



# The Ol' Trout

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## Chairman's Word

Some of you have made it known to me that you feel I exaggerated in the last issue of the Ol' Trout about the horrors of the building sites, together with the cars, vans and lorries they attract, that are ruining the beauty of Loudwater. I live in Armitage Close. The building that is going on at the old Wheel House site is ruining the peace and tranquillity that we,

mistakenly, took for granted. I am sure that the residents of Ladywood Close, Loudwater Lane and Sarratt Lane sympathise with me. The fact that the private estates are not suffering as much is evident, but they too are finding that planning permission is granted by TRDC where it shouldn't. So - I do not retract one word. TRDC, developers, and greedy house owners are ruining the Loudwater I love. A block of flats where now there is Rasehill Close? What a ghastly thought.

## Editorial

Let me start by saying that I did not think I would be editing the Ol' Trout again. But due to Tony Bradford's resignation, here I am again!

Whilst only being Chairman, I met a resident who, without saying so directly, implied that he was glad I was no longer Editor. I had made the Ol' Trout downmarket in comparison to the old newsletter. It was too newsy and gossipy. It was not refined enough for him. There was too much humour, it was too young in appeal, and it was not what the older residents of Loudwater expected. Although I said nothing, all I could think was "good"! I've been successful. If fuddy duddies don't like the Ol' Trout, I have done something right. We've moved on. The Times no longer runs small ads on the front page. We cannot live in the past. Harry's bus has gone forever. I will, however, show some humility. If you disagree with the direction the Ol' Trout is going, write to me. I promise I'll publish each and every letter - with the consent, of course, of my Committee!

## Maurice Escow

Due to a difference of opinion with the Chairman of the LRA Committee, Maurice Escow, the Committee Treasurer, tendered his resignation in November, which was accepted. He was thanked for the 23 years he had put in as a member of the LRA Committee, which included being Chairman from 1984-7. The Committee has decided to invite Maurice to a dinner in his honour.

## June Curtis

It is with great regret that I also have to announce the resignation of June Curtis as Secretary of the LRA. June has been on the LRA Committee for eight years - for the last two years as Secretary. She has been Theatre Club Organiser, and is Neighbourhood Watch Commander-in-Chief, a role that she is continuing. She has printed all the flyers the LRA send out, and she has printed all the Planning inserts that go out with the Ol' Trout. She was responsible for telling those in charge of distribution of the Ol' Trout (currently Theresa Jubber) who the local distributors were, and without June, you may well have never received your copies! (No snide comments, please, I was editor for three and a half years!). She created the databases from which the LRA works, she produced the Welcome Packs sent out to new residents, and she "kept the books" for the annual subscriptions. From all of us on the LRA Committee - thank you, June. We'll miss you.

## Dennis Sare

Dennis Sare has decided to resign from the LRA Committee. He worked on setting up a website for the LRA, organised the very successful Golf Day at Moor Park, co-ordinated the meeting of all the Club Chairmen and, fought together with Roy Sterry and Cllr. Leonard Spencer, to make the whole of Loudwater a Conservation Area. It seems very likely that he has been successful, and that TRDC now back the idea. On behalf of all the Committee, I thank Dennis for the great effort he put into everything he did.

## Tony Bradford

Another resignation is that of Tony Bradford as Editor and designer of the Ol' Trout. I worked in great harmony with Tony on ten issues when I was Editor, and he was the designer. When I became Chairman of the LRA I relinquished the job as Editor, and Tony became the obvious candidate to become both Editor and designer. After only two issues as Editor, Tony has chosen to resign on a matter of principle over a dispute on policy.

The Ol' Trout is the voice of the LRA, its Chairman, Officers and Committee. The final say as to what appears or does not appear lies with them. Tony believed strongly that the Editor should have the last word. This could not be agreed, an impasse was reached, and Tony decided to resign. On behalf of the LRA committee, I should like to thank Tony most sincerely for all the hard work he put in over the years.

## Nick Vaughton and Heather Kenison Join LRA Committee



I would like to welcome to the LRA Committee Nicholas Vaughton of Loudwater Ridge, who will be our new Treasurer, and also Heather Kenison of Five Trees, Troutstream Way, who becomes Planning Secretary.



On behalf of the whole Committee, I would like to thank them for being willing to give up their free time to work for their fellow residents.

## Loudwater Residents' Association

### Chairman

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Colin Timms  
Penny Wilkinson





**Theresa Jubber**

I am delighted to announce that Theresa Jubber has agreed to become the LRA Membership Secretary, replacing June Curtis. Again, on behalf of the entire Committee we should like to thank Theresa for agreeing to take on this arduous task. We really are very grateful.

**Viv Schragger-Powell and Becky Warren**

I'd like to thank Viv Schragger-Powell and Becky Warren for the great help they have given me in compiling this issue of the OI' Trout - Viv as a writer and Becky as the designer.

**Anthony Moss writes...**

1. Lower Plantation has revamped the entrance to their estate. This has created a smart and welcoming entrance in harmony with all the properties in Lower Plantation. It should add value to residents' properties. Are we seeing the start of a yearly Loudwater competition for the best-kept road, garden or most picturesque house?



2. Is there room for an Antique Appreciation Society? There'll be visits to major fairs, guest speakers on restoration, valuations, and we'll look at member's collections, and explore antiques for investment. Initially we are looking at four meetings a year, plus a visit to NEC or Olympia. Are there any takers and interest in an inaugural meeting? Please contact me on 774907.

3. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005 a well-attended funeral service for Christine Symmons of Lower Plantation was held at Our Lady Help of Christians in Rickmansworth. Her Lower Plantation neighbours will sadly miss her, as indeed, will everybody that knew her. Our condolences and deepest sympathy go to her family, especially children Claire and Mark.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

2005 was a very good year in that 3 out of the 4 reported incidents have been minor. However, beware of criminal damage. I know I'm going to sound like a cracked record, and I apologise, but I'd like to remind you to take your car keys to bed with you rather than leaving them on the hall table. It's surprising how effective a bamboo cane with a hook on the end pushed through the letterbox can be. Now that it gets dark early, remember to draw the curtains when you turn lights on - otherwise prying eyes can see exactly where the 'household silver' and other goodies are. I know putting the bars, bolts, locks and alarms on is a pain, but if we all remember, then perhaps 2006 can be as good as last year, or perhaps even better. Greater Loudwater still has the lowest crime rate compared with neighbouring areas.

Once again, I would like to thank my 'army' of co-ordinators who are an enthusiastic, dedicated, efficient group. Without them we wouldn't have a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. My sincere thanks go to all 22 of you. June Curtis

**Departure of horses from Loudwater Lane**

The police ensured a swift and relatively trouble free impounding of 14 of the 'travellers' horses on 12<sup>th</sup> October, from the fields adjacent to Chess Lane and Loudwater Lane. The 'travellers' removed the remaining 10 the following day. Following payment of their impounding costs, the police supervised the collection of these 14 horses from the pumping station at Loudwater Lane to which they had been delivered by the Pound, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

October. A resident has informed me that some of the horses were shut overnight in one of the tennis courts alongside Scotsbridge Mill. Consequently, the tennis court has been badly damaged.

To help prevent re-entry to these fields, the gates and fences have been secured with bunds of soil. As a result of the LRA Committee's work with Herts County Council, a bollard has been erected in the Chess Lane footpath, and two hoop barriers are to be installed in the southern footpath. Sue Tippen

**Vandalism**

Can you identify this person? In August 2005 the barrier at the junction of Kingfisher Lure and Troutstream Way was wilfully, badly vandalised, resulting in a repair cost of £540. Naturally the Loudwater Troutstream Estate Company wants to recover this cost. If you know who the culprit is, tell us. Or if you prefer to contact the police, the crime reference is C2/05/331 and the investigating officer is CE/8499/Tyson. Please let us know what action you decide to take. John Parsons, Chairman - LTEL



**Loudwater Runners**

A record eight Loudwater "Lopers" took part in the Manches Moor Park 10k race. Here are some of them, proudly sporting their finishers' medals:

Pictured (left to right) are Martin Powell and his Mrs, who romped across the finishing line hand in hand, so that neither could claim to have beaten the other. Then there's Linda James who bravely took part at the last minute in place of husband Steve, who had an injured knee. And as if having to walk 10k at a moments notice was not enough, Linda had to wear Steve's oversized race T-shirt with "Da Boss" emblazoned on it. Next to Linda is daughter Victoria, who along with her sister Carrie, completed the race in under an hour, which shows what diligent pre-race-training can achieve. Then last but not least is Steve James. Since he persuaded twenty-nine of his employees to take part, and between them they raised over £6,000 for the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre, Steve more than compensated for not running the race himself. Also taking part was Robert Kenison, Loudwater's answer to Paula Radcliffe. His time of 48 mins 38 secs was the Loudwater best. He's not in the finishers' photo because by the time it was taken, he was back home with his feet up.

This year's race takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2006. Are you up for it? Viv Schragger-Powell







# The *Ol'* Trout

Environmental  
Matters

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## Planning Applications

### Decisions on previously reported applications

- 05/0226 Straw Hat, Whisperwood: Single storey front & side extension. (Withdrawn)
- 05/0768 Trout Rise Farm, Troutstream Way: Partial conversion of barn into habit. Accom. for use with existing livery yard. (Refused, LRA objected)
- 05/0946 Tall Trees, Loudwater Drive: Erection of detached dwelling. (Approved, LRA objected)
- 05/0985 Stafford House, Loudwater Heights: Replacement two storey dwelling with accom. In roof space and dormers to front / rear. (Approved)

### Awaiting Decisions

- 04/1774 Micklefield Hall, Sarratt Road: Demolition of farm buildings & erection of oak framed function room. (Committee, LRA objected)
- 05/0357 Rookery Wood House, Loudwater Lane: Retros: Increase in height of existing piers and erection of gates and railings. (Refused, Appeal to DoE)
- 05/0857 Rasehill Close: Dem. 4 houses and erect 21 flats. Outline applic. for siting & means of access only. (Refused, LRA objected, Appeal to DoE)

### New applications since October *Ol'* Trout to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005

- 05/1307 Glen Cottage, Trout Rise: Two and single storey rear extensions. (Granted)
- 05/1458 Moonya, Bridle Lane: Two storey rear extension. (Granted)
- 05/1450 Tanglewood, Sarratt Lane: Single storey front & rear extension. (Delegated)
- 05/1514 Greenbanks, Trout Rise: Two storey rear extension. (Delegated)
- 05/1496 Windyridge, Loudwater Lane: Two storey side extension and garage. (Delegated)
- 05/1529 Ferndale, Bridle Lane: Single storey rear extension. (Delegated)
- 05/1653 April Cottage, Bridle Lane: First floor and two storey side extension. (Delegated, LRA objected)
- 05/1658 Chessbord, Troutstream Way: Erection of entrance gates and piers. (Delegated)
- 05/1720 Will O' Wisp, Chess Hill: Erection of pergola. (Delegated)

### Roy Sterry on Planning

As Loudwater nears achieving Conservation Area status, do you want to see the Chorleywood Road, or any other part of Loudwater, become long lines of blocks of flats from Rickmansworth to the M25? It could happen if The Department of the Environment sets the precedent when it considers the appeal to allow a block of 19 flats in Rasehill Close. The views of local residents are important factors in the decisions of the planning authorities and the volume of objections can sway the opinions of the decision makers. If you agree with the LRA write your objections - three copies - to: The Planning Inspectorate, Room 301 Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN reference APP/P1940/A/05/1192650.

*Come friendly bombs and fall on .....Loudwater??*

Just as bad are the attempts by some developers to change the character of Loudwater (large houses on large plots with plenty of garden space on all sides) by building from boundary to boundary - ribbon development, it is called.

The latest example of this is to be found at April Cottage, Bridle Lane, a lovely McNamara thatched cottage set in once lovely grounds which, in happier times not so long ago, featured in BBC's TV interpretation of John Betjeman's *Metroland*.

The LRA is opposed to developments of this type and is assisting the residents and Bridle Lane Estates Ltd in their objections to Three Rivers District Council. Again, the number of objections could be critical, it is not too late - write to Ms K. Wood, Planning Department, Three Rivers District Council, Northway, Rickmansworth, WD3 1RL reference 05/1653.



## Loudwater Farm and Subud

The Subud group has now renewed its lease of Loudwater Farm and has launched a renovation programme to improve the farmhouse and barn. The LRA is working with Subud to improve the facilities at the barn, to include better cloakroom facilities, heating, flooring and access - thus making it a more comfortable venue for our events. In addition, Subud would like to open an organic farm shop, and a questionnaire is to be sent to all residents in January to gauge their opinion. Colin Timms



from the adjacent elevated land lying within the Loudwater Conservation Area. The construction of the roadway may well be an engineering project for which planning permission is required, and for which no application has been submitted."

John Watkiss concluded by asking TRDC to take immediate enforcement action to ensure that the land is restored to its former condition or that it is surfaced in accordance with the existing planning conditions now long established. It is not believed that the road as now built is necessary for the use and enjoyment of the land for equestrian purposes.

## Conservation Area

The Loudwater Residents' Association took the view some while ago that the threats to our area from over-development were worth seeking all the protections available. Those threats have come recently from developers as follows:

1. Demolishing **one** house and erecting **four** houses with consequential loss of gardens and trees. (The Wheel House, Loudwater Lane)
2. The plans to demolish four houses and create a block of **19 flats** - again with significant loss of gardens, but with the added housing density issues. (Rasehill Close)

In discussing these issues with Three Rivers District Council (TRDC), their reaction was to consider extending the existing Loudwater Conservation Area (LCA). The experts in the Planning Department put the matter to the TRDC Executive Committee and obtained unanimous approval to proceed with the plan to public consultation.

There has been considerable support from residents (nearly 150 positives) but in the last few days we have learned of concerns from The Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Ltd.

The LRA wishes to make it clear that the proposal to extend the LCA was never intended, and would never be allowed, to reduce the planning protections available to the existing LCA. I am sure the TRDC and all the Councillors connected with supporting the protection of the whole of Loudwater will continue to work with us to achieve this goal.

Dennis Sare

## Trout Rise Farm

John Watkiss wrote to the Three Rivers District Council...

"I express the LTEL's deepest concern about the sudden construction of a tarmac roadway across Trout Rise Farm from its entrance to Troutstream Way to the stable building at its northern end.

The construction of the roadway appears to be in flagrant breach of the planning permission, dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 1992, which, with its amendments, states unequivocally that, "the access track from Troutstream Way to the complex of buildings shall be retained with a surface comprising stone chippings with no solid kerbing/edging. The track shall not be tarmacdamed or completed with other solid surfacing". The reason given for the condition was to ensure that the fields retained a character in keeping with the rural locality within the Metropolitan Green Belt. The then owner of the land did not appeal against the imposition of the condition, and access appears to have been maintained without any apparent difficulty ever since the land was first used for equestrian purposes.

A substantial part of the roadway appears to lie on the line of the public footpath known as the Chess Valley Walk, and a further length of it upon another public footpath leading into Troutstream Way, opposite the bottom end of Kingfisher Lure. The road has been constructed through the middle of the Wildlife Site. It creates a dark eyesore through the otherwise green pastureland of this sensitive area, and it is clearly visible

(Please note that the above is a précis of what John wrote, and not a full verbatim copy. Since writing he has had a reply from the Enforcement Officer saying that the owner of the land has been given 21 days in which to advise what action she will take to rectify the position.) Ed.

## The Flooding in Loudwater Lane

Herewith some comments on the disgraceful matter of the flooding at the bridge over the Chess in Loudwater Lane. Excess water from nearby leaves and other debris block the few drains every time it rains heavily. It has been happening since before I moved here 25 years ago.

- The misery perpetrated on the residents using Loudwater Lane is totally unacceptable. Think of the frustration of people going to work, catching trains, of children being late for school. For many years I have been venturing forth with waders and the necessary implements to clear the few totally inadequate drains in an effort to get traffic flowing.
- Local Authority efforts have proved fruitless, TRDC has done nothing, nor has Hertfordshire Highways.
- In August an engineer advised me that as sufficient drains existed, matters could only be solved by more frequent "cleaning."
- Countless cars have been stranded over the years and a number have been written-off. One irate motorist /insurance company took the Highways Authority to Court.
- On 2nd November, Loudwater Lane was flooded over 18 inches deep, and at 11pm the floodwater was still there, complete with trapped cars. Total chaos existed the following morning, with lorries and cars backed up in both directions, and cars immobilised in the middle of a large lake. I therefore had to venture forth in the rain to remove one manhole cover, and attempt to unblock the drain covers buried under two feet of water and mud. After almost 30 minutes of effort I succeeded in getting the traffic moving. Telephone calls to Hertfordshire Highways went unanswered, so I finally rang the Watford Observer in the hope that I could embarrass the Highways Authority by airing their total incompetence in public.

Perhaps we should withhold our exorbitant Council Charges? What do other residents think?

Derek Woolcock

## Property Matters:

### The thoughts of our local Estate Agent

2005 has been a very busy year concerning house sales in Loudwater.

There have been more houses up for sale than we have ever experienced, which has worried some people, both buyers and sellers. There is, however, nothing sinister in this, as fluctuations in the number of houses for sale at any one time has always been cyclic.

Not surprising, most of these properties have now sold but prices have in the meantime eased back from the highs of 2004. The market now appears to have stabilised and the outlook for 2006 is good, with property values expected to rise again.

Roger Giles - ROBSONS



## Race Night

As a newcomer to Loudwater, my main observation is that you are perhaps the most organised community of people I have ever met. Race night at the Barn was no exception. Timed and planned to perfection, we were greeted by the ubiquitous Peter Phillips who was our host.

James Wilkinson and Roy Preedy manned the tote extremely efficiently under close scrutiny from Penny (She who must be obeyed). Amidst the fine wine, great company and quaint but cosy surrounding of the Barn, the races started, 8 of them in total,

the atmosphere was charged with a friendly but competitive spirit, and the first race got off to a flying start. My horse 'Bombay Dreams' by 'Andrew Lloyd Webber 'Out of Cash' came last, but my wife, Michelle's horse - 'Forgotten Lover' by "Out of site Out of mind" won the race! Perhaps a little message there?



Every race was fun - there was an up-beat atmosphere and excitement, fun and friendship was shared with a lot of good-humoured banter. Our fish and chips supper, together with good wine and great company completed the extremely enjoyable evening.

If you missed race night - come next time - it's great fun, and you'll get to know your crazy neighbours and their habits!!!

Gus Machado

## Fine Dining at Peking Garden

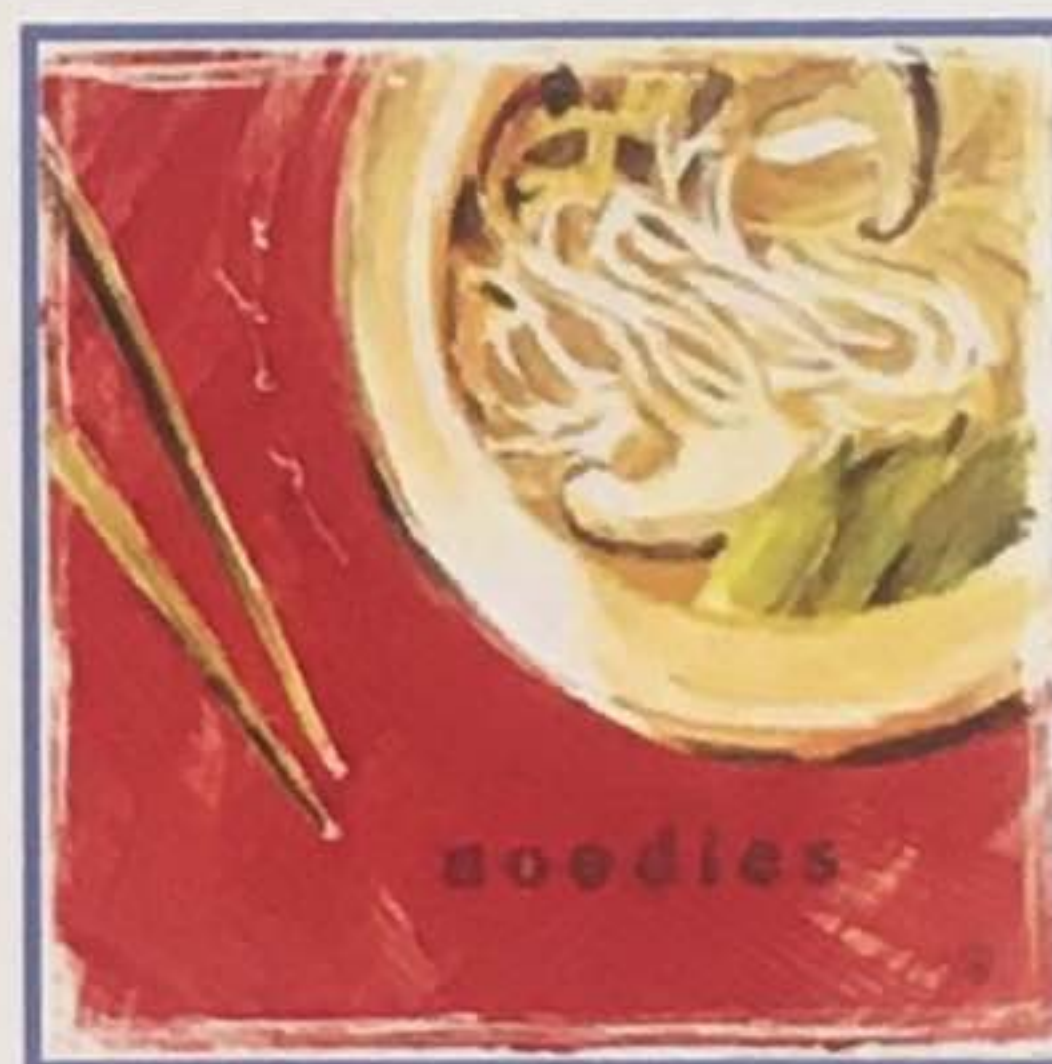
There we were, trying to come up with an original idea for our next Fine Dining event, when someone piped up with "Hey, why not try Loudwater's very own local Chinese restaurant, the Peking Garden in Moor Park?" And judging by the number of Fine Diners who turned out on a chilly November evening our choice hit the right spot.

Many of you know Kim, the owner. Together with his chef Ben Kiew, (ex-Michelin-starred Hakkasan), they created a special Chinese Banquet, just for us. It was sensational. Hot appetisers, Zhen Jiang Spare Ribs, Prawns with asparagus (neither normally on the menu), crispy duck with pancakes, steamed sea bass, four other main course dishes, fruit segments, and finally coffee or fragrant Jasmine tea.

However, towards the end of the evening Clive Brothers delivered his bombshell to me. We'd polished off 22 bottles of wine between the 25 of us. Whoops. As usual we'd been generous with our budgeted amount, but not to that degree! So a massive "Thank You" to the wonderful Kim who didn't charge us a penny more than we originally agreed. Now there's a man who knows how to keep his local customers happy.

Our next event is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at The Goose, Britwell Salome. Full details will be sent out in early January. And by popular demand, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding another Japanese Soiree.

Viv Schrager-Powell



## Theatre Club

Our last trip in 2005 was to see The Merry Widow, starring Lesley Garrett at the New Theatre, Oxford. Our first trip of 2006 is to the London Coliseum to English National Ballet's Sleeping Beauty. This is proving to be one of our most popular outings for some years, and we are all looking forward to going.

Membership renewals will be going out shortly and the annual membership fee is £5 per person. Non-members are also welcome to attend, but there is now a levy of £2 extra for them. Details of this year's programme are being discussed at the moment, so please call me should you want to become a member, and receive details of the programme.

Penny Wilkinson



## LRA Diary of Events 2006

### January

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Theatre Club - Ballet

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Wine Club - Bordeaux

### February

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - FDC - The Goose at Britwell Salome

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Wine Club Social evening

### March

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Wine Club - Spanish wines with tapas

LRA visit to a Cambridge college - date to be confirmed

### April

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - LRA AGM

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Wine Club - Rose wines

### May

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - FDC - Japanese Soiree - at the home of Clive Brothers.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> - Wine Club Summer Luncheon

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - LRA Golf Day

### June

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Wine Club - Sparkling Wines

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - LRA Garden Party at Micklefield Hall



## Bridge Club

At the end of November we held our third duplicate evening of the year.

Although not all our members enjoy duplicate Bridge, these evenings are in addition to the normal twice-monthly meetings, and attract around sixteen players. (Recently at one of our Chicago meetings, we welcomed twenty players!)

Our Christmas party, which included Bridge, was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December. As always, we all had great fun, with lots to eat and drink, as well as playing cards. Hopefully, we will attract even more new members in the New Year.

June Baish



## Wine Club

A wine that goes with chocolate? With the promise of such an unlikely food-wine pairing, we went along to the Wine Club's meeting in September to find out more. En route to this epicurean challenge, our taste buds were tickled with a selection of wines from the Roussillon region of France. These were presented by Vivienne Franks, although it has to be said that not everyone approved of her choices. "I'd rather spend the money on a manicure," declared one member. If you thought the Wine Club was all about chateaux and vintages, we've clearly been giving you the wrong impression.

October's meeting was led by my dearly beloved, who presented wines to drink with Christmas dinner. Gary imparted his infectious enthusiasm for wine with his usual array of adjectives. We were also able to check things out properly for ourselves, thanks to the provision of a mini Christmas dinner, including plum pudding, to accompany the wines. "The best Wine Club event of the year," enthused one member afterwards.

We enjoyed our own club Christmas Dinner at the end of November. Durrants did us proud, with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the hall to get us into festive mood. As ever, I must pay tribute to the noble members of the committee who sacrificed themselves at the altar of Majestic to choose suitable wines for the evening. They lead such a hard life.

The club's AGM was held in December. Following a long tradition (this was our second AGM), the business of the meeting was conducted with as much haste as possible in order that the wine could be opened and the more serious business of chatting (nowadays called 'networking') could be pursued.

If you fancy doing some wine-tasting and 'networking' with your neighbours, we'll see you at the Wine Club in 2006. Details on: [www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk](http://www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk)

Ah, nearly forgot - the wine and chocolate combination? It worked. Just shows we should have more faith in our speakers.

Buzz Coster



## Garden Club

Another highly enjoyable Gardeners' Question Time was the highlight of the autumn programme. The audience found itself answering questions set by the panel - could you recognise a liriop bulb from an amaryllis? The programme for 2005 was rounded off by an evening exploring the elements of garden design presented by a designer from Aylett Nurseries in St. Albans.

The club meets regularly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month and plans for the early part of the year include talks on "Food for the garden" - everything you want to know about growing vegetables from an expert gardener, Alan Buller, who is one of the accredited RHS vegetable judges, and "Learning from one's mistakes," a heart warming thought when presented by another 'expert' Elizabeth Farrer. In the spring we plan to have another plant exchange, and a visit to Leonardslee Azaleas.

You don't have to be an expert gardener to join - in fact it's a positive advantage if you aren't! If you never lift a fork in your own garden at least you'll be better informed to advise your gardening service what they should be doing. For full programme details please contact me.

Sue Stent

## Indian Cookery Lessons

I have been approached by a charming local lady who is willing to teach us the art of Indian cookery. If you are interested in attending these lessons please contact me on 770280.

Denise Preedy

## Fenella Lough

*It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death on 15<sup>th</sup> December of Fenella (Fenny), wife of Peter Lough of Troutstream Way. There will be an obituary in our next issue.*

## Explosion in Sarratt Lane

Surrounded by police cars, ambulances and fire engines, there was a controlled explosion of a suspect package found in Sarratt Lane on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Welcome

To Mr. and Mrs. Patel, Mayfield, Loudwater Heights  
To Mr. Wright-Brown, Holly Trees, Trout Rise  
To Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Coachman's House, Troutstream Way

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# Club Scene

Chess Investment Club  
Meets 5pm, 2nd  
Wednesday of month  
Chairman  
Anthony Moss (774907)

Troutstream Investment Club  
Meets 8pm, 2nd  
Wednesday of month  
Chairman  
Godfrey Crook (776567)

Theatre Club  
Chairman  
Peter Laule (778114)  
Organiser  
Penny Wilkinson (896380)

Wine Club  
Meets 8pm, 4th Friday  
of month  
Chairman  
Tony Hale (774374)

Bridge Club  
Meets 7.30-10.30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> and  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of month  
Chairman  
June Baish (775808)

Garden Club  
Chairman  
Sue Stent (712623)

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