



The Ol' Trout

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Editorial

Welcome to the first edition of the Ol' Trout in 2012. The newsletter is now under a new editor. Let me introduce myself. Robert Kenison of Troutstream Way, I have lived in Loudwater for over 14 years with my wife and two children.

Over recent weeks I have been looking at different local magazines that are issued about Rickmansworth to try to see how the Ol' Trout could be developed.

Hopefully it is a newsletter for Loudwater residents covering the issues that affect the community and environment.

I would welcome to hear from you if you have fascinating stories about local people, events, historical and environmental issues. If you are keen photographer with interesting shots of the local area or wildlife that could also be included, please contact me through email kenison_r@hotmail.com.

Chairman's Word

There are 402 houses in Loudwater according to the Royal Mail WD3 Post Code Register.

300 households are members of the Loudwater Residents Association (LRA) and thus receive the Ol' Trout between three and four times a year with reports on local issues, recent club activities and details of forthcoming events.

Various residents, mainly recent arrivals, have enquired why the Ol' Trout had stopped being delivered to them. I explain that we do include past and or current editions with the 'Welcome Pack' but for continued receipt they need to join the LRA.

Recall that moving house is a major and demanding exercise and that the good intentions to join get delayed and the paperwork mislaid.

We would like all residents to join as we believe we have something special in regards to building community friendships.

Tony Hale

Have you received an Ol' Trout in the last year?

If not, you are probably not a member of the Loudwater Residents' Association and therefore miss out on information about your community. The Ol' Trout includes news of the various clubs in Loudwater, together with information which may be useful to residents.

For the sum of £10 a year – or just 3p a day!!- your household can join the LRA. You will receive four copies of the Ol' Trout a year plus the opportunity to become involved with social events, which enhance neighbourliness. In addition, the LRA provides a focal group to respond to issues affecting Loudwater.

Loudwater Residents' Association

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So, what are you waiting for? Simply complete the enclosed standing order mandate, return it to the Treasurer, Nick Vaughton, and begin a greater involvement with your community.

Neighbourhood Watch

OWL. Would you like to receive information as to what is happening in and around Loudwater? Herts Constabulary have an online system called OWL (Online Watch Link) and you can subscribe to this scheme. It will give you all the latest reports regarding crime in our area and also neighbouring areas. It also offers suggestions as to how to stay safe, protect your home, car and valuables and also warnings of what to look out for. PCSO surgeries are also advertised.

If you would like to subscribe, please email (pia265@talk21.com) with your name, full address, telephone number and email address. I will then add your details to the OWL database. It's a free service and I would dearly love to get the majority of Greater Loudwater residents enrolled in the system.

SMARTWATER. This is a colourless liquid solution that can be dabbed onto your personal possessions. Each bottle has its own unique chemical code which is registered to your address, so anything marked with Smartwater can be traced back to you. If you would like to purchase a bottle, or have any questions regarding this product, please contact PC Hannah Clark on 01923 472265.

June Curtis

Area Co-ordinator for Greater Loudwater

Harry's Bus

There may be only a few residents who can remember the 'Harry Bus', but for all of us 'newcomers', there was a bus service that ran from the Loudwater Estate to Rickmansworth station for over 40 years.

Cameron Jeffs developed the Estate and from 1928 started running a bus service from the Estate to and from Rickmansworth station. The morning service was used by the business men to get them to the station. During the day the ladies of Loudwater used it to travel into Rickmansworth for their shopping and in the evening the bus transported the business men back home.

The service was continued by his Executors until 1950 when London Transport took it over and numbered the bus 336A. The bus spent the night in the Garage at Loudwater and latterly the driver was Harry Cross, hence the affectionate name of the 'Harry Bus'. Harry retired in 1971 and in March 1972 the service was withdrawn. The bus that was used (a GS-type bus dating from 1953), was the last of its type in London Transport service and the London Transport Museum is going to commemorate the 40th anniversary of both the last GS bus in service and Harry Cross.

On Sunday March 25th, there will be two GS type 'Harry Buses' running from the Estate to Rickmansworth station and back again. If you would like a nostalgic free ride from the Estate to the station and

back again, you will need to book your seats as each bus capacity is only 20. Some buses will enter the Estate via the Troutstream Way gate and exit at the Kingfisher barrier and other buses will enter at the Kingfisher Lure barrier and exit at the Troutstream Way gate. Passengers can be picked up and set down at any point along Troutstream Way – they will need to hail the bus when they see it coming. There will be a commemorative brochure available to all bus travellers. The timetable is as follows and the times are as accurate as possible.



10.10. One bus at TWG arriving at RS at 10.26.
Return bus leaving RS at 11.00
11.10 One bus at TWG arriving at RS at 11.26.
Return bus leaving RS at 11.30
11.38. One bus at B arriving at RS at 11.56.
Return bus leaving RS at 12.00
12.08. Two buses at B arriving at RS at 12.26.
No return bus until 14.00
14.30. Two buses at B arriving at RS at 14.48.
No return bus until 15.30
15.40. One bus at TWG arriving at RS at 15.56.
No return bus.

TWG = Troutstream Way Gate. RS = Rickmansworth Station. B = Barrier.

To book your seat (s) please contact Guy Marriott at the London Transport Museum on 07770 667603 or email him at guy.marriott@ltmuseum.co.uk

June Curtis

Loudwater Theatre Club

Thirty one members and guests of the club went to a matinee at the Palace Theatre, Watford, on November 5th to see the English Touring Theatre company in "Tartuffe" written by Moliere, the great exponent of French comedy. In a witty Rhyming adaptation by Roger McGough it was an enjoyable production, played with tremendous energy and zest by the cast, in a rollicking almost pantomime-like style. As usual, we travelled by coach, which afterwards took us to Old Amersham for a meal at the Crown Hotel. We are so lucky to have such a gem of a traditional theatre like the Palace just a few miles away and yet so often people overlook it when thinking of a night out. For us, it was "a fun night out", as one of our members commented.

Our next outing is to a Royal Shakespeare Company production of "The Taming of the Shrew" on the 10th of March at the Milton Keynes Theatre. It is an evening performance, and we plan to have a pre-theatre meal at the Roade House Restaurant which served the club so well on our last visit to Milton Keynes. Guests are always welcome, so if you are interested in joining us for this production, please ring Maurice Escow (77810) as soon as possible. In order to

get the best seats, the coach, and a restaurant etc: we have to make our arrangements well in advance.

Hazel Nest

Do you enjoy walking?

I am hoping to set up a walking group among Loudwater residents. Initially routes will begin in Loudwater, but with time will become further afield. I plan to organise this on a weekday morning, maybe once a month or more regularly, according to demand. If you are interested, please contact me via e-mail (fivetrees@hotmail.co.uk) or phone (773683), giving an indication as to which day you would prefer and an approximation of the distance you would like to walk. Based on the consensus, I will notify all respondents of the date and route of the first walk. I look forward to meeting with you.

Heather Kenison

Welcome to new residents

Edward Essess and Elisa Harris, Woodend, Whisperwood.

Jeremy and Jane Broadis and their three sons, Joe, Jamie and John, 5 Armitage Close.

Robert Klingenschmid and Meredith Brooks, Woodside, Bridle Lane

Garden Club

The Garden Club has had an excellent year. Following our trip to Cambridge in June, the Club held an "At Home" in August at Ulla Hauser's lovely house and garden in Loudwater Drive. This event was open to all LRA members to advertise what the Garden Club does and to attract new members, which it did most successfully.

This event was followed by a talk at the Small Barn at Loudwater Farm by local botanist Brenda Harold on "Wildflowers on a Country Walk". Brenda is well known to many of our members, having given other talks and led walks for us. There is probably no-one with a greater knowledge of our local flora and she gave us a fascinating talk. Have you come across a plant called The Town Hall Clock?

We rounded off the year with our annual Gardeners' Question Time with our ever popular foursome of garden experts led by former Chairman of Britain in Bloom and renowned Chelsea judge, the ebullient Jim Buttress. Members' questions and gardening problems produced lively responses and a great deal of good humoured debate, after which experts and audience joined each other to sample buffet and enjoy the gluhwein. The team are already booked for next November.



The Team puzzle over a tricky question

The Garden Club's aim is to encourage and facilitate the enjoyment of gardens and gardening by its members by providing bi-monthly events for members and their guests. These can vary from illustrated talks by experts on particular aspects of gardening to visits by coach



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Planning Applications

Decisions on previously reported applications

- 11/0881 Trout Rise Farm, Troutstream Way. Demolition of existing storage unit and rebuilding to provide residential unit. Reinstatement of existing residential unit as a barn. **Delegated. Refused**
- 11/1310 Glen Cottage, Trout Rise. 1st floor side extension. **Delegated Granted**
- 11/1538CAC Woodstock, Violet Way. Part demolition of existing dwelling. **Delegated. Granted**
- 11/1537 Woodstock, Violet Way. Part demolition and erection of open porch to front elevation, two storey and single storey extensions across rear elevations and internal alterations. **Delegated. Granted**
- 11/1564 Loudwater Farm, Loudwater Lane. Renewal 08/1908. Change of use of farmhouse (class C2) to residential (class C3) with alterations to elevations and new boiler room to include changes of use of outbuildings to provide car parking and guest accommodation. **Delegated.Granted**
- 11/1567 Dacres, Troutstream Way Single storey rear extension with balcony above. **Delegated.Granted**
- 11/1539RSP Woodside Cottage, Overstream Retrospective: Oak framed gazebo (5mx3mx3.2m in height) **Delegated.Granted**

New Applications until 6th February 2012

- 11/1824 Chessholme, Troutstream Way. Proposed new garage extension to side/ front/rear and conversion of existing garage to habitable room. **Delegated. LRA objected. Granted**
- Application amended to: conversion of existing garage to habitable room. **Granted**
- 11/1833 Mulberry House, Loudwater Heights. Proposed 2 storey front and side extension including installation of a basement with stairs and glass balustrading, single storey front extension, new glazed balustrading to existing balcony, new roof and alterations to fenestrations. **Delegated. Withdrawn**
- 11/1914 Compton Cottage, Sarratt Lane. Proposed new dwelling house and garage with associated landscaping, fencing and gates to frontage. **Delegated.Granted**
- 11/1963CAC Ladygate, 11 Ladywood Close. Demolition of existing dwelling. **Delegated. Granted**
- 11/1961 Ladygate, 11 Ladywood Close. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of detached 2 storey dwelling with roof and basement accommodation and associated landscaping and gates to entrance. **Delegated. Granted**
- 11/2020 Kingfisher Cottage, Trout Rise. Oak framed orangery extension to rear. **Delegated. Granted**
- 11/2041 Lilac Cottage, Trout Rise. Infilling of part of existing porch and new window opening to south east elevation. **Delegated. Granted**
- 11/2026 Lower House, Troutstream Way. Erection of two storey side extensions to east and west and to front with raised terrace area; internal alterations; demolition of existing garage and extension to existing driveway. **Delegated. LRA objected Withdrawn**
- 11/2027CAC Lower House, Troutstream Way. Internal alterations to facilitate extensions to east and west front. **Delegated. Withdrawn**
- 11/2001 Arlesey House, Rooks Hill. Rear orangery. **Delegated. Granted**
- 11/2124 Tanglewood, Sarratt Lane. Single storey front and rear extensions, two storey side and rear extension with dormer windows plus basement, side dormer window extension to garage roof (revised application to planning approval 08/1488) **Delegated. Granted**
- 11/2179 Silverdene, Sarratt Lane. Demolition of existing chalet bungalow, erection of detached two storey dwelling with roof space accommodation and integral double garage, alterations to access and driveway including new entrance gates. **Delegated. LRA objected. Refused**
- 11/2180CAC. Silverdene, Sarratt Lane. As above. **Refused**
- 11/2088 4 Harewood. First floor rear extension with balcony at rear, first floor extension over garage with front dormer window and rear external staircase. Delegated. LRA objected to balcony. **Granted**

11/2220 Mulberry House, Loudwater Heights.. Proposed two storey front and side extension including installation of a basement with stairs and glass balustrading, single storey front extension, new roof and alterations to fenestration.

Delegated. Granted

11/2127 3 Loudwater Ridge. Single storey extension with roof terrace above and installation of rooflights to existing rear extension.

Delegated. Granted

11/2361 Oak End, Wagon Way. Enlargement of 1st floor window to provide double leaf doors with internal safety railing.

Delegated. Granted

11/2587 Cobb Cottage, Trout Rise. Two storey rear extension, front, side and rear garage extension with first floor accommodation above and undercroft, front porch extension, replacement windows, external rendering and alterations to driveway.

Delegated. LRA

objected

11/2588CAC Cobb Cottage, Trout Rise, part demolition of existing dwelling including garage and conservatory.

Delegated. LRA

objected

12/0104 The Dormer Cottage, Bridle Lane. Loft conversion including insertion of new gable window to front elevation and new dormer to rooflights to rear elevations.

Delegated

12/0021 Woodlands, Whisperwood. Single storey side and rear poolroom extension, 2 storey front, side and rear extension, loft conversion with front and rear dormers, front extension to garages.

Delegated LRA

objected

12/0153 Far End, Wagon Way. Demolition of existing conservatory roof and wall; erection of new roof and wall with rooflights and insertion of new rooflights to adjacent existing roofs.

Delegated

CAC Conservation Area Consent

RSP Retrospective planning Application

CLPD Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development

CLED Certificate of lawfulness Existing Development

DIS Discharge of Conditions

to explore gardens further afield. Garden Club events take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month and membership is £10 per annum. New members are always welcome.

Plans for next year include a very early morning trip to New Covent Garden Flower Market at Nine Elms and a visit to Coton Manor House and Gardens.

25th April Early Morning visit to New Covent Garden Market

27th June Visit to Coton Manor Gardens, Northants.

26th September Speaker "Autumn and Winter Plants and Grasses"
Loudwater Farm

28th November Gardeners' Question Time - Mont au Source,
Loudwater Drive

Margaret Jarrett

Loudwater Golf Day

All residents of Loudwater who have any ability at the game of golf are welcome to join in this annual event. This is a fun event, so the nervous need have no fear. However for the more serious golfers among you the accolades from your neighbours if you win will resound for years. Who knows, after winning this event you may get to meet a Top tennis player who will sweep you off your feet as Rory McIlroy and Adam Scott have. (for the ladies we will arrange meetings with Federer and Nadal) This year it will be held at Sandy Lodge Golf Club on Monday the 14th of May at 1.00pm. The highly prestigious and cherished Cup will be played for and team prizes will be on offer. There will be a dinner in the evening to which non-playing other halves can come along. The cost remains to be set but will be around £70 which includes the golf and dinner and those having dinner only will face a bill of around £25. I sincerely hope this year will be as successful as last year where there were 29 golfers and a further 21 came to the evening dinner making 50 in all. If you wish to join in then please contact me at bill.hope@sky.com or alternatively give me a ring on 772497.

Bill Hope

Coffee Mornings

Every few months a generous volunteer hosts a coffee morning in Loudwater. Our coffee mornings are a great way to meet your neighbours or catch up with old friends. All LRA members are invited - just turn up on the morning.

If you would like to receive times and dates of forthcoming coffee mornings, please contact me (details below) and I will add you to my mailing list. Also, do get in touch if fancy hosting one.

Look forward to hearing from you...

Elaine Bailey 771630

eands.bailey@btinternet.com

Loudwater Bridge Club

We are a very social club and meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the lower barn at Loudwater Lane. at 7-20 pm.

New members are always welcome, so anyone interested in playing can contact me on 01923 710095.

Don't worry, if you would like to play but do not have a bridge partner as we would pair you up with someone on the night.

Usual format is to play around 8 hands and then break for tea and a chat before resuming for another 8 hands or so. The play is not competitive but there is the opportunity on the night for the most (or least) successful partnership of the evening to win a bottle of wine each. Where else would you get this much fun for just £2. So bridge players of Loudwater, give us a try, you know you want too!

Janis Rees

New Years Eve

"I compiled the music for those who would have been twenty five in 1964" said Don Moore and although many were probably not of that age (!) they loved the dance floor as the music was perfect for partying. Fatigue soon thinned out the numbers but by two in the morning there was still a dozen stalwarts left dancing with almost as much energy as most twenty five year olds.

It was such a wonderful night not least because so many people came together and worked tirelessly to make it happen; it was a real example of the camaraderie that the small, bounded community of Loudwater can achieve. Accordingly, sixty people were treated to champagne on arrival, a fabulous four course dinner, party games, a dance floor and a fabulously decorated Barn. Tony Hale et al provided the champagne and the impressive cooking was done by Lorna Hawxwell, Christine Sterry and Heather Kenison who jointly offered a choice of the starter and main course. Diana Vaughton provided the table decorations and Stella Garner oversaw the waitressing, assisted by her daughter Shannon and her school friend Yeona. Following dinner Don Moore organised a 'Pass the Parcel' with a difference and then the newly constructed, suspended floor was tested to the full, by most people's enthusiastic dancing.

Colin Timms, as Chair of the Events Sub-Committee, deserves special thanks for making this all happen and would have been pleased with the £200 raised for Mencap from the raffle. He and many, many others achieved this amazing event for a ticket price of £25 and more impressive was the circa twenty five people who turned up the following morning, albeit some a little bleary eyed, to clear everything away, rewarded by a further glass of champagne. There really is no better place to live than Loudwater!

Sue Tippen

Loudwater Lane Update

Two persistent problems have dogged Loudwater Lane for many years - perceived speed and flooding. The LRA's efforts to deal with the former have been reported in previous issues, but I would like to provide an update on progress. Of the measures agreed with Herts Highways, the additional signage and hedge trimming have been completed. In addition the large rondels indicating the 30mph speed restriction are in situ on the carriageway. I am advised that there were problems with the white lining contractor at the end of last year, but these markings will be completed in the spring. There will be solid lines painted along the edge of the roadway, giving drivers an illusion of increased speed and hopefully encourage them to slow down. Other markings, including those indicating the center of the road, will also be redone. Our contact at Herts Highways is most interested to hear whether residents consider these measures have had any beneficial effect. I would be pleased to receive your comment at fivetrees@hotmail.co.uk so that I may pass them on.



February cleaning of drains

Following the flooding of the road last month, near the junction with Loudwater Drive, I requested to Herts Highways that action be taken to clean out the gullies. Many residents will have noticed that the road was closed on the first Friday in February while this work was undertaken. By closing the road, the team was able to perform a more thorough clean, which should keep surface water draining away for at least six months. In addition to cleaning out the drains, the Beany blocks along the side of the road were also unblocked. These are special kerbstones, which have drainage holes in them to allow surface water to pass through them and thence into the drains. They had become choked with mud so that the drainage holes were not visible and hence water accumulated in the road. Rather than merely respond to a problem situation, I have written to the Head of Herts Highways requesting that regular maintenance is carried out on the gullies. I am awaiting a response!!



Sludge from beany blocks

Heather Kenison
Planning and Environment Secretary

Loudwater Wine Club Report

Mention the Rhône and instantly certain names spring to mind – Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Hermitage, Côte Rôtie and Condrieu, to name but a few. This region of France is known for such classics, great food wines with huge depth of character and complexity. Sandy Leckie, a familiar and popular speaker at the Wine Club with a particular passion for Rhône wines was the ideal person to guide us round this region.

Think of South African wine and you'll inevitably think of Stellenbosch, Paarl, and Constantia. Vivienne Franks took us beyond these well-known areas to some of the newer, emerging wine-producing regions where new styles of wine are being made which rival some of the best that the Old World has to offer.

For our Christmas Dinner we returned to the Bedford Arms Hotel once more for this Black Tie event. This event is always popular and following the positive response from the members we have booked them again for this year on Friday 30th November.

The Club's AGM was held on Friday 27th January and I'm pleased to welcome James Harvey to the Committee as Treasurer, equally pleasing is that Martin Powell who has handled that role for the last 5 years has agreed to continue on the Committee. Following the meeting an informal supper was held accompanied of course by some interesting wines from New Zealand, South Africa and France.

So for our first tasting of the new year on Friday 24th February at the Barn we are 'heading over to Germany' to explore a little of what this country can offer us in the way of wine.

We're planning a trip down the Rhine in 2013 to include 2 or 3 wine tastings on a four night cruise, coach travel and most meals. So, if

you're thinking of coming on the trip or just want to learn more about German Wines this is an evening you will not want to miss.

Tony Hale

LRA Diary of Events

March	Thursday 1st	LRA Committee
	Wednesday 7th	Bridge Club
	Saturday 10th	Theatre Club- The Taming of the Shrew
	Sunday 11th	LRA Distributors Thank You
	Tuesday 13th	Investment Club
	Wednesday 21st	Bridge Club
	Friday 23rd	Wine Club provisional
	Saturday 24th	LRA Spring Event
April	Wednesday 4th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 10th	Investment Club
	Thursday 12th	LRA Committee
	Sunday 15th	LRA Chairman's Party
	Wednesday 18th	Bridge Club
	Wednesday 25th	Garden Club visit to New Covent Garden Market
	Friday 27th	Wine Club provisional
May	Wednesday 2nd	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 8th	Investment Club
	Thursday 10th	LRA AGM
	Monday 14th	LRA Golf Society
	Wednesday 16th	Bridge Club
	Friday 25th	Wine Club provisional
June	Sunday 3rd	LRA Diamond Jubilee Celebration
	Wednesday 6th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 12th	Investment Club
	Wednesday 20th	Bridge Club
	Thursday 21st	LRA Committee
	Friday 22nd	Wine Club provisional
	Wednesday 27th	Garden Club visit to Coton Manor Garden, Northants



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