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Editorial

Welcome to the December edition of the Ol' Trout. Autumn is nearly over.

During this Autumn there appears to be more varied wild life than when I first moved to Loudwater many years ago.

The Red Kites are now an everyday occurrence, flying very close to the house rather than just being visible in the distance. Recently I saw four Muntjacs together in the fields of Trout Rise Farm. Muntjacs are meant to be solitary animals.

Badger attacks in my back garden have made the grass look like a ploughed field. Efforts to deter them were initially unsuccessful, however a sonic alarm appears to have helped.

Robert Kenison

Chairman's Words

Christmas trees are for sale, streets are decorated for the festive season and shops are overflowing with gifts, large boxes of chocolates and turkeys all waiting to be purchased.

I am pleased to report that there are three new members of the committee: Alex Buxton, June Gili-Ross and Annabel Sweet. They are all relatively new residents in Loudwater and bring fresh ideas to the LRA. Their enthusiasm will be much appreciated and will ensure that the committee remains in a strong position when some of the longer serving members stand down at the AGM next May. Sadly, David Pione has decided that he can no longer commit to the committee due to family commitments. He has kept the "Diary of Events" up to date ensuring that members knew exactly when clubs were meeting and other events taking place. This role has immediately been taken over by Alex Buxton.

On another positive note, the Theatre Club has been relaunched with Melissa Rosemarsh at the helm. The committee are working on their first event – more about this later in this edition.

The LRA website will be upgraded at the beginning of December and will have several new sections. Make sure you look at it regularly to keep up-to-date with what is going on in Loudwater. Alex Buxton has also introduced a Facebook page as a further means of keeping residents informed. The details can be found in his article. We hope you will find these useful methods of obtaining details of events, clubs and issues which affect our community.

On behalf of the LRA committee, I would like to wish members a very Happy Christmas and hope that 2015 is a successful year for all.

Heather Kenison

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Fibre Broadband

I received an update from Connected Counties at the end of October stating that BT had been unable to fibre Cabinet 10 (sited at the junction of Loudwater Lane and Loudwater Drive) through their commercial programme as they had been unable to find a location to stand the new cabinet. Given that this must be sited within 50 metres of the existing cabinet, I found this hard to comprehend. I have pushed Connected Counties to find out more about this problem and suggested a site visit with themselves and BT. In response, BT provided the following comment:

'Having spoken with Openreach on this one, it was pulled from our commercial programme as we could not find a location to site the cabinet, which was technically and commercially feasible. When this scenario occurs (rarely), we have three attempts to meet a compromise and then we pull it from our programme. If the community want to consider working with us to find a jointly acceptable location, (which meets both operational and commercial restraints), then we may consider reviewing our decision.'

I have therefore requested that contact be made with BT so that we may discuss the issues directly.

If Cabinet 10 is no longer in BT's Commercial Programme. It would be viable to be included in Connected Counties Superfast Extension Programme (SEP), using additional funding they have secured. However SEP uses new technology which may not yet be available. They are planning to roll out the SEP commencing early 2016.

While it seems that fibre broadband provision to many areas of Loudwater recedes over the horizon, I am told by Connected Counties that BT very rarely offer to meet with communities and they consider this is a positive step.

Heather Kenison

Rickmansworth Historical Society

The Yesterday – Today magazine is now available in Three Rivers Museum, and includes a very good article on Rickmansworth in the 1960s. Also in the Museum are copies of the new John Cooper book – "Rickmansworth, Croxley Green and Chorleywood Through Time", priced at £15. A good Christmas present!

The Rickmansworth Historical Society – 2015 meetings ;

8th January The History of Northolt Aerodrome. Mark Bristow.
 12th February The History of the Building and restoration of Westminster Abbey. Geoff Roberts.
 12th March Historic Rickmansworth on DVD. - Les Mead.
 9th April The History of the Sand and Gravel Industry in Rickmansworth. Chris Hillier.
 14th May Tudor Rickmansworth. Heather Falvey. (part of Rickmansworth week).
 11th June AGM + speaker to be confirmed.

All meetings begin at 8pm and are held at The Cloisters Hall, The Cloisters, Rickmansworth WD3 1HL (opp St Joan of Arc School).

Claire Roff

Loudwater Facebook Page

We are delighted to unveil the Loudwater Residents' Association Facebook Page.



It will be an ideal way of keeping up to date with news, clubs, events and competitions. It will be easier for you to learn about plans and developments in the area and how to comment on them.

The Facebook page will also be an easy way for you to get in touch with the Loudwater Residents' Association Committee and share your thoughts and ideas of what you would like to see and do in Loudwater.

Please go to the link below and "Like" the page so that you can get all the updates in your news feed.

<https://www.facebook.com/LoudwaterResidents>

Alex Buxton

Meet David Gauke, MP

David Gauke MP, will be available for a Question and Answer session on Thursday, January 15th 2015 at the Junction, Christ Church. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm. This is an open meeting for residents of all political persuasions, at which local and national issues can be discussed ahead of the General Election in May 2015.

Your local Councillors and County Councillor will also be in attendance.

Please put this date in your diaries as it is an excellent opportunity to raise issue which you feel are important to the community.

Heather Kenison

Loudwater Wine Club

If you enjoy a glass of fine wine and pleasant company, perhaps Loudwater Wine Club may be the answer. Formed in 2000 by Gary Coster, Tony Hale and Mike Wood ably assisted by Lorna Hawxwell and Buzz Coster, the Club over the years has organised numerous wine tastings and trips, home and abroad in pursuit of fine wines.

Who would have believed from small beginnings these three guys built a club which along with the Loudwater Residents Association has helped create a real community spirit where neighbours know fellow residents and genuine friendships formed? I've even seen houses advertised for sale citing "The Loudwater Community Spirit" as a top selling point. I feel Loudwater owes Tony, Gary & Mike a huge debt of gratitude.

I have been asked to join the committee along with Pat Eckersall and Jo Homewood and help organise events and follow in the footsteps of such influential members, luckily Tony and Gary are still there to point the Club in the right direction. However, with some trepidation I set out the committees events for the coming months

Thursday 11th December Wine Club annual Christmas Dinner at Moor Park

Friday 30th January Wine Club AGM followed by supper and quiz
Friday 27th February A Spanish evening with tapas and fine Spanish wines, I'm hoping Gary will source wines to match and elucidate on them between courses

Friday 27th March A traditional wine tasting, speaker to be announced

Saturday 25th April A day out at Waddesdon Manor with lunch, cellar tour and wine tasting

16-20th May 5 day Tuscany wine trip

Friday 22nd May Social event, details to follow

Friday 26th June Details not finalised

Sunday 26th July Summer lunch at Merlins (Jo & Charles Homewoods)

If you would like to join the club and attend any of the above, please contact Carole Timms (membership secretary) on 01923 776681 or e-mail carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk

It just leaves me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Wine Club and hope to see you there soon.

Colin Timms

www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk

Theatre Club

After a short hiatus, the Loudwater Theatre Club will start up again as of January 2015. The committee are still looking for some more volunteers, in particular we are looking for someone who would like to take on the role of membership secretary – please contact Melissa Marsh at Melissa-rosemarsh@hotmail.co.uk Mobile 07771740254 for further information.

We will be sending out information with regard to renewing memberships and our first trip of the year, by the end of January. We aim to make our first trip in April, and it will either be a Wednesday or a Saturday matinee. The theatre club is hoping to provide a wide range of trips to suit all tastes. Providing three trips a year, we will cover a range of genres - musicals, plays, opera and dance.

The theatre club welcomes all volunteers and are interested in hearing any thoughts and suggestions on how the club is run or what shows you would like to see.

Not only are we hoping to provide enjoyable trips, but we aim to circulate information about shows on in the West End and closer to home that will be of interest to the theatre club members, once every few months via email.

Melissa Rosemarsh

Garden Club

Following our delightful "Gardeners' Lunch" at the Savill Gardens in April, the Club made a trip in June to Borde Hill Gardens in Sussex. The present owner's great grandfather, who created the garden, was a keen plant collector. Its park and woodland are home to a nationally important tree collection, while the tranquil garden is made up of many varied and colourful compartments, including a Rose Garden with some hundred David Austin roses, Italian-style parterres and colourful borders. We had beautiful weather and an excellent lunch in the café. Altogether a great trip.

Our next trip in September was a double-venue one, first to the lovely garden at Merriments Specialist Plant Nursery in Sussex. In spite of an ominous cloud which followed us down the motorway, the weather on arrival was glorious. This is a beautifully laid out garden with borders and beds full of rich colours and wonderful grasses, and individually themed small gardens such as the Tropical Garden and Blue Gravel Garden. Naturally, after lunch, we staggered out loaded with plants to pack into the boot of the bus. It's a good job our driver, Paul, is used to us.



We then popped over the county border into Kent to visit Scotney Castle, perched on top of its hill with a magnificent view over a wide valley. This is at present a neglected garden, recently acquired by the National Trust after the death of its elderly owner. The Trust has begun work on restoring the house and work on the romantic garden set in its wooded estate will follow. It was worth the trip for the view alone (and the ice creams).



If you would like to join us on these trips or at our other events, new members are always welcome. Next year's program will be available at our AGM in February.

Margaret Jarrett

Golf Society

Annual golf event... Monday 11th May 2015.

Following discussion with a number of golfing residents, seasoned participants, valued confidants and as always.... many additional consultants I have now made a provisional booking for the 2015 golf event. The date is Monday 11th May 2015 and the venue will be Sandy Lodge Golf club. I am looking forward to an enjoyable event.

The tradition has been to move the venue from year to year as this allows us some variety and also to even out the cost to participants. In the past members playing in the event at their own club have only paid for the evening meal. This year I plan to ask Sandy lodge members to make a contribution towards green fees so that we can balance out the cost more evenly between all those playing in the event.

I am hoping that the cost will be in the region of £65

I would be interested in any comments that residents have about the proposed changes or indeed any aspects of the event and I will try to take them into account.

Your comments and ideas are always welcome so please get back to me. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your support.

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Percy McCloskey

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Month	Day & Date	Event
December		
	Wednesday 3rd	Bridge Club
	Monday 8th	AGM LW Troutstream Estate Ltd 8pm The Junction
	Tuesday 9th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Thursday 11th	LWC Black Tie Moor Park
	Wednesday 17 th	Bridge Club
January		
	Wednesday 7th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 13th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 21st	Bridge Club
	Friday 23rd	Wine Club
February		
	Wednesday 4th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 10th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 18th	Bridge Club
	Friday 27th	Wine Club
March		
	Wednesday 4th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 10th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 18th	Bridge Club
	Friday 27th	Wine Club

Planning Applications

2nd September to 24th November 2014

Decision on Previously Reported Applications

14/1469/FUL. Variation of Condition 3 (Materials) of planning permission 14/0124/FUL to allow for changes to the schedule of materials. Little Fold, Trout Rise. Delegated. Granted.

14/1257/FUL. Proposed first floor side extension and alterations to fenestration. Imber, Bridle Lane. Delegated. Granted.

New Applications

14/1424/FUL. Demolition of existing side extension and erection of new two storey side extension with first floor served by front and rear dormers. 9 Ladywood Close. Delegated. Granted.

14/1537/FUL. Single storey rear extension, two storey front extension including lower ground floor front extension, insertion of balcony to front and alterations to patio to rear. Neruda, Violet Way. Delegated. Granted.

14/1645/FUL. Single storey extensions to front, side and rear, first floor front, side and rear extensions and two storey rear extension, extension to drive and creation of new vehicular access. Glen House, Overstream. Application withdrawn.

14/1895/FUL. Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of replacement single storey rear extension. The White House, Trout Rise. Delegated.

14/2106/FUL. Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of detached dwelling with lower ground floor level and raised terraces and construction of detached garage to front of dwelling, including alterations to landscaping and drive. Cherry Hill Cottage, Trout Rise, Loudwater. Committee. LRA Objected.

14/2072/FUL. Ground floor extension to entrance hall. Remove and rebuild roof to improve first floor accommodation, to include increase in ridge height, extension to front and rear, dormer windows and roof lights. Alterations to internal layout and extension of existing covered front terrace. Tara Trout Rise. Delegated.



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