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Editorial

As we exit one of the wettest winters on record, the surrounding areas close to Loudwater have also been badly affected although not as dramatically as some of the scenes we have all seen, on the news, in Somerset, adjacent to the River Thames or the coastal resorts.

The River Chess has burst its banks in many locations, with water entering the adjacent flood plains. Emergency repair works have been carried out in several locations, with the use of sand bags propping up the river banks.



River Chess close to Scotsbridge Mill

The area around the Aquadrome and associated river infrastructure was severely hit with many of the footpaths submerged. Some of area around the Aquadrome looks more like swampland.

The Grand Union Canal, opposite Tesco, burst its banks with water overflowing into the Aquadrome. The tow path was also impassable for many days. Many of the footpaths through Loudwater adjacent to the River Chess are still impassable unless you have wellingtons, or are mad like me when jogging; I just plough through.



Footpath between Masonic fields and the River Chess

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The high winds have sadly toppled many trees and there is also considerable damage to property.

Thanks to the works last year on the drains, Loudwater Lane performed well during these extraordinary amounts of rain.

Parrot's Dell has now been repaired, the permanent lake and the axle breaking potholes removed.



A dry repaired Parrot's Dell

So if you see large pot holes, which means in excess of 30mm deep, contact TRDC. There are plenty along Sarratt Lane.

Robert Kenison

Chairman's Words

After the wettest winter on record, it is heartening to note the lack of flooding along Loudwater Lane near the junction with Loudwater Drive. This has been due to work completed by Ringway and Herts County Council, at the persistence of John Thompson. He has also been instrumental in the repairs to Parrot's Dell. I am sure residents would wish me to pass on a "Thank you" for these efforts which will make travelling along the lanes easier. There is still much to do. Sarratt Lane is in a poor condition and it is here that John will next concentrate his efforts.

Peter Laule who has been Chairman of the Theatre Club for several years has decided to step down from this role. The club has been very successful and it would be very sad if its activities were to cease. We

are therefore seeking a new Chairman. The existing committee remains and Peter will provide any advice the new incumbent requires. Please contact me if you are able to volunteer for this role. Once a new Chairman has been recruited, the Club will again be arranging theatre visits.

I have been asked to stand as a Conservative Councillor at the Council elections in May. It had been my intention to stand down from the Committee in May 2105 after nearly ten years. If I am elected, this opportunity will hopefully provide continuity as I will be

able to liaise with TRDC on behalf of Loudwater and provide assistance in improving our environment.

This edition includes details of our AGM on 15th May 2014. If you are a regular attendee we will be pleased to see you again. If you do not normally attend, why not come along and discover what the LRA has been doing in the last year and you may also find that there are clubs that are of interest to you. Please make a note of the date in your diary. If you wish to view the minutes of the AGM held in May 2103, these can be found on the LRA website. Any resident wishing to study the accounts for the same period may contact Nick Vaughton, Treasurer. The accounts for the current year will be available following the AGM in May.

Finally, the LRA will be organising a Summer Event to be held at the Barn, Loudwater Farm on Sunday 22nd June. Details will be found on the website as arrangements are confirmed. In addition, all members for whom we hold an e-mail address will receive notification.

Heather Kenison

LRA Web Site

A reminder to all residents to pay a visit to our new web-site www.lraonline.org.uk. During the recent local road works the site was able to provide up to date information on road closures and work progress. Information on all LRA Clubs and activities is also available. A calendar of events for the whole year is also included which is updated regularly. You can access this calendar at any time to see when and where various club and LRA activities are taking place. There is also a section on the history of the area, links to other sites of interest and how to contact committee members.

As ever, we are actively looking for ideas and suggestions to make it even more useful and attractive. Interesting photographs of our area and suggestions for sharing information would be very welcome. If you do have any thoughts on improvements or additions to the site (or spot the inevitable error), please pass them along to Dave Pione (jdpione@hotmail.com).

Dave Pione

Loudwater Lane

Further progress has been made during the recent road closure. Some of the drains off-set into the verge have now been kerbed to reduce the amount of debris from the bank falling through the grate and causing blockages. Two additional gullies were located and new grates fitted and drains that could be cleared by hand were cleared. Unfortunately, the additional drain could not be installed due to a shortage of equipment and a couple of the badly blocked drains could not be cleared as the large vector machine was being utilised at a site with serious flooding problems elsewhere in the county, something that Loudwater Lane has been less prone to in recent months. The installation of the additional drain and drain clearance using the large vector machine should take place in late spring.

The dip at Parrot's Dell on Loudwater Lane, which has been plagued with potholes and flooding for many years, has now been resurfaced. This is a massive improvement. However, the drainage has still to be addressed, but this should be dealt with in the summer months when the surroundings have dried out.

John Thompson

Gardening Club

We moved our trip to Wrest Park to September as so many members wished to go but could not manage the August date. This is work in progress, in the early stages of a multi-million restoration project by English Heritage to re-create a 90 acre garden which is the most complete surviving 18th century formal landscape in Britain, covering three centuries of garden design, including French, Dutch, Italian and English styles. The formal gardens around the House are completed

but there is much more to come, so we may find ourselves back there in a few years time.



Formal Garden at Wrest Park

November 27th saw us at The Junction for our ever popular Gardeners' Question Time. We had a large attendance and members provided Jim Buttress and his team with some knotty problems to tackle, which they did with their usual expertise and good humour. Questions were followed by a light buffet and plenty of gluhwein.



The Team

We have a new programme for 2014 which we hope everyone will enjoy.

Margaret Jarrett

History

Having recently qualified as a City of London Guide and Lecturer, and currently undertaking a course of study on St Pauls' Cathedral, I am always on the lookout for reference material relating to the City. I regularly scour local charity shops for old books, and was wondering if perhaps you are having, or planning to have a clear-out, and might have a relevant book or two? I am particularly interested in old guide books on the City, or anything to do with the Livery companies, the Stock Exchange, the coffee houses, tales and characters from the past, the institutions such as Lloyds of London, or architecture both old and contemporary. I would be happy to make a donation to charity as a "thank you." Please contact me on viviwalks@btinternet.com



Viv Schragger-Powell

Planning Applications

16th November 2013 to 9th March 2014

Decisions on Previously Reported Applications

12/2376/RSP Part retrospective: Conversion of existing Grade II Listed Barn from agricultural use to use as an events and function venue including internal and external alterations and associated landscaping and parking area whilst retaining the Permitted Development rights for temporary uses for 28 days per year across the Estate Tithe Barn Micklefield Hall Farm Sarratt Road. Refused. Appeal to DoE. Appeal refused.

13/1326 FUL Two storey rear and side extension. Little Thatch, Trout Rise. Delegated. LRA objected Refused. Appeal to DoE. Appeal allowed and permission granted

13/1842/FUL Demolition of The Old Pole Barn and its replacement with a new building. The Old Pole Barn Micklefield Hall Sarratt Road. Delegated. Granted.

13/1919/FUL Erection of a pergola, infill extensions, alterations to fenestration and existing raised terrace, hard and soft landscaping to include re-siting of existing drive, construction of a fountain and grasscrete parking areas. Sanam, Troutstream Way. Delegated. Granted

13/1926/FUL Single storey rear extension with glazed lantern. Cherry Lawn, Bridle Lane. Delegated. Refused

New Applications

13/2117/FUL Proposed Detached Double Garage Whisperwood House, Whisper Wood. Delegated. Granted

13/2285/FUL Erection of part two storey and part single storey rear extension. 12, Harewood. Delegated . Granted

14/0123/FUL Southwinds, Trout Rise . Single storey front extension with glazed roof lanterns and single story rear infill extension. Delegated

14/0124/ FUL Demolition and replacement of existing house and garage with one detached house with lower ground floor level, first floor balcony, dormers to rear, raised terrace to rear and associated works | Little Fold Trout Rise. Delegated.

14/0170 /FUL Single storied side extension. 7 Armitage Close. Delegated

14/0327/FUL Ground floor extension to entrance hall. Remove and rebuild roof to improve first floor accommodation to include dormer windows and roof lights. Alteration of internal layout. Tara, Trout Rise. Delegated.

14/0320/FUL Two storey and single storey rear extension and internal alterations. Thatch Tower Troutstream Way. Delegated.

14/0351/FUL Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of 3 storey side extension incorporating double garage at lower level. Jasmine Cottage, Rooks Hill. 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

NMA Non Material Alterations

Month	Day & Date	Event
April	Wednesday 2nd	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 8th	Troutstream Investment Club Meeting
	Thursday 10 April	LRA Committee Meeting – Five Trees, Troutstream Way
	Wednesday 16th	Bridge Club
	Sunday 27 th April	12 Noon Chairman's Lunch LRA Helpers The Barn
	Wednesday 30th	Trip to Saville Gardens – Garden Club
May	Wednesday 7th	Bridge Club
	Monday 12th	12 Noon Golf Club Outing – Batchworth Park 8:30 PM Golf Club Dinner
	Tuesday 13th	Troutstream Investment Club Meeting
	Thursday 15th	8PM Annual General Meeting – The Barn
	Wednesday 21st	Bridge Club
June	Wednesday 4th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 10th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 18th	Bridge Club
	Sunday 22nd	LRA Summer Event
	Wednesday 25 th	Garden Club trip to Borde Hill
	Friday 27th	Wine Club Bio Bio Valley, Chile Tim Syrad
July	Wednesday 2nd	Bridge Club
	Thursday 3rd	LRA Committee Meeting – Kingswood, Loudwater Ridge
	Tuesday 8th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 16th	Bridge Club
	Sunday 27th	Wine Club Summer Luncheon
August	Wednesday 6th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 12th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 20th	Bridge Club
September	Wednesday 3rd	Bridge Club
	Thursday 4 th	LRA Committee Meeting - Sarratt House, Bridal Lane
	Tuesday 9th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 10th	Garden Club – trip to Merriments Garden and Scotney Castle
	Wednesday 17th	Bridge Club
	Friday 26th	Wine Club
October	Wednesday 1st	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 14th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 15th	Bridge Club
	Thursday 16th	LRA Committee Meeting – Dunara, Chess Lane
	Wednesday 22nd	Garden Club Trip to Sheffield Park
	Friday 24th	Wine Club
November	Wednesday 5th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 11th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 19th	Bridge Club
	Thursday 20th	LRA Committee Meeting Cobblers, Rooks Hill
	Monday 24th	Gardeners' Question Time
	Friday 28th	Wine Club
December	Wednesday 3rd	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 9th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 17th	Bridge Club



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URGENTLY WANTED – CHAIRMAN FOR THE THEATRE CLUB

Without a new chairman, this club cannot survive. An enthusiastic resident is needed to lead the committee in the organisation of theatre visits on a roughly quarterly basis. While being a current Theatre Club member would be advantageous, as you would be familiar with the format of events, non-members would certainly be considered.

Good organisational skills, patience and a desire to participate in the community are the requisite skills for this position.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Heather Kenison.

Metropolitan Line

New trains have had to undergo a lot of remedial work, which is still ongoing. The good news is that due to track replacement, it is now possible to attain 60mph on some sections, which should lead to shorter journey times.

Croxley Link: The project opening the new link, taking the met line north on to Watford Junction is now planned for May 2017, rather than the anticipated 2016, due to design work difficulties.

New Signalling Contract: The contract with Bombardier to provide new signals on the Met line has collapsed. Basically Bombardier could not deliver; they told LUL that the task of fitting new signals to the old lines was too complex. The contract will now be retendered. The due date for completion was 2018 but there must now be major doubt that this can be attained. Bombardier will apparently be paid £85million for the work it completed from 2011, when the contract was awarded, until it was withdrawn.

Mind the Gap: Work is being carried out to minimise the dangerous gap at Finchley Road, by moving the track nearer to the platform. Door signage is to be improved where the track bends and the gap gets wider. At Baker Street there are now blue lights on the underside of the platform which illuminate when the train arrives, drawing attention to the gap.

Extract for Northwood Residents News letter (editor)

Calling all Golfers: A date for your diary

11th annual LRA Golf Day

The date and venue for this year's LRA Golf Day have now been confirmed as

Date...**Monday 12th May 2014 from 12.00.midday....tee times from 1.00pm.**

Venue ...**Batchworth Park Golf Club, London Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1JS.**

Cost will be £60 which includes; coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf, and dinner from approx. 7.30pm. Batchworth Park members will be charged £30.00. We hope all golfers will stay for dinner from 7.30 and non golfing wives, partners and guests are very welcome to join us in the evening for dinner. Cost £30.

Although this is a golf day, it is an opportunity for Loudwater residents and their guests to enjoy a pleasant social event. Non golfers are very welcome to join us for dinner in the evening. It is great to see new residents take part and if you know of any new residents who would like to join us please make them aware of the event or let me have their details and I will contact them directly.

The format will be an individual stableford competition, ladies and gents, and there will be a team competition along with prizes for the longest drive and nearest the pin. Thank you to all who supported the event last year and I hope you can join us this year.

Please register your interest by emailing me your details so that I can ensure that all interested parties get the correct details on time.

I look forward to an enjoyable day

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Percy McCloskey

Three Rivers Museum Basing House

The museum is located beside Rickmansworth Library and Watersmeet Theatre. It is open from 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday, and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays, staffed entirely by volunteers.

Basing House houses the museum and is where William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, and his wife lived after their marriage at King Johns Farm, Chorleywood. The plaque on the front wall of the house/museum was donated by Sir Evelyn Wrench & Mr Sydney Walton. It reads:

Here William Penn (1644-1718) Quaker statesman and man of vision, founder of Pennsylvania and planner of Philadelphia, friend of the Indians, Crusader for civil and religious liberty, designer of European Peace, resided for five years after his marriage to Gulielma Maria Springett (1644-1694). The stone for this tablet from Pennsbury, Pennsylvania, the ancient home of William Penn on the Delaware River was presented by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission who are the custodians of the property.

Two of the large displays at present within the museum are: William Penn and Leavesden Hospital.

Leavesden Hospital was established to administer care for the many 'quiet and harmless' people who lived in London at the time. It stood on an 85 acre site and was able to house 1,500 patients. The building was designed by the architects Giles and Biven. It had a central administration block, chapel, separate blocks/wards for 860 females and 700 males, over 3 floors. It closed in 1995 and became The Leavesden Country Park. Martin Brooks, a former park ranger at Leavesden Country Park, has collected photographs and items related to Leavesden Hospital dating back to 1870 to produce a wonderful display.

New exhibits for the coming year will include; a)Sarratt, Local History, people and places, b)The Croxley Barn, when the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings visited and worked on the Barn-Summer 2013, c)World War I, d)A Dr Hussey & Shackleton exhibition (Hussey joined Shackleton's Antarctic expedition in 1914).

The Museum would like to expand within Basing House; to become a Heritage Centre would be our ultimate goal.

The museum welcomes individuals and group visits. Schools can visit by arrangement and loan boxes are available for schools, care homes and community groups. Talks are offered to the community on a variety of subjects. Publications on local history can be purchased from the museum or by contacting the museum, details below.

For information about the museum please contact.

www.trmt.org.uk 01923 772325

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Claire Roffe

Croxley Great Barn Tours

Meet at St Joan of School car park – High Street, Rickmansworth, where we leave at 10.45 for a short walk to the Barn, which may be muddy. These take place the last Saturday of the month, April – October inclusive. On arrival at the barn, a specialist guide gives a short informative talk about the barn and its history. Information can be obtained from the Museum website at www.trmt.org.uk

Claire Roffe

History of Loudwater



These books are available at a cost of £1.00 from Three Rivers Museum, located in Rickmansworth, between the Library and Watersmeet. (Its amazing how many people do not know there is a Museum there.)

Loudwater; The story of Loudwater Mill, Loudwater Farm and Loudwater House from medieval times to the early twentieth century. By Adrienne Jacques.

Rickmansworth Park; The story starts in 1670, through to 1928, when the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls took possession of Rickmansworth Park. By Adrienne Jacques.

Claire Roffe

Theatre Club

For the Club's first event in 2014 twenty -seven members, including two guests, went to see "One Man Two Guvnors" at the Theatre Royal Haymarket on Wednesday 26th February. The audience gave it a most enthusiastic response but it wasn't exactly what we expected. My contribution for the "Trout" had to meet a deadline and Sylvia Newman volunteered, once again, to give us the benefit of her impressions of our outing. I'm most grateful to her and think she's speaking for most of us.

"This was an interesting unexpected theatrical experience, with lively musical interludes from "The Craze Group". The opening of the first act was not convincing, with stilted and not impressive acting and a thin, improbable, story line. However, from the entrance of the main character – Francis Henshall, superbly played by Owain Arthur, we could relax and watch an excellent performance of pure farce, not to be taken seriously. The slapstick staging, particularly during the "serving of the meal", showed the cast's skill of comic timing to hilarious effect and made up for the sometimes crude moments. The momentum sagged in the second act but it was an amusing, if unusual, show. We all enjoyed a delicious meal afterwards at the Rose and Crown in Chorleywood."

I think most readers will know by now of my decision to retire as Chairman of The Theatre Club. It wasn't an easy decision for me to make because it is a remarkable institution. It has a special kind of membership who wants and need it to continue and to thrive and develop. Trevor Slade, Hazel Nest and Carole Timms will still be there but for the Club to continue, it will be essential for someone to replace me in the team. The Club remains in fine financial shape ready to give me, and everyone like me, many more happy times.

Peter Laule

Wine Club Burns Night Supper

The Junction in Chorleywood provided a warm and friendly setting for 32 members to mark Burns Night festivities.

We demonstrated our neutrality regarding the 'Scottish Question' by widening our wine mandate by including a tasting of some excellent Blended and Malt Whisky's chosen by Gary Coster (who else!).

A traditional menu prepared, by Gusto Deli in Chorleywood, starting with Leek & Potato Soup, followed by Haggis & Neeps and rounded off with Cranachan or Chocolate & Whisky Mousse, was served not only with matching wines but further enhanced with a dram or two!

Bill Battey resplendent in full kilted Scottish attire 'Addressed the Haggis' and to the amazement of the gathering as to how anybody can recite such a complex soliloquy, with the correct accent, without missing a beat or seemingly taking a breath! Don Moore in similar vein provided the background music of a traditional 'North of the Boarder' atmosphere. By general accord, an enjoyable evening and a pleasant way to start the New Year.



Bill Battey

For the first tutored tasting of 2014, we will be heading to Australia, to find out what's been happening with wines from 'down under' over the past few years. For this tasting we have invited a new and experienced wine tutor to bring us up to date.

As always, details of the evening and a booking form can be found on our website www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk – why not join us?

Tony Hale

LRA SUMMER EVENT

The LRA are organising a lunchtime summer event, in the style of a family garden party. It will be held at the Barn, Loudwater Farm on Sunday 22nd June. Arrangements are currently in their infancy, but full details will be available on the website as plans are confirmed.

Please put the date in your diary and check the website for details of how to book.

We look forward to your company.