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Editorial

Welcome to the June edition of the Ol' Trout. As summer approaches we now look forward to hot sunny days!

The local council elections have been held for Three Rivers District Council. A low turn out of under 40%. Three councillors have been elected to represent the Chorleywood North and Sarratt ward, which includes Loudwater.

Boundary changes have also effected which parts of Loudwater are included in this ward. The three new councillors who represent this ward are;

Marilyn Butler, Alex Hayward & Heather Kenison

Under the new arrangements the lowest polled elected councillor will stand for election in 12 months time and then will have a term of office lasting 4 years. The second lowest polled elected councillor will stand for re-election in 24 months. The highest polled councillor will stand for re-election in 4 years time.

Confusing yes! Not sure who thought this up. Next year in May there will an election for a single councillor. Plus a general election!!

As Heather Kenison polled the lowest of the elected councillors, she will standing for re-election next year. Marilyn Butler will be standing for re-election in 2016. Alex Hayward will be standing for re-election in 2018. In 2017 there are the County Council elections. We will be going to the polls every year.

The three councillors mentioned above are there to represent Loudwater residents on Three Rivers Council, so if you have issues on planning, licensing, refuse collection, recycling, then please contact them.

I have been assured via a close contact on the Council that they are very keen to help.

Robert Kenison

Chairman's Words

At the end of April, the annual "Chairman's Thank you Lunch" was held in the Barn. This event aims at showing appreciation of the work of many people in Loudwater which helps to forge our community. Apart from Committee members and officers of the various clubs, the distributors of the Ol' Trout, and several other residents involved with "behind the scenes" contributions to Loudwater life involved with the website, the database of residents and sending out e-mails on issues affecting Loudwater, auditing accounts, organising social events and several others are invited. As usual, it was a very convivial day and the buffet and wine were enjoyed by over 40 attendees.

The AGM was held in mid May, being attended by approximately 40 residents. No committee members are standing down this year and

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we have Samantha Benson joining us. Apart from the Chairman's overview of the last year, the Treasurer, Planning Secretary and Environment Secretary gave their reports as did the Chairmen of the various clubs. It was heartening to hear how active the clubs have been over the last year, but a new Chairman for the Theatre Club is still urgently needed.

In open discussion, the problem of garden waste being blown onto the road and thence into the drains (where there are any) was highlighted. As we know, our drains have a tendency to block and thoughtlessness could undo the good work done by Herts Highways. There was also discussion about the planning process and whether residents should discuss their building proposals with the LRA. This is not necessary but for large projects, it may be beneficial to discuss proposals with Three Rivers District Council prior to applying for formal planning permission. Following the formal business, residents stayed to socialise over a glass (or two) of wine.



AGM The Barn May (Prior during arrival)

At the recent elections, I am pleased to report that I was one of three Conservative candidates elected for Chorleywood North and Sarratt to serve on Three Rivers District Council. I spent most of election day, apart from meal breaks, at Christ Church – the polling station. It was good to have the opportunity to chat to residents as they arrived to cast their vote. The count was the following morning at Watersmeet. I had previously been unaware how closely scrutinised by the candidates the counters were, ensuring that votes were allocated to the correct candidate. Thank you to all residents who supported me. I shall endeavour to campaign for issues which are of particular relevance to Loudwater.

Writing this on a very wet Bank Holiday Monday, our plans for the summer Garden Party are well underway. We of course hope for a fine day – certainly for better conditions than for the Jubilee celebrations two years ago. I look forward to seeing many residents there.

Heather Kenison

Ideas for LRA Web Site

Thanks to all residents who have recently paid a visit to our web-site www.lraonline.org.uk. We continue to look for attractive photographs of our area to feature on the site – this should not be hard at this time of year! If you feel inspired by the greenery and Springtime flowers, please send your pictures in to Dave Pione (Emmanuel House Timberidge).

A suggestion has been made that we include on the site a list of recommended contractors and service providers available in the Loudwater area. Recommended gardeners, cleaners, plumbers, etc. could be nominated by individual residents and listed on the site for others to contact. Please let us have your thoughts on this proposal and whether you would be willing to make recommendations or find such a list useful.

If you do have any thoughts on this suggestion or other improvements or additions to the site, please pass them along to Dave Pione (jdpione@hotmail.com).

Dave Pione

LRA Website

We hope you've had a look at the new LRA website at www.lraonline.org.uk.

We welcome contributions to the site, particularly photographs taken over the years. If you're out and about with your camera over the coming months, how about taking some pictures that we can use on the banner at the top of each page so that we can reflect the changing seasons of Loudwater?

It is our intention to develop the site as a useful resource for residents and also prospective residents so, if you've got any ideas, please let us know. Up-to-date information from the clubs is particularly encouraged so that residents can find out more about some of the activities that are happening in the area.

Photographs and other contributions can be sent to webmaster@lraonline.org.uk.

Buzz Coster

Charity Golf Day

Bob & Sarah Jolliffe are running the 23rd MS Golf Day at Moor Park on TUESDAY 19 AUGUST. This is a most popular event to raise much needed money for the MS Centre at Harrow where Bob goes for treatment.



Moor Park Club House

The day consists of coffee & bacon rolls, a shotgun round of golf with a sumptuous 3 course dinner 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 sponsor at £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 01923 771834 FREE if you would like to bring a team or sponsor a hole - it's for such a good cause.

Bob Jolliffe

Troutstream Hall

Troutstream Hall has been empty for 3 years since the ownership transferred to Pilgrims' Friend Society. During that time Pilgrims' Friend Society applied for planning permission to demolish the home and replace it with a larger Care home. Three Rivers District Council approved the planning application, but the new home required additional road access. The access required was across land owned by Troutstream (Loudwater) Estate. This access was refused and the development did not go ahead.

The Troutstream (Loudwater) Estate Board has successfully averted the redevelopment of Troutstream Hall into an even larger care home than the existing home. Pilgrims' Friend Society has signed to sell Troutstream Hall, through the intervention of Loudwater Estate Board, to Clearview Homes. The intention is to build 2 private detached houses each with their own drive entrance.

Planning consent will have to be obtained from Three Rivers District Council for the new proposal and local residents have the right to review plans and to either give their support or object. New plans do not currently exist. It is up to the residents to ensure the new development is in keeping with Loudwater.

The editors view this as a fantastic achievement of the Troutstream (Loudwater) Estate board to avoid the massive development proposed by Pilgrims' Friend Society which was opposed by local residents of Troutstream Way, who would have been subjected to a substantial increase in traffic and noise had the new care home been built.

Robert Kenison

Gardening Club

Our AGM in February took about 10 minutes, as members were anxious to get on and hear our speaker. We were very fortunate to be able to get Allen Beechey, the Chalk Streams Officer from the Chilterns Conservation Board, who gave us an excellent talk on the Chilterns Chalk Stream and the River Chess in particular, and was able to update us on the work being done to conserve and improve the Chess, everything from mink traps (water voles are thriving on the Chess) to flow improvement schemes and Trout in the Classroom, with two primary schools hatching trout eggs and returning young trout to the river. We were all, however, shocked to learn that all this good work is being put in jeopardy by Thames Water, who have recently been releasing untreated sewage into the river, without giving any prior warning to the public.

We have just got back from our most recent trip, a trip to The Savill Gardens, where the azaleas and rhododendrons were in full glory. We were one of the first groups to take advantage of their new "Gardeners' Lunch" offer, which included entry to the Gardens and an excellent two course buffet lunch in a private conservatory and the company of two senior gardeners to answer all our questions, which were so many that one of them still hadn't had time to eat his dessert by the time he had to go back on duty. Once more the weather was absolutely wonderful and we had a great day and will try to go again next year to see the summer borders and the roses.

Month	Day & Date	Event
July	Wednesday 2nd	Bridge Club
	Thursday 3rd	LRA Committee Meeting – Kingswood, Loudwater Ridge – moved to 12 June
	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 4th	LRA Committee Meeting -Sarratt House, Bridal Lane
	Tuesday 9th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 10th	Garden Club – trip to Amerriments 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
	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



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Waterperry Gardens near Oxford, a fabulous garden, worth a visit-editor

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.

Planning Applications

10th March 2014 to 30th May 2014

Decisions on Previously Reported Applications

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. Granted.

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

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

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. Granted.

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. Granted.

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

New Applications

14/0395/FUL Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension and alterations to drive. Little Thatch, Trout Rise. LRA Objected. Application Withdrawn.

14/0554/RSP Part Retrospective: Extension to existing outbuilding. Nirvana Trout Rise. Delegated. Granted.

14/0463/FUL Replacement of all windows and one set of french doors at rear on a like-for-like basis. Beeches, Trout Rise. Delegated. Granted.

14/0628/FUL First floor side extension. Glen Cottage, Trout Rise. Delegated. Granted.

14/0552/FUL Insertion of concrete render to exterior brickwork of dwelling. Broadlands, Sarratt Lane. Delegated.

14/0895/FUL Two storey rear and side extension with single storey rear extension. Little Thatch, Trout Rise. Delegated. LRA Objected.

14/0907/FUL Loft conversion including the insertion of five rooflights to rear elevation. Oak End Wagon Way. 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



We are off to Borde Hill in Sussex at the end of June and have a full programme for the rest of the year. If you fancy joining us, please contact myself or Barbara Holden. You will be very welcome.

Margaret Jarrett

River Chess poor water quality warning

Following the above article; the following release from Three rivers District Council give a warning about the quality of the River Chess – editor.

“As a result of the wet winter, the sewage treatment works at Chesham continues to discharge some settled sewage directly into the River Chess. This is because groundwater levels within the catchment of the works remain at an all time high. Groundwater is infiltrating the foul sewers, diluting the sewage but placing an unmanageable burden upon the normal capacity of the works.

This means that the quality of the river water downstream from the Chesham Works is currently very poor. We advise the public to avoid contact with river water and to keep children and pets out of the river.

Discharges into water bodies are permitted and monitored by the Environmental Agency. If you require further information, contact the Environmental Agency on 037808 506 506. For further information on the River Chess please access www.riverchess.co.uk

Loudwater Wine Club

Do you know your Chardonnay from your Shiraz, your Pinot Noir from your Pinot Blanc? Do you like to try new wines but baulk at shelling out for a bottle in case you don't like it? Are you daunted by a restaurant wine list? If you've answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then why not come along to the Loudwater Wine Club?

We meet most months for convivial tasting of wine, usually led by experienced wine tutors. Since the club was first formed in 2000, we've been on a global gallivant, trying wines from most of the major wine-producing countries and a few from some of the lesser known ones too. We have experienced ecstasy on the one hand and some distinctly unpalatable drinks on the other, learning what we like and, just as importantly, what we don't.

Our most recent event was a tutored tasting of new and upcoming wines from Australia. Having largely abandoned the heavy Australian wines for the more delicate produce of its antipodean neighbour, New Zealand, we were shown what the Australian producers are now up to. Our tutor for the evening, Linda Simpson, brought wines which most of us would probably have walked past in the supermarket. Set in front of us and accompanied by her vast expertise and knowledge about the Australian wine industry, we were able to try these wines and make up our own minds as to whether or not to trot back down the yellow brick road to the land of Oz.

Unsurprisingly, some of our most popular events have included food. We've matched wines with cheese, desserts and even oriental food, learning just what to drink with that Friday night takeaway. From time to time we organise outings and we've also had some great times on holidays together in Europe.

One of the most important characteristics of the Loudwater Wine Club is that we each respect each other's opinions. There's no compulsion to agree with each other although we do stop short of corkscrews at dawn. However, I think the sparkling red from Australia back in 2006 did get a universal thumbs down! There's no snobbishness either. If someone prefers the £5.99 supermarket wine to the £50 claret, that's fine.

An important feature of our events is that we don't book tutors whose aim is to sell to us. Although some of them do run retail businesses, they are engaged for their teaching skills, not their sales skills.

We've been given the chance to try some fabulous wines over the years and, let's face it, most of us would hesitate before shelling out £65 for a bottle of wine unless we absolutely knew we'd like it. At the Loudwater Wine Club, we also get the chance to try all sorts of things we'd not normally touch and last year's tasting of wines from the cradle of wine-making still remains one of the most interesting events we've ever held.

Adding to our wine knowledge month by month also helps when scanning the shelves at the supermarket or Majestic, as well as restaurant wine lists where we are perhaps able to be a little bolder in our choices. You don't need to be an aficionado to join the club either. It really doesn't matter if you know nothing or a lot. This is a chance for everyone to learn something new.

Then, of course, there's the social side of things. The atmosphere is always friendly and light-hearted and a great opportunity to get to know some of your neighbours in Loudwater where you've chosen to live. Social events with less emphasis on the wine are also included in the programme.

Are you tempted? Coming up in the remainder of this year's programme is a tutored tasting of cool-climate wines from Chile, sweet wines with desserts and a speaker from the Wine Society, as well as our Summer Luncheon and Christmas Dinner. Details of all our events, both past and present, are available on our website: www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk.

If you'd like to come along and get a feel for the club, we'd love to see you. If you've got any questions, please call our Chairman, Tony Hale on 01923 774374. Numbers for events are limited and we do need people to book in advance. A booking form is on the website. LRA members attending for the first time may book at the member rate without paying the guest fee.

Buzz Coster

Join us for a day of Nostalgia at the Michael Sobell Hospice Vintage Affair

Michael Sobell Hospice is holding A Vintage Affair on Sunday 13 July at Michael Sobell Hospice, Mount Vernon Hospital, Gate 3, off White Hill, Northwood HA6 2RN. There will be two events during the day with something for everyone who loves anything vintage. The day will start at 10.00am with the sounds of the Stardust Big Band.

The Morning Affair, 10am – 1pm will include live music from Double Vision, classic cars, tea rooms and gift stalls, along with Jimmy Jam Tots Bear for the children and Red Cross Massage for the adults. Entry is £1 on the door.

From 2-5pm full Afternoon Tea and a glass of bubbly will be served in the Michael Sobell Hospice Vintage Tea Rooms. Tickets for the afternoon event are £15 and are only available in advance on 01923 844730. Guests can enjoy tea served with sandwiches, scones and cakes whilst listening to the sounds of the Tony Oliver Jazz Band and Rock Chorus Choir. There will also be a chance to have a bop along to Jiveswing.com. For more information visit our website at www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk

There will be FREE Parking on site for both events.

Please join us for a day of good old fashioned fun and raise some money for your local hospice at the same.

Sue Tippen

Golf Society

This year's golf society meeting was the 11th to take place and from the records we hold it would appear that this event attracted more Loudwater residents than any event to date. Batchworth Park Golf Club was our venue and the date was Monday 12th May...The weather was relatively kind to us and even though we enjoyed a reasonably dry afternoon the windy conditions made the course quite a challenge.

The aim of the society is to provide Loudwater residents with an opportunity of getting together to enjoy some time on the golf course and to socialize over dinner in the evening. We encourage golfers of all abilities to join in and although this can make for slower rounds all players who take part are very understanding and we managed to get round the challenging course in reasonable time. Thank you to all who supported the event and made it such a success. It was lovely to have some non golfing wives and partners join us for dinner in the evening.

It was pleasing to see 6 ladies competing for our new ladies trophy and the winner was Marion Bryan who scored 34 stableford points. The winner of the men's competition was Richard Vercesi with 39 points.

The team competition was won by the team made up of Roger Catell, Richard Vercesi and a guest Nick Savage. All winners please note that the handicap committee (me) will be reviewing winners' handicap for next year's competition and some changes may be made.

There was an excellent atmosphere throughout the day and it was particularly pleasing to see both old and new residents meet both on the course and in the bar afterwards. In some cases residents who have lived in Loudwater for many years met for the first time and I hope new friendships were made.



I am very grateful to a number of sponsors who provided the prizes. Marcelle Rogers needs special thanks for providing a range of very interesting travel gifts from her family company Go Travel. We used these gifts as prizes in a charity raffle and we raised £400 which will be distributed to a number of local charities. Di Paolo Italian Restaurant Gerrards Cross donated dinner vouchers for prizes. James estate agents provided team prizes.

I plan to organize the event again next year and I am looking at suitable venues. Although Batchworth Park is very convenient and a lovely golf course, I was disappointed at the quality of catering we received.

The date I am considering for next year is Monday 11th May 2015. Please put it in your diary. It would be great to get even more residents involved and I would welcome thoughts or ideas as to how we might make the event even better than this year. Thank you for your support.

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Percy McCloskey

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Sue Tippen