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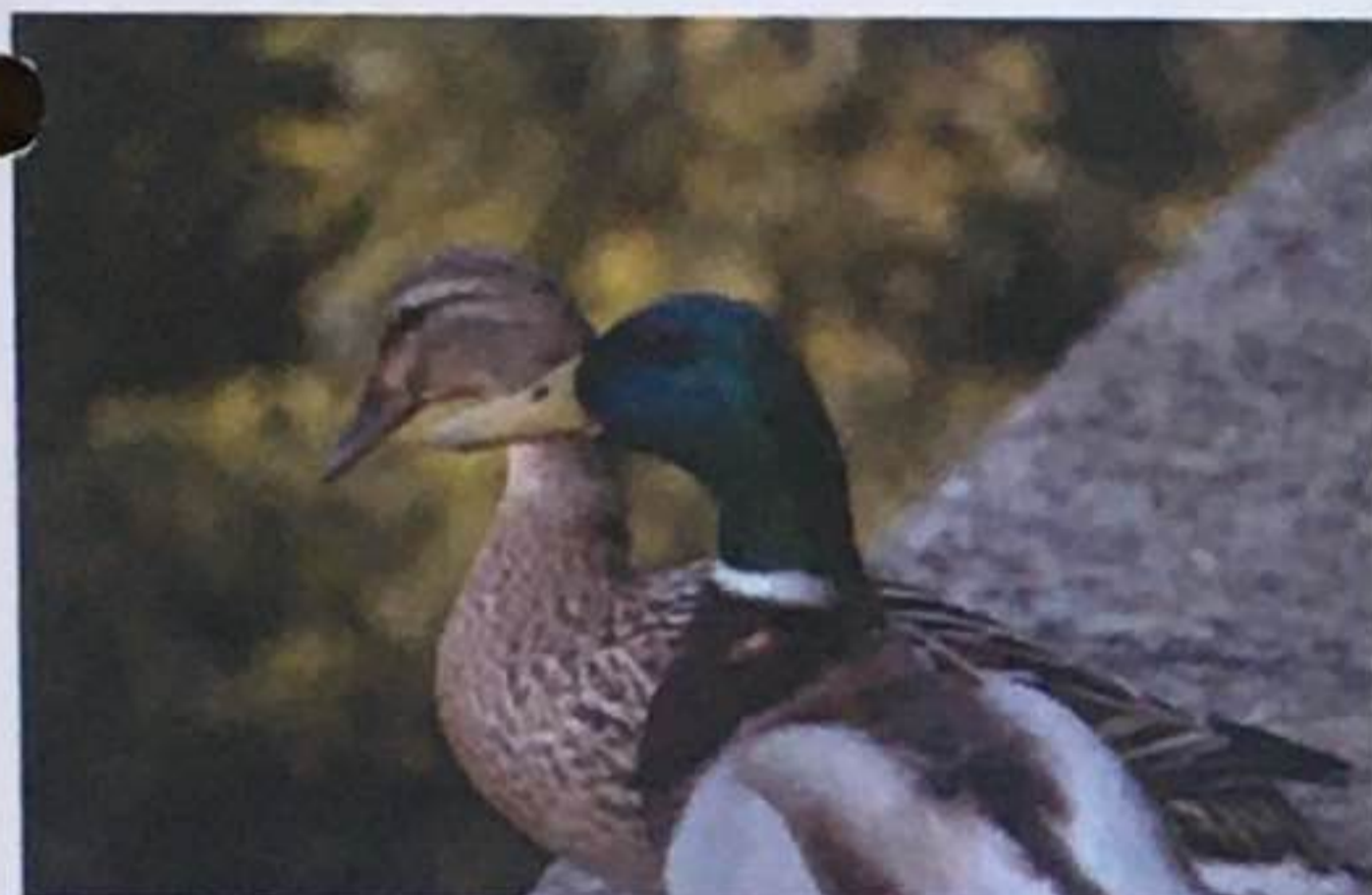
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## Editorial

Well it is now official, the coldest March, April and May for 50 years. Most of Europe has suffered as well. The gardens are behind but flourishing well with the rain and soft sunshine. Hope springs eternal for warmer weather.

Most years since we have lived in Loudwater, we are visited by a pair of ducks, which obviously they have been well fed, in early years by our children, but now we continue this tradition. Although there are different pairs the word obviously gets around. It is always a pleasure to see them in the Spring.



Robert Kenison

## Chairman's Words

May was a busy month for the LRA. Our AGM was well attended and it was good to see several new faces amongst the regular attendees. As usual the Accounts were presented, reports given on Planning and Environmental issues and details of Club activities were described. It was encouraging to hear that the Clubs have interesting programmes and are flourishing. It serves to highlight how many people take an active part in Loudwater life in order to provide a social life for the community and to try to ensure that our surroundings are maintained in good order.

Just over a week later, nearly 50 residents convened in the Barn for the Chairman's "Thank You" lunch. This was begun many years ago as an event to thank distributors of the Ol' Trout, but has been extended to include all individuals who have played an active role in the community during the last year. Again several new faces were in evidence. Those attending enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity to meet other residents.

Once again I would like to thank Committee members, Club personnel, Distributors and others who have played an important part in making Loudwater such a special community.

Unfortunately our summer Garden Party has been cancelled for a variety of reasons but the Events Sub Committee are starting to plan a Race Night to be held in the Autumn. More details will follow soon.

Heather Kenison

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## Roads & Drains

Loudwater Lane was closed on 20th May to allow a large Vactor machine to clear all the drains that have become blocked over the last few years. A smaller machine was used earlier in the year and this managed to improve the situation such that we have not encountered any flooding since, but this machine was not powerful enough to un-block the drains opposite Chess Lane. All the drains have now been cleared and one I was not even aware of located and cleared!

Ringway, the contractor responsible for road maintenance on behalf of Herts County Council, have been very helpful. I am now in discussion with them about possible kerbing around a couple of the drains set back from the road, in order to prevent the verge collapsing into the drain and causing further blockages. A longer term preventative maintenance plan is also under consideration. Initial thoughts are a 6 monthly visit with the smaller machine which will not necessitate a road closure to keep the drains clear.

However, if Loudwater residents notice that any of the drains are showing signs of not working effectively please advise myself, or any member of the LRA, and I will attempt to have this rectified before the situation gets any worse.

The "dip" at Parrots Dell on Loudwater Lane has been a problem for many years with crumbling tarmac, pot holes, debris and flooding. I can advise that a works order is due to be raised that will see the affected area resurfaced, debris cleared and the drainage situation addressed. I am waiting to be advised of a date and will circulate details as they become available in due course. This work will also require a road closure.

As reported at the AGM, I made an arrangement with Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) that if I were to collect and bag the rubbish that has collected in Beechengrove Woods off Sarratt Lane, they would collect it. So a couple of hours on a sunny Good Friday morning saw most of that collected and TRDC, good to their word, took it all away. Many people walk

through these woods and it would be great if the woods could be kept free of rubbish. TRDC can pick up litter on the roads, but they cannot remove rubbish from the woods as it is private land with public access. In other words it is down to us.

Lastly, cars are frequently parking in the slip road on the A404 as you approach Loudwater Lane from the M25 making it very difficult to see oncoming traffic as you exit Loudwater Lane onto the A404. After discussions with Herts County Council and TRDC, TRDC are going address this issue through a consultation looking at ways to improve safety, in the coming weeks.

### John Thompson

In Loudwater there are many private roads which are maintained by the various Boards and residential owners. Please contact the Estate Boards if you have any queries on these private roads. The LRA maintains a strong lobby with associated local government departments for the public roads only. Ed



## Troutstream Hall

Until 2 years ago, Troutstream Hall was a Care Home accommodating up to 20 residents. Since mid 2011 Troutstream Hall has been empty and now gradually falling into a poor state of repair.



New plans shown above.

The current owners of Troutstream Hall, Pilgrim Homes, made an application to demolish the existing building and replace this with a new care home for 37 residents. This application was presented to TRDC planning committee in late May. There were many objections sent into TRDC ahead of this committee meeting, including those from residents of Troutstream Way, The Loudwater Estate Board, Loudwater Residents Association and Chorleywood Parish Council. The main thrust of the objections was over development and traffic issues on the Estate roads. Unfortunately the TRDC planning committee approved the demolition and construction of the proposed new building. The voting appeared to be on political grounds with Liberal Democrats Councillors supporting the application.

The Loudwater Estate Board, in conjunction with local residents is forming an action group in an effort to stop the development in its present form. It is believed that the development as proposed may violate existing covenants as well as utilising land not owned by Pilgrim Homes. The first meeting is planned to be held in early June.

Should you require further information on the action group please contact members of the Loudwater Estate Board.

**Robert Kenison**

## Theatre Club

After the visit to see "Quimeras", the first outing we were able to arrange couldn't take place until the 11th of April and I was anxious to keep to our usual minimum of four trips a year. The recruitment of my oldest and trusted friend, Trevor Slade, as treasurer has helped me greatly but, because the change involved a lot of admin, only now is he able to make a start on taking over the finances completely.

He's already made changes which will make the Club's finances easier to manage.

Our first visit was to the Theatre Royal Windsor to see "Maurice's Jubilee". It was a matinee performance and our coach left from the Rose & Crown at Chorleywood and after a most enjoyable show, we returned there for a fine meal. We had the biggest attendance within my memory, of thirty-four members. To take advantage of two new promising opportunities which we judged were going to be in demand, we decided to ask members to "book and pay" in advance and we got a great response to both.

A party of twenty six are going to see "Singing in the Rain" at the Palace Theatre in the West End on the 5th of June and a further twenty-five to "West Side Story" at Sadler's Wells on the 14th of September. Both events are also matinees and we offered after-show meals at selected restaurants. We really had to pick local restaurants because those who didn't choose to dine could be delivered back to their cars. For "Singing in the Rain" we're starting from The Bedford Arms, which is now under new ownership- two committee members have (at their own expense!) lunched there and were well pleased with what they had.

We are still looking for something suitable, maybe but not necessarily a little different, to arrange before the end of the year. The Club now has 57 members, with all subs paid, and with expressions of interest from others who would like to receive flyers before, we hope, joining. We are adequately funded, blessed with good natured, pleasant memberships who are such good company. The club is in good shape.

**Peter Laule**

## Golf

I am very pleased to report that a very successful 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament was held at Sandy Lodge Golf Club on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 1.00pm. The weather was relatively kind and we enjoyed some sunny and quite windy weather which made the actual golf quite challenging. We had 25 golfers and 29 people sat down to dinner in the evening. The winner, with a very respectable 34 points, was Robert Fulker who lifted the very impressive trophy. Pauline Harding was the ladies winner and the team event was won by Richard Vercessi and his guest team. The whole day was yet another very enjoyable and very sociable Loudwater event and it was particularly pleasing to see some new residents join us and it gave them the opportunity to meet new neighbours and I hope make some new friends in and around Loudwater.

I am very grateful to a number of sponsors who provided the prizes and made up the numbers as playing and dining guests. I would also like to thank residents who brought along guests and to the evening guests who joined us for dinner.

Organising such events can be a bit of a challenge and the actual numbers of Loudwater residents who participated was disappointing. Of the 25 golfers who played golf only 13 were Loudwater residents. I do know that at least 8 of our regulars were away on holiday or just not available but it would be great to see more Loudwater people take part.

I have agreed to organize the event again next year and I have made a provisional booking for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 for Sandy Lodge Golf Club. Please put it in your diary. It would be great to get more residents involved and so any thoughts or ideas as to how we might achieve this will be gratefully received.

I am happy to listen to any suggestions or ideas, please get in touch with me...and thank you to all who supported the event this year.

If you wish to make a reservation or need more details please contact me via [percy@jamesestateagents.com](mailto:percy@jamesestateagents.com) or on 01923710692 or Mob/text 07702603703.

**Percy McCloskey**



## Loudwater Wine Club's Rhine Cruise

At 5:30, on a cold morning, at the end of April, eighteen of amongst Loudwater's most convivial and (?) intrepid residents boarded a coach at the Royal Masonic School. Already on this coach were people who had boarded at 1:00 am in Doncaster and later Sheffield, Mansfield and Northampton who, somewhat disturbed, one person uttered "Loudwater - well you are all certainly very loud".

The coach via the Dover/Calais ferry, took us through northern France, Belgium, Netherlands into Germany where we boarded the mps Amsterdam, on the Rhine, at Andernach. The cabins caused us all to giggle not least because of the size of the en-suite showers; the plastic curtains of which seemed to tie some (drunken people) in knots. We were perfectly looked after, throughout the trip, by the highly diligent and personable staff that provided ample breakfasts, three course lunches and four course dinners.

The greatest feature though was the beautiful scenery, together with impressive castles, as we slowly sailed up river, passed the Loreley Rock, and stopped at Rudesheim. Here we visited Seigfried's Mechanical Museum and rode in a cable car up to the Neiderwald Monument; not that easy after all that wine at lunch. After dinner we returned and visited a wine cellar, sampling some of the Reisling grapes; this was followed by a visit to a wine bar where we sampled a Rudesheim hot brandy coffee.

The following day we cruised back down the scenic Rhine to Boppard where we visited a local wine grower from the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer region and then soared over the vineyards in a chair lift; the silence of which was breathtaking. Later we stopped in Koblenz at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine, and after the Captain's Dinner and party night, walked along the banks of the rivers. The following day we sailed to Bonn, where we visited the Beethoven museum, which for me was the highlight of the trip, before sailing on to Cologne.

As the weather was wonderful most people visited the Ahr Valley for another local wine tasting; however we toured Cologne, in particular its Dom Cathedral.



Sadly the following day we re-boarded the coach for the journey home, making excellent time but then breaking down in Dover. Fortunately this was outside a hotel so we were, once again, forced (ha!) to drink copious amounts of wine. We arrived back at Rickmansworth at midnight complete with our purchased crates.

Thanks go to Lorna Hawxwell who sourced this cruise and most to all the participants for making it such very great fun from start to finish.

Sue Tippen

## Charity Event; Moor Park 10k and Junior Fun Runs



Charity run in aid of the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre.

The latest statistics show that one in three people will develop cancer at some stage in their lives, so it is perhaps not surprising that cancer is the disease people fear most. A diagnosis of cancer can lead to a range of emotions such as fear, anxiety and stress.

The Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre was opened in 1993. It was the first centre of its kind to offer a full service of support, information, counseling and complementary therapies to cancer patients and their carers.

The centre forms part of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre which has a large catchment population encompassing Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Middlesex and North London. Each year, the centre receives approximately 25,000 requests for help. The LJMC is partially funded by the NHS but relies on voluntary donations and fundraising activities for approximately 50% of its running costs. In the year 2013-14, these costs will be in excess of £575,000.

Thank you for supporting the LJMC by participating in the Stewarts Law Moor Park 10k. Every penny you raise will go directly towards supporting people affected by cancer.

This year's event which will take place on **Sunday 29th September** at Merchant Taylors' School.

Following the familiar format of previous years, the day will start with the junior events at 12 noon, with the Moor Park 10k at 3.00pm. Regular runners will know just how much this event has grown over the years and, in 2012, we nearly reached maximum capacity. In order not to be disappointed, we encourage you to enter early to ensure your place. Enter on line via web site [www.moorpark.org.uk](http://www.moorpark.org.uk)

Your runner number and timing chip (10k runners only) will be sent out to you nearer the date of the event.

Paper entry forms will be available from the event website later in the summer.



Buzz Coster

Ed's note, I will be there again.



## Multiple Sclerosis Golf Day

Bob & Sarah Jolliffe are running the 22nd Multiple Sclerosis Golf Day at Moor Park on TUESDAY 20th AUGUST. This is a most popular event to raise much needed money for the MS Therapy Centre at Harrow where Bob goes for treatment. The Centre is a registered Charity and is totally self-supporting needing to find about £230,000 each year to continue operating.



The day consists of coffee & bacon rolls, a shotgun round of golf with a sumptuous three course dinner and auction in the evening, all for the knock-down price of £360 (teams of 4 players). The whole day is relaxed and fun and there is also an opportunity for a tee sponsorship of £100, to give companies good advertising on the exclusive High Course at Moor Park. Do please contact Bob on rsjolliffe@hotmail.com or 01923 771834/07860 318 662 if you would like to bring a team and/or sponsor a tee - it's for such a good cause.

**Bob Jolliffe**

## LRA Diary of Events

Month	Day & Date	Event
June	Wednesday 5th	Theatre Club - Matinee, "Singing in the Rain" at the Palace Theatre, Shaftsbury Avenue
	Tuesday 11th	Troutstream Investment Club Meeting
	Wednesday 26th	Garden Club - Visit to RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall
	Thursday 27th	LRA Committee Meeting at Kingswood
	Friday 28th	Wine Club Tasting - Vinho Verde with Lindsay Oram
July	Wednesday 3rd	Bridge Club
	Wednesday 17th	Bridge Club
	Sunday 28th	Wine Club Summer Lunch - Heriots Buffet with Champagne & Sparkling Wine
August	Wednesday 7th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 13th	Troutstream Investment Club Annual Dinner
	Wednesday 14th	Garden Club - Visit to Wrest Park
	Wednesday 21st	Bridge Club
September	Wednesday 4th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 10th	Troutstream Investment Club Meeting
	Saturday 14th	Theatre Club - Matinee, "West Side Story" at Sadlers Wells
	Wednesday 18th	Bridge Club
	Wednesday 25th	Garden Club - Visit to Myddleton House Gardens

	Thursday 26th	LRA Committee Meeting at Dunara
	Friday 27th	Wine Club Tasting with a new tutor
October	Wednesday 2nd	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 8th	Troutstream Investment Club Meeting
	Wednesday 14th	Bridge Club
	Thursday 17th	LRA Committee Meeting at St Cyrus
	Saturday 19th	LRA Autumn Event; Race Night at the Barn
	Friday 25th	Wine Club - Vertical Tasting with Gary Coster
November	Wednesday 6th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 12th	Troutstream Investment Club Meeting
	Wednesday 20th	Bridge Club
	Thursday 21st	LRA Committee Meeting at Five Trees
	Wednesday 27th	Garden Club - Gardeners Question Time
	Saturday 30th	Wine Club Christmas Dinner at Moor Park
December	Wednesday 4th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 10th	Troutstream Investment Club Meeting
	Wednesday 18th	Bridge Club



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