

# The Ol' Trout

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## Editorial

Welcome to the third edition of the Ol' Trout in 2012. Since the last edition we have celebrated the Jubilee, slightly wetter than we would have hoped, but what a great event. I hope you have by now enjoyed the Olympics which appear to have taken over our lives. Another great event. I am sure it will inspire all for greater involvement in sport, ranging from shooting to rowing, from beach volley ball to triathlons.

2012 has turned into an amazing year, Jubilee, Olympics, Paralympics, hose pipe ban, higher rainfall than normal. So what next in 2012!!

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## Chairman's Words

As I write, the Olympics are well underway bringing a "feel good factor" to the country as the gold medal tally continues to rise. Earlier in the summer our Jubilee celebrations created a similar ambience in Loudwater. Having planned for the event to be held in the grounds of Loudwater Farm, with marquees erected "just in case", heavy rain forced us into the barn. Spirits were not dampened as residents socialised with friends and made new acquaintances, while children were entertained by Mr Marvel. A team outside clustered around the BBQ, keeping dry under a tarpaulin, produced a continuous supply of burgers and sausages to ensure no-one went hungry.

The LRA is not just about having fun and socialising. It has an important role to preserve the environment of Loudwater. Recently members have been making their objections to TRDC about the planning proposals for Troutstream Hall (see separate article) which we regard as being detrimental to Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate and particularly to those residents living in the close proximity. The battle to improve roads, particularly Loudwater and Sarratt Lanes continues. Bob Jolliffe, planning secretary, is again in touch with Herts Highways not just in an attempt to see the completion of the works in Loudwater Lane, which were promised last year, but also in an attempt to achieve a more long-lasting solution to the poor road surface.

These roles cannot be undertaken without an enthusiastic committee who work hard for Loudwater. If you would be interested in joining them, please contact me.

Heather Kenison

## Gardening Club

The Loudwater Garden Club held its AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Loudwater Farm. This was followed by an illustrated talk on "Hanging Baskets and Containers" by Christie Leary, a regular exhibitor at both Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows. We all gained some very useful hints on how to improve our hanging baskets and learned that almost any old piece of garden equipment

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can be turned into a decorative plant container with a little imagination.

Unfortunately, plans for our trip in April had to be cancelled as the proposed visit turned out to have considerable extra costs not mentioned on the location's website.

However, we made up for this disappointment in May, when we did another double centre trip, this time visiting the University Botanic Gardens at what my husband (a Cambridge man) always referred to as "The Other Place". We had glorious weather and, after spending the morning in the Gardens in Oxford, we then headed out to the nursery at Waterperry for lunch and a leisurely wander round its beautiful gardens.

Our latest visit in late June took us to the amazing gardens at Coton Manor in Northamptonshire, a longer trip but so well worth it. Once again the sun shone (we have been unbelievably lucky with the weather this year). Extending down from the rose-covered 17th century house, this garden is terraced on different levels, creating a series of smaller gardens, with a flowing stream and ponds, a woodland garden, a wildflower meadow in full bloom, a herb garden and absolutely stunning herbaceous borders (to say nothing of the chickens and ducks and flamingos!). There is also a superb collection of herbaceous plants for sale, which had our members buying so enthusiastically (and dashing back for more at the last minute) that the luggage compartment of our minibus was full to overflowing on the way back.

This garden definitely gets five stars. Do visit if you get a chance.

Margaret Jarrett

## River Pageant Day 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012



We (crew of 4) joined *Janthea* (the Dunkirk Little Ship) on the previous *Tuesday* and went down river from Temple Marina Marlow to Teddington in time for an interview to be held on the ship, for ITN News between Barry Lamb (TV Presenter) and Vic - the amazing 95 year old, who had been at Dunkirk.

*Wednesday* we did main shopping and had a most glorious trip down river in perfect weather - no better place to see England's wonderful trees. Some of the fleet collected in the West India Dock over the next two days. We were accredited and had our blue fabric bracelets sealed on.

On *Friday* we were joined by a Naval Chaplain and his wife, whom we knew from other ADLS functions.

Early on *Saturday* we were joined by an ITV cameraman and presenter. We sailed back through the city and saw the banners and screens for the next day - most exciting - especially a concrete mixer lorry with an enormous union jack. *Gloriana* was moored at Richmond. *Janthea* was one of the last to moor onto the buoys, as we were scheduled jointly to head the historic boats behind MTB102. That evening, due to strong winds the PLA mooring buoys did not hold and several ships went aground.

*Sunday* at 8 am in cold wind and rain, Vic and a Petty Officer from HMS Collingwood joined us again with ITN crew and four of the skipper's family. We wrapped Vic in blankets and made tea and biscuits all round. Due to *Janthea* being an elderly lady of 74 years and having a mechanical fault - we knew the trip had to be on one engine - luckily 4 knots was the speed of the Pageant.



Late morning the rowers past through the historic boats at Putney and were brilliant - the New Zealand and Aussie boats were grand. By 2 pm we were underway. Many thousands lining the banks and bridges. I cheered and waved back as a dervish. So privileged to be part of it all. 4 o'clock the drizzle began and by the time we saw Tower Bridge - it was barely visible - torrential was an understatement.

As we approached *Her Majesty's Vessel* we saw a figure in white mounting the internal stairs; but we were all standing to attention despite the wind and rain - no one more so than Vic - drenched shivering and saluting.

Back at WI dock it took one and a half hours to pack ADL ships, 6 abreast. One crew member held the mooring line whilst everyone else was below decks endeavouring to get dry and some warmth. On mooring one man from an adjacent ship slipped and fell into the water whilst securing the boat but was rescued instantly.

Later that evening it was apparent that our mooring line valiant, Peter Lough, had hypothermia and took two days to completely recover.

*Monday* was an ADLS Reunion day and *Tuesday* we were back up to Temple Marina.

Wow - Pageant - Olympics seeing Usain Bolt and moving house after 53 years.

I shall remember 2012

**Liz Crook - Technical Assistant Godfrey**

### Theatre Group

The Club had a most enjoyable visit to see "Noises Off" at The Aldwych Theatre - apart from our coach not arriving at the right time or place! Nevertheless we all arrived in time to enjoy a great show and most of us went on to Maurizio's Italian restaurant in Ricky for an excellent meal. We look to provide good quality and value food at a price which includes wine, gratuities etc.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August I've booked 32 tickets for a matinee performance of "Top Hat".

Most folk seem to like a good song and dance show and seats were hard to get, - I'm delighted to report that they've all been taken. On this occasion our coach will leave from The Bedford Arms and return there for an after-show meal.

Our final venue this year, on the 24<sup>th</sup> November is Sadlers Wells to see "Paco Pena's Quimeras", a flamenco Special. To maintain the Spanish flavour, the coach will take us back to La Giralda, a Spanish restaurant in Pinner. It will return to pick up diners after they've eaten and take them back to the Masonic School.

What may be our last visit is scheduled to be at Milton Keynes Theatre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 for the English National Ballet's production by, Matthew Bourne, of "Sleeping Beauty". Before the performance we plan to have our, now almost usual, pre-show meal at The Roade House who've served us so well in the past. The Club now has 58 members and is in a healthy financial position enabling us to provide the occasional modest "extra" to playgoers.

Beyond this the future of the club is not so bright. - Maurice Escow, who has done so much for us, has resigned as Treasurer and from the Committee for health reasons. I love the club which provides so much pleasure and good company, but I've been Chairman for over seven years and can't carry on without the services of a replacement Treasurer/bookkeeper - no club can. I'm currently doing much more than I was ever asked, or wanted to do. If that help isn't forthcoming, with deep regret, I will also have to resign.

### Late news

Much better news - two friends of the club have offered real help. We now have a new treasurer taking over in the new year. Trevor Slade, who I've known for over 40 years, told me would relish the challenge and has been welcomed on board. Roy Preedy also offered to help if I couldn't find a replacement for Maurice - I'm most grateful to him. The club also really wants a Secretary / Coordinator - is somebody out there interested in joining our Team.

### Peter Laule

### Troutstream Hall

After allowing Troutstream Hall to stand empty for over a year, the owners, Pilgrim Homes, have submitted a planning application to Three Rivers District Council. They propose to demolish the existing 21bed care home and replace it with a new 34 bed, all en suite, unit. Access will remain from Troutstream Way, with plans for a new access for visitors and staff so that the existing access is for service vehicles only.

Residents in the cul de sac section of Troutstream Way have co-ordinated their objections to this proposal. Many letters have been written to Three Rivers by residents, LRA and Loudwater Estate and local councillors contacted to "call in" the application. The plans will now be considered by the Planning Committee at Three Rivers in September.

McCann Family, Loudwater Lodge, Sarratt Lane  
Mr Mitchell Steel, Pheena, Chess Lane,  
Shibra and Rajib, Oakdene, Chess Lane.

## LRA Diary of Events

### September

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Bridge Club  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Investment Club  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Theatre Club Top Hat at Aldwych  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Bridge Club  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Autumn & Winter plants & grasses  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> LRA Committee  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Wine Club Evening meal at Di Paolo's  
Gerrards Cross

### October

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridge Club  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Investment Club  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> LRA Harvest Supper and quiz at the Barn  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Bridge Club  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Wine Club Hakes Bay with Tim Syrad

### November

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Bridge Club  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Investment Club  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Bridge Club  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> LRA Committee  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Theatre Club Quimeras Sadlers Wells  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Garners Question time  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Wine Club Christmas Dinner at Bedford Arms

### December

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Bridge Club  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Investment Club  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Bridge Club  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> LRA New years Eve Party

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED

The LRA Committee is looking for new members. No special qualifications, just enthusiasm and a desire to continue and enhance the work of the LRA in promoting social events and protecting the environment of Loudwater.

We hold about 9 meetings a year, on a Thursday evening. Many of the Committees have specific roles, ranging from monitoring planning applications to being involved with arrangements for a LRA organised social events.

If you are interested and wish to find out more, please contact Heather Kenison on 01923 773683 or by e-mail: [fivetrees@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fivetrees@hotmail.co.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you!

## HELP WANTED

Have you ever attended LRA events and wondered how they are set up? You could join the team that makes such a difference to the community of Loudwater. Volunteers to help with the social events organised by the LRA are needed. There are usually four events a year, but by volunteering you are not committed to them all.

If you can spare some time on the day of the event and/or the day following an event, your help would be really appreciated. No special talents are required, just a willingness to be involved with the team which contributes so much to the social life of Loudwater.

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## Planning Applications

### Decisions on previously reported applications

12/0256/RSP Faraway Cottage, Bridle Lane, part retrospective: Amendment to 08/0987: Increase in depth of approved single storey rear extension and installation of bi-folding door in lieu of window and door. Delegated. Granted

12/0467 Mickelfield Hall, Sarratt Road. Variation of condition 8 of planning permission 08/2240: to allow 20 events (of the approved 57 events) to be held each year from the marquee rather than the refurbished Tithe Barn for a temporary period of 2 years. Delegated. LRA objected. Refused.

12/0536 NMA Mulberry House, Loudwater Heights. Non-material alterations to planning permission 11/2220: Addition to feature stone surrounds to north (front) elevation windows and introduction of feature dado to easy elevations. Delegated. Granted.

12/0635/CLPD . Hillside, Chess Way. Formation of gable ends to existing hipped end bungalow. Delegated. Withdrawn

12/0553 Little Thatch, Trout Rise. Two storey side extensions and two storey front extension with integral double garage, relocation of chimneys and re-landscaping including additional hardstanding. Delegated. LRA objected. Withdrawn.

12/0586/FUL 7 Harewood. Renewal of 09/0663/FUL. 2 storey and single side extension. Delegated. Granted.

12/0685/CLPD 1 Roundspring, Bridle Lane Conversion of existing det. garage block to habitable accommodation, ancillary to the use of the main house. Insertion of new windows into rear elevation. Delegated. Granted.

12/0694/FUL Whisperwood House, Whisperwood Conversion of garage to utility and study, changes to house entrance door and adjacent road alteration and other internal alterations. Delegated. Granted.

12/0756 Hillside, Chess Way. Formation of gable ends to existing hip end bungalow. Delegated. Granted.

12/0822/NMA Woodside Cottage, Overstream Non material amendment to planning permission 11/0771: to have the bifold doors to the living room widened as indicated on the plans. Use of Em-tube to allow additional light on the landing, the tube to be positioned out of sight of the roof. Delegated. Granted.

12/0703 CAC Compton Cottage, Sarratt Lane. Demolition of existing bungalow. Delegated. Withdrawn.

12/0702/FUL Compton Grange, Sarratt Lane. Construction of a 6 bedroom dwelling. Delegated. LRA objected. Granted.

12/0716/RSP Part Retrospective: April Cottage, Bridle Lane, JG Part single, part two storey side and rear extensions (amendments to development of previously approved application 09/0507/FUL). Delegated. Granted.

12/0523/CAC Conservation Area Consent: 6 Ladywood Close. Proposed front, side and rear, extension and internal alterations. Delegated. Granted.

12/0524/FUL 6 Ladywood Close. Single and two storey front, side and rear extension and internal alterations. Delegated. Granted.

12/0845/FUL 3 Lower Plantation. Single storey rear extension. Delegated. Granted.

## New Applications until 9 August 2012

12/0797/FUL Monticello, Loudwater Lane. Single storey and two storey extensions and roof alterations including increase in height of part of ridge, gable features, dormer windows, rooflights, balcony and alterations to patio. Delegated. Granted.

12/1036/DIS Discharge of Conditions 3, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 pursuant to planning application 11/1914/FUL Compton Grange, Sarratt Lane.

12/0921/FUL Wren Top Bridle Lane Loudwater Two storey side extension and alterations to roof, pitched roof on dormer windows, garage door to rear of garage, window in loft facing garden (amendment to 01/00678/FUL). Application Withdrawn.

12/1004/FUL Lower House Troutstream Way. Two storey side extension, rear dormer window and landscaping works. Delegated. Granted.

12/1283/RSP Cranham, Loudwater Lane, Erection of gates, change to ground levels and retaining wall. Delegated.

12/1002/CAC Conservation Area Consent: Stamhus, Troutstream Way. Part demolition of existing dwelling to facilitate extensions and alterations. Delegated.

12/1001/FUL Stamhus, Troutstream Way, extensions and alterations including first floor side extension, two storey and single storey front extensions, single storey rear extension and loft conversion with dormer windows and roof lights. Delegated.

12/1163/RSP Part retrospective: Wren Top, Bridle Lane. Amendment to 01/00678/FUL: Two storey side extension and alterations to roof, to include; pitched roof on dormer windows, garage door to rear of garage, rear facing window in loft, infill extension to rear of garage, alterations to fenestration and internal alterations. Delegated.

12/1048/CAC: Troutstream Hall, Chorleywood Road. Demolition of existing care home. Delegated. LRA objected.

12/1047/FUL Troutstream Hall, Chorleywood Road. Proposed demolition of existing care home and construction of residential care home with 34 bed spaces with additional new access and associated parking and landscaping. Delegated. LRA objected.

12/1107/FUL Willow Wisp, Chess Hill. Single storey side and rear extension (lapsed approval 04/1125/FUL granted on appeal). Delegated.

12/1374/DIS Compton Grange, Sarratt Lane. Discharge of Conditions 3 (Materials) , 8 (C-Plan), 11 (Landscaping) and 12 (Method Statement) pursuant to planning application 12/0702/FUL. Delegated.

12/1339/FUL Killowen, Bridle Lane. Two storey side and rear extensions, first floor side extension, single storey side extension, single storey rear infill extension, single storey front extension and rooflight and front driveway/access amendments including creation of second vehicular access. Delegated. LRA objected.

12/1298/FUL Oak End, Wagon Way. Alterations to fenestration including changes to windows and rooflights, and insertion of door on the south west (front) elevation. Delegated.

12/1386/FUL Cobb Cottage, Trout Rise. Two storey rear extension, garage extension including provision of loft space, porch extension, replacement windows, external rendering and alterations to driveway. Delegated

12/1276/DIS Tall Trees (Walnut Burrow), Loudwater Drive. Discharge of Conditions 8 (Levels) and 9 (External Lighting) pursuant to planning application 09/1388/FUL

CAC Conservation Area Consent

RSP Retrospective planning Application

CLPD Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development

CLED Certificate of lawfulness Existing Development

DIS Discharge of Conditions

NMA Non material Alterations

Apart from objecting to the sheer bulk of the structure and adjacent neighbours being extensively overlooked, there are concerns about the effects this construction would have on the roads and utilities in the immediate vicinity. Although additional parking is planned, it would seem inadequate given the proposed increase in staff and residents who will have visitors. There are concerns that cars will be parked on Troutstream Way, causing inconvenience to residents. The additional traffic will place a strain on the fragile Estate roads.

Residents will be monitoring this application carefully with a desire to bring about an acceptable outcome.

## **LRA**

### **Loudwater History Story**

44 years in Loudwater and going on...

Perhaps those of you who have not lived in this beautiful country style place so long would be interested in knowing what it has been like to have been a resident in Loudwater Estate for forty four years this summer.

Fortunately during all this time not a lot has changed here in the sense of the lay-out of the roads and the houses although naturally some new building here and there has been going on but, mainly the character of our lovely area has not been altered.

When we moved to Overstream in July 1968 we were warmly greeted by the people who then lived in these mainly McNamara built houses. In the 13 houses near Karelia, which has been our address all this time, we had a retired Air Vice Marshall, a couple of architects, a Director of a national newspaper group as our early neighbours as well as a High Court judge with his wife. At the end of the cul-de-sac also lived the owner of the local boat building and timber business, which had been in the family for several generations. We, the newcomers, felt duly impressed by all this wealth of knowledge and interesting careers which surrounded us in our new home.

In the same week when we arrived from Chalfont St. Peter, our future friends, the Tindalls, from the North of England, also came to live in Overstream and since they had two boys as we did, as well as a daughter, our children were another factor for getting to know each other well.

Also Jack Bennett and his wife Ivy warmly welcomed us and our children as their next-door neighbours Jack Bennett was on the Loudwater Residents' Committee as a very active member, who in the early 1970's, amongst other things organised summer parties for a great number of Loudwater people in Lady Lewis's beautiful garden and elsewhere on the Estate where we got to know some other residents like Derek Walcott from Loudwater Lane.

Harry's bus, which quite a few of you travelled in earlier this year, was taking children and adults to Rickmansworth Station and this service was really appreciated especially by us who had boys going to Merchant Taylor's School in Northwood. When the buses stopped running, there were only two alternative ways of transport. Either the parents had to use their car to get the youngster to the station, or they had to cycle there and back, which then perhaps wasn't quite so worrying since there was a lot less traffic on the Chorleywood Road. The M25 was not yet built in those days. One of the things that one remembers clearly was the peace and quiet of the area before the busy motorway was constructed. When we bought our house from an Estate Agent in Rickmansworth, we were told that there were plans of a possible motorway to skirt Loudwater area but, that it was unlikely that it would ever happen!

Since four little boys living in our neighbourhood c 250 m distance from each other all went to York House Preparatory School, we mothers decided on a rota so that one of us would take and pick the boys up from school one week and then another mother would take over the following week etc. This worked very well and made all of

us new friends as well as proved that there was a strong community feeling already existing in Loudwater.

Because most of us were busy working either full or part time those days, the social life petered out slowly and it took a couple of decades before the present day Social Clubs, which have given so much joy to a lot of people, were established. The Loudwater residents who mainly contributed to this new beginning were Maurice Escow and Godfrey Crook who both were diligently involved in various matters concerning our area.

Times change, children grow up and leave home and quite a few more inhabitants of Loudwater are now retired, hence having a lot more time for social gatherings and being members in the various clubs. We all have made a lot of new good friends, especially in the Wine Club, which has meant that we very often have dinners and drinks at our homes, a very nice way of spending our leisure time together.

We also try to support each other at difficult times and sadly have had to say goodbye to a number of our friends, like Eric Tindall, Hywel Francis, Tony Walker etc over the years but they will all be warmly remembered in our minds.

Perhaps this little epistle has been interesting to you all.

Let us also hope that the life in Loudwater carries on peacefully and happily for everyone and that the summer will bring a lot of sunshine over our beautiful area.

## **Ritva Hale**

### **New Craft Club**

Come along to a new Craft Club in Loudwater.

Meet once a month to knit, sew and crochet. Bring your own projects to work on and share tips and advice. A relaxed and social club suitable for all abilities. Run by Nicki Trench, bestselling home crafts author and tutor who has recently moved to the area who will be on hand with instruction and lots of free patterns and samples to show from recent books and articles. Bring friends, guests and the club is open to all ages. We also welcome complete beginners and there will be plenty of spare materials to practice with.

Meet on the first Monday of each month starting 3rd September at Ladyswood House, Troutstream Way, Loudwater starting at 7.30pm and ending 9.30-9.45pm. If you would like to join please contact Nicki Trench, 07966 382115 or [nicki@nickitrench.com](mailto:nicki@nickitrench.com).

## **Nicki Trench**

### **Stewarts Law Moor Park 10k & Junior Fun Runs**

In aid of the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre – support & information at the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012** Merchant Taylors' School

A fun, family day with events for all ages and speeds. Many Loudwater residents have taken part in this popular annual road race over the last ten years – and survived! Every penny that is raised will go directly towards supporting people affected by cancer.

## **Buzz Coster**

I shall be there: Editor

### **Michael Sobell Centre Charity Support**

Thanks to Liz Crook's generosity (and the fact that she is moving and needs to dispose of some of her clothes and wants to help her pet charity), I am organising a stall at a local Vintage Fair at the Royal Masonic School on 30th September to sell some of Liz's fabulous vintage clothing with all proceeds going to Michael Sobell Centre. I

am in need of more good quality vintage women's (and men's) clothing to make lots of money for this charity. Vintage is 80s and before. Ball gowns, mini dresses, coats - even fur coats will sell - suits, shoes, scarves, hats, handbags. Also men's suits, dinner jackets, shirts, shoes, hats... all will be very welcome. So please all check in your wardrobes, lofts, attics and donate your unwanted clothing. You would be amazed at what people will buy even crimplene dresses that I remember my teachers wearing and thinking at the time that they were so unfashionable, are offered for sale, and are purchased, at these events. So please empty your wardrobes and help the charity. Donations to Chess Rise, Chess Hill by 23rd September. If you want to discuss please call 07973482604 or email [chess.rise@me.com](mailto:chess.rise@me.com) If you don't have anything to donate (even if you do) please come along on the day and buy something from us.

**Stella Garner**

### **Walking Group**

As a group of "fine weather only" walkers, our forays into the Hertfordshire countryside have been limited. We plan to walk twice a month, but the summer months have not been kind. Even on a day without rain, the going has been "soft", so sturdy footwear is appropriate. However if you would like to join us, contact me at [fivetrees@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fivetrees@hotmail.co.uk) for details. We aim to cover 4-5 miles at a reasonable pace but most importantly to have a sociable morning, exploring the beautiful local countryside and creating an appetite for lunch!

**Heather Kenison**

### **Are Walkers in Loudwater Dangerous?**

A survey conducted recently over a seven day period (not very accurately) along Loudwater and Sarratt Lanes, showed that seventy per cent of walkers were walking on the wrong side of the road with their backs towards the oncoming traffic. What will happen to walkers like these when they will not even hear the increasing number of silent electric cars coming up behind them?

How would these walkers take any emergency avoidance action if they cannot see or hear what is behind them?

Have they not heard of the Country Code? Or even the Ramblers Association simple rules and in particular their rule on "Health & Safety for Walkers" quoted below:-

#### **Walking on Roads**

When walking on roads, follow the advice in the Highway Code: use the pavement if there is one and safe crossings wherever possible, help drivers to see you, and where there is no pavement walk on the right, facing oncoming traffic, crossing to the other side before sharp right-hand bends. Take special care on country roads with no pavements where traffic may be moving very fast.

Help drivers to see you and you to see the drivers by walking on the right facing the oncoming traffic.

**Michael Blackstone**

### **Support of Charities 3 Peaks Challenge**

Raising money for PHAB(Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied) 3 peaks walk.

You sometimes wonder where such ideas come from...well this one originated in an outdoor shop!

Then, there we all were, 4:55pm, counting down the minutes, peering up into the clouds trying to catch a glimpse of the summit of Ben Nevis! We had, possibly, foolishly decided to take on the challenge of the 3peaks (Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, and Snowdon) in 24hours! No mean feat!

The reason for starting at 5pm allows for the majority of the 24hours being in the light. Off we went up a rather sharp ascent from Ben Nevis Youth Hostel. The path soon became less even and more scree dominated. Whilst winding and zig zagging round the mountain we soon were nearing the top. Even in early June there was a considerable amount of snow near the top, which slowed our progress a little. With a brief stop, just time for a team photo at the top, with us barely visible through the camera lens due to dense clouds. We descended to arrive back at the bottom just before 10pm. Springing no time we jumped in the minibus and headed south.

Through dense fog, which slowed our journey, we arrived at Scafell Pike in heavy rain, which if that didn't make things bad enough, it was 4am. The first few steps were a little shaky after being cramped in the minibus and sleep deprived. The pressure of being slightly behind schedule and tiredness setting in, along with the elements sapped even more energy from us. The descent was rather treacherous, due to the slippery paths.



We arrived at the final mountain, Snowdon, in drizzle and like the others, it loomed high in the clouds. Unfortunately we only had 2hours to reach the summit and back down to the car park. We realised that this was not feasible, so our aim now was to reach the top in the allotted time. We successfully managed it, only to be met by high winds, rain and clouds!

Feeling very sleep deprived, legs drained and with a sense of relief we reached the bottom in 26hours! The group managed to raise £5000 for the charity Phab, which allows disabled children to have an activity week away, so allowing parents and carers a rest. Having run the London marathon in the previous year(raising money for Phab), I would much rather opt for that over the 3peaks again! There is always the option of doing a fourth peak in Ireland...

**Tom Kenison**

### **Loudwater Lane Repairs (STOP PRESS)**

I can confirm the works are programmed for 10<sup>th</sup> September, under a road closure.

The works will involve base and wearing course patching and the new edge of carriageway markings.

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### **Welcome to new residents**

Mr Andy Constantinou, 11 Loudwater House, Loudwater Drive  
Mr David Silberman, Ladyswood House, Troutstream Way  
Dr Ross and Dr Michelle Cheetham, Old Mill House