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Editorial

Welcome to the March edition of the Ol' Trout. Spring is nearly upon us. The daffodils and crocuses are just appearing, the snowdrops have looked spectacular.

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Following on with my wild life theme.

The Red Kites are now very prolific and an every day sighting. Regularly over ten can be seen circling over Trout Rise. It appears that some have made a home in Little Lady Wood which is adjacent to Troutstream Way and the M25 slip road on the land of Trout Rise Farm.



Recently I saw four deer in the same area, see picture below. Further observations of Muntjacs have also been made on a regular basis.



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Chairman's Words

These are my last "Chairman's Words" as I will be standing down as Chairman and indeed from the LRA committee at the AGM. I have very much enjoyed these three years and it has made a change from the previous seven as Planning Secretary. I feel it is appropriate to hand over to some newer residents who have enthusiastic ideas for events for later this year and beyond. Alex Buxton will take over as Chairman, Anni Sweet will replace Julia Hall as Secretary, Bob Jolliffe's role as Planning secretary will be carried out by Malcolm Hicks, while June Gili-Ross will organise events instead of Tony Hale. I shall not be leaving behind Loudwater issues as I am standing for re-election as a Ward Councillor for Chorleywood North and Sarratt, in which Loudwater is included. I will continue to work on concerns which affect our community using my knowledge of contacts at District and County Council for assistance.

You will find notification of the AGM in this issue. In a change to the normal format, we have a guest speaker to start the evening. We are pleased to welcome Andy Lee from Connected Counties who will give a short talk on the provision of fibre broadband to Loudwater and will then answer any questions. As usual, at the end of proceedings we will be serving wine and the committee will be on hand for informal discussion. The minutes of the 2014 AGM are available on the website www.lraonline.org.uk. The accounts for 2014 will be available after the AGM by contacting the treasurer Nick Vaughton,

The committee is now planning a summer event which will be held on June 21st. The exact format has yet to be decided but will again be a Garden Party which proved so popular in 2104. There is mention of a Caribbean theme! Details will be circulated to all residents for whom we have an e-mail address and flyers with bookings forms will be distributed as soon as all details are finalised. In the meantime, may I ask that you make a note of this event in your diaries.

Broadband Update

Unfortunately there has been no progress regarding provision of fibre broadband to Cabinet 10 which serves a large part of Loudwater. BT state that no suitable site can be found for the new cabinet. I am in regular contact with Connected Counties on this topic and they in turn continue to pursue this issue with BT. Finally BT have promised to meet with Connected Counties to discuss the problem of Cabinet 10 (plus others).

Theatre Club

Having reported in the last issue that the Theatre Club had found a new Chairman, she has decided that she cannot commit to this role as had been hoped. Once again, if there is anyone who would be willing to take this on, please let me know so this Club which has previously been so popular can begin to function again.

Finally, I would like to thank residents for their support over the last three years and hope you will continue to support Alex and the new committee when they take over in May.

Roads Update

John Thompson, the LRA's Environment Secretary and myself have been communicating with Herts Highways about the lack of action on road maintenance and drain clearance. We have expressed concern for some time over the poor state of Sarratt Lane which was apparently due for jet patching last year but was never done. This apparently gives a better structure for later resurfacing. Part of the delay in repairs seems to stem from the problem of needing to close the road and provide a diversion! It is agreed that patching around manholes, filling potholes and edge ruts will occur under emergency closure and the gullies will be cleaned while the road is closed. We are told that drains will be cleared every 18 months but our County Councillor, Chris Hayward, is asking that some vital drains are attended to more often. Please do not rely on the LRA to report faults on the roads; log on to Herts Direct and follow their fault reporting link. This puts faults into a category 1, which should mean they are rectified sooner.

Heather Kenison

Winter Storms

During the period between Christmas and New Year high winds knocked a large tree down from the gardens of Cariad in Sarratt Lane.



The tree fell across the road demolishing a wall, over-head cables and damaging a telegraph pole.



Repair works to the cable and pole were carried out very quickly.

Troutstream Hall

In February TRDC Planning Committee gave approval to demolish the Troutstream Hall Care Home and replace it with two five bedroom detached houses.

Details of the planning application and plans of the new houses can be seen on TRDC planning website. Planning No; 14/2411/FUL

This was endorsed by Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Board and supported by local residents of Troutstream Way and the LRA.

Troutstream Hall was built in 1937 as private residence and was converted to a care home in 1956. Various expansions to the Hall were made over the years. It ceased operations as a Care Home over 3 years ago and has remained empty since then.

It is expected that works will commence in the second half of 2015.

Robert Kenison

Rickmansworth Historical Society

The Rickmansworth Historical Society – 2015 meetings ;

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.

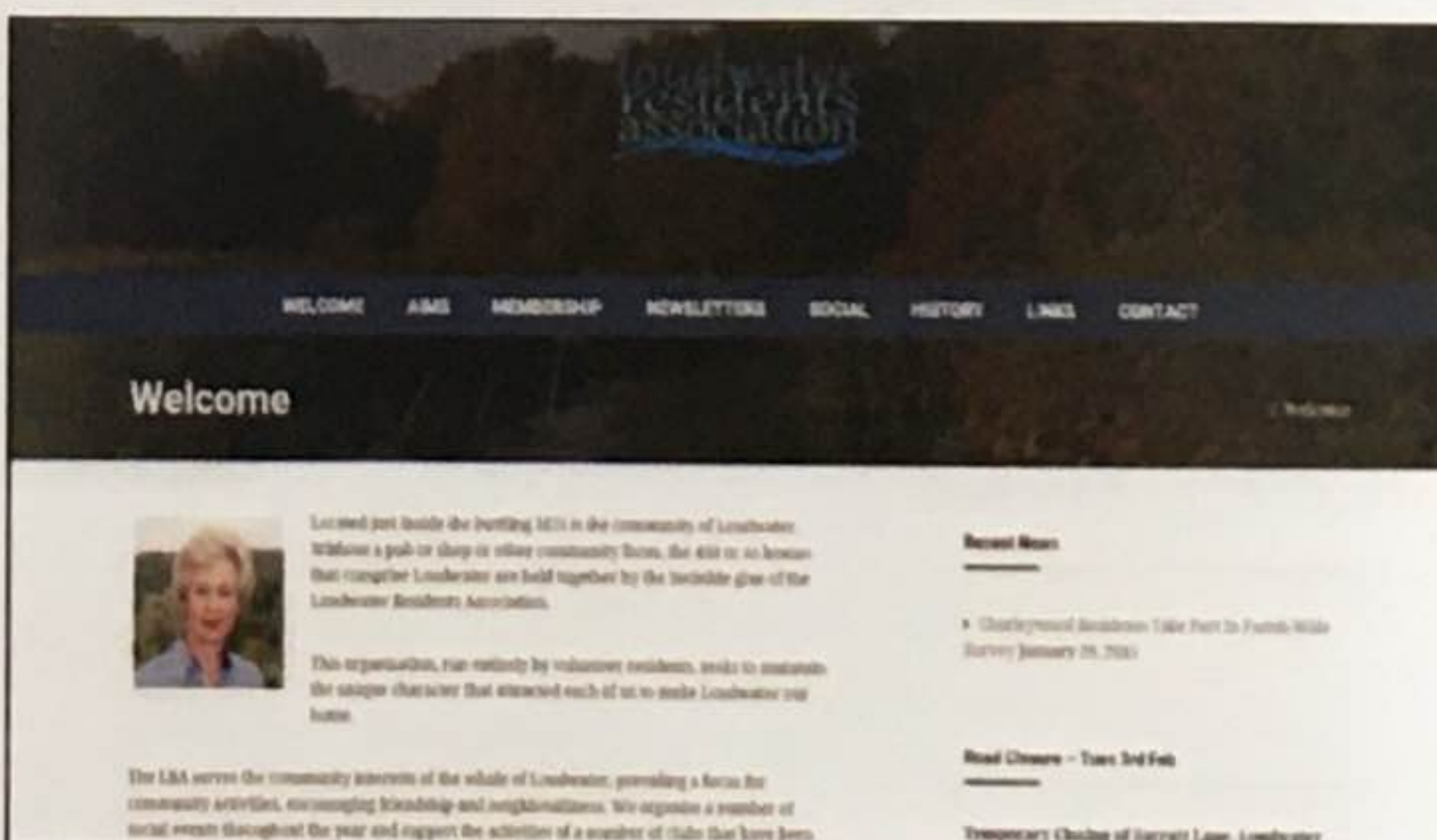
All meetings begin at 8pm and are held at The Cloisters Hall, The Cloisters, Rickmansworth WD3 1HL (opp St Joan of Arc School).

Claire Roff

Loudwater Facebook Page Update

We are delighted to unveil our upgraded website which went live at the end of 2014. It contains all the normal information you would expect on membership and clubs but also includes upcoming events and recent news. You can also get to know the LRA Committee with photos and bios in the contact section.

We are always looking to enhance the website so if you have any ideas or news you would like to share, or any photos you would like us to add, please get in touch at <http://www.lraonline.org.uk>.



Thank you also for liking the LRA Facebook page - so far it has been used to warn of road closures, share recommendations on window cleaners, enjoy photos of red kites, distribute surveys and inform people of council meetings. We have a lot planned for the rest of the year and will be sharing it on the Facebook page as information becomes available. If you haven't already, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/LoudwaterResidents> and "Like" the page.



Alex Buxton

Meet David Gauke, MP

David Gauke MP, attended a Question and Answer session on Thursday, January 15th 2015 at the Junction, Christ Church.

It was attended by about 100 local residents and local Councillors.

A broad range of topics were raised covering issues from funding of the NHS in South West Herts, Shale oil and gas developments, European referendum, defence budget cuts and the increased security risk posed by President Putin, devolution of power to England to the creation of a play area in Chorleywood and maintaining local bus routes.

It was a very interesting evening.

Robert Kenison

Loudwater Wine Club

The year 2014 was brought to a successful close with our traditional 'Black Tie' Christmas Dinner held on December 11th at Moor Park. 45 members attended and as always the ladies in their gowns outshone the men whose dress suits seemed strangely to have become a little tight! The food, wine and service were of a high standard and we will continue to use Moor Park for this our 'Blue Ribbon' event.

The Club's AGM was held on 30th January at The Barn, Loudwater Farm and was well attended with 45 members proving that Loudwater Farm is our traditional home when compared with last year which was planned to be at The Junction, Christ Church but had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. This transformation was thanks to Colin Timms, our new Events Coordinator, improving the heating at the Barn thus making it habitable in the winter months.

Gary Coster, a founder committee member of the LWC in 2000 having organized numerous events, stood down despite all our efforts to persuade him to continue as our 'Wine Consultant', but in his typical generous way has said his advice is always available to us. The formal part of the evening was followed by an Italian Supper with matching wines together with a light hearted quiz.

On Friday February 27th we held a Spanish Wines and Tapas Evening tutored by club member Clifton Melvin, well supported by his wife Cathy. This is their third presentation to us over the years and their knowledge was appreciated by the 45 members attending. The very tasty and plentiful food was prepared by Jo Homewood and her willing band of helpers.



Spanish Wines and Tapas Evening

The next event will be a traditional 'Sunday Lunch with Matching Wines' to be held on 29th March at the Barn, and this will be followed on Saturday 25th April with a Lunch, Cellar Tour & Wine Tasting at Waddesdon Manor. Two events not to be missed!

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

www.loudwaterwineclub.org.uk

Tony Hale

Poem

A to Z of life

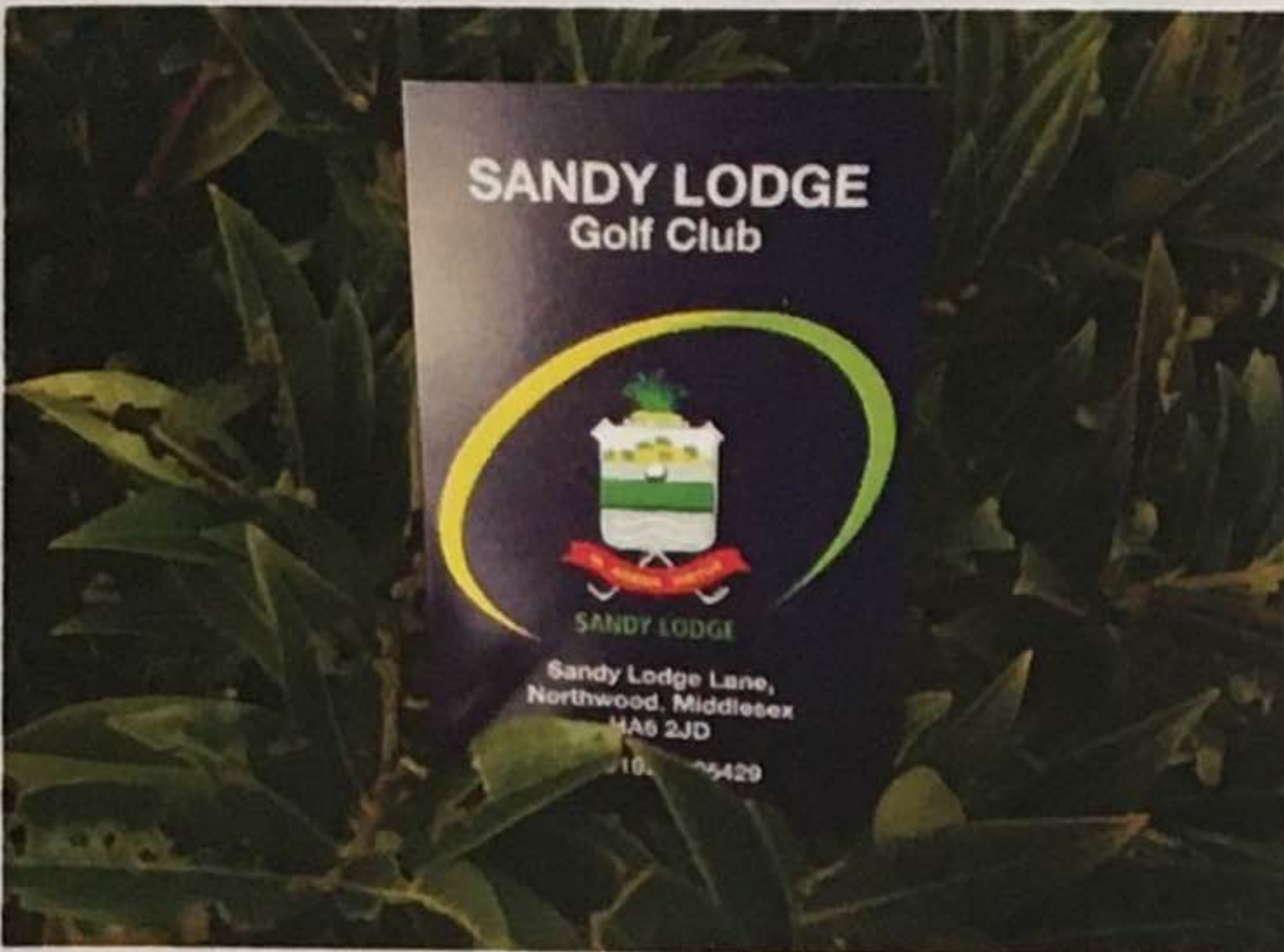
Appreciate life graciously
Be considerate always
Count your blessings
Deserve before desire
Express gratefulness earnestly
Forgive, without condition
Give without ifs and buts
Hasten s-l-o-w-l-y
Integrity: corner stone of life
Joy is giving, not receiving
Keep self esteem
Life with love and laughter
Magnanimity, not meanness
Never degrade anyone
One-ness of expression and action
Pray-er is love letter to God
Qu-ell pettiness and prejudice
Respect--- with R capital
Sorry: best insurance
Thank you: best reward
Up keep value so that
Value will upkeep you
Win without defeating
X-ray is mirror of unseen
Yearn, never yield---
Zest of life is rest of life----

Pankaj Vora

11th Annual LRA Golf Day

Date...Monday 11th May 2015 from 12.00.middy...First tee times from 1.00pm.

Venue: Sandy Lodge Golf Club, London Road, Sandy Lodge Lane, Northwood Middx. HA6 2JD.



Cost will be £65 which includes coffee on arrival, 18 holes golf, and dinner from approx. 7.30pm. Batchworth Park members will be charged £40.00. We hope all golfers will stay for dinner and non golfing wives, partners and guests are very welcome to join us in the evening for dinner. Cost £25.00

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 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

Month	Day & Date	Event
March		
	Sunday 29th	Wine Club: Lunch with Matching Wines
April		
	Wednesday 1st	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 14th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 15th	Bridge Club
	Saturday 25th	Wine Club: Cellar Tour & Wine Tasting at Waddesdon Manor
	Wednesday 29th	Garden Club
May		
	Wednesday 6th	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 12th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Thursday 14th	LRA AGM and Meet Committee
	Saturday 16th	Wine Club 5day trip to Tuscany
	Wednesday 20th	Bridge Club
	Friday 22 nd	Wine Club
June		
	Wednesday 3rd	Bridge Club
	Tuesday 9th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wednesday 17th	Bridge Club
	Sunday 21st	Summer Garden Party
	Wednesday 24th	Garden club Savill Garden trip
	Friday 26th	Wine Club



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LRA SUMMER GARDEN PARTY
JUNE 21ST
LOUDWATER FARM

ALL WELCOME: BBQ.
 DETAILS WILL BE ISSUED LATER

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