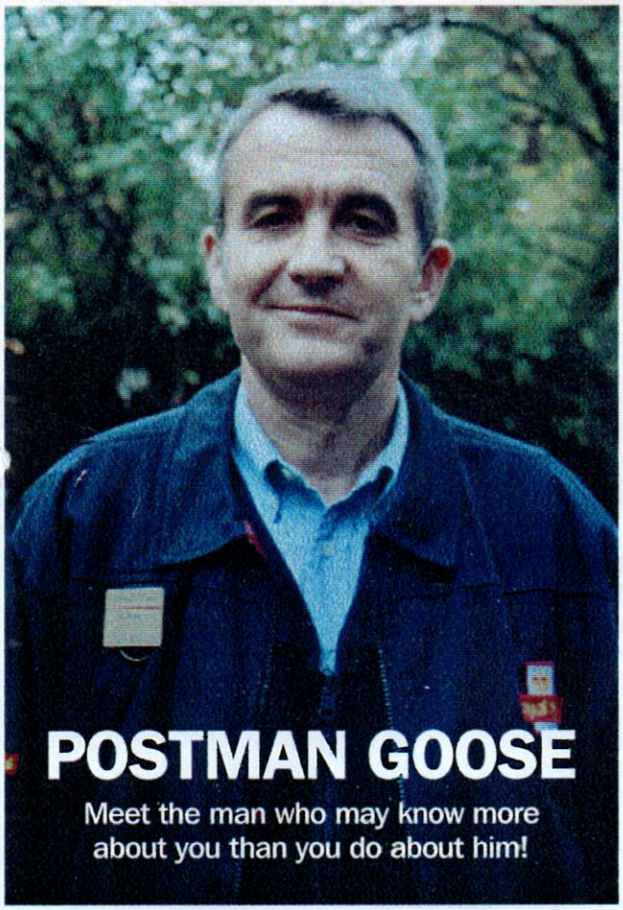
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THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE WARNER ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Jeff Probst

POSTMAN GOOSE

Meet the man who may know more about you than you do about him!

MOST OF US LIVING in the roads which make up our residents association have had Steve Goose as our postman at some point.

His patch for the last nine years has included Redston, Warner and Danvers roads and for many years before that he delivered post on Park Avenue North, Priory Avenue, and Linzee, Clovelly and Baden roads.

Steve has seen many of the area's children grow into adulthood and he knows a number of residents by name. Many have got to know him over the years and appreciate his reliability and his concern for their wellbeing.

"You'd be surprised at how many people leave their keys in the door. I'll ring the bell and tell them. Or when they're on holiday and there's something sticking out of the letterbox, I'll push it in so it isn't obvious they're gone.

"I try to help some of the elderly with things like fixing a light bulb if I can, and stop to have a chat."

Steve works six days a week, with two deliveries a day except on Saturdays. He often has four post bags to deliver, weighing up to 15 kilograms each -- largely due, he says, to a tremendous increase in junk mail in the last five years.

Steve's been a postman for 27 years and, "nearly 50", he has no plans to retire early.

"I do still enjoy the job," he says, "it's quite healthy. I don't mind the cold, but the worst thing is the rain – keeping the post dry."

Steve used to live in Park Road and now lives in Enfield with his wife, but it's a quick, 15-minute drive down here at 4 am.

"It's quite a friendly neighbourhood," he says. "I even send postcards to a few people when I'm on holiday."

WERA – DIRECTORY OF STREET REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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STREET REPRESENTATIVES:
REP NOW NEEDED FOR
BADEN ROAD

9 CLOVELLY ROAD
ROSIE AND JOHN SCHILD
8340 6512

2 DANVERS ROAD
JEFF PROBST
8341 9517

27 LINZEE ROAD
NELSON MEWS
8340 5850

54 PARK AVENUE NORTH
JACK NOUTCH
8340 6377

24 PRIORY AVENUE
COLIN BREWSTER
8348 4195

86 PRIORY ROAD
CAROLE ANTONIOU
8340 5367

88 REDSTON ROAD
URSULA AND GUIDO MAESTRANZI
8340 2668

23 WARNER ROAD
LAWRENCE ADAMS
8340 4282

NEWSLINES

- **ALEXANDRA PALACE UPDATE** The scheme to allow the building to be leased to a developer is still being "pursued".
- "Noises off" suggest that the "preferred" developer may prefer not to do the development, but this may just be a rumour to make us complacent.
- WERA, via our reps on the statutory and consultative committees, continues to give these matters the eagle eye.
- The foyer of the Victorian theatre in the palace is now wind- and waterproof. A "friends" group to support the restoration of the interior has been formed. A tour (usually on a Sunday) via the office at the palace is worthwhile.
- The result of the bid for lottery money to renew and improve the park should be published in March. Lottery money will only become available if the Council "matches" the amount, yet no provision for this has been made. WERA's reps will force the issue to be addressed.
- **AGM WARNING** In early July our Annual General Meeting will convene. Members will be informed of date, venue, etc.
- **NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSEMBLY** The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Assembly is set to be held Monday 11 March at the Muswell Hill Synagogue on Tetherdown.
- **TREASURER** The WERA committee requires a treasurer, to cover all the usual needs of banking, collection of subscriptions, etc. If you or someone you know living in our area would be interested in the position please ring Jack Noutch on 8340 6377.
- **STEPP UPDATE** STEPP's AGM is planned for Wednesday 27 March at the Moravian Church Hall. STEPP is considering winding down activities and need a consensus regarding future involvement.
- **FUN RUN** Once again the Crouch End YMCA is holding its annual Fun Run. This year it takes place in Priory Park on Sunday 9 June, with a one-mile Junior run, and the "full monty" of 10 km for adults. For more information please telephone the YMCA on 8340 6088.

TRAFFIC CALMING?



Jack Noutch

Now we have the new pedestrian crossing from Priory Park, the next stage will be the new bus lane. Our picture shows the view eastwards and indicates one of the problems drivers and those wanting to cross at the fire station will experience. The current road area going east will be two lanes; the left-hand lane eastwards in the photograph will be the bus lane, the middle lane will carry eastbound traffic.

The Priory Estate

The area now occupied by the roads included in the Warner Estate Residents Association was once part of the Priory Estate. The house then known as the Priory stood on the north side of Priory Road, between present-day Warner Road and Danvers Road. It stood on an estate of about 18 acres, the grounds of which were intersected by Priory Road. The estate was bordered on the east by Nightingale Lane and on the west by Park Road. The estate north of Priory Road extended to the grounds occupied by Alexandra Park and to the south by an area now occupied by Farrer Road and Park Avenue South.

In 1796 Jacob Warner, a successful businessman, bought the original house and land. The house became too small for his family of five children, so in the early 1820s a larger house was built. This house became known as the Priory. Jacob Warner also bought Campsbourne Estate, which was later inherited by his daughter Caroline and her husband, the Rev. Edward Linzee, in 1833. Jacob Warner's four sons were Redston, Charles, George and Henry, who lived with their families at the Priory until their deaths.

Redston was there in 1841, but disappears from the records, apart from the use of his name by subsequent members of the Warner family. Henry Warner was the last member to die at the Priory, in 1883 (he never married). Henry Reader Williams, a wine merchant, became a life tenant on leasehold terms of the Priory and estate, from the Warner family. He died later, in 1887. In 1895 the clock tower in Crouch End was erected to Henry Reader Williams in recognition of his public service in local government affairs. On his death the Warner family decided to redevelop the Priory and estate for housing.

The origin of some the names of the roads is clear, but the derivation of others is more obscure. There was a Mrs Henrietta Danvers who was a relative or close friend of Jacob Warner's wife. Clovelly Road and Baden Road may have been associated with fashionable resorts of the time – Baden-Baden in Germany and Clovelly in Devon. The architect who was responsible for most of the 890 houses that were built on the estate was John Farrer. The most recent member of the Warner family is Sir Edward Redston Warner, who was born in 1911. He spent 35 years working in the diplomatic service. In 1996 he was still living in retirement in Gloucestershire.

With acknowledgement to Alan A. Aris: *People and Places – Lost Estates in Highgate, Hornsey and Wood Green,* published by the Hornsey Historical Society.

NEWSLINES

- **ACROPOLIS NOW! (REDUX)** For some time we have followed with interest the transformation of the public lavatories on Priory Road into a curious structure that aliens might have stolen from a Mediterranean country and dropped into Edwardian Crouch End. Yellow/cream exterior walls with dark blue, glass bricks in a diamond arrangement only gives a hint of the playful architectural hotch-potch that will puzzle future archaeologists. At one of our meetings someone called it the "mini-Parthenon", which if you haven't seen this building gives you some idea of what to expect. The biggest scandal, however, is not the inappropriate external treatment, but the way that a planning permit for change of use to an estate agents has now transmogrified into a house. Now our area is without a public lavatory, surely something our inflated council tax should be able to run to?
- **JOINING WERA** Currently over 250 households pay £2 per year to be members of the Warner Estate Residents Association. The association campaigns on behalf of residents on issues affecting our area, and represents the area on official committees such as those involved with Alexandra Palace. If you're not a member already, please join us and have a voice in your community.

JOIN WERA NOW!
FOR AN ANNUAL FEE OF TWO POUNDS, YOUR HOUSEHOLD CAN HELP US KEEP THE AREA A PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE IN. WE WILL ALSO, THROUGH OUR NEWSLETTER RESIDE, KEEP YOU INFORMED ON PLANNING PROPOSALS AND NEWS ABOUT ALLY PALLY, ETC. SUPPLY YOUR NAME & ADDRESS ON THE FORM BELOW AND DROP IT IN TO YOUR STREET REPRESENTATIVE WITH YOUR TWO POUNDS

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