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Chairman's Word

One of the downsides to the recent fine summer is the state and appearance of many of our lawns but thankfully the autumn rains arrived just in time to aid recovery.

In our endeavours to make Loudwater and Sarratt Lanes safer both our Planning Secretary Heather Kenison and Chris Haywood our County & District Councillor have been presenting our concerns to Hertfordshire Highways (Herts County Council) and through their efforts we have made progress.

Before any of our proposals can be evaluated a speed and volume survey has to be undertaken over a 24/7 day period to provide the factual base to see if the various criteria have been breached that merit remedial action.

Despite their budget for this financial year being spent (and our survey request was initially included in their 2011-2012 spending plans) the survey will now be taking place within a month. A site meeting with Ian Brownell of Herts Highways proved a breakthrough as he listened to the various suggestions to improve the situation that had been made by our members.

Ian then explained the procedures together with the advantages and disadvantages of the measures we had mentioned. For example the introduction of traffic calming measures such as 'speed humps', and 'priority one way road narrowing' require high intensity lighting at a height of 5 to 10 meters, an illumination level many nearby residents may resist.

He also drew our attention that certain "apparent" improvements can have a detrimental effect if they simply attract additional "cut through traffic". Such an outcome being the opposite of our aims in making our roads safer for all users whether pedestrians, cyclists or motorists. Similarly the cost of providing and maintaining VA (Vehicular Activated) speed signs could prove prohibitive with their questionable benefit when sited along narrow bending country lanes is considered.

When the results are collated Ian Brownell will contact us to arrange another site visit.

In the meantime he will be looking at additional 30 mph repeater signs, additional road markings and other ways available to highlight the speed limit and improve safety within Sarratt Lane and Loudwater Lane. One particular area we have asked him to consider is hedge trimming, both in terms of height and width which could greatly improve viability.

This all seems prudent prior to holding a public meeting at The Barn, Loudwater Farm, to which representatives from the other agencies involved including the Police would be invited.

From the recent display of outdoor fireworks we are in or approaching that noisy season again and I would remind activists that such displays while enthralling to many, particularly the young, can be distressing to some older residents. Please remember to let your neighbours know of your plans particularly any owners of pets so they can take evasive action if needed.

The LRA are holding a Harvest Supper & Quiz Evening at The Barn Loudwater Farm on Saturday 16th October at 7.30 pm. I look forward to meeting some of the 'not usual suspects' as recent arrivals and 'lapsed attendees' are most welcome!

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Another plea if you don't receive emails from us then we haven't got your email address.

Please let Carole Timms our Database Coordinator (carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk) have your details so that we can keep you aware of what is happening in Loudwater.

Tony Hale tonyv hale@lineone.net

A Date for your Diary

Monday 11th October at 2pm. Chorleywood Local Area Forum

To be held at the War Memorial Hall, Common Road, Chorleywood. This meeting is open for all local residents to come along and air their views. District and Parish Councillors including the local County Councillor will attend the meeting.

Saturday 16th October 7.30pm

Harvest Supper & Quiz Evening at The Barn, Loudwater Farm. Fish & Chip Supper being served, see flyer inside.

Bridge Club



On 21st July we held our annual Summer Party at Loudwater Farm. Once again, it was a beautiful evening and well supported. Some 30 members and their guests enjoyed a buffet supper and wine, seated in the garden. It was quite idyllic, with horses walking by the river and the fragrance of lavender and roses. We were pleased to welcome Tony and Ritva Hale as our guests.

The Loudwater Bridge Club is a most sociable group and we always welcome new members. If you would like further details, please contact **Janis Rees** on **01923 710095**, who would be delighted to hear from you.

Ros Sare

Loudwater Garden Club



Another season of garden visits is drawing to a close and Club members have enjoyed a number of interesting gardens demonstrating the full spectrum of the plant world. Naturally, on our outings, we have enjoyed a number of lunches too.

This edition of the 'Ol Trout went to print just prior to our long anticipated visit at the end of September to the Buckingham Palace State Apartments and Gardens. The event proved so popular that we could have filled our ticket allocation twice over! There will be more about our visit in the next edition.

Our year-end event will be the welcome return of RHS judge Jim Buttress, VMH, and his fellow panellists for another Gardeners' Question Time. This has always been one of the highlights of the year and we are indebted once more to Ulla for offering to host the evening. If you haven't been to a Loudwater Garden Club event why not join us for an evening of wit, wisdom and seasonal refreshments. The date is 24th November at 8.00 p.m. and we make a nominal charge of £5 for non-members.

For further details, or to submit a question for the panel, please contact me, sue_stent@o2.co.uk

Sue Stent

Fine Dining at The Angel, Long Crendon



With Fine Dining we seem to have slipped comfortably into a pattern of summer lunches in May and August, and evening events during the colder, darker months of November and February.

Our August lunch was held at The Angel, Long Crendon, in deepest Buckinghamshire. This is a classic olde-worlde, bump-your-head-on-the-low-beams sort of place, nestling in a picture-pretty village, where thatched roofs abound and ancient buildings somehow sit comfortably alongside their newer neighbours.

We started our event in their little paved garden to the rear of the building, sipping that oh-so-British summer perennial, Pimms, and enjoying a very generous selection of savoury canapés as we mingled and chatted and put the world to rights.

Lunch was served in the conservatory, where the Angel's interpretation of everyone seated at one long table was several round tables pushed together and covered in white linen cloths, forming a sort of table caterpillar, which snaked around to fit the "L" shape of the room. But it worked. A few diners were rather warmer than was required, which can happen in 16th century inns with olde-worlde air conditioning, i.e., none.

Chef/Patron Trevor Bosch favours fish and seafood on his menu, but the meat eaters amongst us were able to choose from beef fillet or lamb or guinea fowl. The menu choices for Fine Diners to pre-select their lunches from were far wider than is usually offered, which made a welcome change. Diners who chose the Rhubarb Crème Brulee with Shortbread Biscuit for their dessert were delighted to discover that the biscuit came in the shape of a little Angel, just like the restaurant's angel logo. In a year when other Loudwater clubs are celebrating significant anniversaries, I feel I should point out that this was the Fine Dining Club's 30th event. That equates to nearly 750 meals - which is one heck of a lot of washing up.

Viv Schragger-Powell

Theatre Club



As forecast in the July edition we are off to see "The Rivals" on the 25th of September at the Richmond Theatre, a familiar and much liked location. We're hoping for great things from that famous partnership between Peter Bowles and Penelope Keith. That has certainly contributed to our booking 24 seats for a matinee performance and then managing to get three more! -this is the best attendance we've had for some time if not ever. Later twenty of us have chosen to go on for an early evening meal at Maurizio's Italian restaurant in Ricky.

Saturday the 6th of November is the date for our last visit this year and we've chosen to go to an old favourite, The Mill At Sonning, for a performance of "Two Into One" This is a comedy by Ray Cooney the "uncrowned king of farce" - member of parliament in deep trouble - what a surprise. This promises to be a top value outing to a Dinner Theatre in a beautiful setting in which we've had many happy evenings.

We're much encouraged by the support our members have shown and the pleasure they've enjoyed. We strive to please and make no apologies for concentrating on comedy in difficult times

Peter Laule

Planning Applications

Decisions on previously reported applications

10/0753	Dene Cottage, Overstream. Resubmission of 08/1681. dem carport, sheds, conservatory & erect single and 2 storey side & rear extensions, single front ext, & rear dormer to include replacement conservatory & changes to approved garage and rear fenestration.	Delegated. Granted
10/0764	Newlands, Bridle Lane. Det double garage & workshop, extension to existing driveway, 2m high gates to access rear garden.	Delegated. Granted
10/0770	12, Lower Plantation. Rear orangery.	Delegated. Granted
10/0933	Wildwood, Loudwater Heights. Renewal of 07/0177. 1st floor extension over existing garages.	Delegated. Granted

Applications Awaiting Decisions

09/1967	Compton Cottage, Sarratt Lane. Dem of existing bungalow and construction of new 6 bed dwelling - 2 storey with basement.	Delegated. LRA objected. Refused Appeal to DoE
09/2026CAC	Compton Cottage, Sarratt Lane. Dem of existing bungalow.	Delegated. LRA objected. Refused Appeal to DoE
10/0605	7-8 Armitage Close. Dem of 2 det bungalows and erection of 4 dwellings served by vehicular access.	LRA objected. Committee. Refused Appeal to DoE
10/0606CAC	7-8 Armitage Close. Dem of 2 existing bungalows.	Committee LRA objected Rejected Appeal to DoE

New Applications until 24th September 2010

10/0996	Dunara, Chess Lane. Single storey rear ext.	Delegated. Granted
10/1363 RSP (Alteration to 09/0601)	Tudor Cottage, Overstream. 2 storey side and rear ext. with side dormers, single storey rear ext (amend to study already approved), alterations to drive, removal of front boundary walls.	Delegated
10/1405 RFUL	Caldbec, Troutstream Way. Renewal of 07/0952RFUL, previously 02/00563. 2 storey side extension with front and rear dormers, single storey rear ext., 2 new front dormers to replace existing and rear dormers to replace existing.	Delegated. Granted
10/1442	Greensleeves, Loudwater Drive. 1st floor side ext.	Delegated
10/01493	Killowen, Bridle Lane. Dem of existing dwelling and erection of replacement with alterations to hardstanding and extension to crossover.	Delegated
10/1597CAC	Killowen, Bridle Lane. Conservation Area Consent. Dem of existing dwelling.	Delegated
09/1498	Coachmans House, Troutstream Way. Rear ext at ground and lower ground floors and ext to existing raised terrace and wall.	Delegated
10/1511	Cleveland, Loudwater Drive. 2nd storey extension to bungalow. Raise ridge, construct mansard roof, gable ended, insertion of dormers. Demolish garage and reconstruct double garage.	Delegated. LRA objected
10/1691	Bower Cottage, Rooks Hill. 1st floor side ext. replacement thatch roof, replacement windows and doors (timber with lead).	Delegated
10/1686	Compton Cottage, Sarratt Lane. Demolition of bungalow and construction of new 6 bed dwelling.	Delegated. LRA objected
10/1687CAC	Compton Cottage, Sarratt Lane. As above	Delegated. LRA objected
10/1714	Hessenford, Bridle Lane. Two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and front porch, following demolition of existing workshop/garage, rear terrace and creation of carriage drive to front with additional crossover	Delegated

LBC - Listed building consent
CAC - Conservation Area consent
AOD - Approval of details
RSP - Retrospective application
RFUL - Renewal of Full Planning

Wine Club

Ten years later...

In the last ten years, the men who empty the recycling boxes so diligently every other Tuesday must think the residents of our property are complete alcoholics. Where once the glass box contained a modest number of empty bottles, now it is crammed full as we seek to dispose of the evidence following a meeting of the Loudwater Wine Club. Our reputation as upstanding pillars of the community has certainly taken a battering – but it's been worth it!

I've lived in Loudwater all my life and, as I look round the Barn at a Wine Club event, I realise that it is full of friends that I've come to know in just the last ten years. What's more, they're good friends, people I could turn to in a crisis, people I could turn to for help and support.

It's not unusual to make friends through a shared interest and the Wine Club has certainly created a fantastic environment for making friends. The Committee has struck a balance between educating the members and allowing for socialising with a varied programme of events that has seen us gallivant oenologically across the globe.

We have sipped and slurped our way through well over 500 different wines – that's over a couple of thousand bottles, not including the quaffing wines with which we end our events each month. This hepatically-challenging total doesn't include the wines we've drunk on our overseas trips nor the vast quantities we've shipped home. We've even caused a 'run' on popular wines in the local supermarkets, stripping the shelves of our favourites following a successful tasting.

Our palates have changed over the years too. At an early meeting, the opening of a dessert wine was greeted with horror whereas now, ten years on, we attack a late harvest wine with gusto and enthusiasm.



It was therefore with great joy that the Loudwater Wine Club celebrated its tenth anniversary in July.

We started with a glass or two of Prosecco as we enjoyed the summer evening outside before taking our seats in the Barn for a Mediterranean Banquet.

Our starter of Antipasti, was followed by freshly prepared Paella – a spectacular creation in itself. Cheeses from Spain, Italy and France and Crème Brûlée rounded off the feast, all accompanied, of course, by carefully chosen wines.

Speeches were kept to a minimum to provide maximum time for socialising although tribute was paid to all those who had served on the Club's Committee over the years.

The party resumed the following morning as the usual suspects turned up to clear up the Barn. We returned home and, later that day, under cover of darkness, filled our recycle boxes with the empties.

Buzz Coster

This article is dedicated to the Loudwater bin men – what would we do without them? **PS – want to know what the Club's getting up to next? Visit www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk.**

Club Scene

Troutstream Investment Club

Meets 8pm, 2nd Tuesday of month

Chairman

Trevor Slade
(01442 831918)

Theatre Club

Chairman

Peter Laule
(778114)

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 Schrage-Powell (896198)

Grace Nicholls

15.7.1915 – 22.8.2010

The LRA is very sad to announce the death of Grace Nicholls. She featured in a previous issue of the Ol' Trout as a "Local Character" and this she certainly was. Grace died aged 95, having lived in Loudwater since 1953. She will be greatly missed by us all, particularly by her two daughters, Miranda and Wendy, her son Anthony, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. When she moved here with her husband, "Nicky" in 1953 – Coronation Year – she first lived at the other end of Troutstream Way and built "Uptop" which our former LRA chairman Roy Sterry and his wife Christine changed to "Mulberry Cottage" in 1991. She moved to Branksome Lodge in Loudwater Lane in 1980 but "Nicky" died ten years later, four years after they had celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. She married "Nicky" in 1936, having met him when only 15 years old. Grace was a Yorkshire lass, became a model when she was 16, and then a housewife. During the war she ran an Open House in Pinner for Australian, New Zealand and Canadian airmen which became known as "Nicholls Hostel". She loved Loudwater but she thought we were an untidy lot! Till she could no longer walk the necessary distances she would leave Branksome Lodge every day except Sunday, armed with her grabber, picking up litter all the way down to Croxley Green one way, and the Chorleywood Road the other. She started doing this way back in 1978 and thus became one of the best known figures in the neighbourhood. She also loved gardening and tended the back and front gardens at Branksome Lodge almost until she died. Her recipe for long life was "pure, hard, physical work" and, before going to bed saying to your partner "I love you". What a great lady.

Peter Phillips

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