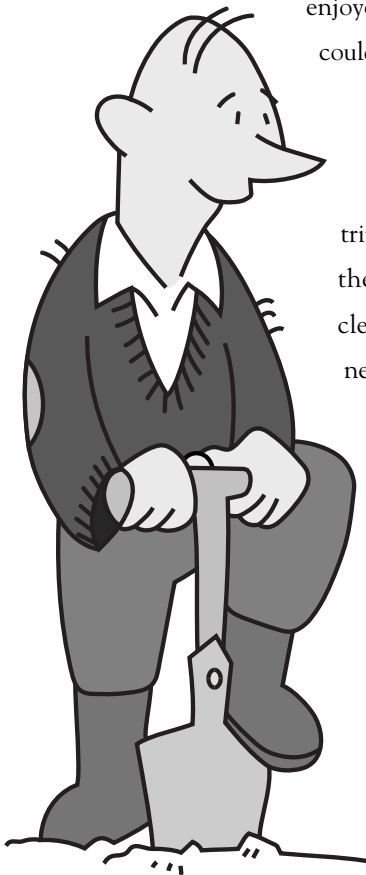


Our Autumn Work In

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Lots of us have already started praying to the weather man for a fine day this time.

The benefits of the Spring efforts have been visible throughout the summer and quite a few residents have commented favourably and offered to join in the Work In. Still I am asking for even more helpers, so try and keep Saturday 21st October free so that you can join in the fun. Ask anybody who has taken part in previous Work Ins and they will tell you they really enjoyed it even though the weather could have been better.



Our programme for The Autumn Work In includes trimming back the shrubs around the Little Lake, continuing clearing the undergrowth where needed and clearing more of the paths around the village.

The concrete area behind the back of the cricket pitch seems to be a great waste of opportunity and if it was cleared perhaps a further use would become obvious. Therefore, with a lesser priority, it might be a good idea to make a start on

clearing that area of the self seeded shrubbery and also clearing the rubbish that some folk have left us.

We'll meet up at 9.00 am in the Village Hall in The Piazza for coffee and briefing before we start. Some folk like to finish at lunch time and others are quite happy to go on for a while afterwards. Let your muscles decide for you. There will be a snack lunch available in the Hall so please call Sally or myself on 39-76-75 and tell us how many there will be in your party so that we can arrange for the food.

All will be welcome so bring the family. If anyone is bringing children, and they will be most welcome, please ensure that they have gloves. As we did in the spring, could you arm yourselves with spades, rakes, forks or whatever as we don't have enough to supply everyone. We have had the weed wacker serviced and the hedgecutter is sharpened but any other tools would be helpful

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Roy Hutchings - Maintenance Director

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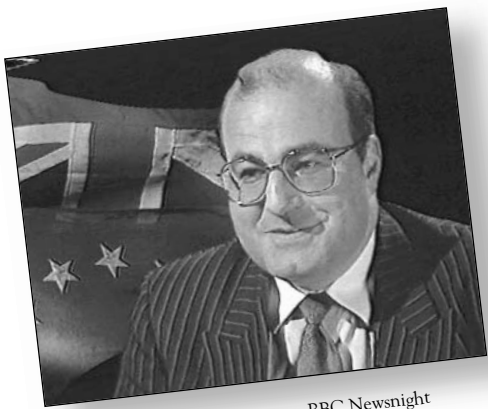
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If you have any interesting stories /articles for inclusion in the next edition please contact a member of the editorial board.

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Michael Shrimpton appearing on BBC Newsnight
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Chairman's View

by Michael Shrimpton - Chairman of Lakeside Land Ltd

VANDALISM

Some younger people on Watermead thought I was being a bit tough on vandals in the summer issue. Of course the majority of young people on Watermead and nearby estates are responsible, well-behaved and a credit to their communities. One only has to watch the Sea Cadets in action for example to see fine young people with a commitment to their country of whom any parent could be proud (we have of course offered assistance to the Sea Scouts in relocating to Watermead).

As was ever thus, it is a small minority of 'yahoos' who give the rest a bad name. Unfortunately most of the crime on Watermead is committed by juveniles, usually of the mindless variety. What is the point of vandalising the bandstand or polluting the fountain?

Whilst some are from Watermead the majority are in loose gangs based in Elmhurst, Quarrendon and Meadowcroft. The principal threat axis is from the south, via

four ground access points from Elmhurst.

Violence has been used in the past by vandals and trespassers. For example I was once assaulted with a block of wood and thrown in to the lake by a group of about a dozen who were using jet-skis to the annoyance of residents on the lower lake. With good police work (for once) those responsible were arrested, only for the Crown Prosecution Service to drop the proceedings, despite having independent eye-witness evidence. Why I do not know, since the CPS were not able to summon the courtesy to give reasons, notwithstanding that I have prosecuted for them (not that they pay very promptly - I am still awaiting payment for a matter I prosecuted at Isleworth Crown Court in January 1992!).

More recently I have been threatened with an offensive weapon (a sharp-ended spike). The threat was made by a group of juveniles, who were fishing illegally on the lower lake, in front of Whinchat (the police having failed to respond). The

threat did not work and the gang retreated, with the usual insults. This group knew they had no right to fish and set out to break the law and disturb residents, no doubt relying on the inadequacy of Thames Valley Police and hoping that a combination of insulting language and violence would deter us from protecting the community resource it is our duty to protect. They failed.

This and other incidents have led to a review of security. Lakeside Land Directors will now work in teams with separation being maintained by more use of megaphones and (at night) high-powered lights, with high-resolution digital imaging for intelligence-gathering and evidential purposes (the company is registered under the Data Protection Act). The possibility of being recorded will act as a deterrent, just as the CCTV system in the Piazza has been effective in cutting down crime. We are upgrading the Piazza system and linking in remotes by microwave-band transmitter, with state-of-the-art low-light

high-resolution technology. More use will also be made of concealed cameras, so that vandals will not know when they are being monitored. Of course none of this is a substitute for the Mark One eyeball and if residents see vandalism taking place they should report it, not just watch it.

As vandals are identified their names will be passed to the police and Lakeside Land's solicitors. In addition to criminal remedies the company also has the right to apply for an injunction banning vandals from entering any part of its land (ie most of Watermead). A penal notice would be attached to the injunction and in the event of a breach the vandal could be sent to prison for contempt. Damages including aggravated damages would be available where property has been vandalised. In the case of juveniles, papers can be served by the bailiff on those responsible for them, with liaison as appropriate with Social Services.

Serious consideration is being given to instituting mobile



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security patrols. These proved very effective when we had mass trespass by travellers a few years ago, dog patrols being particularly efficacious. I was not chuffed however to hear that one Chief Executive ruled that his firm should not bid for the business because of the risk that his officers might "be in a confrontation situation with the public." What else he thought a security officer might do with a vandal other than confront him or her he did not say - offer a lending hand to do more damage perhaps?

We would have less crime on Watermead if we had an efficient and well-led police force, but we don't. Our excellent beat officer, PC Kevin Isaacs, has been re-assigned without any or any adequate replacement. The problem starts at the top. The Chief Constable seems to think Europol is more important than having officers on the beat. I have come to the firm conclusion that Thames Valley Police should be broken up - we should go back to the old Bucks Constabulary, who were efficient, responsive to community needs and under effective democratic control. I expect they also saluted the Lord Lieutenant (I will never forget Thames Valley's refusal to salute the Vice-Lieutenant when he came to open our Remembrance Day fireworks - he was very good-natured about it, but I wasn't!). I

also agree with those who say the CPS should be disbanded, with county prosecuting solicitors' departments as in the good old days, when we had proper Chief Constables, the country was governed from London not Brussels and if you were the Queen's representative you got a salute.

WATERMEAD COUNCILLOR

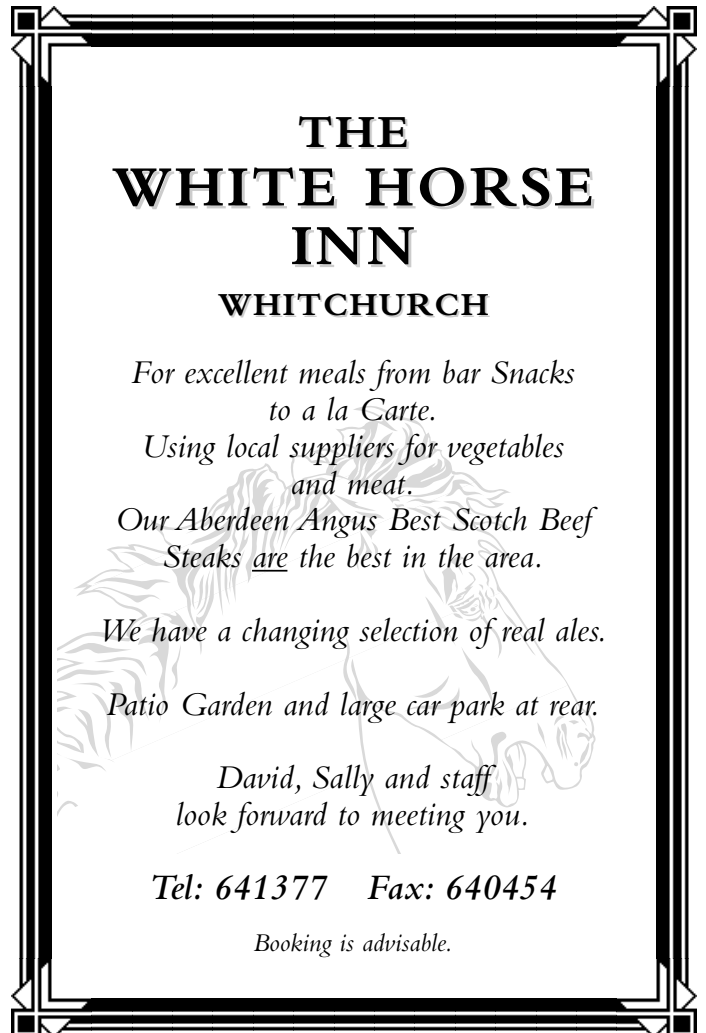
We are making strong representations to AVDC over their boundary submission to the Local Government Commission. If we cannot have a councillor of our own (we will be very close to the average number of electors by 2005) I strongly prefer the alternative proposal, of Watermead sharing a councillor with Weedon, rather than gerrymandering us into a three-councillor ward with Elmhurst and part of Central. The trouble with that arrangement is that we could be disenfranchised, as a party could get all three seats on non-Watermead votes and safely ignore our interests.

This is happening already over Weedon Hill. Our Liberal Democrat councillors don't need Watermead votes and can therefore join in a carve-up over Weedon Hill. A handful of residents thought I was being political when asking our councillors to get off the fence over Weedon Hill. This is nonsense - I would attack my

own party just as fiercely if they backed it, indeed I had a go in the Bucks Herald at the County Council's daft speed camera policy.

Our councillors have had every opportunity to attack Weedon Hill and get the Liberal group on side, but we haven't heard a peep from them. For the record what this community wants to hear is "no to Weedon Hill," not just from our councillors but from their group. If you support Weedon Hill just go down to the A413 roundabout at 08.30am and work out how much longer the queues would be if traffic from 850 homes were entering from the other side, with priority over

us - unless, that is, the Nice treaty comes in and Brussels uses QMV on transport to switch the UK to driving on the right. If they do the roundabout would of course go the other way round (a little point I discovered at 18 when I tried to go clockwise around a French roundabout!) and we would have priority, jamming Weedon Hill back to their driveways. Watch out for my Bentley though because like all God-fearing Englishmen I would continue to drive on the left!



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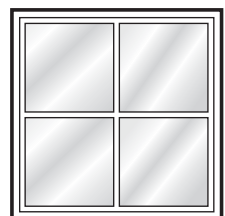
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NURSERYTIME COMING UP TO ITS TENTH BIRTHDAY!

Watermead's cricket pavilion only hosted one match before it was sold off and converted into a nursery school with eight classrooms. It opened its doors in January 1991 and within two years there was a waiting list for one of its 68 places, available from Monday to Friday 7.30 am to 7.00 pm for 51 weeks of the year. They even have bookings nine months ahead; people get their names down so quickly.

Those of you who get irritated by the queue of cars waiting to turn into the drive will be surprised to hear that about 50 of the 120 children currently on the register come from Watermead. Most of the remainder are Aylesbury based, but some travel a distance every day, from places like Great Missenden, Long Crendon or Milton Keynes. Some have come a great deal further – United States, New Zealand, Africa and many European countries - creating quite an international flavour at times and causing some problems if the children cannot speak English.

Anybody passing must be struck by the quite stringent security features – video camera on the permanently locked entrance, fences all round, closed circuit TV, floodlights, building alarms, connection to local station and a 20 minute callout time for the owners to respond. Fortunately there have been no recurrences of the recently reported vandalism, though displays of children's work can fall down and trigger the system. Parents must be pleased with the care taken. Children are not taken off site without written permission. Perhaps you saw the Toddle Waddle from 25th Sept to 1st October, when tots, wearing yellow hats, walked round the small lake to raise money for the National Meningitis Trust.

The children are split into five age ranges:

Babies from 3 to 12 months with a 1:3 staff ratio

Toddlers from 12 to 18 months with a 1:3 staff ratio

Tiddlers from, 18 to 24 months with a 1:3 staff ratio

Tweenies from 2 to 3 years with a 1:4 staff ratio

Toppers from 3 to 5 years with a 1:8 staff ratio

Each age group has a different set of activities. For instance a three year old might arrive anytime between 7.30am and 9.00am and start the day with free play. This would be followed at 9.00am by some activity such as painting, sand, water or paper play. Then milk and a homemade biscuit and outside play (play patios for wet weather) and then a group activity such as music or singing. Lunch at midday is prepared by a trained chef followed by a rest period and then the cycle starts again with the afternoon session.

It's slightly different for the older Toppers for whom learning outcomes are specified by the Department of Education. Already there have been two Ofsted inspections and both have resulted in good reports with maximum approval periods. Whilst government funding for four year olds helps with the costs, there is no doubt that inspections result in a lot of extra paperwork and a stressful time for the staff.

The present owners Eileen Setchell and Jon Franklin bought the school in 1998, though Eileen has been there since the early days, leaving her job working for a building company to manage the school. They are supported by the chef, the gardener and maintenance people and twenty two nursery staff, at least 16 being on duty at any one session and all having been cleared by health and police checks for working with children. The Childcare act demands at least 50% are NNEB qualified, in fact the figure is over 75%. Trainees are taken on who are given one day off a week for training at college. Most are working on the new NVQ level 2, which can take up to two years to complete and will follow that with NVQ level 3. All the college assessment is in the workplace - another check on the quality of care.

Overall, there is a lot more going on at Nurserytime than you might expect, including a web site at www.nurserytime.co.uk where you can find out more and email them for a brochure.





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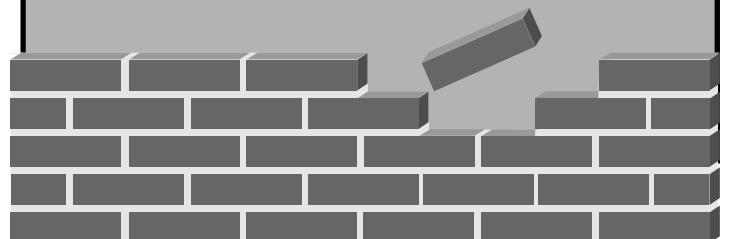
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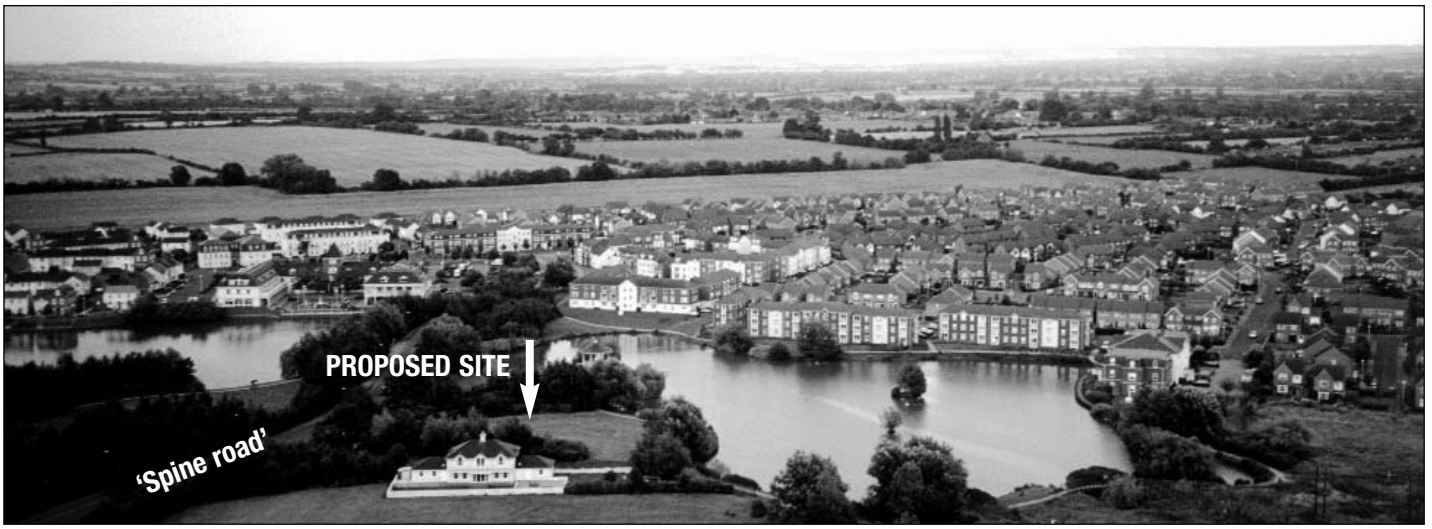
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NURSERYTIME PROPOSED EXPANSION

Out of School Club and Holiday Cover for children up to 12 years of age

Nurserytime has now been open nearly 10 years and it has become apparent over the last 2 or 3 years that once children leave our care to attend school, whether full or part time, their parents have a major problem with after school and holiday care. School hours do not fit very well with full time working and even if this difficulty is overcome there is still the problem of the long school holidays. We already cater for several children around their school times, and offer a collection service if required for children whose parents are unable to collect them personally.

It is with this in mind that we are looking seriously at opening a facility to cater for children after school and throughout the school holidays. We would NOT offer a term time breakfast club, which would increase the amount of traffic on the Watermead spine road during the rush hour in the mornings. Children would be collected from nearby schools by nursery staff, and cared for until their parents could collect them. We do not foresee a significant increase in traffic, as around 50% of the cars would be dropping off or collecting siblings from the nursery anyway. As our intention is to provide further parking for about 13 cars, we do not envisage a parking problem either.

During the school holidays, I envisage keeping the children occupied and having themed days. We would buy in expertise for such things as football, cricket tuition, sailing, drama, music etc. Day trips would also be organised to make the holidays both educational, interesting and definitely not boring. We would hope to be able to continue our work in encouraging the children to respect their environment and surroundings and discourage any forms of destruction and vandalism.

As with our existing nursery, which caters for 68 children at any one time, we would ensure that noise levels remain low, so that residents and our nearest neighbours across the lake would not be inconvenienced in any way.

To be able to offer the above service, we have started negotiations with the Board of Lakeside Land to purchase or rent the area of ground between the nursery and the bandstand, which is at present un-maintained. The area in question forms a natural secluded area, completely screened from the road and is only visible from the path surrounding the small lake. Fencing would need to be erected to keep the area secure. The entrance would be through our existing car

park. Landscaping would need to be considered, thinning out of the existing overgrown bushes, with new trees and foliage to screen the area from the lake if necessary. The whole area would then be maintained on a regular basis and to a high standard by Nurserytime. Our existing security systems would be extended to cover the additional area.

A single story building, large enough to house approximately 40 children, would need to be erected on this piece of land. Its exact location and style has not been decided yet, and would be in sympathy with the surrounding area and styles of buildings i.e. 'Watermead approved', and painted to blend with our existing building. The interior will be designed with the children in mind, with both large and small rooms, quiet rooms, homework areas, kitchen and eating areas, TV room, games area, computer rooms etc, to enable the children to do various activities. Outside in the landscaped gardens we would endeavour to install adventure play equipment suitable for this age group, plus plenty of grass.

Of course, all of the above is reliant on Nurserytime obtaining the land, receiving AVDC planning approval, plus the approval of the residents of Watermead.

Lakeside Land and Nurserytime would be pleased to receive all comments (both for and against) on the above proposals from the residents on Watermead, so that we can gauge if you are in favour of the project or not.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

Eileen Setchell - Administrative Director of Nurserytime.

Please send any letters to: Mrs E. Setchell, Nurserytime, The Pavilion, Watermead, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 OFY or email: enquiries@nurserytime.co.uk or telephone: 01296 397407

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IN THIS ISSUE:

PROPOSED EXPANSION TO NURSERYTIME

Please answer the following questions and send your answers to the address below (tick where appropriate):

1. Should Nurserytime be allowed to extend its premises? YES NO
2. Do you think it would benefit Watermead? YES NO
3. Should Lakeside Land lease any of its land for building purposes? YES NO

If you would like to make any further comments about the proposals please write here: _____

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Results of last issues Gatehouse Survey

- 9 Responses
- 3 said *leave it empty*
- 5 said *pull it down*

It seems that the Gatehouse is about four times less interesting a topic than the spine road - we only got 9 responses to last issue's survey compared to the 40 replies to the Spine Road questions. Nevertheless, once again there were lots of interesting views. It was pointed out that the gatehouse and its twin opposite, are potentially nice features when entering Watermead, and that its always a shame to see a good building pulled down. However, several people feel that, in the absence of a use for the building, vandalism is inevitable and that it's better to pull the building down than have a perpetual eyesore on the landscape.

A use for the building is perhaps the key. My belief is that the original intention was to have it manned by a security guard - though I'm not 100% sure about that. Certainly no one who replied informed us of what it was originally for, and two people explicitly said they didn't know what it was intended for or could be used for. However there was a suggestion that the mythical Garden Centre (when IS it going to appear?) might be prepared to restore and maintain it. That made me think, as I wrote this article, if maybe it could be used by the Watermead gardeners or by our village Work-In team. Anyway, if the building is retained, it will be sensible to make it less prone to vandalism and one reply suggested that bricking up the windows would be a good start. Someone else suggested planting some flowers around it

Regarding the subject of contributing towards its maintenance, views were pretty evenly divided with the NOs saying things like it would be throwing good money after bad, that its a waste spending money on something that serves no practical or aesthetic value, or that, at the extreme, they would be prepared to contribute to have it demolished. On the other hand three people said they would be prepared to contribute to its upkeep and one even suggested £20 a year might be a reasonable sum. The interesting point was also made that, if and when we get a Parish Council, then the costs of all such works would be effectively funded equally by all Watermead householders through the parish rate.

Whether the Gatehouse is pulled down or not, it was pointed out that the twin building opposite which I believe serves as an electricity sub-station, is unkempt and suffering from graffiti and is an eyesore which is less easy to get rid off. Perhaps this is a good reason to try and find a constructive solution to the problem rather than just getting the sledgehammers out. I'll be passing the results of the survey onto the Lakeside Land Board to contribute to their thinking on the subject.

Finally, I'd like to apologise to those of you who tried to email the survey results in to us. As you know, the email address failed to work and your messages were returned undelivered. We hope to have rectified this problem now and encourage you to try emailing this issue's survey replies.

Detailed results:

- A: Should the Gatehouse be left empty?
3 Yes 2 No 4 no response
- B: Should the Gatehouse be pulled down?
5 Yes 3 No 1 no response
- C: Would you be prepared to contribute towards the upkeep of the gatehouse?
3 Yes 2 No 4 no response

If you have any ideas for topics for future surveys please let me know. We will be giving a free bottle of wine away to the person who's suggested topic is adopted for a future issue.

Paul Wilson



HELP WANTED!

Could you spare a few hours to write/gather articles for the 'Village View'?

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Hi Folks!

Well, we didn't get the sunshine I wished for in the last issue, apart from a few glimpses. It has been pretty awful.

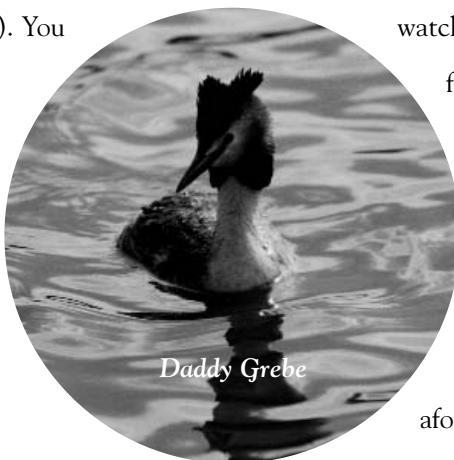
The Geese have been flying south in their hundreds to warmer weather (pity we can't tag along!). You can hear them coming long before they arrive, honking loudly. It's always exciting watching them come and go, they arrive in parties, then congregate for a wash & brush up and a snooze whilst a few remain 'on guard' in case of danger, then off they go, as they arrived, staggering their take off, onto the next 'Motel'.

Other birds, much smaller this time, are also flying around in their hundreds - the starlings. Sometimes it feels like

the Hitchcock film 'The Birds' as the sky goes black as they swarm around. They are comical though when they all line up on the rooftops, jostling for position. Whilst on the subject of smaller birds, although I wasn't lucky enough to see it for myself, we did have a Sandpiper pay us a visit. I have seen a Kingfisher on several occasions - fantastic colours - would love to capture one on camera.

The Grebes surprised us all this year by nesting on the little lake and were successful for the first time on Watermead - it appears all they needed was a little help from Man - the bales of straw placed in the lake to cleanse the water came in handy as a nesting site, thanks to which we now have a new family. It's fascinating to watch the adults dive for small fish to feed the ever open beaks of the young - a never ending task!

The young cygnets are almost grown now, under the ever watchful eyes of George and Lady. The whole family are also under the ever watchful eye of Henry who keeps them firmly out of his territory. Sadly two other young swans - Bonnie and Clyde - (so named because they are pushed from pillar to post and kept on the run by the aforementioned) are only able to have a swim when the others are pre-occupied, otherwise they spend most of their time on the Piazza steps. I think they must be youngsters from last season - at least they will have plenty of company with the duck population ever



Daddy Grebe



Little birds all in a row!



growing. Also, a large Gull appears to have taken up residence - always upfront when food is around. He either swims with the geese or lounges around with the rest of the feathered population. Another bird with an identity crisis!? We seem to get our fair share of those. Still, it's nice to have variety. Another pushy little character has returned -



the Mandarin Duck. He's certainly not backward in coming forward at feeding time!



Sorry to mention Winter, but here are the usual feeding tips - especially for newcomers - moist/wet bread, mixed corn, wheat, pellets are all available

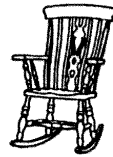
from pet shops (underground market at Friars Square, High Street). It all helps during the bad weather. Anyway, let's enjoy the rest of Autumn first.

I wonder if one special visitor will return? Mystery - the Black Swan. He arrived 12th October last year so keep you eyes peeled. It would be lovely to see him again.

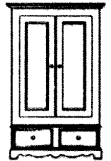
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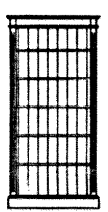
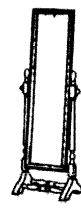
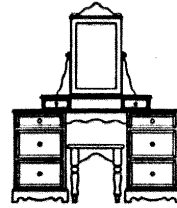
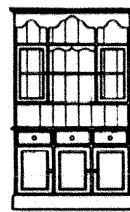
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Watermead Community Forum

by Mary Singleton - Watermead Community Forum Director

Now that the summer holidays are over our minds turn to Christmas. Do I hear a cry of 'Oh, surely not!' We have decided that the Christmas Carol Concert this year will be held on Saturday 16 December 2000 at 6.30 pm in the Piazza. I believe there will be a bigger and better Christmas tree and decorations than last year. We would like to have a little choir to lead the carol singing - if there is anyone out there who would like to sing in the group or knows of a group who would sing for us, please give me a call on 428569. The band has already been organised. We plan to provide mulled wine again and hopefully the ladies of the WI will make the mince pies. And we hope Father Christmas will be able to join us again this year! Any assistance in the organisation of this event will be gratefully received.

Suzanne and Len Staines and I represented Watermead at the special service at St James's Church, Bierton on 23 July 2000 that was held to commemorate the life of groups, which meet in the area as part of the Millennium celebrations. The Bishop of Buckingham led the service and each group was asked to present something to the Bishop to represent itself. We took the latest issue of the Village View - the Bishop seemed a little disappointed that it wasn't a duck! It was a lovely service and so nice to see so many local groups represented including Watermead and Weedon Womens Institute.

We have had some difficulty in identifying a supplier of a vandal proof park bench who will also install it for us. However, we have now sourced one but the presentation by our WI will be postponed and we hope it will be in situ before the end of the year.

I promised a little background to the Watermead Community Forum in the last issue for people who have recently moved to Watermead. This forum came about when Lakeside Land Limited and the Residents Association merged. Lakeside Land is a company that was set up in 1994 to purchase the land behind Captains Cabin in order to block the development of a nightclub there. All Watermead residents were invited to become shareholders. £50,000 was raised and the deal included land around both lakes, the lower lake and the village hall. The main purpose of holding this land is to prevent building of any kind on it. The main income for Lakeside Land comes from renting the village hall, the Piscatorials who fish on the lower lake, the balloonists who use our land as a launch site and management of the Piazza.

The merger of the Residents Association with Lakeside Land Limited came about because the same people were running both entities. A public meeting was called and over 200 people

attended. There was some opposition to it but there was a vote and the majority were in favour on the understanding that a channel was set up to include ALL residents of Watermead. The main purpose of the Forum is to engender some community spirit into Watermead - to date the most successful of these have been events such as the Action Days and the Carol Concerts. We will also take up issues of importance for Watermead as a whole but we have to work with local councillors - we have no place on council meetings and therefore no authority to get things done. We are all volunteers and are all in full time employment elsewhere.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Community Forum please give me a call. If anyone is interested in becoming a shareholder of Lakeside Land please call either Michael Shrimpton or Len Staines - telephone numbers are on the back of this publication.

If you have a problem with anything on Watermead you are expected to deal with it yourself with the help of the local councillors, Sushana Kendrick and Raj Khan. But you are welcome to give me a call to discuss any matter that is concerning you. At the moment I am concerned about the number of 'For Sale' signs that are erected around Watermead and am talking to AVDC and private landowners (i.e. the flats) about it. The more people that get involved the better because this strengthens one's argument.

I noticed in the local paper that a forum has been launched in Quarrendon to tackle vandalism and anti social behaviour in the area. Representatives of the local community groups are working with the police to cut crime and sort out the neighbourhood's problems. Is it time to resurrect the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

Finally we hope to start making progress on the spine road issue soon - we have arranged to talk to local councillors about this and hope to have some news for you in the next issue.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the action day on 21st October and at the carol concert.

PS The Wildlife Trusts have a catalogue which includes good quality Christmas cards featuring birds many of which our streets are named after. You can obtain a catalogue from The Penna Press, 132 Beechwood Avenue, St Albans, Herts AL1 4YD. If you would like to become a member of our local Wildlife Trust please give me a call.

watermead & weedon women's institute

(Ladies who are doing a calendar, but not that sort of calendar!!!)

Our annual BBQ in July was held in a member's beautiful garden, and the weather was very kind to us (thank goodness). As well as the meat on the BBQ, we had a wonderful spread of dips, salads and bread. The puddings were of course the highlight of the evening (the WI know how to make the most mouth watering puddings). We also had the odd glass of wine to help it all go down! A fellow WI member of another Institute spoke to us about her experiences at the meeting in London in June, where Tony Blair addressed the WI, and she had us roaring with laughter at all the things that had happened on the day. Tony Blair would probably rather forget it, but it raised the profile of the WI.

In August we held our Annual Quiz, which was a great success, helped along by a Fish & Chip Supper, with bread and butter, and of course a cup of tea.

At the September meeting there was a talk by Mary Singleton on her life as an Air Stewardess, including photos from the 1970's, which were very entertaining and made us all quite envious of such a glamorous life.

For our October 5th meeting we had a talk by Mr Woolley, about the Great Train Robbery. It was bring a friend evening which brought alot of new faces.

On November 2nd we have our AGM - a bring and buy plus a demonstration on Indian Head Massage, with full audience participation!

Come along and see what we are all about, make new friends and have a good time, it could change your life!

ANNUAL WI TRIP TO FRANCE SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2000
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Childrens Dance

Wednesdays: 3-6 years 4.30 ~ 5pm
Beginners 5 ~ 5.45pm
Advanced 5.45pm ~ 6.30pm

Contact: Judy 482818

Irish Dancing

Every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month: 7.00 ~ 8.00pm

Contact: Edwina McGill 01908 374273

Aylesbury & District Philatelic

Second Wednesday of the month
7.30 ~ 10pm

Contact: Keith Johnson 435571

Watermead & Weedon Women's Institute

First Thursday of the month
7.30 ~ 9.30pm

Contact: Bridget Gibbard 420938

Watermead Cygnets Playgroup

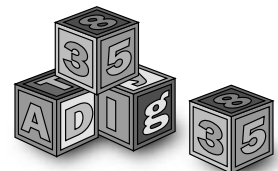
Monday ~ Thursday
9.15 ~ 11.45am

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- 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