



The Ol' Trout

Loudwater Residents'
Association newsletter



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIRMAN

DECEMBER 2017

Welcome to the winter issue

I trust you are starting to feel festive - we're certainly looking forward to seeing the neighbourhood sporting a little extra seasonal colour and sparkle over the weeks ahead.

In this edition we take a nostalgic trip back in time dipping into a collection of old photographs that provide an insight into Loudwater life in by-gone times; we hear about local resident Lady Jarvis receiving a CBE in the Queen's birthday honours list; we have reports from a couple of recent successful LRA events; and Planning Secretary, Mike Sindic provides further guidance on tree management and brings us the latest building planning application update.

I hope you find it an interesting read.
Best wishes, **Andrea Marheineke**

Chairman's words

The nights have drawn in, the beautiful autumn leaves have fallen and I still can't believe how dark it is!

I am delighted to report that we had a sold out 'Music Kwiz and Kebab' evening in September. I'd like to thank everyone who attended and thank you also for your positive feedback. We might need to book a larger room next year! Many thanks to **June Gili-Ross** for organising it and to all those who helped to make it a success.

Ol' Trout to all residents!

This issue is being distributed to all households throughout Loudwater, not just to LRA members. If you haven't joined the Loudwater Residents' Association we hope this gives you an idea of what we do, the events we hold and the clubs you can join. If you are not a member (ie you haven't received the Ol' Trout before), please go to <http://www.lraonline.org.uk/membership> where you can download the membership and standing order forms

Ambledown

The contentious Ambledown plan to demolish the existing house and build

five flats is, at the time of printing, still in the decision-making phase. The LRA Committee has joined Loudwater residents in opposing this development.

There was a planning meeting in October where a decision was expected to be made. However, prior to the meeting the developer submitted an appeal as the decision process had exceeded statutory time limits. This means the decision will be taken out of the hands of Three Rivers Planning Committee and made by the Secretary of State. We are hoping for a positive result before Christmas.

I hope to see you at our 60's themed party night at Moor Park on 23rd March - and as always, if you have any comments to share about Loudwater, please don't hesitate to contact me on chairman@lraonline.org.uk.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Alex Buxton

LRA's First Kwiz & Kebab Night!

On the evening of Friday 22nd September, forty enthusiastic music aficionados of the neighbourhood congregated in the Chess Hall at Loudwater Farm, for the LRA's annual quiz night. This year it was a musical quiz, accompanied by kebabs and completed by choc ices on sticks. Five teams proceeded to pit their wits against a series of masterfully crafted rounds of questions. The themes spanned rock and pop through the decades, with rounds for musical theatre and classical favourites. There was, indeed, something for everyone.

Fuelled by wine, the aforementioned kebabs of lamb, chicken or halloumi, and choc ices (not traditional brain food admittedly, but delicious nonetheless) the competition was fierce! The final scores were close, but the ultimate victors were 'the G Clefs'! The team comprised: Henry and Marion Browne, Diana and Nicholas Vaughton, Carole and Colin Timms and Peter and Davida Phillips. Congratulations to them all for an impressive display of knowledge.

All the members of the team were rewarded with a bottle of wine each, which no doubt helped to replenish the supply consumed during the Kwiz proceedings.

As ever, thanks to our Events Secretary, June Gili-Ross, for all her hard work in arranging the night, devising the quiz, theming the room with such creative musical decorations and arranging the catering - and to the Chairman, Alex Buxton who ably assisted our quiz-master (also June), matching the music with the questions, as needed, with IT wizardry.

The LRA ladies of the committee, together with some husbands/partners were helped again by Kerry Rock to set up and tidy down. Dave Sweet also brought over the choc-ices at the appropriate time, to avoid them melting beforehand! Their assistance was much appreciated.

All who attended looked to have had a fun-filled night and much positive feedback has been received. The question is - will the winners be able to retain the title next year? We shall see!



LRA EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2017

Wed 6th & 20th Bridge Club

JANUARY 2018

Wed 3rd & 17th Bridge Club

Fri 26th Wine Club
Australian wine tasting and speaker

FEBRUARY 2018

Wed 7th & 21st Bridge Club

Wed 21st Wine Club
Dalling & Co wine tasting and tapas, Kings Langley

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRI 23RD MARCH 60's THEMED PARTY NIGHT

SUN 22ND APRIL THE CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH

THURS 17TH MAY LRA AGM

SUN 1ST JULY SUMMER PARTY: THEME - MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

FRI 21ST SEPT QUIZ NIGHT

WEBSITE
www.lraonline.org.uk/calendar

Welcoming new neighbours

Two years on from our last such event, on Thursday 12 October the LRA committee hosted a get together for folk who are new to Loudwater. It was a chance to establish connections and share about the various clubs and events that take place throughout the year, providing opportunities for residents to socialise with neighbours and make friends. Our venue for the evening was The Barn and as ever, guests were welcomed with wine and nibbles which helped to get the conversation flowing.

Following a welcome from LRA Chairman, Alex Buxton - representatives from each of the clubs provided an overview of the activities their group enjoyed and encouraged our guests to get involved.

It was lovely to meet the new faces, to hear their stories and learn about what had brought them to our neighbourhood. Everyone seemed very enthused about living here and it was encouraging to discover that our guests were such a fun and warm group of people - a very welcome addition to Loudwater!

Thanks to our membership secretary Sue Tippen for identifying who to invite and to June Gili-Ross for organising the evening, ably assisted by her team of committee members.



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Yester-year in Loudwater

Well over ten years ago a collection of very old photographs was given to me by John Jarrett (who has sadly now died), Editor of the then: 'The Loudwater Newsletter', the forerunner of the Ol' Trout. John wanted these photographs kept safely as he had spent some considerable time on researching and recording their history. He believed them to be the property of Panmure Gordon (a stockbroker and investment banker – see photo below) whose connection with Loudwater is explained in the newspaper cutting shown.

I had forgotten about these photographs, resident in my loft, until reminded of them by another conversation about photographs. They chart some early times in Loudwater and I do hope you enjoy them as much as I did when I first saw them.

Sue Tippen



LOUDWATER HOUSE

There are unsubstantiated stories that Charles II had a hunting lodge (a euphemism for a house for a royal mistress) in this area. There are also items in Loudwater House which date from 1760.

However, there is reason to believe that Loudwater House was built between 1822 and 1860. The first definite record is in the census of 1841, when it was listed as belonging to a James Hayward. He had been a military man, decorated with the Crimean Medal and two clasps, the cross of the Legion d'Honneur, the Sardinian Medal and the Turkish medal of Mejidie. Shortly before his death in 1856, he sold the house to Richard Baxendale (1855) who in turn sold it to Viscount Baxendale, who sold it to Joseph Arden.

Arden leased the house to Joseph Samuda, an engineer who designed merchant and naval ships and was the founder of the Institute of naval Architects. From 1865 Samuda was a Liberal MP, first for Tavistock and then for Tower Hamlets.

Arden left the property to his daughter Julia and her husband, John Birch, in trust for their son, Henry Birch. Both John and Henry became Governors of the Bank of England, but Henry went bankrupt in 1921, when Cameron Jeffs, a businessman and philanthropist, bought the land and the house for the Jeffs Estate (now the Loudwater Troutstream Estate). Jeffs built luxury homes in the area and began to convert Loudwater House into flats.

After Jeff's death, a Wing-Commander Garrod used his war gratuity to buy Loudwater House and continued the conversion, but, finding it unprofitable, he sold it to organ-builder and property dealer Gordon Symondson who added the extensions.

The most colourful of the tenants of Loudwater House was undoubtedly Panmure Gordon, who lived there in the 1880-90 years. Scion of a well-to-do family, he made his pile out East, from where he returned to found the stockbroking firm that exists to this day. The estate he rented then stretched from what is now the Masonic School grounds through to Solesbridge Lane, the Home Farm being bounded by gatehouses, three of which can still be seen (though much altered)

THE LOUDWATER BUS

Having sold houses on the estate to people working in London, Cameron Jeffs realised the need to get them to the station. In 1928 he arranged a free bus, one of which is shown – a Lancia ER272 – with its low-swung body. This was followed by a Ford 'motor-carriage' which was soon replaced when passengers continually found themselves having to push to help it up the hills.

When London Transport was formed in 1930, it was horrified to find that the Loudwater bus though now costing 1d or 2d, did not issue tickets and promptly removed it from service. Only by an appeal to the then MP was a bus, the 336A, restored. Its last drivers were Owen Palmer, Harry Simmonds and Harry Cross, during whose 'reign' it was known as the 'Harry bus', never the 336A.



The view across to Loudwater House; Mrs Panmure Gordon; and the Chinese Tea House built for the Panmure Gordon's.

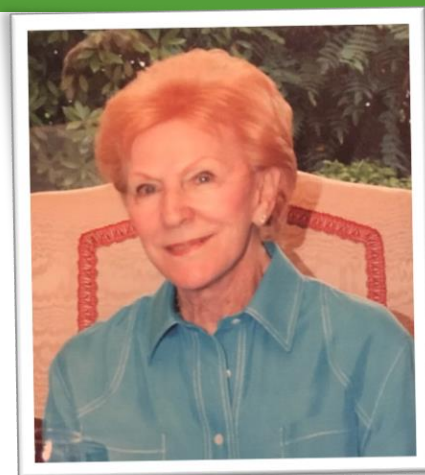
IN MORE RECENT TIMES...

One flat in Loudwater House was lived in by pop musician Tony Hazzard who wrote songs for famous names such as Lulu, Cliff Richard, The Hollies, Gene Pitney, Andy Williams and many more - as well as performing backing vocals on a couple of Elton John albums. Tony also released several of his own solo albums, the most successful of which he named '[Loudwater House](#)' (1971). The picture to the right is from the album cover. He now lives in Cornwall and continues to work as a composer.

[Click on the link above in the online version of this issue to listen to the title song 'Loudwater House' on YouTube.]

Next issue: The Mills & Glen Chess





Lady Jarvis awarded CBE in Queen's birthday honours list

The Queen's Birthday Honours list recognises the achievements of a wide range of extraordinary people from across the UK. This past summer local resident Lady Joan Jarvis was awarded a CBE for her services to charity.

She and her family have been extremely active in supporting a wide range of worthwhile causes over the last 20 years, after her late husband set up a charitable foundation. Initially inspired by the work of the Royal National Institute for the Blind and Talking Books when a close friend of his became blind, the Jarvis family have gone on to help set up schools for street children in South Africa (Lady Jarvis's granddaughter has been based out there for some months); supported charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support and Mencap; and championed the needs of those impacted by autism, the effects of strokes, and many other challenging conditions.

It's great to see their wonderful work recognised and we wish her our warm congratulations!

Three Rivers District Council clamp down on fly tipping

In 2016 and 2017 Three Rivers District Council has had to deal with numerous cases of fly tipping in the area. Many cases involved householders paying an unknown person at the door to remove waste when they were approached and offered a cheap

deal. Their waste ended up fly tipped and the evidence trail led back to them. A number of residents have received a formal caution for an offence under the Environmental Protection Act of failing to ensure that their waste was picked up by an authorised waste carrier. Such a caution is a recordable matter which must be disclosed to employers in certain situations and is shared with all law enforcement agencies. **Those cautioned include:**

- A resident of Ashburnham Drive who left waste piled in a garage area in Woodhall Lane having paid someone to collect it. It was never picked up.
- A couple in Moor Park who paid persons unknown to take away waste. This waste was amongst other waste dumped illegally in Chalfont Lane.
- A builder working in Harrow paid unknown persons to take away carpet waste. It was found dumped in the Three Rivers area.
- A householder in Harrow who left black bin bags outside the house knowing that unknown persons would pick it up to sort through it. The waste was thrown from a vehicle and scattered on roads in Loudwater and Sarratt.

The Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group; a collaboration between various key stakeholders, including the ten district/boroughs and the County Council, Hertfordshire Constabulary, the Environment Agency, the Police & Crime Commissioner and the National Farmers Union, is working together to combat fly tipping in Hertfordshire. Councillor Phil Brading, TRDC Lead Member for Public Services, said *"It is important that residents understand their Duty of Care when it comes to responsible waste disposal. People need to make sure they dispose of unwanted items properly, either by taking them to charity shops if suitable, or taking them to their nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre, or arranging for them to be collected by the Council or a properly licenced waste management contractor - after first checking the licence details."*

Call the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 or use their website <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers> to check for a licence. If you see fly tipping in action please report to the police on 999. If you come across fly tipping after the event please report to the council. Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping to find out more about fly tipping, or information on Hertfordshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres; including accepted materials, locations, opening hours and van permit applications.

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Tree management: part 2

Mike Sindic shares further guidance on tree management. Part one of this article appeared in the September issue - this is the second part of that article regarding trees subject to a **preservation order**.

Anyone can apply for consent to carry out works to a tree subject to a tree preservation order. The applicant will usually be the owner of the tree/s or an arboricultural contractor or agent. Applications can be made to carry out works to a neighbour's protected tree, but it's advisable to consult the tree's owner first and also notify them promptly after submitting the application. If the authority grants consent it will be the applicant's responsibility to get any necessary permission such as access to the land, from the owner, before carrying out the work.

To be valid, an application for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order must be:

- made to the local authority on their standard application form - available on their website
- include all the information required by the form
- accompanied by a plan which clearly identifies the tree/s on which work is proposed
- accompanied by information that clearly specifies the work for which consent is sought and the reasons for making the application, and
- accompanied by evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety.

An applicant can discuss the proposals informally with the local authority before making an application.

It is important that the form and any additional required information are submitted at the same time. Before it accepts an application the authority

should check that the trees are in fact subject to a currently in force Order and verify that the application is both valid and complete.

The applicant has the right to appeal to the Secretary of State if an authority fails to determine an application within an 8 week period. However, the appeal to the Secretary of State may take far longer to determine than simply waiting for a decision from the local authority.

Unless work is urgently necessary because there is an immediate risk of serious harm, 5 working days written notice must be given to the authority before cutting down or carrying out work on a dead tree. The authority's consent for such work is not required. Where a tree is not covered by the woodland classification and is cut down because there is an urgent need to remove an immediate risk of serious harm, the landowner has a duty to plant a replacement tree of an appropriate size and species.

In considering an application, the local planning authority will assess the impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area and whether it is justified. They must be clear about what work they will allow and any conditions. Appeals against an authority's decision to refuse consent can be made to the Secretary of State. In certain circumstances, compensation may be payable by the local planning authority for loss or damage which results from the authority refusing consent or granting consent with conditions. However, there are strict criteria and limitations on what compensation may be payable.

The local authority may grant consent unconditionally, grant consent subject to such conditions as it thinks fit, or refuse consent. The authority could, however, grant consent for less work than that applied for. Conditions may include the planting of replacement trees, regulation of the standard of work, or the imposition



of a time limit other than the 2 year default period.

Anyone who contravenes an Order by damaging or carrying out work on a tree protected by an Order without getting permission from the local planning authority **is guilty of an offence and may be fined**. There is also a duty requiring landowners to replace a tree removed, uprooted or destroyed in contravention of an Order.

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that anyone found guilty of an offence is liable to a **fine of up to £20,000**. In serious cases they may be committed for trial in the Crown Court and, if convicted, liable to an unlimited fine. In determining the amount of fine, the court takes into account any financial benefit which has resulted, or is likely to result, from the offence. It is also an offence to contravene the provisions of an Order to a lesser extent, for example by lopping a tree in contravention of an Order, but in a way that is unlikely to result in it being destroyed. Anyone found guilty of this type of offence is liable to a fine of up to around £2,500.

It is therefore vital that people not carry out works to trees protected by tree preservation orders unless they have consent from the local authority or have successfully appealed to the Secretary of State.

Mike Sindic (David Maycox & Co)
Planning Secretary

Planning update

From w/c 14 August to w/c 6 November

APPLICATIONS

Retrospective: Creation of a carriage drive - **Ballochmyle, Chess Lane, Loudwater WD3 4HR**

Ref. No: 17/1739/RSP | Received: Wed 16 Aug 2017 | Validated: Fri 18 Aug 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of Conditions 3 (Tree Protection Scheme) and 4 (Method Statement) pursuant to planning permission 15/2365/FUL – **Monticello, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater WD3 4HX**

Ref. No: 17/1703/DIS | Received: Thu 10 Aug 2017 | Validated: Mon 14 Aug 2017 | Status: Unknown

Part single, part two storey side extension and first floor rear extension with balcony to rear – **Miraflores, Troutstream Way, WD3 4LA**

Ref. No: 17/1745/FUL | Received: Thu 17 Aug 2017 | Validated: Wed 23 Aug 2017 | Status: Decided

Construction of an outbuilding to rear of dwelling – **Stamhus, Troutstream Way, WD3 4LB**

Ref. No: 17/1820/FUL | Received: Thu 31 Aug 2017 | Validated: Thu 31 Aug 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Ground floor rear extension – **Touchwood, 7 Ladywood Close, Loudwater WD3 4AY**

Ref. No: 17/1897/FUL | Received: Wed 13 Sep 2017 | Validated: Wed 13 Sep 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of part single, part two front extension, single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration, increase in ridge height including rear dormer windows and roof lights and new crossovers - **Son Trobat, Overstream, WD3 4LD**

Ref. No: 17/1850/FUL | Received: Wed 06 Sep 2017 | Validated: Wed 13 Sep 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Single storey rear extension, loft conversion including rear dormer and front roof lights and conversion of garage into habitable accommodation - **2 Armitage Close, Loudwater, WD3 4HL**

Ref. No: 17/1935/FUL | Received: Mon 18 Sep 2017 | Validated: Mon 25 Sep 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Single storey side extension to existing outbuilding - **The Cottage, Trout Rise, Loudwater, WD3 4JS**

Ref. No: 17/1979/FUL | Received: Thu 21 Sep 2017 | Validated: Fri 13 Oct 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Single storey side extension, first floor rear extension, loft conversion including insertion of dormers to front and rear and insertion of roof lights, alterations to roof of existing rear extension, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation, alterations to fenestration and removal of front canopy - **Apple Tree Lodge, Bridle Lane, Loudwater WD3 4JH**

Ref. No: 17/2239/FUL | Received: Fri 20 Oct 2017 | Validated: Fri 20 Oct 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Alterations to existing windows at front and rear - **Stepping Stones, Trout Rise, Loudwater WD3 4JR**

Ref. No: 17/2209/FUL | Received: Mon 16 Oct 2017 | Validated: Mon 16 Oct 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Single storey rear extension – **Woodstock, Violet Way, Loudwater WD3 4JP**

Ref. No: 17/2159/FUL | Received: Mon 09 Oct 2017 | Validated: Mon 16 Oct 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side extension, rear conservatory and first floor side extension - **Oak House, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater WD3 4AW**

Ref. No: 17/2156/FUL | Received: Mon 09 Oct 2017 | Validated: Wed 18 Oct 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Demolition of the existing detached dwelling and garage and construction of two detached dwellings including roof accommodation, retention and extension of existing access and associated ancillary works - **4 Lower Plantation, Loudwater WD3 4PQ**

Ref. No: 17/2104/FUL | Received: Wed 04 Oct 2017 | Validated: Fri 20 Oct 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Loft conversion including increase in height of roof to existing structures, insertion of dormers and roof lights, alterations to fenestration and internal alterations - **The Old Mill House, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater WD3 4HQ**

Ref. No: 17/2305/FUL | Received: Wed 01 Nov 2017 | Validated: Wed 01 Nov 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Listed Building Consent: Loft conversion including increase in height of roof to existing structures, insertion of dormers and rooflights, alterations to fenestration and internal alterations - **The Old Mill House, Loudwater Lane WD3 4HQ**

Ref. No: 17/2306/LBC | Received: Wed 01 Nov 2017 | Validated: Wed 01 Nov 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

DECISIONS

Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) pursuant to planning permission 16/1336/FUL – **Ladymead, Loudwater Heights WD3 4AX**

Ref. No: 17/1385/DIS | Received: Fri 30 Jun 2017 | Validated: Fri 30 Jun 2017 | Status: Approved

Non material amendment to planning permission 15/2220/FUL: alterations to conservatory - **Dene Cottage, Overstream, Loudwater WD3 4LD**

Ref. No: 17/1680/NMA | Received: Tue 08 Aug 2017 | Validated: Tue 08 Aug 2017 | Status: Refused

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Replacement UPVc windows, installation of soil and vent pipes and internal alterations - **6 Loudwater House, Loudwater Drive WD3 4HN**

Ref. No: 17/1566/CLPD | Received: Mon 24 Jul 2017 | Validated: Mon 24 Jul 2017 | Status: Approved

Discharge of Conditions 3 (Tree Protection Scheme) and 4 (Method Statement) pursuant to planning permission 15/2365/FUL – **Monticello, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater WD3 4HX**

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