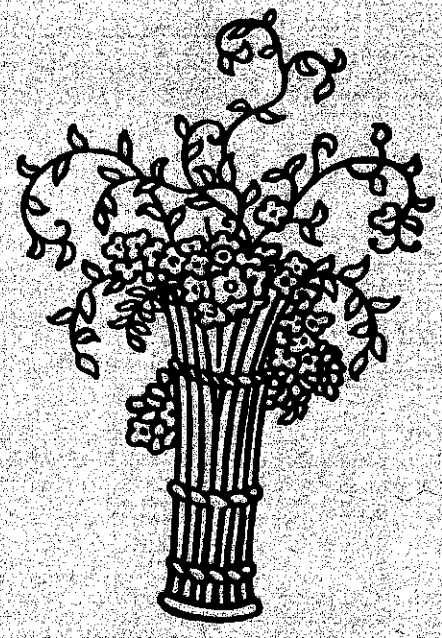
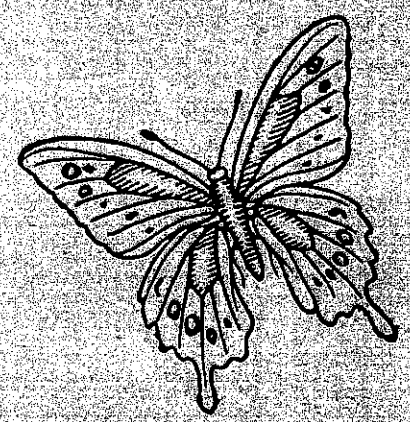
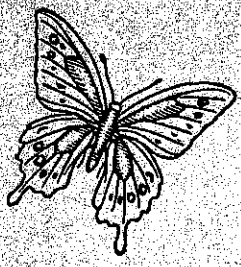


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WILLIS POINT RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING - April 23, 1990

Present: Barry Peeke-Voute, Karen Scott, Sam Young, Joyce Menzies, Sydnie Bonner, Alan Cracknell, Gillian Jackson, Dave Carley, Dianne Twamley, Ida von Schukmann, Gary Butchart, Don Gorling

Meeting called to order 7:35 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes of Jan. 22, 1990 WPRA Executive meeting were read. Moved by Alan Cracknell. 2nd by Sydnie Bonner to adopt as read. Carried.

2. Treasurer's Report: Alan Cracknell reported little activity:
Bank Balance: \$2,026.30
GIC: 2,000.00

TOTAL \$4,026.39

Moved to adopt as read by Ida von Schukmann. 2nd Joyce Menzies. Carried.

3. Fire Commission & Recreation Committee: Budget has been finalized by the CRD. Funds for a new roof for the hall are being set aside out of the Willis Point Special Assessment on area property taxes.

4. Membership Report: One new member household: Brian & Wendy Pennell, 7103 Willis Point Rd.

Dave Carley moved, Dianne Twamley 2nd a motion to only mail out "Pointers" to non-local members who remit postage, excepting CRD Director for Langford. Carried.

An article in the next issue of the Pointer will request members to remit postage to the WPRA if they wish to receive further additions.

5. Pointer Report: Next deadline for submissions: May 12, 1990.

6. New Road: Ex-MP Pat Crofton made representation on our behalf to the Federal Treasury Board concerning the new road.

Barry Peeke-Voute moved, 2nd Joyce Menzies, that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Pat Crofton thanking him for his efforts on our behalf. Carried.

Department of Highways foreman on the new road project hopes road will be completed by the end of September 1990.

It was suggested that the Social Committee look a possibility of having a "Bulldozer Party" to meet members of the JJM construction crew and Dept of Highways workers. Ida von Schukmann will drop in to construction site to see if they are interested in the idea.

7. Municipal Status Report: The Corp. of Saanich feasibility study of amalgamation with Willis Point basically says "not interested".

A letter is to be sent to Corp. of Saanich formally stating that we see no point in pursuing matter of amalgamation any further. A letter is also to be sent to Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Attn: G. Paget, saying application was made to Saanich and feasibility study carried out by Saanich. If Ministry of Municipal Affairs has not received a copy of the study one will be forwarded.

Langford incorporation voted boundaries set as Langford Fire Protection District boundaries - which means Willis Point is exempt for incorporation vote.

Gary Butchart suggested that a subcommittee be created to put together a Local Community Status application for future use (if required).

Members: Gary Butchart
Alan Cracknell
Dave Carley

8. Social Committee: Upcoming Events;: April 28 - WPVFD Ball Team
Happy Hour
June 17 - Hilltopper

9. Quiet Lane: Barry Peeke-Voute spoke to Rick Kaspar, CRD Director, about the letter we sent requesting a grant of \$1500 to complete Quiet Lane fire access road. Rick Kaspar requested we resubmit the letter requesting the funding in the new budget year.

10. Hartland Road Landfill: Ian Blaney and Barry Peeke-Voute are still in process of drafting letter to the CRD.

11. Saanich Inlet Protection Society (SIPS): The seminar Barry Peeke-Voute and Sam Young attended was very interesting. The Inlet is very unique because the shelf at the entrance to the Inlet, followed by the deep water creates a unique marine environment. Research workers from around the world study here.

12. Motorcycles & ATV: A meeting was held between concerned residents and riders. The matter seems to have been resolved satisfactorily.

13. Playground: Kathy Ilott reported that the rotten equipment is now dismantled, but new construction is not yet proceeding. Volunteers urgently needed now that weather has improved.

14. Willis Point Road: Dianne Twamley phoned Royal Oak Highways Maintenance office and requested new yellow line and concrete barrier for the top curve of canyon hill.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Emergency Disaster Procedures; WPRA will formally approach Dave Price about conducting an earthquake course at Willis Point and the possibility of him co-ordinating a disaster plan and instituting a committee for emergencies at Willis Point.

2. Hall Yard Cleanup: Sunday, June 3rd.

Moved to adjourn meeting: Alan Cracknell. 2nd Dave Carley. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.



OUR KIDS

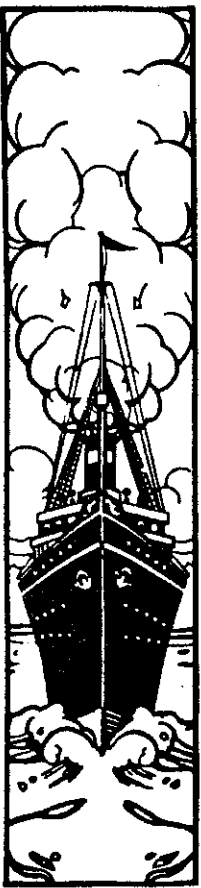
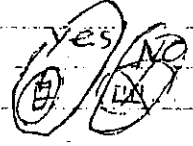
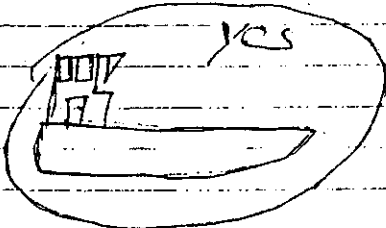
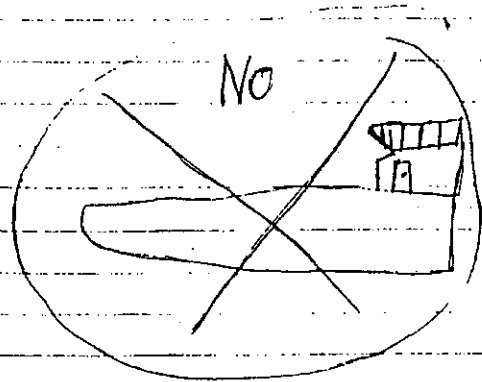
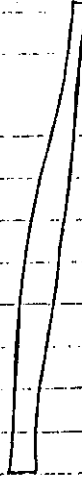
CHILDREN IN TRAFFIC

With the warm weather approaching now, our community's children are playing outside more and more. A number of young children (ages 4 - 6?) tend to group at the bottom of Melody Place with their bicycles and play right at the intersection of Melody Place and Willis Point Rd. On numerous occasions, residents have witnessed the children dangerously obstructing traffic and playing in an unsafe manner, unaware of traffic safety. Willis Point residents (especially those living on Melody Place) probably watch out for these well-known children each time they drive by. The concern is that an unsuspecting visitor to the Point may one day be startled by a child darting across the road and perhaps have an accident involving a child. We all know how fast some vehicles zip around the fire hall corner and race down Willis Point Rd. This intersection being the children's playground is an accident waiting to happen. Please parents, help your children find a safer play area before a tragedy occurs.

A concerned resident of Melody Place

Oil Spills by Jesse Elliott

Oil spills are bad for the ocean. It hurts the fish and sharks. Try to save the ocean sea. make the freighters smaller. And fix the spills and do your job and do your stuff. Now smarter up now and make it a nice world for the province of BC. Now! I mean. It



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announcing...

Kids for fun Softball

would you like to play
Softball? If you do,
and you are the age of
4 to 10,

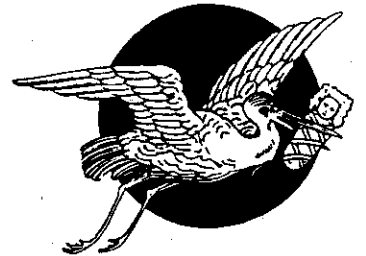
Please call me.

Brittany Tregear
652-6893

POINTER DEADLINE

FOR NEXT ISSUE IS

AUGUST 18th.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLAYTONS
ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR BABY GIRL!!

WELCOME TO:

Wendy & Brian Pennell
Mary Miller

HALL CLEANUP

WE NEED ALL OF YOU!! Please come out on Sunday June 3rd for the annual Hall clean up. Bring your rakes, shovels, weed eaters etc. and we'll get the place spruced up in no time. If a large number volunteer we can really make a difference in a short time. Time will be announced on the board. SEE YOU THERE!



WHAT ARE YOU BUYING?!

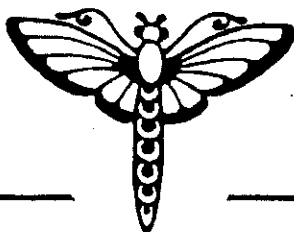
Today as I was riding my bike around the neighbourhood, I was appalled at the amount of garbage on the ground. I couldn't believe that the nice, friendly people that I see walking dogs, riding bikes, and raising kids, could be so careless as to throw their waste on the precious soil that surrounds us. I realize that nearly everyone in Willis Point recycles, but that's where it stops. I wonder if anyone knows what they are buying and what the product does to Mother Earth. That's where garbage generates, in your house, because of what you buy. Let's take a look at your child's lunch. First of all the brown bag has got to go. Buy for your child a vinyl lunch bag, it will save money on bags in future, and save our trees. A drinking box can't be broken down because of the aluminum inside; alternative: bottles (can be recycled or reused) or Tupperware glasses. Sandwich bags: experts say there is no evidence that ordinary plastic will ever disintegrate, alternative: Tupperware, wax paper (recyclable). Kraft cheese slice: again the plastic wrapping; alternative: unwrapped cheese slice.

In your house there are millions of environmental disasters. A cigarette butt takes thirty years in sunlight to decompose. Disposable razor: fifty years. Toothpaste pump: 50 to 100 years. Glass, if not reused or recycled: 1,000,000 years. Pop cans: forever (thank God they can be recycled). These are just some things that can harm the earth. If you are now overwhelmed, join the gang. But do not feel that you, as an individual, can't help to stop the problem. Maybe your actions seem small and unworthy, but realize that they aren't. Think for a moment about the millions who aren't doing anything. Do you want to belong to that crowd? No? Then look for the environmentally conscious buys.

Any questions? Call Vanessa Funnell: 652-4195

EASY SUBSTITUTES

INSTEAD OF	USE
Liquid soap in plastic containers	Bar soap
Disposable razors	Steel safety razors
Plastic applicator tampons	Cardboard applicator
One-sided photocopies	Two sided photocopies
Disposable pens	Fountain pens
Paper towels	Rags or sponges
Aluminum foil	Reusable bowls with covers
Disposable baby wipes	Washcloths
Plastic coffee cups	Ceramic cups
Paper napkins	Machine washable cloth
Coffee filters	Unbleached or cloth filters
Milk cartons	Milk bottles



Hilltopper

HILLTOPPER

Well it's that time of year again! Hilltopper happening! This year it's on Sunday, June 17th (Father's Day). For newcomers to the area. this is the WPRA's one big fundraiser for the year. It costs us in the region of \$3,200 per annum for the hall mortgage and instead of having lots of little events, we try to go all out for the one day. We have a fun run - "The Hilltopper" which starts at the hall at 12 noon, goes down Mark Lane to McKenzie Bight, over the hill to Pease Lake and back up the hill on Willis Point Rd to the hall. We have had up to 130 runners participating. Entry forms will soon be available from Gary or Annabella Butchart - 652-1731, or Tony Boydell - 652-5032. Some will be available at the hall on the day of the run.

At 11 A.M. on race day we run a bake sale and ask everybody to donate something and get it to the hall by that time. This is always a success. Any questions please phone Joan Wright - 652-3254.

During the afternoon there is food available: the famous "Hilltopper Hamburgers", hotdogs, ice cream etc. A beer garden is in progress all day. In the afternoon we hold our "Country Auction". This is a fun event and raises a lot of money for us. Everything is donated & you will be contacted soon by Bob Scott 652-2130 or Vern McConnell 652-2996, or call them with your donation. This auction has had some interesting items over the years. Some that have been hits are:

- A pickup truck load of wood
- Austrian dinner
- Afternoon boat cruises
- planters
- babysitting
- window cleaning
- Parachute jump
- Mexican dinners, Chinese dinner
- Legal services
- Use of a ski condo
- Entertainment for a child's party
- Sunday brunches
- lessons on chocolate making

So get your thinking caps on !

This event is only possible with the whole hearted support of the community. Everyone has been so good over the years and we hope that our volunteers will be out in full force. Please call if you can help - no job is very onerous. And, if you can bring outside people in for the day it helps! It's fun for the kids & the parents. Contact us with any questions, or offer of help. Thank you in advance!

Gaybrielle & Bob halsey 652-4195



HELLO HIGHLANDERS!

As all of you are fully aware, the new road to service the bedroom community of Willis Point this coming fall, will go through the C.R.D. Mount Work Park rather than skirting along its edge. Here is our opportunity to more holistically integrate the road with this wilderness park. During the last few years, in summertime especially, this Regional Park has become a very popular recreational focus. Much of the traffic using the old existing road, certainly in summer, is that of Park users. Increasingly, folks on bicycles ride to the Mount Work/McKenzie Bight/Durrance Lake attractions. Further, groups on organized cycle tours or individuals on mountain bikes are using the Durrance Lake and Millstream Lake Roads as part of a larger cycling loop.

Today, with so much timely and necessary concern for our threatened environment, encouraging bicycle riders to explore the last wilderness area on the Saanich Peninsula makes perfect ecological sense. And, although our particular stretch of Durrance Lake Road is posted 'local traffic only' an informal canvas of my neighbourhood is nearly unanimous: all locals agree that hikers passing through on foot and riders on bikes (as well as the odd horse rider) are very welcome indeed to enjoy our rural environment.

The C.R.D. Parks Branch appears well intentioned in transforming the Lake environs into a more family-style facility. The C.R.D. is to be commended for its plans of, for example, parking only in the lot (locked after hours); the old road pavement to be taken up and possibly grassed over; perhaps picnic benches put in. Furthermore, I feel that by designating a cycle lane as part of the paved shoulder on our new 'Expressway' into the hills, we encourage this obviously more benign form of travel.

In my canvas of the neighbourhood, some Farmington Road residents (off Wallace Drive) expressed deep concern that the quarter-mile straight stretch in their backyards will become the local drag strip on the way to Durrance Lake. In the daytime at least, hot-rodding will be minimized by drivers having to share the new road with bicyclists and hikers.

I would appreciate feedback on this.

Peter Carrilho
652-2613

May 18, 1990

FIRE FIGHTER NEWS

The department will be taking part in the Annual Fire Fighters fight on Muscular Dystrophy, so if you see us don't run the other way. If you are at the hall and notice the plastic bank on the bar remember that the money goes to fight M.D. Since we've started collecting at the hall we've raised over \$300. The victims of M.D. and the Fire Fighters thank you. Keep up the good work.

Well, ball season is upon us. You can always tell because: that's the time when Mrs. A. Cracknell gets hit on the head with the ball,
Mr. D. Hyland wrecks his leg,
Mr. B. Scott and Mr. R. Crawley can't move,
and in general a dozen or so of your neighbours start to walk and act very strangely.

A very warm welcome to our newest member. Ken Leighton. It's good to have you on board. Also, anyone wishing to join us please come out on Wednesday nights between 7:30 and 9:00.

The Dept. has constructed a cement pad on the small parking lot to facilitate in some of our training programmes. This winter if it gets cold enough we might have a small ice rink for skating. Of course it never gets that cold at Willis Point. Does it?

It's hard to tell but yes the weather is getting warmer so we'll be out doing more cleaning in our yards. Remember burn permits are required for:
incinerators (good for one year)
beach fires (good for one day)
small yard fires (good for a set number of days depending on conditions)

Please be careful. A thought: if you have new neighbours, introduce yourself and if they are clearing let them know about the permits. Normally they are available Wednesday nights, unless you know a Fire Fighter.

After many long years as an officer, Vern McConnell has stepped down. Thanks very much for the extra time you've put in as training officer, Vern. It's nice to be able to sit back and not think about this week's programme. Right? In his place until elections, we have another stalwart Fire Fighter. Thanks for stepping in #51: Ken Ilott.

Bill Wright



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