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## Editorial.

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THE Editorial Committee have much pleasure in publishing the following letter received from Alderman A. J. Hurley.

"As the Chairman of the Nork Association I should like to offer you my very best wishes for the success of our latest venture—our own Magazine—and express my appreciation of the work which I am well aware the production entails.

The task of making the Journal a success will probably not be simple, for even in so small a community as ours, the diversity of tastes and ideas may make it difficult to produce a Gazette fulfilling at one time the double purpose of being an official organ and of providing interesting and pleasing matter for all its readers.

However, such difficulty is not insurmountable. Our interests are one. In everything we do as an Association, we should aim to the end that the whole serves the one, and the one the whole.

In the matter of our Journal, you will, no doubt, appreciate and welcome criticism given in a helpful spirit, and in due course the ideal number will appear.

More power to your elbow then, Mr. Editor, and long life and success to NORK QUARTERLY."

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THE Editorial Committee consider it appropriate that some account of the inception of the Association should form a preface to the first issue of its official journal.

The chequered story of the early days of the Nork Estate meant common misfortunes, disillusionments and difficulties which have tended to create among its residents, in an exceptional degree, a sense of mutual dependence and need for collective action.

This idea grew in the minds of several of the residents, one of whom ventured to give it expression in the columns of the local newspapers. The enthusiasm of the response amply proved the existence of the need. A Provisional Committee was formed to draw up a Constitution. This was approved at a largely attended General Meeting of Residents and Prospective Residents in November, 1925. The names of the Officers and Committee who were then elected are given on page 7. The Association considers itself particularly fortunate in having obtained as Chairman Mr. Alderman A. J. Hurley, J.P., who has had a long experience of public work.

The Estate has been divided into sections. Each section has a Divisional Steward, who forms a link between the Residents and the General Committee. Beside the General Executive Committee there have been formed Committees for Gardens, Nork Way and Editorial. A proposal to form a Women's Committee is referred to on page 11. The Gardens Committee, which will undertake what will become a most important part of the work of the Association, is the subject of a special article by Mr. R. H. Boyd, on page 12.

To New Residents we offer a sincere welcome to Nork on behalf of the Association, and we heartily invite them to become members as an expression of neighbourliness, even if they cannot participate to any great extent in its activities.

To any who may find themselves, for any reason, unable to take an active part in the work of the Association, we venture to make an earnest appeal that they will not, therefore, withhold their names from our Register of Members, so then when negotiating with the Authorities for benefits in which ALL will share the enjoyment, the Association can speak in the name of the whole body of Residents.

# THE NORK ASSOCIATION.

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## OFFICERS, 1926.

*Chairman :* ALDERMAN A. J. HURLEY, J.P.

*Vice-Chairman :* DR. J. B. STEPHENS.

*Hon. Treasurer :* G. B. MARSHALL.

*Hon. Secretary :* J. C. SCARGILL,  
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*Executive Committee :* E. C. ASHBY, R. H. BOYD, F. C.  
BRAMBLE, J. BURR, B. FROST, F. P. MILLS, C. J.  
NICHOLS.

*Divisional Stewards :* C. J. NICHOLS, F. C. BRAMBLE,  
Nork Way.  
F. P. MILLS, E. C. ASHBY,  
Fir Tree Road.  
J. BURR.

All not included in the above four Divisions.

## OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be :—

1. The safeguarding of the interests of present and prospective house-owners or land-owners on the estate.
2. The maintenance of the interest of residents in local administration.
3. The promotion of social, educational and other activities of general benefit as time and circumstances shall dictate.
4. The welcoming of new residents and inviting them to join the Association.

## RULES.

1. The Association shall be called The Nork Association.
2. The policy of the Association shall in all cases be non-party and non-sectarian.
3. Membership shall be restricted to residents and prospective residents in Nork.
4. The Membership Subscription shall be 2s. 6d. per member, and shall be payable on the 1st January in each year.
5. The Officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.
6. The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members in addition to the Officers, five to form a quorum. The Officers shall be members ex-officio of all committees and sub-committees.



7. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month, and may be called whenever any occasion arises that in the opinion of the Chairman and Secretary makes such a step urgently necessary.

8. A General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the 2nd Wednesday in the months of April, July, October and January. The January meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting for the election of Officers and Committee for the coming year, and for the submission of the Annual Report, Accounts, and Balance Sheet. A Special General Meeting shall be held on the requisition of at least ten members, who shall give seven days' notice.

9. Two auditors shall be elected annually at the quarterly general meeting in October.

10. The Executive Committee shall have power to form sub-committees for special objects, and to co-opt members for that purpose.

11. The Estates shall be divided into a convenient number of sections, and stewards shall be chosen from the elected members of the Executive Committee and attached to the sections, one to each, for the purpose of keeping a register of members in the section, collecting subscriptions, welcoming new residents, and reporting on any matter which may require the attention of the Committee.

12. The foregoing rules shall only be altered by resolution at a General Meeting of the Association, and then only when at least seven days' notice of such alteration has been given in writing.

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## WOMEN'S SECTION.

### MEETING AT NORK HOUSE.

ON January the 4th, at Nork House, twelve women met to discuss a proposal to form a Women's section of the Nork Association.

Mrs. Stephens very kindly took the chair, and opened the meeting by stating the objects of the proposed section, and inviting the opinions of those present as to the usefulness of such a movement.

It was unanimously decided that there was a real need and much scope for useful work amongst the women of Nork. The suggestion was then put forward that the Secretary of the Nork Association should be approached with a view to placing the matter before the residents at the General Meeting on the 13th of January, and asking their sanction to the formation of a Women's Sub-Committee.

Pending the election of Officers and Committee, at a General Meeting of the Women, provisional Officers and Committee were elected as follows :—

*Chairman* : Mrs. Stephens. *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer* : Mrs. Marshall. *Committee* : Mrs. Partridge, Mrs. David, Miss Scargill.

Proposals for a General Meeting of women on the 1st of February were then discussed, with a view to forming a Committee and to nominating Officers and Stewards.

The principal objects of the Women's section are, to organise Social events, such as Dances, Whist Drives, Concerts, etc., to assist in raising funds for the Association Club House, sports grounds, and other objects of benefit to the residents of Nork in general.

The following provisional Stewards were appointed for the purpose of welcoming new residents :—

Mrs. Partridge, Firtree Road ; Mrs. David and Miss Scargill, Nork Way and Warren Road ; Mrs. Marshall, Nork Drive, and new roads leading from.

The meeting, which had been marked throughout by a considerable degree of enthusiasm, closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Stephens, for acting as provisional chairman, and for the use of her drawing room kindly lent for the occasion.

## THE GARDENS COMMITTEE.

“ . . . the fool  
 Contends that God is not—  
 Not God! in gardens! when the eve is cool?  
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 'Tis very sure God walks in mine.”

IN these words Thomas Brown voices what the Gardens Committee would like to see accomplished in the gardens of Nork. Our gardens—and they are large—are just our part of the world where beauty, harmony and peace can be our portion after the arduous hours of business.

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The Gardens Committee has been formed of enthusiasts and men of ideals to help each member to make his garden a joy and a thing of beauty that others may benefit.

*Lectures* are to be arranged dealing with various gardening subjects, each of which will be given by an expert.

*Competitions* are to be arranged for garden design and display for all gardens, large or small, back and front, and in order that the garden may be developed at a reasonable cost, a *scheme of co-operative buying* of most of the plants, seeds, and other necessities has been arranged, so that members may purchase small quantities at a reduced cost, taking advantage of bulk purchases.

R. H. BOYD,

Hon. Sec. Gardens Committee.

Randescote, Nork Way, Banstead.

## NORK WAY.

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THOUGH camouflaged by some wild beauty in the summer of 1923, the track called Nork Way revealed, in the winter, its real character as of the blackest. As a memorial of disappointed hopes and broken pledges it ceased to be inspiring. Its little efforts to emulate Killarney ceased to be amusing. A fine set of southern stalwarts laboured vainly one Sunday morning to effect in it a change of heart.

It presented a problem bristling with difficulties with which the Nork Way Committee determined to grapple. They obtained the sympathetic co-operation of the Epsom Rural District Council, who offered to repair the road and lay a sewer at the cost of the frontagers.

A meeting of residents and plot-owners in the road was held on Tuesday, 5th January, with Mr. H. E. WHEELER in the chair. After a statement by the Secretary, Mr. FROST proposed, and Mr. C. J. NICHOLS seconded, a resolution that the Epsom Council's offer and conditions be accepted.

After a warm discussion, in which the proposal was subjected to close criticism, the motion was put to the meeting, and carried by twenty-six votes to two.

Mr. R. H. BOYD then outlined a scheme of co-operation by owners which, if carried out, would, by giving a grass verge and a line of trees on each side of the new road, create a beautiful vista.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for presiding at the meeting, and to the Secretary for the excellent work he had done and the service he had rendered to the residents on Nork Way.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

*The date of the next General Meeting is April 14, 1926.*

In view of the Easter Holiday falling immediately before the issue of the next "Quarterly," it is important that matter to be inserted therein should be sent to the Secretary by March 20 at the latest.

It would be helpful, particularly to newcomers, if members could recommend one or more of the undermentioned tradesmen, whose announcements could appear on the advertisement page:—Piano-tuners, watch and clock repairers, boot repairers, window cleaners, chimney sweeps.

Sufferers from the inconveniences arising from the present postal service at Nork will be glad to learn that negotiations on the subject have been started by the Executive Committee. In the meantime, it may be remembered that the postman carries stamps with every delivery and will also take payment for postal orders, which he will bring on his next round.

The Editorial Committee would gladly welcome helpful suggestions for increasing the usefulness of the "Quarterly."

They would also be glad to receive brief articles on subjects within the Association's activities for insertion as space permits.

## TO READERS.

The announcements of traders who have arranged to give special attention to the requirements of residents on the Nork Estate are included in this issue. Readers are invited to support them in their efforts to cater for the growing needs of the district.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

The next issue of this magazine will be published early in April, and the Committee will be pleased to insert approved announcements received by them before 20th March. Particulars of spaces available, and rates, will be forwarded on application.

All communications regarding advertisements should be addressed to:—

The Advertisement Secretary, Nork Quarterly,

7, Milford Lane, Strand, London, W.C.2.

## CHILDREN'S PARTY AND SOCIAL.

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THROUGH the public-spirited generosity of our Chairman, Alderman A. J. Hurley, a Children's Party and Social is being held at the Memorial Hall, Burgh Heath, on Monday, the 11th January.

Every resident of Nork is invited, whether member of the Nork Association or not; and Mr. Hurley is particularly anxious that as many children as possible should attend. We understand that several members with cars have very kindly arranged to bring the children to and from the Hall.

We cordially wish our Chairman every success in his endeavour to promote the spirit of our Association.

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## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

In 1925, a resident of Warren Road wrote to a local paper suggesting that collective action should be taken to improve the dire situation that the Nork residents were enduring after the collapse of the Halden Estates Company in April 1925. At a meeting of residents and prospective residents on November 11 1925, it was agreed that an association be formed whose aims were to protect their interests in matters of local government and to promote social intercourse among the inhabitants of the new estate.

The prime movers were Alderman A. J. Hurley of Warren Farm (the old building on the site now forming The Driftway) and Mr C. J. Scargill of "The Croft", 2, Warren Road, the chairman and secretary respectively of the provisional committee. At the meeting, the chairman, Alderman Hurley, said it was not necessary for him to go into the history of the estate; those present would know how necessary it was to form an association to protect their interests. In a reference to the appalling state of Nork Way, he said it was true that most of the provisional committee came from there, but he did not, and he was glad of it (Laughter). He had never seen a newly developed estate in such a terrible condition. They had no light or police protection. For the £30 he paid in rates, only the house refuse was collected which, he calculated, cost him £3 each time the dustman called.

Mr Scargill then spoke, saying that the circular issued by the provisional committee calling the meeting had made no promises, having been warned by the promises already made by others to residents on the estate. In a reference to the unmade roads and non-existent footways he said that residents had been promised paddling pools; they had already arrived at their doors and the children were enjoying them much more than their parents (Laughter). Residents, he said, had been deserted by those who made the promises.

The association was named the Nork Association and its policies, in all matters, would be non-party and non-sectarian. The meeting endorsed the proposed constitution concluding with the election of the officers and committee.

At the first meeting, the executive committee set the annual subscription at 2s. 6d (12.5p new money). They also needed some kind of printed matter for propaganda purposes. A four page leaflet was proposed. In the event, many local businesses contributed and, with over eight pages of advertisements, the 20 page magazine, which you are reading, made its debut in January 1926. The cover, designed and drawn by Mr Scargill, remained the same until 1931 when development of Banstead Village and surrounding areas resulted in the merger of the Nork and neighbouring residents' associations. A new magazine covering all of Banstead, named the Banstead Quarterly, was published. It continued until 1948 when the association for Nork became a separate body again and the Nork Quarterly magazine resumed publication.

**G. A. ROBINSON**

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