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Riverside Avenue Residents Association Newsletter

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The Newsletter for Riverside Avenue users and residents

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The Chimes Garden Centre Site

"Unity and understanding brings friendship"

- Your membership of 'RaRa' is automatic and free as a resident of Riverside Avenue
- Please email deputychairman@rarauk.org if you have any information about crime in our avenue. We are in regular contact with PC Andrews of Essex police!

News: Please remember to hide your car keys at home. There has been a spate of burglaries in the area with the thieves only interested in obtaining car keys. One house in Epping had them fished out through the letterbox! If thieves cannot find the car keys very quickly they will probably move on. Modern cars are very difficult to steal without keys, remember: Hide them at all times!

There seems to be a considerable amount of concern amongst residents of not only Old Nazeing Road but also Riverside Avenue regarding the planning application for a change of use for 'The Chimes' in Old Nazeing Road. (See our website www.rarauk.org)

The site used to be a Garden Centre many years ago but has 'morphed' into an industrial estate without any real and proper planning permission being granted. Indeed there have been enforcement notices served on the business there and appeals lodged in January

2012.

"The application for a change of use has been withdrawn"

Since the large fire there and the subsequent damage to the buildings on the site, the correct change of use planning application has been sought. Obviously there is a lot of concern over extra vehicular traffic and a possible access road into Great Meadow.

It as now transpired that the planning application for a change of use has been WITHDRAWN. This may

mean in effect that the businesses on the site are there illegally. Quite what the council intends to do about this (if anything) remains a mystery. There is still the threat of the proposal to build 51 houses on the site but as yet this is not the subject of a planning application. We have assurances from the developer to involve RaRa in any discussions should this progress and obviously we will keep you all informed. There is now the suggestion that there may be a timber yard there according to the 'Hertfordshire Mercury' (See RaRauk.org for details)

Road survey and repairs

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the RaRa fund, the response has been overwhelming! And a gentle reminder to the small minority who still have yet to get around to it! You can download the standing order & contact forms from our website: <http://www.rarauk.org/Downloads>

The road has now been surveyed by 2 separate surveyors who appear to agree on the problem areas of our avenue. It seems that

generally it is OK but some areas will need attention soon to prevent more damage occurring.

Both quoted in the region of £12,000.00 (within less than £1500 of each other!) to restore the road to its former glory. At present we have just under £5,000.00 in the RaRa treasury so obviously we need to amass some more funds before we can present our proposals to you for your comments and approval. It also high-

lights the need for you to continue to ensure that your contributions are forthcoming!

The committee considers that only by keeping our road surface in good condition will we be able to preserve the value of our houses and of course, *your* property.

Please consider setting up a standing order if you have not already done so it makes our treasurers life so much easier! Thank you

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happening!

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Remember:
It's YOUR road!

"The objectives of the Riverside Residents Association are to promote a friendly and neighbourly outlook towards fellow residents, protect and promote our investments and ensure the safety and security for visitors and residents alike. Above all, a mantra of 'Live and let live' is paramount to achieving this"

SPEEDING (again):

The old chestnut about speeding has been commented on again and we have been conducting our own survey regarding the worst offenders, many of which are residents! You know who you are and so do we! Please, please, lower your speed. Think about who may stray into the road or who may be around the blind corner. We don't want to any more speed related incidents and we don't want to start 'naming and shaming' It's a single track road **SLOW DOWN PLEASE!!**

Thank you (RaRa Committee)

Local History by D. Ball*

Have you wondered why our postal address is Broxbourne, Herts whereas we actually live in Nazeing, Essex? We believe that it goes back to when mail was delivered by a man on horseback. Our mail was to be brought from Waltham Abbey but that was considered to be too far for the horse, so it was arranged for Broxbourne to handle it.

If you would like to know more about the history of our village there are two books you can read, written by local people and pub-

lished by the Nazeing History Workshop. Both contain a lot of information about people, places, and events which shaped the village that we know today.

Five miles from everywhere, the story of Nazeing part 1. Early times to 1914. Hardback. 193 pages, 182 illustrations, £10

Seventeen miles from town, the story of Nazeing part 2.

The twentieth century.

Hardback. 384 pages, 200 illustrations including 20 in colour £15

They are both available in the Nazeing Glassworks Shop and Nazeingbury News. I also have some copies.

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Drains

Not a pleasant subject, I'm sure you will agree, but we do need to talk about it! RaRa and in particular Steve at 'Salcombe' has been working hard to ensure that the drains and particularly the sewage pumps at the corner of the gravel lane to Great Meadow remain in good order. Unfortunately we are hampered by the lackadaisical behaviour of Thames Water and it took a threat by Steve to have work carried out privately and the

bill sent to Thames Water to get some action! However it has been stated by Thames that a lot of the issues are due to

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non waste matter being flushed down the drains. We would like to remind the resi-

dents that it is not OK to put so called 'flushable' wipes down the toilet. In the words of Thames water "Anything other than human waste or toilet tissue needs to go in the bin" You should have received a guidance leaflet along with this newsletter entitled "To flush or not to flush" If you have not, please do contact Phil at 'Glenbara' and we will ensure you receive one.

