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Editorial

Welcome to the summer edition of the Ol' Trout.

In the last edition of the Ol' Trout there was an article about Red Kytes and the nuisance they were causing as it appeared that a local resident was feeding the birds. The number of Kytes over recent weeks has reduced significantly. Whether this is a seasonal trend or they are being fed less I am not sure. We will have to wait and see.

This month's topics is on bon fires, please see the article later in the edition.

Have a very enjoyable summer whatever you do.

Robert Kenison

Chairman's Words

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who came to LRA AGM in May. During this meeting we covered the ever-popular topics of broadband and the situation with the roads as well as unanimously voting Pat Eckersall in as Treasurer.

It was also a good opportunity for the various LRA clubs – wine, garden, bridge, golf and investment – to report on their activities in the past year. After the formal part of the evening was over, we all had a chance to socialise over a few glasses of wine.

Many thanks to June Gili-Ross who organised the AGM and the successful ABBA Night (more about that later in this edition).



I am sorry to report that Malcolm Hicks has stepped down as Planning Secretary for the LRA. We thank him for all his work in the past year and now have a space for his replacement. If you would like to be considered for the role of Planning Secretary, please get in touch with me.

Don't forget to book your place at Loudwater's event of the year. The **Summer BBQ, on Sunday 10th July**, will have an American theme as it is very close to Independence Day. We will have an American-style BBQ (and of course vegetarian options too), red, white and blue welcome cocktails and, most importantly, a mechanical bull. Naturally, there will be a prize for whoever rides the rodeo bull the longest!

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We have made it easier for you to book so you can use the flyer in this copy of the Ol' Trout, make a balance transfer or even book online using PayPal through our website (www.lraonline.org.uk).

On the subject of our website, we have made some significant changes to the layout so that you can see all the upcoming events on the first page as well as all recent news articles.

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

Alex Buxton

Drains and Lanes

There have been drainage issues for many years on Loudwater Lane, but with continual prompting from LRA and co-operation from Herts County Council (HCC) / Ringway over the last 3 years, the regular gully clearing has eradicated the flooding we had become used to. This has demonstrated that the infrastructure can cope when it is clear. Ringway made some minor drainage improvements in March and the gullies were cleared in early May, with this visit being the 11th in the last 3 years. The majority of the drains network is required to be cleared once every 18 months by way of comparison. HCC have now added Loudwater Lane to their vulnerable gully list which are cleared more frequently and may provide additional signing to make drivers aware of the potential risk of flooding. As ever, if a resident notices that drains are becoming blocked or the road has flooded please bring it to the attention of the LRA so action can be taken.

Options such as kerbing and expanding water run-off areas have been considered to alleviate the flooding, but these proposals are not currently funded, and it is also debatable how effective they might be.

The verge erosion during rainfall carries high volumes of silt into the gullies along with leaves in autumn and much of the road surface debris as it continues to decay along significant stretches of Sarratt Lane and

Loudwater Lane. This has also been a problem for a number of years with relentless pothole repairs, and the only "ray of light" being the resurfacing of Parrots Dell on Loudwater Lane a couple of years ago following much lobbying of HCC. Unfortunately, the condition of the lanes is now so bad in places that they have fallen beyond Ringways mandate to maintain and with nothing in the future HCC highways plans they had effectively been left to fall into disrepair.

However, in May, with support from Chris Hayward, the LRA have managed to persuade the HCC Cabinet Member responsible for highways to drive the lanes and his experiences have resulted in major works being integrated into the HCC Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in the next couple of years. The lanes will be audited by the end of May, with the intention they be re-surfaced full length in

2017/2018 and the TRO has been amended to incorporate all sections of Loudwater Lane, meaning that Ringway have the potential to carry out any urgent repairs later this year. In addition Saratt Lane is incorporated for surface dressing preparation in 2017, and for dressing in 2018, and is also now incorporated in the amended TRO so that Ringway can programme repairs at the same time as the planned work for Loudwater Lane in winter 2016.

So, please continue to log potholes on the HCC website (<http://www.hertsdirect.org/>) and I'll be watching this very closely in the coming months reporting in more detail as and when information becomes available.

John Thompson

It was ABBA-Solutely Fabulous

What can I say? It was a superb night which went exactly as planned. We had our own venue in the Orangery at Moor Park, with private bar and cloakrooms, which were all on the same level, so there were no stairs to negotiate. Had more residents applied to join us, we would have been in the main hall of the Mansion.

Moor Park served an excellent meal, as ever and treated us to candelabra and lit candles. We inflated balloons and sprinkled matching table confetti to enhance the party atmosphere.

Pat Eckersall's table all came in fancy dress, which really added to the fun and made some of us wish we had done so.



Pat Eckersall and friends!!!

The band, 'Ever Gold', were terrific and gave an energetic and convincing performance. The dance floor was full!

I think the evening is best described by the residents who came and then sent these comments:

"We'd just like to say how much we enjoyed the Abba evening"
"We thought the event was great, - enjoyed the music and the food was excellent."
"Wanted to let you know what a tremendous evening we had on Friday..."
"The event was so much fun! Our guests had a great time too....."
"We really enjoyed ourselves.....- a very successful evening."
"A great night! Thanks so much"
I think that says it all.

We could not use the Barn as our venue because we are not allowed to play music there anymore.

Just in case residents wonder why it was not held at the Barn, as some might have preferred.

June Gili-Ross

Chairman's Lunch

Every year, it is the tradition for the Chairman of the Loudwater Residents' Association to host a lunch to say thank you to everyone who has helped to make Loudwater what it is. A host of people freely put their time and energy into running the social side of the area and this is a great opportunity to thank them.

These include [LRA Committee](#), the leaders of the [wine](#), [investment](#), [golf](#), [gardening](#), [theatre](#) and [golf](#) clubs, our auditor, [Gibbs Gillespie](#) who kindly print the OI Trout and, of course the OI Trout distributors.



We were lucky to have very good weather as we enjoyed drinks outside, being treated to the smells of the lunch cooking. Then we went indoors to enjoy the lunch and more wine! It was great to see everyone again and also to meet new residents who have volunteered their time to help Loudwater.

Massive thanks go to June Gili-Ross, our Events Secretary, who arranged this very successful event.

Alex Buxton

Bonfires

You hate them or love them. It is a topic which gets raised on many occasions.

Although many people assume that there are specific bye-laws to prohibit bonfires, there are none within the Three Rivers District.

However, if a neighbour is causing a nuisance by burning rubbish, the law is on your side. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, a statutory nuisance includes "smoke, fumes or gases emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance". In practice, to be considered a nuisance, a bonfire would have to be a regular problem and interfering substantially with your well-being, comfort or enjoyment of your property.

You can be reported to the council if your bonfire becomes a nuisance on a regular basis. This is a type of antisocial behaviour. To make a report, a log should be kept of dates when the problem occurred.

If you have a problem with a neighbour's bonfire, talk to them first. If that doesn't work, you can register a complaint by contacting the Customer Service Centre by telephone (01923 776611) or e-mail enquiries@threerivers.gov.uk. Always give an indication of when you can be found at home, or where you can be contacted during the day. Try to give a precise location of the source of the problem.

Also I do not believe there any covenants within the private roads that cover bonfires either.

One of the largest complaints is with residents who employ gardeners who have bonfires and then leave them smouldering for days or burst

back into life unattended. Drifting smoke on a fine summer's day can be very annoying.

Additionally within Loudwater we have a number of thatched houses and stray sparks from an unattended bonfire creates significant risk for those houses with a thatch.

With Three Rivers Council deciding to charge more for brown bin collection this could encourage residents to have more bonfires. My recommendation is to compost garden waste or take it to the tip.

So please make special effort to reduce bonfires, make sure that the smoke is not drifting onto neighbours and bonfires should not left unattended.

Just a little common sense and consideration for neighbours goes a long way towards a safe and happy community

Robert Kenison

Garden Club

For our first trip of the 2016 season on April 27th, we decided to go to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, which a surprising number of our members had never visited. The weather forecast was not promising but somebody up there loves us, as we enjoyed sunshine for the whole time we were there and were able to enjoy the magnolias and Japanese cherries in full blossom. We wandered through the exotics in the Palm House and in the Princess of Wales conservatory, which displays plants from ten different climate zones, and viewed the giant Victoria Amazonia lilies in the Water Lily House. There was also the beautifully laid out Alpine garden with its waterfalls and the gardens were awash with glorious beds of tulips. We all had a most enjoyable day.



Kew Gardens

On May 24th we set out for an evening visit to the garden at "Wind in the Willows" at Higher Denham. This garden is usually only open twice a year under the National Gardens scheme but we were able to arrange a private visit through our Secretary, Roger Trigg. The garden lies between the Misbourne and several artificial streams and contains a large variety of flowering trees and shrubs. All the water courses are planted with candelabra primulas which were in glorious flower. Following the almighty downpour on the day before we were a bit apprehensive about the weather but our usual luck held and we arrived in beautiful sunshine. The owner, Ron James, was kind enough to give us a very informative guided tour of his beautiful and tranquil plot and we all had a most delightful evening.



Wind in the Willows

The Loudwater Garden Club welcomes new members and we have a full calendar of events booked for the rest of the year. So, if you like visiting beautiful gardens in cheerful company, why not join us? You can find our details on the LRA website.

Margaret Jarrett

Golf Society

This year's golf society meeting took place on Monday 9th May at Sandy Lodge Golf Club and 16 golfers took part in the main golf event. The numbers in the evening swelled to 25 with non-playing wives and partners joining us for dinner ...The weather was very kind to us for the early part of the afternoon and although we had to play the last few holes in light rain...it was clear that spirits were not dampened. The course is now an Open qualifying course and provided a good challenge to all golfers who took part.



The aim of the society is to provide Loudwater residents and their guests, with an opportunity of getting together to enjoy some time on the golf course and to socialise 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. 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 2 ladies competing for our ladies trophy and the winner was Sarah Jolliffe who scored 34 stableford points. The winner of the men's competition was David Kirkwood with 35 points. The nearest the Pin prizes were won by Paul Kanner, Sarah Jolliffe and Paolo Manacasolla,

There was an excellent atmosphere throughout the day and it was particularly pleasing to see both old and new residents meet 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 formed.



I am very grateful to a number of sponsors who support the event. Di Paolo Italian Restaurant Gerrards Cross donated dinner vouchers for prizes and James Estate Agents provided some other prizes.

I plan to organize the event again next year and I am looking at alternative venues and open to suggestions. There are many golfers living in Loudwater and all are very passionate about their own courses. I know that cost is an issue for some residents but I try hard to keep the costs as low as we can and I believe that the day represents exceptional value.

The date I am considering for next year is Monday 8th May 2017. 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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Diary of Events

Month	Day & Date	Event
June	Wed 1st	Bridge Club
	Mon 6th- Thur 9th	Wine Club - Champaign Trip
	Tue 14th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 15th	Bridge Club
	Fri 24th	Wine Club - Battle of the Bubbles
	Wed 29th	Garden Club: Trip to Coton Manor Garden
	Thur 30th	Theatre Club: It Runs in the Family
July	Wed 6th	Bridge Club
	Sun 10th	LRA American Themed Summer BBQ
	Tue 12th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 20th	Bridge Club
	Sun 24th	Wine Club - Summer Lunch at Barn
Aug	Wed 3rd	Bridge Club
	Tue 9th	Investment Club
	Wed 17th	Bridge Club
	TBA	Wine club social lunch at restaurant
Sept	Wed 7th	Bridge Club
	Tue 13th	Troutstream Investment Club
	Wed 14th	Garden Club: Trip to Sussex Prairie Garden and Nymans Garden
	Fri 16th	LRA Quiz Night
	Wed 21st	Bridge Club
	Fri 23rd	Wine club -TBA
Dec	Thur 1st	Wine Club Xmas Dinner- Moor Park



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Planning Applications

March through May, 2016

Application Decisions

Two storey side extension, addition of dormers and alterations to existing front dormer, alterations to chimney and extension to retaining wall and raised patio area
Hazel Cottage Troutstream Way Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4JN
Ref. No: 16/0246/FUL Status: permitted

Single storey side extension
Lilac Cottage Trout Rise Loudwater Hertfordshire WD3 4JZ
Ref. No: 16/0249/FUL Status: Refused

Demolition of existing garage and construction of a single storey side extension with accommodation in roof, first floor front extension, loft conversion, front porch and new drive way.
Ladymead, Loudwater Heights, Loudwater, Herts.
Ref No 16/0280/FUL Status Refused

Erection of part two storey and part single storey side and rear extensions
April Cottage, Bridle Lane, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4JG
Ref No: 16/0409/FUL Status: Refused

Erection of a single storey extension to link swimming pool to dwelling
Woodcourt, Trout Rise, Loudwater, Herts, WD3 4JS
Ref No 16/0677/FUL Status: permitted

New Applications

Demolition of existing garages and construction of detached garage with alteration to drive and landscaping including alterations to levels.
Rookery Wood House, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater, WD3 4HP
Ref No: 16/0970/FUL Status: Pending Consideration

First Floor side extension
Brae Cottage, Trout Rise, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4ED
REF No: 16/0897/FUL Status: Pending consideration

Demolition of side extension and construction of new single storey side extension, erection of single storey side and rear extension and alterations to fenestrations.
Dovecote, Troutstream Way, Loudwater, Herts, WD3 4LB
Ref No: 16/0836/FUL Status: Pending Consideration

Alterations and extensions to existing drive and construction of detached garage to front of dwelling.
Newlands, Bridle Lane, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4JH
Ref No: 16/0759/FUL Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of Condition 7 (archaeological written Scheme of Investigation) pursuant of planning permission 14/2411/FUL
Troutstream Hall, Chorleywood Road, Loudwater, Herts, WD3 4EX
Ref No: 16/0649/DIS Status: Not given

Part Retrospective: Infilling of existing front porch alcove, construction of new storm porch and alterations to fenestration.
Casula, Sarrat Lane, Loudwater, Herts, WD3 4AS
Ref No: 16/0773/RSP Status: Pending consideration

Discharge of Conditions in pursuant of planning application 14/2106/FUL
Cherry Hill Cottage, Trout Rise, Loudwater, WD3 4JR
Ref NO: 16/0639/DIS Status: Pending Decision

CAC Conservation Area Consent
RSP Retrospective planning Application
CLPD Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development
CLEL Certificate of Lawfulness Existing Development
DIS Discharge of Conditions
NMA Non Material Alterations



