flying all over the place until the Autumn. As black swans come from the southern hemisphere their biological clock is different, so it will be interesting to see if he can ride the storm! Then what happens in Autumn?

We've had hundreds of canada geese, a few greylags, barnacle geese and a snow goose passing through. They make such a spectacular sight as they arrive, rest and preen before continuing their journey. The lapwings have also been putting on magnificent displays this year, they appear like a black cloud and Swoop and swerve before disappearing out of sight. Also popping in and out - tufted ducks, pochards and mandarins. Our own population of grebes, coots and moorhens seem to be swelling in numbers and the mallards are mixing & matching with everything going, giving a variety of different shapes, colours and sizes.

I was certainly foxed by one little blighter sitting out in the middle of the lake on a buoy, i thought at first it was part of the gull family, it was black with a white underside. I watched it fly to the bank (near the ski slope) so i hot-footed it round there to get a closer look. As I approached, a pair of canada geese honked out a warning signal and it flew back to the buoy. Fortunately I managed to get a good look before it took off and discovered it

Pochards





Henry Outnumbered

was an oystercatcher, mainly found on the coast. As its name implies it feeds mainly on molluscs, using its long orange bill to tap and prise open shellfish. They also eat insects, so although he gave me the runaround, it was worth it, another first for watermead!

Well, as passions rise on the lakes (once the battles are over), we have much to look forward to - spotting the first ducklings, wondering who will hatch first, george & lady or henry and the duchess, and of course sunshine! (hopefully)

Bye for now

Linda Jones

Tufted Duck



WATERMEAD COMMUNITY FORUM

The Carol Concert was a bigger success than ever last Christmas - more people came along and more mulled wine was consumed than on previous occasions. Many thanks to all those who contributed and helped on the night. Special thanks to the ladies of the Womens Institute for making the mince pies for which we made a small contribution to the local WI.

We are planning to have a similar event this year so put the date in your diaries - it will be 6 pm in the Piazza on the Saturday before Christmas. We plan to decorate the Piazza this year and possibly add to the attractions eg roast chestnuts, entertainers. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

A social evening will be held in the village hall soon (watch the noticeboard in the piazza tunnel) especially for all those who have contributed to activities on Watermead. However, everyone will be welcome - all we ask you to do is bring a bottle and a contribution to the buffet. I know there are lots of people who have said they would like to become involved with local projects - here is your opportunity to meet your neighbours and make new friends.

I would like to see Watermead in a suitable condition to enter a national competition one day in the not too distant future, eg Britain in Bloom. We have the perfect location but a lot of work would need to be done, starting with collecting litter. It has been suggested that a working party be formed to do just that. Perhaps make it a regular event. If anyone would be willing to join, please give me a call.

I would propose one hour one day a month - for me it would have to be at a weekend because I work Monday to Friday, but there may be some people who would prefer to do it during the week. If enough people joined the group Watermead would begin to look less like a rubbish dump very quickly. I believe that a litter free environment would encourage people to take their litter to the nearest bin or home with them. We have some signs to put up around Lakeside Land and hopefully this will be done soon - keep your fingers crossed that they are not vandalised.

Whilst for most of us keeping our own gardens groomed takes more time than most of us have to spare, there is evidence around Watermead of people tackling weeds and overgrown bushes in open areas close to their homes. I know it's hard work, but if more people were prepared to do a little bit to help, Watermead would soon begin to look prettier.

One of my articles would not be complete if I didn't mention dog mess. To my horror there was a pile of dog poo on the pavement outside my house yesterday. It is about 100 yards at the most to the nearest 'dog bin'. This is a warning to whoever allowed their dog to do it and then not pick it up - I will have no hesitation in reporting anyone to the police if I catch them - if prosecuted there is a fine of up to £500. Residents of Watermead are very quick to blame dogwalkers from Elmhurst walking through to Watermead but I know of at least three people who do not pick up their dog's mess and they all live in Watermead. You have been warned!!! For those of you who don't know me, I walk my dog around both lakes regularly and I keep a supply of plastic bags in my pocket.

Well, that's all from me. I look forward to seeing you at our social evening.

Lakeside Land Ltd is the Watermead community company representing the interests and views of the Watermead community as a whole. To this end we have included the published mission statement below to underline that commitment.

LAKESIDE LAND LTD MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Lakeside Land Ltd to:

- * Represent the interests of the whole village as Watermead's Community Company
- * Encourage positive development in keeping with the unique character of Watermead
- * Provide a forum for community involvement
and feedback
- * Support and encourage local enterprise
- * Protect and enhance Watermead's natural environment
- * Manage the company's assets efficiently and maximise revenue for the benefit of the community

NB: Nothing in the above shall conflict or take precedence over the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company

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