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Editorial

Well this is my last edition as editor of the Ol' Trout. It has been great fun. During the last five years I have learnt so much more about Loudwater and its residents. It is a fabulous place to live.

May I wish the new editors John and Andrea good luck, two heads are better than one. So it will be twice as good.

Robert Kenison

Chairman's Words

As always, things have been busy in Loudwater with a lot going on and a lot changing.

We had a very successful Quiz Night in September, which had a larger attendance than last year, so we hope we can continue to grow this very popular event. Huge thanks go to June Gili-Ross for organising it.

Thanks to LRA's Environment Secretary, John Thompson's tireless work, £50,000 of improvements have been made to Loudwater Lane between Bridle Lane and Croxley Green in the past few weeks. John will continue to campaign for more improvements in the area.

I am delighted to welcome Mike Sindic to the committee as our new Planning Secretary. As a Chartered Building Surveyor with a post graduate diploma in Town Planning, Mike is hugely qualified. We look forward to the wealth of experience he will bring to the role.

After this issue of the Ol' Trout our new editorial team of John Cowie and Andrea Marheineke will take over responsibility from Robert Kenison. John brings with him plentiful experience from being an editor of business magazines for over 20 years and he also owns a publishing company in Rickmansworth. Andrea works in Marketing Communications so she will be providing essential contributions in these, and other, areas.

I feel we are very lucky in Loudwater to have such a range of skilful and talented people to draw from to help the community!

The LRA's next event will be the Caribbean Party in March. This issue of the Ol' Trout has a flyer and booking form so we hope to see you there!

As always, if you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions about Loudwater, please do not hesitate to contact me on chairman@lraonline.org.uk.

Quiz night

We had another great evening of exercising our brains while enjoying a dinner of fish and chips. It was good to see our annual Quiz Night grow in popularity with even more contestants entering than last year.

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Diary of Events

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Many thanks to Mike and Margaret for hosting the quiz again, with a broad range of questions on topics including food, sport, history, general knowledge, firsts, music and TV, books and films. There was something for everyone.

Congratulations to June's table who won the quiz and were awarded a bottle of fizz each!

Thanks to June for arranging the evening and to Pat, Sue, Anni and Les for their work in the setting up and running of the evening.

Robert Kenison

We are very sad that, after five years at the helm of the Ol' Trout, **Robert Kenison** has decided to step down. The Ol' Trout is part of the fabric of the Loudwater community and I'm sure you will agree he has done a fantastic job over this time in keeping us up to date with a wealth of information such as news and upcoming events.



I had the honour of presenting him with a card signed by the LRA Committee and a bottle of Champagne, at the Wine Club AGM, as a small token of our appreciation. He will be missed and we wish him all the best.

Alex Buxton

New Editors

John Cowie

My association with the local area started over 10 years ago when I located my publishing company to Rickmansworth. Having lived in London for 25 years, my family and I finally decided it was time to escape the big city and we subsequently moved to Loudwater four years ago. The local environment has really enriched our lives and enables us to take advantage of the expansive local countryside.

With my background in editing various magazines, I am a true advocate of engagement with local communities through printed media and communication. The Ol' Trout has a significant role to

play in supporting and helping to enhance the community spirit among the residents of Loudwater. Engagement with local residents is paramount for the success of the OI' Trout and we always welcome contributions and suggestions for improvements.

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Andrea Marheineke

I moved to Loudwater in 2015 and quickly fell in love with the neighbourhood. Although I grew up at Cassiobury, I had been away for some years – living overseas and then in London. I'm now enjoying being back on home turf. Loudwater has family ties for me – my uncle and aunt lived here for many years and in more recent times my brother and his family have set up home here too. I particularly enjoy having three small nephews just around the corner!

I work in London marketing professional services, and am passionate about making the most of evenings in the big smoke. Theatre, concerts, comedy, good restaurants – with great friends – are all favourite pastimes. Living somewhere so peaceful and beautiful but with such easy access to all the capital has to offer is a great blessing.

I am very much looking forward to co-editing the OI Trout newsletter, working with the committee and getting to know more folk within our community.

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Broadband

During the last year the Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Company has been in discussions with BT Openreach to investigate options for improving Broadband speeds to residents on the Loudwater Estate. Most of the residents within Loudwater are connected to distribution boxes either Box 9 or Box 10.

Box 9 is positioned at the corner of Loudwater Drive and the Chorleywood Road and serves 80% of residents on the Loudwater Estate as well as houses along Sarratt Lane (West of Troutstream Way), Ladywood Close and Solesbridge Lane. Box 9 has a fibre connection to the box from the exchange. Broad band speeds are inversely proportional to the distance from the box. Houses in Trout Rise, Sarratt Lane(west of Troutstream Way), Solesbridge Lane and Ladywood Close have lowest speeds. BT Openreach do not have plans for further upgrade in near future.

Box 10 is positioned at the corner of Loudwater Lane and Loudwater Drive and serves residents in Bridle Lane, Lower Plantation, Sarratt Lane(east of Troutstream Way). Box 10 is not connected to fibre at the moment but will be upgraded to fibre to the cabinet in Spring 2017.

BT Openreach has community fibre programmes where communities' part fund upgrades as the upgrades are not commercially viable on a standalone basis. The commercial upgrade was not available to Loudwater with its low density housing.

Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Ltd has entered into a contract with BT Openreach for a community fibre partnership. The Loudwater (Troutstream) Estate Company has funded this project. The project is to install an additional Box on the corner of Troutstream Way and Kingfisher Lure which will be directly connected to fibre. This will reduce the distance between the fibre cabinet and houses for those residents currently connected to Box 9. It will also benefit those residents outside the Loudwater Estate, houses in Ladywood Close, Sarratt Lane (west of Troutstream Way) and Solesbridge Lane. New speeds quoted for Ladywood Close are in the region of 15Mbs rising 40Mbs in Troutstream Way.

The new Box is expected to be completed by November 2017. Should you have any queries on this project please do not hesitate to contact me.

Robert Kenison

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Badgers: super furry animals....

It was as if the latest John Lewis Christmas television advert had been filmed in a Loudwater garden, awash with foxes, badgers, squirrels and hedgehogs all merrily bouncing on a child's trampoline. This year has been a bumper year for our furry and prickly residents, the warm and damp weather offering prime conditions for flourishing flora and fauna resulting in an ample, rich food supply for them to feast on. Throw in a muntjac or two and it becomes apparent we are really blessed with some of the countryside's finest wildlife - all within the confines of the M25.



Brock the Badger in Troutstream Way!

As we learn to co-habit with and admire our four-legged friends, we are unfortunately also witness to some of their more anti-social tendencies. Many a resident has been reporting strange and unexplained goings-on in their gardens. Appearing in the darkness of the night, lawns have been systematically dug up by mysterious creatures, leaving a trail of deep holes and rolled-up turf. After much effort over the summer seeding and turfing my own lawn, I was greeted with my own set of holes and slashed turf.

It appeared to be a common problem locally and one that needed further investigation. With CCTV at the ready it was time to catch the culprit. Luckily an eagle-eyed resident, Carole Timms of the Loudwater Estate has stolen a march on me and saved me hours studying footage, but successfully catching our hole-digger on camera. The guilty party was indeed a badger that according to

various proclaimed experts was on the hunt for chafer grubs. Chafer grubs are soil-dwelling larvae of chafer beetles. Several species feed on the roots of grasses and are a popular food for badgers and foxes who tear up the turf to feed on the grubs. Damage to lawns is most obvious between autumn and spring when the grubs are reaching maturity.



Lawn damage by Brock the Badger

Is there a solution to the problem I hear you ask? Old wives' tales point to sprinkling your pastures with chili powder, worth considering but I'd rather stick to using it in my chilli con carne! Unfortunately there are no chemical solutions available to gardeners; you have to rely on pathogenic nematodes, usually *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora*. These attack the larvae by infecting them with a fatal bacterial disease. A popular recommendation is *Nemasys* Chafer Grub Killer and one I will be trying. Part and parcel of life in Loudwater is the wonderful wildlife, it's just when it gets a little too close or rather anti-social that we tend to become somewhat irritated. And woe betide any beasts that are brave enough to clamber on to my daughter's trampoline. They will have to answer to her 'cuddly doggie'!

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Gardening Club

On September 14th the Garden Club set off to Sussex for their last garden visit of the year. This time we were visiting two gardens. The first of these, the Sussex Prairie Garden, was a new experience in gardening for most of us.

This eight acre garden, in a field on a Sussex farm, has been created in a new style of naturalistically planted, large interlocking borders, which have become a living tableau of plants – a vast moving sea of densely planted perennial flowers and tall, waving grasses of every kind between which visitors are welcome to roam freely.

We were all thrilled by the colours and the constant graceful movement of the grasses and came away filled with new ideas.

We then went on to lunch at Nymans and to enjoy its vibrant summer borders, still at their peak, and the tranquil woodland. This is a developing garden on an old site and its planting is constantly evolving. The now maturing herbaceous borders in the old walled garden were a blaze of colours with an amazing variety of plants. We all had a most enjoyable day.



Margaret Jarrett

Loudwater Wine Club

As the year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the Club's events. Two highlight events for me were the trip to Champagne in our luxury coach with great company, food and wine and in particular the meal we had at La Maison Penet who provided us with champagne to compliment every course of the lunch.



The other highlight was when Christine Sterry invited the members of the Wine Club to her house for a tasting, not only did she organise a very unusual tasting but also decided to prepare 35 + of us a fabulous meal. A terrific evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Oh and how can I forget the summer lunch at the barn with lobster, prepared by Jo and Charles Homewood - superb!

So, if you're reading this and think it sounds fun and you are not yet a member, please contact Carole Timms, our secretary – e-mail carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01923 776681 for membership details.

One last job for the year is to see if I can still fit into my evening suit for the Clubs black tie Christmas event at Moor Park on 1st December!

So, that's it for another year it only remains for the team to wish everyone on Loudwater a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Colin Timms

Women of Year



On 17th October I attended the 'Woman of the Year' lunch at the Intercontinental Hotel, Park Lane with seemingly all of the great and good present. There were many extremely innovative women who had created varied services for previously unrecognised, minority needs; all these women were heavily supported by the presence of a substantial number of MPs, titled women from the House of Lords and prominent female show biz personalities. The guests included Theresa May (on her first non-political assignment as Prime Minister) who, after the lunch, presented a special award to Margaret Aspinall, the chair of the Hillsborough Family Support Group. Following their 27 year battle for justice, Mrs May commented that it was an "honour to present the Woman of the Year Special Award to the Hillsborough families."

Sue Tippen

Japanese Knotweed

There have been several sightings of Japanese Knotweed within Loudwater. This is a very evasive plant.



There are a number of pieces of legislation that affect the management of Japanese Knotweed:

Japanese knotweed is amongst a list of non-native invasive plants that must not be planted in the wild. This includes moving contaminated soil or plant cuttings. (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981).

People are not legally obliged to remove these plants or to control them. However if they allow them to grow onto other people's property they can be prosecuted for causing a private nuisance (under Civil Law).

Disposing of invasive, non-native plants (Environmental Protection Act 1990 and associated regulations)

The environment agency must be informed if people are using certain herbicides to treat Japanese knotweed and may need – an environmental permit; registered waste exemption, and trade effluent consent.

The Environment agency must be informed a week before people intended to bury the plant waste on their own land.

Farmers must contact the Environment agency a week before burning the plant, as well as their local environmental health officer. Private individuals do not need to do this. Businesses may also need an environmental permit or registered waste exemption for this.

Soil or plant material contaminated with non-native invasive plants must be dealt with by a licensed waste carrier and an authorised landfill site.

Japanese knotweed should be dealt with by specialist contractors.

The use of Community Protection Notices and Non-native invasive species

The Government has issued clear guidance that CPNs could be used to deal with Japanese Knotweed. In order for this to apply – the general principles of CPNs would apply i.e. the following conditions:

An authorised person may issue a community protection notice to an individual aged 16 or over, (unlike the injunction or CBO) or a body, if satisfied on reasonable grounds that the conduct of the individual or body is having a detrimental effect, of a persistent or continuing nature, on the quality of life of those in the locality; and the conduct is unreasonable.

They can only be issued if the offender has been given a written warning that the notice will be issued if their conduct doesn't change and that they have been given enough time to have reasonably made those changes, and yet have chosen not to do so. This could take place over a period of weeks or minutes (hence the guidance example of immediate use in a case of noise).

In terms of persistence, it is important to note the guidance:

"Decisions on whether behaviour is persistent should be taken on a case by case basis by issuing officers... there may be cases where behaviour is continuing over a very short time period. An example could be where an individual is playing loud music in a park. If the officer had asked the individual to stop the music and they had refused, this could be considered continuing in nature and a CPN could be used."

If the Council were to serve a CPN and there was no action taken it could then take remedial action and would need to seek compensation through a prosecution for costs incurred.

What is significant is that the behaviour needs to have an impact on the quality of life of those in the locality. The interpretation of this is that it impacts on more than one person. So where one landowner is only affecting one other landowner it would suggest that this does not meet the test for issuing a CPN.

Robert Kenison

Talking of old things

For those of you who are old enough to remember, enjoy.
For the rest treat this as a history lesson!
Have things really changed this much in our time?

EATING IN THE UK IN THE FIFTIES:

Pasta had not been invented.
Curry was a surname.
A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
All crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.
A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter.
Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of our dinner.
A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking
Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
Coffee was Camp, and came in a bottle.
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
Only Heinz made beans.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.
 Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
 None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
 Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
 People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
 Indian restaurants were only found in India.
 Cooking outside was called camping.
 Seaweed was not a recognised food.
 "Kebab" was not even a word never mind a food.
 Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.
 Prunes were medicinal.
 Surprisingly muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
 Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.
 Water came out of the tap, if someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it they would have become a laughing stock.
 The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties .. was elbows and mobile phones!

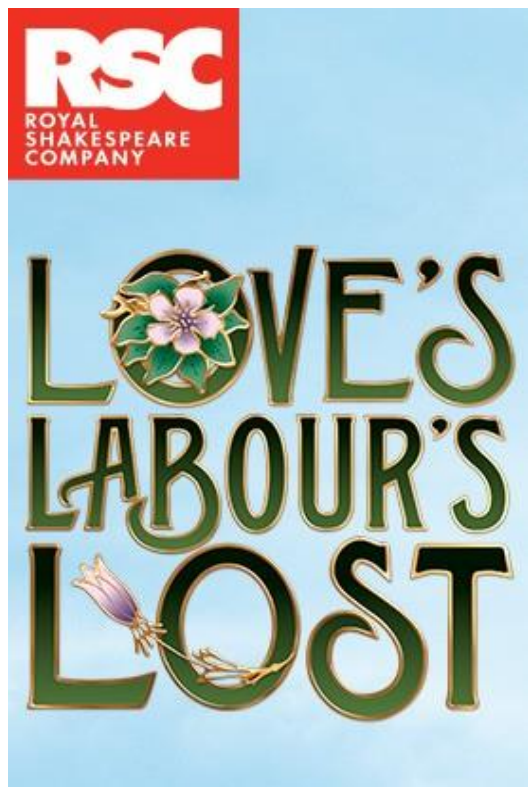
A Loudwater Resident

Theatre Club

LRA Theatre Club is delighted to invite you to our Easter 2017 Outing – a chance to catch up with friends on a coach ride into London to watch Shakespeare’s sparkling comedy, Love’s Labour’s Lost. We have 19 tickets which will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

When 15th March 2017 Matinee
 Where: Theatre Royal Haymarket
 Price: Royal Circle plus luxury coach £66.00

If you would like to join us, please send a cheque for £66.00, payable to **LRA Theatre Club**, to Shehnaaz Kassamali, Whisperwood House, Whisperwood, WD3 4JU or call Shehnaaz on 07939 221080 or 01923 770092.



The coach will leave Loudwater Farm at 11.30am arriving in time for light refreshments locally (not included). The play begins at 2.30pm and we hope to leave London around 4.45pm arriving back in Loudwater around 6.30 pm depending on traffic. Cars can be left at Loudwater Farm for the day at no extra charge.

Shehnaaz Kassamali

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A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Diary of Events

Month	Day & Date	Event
Dec	Thurs 1st	Wine Club: Black Tie X-Mas Dinner @ Moor Park Mansion
	Tue 6th	Theatre Club: Amadeus
	Wed 7th	Bridge Club
	Tue 13th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 21st	Bridge Club
Jan	Wed th	Bridge Club
	Tue 10th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 18th	Bridge Club
Feb	Wed 1st	Bridge Club
	Tue 14th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 15th	Bridge Club
Mar	Wed 1st	Bridge Club
	Tue 14th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 15th	Bridge Club
	Wed 15 th	Theatre club Love Labours Lost
	Fri 24th	Caribbean Night Moor Park



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[Single storey rear extension incorporating roof lights, and alterations to existing first floor rear dormer window to incorporate a Juliet balcony.](#)

Tavel Bridle Lane Loudwater WD3 4JQ

Ref. No: 16/1599/FUL | Received: Thu 28 Jul 2016 | Validated: Thu 28 Jul 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Two storey infill extension and alterations to fenestration](#)

Beechen Hill House Sarratt Lane Loudwater WD3 6AA

Ref. No: 16/1578/FUL | Received: Wed 27 Jul 2016 | Validated: Thu 04 Aug 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Alterations to fenestration and painting of existing render of dwelling and ancillary building](#)

The Round House Loudwater Drive Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4HJ

Ref. No: 16/1428/FUL | Received: Tue 05 Jul 2016 | Validated: Fri 22 Jul 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Part two storey and part first floor rear extension](#)

The Old Farmstead Farm Lane Loudwater WD3 4JX

Ref. No: 16/1326/FUL | Received: Fri 24 Jun 2016 | Validated: Thu 07 Jul 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Replacement windows and doors to black aluminum framed double glazing.](#)

Miraflores Troutstream Way Loudwater WD3 4LA

Ref. No: 16/2032/FUL | Received: Wed 28 Sep 2016 | Validated: Tue 04 Oct 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Alterations to roof of existing side extension and changes to existing fenestration](#)

Hendre Loudwater Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4AN

Ref. No: 16/1863/FUL | Received: Fri 02 Sep 2016 | Validated: Fri 02 Sep 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Conversion of existing garage into self contained residential unit to include replacement roof, served by rooflights and alterations to fenestration](#)

Mansard Cottage Loudwater Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4HX

Ref. No: 16/1781/FUL | Received: Mon 22 Aug 2016 | Validated: Mon 22 Aug 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Replacement windows, insertion of additional window and alterations to drive](#)

Hathaway House Loudwater Lane Loudwater WD3 4HX

Ref. No: 16/1685/FUL | Received: Mon 08 Aug 2016 | Validated: Thu 11 Aug 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Retrospective: Conversion of garage to habitable use](#)

Chess Cottage Loudwater Lane Loudwater WD3 4HG

Ref. No: 16/1643/RSP | Received: Mon 01 Aug 2016 | Validated: Tue 08 Aug 2016 | Status: Permitted

[Demolition of existing conservatory/kitchen extension and construction of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to garage and conversion of garage loft, porch extension, first floor front extension and loft conversion](#)

Ladymead Loudwater Heights Loudwater WD3 4AX

Ref. No: 16/1336/FUL | Received: Mon 27 June 2016 | Validated: tue 5th July 2016 | Status: Permitted

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

Planning Applications

The planning list might not be totally complete for this issue as TRDC were having problems with planning web site at the end of November.

New Applications

[Listed Building Consent: Replacement windows and doors](#)

The Old Mill House Loudwater Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4HQ

Ref. No: 16/1843/LBC | Received: Tue 30 Aug 2016 | Validated: Tue 30 Aug 2016 | Status: withdrawn

[Single storey rear extension, alterations to existing rear dormers to include Juliet balconies and alterations to fenestration](#)

Tavel Bridle Lane Loudwater WD3 4JQ

Ref. No: 16/2012/FUL | Received: Fri 23 Sep 2016 | Validated: Tue 11 Oct 2016 | Status: Pending

[Single storey front and side extension](#)

Chesters Trout Rise Loudwater WD3 4JY

Ref. No: 16/2268/FUL | Received: Mon 31 Oct 2016 | Validated: Mon 31 Oct 2016 | Status: Pending

[New entrance gates and fencing](#)

Coppers Sarratt Lane Loudwater WD3 4AD

Ref. No: 16/2273/FUL | Received: Mon 31 Oct 2016 | Validated: Mon 07 Nov 2016 | Status: Pending

[Construction of new porch at lower ground level, infilling of existing porch and alterations to frontage to include removal of external stairs, widening of existing drive, alterations to land levels and installation of retaining walls and glass balustrades](#)

Kingfishers Overstream Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4LD

Ref. No: 16/1984/FUL | Received: Wed 21 Sep 2016 | Validated: Wed 28 Sep 2016 | Status: Pending

Application decisions

[Single storey extension to south elevation](#)

The Old Stables Bridle Lane Loudwater WD3 4JB

Ref. No: 16/1956/FUL | Received: Mon 19 Sep 2016 | Validated: Tue 27 Sep 2016 | Status: permitted

