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10 September
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WOODSIDE PARK RESIDENTS' & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

*2 Carol at Sturges Key
first time for many years
to help on local basis
Houses WPK
Road Surfaces*

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*Playground Equipment
Club this return from WPK*

SPRING 1978

The past Winter has certainly been a bad one rivalling 1963 and 1947 of fairly recent memory. However we hope by the time you receive this Newsletter the worst of the Winter will be behind us and a pleasant Spring and warm Summer will be on its way.

Your Committee have received certain suggestions for new activities in the suburb, as will be seen later in this bulletin, and we do hope that many of you will be able to join in these activities to help foster a communal spirit.

Whether you are able to participate or not, we wish you all many happy days during the lighter evenings, now becoming noticeably closer every day.

CHRISTMAS 1977

The Festive Season started early last December with a most successful, and thoroughly enjoyable Cheese and Wine evening held at Frith Manor School on the 14th December. It must be admitted that the Senior Committee was more than a little sceptical at the suggested date, but the huge success of the evening, attended by our Ward Councillor, Michael Hill, proved the wisdom of having a Social Committee that seeks out the wishes of those living on the Estate. Congratulations to all concerned for a first time venture that actually had people asking as to when the next 'Cheese and Wine' would be held.

The Christmas Tree was duly installed on the 18th December and for the first time in many years carols were sung around the tree at dusk the same evening, with the able assistance of the Salvation Army Band. We are also greatly indebted to Richard Montague of the Woodside Stores for his efforts on our behalf in obtaining such an attractive tree,

in a year when really good Christmas trees were at a premium, and for allowing us to connect up to his electricity supply.

Christmas gifts placed in the bin were put into parcels and subsequently delivered to some of the occupants of Barham Court, opposite the school. Many letters of appreciation have been received by the Chairman and it is hoped that with your support this feature will be able to continue in the future.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Following the successful outdoor event organised to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee last year, a Family Picnic and Sports Day is planned for Bank Holiday Monday 29th May. Remember to keep it free. These festivities will take place in the park, close to Chanctonbury Way, where the Jubilee celebrations were held. Further details will be circulated nearer the date.

A number of residents have expressed interest in organising clubs and activities on a local basis. If you are interested in participating, please contact the following people :-

Chess Club	Mr. Rumens	Tel: 346 1177
Discussion Group (for men and women)	Mrs. Collinson	Tel: 445 4599
Badminton	Mrs. Reid	Tel: 346 5872
Fitness Training (for men and Women)	Mr. Dunn	Tel: 445 4656
Tennis (women)	Mrs. Austen	Tel: 445 5062

Chess playing and discussion groups would take place in the homes of participants. The format and topics for discussion groups will be decided by those interested, but it is anticipated that a wide range of subjects, many of a social nature, will be covered. Badminton and Fitness classes will take place at Frith Manor School. Qualified Physical Education or Fitness Training Instructors (unpaid) are required who would be willing to take a mixed adult class for one evening every three or four weeks. Any volunteers please ring Mr. Dunn.

Horses in Woodside Park

We are fortunate to live in a comparatively rural area but this also has certain disadvantages. One of these is the ever increasing preponderance of horses in the suburb.

There are currently three separate livery stables in the immediate area - two in Frith Manor Farm and a third in Frith Lane at the premises previously occupied by International Serum Ltd. All of these business premises only provide facilities for the stabling of horses for individual owners but do not provide for hire.

In years past there have been complaints concerning the horses being ridden at night, two or three abreast in the road without carrying any warning lights. The dangers to the horses, riders, motorists and pedestrians are obvious but unfortunately there appears to be no legislation to force riders to wear lights at night. It would appear then, that we will have to wait until a serious accident occurs before action can be taken.

Even more dangerous was a recent occurrence when two horses were on the pavement whilst young children were coming out of Frith Manor school. Fortunately there were no accidents, and the stable concerned was able to ascertain which young riders had mounted the pavement. It has been explained to the riders how essential it is to keep the horses under strict control at all times, especially when the public are around.

Your Chairman visited all of the stables in the vicinity and each of the proprietors promised to give the very fullest co-operation in advising all of the owners of horses in their care to be particularly conscious at all times of the need to exercise caution.

Nevertheless, if any of our readers are aware of any further instance involving horses will you kindly inform the Secretary so that action can be taken where appropriate.

DOCTORS

Residents are probably aware that Dr. Kapur has closed his surgery at 40 Lullington Garth and from 2nd January 1978 was practising only from Brunswick Park Road Health Centre in Southgate, tel: 368-2800. Dr. Kapur will however continue to visit residents of Woodside Park.

The question of the restricted medical service available in Woodside Park was taken up with the Barnet Area Family Practitioner Committee, and a reply was received as follows :-

" I enclose a copy of a notice which was sent to patients who normally attend Dr. Kapur's branch surgery at 40 Lullington Garth. As you will see the doctor is prepared to continue to visit those patients in Woodside Park who wish to remain on his list; and any patient who might find it inconvenient to visit the main surgery at Brunswick Park will be released immediately to enable him to transfer to another doctor in the area. There are three medical practices within half a mile of the premises to be vacated by Dr. Kapur and any ex-patient who experiences any difficulty in securing acceptance by another doctor should get in touch with this Committee who will be only too pleased to help. The Address is:-

Barnet Area Family Practitioner Committee,
4th floor, 1, Olympic Way,
Wembley, Middx. HA9 0LF. tel: 902 8891.
Administrator - Mr. R. G. Hodgson.

Torrington Park Health Centre is still some years away from realisation, but at the moment the doctors practicing at 1, Holden Road have indicated an interest in the project.

I think I might explain finally that doctors are not employees of this Committee; they are independent contractors who generally practice from their own homes and surgeries. Moreover, the adequacy of medical manpower in any particular area is determined by a national body called the Medical Practices Committee and that Committee have decided the number of doctors in Barnet is at the moment adequate to the needs of the population. "

Your Committee would be interested to hear if any residents have problems in securing acceptance to a local medical practice.

ROAD SURFACES AND PAVEMENTS

The Committee is still in touch with the Borough Engineer concerning the state of some of the road surfaces in the area. Contractors who were resurfacing Lullington Garth last summer stopped work some 100 yards west of Sussex Ring, and thus the uneven surfaces close to the Ring, and at the bottom of the Argyle Road, remain. Residents are urged to drive with the utmost caution at a safe speed in this area, and indeed on all other roads in Woodside Park. It is possible that the foundations of the road in Sussex Ring are deteriorating and should be replaced, but the Council has stated that no further work can be considered until the start of the financial year in April.

If you notice any roads or paving stones in a dangerous condition, the best remedy is to report to the Borough Surveyor at Gateway House (Tel: 349 9121). If no action follows, then contact our Secretary.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Many Londoners with families are lucky enough to live within walking distance of a well equipped play area in a park. Residents of Woodside Park are at a disadvantage in this respect. The present equipment provided in Riverside Walk, consisting of a climbing frame, two swings with tyre seats and a small roundabout, can hardly be considered as a great attraction for our children. The park attendant often removes the tyre seats, because the surface under the swings and the roundabout become waterlogged. You can at least sit down on a wooden seat provided nearby, but don't lean back, because the back-rest has disintegrated!

As a result of a Motion passed at the last Annual General Meeting, we are at present asking the Council to improve the facilities in this area. The Royal Institute of Consumer Affairs has evidence which shows that more children are attracted to play on dangerous roads in areas where no equipped play places are provided. A first consideration might be the installation of a set of four swings, properly set into a concrete surface. Most children would enjoy the addition of a slide, or rocking horse and a see-saw. One of the soft synthetic surfaces now available could be set under the present climbing frame to increase safety. And finally we are recommending that the play area is fenced off to keep stray

dogs away from children. Let us hope we can induce the Council to make these improvements a priority.

SKATEBOARDS

Few of us can have escaped noticing the great popularity of skateboarding. This sport, new to us, has created problems for some of our residents. Here, we reproduce relevant minutes of a Public Works meeting held last November:-

"The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported that the Central Area Road Safety Committee at their last meeting had expressed concern at the growing use of skateboards on the public highway. He stated that, whilst skateboarding was an offence under the Council's Byelaws if persons using the footway were placed at risk, it would be difficult to enforce such restrictions in the Courts as the majority of persons using skateboards were juveniles. The Borough Engineer and Surveyor stated that it was the Policy of the local police to warn children committing offences on skateboards. He stated that the Development and Estates Committee were giving consideration to the provision of facilities for skateboarding in the Borough."

The Youth and Community Services Subcommittee recently agreed to set up official centres, in time for the Easter Holidays, where youngsters could skate under supervision for as little as 10p. for a two-hour session. At the time of going to Press, the locations of these centres had not been announced.

PARKING

The committee have received a number of complaints regarding irregular parking in the suburb. Three points in particular have been mentioned.

First, on numerous occasions parking in Sussex Ring has been particularly bad. Please remember not to park at the bus stop or at the crossing opposite where the white lines have been painted. Secondly cars have been parked partly on the road and partly on

the footpath, on occasion so much on the footpath that pedestrians have been forced to go on the road in order to pass. Lastly, though certainly not least, the parking of cars by parents collecting children from Frith Manor school can only be described as abysmal. In spite of very clearly marked 'no parking' areas, certain parents insist on parking as near the school as possible. Such parking obviously obscures motorists' view of children and we would request that all parents bear in mind the very real hazard of incorrect parking near the school. It may be your child who could be involved in an accident.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL HILL

Many of you may not be aware that your Committee is "adopted" by a local councillor who will give his advice on all Council matters. Councillor Hill has been associated with the Committee for the past 4 years and during this time he has been a very true friend and a good guide.

He has gone far beyond his formal Council duties in giving help and guidance to the Committee. Unfortunately for us Councillor Hill may be serving another Ward after the next local election in May and will no longer directly assist us.

Your Committee would like to thank Councillor Hill for all he has done in the past and wish him every success on the Council in the future.

PRINTING OF NEWS AND VIEWS

The Association once again owes Mr. F. C. Monnington of Linkside a hearty vote of thanks for his efforts in the printing of this issue.

BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

RESIDENTS MAY WISH TO BE REMINDED THAT THURSDAY MAY 4th IS POLLING DAY. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.

STREET NAME PLATES

For some time now the street name plate at the entrance to Cissbury Ring South (Western Arm) has been missing. The Council are aware of this and steps are being taken by them to restore the missing lettering.