



The Ol' Trout

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Chairman's Word.

I am hoping that by the time you read this, the sun would have shone on this year's barbecue and that all of you who attended had a wonderful afternoon. I would like to thank Ulla Hauser for allowing us to use her beautiful garden for this year's event – it is much appreciated.

Now onto less enjoyable matters. As you know we completed a petition to request provision would be made to improve the sound absorption barriers when the M25 is widened. We have recently heard back from Go East (The Government Office for the East of England, who describe themselves thus 'Transforming lives transforming places - creating sustainable communities'. No more needs to be said I think!) They have advised us that there will not be any improvement made to these barriers. We believe that their decision was made using inappropriate noise level readings and we have again written to them to request further readings and hopefully a reversal of their decision. Again, I will keep you updated on developments.

Our "Verge clear up" Day was a success and it was amazing how much litter was collected. Can I please urge all of you to pick up litter when you see it or if the litter is rather larger than you can handle, then please take a leaf out of Dennis Sare's book. Those of you using Loudwater Lane must have seen the large amount of rubbish left on the tight corner. I understand Dennis called Three Rivers and it was all removed a few days later – thank you, Dennis!

Finally, I am still receiving complaints of residents driving too fast in Loudwater Lane, especially round the corner by Loudwater Farm. This road is dangerous, so please slow down before we have a serious accident here.

Have a wonderful summer.

Penny Wilkinson

Loudwater Residents' Association

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Forthcoming Charitable Events

Supporting local charitable events can be a bit of a problem to the LRA. We only have The Ol' Trout as a means of communicating with all our members and that is quarterly and may coincide with some events and not others. So, in an effort to be fair to all charitable events, the LRA has decided that The Ol' Trout will have a new section containing a diary of forthcoming charitable events. We will publish the date, charity event/location and a contact name and telephone number and/or email address. This means that we will not advertise charitable events in the rest of The Ol' Trout, nor will we email members with any further details of any event. We hope this will be fair to all and we genuinely welcome all entries to this new section as we want to bring these events to the attention of as many people as possible so that they can decide if they wish to support any particular charity. So please let me know of any events you want included, bearing in mind that we aim to get our quarterly publications to all residents by the second week of January, April, July and October.

Roy Sterry.

FORTHCOMING CHARITABLE EVENTS

Date 20th July 2.30 – 5pm
Event Details Open Garden for The Peace Hospice
Location Merlins, Sarratt Road, Croxley Green
Contact Jo Homewood 01923 772682

Welcome

Theresa, David and Celia Jeffcock, The Orchard, Wagon Way

Mr & Mrs Patel, Chess Place, Troutstream Way

Mr & Mrs G. Pendred, Woodside Cottage, Overstream

John and Valerie Croker, Timbertop, 14 Lower Plantation

Verges Clear Up

Have you noticed the difference? Loudwater verges from Solesbridge Lane and along Sarratt Lane, verges throughout the whole of Loudwater Lane and part of the Chorleywood Road, and verges on all of the private estates (and their footpaths) are now clear of litter!

On Sunday 1st June, 20 volunteers met at the Sarratt Lane/Troutstream Way gate and were divided up into 6 groups each allocated specific routes within Loudwater, with black bags to put their collections of refuse. Nicholas Vaughton, Treasurer of the LRA had checked the LRA insurance policy and all collectors were advised to wear gloves in case of picking up dangerous items, e.g. syringes, etc. As with all LRA organised events, safety is a prime concern and we can proudly report that no safety issues were reported. Young children were given the safer walking routes and, indeed, they came across other families who were out walking and collecting rubbish in the areas around their own houses.



There were a number of lessons learnt from this first "Clear up Loudwater" campaign and my thanks go to all the participants, particularly those that drew the short straws and were allocated routes that included Loudwater Lane, where they found car bumpers, wheel trims and the various other rubbish that drivers throw out of their cars as they pass through our green and pleasant surroundings.

The lager of choice drunk by these vandals was "Fosters", their favourite soft drink was "Diet Coke", but in all honesty they didn't seem to care what they threw out: there were cigarette packets galore, plastic bottles, even glass bottles. Don't people have a conscience any more? The saddest thing is that our lovely surroundings are not a deterrent to those without standards and we are going to have to continue to clear up after them, on a regular basis. We all go out walking at some stage - so why not take a bag with you and pick up what you can. And when the Council have been round collecting your recycling bins and waste, why not pick up any rubbish they have left behind; it only takes a minute to look after our own verges so let's set an example to the litterbugs that pass through Loudwater. Surely it's not much to ask.



After the clear up, 21 sacks of rubbish were sorted into plastics, glass etc and taken to the tip. They filled a Volvo estate! But before then, this willing band of volunteers did gather for a glass or two at Mulberry Cottage and swapped stories of their finds. This was a truly wonderful example of a small group of residents, with a highly developed community spirit, doing a great job for all the residents.

Roy Sterry

Fine Diners Revisit The Old Plow at Speen

Ah, the lush green glories of the English countryside in late May! Frankly my dear, you'd be nuts to go abroad now. So why not take full advantage of the warmer, lighter evenings and journey deep into the heart of the Buckinghamshire countryside, through twisty, hedge-lined lanes and picturesque villages, to the rustically-rural Old Plow at Speen?

The Fine Diners dined there a couple of years ago, but no harm in revisiting what proved to be a successful choice of venue, both then and now.

As we sipped our chilled Bellini aperitifs in the Old Plow's pretty garden, several rather aloof-looking alpacas grazing in an adjacent field chose to completely ignore us. Whilst the Fine Diners mixed and mingled in the early-evening sunshine, the ladies in high-heels had to nonchalantly shuffle from foot to foot lest they embedded themselves slowly but firmly in the soft lawn.

The Old Plow was very accommodating by allowing us full choice of their menu, plus house specials, so the twenty-six diners were able to select from an extensive range of fresh game, fish, shell-fish, and poultry. Chef Malcolm Cowan's sauces are particularly good; I opted for gravadlax of Scottish smoked salmon with an Oriental dressing as my starter, and can testify that the light, sweetish dressing was divine. Although every aspect of The Old Plow is firmly rooted in the oldest traditions of hospitality, good service and rural surroundings, the fare is very much in a contemporary, although not inappropriately trendy mode.

Our next event is on Saturday 23rd August and it's a luncheon at the gloriously elegant Danesfield House Hotel, near Marlow. We will be seated in their conservatory, but hopefully, English summer weather permitting, will be enjoying our pre-luncheon aperitifs outside on the terrace overlooking the magnificent grounds. Flyers with full details will be sent out in early July, and as ever, new members are more than welcome.

Viv Schrager-Powell



Planning Applications

Decisions on previously reported applications

08/0294AOD	Land between Larchmead & The Farm House, Trout Rise. Approval of details – erection of det. 2 storey, 5 bed house with garage.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0110	Cherry Cottage, Troutstream Way. Single front & side garage ext., 1st floor side ext., conversion of existing garage & alterations to fenestration details.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0413CAC	Contino, Whisperwood. Demolition of existing garage & conservatory.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0412	Contino, Whisperwood. 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. Granted.
08/0470	Riverside, Troutstream Way 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. Granted.
08/0473	Chenies, Bridle Lane. Dormer window to side elevation.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0513	Trimbles, Loudwater Drive. Demolition of existing dwelling & annex & erection of replacement Huf House dwelling with exposed subterranean basement, side & rear terrace & detached garage & car port.	Delegated. Refused.
		Delegated. Withdrawn.

New applications until 21 June 2008

08/0529	Plots for redevelopment Lower Plantation. Erection of 2 storey detached dwellings with basement, further accommodation in roof space, det.garages, parking, access & landscaping.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0532	Meadowlands, Chess Close. Single storey rear extension.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0781	Ladywood Cottage, Sarratt Lane. New roof with increase in ridge height, front & rear dormers, 2 storey rear extension with side dormer, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation, single storey side extension.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0672	Walnut Burrow, (Rear of Tall Trees) Construction of dwelling underground with associated access, landscaping and parking.	Committee. LRA Objected. Refused.
08/0673CAC	Walnut Burrow. Demolish existing garage.	Refused.
08/0669	The Warren, Trout Rise. Single storey rear extension & loft conversion with 2 roof lights to front & rear and one roof light to side.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0754CLPD	Hathaway House, Chess Hill. Wall construction enclosing front garden.	Delegated. Granted.
08/0777	16 Lower Plantation. Single storey outbuilding to form changing room with shower facilities.	Delegated.
08/0897	Potters Heron, Bridle Lane. Dem. of existing house and garage and erection of 2 storey detached dwelling.	Granted.
08/0901CAC	Potters Heron, Bridle Lane. Dem. of existing house and garage.	Granted.
08/0921	Loudwater Farm, Loudwater Lane. Change of use of farmhouse to residential (Class C3) & change of use of outbuildings to provide car parking and guest accommodation. Delegated, LRA Commented. Withdrawn.	
08/0978	Thatches, Loudwater Lane. Erection of thatched entrance gateway with brick piers.	Delegated.
08/0987	Faraway Cottage, Bridle Lane. Single storey front porch extension & single storey rear extension.	Delegated.
08/1070	Chess Place, Troutstream Way. 2 storey rear extension with balconies, single storey front extension, rear conservatory, loft conversion with roof alterations, det. garage.	Delegated.
08/1072	Holly Trees, Trout Rise. Amend. to 07/1077. Substantial dem. of existing house & rebuild, including single storey front, 2 storey front, side & rear ext., internal alterations, det. garage, fenestration changes to north elevation, ground floor dining room with terrace over.	Delegated.
08/1129	Chantry House, Troutstream Way. Single storey det. triple garage & store, single storey side ext., first floor side ext., rear conservatory.	Delegated.
08/1175	The Tithe Barn, Micklefield Hall. Conversion of existing Grade 2 Listed Barn from Agricultural Use to Use for Events & Functions. Internal & External alterations, new glazed lobby area, landscaping & car park.	Delegated.
08/1176	The Tithe Barn, Micklefield Hall. Ditto.	Delegated.

CAC – Conservation Area consent AOD - Approval of details OUT - Outline planning permission.

CLPD - Certificate of lawful potential development.

Loudwater Garden Club



Have you ever wondered what a Chelsea Gold medal show garden really looks like? Is it fine for a week at the show but useless on an ongoing basis? To discover the answer many people visited the home of Tom Stuart-Smith, this year's winner of 'Best in Show' garden at Chelsea. One of his previous Gold medal winning designs has been rebuilt at his home at Serge Hill - just

north-east of Kings Langley.

The garden was open under the auspices of the NGS; the National Gardens Scheme, an organisation which has been raising money for charity since 1927. In the last 10 years over £22m has supported national nursing, gardening and other charitable causes. These include funding nursing posts at Macmillan Cancer Support (the NGS is Macmillan's biggest ever donor), Marie Curie Cancer Care nurses in each of the NGS counties, and training over 1,400 nurses through Help the Hospices.

The Garden Club was delighted to host the Hertfordshire organiser of the NGS scheme at our May meeting. Edwina Roberts' enthusiasm for the scheme prompted many of us to buy the 'Yellow Book' thereby finding out which gardens are open to the public across the whole country. One of the most outstanding local gardens is to be found in Higher Denham, three and a half acres of pure delight with the river Misbourne running through. It only took the owner and his wife 27 years to develop, and they are not finished yet! The garden next door (also open under NGS) was at the back of a semi-detached bungalow - equally delightful. The range of gardens open under the scheme covers everything from allotments to exotic gardens, nearly all of which are privately owned.

In June the Club found flowers growing for everyone to enjoy free of charge by taking a guided walk with Dr Brenda Harold to discover the wild flowers growing in the different habitats found on Chorleywood Common. This was followed by a very enjoyable cream tea at the home of one of the members.

For September the Club is planning to visit Buscot Park, a National Trust property, to see the autumn colour. If you would like to join us please contact Sue Stent (01923 712623).

Well was the Chelsea gold garden worth the visit? It's purely subjective so take a look at the photo and decide for yourself.



Sue Stent

Loudwater Wine Club

When we announced that we would be holding an Oriental evening, members were heard to mutter, "I didn't know they made wine in the Far East. Do you suppose it's any good?" There was therefore a certain amount of relief when it was explained that the focus of the tasting was on wines to accompany food from this part of the world, rather than to sample its oenological output.



We welcomed our almost-resident food 'n' wine guru, Lindsay Oram, to navigate us on our tour. We also enlisted the help of local chef, Kei Shiba, who produced exquisite bento boxes of food from different countries.

One of the really unique things about the evening was the opportunity to try each dish with each wine and



really get a chance to experiment and decide which combinations worked best.

You can never accuse the Wine Club Committee of being anything less than optimistic. At our next event, we will be tasting Rosé wines - just perfect for those balmy summer evenings while you're waiting for the barbecue coals to heat up. Let's hope we actually get the weather in order to make the most of the knowledge we will be acquiring.

A whistle-stop tour round the major wine-growing regions of France with suitable cuisine is planned for July.

New members are always welcome at events. Have a look at our website www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk to find out more about the club, the range of things we've done and plans for the future.

Cheers!

Buzz Coster

L.R.A. Donation

£100.00 of the money raised at the Cabaret Night Raffle has been donated to Rickmansworth Gateway Club a local charity affiliated to Mencap which supports people with learning disabilities.

Loudwater Golf Society Meeting 2008



Only one day to go and the weather forecast is for constant rain on the day of our fourth annual meeting.

What should I do; pray for the

experts to be wrong or regard it as a challenge to the golfers to play under horrible conditions. The forecast was disappointingly correct. As 18 of us assembled beforehand there was definitely a mood to carry on despite the weather and, although it wasn't said maliciously, it was pointed out that it was the first bad weather event in our four year history, and it happened to coincide with the first event I had organised!

But as the first group teed off the rain stopped and a fine, if overcast afternoon remained dry for the next five hours. All the players remarked how well the Batchworth Park course had drained after so much rain and the greens were in perfect condition.

In the evening the players were joined by their partners and the Chairman of the LRA, Penny Wilkinson and her husband, James (a potential member of the Golf Society when he realises there are better things to do than go to work) and 32 of us sat down to dinner.

After dinner the prizes were awarded by Penny and, to howls of something I couldn't make out, Robert Fulker was named as winner of The Loudwater Cup, for the third year in a row, with 42 points. He had tied with Jim Peters but won on countback and in a gracious acceptance speech, acknowledged that he should organise next year's event in order to lessen his chances of winning again. Third place went to Michael Beaver on 41 points but he would have been joint winner on 42 if he hadn't admitted that his handicap had been cut that morning. A perfect example of the true sporting nature of golfers, well most of them!

Although not a prize winner Michael Holden, playing off 8, got 40 Stableford points, meaning he went round in 76, a remarkable feat considering he's a Sandy Lodge member and doesn't play the course as often as the other winners, all of whom are Batchworth Park members. The team prize was given to the runners up, Ros Sare, Henry Browne and Michael Beaver by the generous winners, Robert Fulker, Jim Peters and Roger Giles and Robert also gave up his prize for best back nine to yours truly; what sports they are. Of course, Robert won a further prize with the Longest Drive and thankfully Sandy Parker beat him to the Nearest the Pin prize.

We were fortunate to have four prizes donated by Waitrose, the Team Prize, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive and Outstanding Lady Player, Ros Sare.

As I hand over to Robert Fulker to organise next year's event, I would like to thank all those who attended for a wonderful competition played in a great spirit of Loudwater camaraderie.

Roy Sterry

Theatre Club

Our trip to Milton Keynes was a sell-out and reckoned to be a great success by everyone. We were a late booking and didn't get the best seats in the theatre, which is very well designed so we all had an uninterrupted view of the stage. "Single Spies" is typical Bennet and really two plays in one. The first a pathetic Guy Burgess, played by Nigel Havers, is in a shabby Moscow flat, starved of everything he really wanted, "comforted" by a rent-boy thoughtfully provided by a grateful state, and interviewed by a woman increasingly anxious to find meaning to it all. The second play was about Anthony Blunt (Havers again) his meetings with the Queen, played brilliantly by Diane Quick, and with the MI5 man who was his nemesis. Bennett cleverly brings humour to both plays without compromising their tragic outcome. We rounded off the evening with an excellent dinner at the Paris house Restaurant at Woburn. From a "high" we were brought down to earth. We arranged two more events at the National - "Never so good", and the Watermill at Newbury to see "Sunset Boulevard". Both were cancelled due to lack of support. I think we will stop booking in July/August but will try to find something good in mid to late September this year.

Peter Laule

Club Scene

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 Fawcner-Corbett
(775695)

Garden Club

Meets 4th Wednesday of month

Chairman

Sue Stent (712623)

Fine Dining Club

Chairman

Viv Schragger-Powell (896198)

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