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Editorial

Welcome to the September edition of the Ol' Trout. Well August appears to be a bit wet! Lets hope we get an Indian summer.

Over the summer there have been lots of issues for the local community ranging from travellers on Chorleywood Common, a spate of thefts from cars in Loudwater to road repairs. Some of which are highlighted in this edition.

Please let me know of any issues you would like the Ol' Trout to highlight.

Robert Kenison

Chairman's Words

It's been quite a busy few months since our last issue. First and foremost, we had our Summer Fiesta, ably organised by our new Events Secretary, June Gili-Ross. It was deemed to be a huge success and, if we didn't see you there this year, we hope to see you at the next one. It was a great opportunity to get together and meet old friends and new neighbours.

We sadly bid farewell to Nick Vaughton who has resigned as the LRA Treasurer. He has done an amazing job managing our accounts for the last decade and kindly stayed on to ensure continuity as the new Committee took over earlier this year. We are delighted to welcome Pat Eckersall and are very lucky to have her taking up this position. She comes with a lot of experience, not least being the standing treasurer of the Wine Club.

Please mark Saturday 19th September in your dairies as this will be the annual LRA Quiz Night, taking place at the Barn. This promises to be a very entertaining evening and includes fish and chips for all and wine for the winners.

You may have noticed a marked improvement in the road surfaces in Sarratt Lane and Loudwater Lane leading up to Croxley Green. I'd like to thank our Environment Secretary, John Thompson, for his hard work and constant lobbying to achieve this.

Finally, we are in the process of updating our LRA database so that we can keep you updated about events and other points of interest. We have enclosed a flyer and a stamped addressed envelope and would be grateful if you could fill this in and return it Anni. Alternatively, please email Anni (secretary@lraonline.org.uk) directly with your contact details.

And don't forget you can follow our facebook page on www.facebook.com/LoudwaterResidents.

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New Committee Member



With a certain degree of trepidation, after living in Central London for more than twenty years, I moved to Loudwater. Initially attracted by the natural beauty and seclusion of Loudwater, some of its hidden secrets soon revealed themselves to me. In particular, the residents' initiatives in creating the clubs to which we were warmly welcomed as members meant that I met a large number of fellow Loudwater dwellers (and country members) in a short period of time. I love the sense of community this creates in an otherwise very private place.

We joined the Wine Club shortly after arriving but it took us a year or so to get organised to attend an event; these events are now the first thing in my diary for the fourth Friday of every month. I have been the treasurer of the Wine Club since May 2014; this has been great fun (and Diana was quite correct with her prediction that the wine stocks would be the most challenging aspect). I've had a lot of support from the rest of the committee and fellow members in this role and look forward to the same as treasurer of the LRA.

Pat Eckersall

Broadband

Further to my last update, there is unfortunately little to report. David Gauke, MP, relayed my comments to the relevant personnel in BT and a response from the Head of Major Complaints provided a connection date of March 2017.

I have been back in contact with BT and Connected Counties urging a sooner completion date but it seems this would not be feasible. BT have asked Connected Counties to prioritise cabinets for fibre connection and Cabinet 10 has been identified as such. The first stage in the programme is for BT to undertake a survey which takes three months. After that they can begin to fibre the box, assuming no problems are identified.

There have been queries from residents about privately funding this connection. This is usually only undertaken when BT do not include a cabinet in their commercial programme. (Cabinet 10 is in BT's commercial programme). However this is not an easy, quick fix

option. Firstly, funds need to be raised and held in Trust. As not all of Loudwater residents are connected to this cabinet, those who do currently have fibre broadband (as they are connected to cabinet 9) would probably be unwilling to contribute. Also, not all residents who are connected to cabinet 10 may wish to fund the programme leaving a few to pay for the connection from which many may benefit. The survey, taking three months, would still have to be completed. If problems were found, the original cost estimate may be substantially increased.

If funding was sufficient, there would still be several months delay while the cabinet was fibred, possibly not resulting in a much speedier connection than waiting for BT to complete the work in their commercial programme.. I will liaise with BT about this possibility and report on any progress.

Heather Kenison

Storm Damage

In mid July Loudwater Lane was blocked by a thatched archway that was blown away during a summer storm. Police sealed off the road. It even made the BBC local news!!



Robert Kenison

Loudwater Farm

As residents in the near vicinity to these premises will be aware, there has been an escalating problem with noise nuisance. Residents have tried to approach the tenant to request that consideration be given to neighbours, but have been met with abuse. The licencing officer at TRDC, Nicola O'Shea, has attended the site with police and has also been subjected to rudeness. As a local Councillor, I have been in regular contact with TRDC, the Masonic Trust (the landowners) and Strutt and Parker (Managing Agents) in an effort to resolve this problem. At present there is no easy solution as Environmental Health at TRDC do not have an "out of hours" service to monitor noise levels and although the Licencing Officer has given a warning to the tenant, little attention seems to have been taken of it. TRDC are looking at ways of controlling this problem but need the help of the public.

Under the terms of the lease, the tenant is asked not to allow any activities which cause nuisance to neighbours or are illegal, including not complying with licencing laws. If you are inconvenienced by noise or behaviour emanating from Loudwater Farm, please call the Police on 101 and ensure your call is logged and you obtain a log number. In addition, please contact Darren Stanbridge at Strutt and Parker (01727 790485) and provide him with full details of any incidents.

Heather Kenison

Summer Fiesta

The summer garden party is always the Loudwater event of the year and this year we celebrated by having a fiesta!

Guests were welcomed by our Treasurer, Nick and Secretary, Anni offering a welcome sangria. Luckily, and due to some generous preparation, this sangria lasted the whole afternoon. There was also a raffle which, we are delighted to announce, raised £150 for the Michael Sobell House.

As always, the summer party is a good way to catch up with friends and to meet new residents who have moved into Loudwater during the course of the year.



Then the delicious smells from the giant pans turned everyone's thoughts to lunch. There was paella, butter chicken and mushroom risotto on offer.

The kids were kept entertained all day with face painting, giant garden games and a magician. Then they all had a game of cricket.



The ice cream stall

After lunch, those who weren't queuing for seconds made their way over to the ice cream tricycle for all the ice cream they could eat.

Despite a drizzly start to the day, the weather turned out warm and dry and everyone had a fantastic time.

Many thanks to June Gili-Ross, who arranged this event and put so much work into it. It was deemed to be a huge success with almost 100 guests. It was the first party she has organized for the LRA as our new Events Secretary and we hope it will be the first of many. The whole committee pitched in, most notably Anni and Sue who put so much work into the set up with June.

I'd also like to thank Dave, Les and Richard who helped with the heavy lifting when tables and gazebos needed moving around.

Alex Buxton

Croxley Barn

CROXLEY GREAT BARN Circa 1397, Grade 2* listed, one of Hertfordshire's oldest timber framed buildings, is a 5-bay aisled 'threshing' barn, comprising over 100ft X 40ft, with Crownpost roof. Tours take place on the last Saturday of each month, April-October. Our next tours therefore are on 26th Sept, 31st Oct. We have a very knowledgeable on-site guide, who will give details about the construction of the Barn, materials used, and also the recent repair works undertaken by SPAB - The Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings.



Tours commence at 11am, Park and join us from St Joan of Arc School, High Street Rickmansworth WD3 1HQ, at 10.45am, for a short 10/15 minute walk to the Barn. The Barn has a rough/uneven floor, and the walk to the Barn may be muddy.

Everyone is welcome for this 600 year-old piece of Local History. For further details, please see website; www.croxleygreatbarn.co.uk, www.trmt.org.uk Tel 01923 772325

Claire Roffe

Ricki Week

It was during Ricki week that I planned to give blood at St Marys Church. Unfortunately the blood donning service was running behind schedule and I would have a 45 minute wait. As I walked to the hall I was approached by a lady asking if I would like to go up the tower. It is only open to the public for one day a year during Ricki week. After making a donation, I climbed the very narrow stairs. On the first floor was the bell ringing room. The next floor is where the clock mechanism is located. The clock has been in place since the 17th century. In 1904, a new clock mechanism was installed by J B Joyce & Co Ltd. The clock has retained the original black painted convex copper face, with its gilded Roman numerals and hands.



Originally, the clock's three mechanisms were operated by their own set of individual weight stacks. The clock needed winding up every 7 days. In 1983, when the hand winding was changed to auto-winding by electric motors.

The next level is where the bells are housed. In 1553 records show there was a ring of five bells and a sanctus bell; the latter was probably recast to provide the present sanctus bell.

The ring now comprises ten bells, eight of which were recast from the original five in 1765. The third and tenor had to be recast again in 1913 and the sixth in 1964.

Finally outside on to the roof, with great views of Rickmansworth.



After the tour I made my blood donation.

So during the next Ricki week 2016 book a date in your diary for climbing the tower.

Further information on the Church's history can be found on their web site.

Robert Kenison

Charity Golf Day

As mentioned in the Summer Edition of the 'Ole Trout Sarah (mainly!) and Bob Jolliffe are delighted to report the day resulted in raising an amazing £16,200 to help towards the annual running costs of the Centre. The weather turned out to be kind, cloudy with no sun, little wind and fairly warm but thank goodness NO RAIN!! In fact, pretty good weather for golf! The day started with players arriving at 11 o' clock in the morning for bacon rolls and coffee followed by a Shotgun Start at 12.30 in the afternoon. Many volunteer helpers and supporters from mainly the lady members were in the Clubhouse from early in the morning to help with setting-up and remained for most of the day to assist with the administration both in the clubhouse and with various on course competitions such as beat the Pro, nearest the pin, longest drive, Mulligans, etc., and, of course, checking the scorecards. Very, very many thanks to all of them. After the 92 golfers had completed their round it was a rush to the ninetieth hole followed by a superb three course dinner, auction, table sweep and raffle. A special mention and thanks to Barclays Bank who supported, with staff attending, match-funding various fund raising events to the tune of £3,500.

The Harrow Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre has been open for over thirty years giving treatment to members with MS. A range of therapies are offered. These include Physiotherapy, High Dose Oxygen Treatment, Yoga, Chiroprody, Aromatherapy, Massage and Reflexology. The Centre is also, for many people, one of the few points of social contact they have during the week. Our members enjoy coming here and many strategies for coping with the disease are exchanged over tea and

biscuits. The importance of this social aspect of the Centre cannot be over-estimated.

Every year we have to raise funds of over £200,000 to operate the Centre. Each Physiotherapy session is staffed by one specialist Neurological Physiotherapist and two/ three Physio Aides. With the other treatments on offer at the Centre, most weeks will see between 180 and 200 people making use of our facilities. In addition to the therapies, we have direct experience and knowledge of MS in all its manifestations and are thus in a good position to give day-to-day help and advice both to those who are newly diagnosed and also where MS is a long-term, continuing problem. The Centre has access to up-to-date information about research into the causes and treatment of MS and can help members, their families and carers with all sorts of problems. We are a completely self-funded, self-supporting charity and we rely on a variety of fundraising initiatives to provide much needed income for the Therapy Centre, allowing us to subsidise the treatments on offer to people with Multiple Sclerosis. Although we are based in Harrow we are the only Centre to serve the population of North West London.

We are a member of the MS National Therapy Centres which regulates the national network of Therapy Centres.

Accordingly our members and their families and friends are encouraged to do whatever they can to assist with the running of the Centre both financially and by being a source of voluntary help. We ask members for a donation to help towards the costs of their therapies but we never deny treatment to those who are in need of it, no matter what their circumstances are. The Trustees and Management Committee of the Charity are determined to make every effort to ensure that we continue to be able to offer free treatment to those who are in great need and to keep the voluntary contribution level as low as possible to those who want and are able to help towards the cost of their treatment.

We are very grateful for all donations because our income is so very difficult to forecast.



The Happy Golf Winners!

Did it go in.....?

Next year the Annual Golf Day will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary and we intend to make this a special silver occasion. So, if any Residents would like to help us please then do let us know.

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Bob Jolliffe

Golf Society

Your opportunity to make suggestions and come up with ideas for the 2016 Event !!!

It's planning time again and following another successful event this year we are looking ahead and planning our meeting for 2016..The provisional date being considered is Monday 9th May however Mondays may not be the best day for people who want to take part or indeed May might not be the best month...but as we all know pleasing all the people all the time is one of life's continual challenges.....

The format we have has been used for some years so we could argue that why try to fix it if it's not broken.

Over the years we have played at most of the local clubs but should we be looking at different courses ? The golf courses we use are all very pleasant with some more taxing than others. One item that does vary is the quality of the catering and often that is down to cost.

It's always an issue about costs and last year members of the venue club paid their fair way...but you may hold the view that everybody should pay the same amount. By keeping the cost down we have a limited budget for prizesIs that what people want ?

I plan to book the event in October so I would be interested in any comments that residents have about any aspects of the event and I will try to take them into account. Your comments and ideas are welcome. I will be emailing all of last year's participants to get your views.

So please get back to me. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

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Croxley Green Boundary Walk

If you want a great walk try the 6.3miles boundary walk.

The Croxley Green Boundary Walk is signposted in a clockwise direction however; the walk can be completed in any direction. The walk follows the boundary of Croxley Green and some of the sights to see include; the Village Green, Dell Wood, the Grand Union Canal, Croxley Common Moor, Croxley Great Barn, Scotsbridge Mill and views of the Chess Valley. The walk should take 2.5 to 3 hours to complete.