



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIRMAN

JUNE 2017

Welcome to the summer issue.
The neighbourhood has looked glorious over recent weeks - we

couldn't resist capturing a shot of the cherry blossom to hold on to as we wave goodbye to spring.

Thank you for your feedback as we continue to evolve the format of our newsletter. We've taken on board the comments that you've shared — which includes using a slightly lighter weight paper for the benefit of our team of kind volunteers that deliver your copy!

This edition includes articles on the recent Caribbean Night; the latest from some of our clubs; plus details of the Chorleywood Film Club; parkrun Ricki and exciting news about residents who are about to embark on sailing around the world!

Have a lovely summer. Andrea

Chairman's words

It's finally getting warmer and the birds are getting more lively in the

mornings. Although we appreciate the birdsong, if they would only stand closer to each other they wouldn't need to shout!

I'd like to thank everyone who came to the Chairman's lunch in April. Every year it is the tradition for the Chairman to host a lunch to say thank you to everyone who has helped to make Loudwater what it is. A host of people freely give their time and energy into running the social side of our community and this is a great opportunity to thank them.

The food was amazing and it was great to see everyone again and also to meet new residents who have volunteered their time.

Thank you also to everyone who came to the AGM in May. We had a good turnout despite the poor weather. During this meeting we covered the topics of broadband, the situation with the roads and how to keep our trees safe. Mike Sindic and Andrea Marheineke were

unanimously voted in as Planning Secretary and Ol' Trout Editor respectively. It was also a good opportunity for the various LRA clubs – wine, garden, bridge, golf, theatre and investment – to report on their activities in the past year.

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

I look forward to seeing you at an event soon and as always, if you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions about Loudwater, please do not hesitate to contact me on chairman@Iraonline.org.uk

Alex Buxton



Wine Club Visit to Denbies

On the 29th March some of the Wine Club members set off for a day out at Denbies Wine Estate in Dorking. The tour started with a train ride up to the highest point of the 650 acre estate. The panoramic view took in the 265 acres planted with thousands of vines. We could see the whole of Dorking and Box Hill. The journey back down took us to the Winery to see a film about how the vineyard develops through the seasons and to learn about the geology and history of the estate.

This was followed by a detailed guided tour of the winery. Videos, en route, showed us some of their no-nonsense machines that could actually pick the grapes, another could strip them from their stems before the plump fruit was joggled into the mighty hydraulic press to end their short lives by pressing every drop of juice out of them - no need for grape stomping in Dorking! To ensure the frost does not get the grapes first, a huge mobile 'tow & blow' fan heater is used to send a blast of warm air up the slopes. En route we were shown another automated piece of equipment, the sparkling wine disgorging line.

Then, and not a moment too soon, our discerning group of oenophiles were delighted to see the bottles and glasses lined up in the tasting room where we could swirl, sniff and swallow the end product. Now feeling very happy and hungry, we were led up to the Gallery Restaurant for an unhurried lunch and more spectacular views. Finally, a visit to the shops to buy souvenirs, local farm produce and, of course, Denbies wine.

Many thanks to Carole and Colin Timms for organising this extremely enjoyable day out.

Henry Browne



Brainteaser in the Barn

The Wine Club recently held a quiz supper. Mike Oldham shares his reflections on the evening.

On the fourth Friday in March, thirty six of us turned up at the Barn at Loudwater Farm eager to tease our taste buds and pit our wits. We were not disappointed. We enjoyed a delicious lasagne supper prepared by Jo and Charles Homewood, fine wines selected by Tony Hale and a fun but testing quiz put together by Mike and Margaret Thorpe.

To save our embarrassment, there was only one wine related question and we answered questions in six rounds on general knowledge, food and drink, science and nature, firsts, threes and film and TV. There was also a marathon round which ran through the evening – putting names to faces of famous people; readers of OK and Hello magazines may have had an advantage here.

The Clefs du Pontif Marsanne Viognier 2016 – mouth-watering flavours of white peach and melon with delicate notes of white flowers – and Señorío de Sarria Reserva Especial 2010 - intense but elegant with ripe berry fruits enhanced by balsamic hints and spicy notes – complemented the home made lasagne and sharpened the thought processes. Research (from Northumbria University) shows that men and women did better in mental

arithmetic tests after being given resveratrol, the 'wonder ingredient' in red wine. It is thought that the plant chemical - said to have abilities from extending lifespan to warding off heart disease - increases blood flow to the brain. Pity we didn't think to test if the red wine drinkers performed better than the white on the night.

Tension in the room was high as the final round of questions was presented; victory was finally snatched by half a point. Here are a few questions from the quiz for you:

- 1: Which London underground station was previously called 'Gillespie Road'?
- 2: What is the lowest number that can be made using all of the letters of the Roman numbering system once each?
- 3: Who, in 1970, was the first female DJ on Radio 1?
- 4: In which two films did Paul Newman play the character 'Fast Eddie' Felson?

Next Wine Club event

Summer lunch at the Barn, Loudwater Farm, on Sunday 25 June. Please contact Carole Timms if you'd like to join us.

Next Quiz

LRA Musical Kwiz-and-Kebab night in the Chess Hall, Loudwater Farm, on Friday 22 September. We hope you can join us – please contact Alex Buxton.



[See page 5 for answers to the above].

Loudwater residents hit the Caribbean

On Friday 24 March Usain Bolt*, a selection of Pirates of the Caribbean*, assorted reggae enthusiasts, a steel drum band and Loudwater residents descended on the Orangery at Moor Park for an evening of tropical themed fun. After many hours of preparation on the part of 'event planner extraordinaire ' - June Gili-Ross - guests found themselves transported to a room overlooked by palm tree-filled beach scenes, listening to suitably sunny Caribbean tunes and sat at island-themed tables (I was in Barbados!).

Once assembled, the 50 or so residents who had whole-heartedly embraced the theme of the event, dined on a delicious feast of Caribbean chicken, followed by passion fruit cheesecake with raspberry sorbet. Guests were quick to hit the dance floor to burn off the calories, strutting their stuff to authentic island songs performed by steel drum band, Caribbean Melody. The merriment continued with a spot of limbo dancing and later, the conga! Plenty of hilarity ensued and it was evident that everyone was having a fabulous night.



Feedback since has confirmed this - with one attendee sharing with June "Just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed last night's Caribbean evening. It was great fun and the band far outshone those we saw in Antigua and Jamaica!" While another said "Thanks for organising such a fun night!" and another "...can't



wait

to

see what the next (party) theme will be." Huge thanks do indeed go to June for all the hard work she put into this event, and also to Pat Eckersall and Mike for their assistance in putting up decorations. Appreciation also goes to the Moor Park staff who took down the decorations at the end of the evening and who attended us discreetly and efficiently throughout.

The tropical vibes seem to have succeeded in luring in some warmer weather (at least at the time of writing!) - for which we're all no doubt additionally grateful! The next LRA opportunity for neighbourhood festivities will be the summer party which will provide further scope for dusting off pirate costumes at the 'Pizza and Pirate party'. We look forward to seeing them back in action.



[FYI* these individuals looked pretty authentic but the editor can't absolutely confirm they were who they claimed!]

More photos on the LRA facebook page

I RA EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 2017

Wed 7th & 21st Bridge Club

Sun 25th Wine Club summer lunch

Wed 28th Garden Club visit to Hilliers Garden

29th Theatre Club trip – Don't dress for dinner

JULY 2017

Sun 2nd PIRATES & PIZZA SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Wed 5th & 19th Bridge Club

Tue 25th Garden Club visit to Roger Triggs Garden

Fri 28th Wine Club hosted wine tasting at The Barn

AUGUST 2017

Wed 2nd & 16th Bridge Club

Sat 5^{th} Wine club picnic lunch and wine tasting

SEPTEMBER 2017

Wed 6th & 20th Bridge Club

Sat 22nd MUSICAL KWIZ-AND-KEBAB NIGHT

OCTOBER 2017

Wed 4th & 18th Bridge Club

Wed 18th Garden Club visit to Sheffield Park

Fri 27th Wine Club AGM

WEBSITE

www.lraonline.org.uk/calendar

Chorleywood Film Club



Friends and I recently enjoyed a (sold out) screening of the film 'A United Kingdom' at the Memorial Hall on the common. Hosted by the Chorleywood Film Club, whose mission is to share 'films worth seeing' - the movie indeed proved to be an inspiring, uplifting watch. Staring Rosamund Pike and David Oyelowo, it tells the true story of the forbidden love of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and Ruth Williams, a white woman from London, which caused international uproar when they decided to marry in the late 1940's just as apartheid was being

introduced to South Africa. It was a decision that altered the course of African history.

This was a return trip to the club, having paid my first visit during their film festival earlier in the year when a friend and I enjoyed a Sunday afternoon showing of The King and I, an old school childhood favourite.

These screenings have woven their way into my affections - the film choices are always first rate, the welcome a warm one, and on both occasions that I've attended have included the showing of a 'short film' produced by local talent.

The Film Club was established in 2013 by founding member Kevin Andrews, in association with local charity, The Hive, to develop community cinema for Chorleywood. It is run by an enthusiastic team of volunteers who meet regularly to discuss films and plan the club

programme. Screenings take place on the third Friday of each month (except July, August and December). For the last film in their 2016/17 season they're doing a joint screening with the Twinning Association. The film they've chosen is the hugely enjoyable French comedy drama *La Famille Belier*. It was France's most popular film in 2015 and will be shown with English subtitles. The screening will be on Friday 16th June.

Their website is <u>cwfilmclub.org</u>. Tickets are £6, so good value. Very reasonably priced refreshments, including wine and beer, are also available (you may just want to take a cushion for a little extra comfort). Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Chorleywood bookshop. It's a lovely way to enjoy being a part of the local community. I'd heartily recommend checking the club out.

Andrea Marheineke

Attention runners!

Rickmansworth parkrun is a free weekly 5km event for runners of all standards, which takes place every Saturday at 9am at the Aquadrome, Frogmoor Lane. It is not a race against other runners, but a timed run and can either be just for fun or as part of a training plan.

It offers an opportunity for the local community, male or female, young or old, to come together on a regular basis to enjoy the beautiful park and get physically active. The organisers want to encourage people to jog or run together irrespective of their ability – this event is truly open to all.

Taking part is easy – you just register via their website before your first ever parkrun (you only need to do this once):

www.parkrun.org.uk/rickmansworth
Then just set your alarm for Saturday
morning and get yourself there!

Every week runners grab a post parkrun coffee in the Café in the Park. All are welcome to join them to swap stories about your run that day, chat to other runners over a cuppa and be an important part of this new running community.

So whether you are a complete novice looking to get yourself started on your own 'running journey' or a seasoned athlete wanting to use this as a part of your training schedule, you're welcome to join them.

If you are injured or don't fancy running, you're still welcome to be part of the event as a volunteer to help with one of the many simple, yet crucial jobs the team carry out in order to put parkrun on each week. If you are interested feel free to contact them at:

 $E: \underline{rickmansworthoffice@parkrun.com}\\$





WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

From January to March 2017, rainfall was 50% - 70% below the average for this time of year in our area. The Met Office long range weather forecast has also confirmed that the coming months are likely to see above average temperatures and below average rainfall.

Water companies are therefore encouraging people to save water to help preserve supplies and minimise the possibility of restrictions on household use this summer.

Affinity Water have created a dedicated webpage which contains information on the current water resources position and advice on how to save water, energy and money.

WEBSITE www.affinitywater.co.uk/resources

PAGE 2 BRAINTEASER ANSWERS

- 1. Underground station: Arsenal
- 2. Smallest number using each roman numeral once: 1,444 (MCDXLIV).
 M=1,000; CD =400 (500-100); XL=40 (50-10); IV=4 (5-1).
- 3. First female DJ: Annie Nightingale 4. Paul Newman films: The Hustler and The Color of Money.

Loudwater Garden Club

The Club held a well-attended AGM meeting on February 15th, kindly hosted once again by Patt and Roger Trigg. After the business part of the meeting was over, we enjoyed a glass of wine and one of Patt's superb buffets, followed by a film of the gardens at Tresco.

On April 26th, we set off on our first garden visit of the year, to Pashley Manor Gardens on the Sussex/Kent border where they were holding their annual Tulip Festival. The forecast was, to say the least, iffy but, although we were to experience three different seasons in one day, the hail showers were brief, the sun very warm and the massive downpour was reserved for the M25.

The 16th/17th century house, still lived in by its owners, was covered in a gorgeous wisteria, just at its peak, and the 30,000 (!) tulips bedded out in the beautiful gardens were a glorious mass of colour, every shade from white and yellow, blue and lavender, pink and red, peach and orange to maroon and purple. Well worth the visit.

We have a full calendar of events for the rest of the year and we welcome new members. So if you would enjoy visiting beautiful gardens in cheerful company, why not join us. Our details are on the LRA website.

Margaret Jarrett





Fibre Broadband to Cabinet 10

As you may be aware, the new cabinet was installed on the footpath at the junction of Loudwater Drive and Loudwater Lane earlier this year but there have been problems achieving a power supply to the cabinet.

Openreach has now agreed, with UK Power Networks, a way of getting the power source without the necessity to close the road. Road closures need a 13 week notice period.

The work is scheduled for the end of May and the Cabinet should be live in June. There is a slight chance that once work is commenced, the power cables may encroach too far towards the road. In this case, work will have to stop and a road closure will be applied for. If this were to happen, the cabinet will not be functional until late September.

Heather Kenison

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

At the County Council elections held in May, Cllr Chris Hayward was elected as the Councillor for Three Rivers Rural Division which includes Loudwater.

Herts CC now comprises 78 Councillors; 51 Conservatives, 9 Labour and 18 Liberal Democrats.

LRA Golf Society 2017

This year's golf society meeting took place on Monday 8th May at Sandy Lodge Golf Club and 15 golfers took part in the main golf event. The numbers in the evening swelled to 26 with non-playing wives and partners and other guests joining us for dinner. The weather was very kind to us and the light winds made the course quite a challenge. The course is now an Open qualifying course and provided a good challenge to all the golfers who took part. The greens are now probably the best in the area and are a great test of putting skills. The big highlight of the day was a spectacular hole in one on the 18th hole by Michael Oldham, and the five points that this great shot earned him took him just ahead of the field to win the men's individual prize with 39 points - a very respectable score. The runner up was David Sweet with 38 points.

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.

Unfortunately only one lady,
Sarah Joliffe, took part but was
rewarded as winner of nearest
the pin on the 3rd Hole. Laurence
Vale, a welcome guest won
nearest the pin on the 8th Hole.
The winners of the team
competition were the team
made up of Michael Oldham,
David Sweet and guest Laurence
Vale. The best score for the guests
was Steve Bierrum with 34 points.

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. I was very pleased to meet some fellow residents who have lived in Loudwater for many years.

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

I plan to organise the event again next year and am very happy to consider alternative venues - I am 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.

I have made a provisional reservation for next year on Monday 14th May 2018 at Sandy Lodge Golf Club. 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.

Percy McCloskey

Email percy@jamesestateagents.com

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Loudwater lads set sail...

Around the world in 343 days.

More people have climbed Mount Everest than sailed around the world. In an attempt to redress that imbalance my husband, Steve Bailey, is leaving these shores for an 11 month odyssey, crewing in the 2017/18 Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. It will be the 11th time the race has been run and it is one of the world's greatest racing challenges - an endurance test like no other.

A few days bobbing about in the Med was the limit of Steve's sailing experience. But the race's founder, Sir Robin Knox-Johnson (the first person to sail non-stop, solo around the world) recognised that with rigorous training and the right kit, ordinary people could push themselves to achieve extraordinary things.

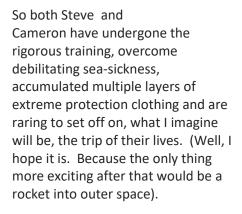
Steve will be sailing 40,000 nautical miles over 8 legs setting off from Liverpool's Albert Dock on 20 August 2017, on board a 70 foot ocean racing yacht. 12 identical yachts take part, each with a crew of about 20 people. The first leg will be a 5 week stretch across the Atlantic to South America (port yet to be confirmed) and joining him for that section will be my son, Cameron. At 22, Cameron will be the youngest crew member on board.

From South America the team heads to Cape Town, then round Australia, (taking part in the Sydney to Hobart race en route), up to China, across the Pacific to Seattle, down the US west coast, through the Panama Canal, up the US east coast to New York and finally crossing the Atlantic for the 3rd time before arriving home,

in need of a good wash, on 28 July 2018.

Steve, Cameron and the rest of the crew will be on board 'Visit Seattle', sponsored by the city of Seattle. On reaching that port at the end of the 6th leg, there will be a hero's welcome – it will be a very exciting arrival.

Amazingly, the second youngest person on board is going to be their skipper – 23 year old Nikki Henderson. She will be Clipper's youngest ever skipper. I've met her – she is amazing - a born leader - a warrior queen! And will have the team firmly behind her.



As a wife and mother of Clipper crew members, I will be living and breathing every moment of the race for the next year and visiting as many stop-over ports as time and money allow. Once underway, there will be daily blogs and hourly updates of boat positions. To follow Steve and Cameron's epic journey on board 'Visit Seattle' log on to Race Viewer at www.clipperroundtheworld.com.

And please join me in wishing the boys favourable winds and a safe return.

Elaine Bailey





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Planning update

From w/c 13 Feb to 8 May 2017

APPLICATIONS

Single storey rear extension and addition of roof lights

Wren Top Bridle Lane Loudwater WD3 4JQ

Ref. No: 17/0216/FUL | Received: Fri 03 Feb 2017 | Validated: Fri 17 Feb 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey extension.

Celandine Violet Way Loudwater WD3 4JP

Ref. No: 17/0268/FUL | Received: Fri 10 Feb 2017 | Validated: Thu 23 Feb 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Single storey rear extension

Leavesdale Lodge Drive Loudwater WD₃ 4PT

Ref. No: 17/0380/FUL | Received: Thu 23 Feb 2017 | Validated: Thu 02 Mar 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Demolition of existing bay window and construction of part single, part two storey rear extension and insertion of rear dormers

Larchmead Trout Rise Loudwater WD3 4JZ

Ref. No: 17/0425/FUL | Received: Wed 01 Mar 2017 | Validated: Tue 14 Mar 2017 | Status: Decided

Construction of outbuilding to side of dwelling

The White House Trout Rise Loudwater WD₃ 4JR

Ref. No: 17/0682/FUL | Received: Mon 03 Apr 2017 | Validated: Wed 12 Apr 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Construction of an outbuilding

Stamhus Troutstream Way Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4LB

Ref. No: 17/0640/CLPD | Received: Tue 28 Mar 2017 | Validated: Thu 27 Apr 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Single storey side and rear extension

Stamhus Troutstream Way Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD₃ 4LB

Ref. No: 17/0639/FUL | Received: Tue 28 Mar 2017 | Validated: Thu 27 Apr 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Replacement windows and addition of roof light

Dovecote Troutstream Way Loudwater WD3 4LB

Ref. No: 17/0874/FUL | Received: Thu 27 Apr 2017 | Validated: Fri 05 May 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

DECISIONS

Discharge of Condition 6 (Bat Survey) pursuant to planning application 15/0771/FUL.

Sleepy Hollow Whisper Wood Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD₃ 4JU

Ref. No: 16/2771/DIS | Received: Thu 22 Dec 2016 | Validated: Thu 22 Dec 2016 |

Status: Discharged

Single storey rear extension

Ashleigh Lodge Drive Loudwater WD3 4PT

Ref. No: 16/2707/FUL | Received: Wed 21 Dec 2016 | Validated: Wed 04 Jan 2017 | Status: Approved

Single storey side and rear extensions

Chess Bank House Trout Rise Loudwater WD₃ 4JZ

Ref. No: 17/0012/FUL | Received: Thu 05 Jan 2017 | Validated: Fri 06 Jan 2017 | Status: Approved

Loft conversion including extensions and 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 Loudwater WD₃ 4HQ

Ref. No: 16/2691/FUL | Received: Tue 20 Dec 2016 | Validated: Thu 05 Jan 2017 | Status: Withdrawn

Listed Building Consent: Loft conversion including extensions and 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: 16/2692/LBC | Received: Tue 20 Dec 2016 | Validated: Thu 05 Jan 2017 Status: Withdrawn

First floor side extension

Brae Cottage Trout Rise Loudwater WD3 4JY

Ref. No: 17/0240/FUL | Received: Tue 07 Feb 2017 | Validated: Tue 07 Feb 2017 | Status: Refused — appeal pending

Single storey rear extension and addition of rooflights

Wren Top Bridle Lane Loudwater WD3 4JQ

Ref. No: 17/0216/FUL | Received: Fri 03 Feb 2017 | Validated: Fri 17 Feb 2017 | Status: Approved

Replacement windows and new rendering to external walls

Wychwood Troutstream Way Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD₃ 4LB

Ref. No: 17/0151/FUL | Received: Wed 25 Jan 2017 | Validated: Fri 10 Feb 2017 | Status: Approved

Single storey rear extension

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