



# The Ol' Trout

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## Chairman's Word.

When I last wrote I mentioned the sense of community that I have seen in recent months, especially with the signing of the M25 noise reduction petition. I can now advise that once our names were added to the Chorleywood list, there were in excess of 1800 signatures. Our MP David Gauke did submit this to Parliament and it is now with the Secretary of State for consideration. So we can only hope that proper noise pollution reduction measures will be put in place when the M25 is widened.

In the last edition I also said I hoped that this community spirit would continue into 2008. Well it seems to have done! A few residents have been pretty unwell this year and those families involved would like to thank all those that rallied round to help and support them. You all know who you are!

Another major concern has been speed in Loudwater Lane. I hope you have all noticed that additional road signs have been put up and the road markings have been renewed and added to. Heather Kenison especially has worked very hard in lobbying the Highways Department and her hard work has paid off at last - we all appreciate what she has done and hope that this will go some way in reducing speed on this road.

Finally our events have been super again this year so far and

my thanks go to the Events committee chaired by Colin Timms for arranging them. The Cabaret Night with "Elvis" was another extremely successful and entertaining evening full of singing, dancing and unexpected comedy! It was a delight to see everyone having so much fun. Our next event is the annual barbecue on Sunday 29th June and Ulla Hauser has kindly agreed to allow us to use her beautiful garden at Mont-au-Source in Loudwater Drive. I do hope most of you will be able to attend whether young, old, with children or without. Last year's barbecue was very well attended from all generations of residents. Let's hope the weather is kind to us once more and we have an enjoyable afternoon eating, drinking and socialising. Also, if you are willing to help with the catering then please call me - your help will be appreciated!

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**Penny Wilkinson**

## Loudwater Golf Society

There are a few places still available for our next meeting at Batchworth Park Golf Club on Thursday 15th May 2008. Email me on roy@sterry.go-plus.net for an application form or telephone on 01923 779599.

Reduced fees applicable to Batchworth Park Golf Club members.

## Loudwater Verges

When Hilary Trudeau recently pointed out that the verges inside the gated estate needed a clear up, we said the same was true about Sarratt and Loudwater Lanes. So it's "Spring Clean the Verges" day on Sunday June 1st at 3:00p.m.

All are invited to come and join in a family walk around Loudwater picking up litter. The Residents' Association will provide black sacks- just bring gloves. We'll also organise the routes so that families with children can walk in the safer areas and cover all of the private roads within Loudwater.

Come and join us at the Troutstream Way side of the gate onto Sarratt Lane at 3:00p.m. on Sunday 1st June and we'll all arrange to meet afterwards at Mulberry Cottage for refreshments and disposal (recycling) of all the rubbish collected.

Note to Grace Nicholls: It's about time you had some help with Loudwater Lane; hope you can join us. Ed

## Coffee Mornings - Everyone Welcome!

Are you new to Loudwater and would like to meet your neighbours? Or would you just like an excuse for a couple of hours off to have a good chat? If so then please come along to a coffee morning.

They are held every six to eight weeks and are hosted by anyone who feels like having one. We are never short of volunteers and it is lovely to be able to visit a different part of the estate each time.

Everyone is welcome - young, old and everything in between. They generally start between 10 and 10.30am and last until the cake runs out!

Forthcoming dates are:

Thursday 24th April

Friday 6th June

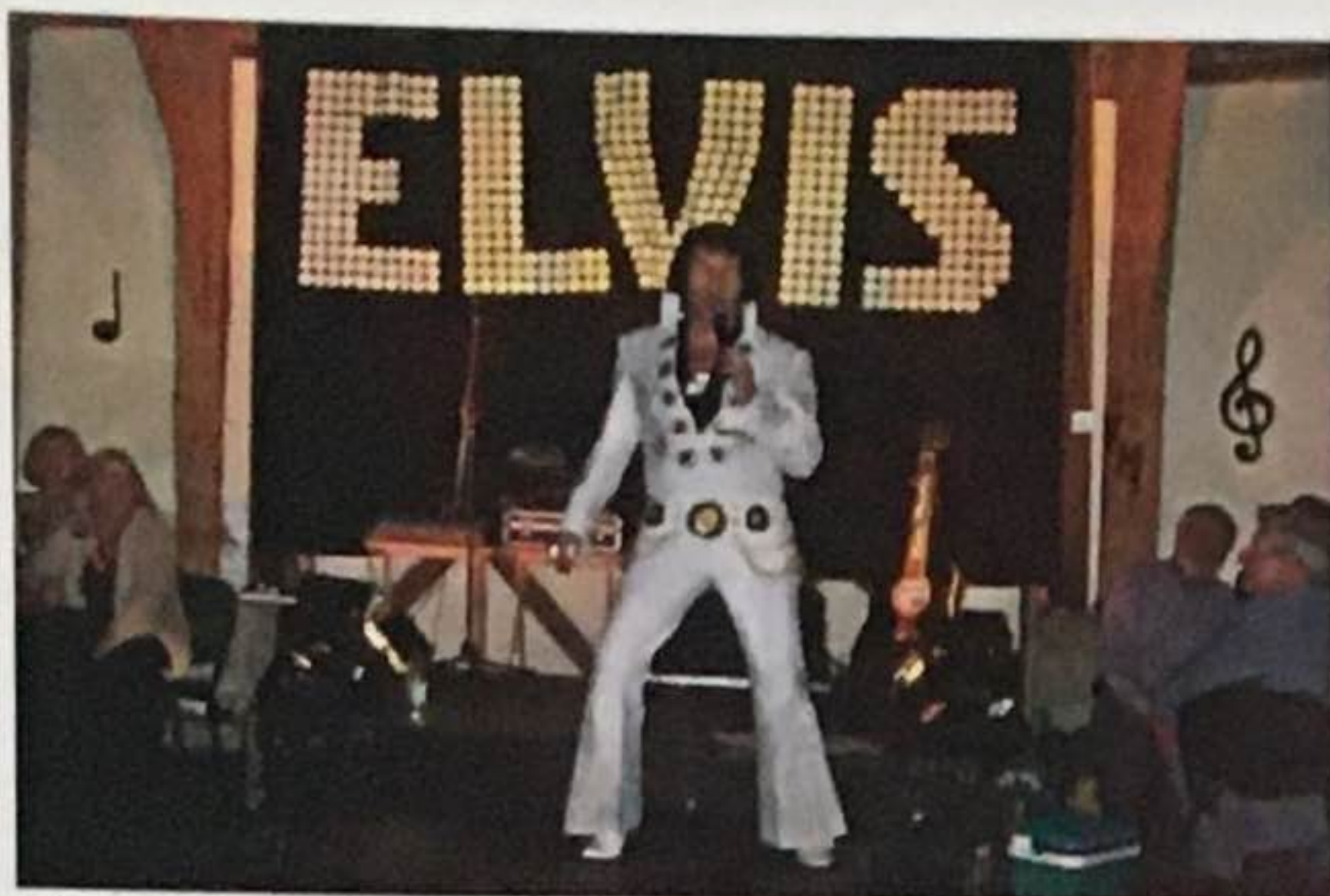
I keep a list of everyone who has expressed an interest and contact those on the list (generally by e-mail) with dates, times and venues as they are organised.

Please let me have your contact details if you would like me to add your name to my list. I look forward to hearing from you!

**Elaine Bailey**

01923 771630

## **LAS VEGAS COMES TO LOUDWATER!** **(or Cabaret Night at the Barn)**



For a few glorious hours on a wet and windy Saturday night, one corner of Loudwater was sprinkled with stardust (or was it rhinestones?)!

The ticket touts had gathered, the night was a sell-out, and those fortunate enough to have begged, stolen or borrowed a ticket were waiting breathlessly inside for the arrival of the main event.

Whilst the tables were being cleared after a wonderful meal, anyone passing by outside would have thought they were seeing things. For there was Elvis Presley, dressed from top to toe in white spandex, gingerly navigating his way through the mud and torrential rain from his dressing room on the other side of the car park. It wasn't the life he was used to (he made that quite clear)! Nor was he what Loudwater was used to!

The lights were dimmed, the drum-roll began, but where was the King? Unfortunately, the Barn door had slammed shut and it seemed that Elvis was having trouble getting into the building. Luckily, someone in the kitchen heard his desperate hammering and thanks to the drip-dry nature of his outfit, no harm was done.

Once on stage, Elvis had the audience eating from the palm of his hand. Whoever would have thought - not only was he the undisputed king of Rock and Roll, but he could also do a fantastic Tommy Cooper impression! Thank goodness for waterproof mascara, because this talent, previously undisclosed to the world, left most of us laughing so hard that the tears flowed.

The great man did have a few carefully chosen words to say about the venue. "Where are we?" were the first ones. Closely followed by "If it were me I'd sack the plasterers", and "I hope you've got a good supply of sand bags". Nor was he especially impressed with the raffle until someone pointed out that first prize was a digital photo frame not - as Elvis had thought - the plastic table on which it was standing.

Performance-wise, Elvis was dazzling (so much so that some of the audience had to don sunglasses). His repertoire included It's Now or Never, Suspicious Minds, There Goes My Everything, Return To Sender, Viva Las Vegas and so many more. The first half of his act ended soulfully with a gospel rendition of How Great Thou Art.

And so to the second half, and another yomp across the car park in the driving rain. But it was worth the effort, because Elvis returned looking splendid in a petrol-blue jumpsuit and dripping with bling (as well as

rainwater). Now it was time for the audience to show their mettle and every available space was used for dancing. The floor was packed for the rest of the night.

In no time at all this fabulous evening was over and we star-struck fans were left rubbing our aching feet. The stage was empty. Elvis had left The Barn.

**Elaine Bailey**

### **Welcome**

George, Indra, Nish and Mathura Paramjorthy and daughter of White Webs, Cherry Hill  
Miss Cyd Negus of 8, Glen Chess  
Mr & Mrs M Clifford and daughters Georgina & Charlotte of 6, Glen Chess  
George and Cleo Pendred of Woodside Cottage, Overstream  
David and Barbara Stunnell and daughters, Francesca & Lauren of Woodlands, Sarratt Lane.  
Also, belatedly, welcome to Percy & Carolyn McCloskey of Dalilea, Sarratt Lane,  
Simon & Carole Freethy of Heathcote, Chess Close and Howard & Vesna Cramer, Cockayne, Loudwater Lane  
And, farewell and best wishes to Barry Wellard who is moving from Woodside Cottage to Pease Pottage, Sussex after 37 years in Loudwater.

### **Loudwater Wine Club**

Observant readers of this august publication may have spotted the absence of a report on the drinkings of the Loudwater Wine Club in the last issue. Many apologies for this omission which, you'll be relieved (or even surprised) to know, had nothing to do with a surfeit of alcohol over the Christmas period.

So, you won't have heard about the excellent meal we enjoyed at Fellini's in September, the tasting of excellent Merlot wines in October or our return trip to Durrants for the Christmas Dinner in November - all of which were great evenings.

So far this year, we've spent our time south of the equator with a tutored tasting of South African Chenin Blanc and Pinotage, followed by wines from the Hunter Valley in Australia. You have to admit, the Loudwater Wine Club certainly does get about a bit!

Over the last few months, we've been delighted to welcome quite a few new members to the club too, which has been really great. If you have not been to an event before, perhaps we can entice you along with our packed programme for the next few months. In April, we're heading east to see what wines go with oriental food, then we're giving our livers a bit of a rest in May before uncorking the Rosé in June, ready for the barbecue season. As you can tell, food features quite heavily in our calendar as well as wine!

If any of these events sound like they might be your cup of tea (or even glass of wine) then we hope to see you - you will be most welcome. Details of all our events, past and future, are on our website ([www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk](http://www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk)). We do ask that bookings are received by the closing deadline for each event as we live in perpetual fear of running out of wine.

Cheers!

**Buzz Coster**



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## Planning Applications

### Decisions on previously reported applications

07/0163RSP	<b>The Farm House, Trout Rise.</b> Retrospective application. Erection of metal front entrance gates. <i>LRA &amp; LTEL Objected. Refused. Appeal to DoE. Appeal Refused</i>	
07/2140/1LBC	<b>Glen Chess, Loudwater Lane.</b> New entrance to flats 1-5 & 7, new platform lift internally, new balcony & paving.	Delegated. Granted
07/2138/9LBC	<b>Glen Chess.</b> As above.	Granted
07/2207CAC	<b>Riverside, Troutstream Way.</b> Demolition of existing dwelling.	Delegated. Granted
07/2235	<b>Land between Larchmead &amp; The Farm House, Trout Rise.</b> Approval of details of 06/0456OUT. Erection of detached house & garage.	Delegated. Refused
07/2237	<b>The White House, Trout Rise.</b> 2-storey side & rear extension, internal alterations, reposition driveway.	Delegated. Granted
07/2450	<b>14 Lower Plantation.</b> Single storey rear extension.	Delegated. Granted
07/2325	<b>3, Rose Garden, Troutstream Way.</b> Internal alterations to join existing flat to 2 Rose Garden Mews on 1st floor.	Delegated. Refused
07/2384	<b>Hazel Cottage, Troutstream Way.</b> 2-storey front, side & rear extension, single front extension with dormers to front.	Delegated. Granted
07/2408RSP	<b>Greenway, Loudwater Drive.</b> Retrospective erection of gazebo. <i>LRA Objected to Siting. Granted</i>	

### New applications until 14 March 2008

07/2624	<b>Tanglewood, Sarratt Lane.</b> Amendment to 07/2182. Single front, rear & side extension, 2 storey side extension. & side dormers to existing garage.	Delegated. Refused
07/2589	<b>Greenway, Loudwater Drive.</b> New gates & brick pillars to front boundary.	Delegated. Refused
07/2467	<b>Rasehill, Rasehill Close.</b> 2 storey side & rear extension.	Delegated. Granted
07/2495	<b>4, Lower Plantation.</b> Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of 4 detached dwellings with car parking & landscaping. <i>LRA Objected. Delegated. Refused</i>	
08/0057	<b>Pheena, Chess Lane.</b> Alterations to previous application 06/2006. Additional glazed lean-to, new roof light & alterations to windows.	Delegated. Granted
08/0294AOD	<b>Land between Larchmead &amp; The Farm House, Trout Rise.</b> Approval of details: erection of detached 2 storey, 5-bedroom house with garage.	Delegated
08/0113	<b>Potters Heron, Bridle Lane.</b> Demolition of detached 2 storey house & erection of detached dwelling with integral garage and widening of access.	Delegated. Withdrawn
08/0266CAC	<b>Potters Heron, Bridle Lane.</b> Demolition of 2 storey house & garage.	Delegated. Withdrawn
08/0110	<b>Cherry Cottage, Troutstream Way.</b> Single front & side garage extension, 1st floor side extension, conversion of existing garage & alterations to fenestration details.	Delegated
08/0413CAC	<b>Contino, Whisperwood.</b> Demolition of existing garage & conservatory.	Delegated
08/0412	<b>Contino, Whisperwood.</b> Amendment to 07/1260. Single storey front & side extensions, 1st floor side extension, three storey side & rear extension, new porch & extension of loft to incorporate new garage.	Delegated
08/0470	<b>Riverside, Troutstream Way.</b> Amendment to 07/1926. 1st floor side & rear extension, roof alterations, single storey front porch, 2 storey rear extension, removal of front dormer, balconies to rear & double garage to include new link to garage.	Delegated
08/0473	<b>Chenies, Bridle lane.</b> Dormer window to side elevation.	Delegated
08/0513	<b>Trimbles, Loudwater Drive.</b> Demolition of existing dwelling & annex & erection of replacement Huf House dwelling with exposed subterranean basement, side & rear terrace & detached garage & carport.	Delegated

LBC = Listed Building Consent.      CAC = Conservation Area Consent.      AOD = Approval of Details  
RSP = Retrospective application.      OUT = Outline planning permission

## Garden Club

"Well set out - helpful people"; "Big enough but not exhausting"; "Not crowded like Chelsea" "Wouldn't have got here by myself"; "Unusual plants not seen in local nurseries - and you can purchase them on the spot".

These were some of the comments following the Garden Club visit to the RHS "World of Plants" Spring Show in Westminster Horticultural Hall. On display were a vast selection of early camellias, early daffodils and rhododendrons and many more. Opportunities for retail therapy abounded - plants and garden accessories of all varieties, and at discount prices.

We are privileged to have Mrs Ann Bird, President 2007 of the National Rose Society, to speak to us on "Roses for Pleasure" at our meeting on 23rd April. In May, following a brief AGM we have invited the Hertfordshire Organiser of the National Gardens Scheme to tell us more about the selection and visiting opportunities of gardens in the scheme. We're out and about again in June, this time a Woodlands Walk, on 25th June at 2.00pm, led by one of our much respected speakers, Dr Brenda Harold. We will meet at Chorleywood Common and there will be tea and scones afterwards.

We meet, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For details of these and all other Garden Club activities please contact Sue Stent 01923 712623 or [sj.stent@btinternet.com](mailto:sj.stent@btinternet.com).

## Bridge Club



We have had excellent support at the club since the beginning of the year and 28 members attended the AGM in March and all stayed to play bridge afterwards.

The committee now comprises: Sheila Lawkner-Corbett (Chair), Ros Sare (Secretary), Janis Rees (Treasurer), Sybil Yiend (representing our non-LRA members), Liz Crook and June Baish.

We plan to hold a Duplicate evening on the 30th April in addition to our normal Chicago Bridge nights on the first and third Wednesday and would welcome any Loudwater bridge players who are not members to join us.

Our summer buffet supper will be held on Wednesday 16th July at Loudwater Farm.

## June Baish

Well done June on chairing the Club for four years and congratulations to Sheila on her appointment. I don't think a lot of residents know how easy it is to feel at home at the Bridge Club on the first and third Wednesdays - whatever your standard. So come along and see!!!

Ed.

## Fine Dining at The Milestone Hotel, Kensington

I'd never heard of the Milestone Hotel in Kensington until fellow Fine Dining Club committee member Mary-Jane Atkinson mentioned that she'd recently eaten there, and that the food, service, ambience etc etc - were excellent. Ah ha, I thought to myself, at last - a fitting London venue for the Fine Diners, whose sorties have so far been strictly limited to the Home Counties.

A quick glance through their lavish brochure amply illustrates why this is a five-star hotel. The building is Edwardian, and the decoration opulent, - not corporate, or interior-designed to death, as so many London hotels are. More in the style of a well-maintained country house hotel. Their restaurant is fast gaining applause, and as twenty-four Fine Diners discovered on a February night, rightly so. We started the evening in one of their drawing rooms, mixing and mingling and enjoying a glass of champagne and canapés before dinner. Then through to our own private dining room where the food was very French in style, and the service impeccable.

It was a pleasure to welcome back Anne and John Pither who have not joined us for some time now, and to welcome new members; Lady Joan Jarvis, and Carole and Simon Freethy.

And now our thoughts can hopefully turn to the warmer evenings ahead and so for a second time we are holding our May event at The Old Plow at Speen, a delightful restaurant as deep in the Buckinghamshire countryside as you could imagine. The date is Saturday 10th May 2008, and as ever, new members are always welcome.

## Viv Schragger-Powell

### Obituary: Sinclair Watson

Many residents of Loudwater will be saddened to learn of the death of Sinclair Watson on Monday 10th March. Sinclair used to live at Clearburn, Trout Rise with his wife Pat and her mother, Lady Lewis who was Chairman of The Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate board for 28 years. The family held an annual Garden Party at Clearburn for Loudwater residents where we (ladies of Loudwater) used to wear our best hats! Among other acres hereabout the family owned the fields where the Stables are, which now belong to the Estate. They first kept goats and then cows, and Sinclair used to deliver eggs to residents from his farm.

Sinclair, a keen photographer, belonged to Croxley Green Camera Club. He learned to fly in the 1980's and could be seen in his plane showing off his aerial skills over Loudwater.

He was a stalwart member of the Chorleywood Players and took part in all its aspects. In 1973 he acted in his first play and from 1977 to 1979 he was their Chairman. He built sets for many plays and was an expert in lighting. He was closely involved in making the stage lighting a permanent fixture in Chorleywood Memorial Hall thus preventing the complicated job of setting up the lighting each time it was needed.

When Lady Lewis died, Sinclair and Pat moved to Sarratt at the Old Butchers Shop, where Pat remains

## Dorothy Francis

## Theatre Club



Rarely does one see a theatrical performance which is wholly satisfying, particularly if it relies upon musical invention. "The Mikado" which we saw at the Coliseum on the afternoon of the 23rd of February in the Jonathan Miller production of 1986 by English National Opera fell into that category. The stage setting and costumes in Black and White, reminiscent of Cecil Beaton's for "My Fair Lady" were magnificent.

The singing of the principals was uniformly of a high standard. In particular "Ko-Ko, Lord High Executioner, and Katisha, Daughter-in-law elect, were well acted and sung. The movement of the chorus was also well choreographed making full use of the large stage.

### Club Scene

#### Chess Investment Club

*Meets 5pm, 2nd Wednesday of month*

Chairman

Anthony Moss (774907)

#### Troutstream Investment Club

*Meets 8pm, 2nd Tuesday 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 7.30pm, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month*

Chairman

Sheila Fawkner-Corbett (775695)

#### Garden Club

*Meets 4th Wednesday of month*

Chairman

Sue Stent (712623)

#### Fine Dining Club

Chairman

Viv Schragger-Powell (896198)

booked the Paris House restaurant for an after-show dinner with a welcoming Bucks Fizz! All seats have been taken.

**Peter Laule**

The operetta is the most celebrated of all those of Gilbert and Sullivan and it is claimed that it was the world's most popular staged property for more than 70 years. No wonder, I counted more than a dozen numbers well known to everyone, whether a devotee of G and S or not. All of the 22 members who were fortunate to see the performance left smiling and in a happy frame of mind, overcoming the disappointment in the driver who delivered us after the show began! I urge anyone who has not seen this production to remedy their loss.

#### Maurice Escow

On the 30th of April we go to see a matinee of Alan Bennett's "Single Spies" at the excellent Milton Keynes Theatre. We were able to get 24 seats for this performance which is a sell-out.

Apart from using a new venue, we've also

## Neighbourhood Watch



This year has not started too well and we have had crimes that have taken place and warnings from the police about potential threats.

This has made me think of the importance of vigilance and that of neighbourhood watch. I have recently carried out a review of

Neighbourhood Watch and it appears that some areas do not have co-ordinators at all, these are listed below.

Bridle Lane  
Rooks Hill  
Loudwater Drive  
Lodge Drive

All notices regarding Neighbourhood Watch are now sent by email as speed of communication is vital when advising residents of potential threats and crimes that have been committed. If you have email and are willing to be a co-ordinator then please email June Curtis, our overall co-ordinator on [pia265.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:pia265.t21@btinternet.com). June will email the information to you and you just need to forward it on to your neighbours, again by email.

Also, if you live in roads covered by a co-ordinator but do not receive any details and would like to do so, please email June and she will ensure your co-ordinator is updated.

Finally, information can go both ways. If you see anything suspicious please let your co-ordinator know or email June Curtis directly.

Please help us to keep our Neighbourhood Watch scheme effective.

**Penny Wilkinson**

#### Loudwater Photo Library

Our enterprising Ol' Trout Designer, Carole Timms is setting up a Loudwater Photo Library so that she can select appropriate pictures to go with articles in The Ol' Trout. And that is where you come in....please send Carole photos of LRA events, LRA Club events or even Loudwater surroundings that you think might be a useful addition to our library.

Just to get you started, does your club have a photo of its Committee, its members or your last meeting? Email your photos to Carole Timms at [carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk)

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