



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIRMAN

SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome to the autumn issue

I trust you've had a fabulous summer, enjoyed Loudwater in the sunshine and had the opportunity for a bit of a break. As I wrap up this issue, autumn appears to be sneaking our way, but it's bringing with it new opportunities to socialise with neighbours and meet other residents, so do read on to hear more.

Also, in this edition we hear from new Loudwater resident and ex-England cricket player, Gladstone Small; we meet our new LRA Events Secretary; and the Garden Club and Wine Club share a little of what they have been up to.

Following the article in our last issue, Robert Kenison (Loudwater Estate Chairman) has now completed both of his sporting challenges: the London Marathon, which he trained for in winter conditions then ran the hottest London marathon ever; and Ride London which he trained for in a very hot June/July only to cycle in heavy rain and high winds! Congratulations Robert on these impressive achievements.

Andrea Marheineke

Words from the Chairman

What a lovely summer we've had. It was kicked off by our Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the beginning of July. We had everything you could want from a tea party including croquet, giant chess, ice cream, candy floss, a treasure hunt and a magician to name a few things. Many thanks to June Gili-Ross who organised it and to the rest of the LRA Committee for their assistance in making the event such a success.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party was June's last event and I am delighted to introduce Zoe Wright-Browne who has joined the LRA Committee and taken over as Event Secretary. She has some big plans for events over the next year so please keep an eye out for Ol' Trout, WhatsApp, Facebook and email notices!

Speaking of emails, we have now changed our email supplier so we can send emails more efficiently. If you have not been receiving emails from

Anni (secretary@Iraonline.org.uk), please check your junk folder as they may have gone there. If you still don't have emails from Anni, please contact me and we can look into ensuring your email is on our members database.

We are looking to grow the LRA Committee and are welcoming new Committee members. It's a great opportunity to get involved in the community and meet some more of your neighbours. If you have a few hours a month to spare, please get in touch with me to find out a bit more.

You can contact me on chairman@Iraonline.org.uk or 07931 697796 if you would like to join the LRA Committee or for anything else Loudwater-related.

Best wishes,

Alex Buxton

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

On the afternoon of Sunday 1st July - mid heat-wave - many folk from across the neighbourhood came together to enjoy the Loudwater summer fete which this year was a Mad Hatter's Tea party. Held at the Barn, it featured a giant chess set and croquet among other garden games, as well as an Alice in Wonderland themed treasure hunt. Mr Marvel entertained the children with his amusing banter and amazing tricks, which featured a very well behaved and accommodating live white rabbit!

A sumptuous afternoon tea included a great selection of sandwiches, scones, cream cakes and treats - washed down with Pimms served from tea pots! The sustenance was supplemented by a Chilly White ice cream tricycle and candy floss machine.

A great many folk had embraced the Mad Hatter's theme and dressed up in fabulous costumes - which was all the more impressive given the heat. New LRA committee member Zoe Wright-Browne looked fantastic as Alice in Wonderland. Special fancy dress mentions also go to Pat Eckersall and LRA Chairman Alex Buxton, for their Mad Hatters and also to Queen of Hearts June Gili-Ross, who masterminded the whole event.

June has been the LRA's Events
Secretary for the last three years and
this was her final event before
stepping down. She has been an
enormous asset to the committee,
responsible for organising many
memorable and fun events, creating
lots of wonderful memories for
Loudwater residents. Alex Buxton took
the opportunity to thank her for all her
hard work and valuable contribution,
giving her champagne, a bouquet of
flowers and a gift as a token of our

appreciation. Zoe is now stepping into the events role and we look forward to collaborating with her over the months ahead.



Wine Club visit to Dalling & Co, Kings Langley

Back in February, 12 of us enjoyed a second fantastic evening of wine and food at Dalling's wine merchants and delicatessen in Kings Langley.

This is a truly remarkable wine merchant. Their stock of wines is incredible. I, personally, have never seen so many different, unusual wines in one small wine merchant's before, some of which are not what one would find on a supermarket shelf.

The staff's knowledge and enthusiasm for wine is evident and the owners have visited several of the vineyards, themselves. They gave us useful information about each wine and a lot of background detail about the vineyard, vintner and the terroir etc for the seven wines we tasted, plus the extra wine at the end, making eight in all.

We started the tasting with four white wines. Firstly, a lovely, Argentinian sparkling wine from the Kaiken vineyard. Amongst the other three were a Gewürztraminer from New Zealand, and an Italian Pecorino. After the break we tasted three red wines. A Chilean Pinot Noir, a Lebanese red from Chateau Musar and a Super Tuscan, award winning red from Casa Brancaia. The extra finishing wine was a very good, South African, champagne method, sparkling white wine. My husband Mike and I had arrived early and were both treated to a glass of this, while we waited for the rest of the party.

We enjoyed some tapas to complement the white wine and then during the break a very large selection of tapas was brought out, the remainder of which we nibbled with the ensuing red wines.

On our first visit last August, we had some antipasti with the four white wines, an excellent paella in the break, followed by a platter of cheese and biscuits to nibble with the four reds.

All in all, both visits were thoroughly enjoyable and informative and needless to say, we all piled into taxis to take us back to Loudwater. We're now looking forward to the next visit!

Margaret Thorpe



Loudwater Garden Club

In early May the Club made a private evening visit to The Plant Specialist nursery at Great Missenden, where we were given a short talk by the owner on the history of the nursery, which specialises in perennial plants and ornamental grasses, and were taken on a tour of the "behind the scenes" working area where they grow the plants. We were then able to enjoy the splendid display garden and, of course, to buy plants from their extensive

range. We had a very pleasant evening and went home loaded with new additions for our borders.

In late June we set off for a double centre trip into Oxfordshire, first to the newly created garden at Broughton Grange which is being laid out by top designer Tom Stuart-Smith. A steep slope has been stepped to create terraces and garden rooms, one full of roses and colourful perennials, the second a water garden and the third an innovative parterre with the beds enclosed by curly box hedges. The lower part of the garden is still being developed and we hope to go back in future to see the next stage.

We then went on to have lunch at Waterperry Garden and to wander round its extensive gardens where the roses and huge herbaceous borders were ablaze with flowers in the glorious sunshine.

More trips are planned for September and October and Gardeners' Question Time will be back at the end of November.

Margaret Jarrett



A chat with Gladstone Small



I recently had the pleasure of meeting one of Loudwater's newest residents, ex-England cricket player, Gladstone **Small.** Born in Barbados and having moved to Birmingham as a child, he has spent the last five years living in Rickmansworth and Chorleywood. Last month he moved into Loudwater along with housemates Pat Botting and girlfriend Pippa (and dog!), following 18 months of extensive property renovations. Now in the final stages of this work they have renamed their home 'The Pavilion' to reflect their mutual love of sport. Our chat was equally sport focused!

Gladstone shared that although he'd retired from professional cricket in 1999 he has continued to be actively involved in that world. He works for the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) as an Ambassador, supporting their benevolence work, encouraging kids to get involved in cricket, and helping out with their coaching and charitable activity.

Alongside this he has taken his sporting experience into the travel industry, working with the Inspiring Travel Company (ITC) who create unique,

luxury travel experiences. This winter the England cricket team are touring Sri Lanka and the Caribbean, so he is helping the business plan special trips for fans who will be following them to these destinations.

Given that cricket is a regular feature of life on Chorleywood Common, I asked Gladstone if he'd ever played there, and sure enough three weeks ago he played for the Rose and Crown pub team in their annual match against the Chorleywood Cricket Club. This year they won for the first time he joked that it will be interesting to see if the club want to play again next year!

Following a lifetime of cricket, I asked Gladstone what his most special career memory was. He told me that playing for England as a last-minute replacement to the team when they won their Ashes Test match in Melbourne on Boxing Day 1986 stood out. He took 5 wickets, as did Ian Botham, and was awarded 'Man of the Match' for his performance. Their subsequent win put England 2-1 up in the series and they went on to win the Ashes. Fellow local, Elton John, was on tour in Australia at the time and being friends with team mates Ian Botham and David Gower, joined them to celebrate - providing his services as DJ as they partied!

So, sport definitely continues to be an ongoing shared passion for Gladstone, Pat and Pippa and I was impressed by the assortment of memorabilia displayed in the bar area of their home which spanned not just cricket, but rugby, football and golf. No doubt this room will see a lot of fun times over the years to come and based on my brief meeting with Gladstone, I've no doubt he will be a wonderful host. He makes a pretty great cup of tea too.

Andrea Marheineke

RA EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2018

Weds 5th and 19th September: Bridge Club

Fri 28th September: Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Fri 28th September: Wine Club AGM/supper

OCTOBER 2018

Weds 3rd and 17th October: Bridge Club

Mon 22nd October: Garden Club

Fri 26th October: Wine Club tasting with

peaker

Weds 31st October: Halloween trick or

treating in fancy dress

NOVEMBER 2018

Weds 7th and 21st November: Bridge Club

Weds 28th November: Garden Club

Thurs 29th November: Wine Club Christmas

dinner with entertainer

DECEMBER 2018

Weds 5^{th} and 19^{th} December: Bridge Club

Weds 12th December: Mulled Wine and

mince pies

WEBSITE

www.lraonline.org.uk/calendar

YOUR STORIES

Beautiful Loudwater is full of accomplished and remarkable people and we'd love to hear more about you!

If you have an interesting story to share perhaps as a result of an unusual or noteworthy career, or a particularly impressive achievement, or if you can tell us about some lessor known local history - do get in contact. It may well be something we could profile in an issue of the OI' Trout allowing your neighbours to share in your success.

If this might be of interest to you, please contact Andrea Marheineke to discuss, at the email address below: editor@lraonline.org.uk

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Would you be interested in meeting folk who have just moved to Loudwater and welcoming them to the neighborhood?

Sue Tippen recently stepped down after 30 years of great service, so we are keen to find someone equally as friendly to join our Committee as Membership Secretary.u

If you have a few hours you could spare each month and would enjoy delivering welcome packs to new residents, telling them about the LRA and coordinating distribution of our quarterly issues of the Ol' Trout through our fabulous team of distributors, do get in touch!

Catching up with Robert Voss

Last year we shared that Loudwater resident Robert Voss had been appointed Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, by the Queen. There has been some curiosity as to what this role involves, so 12 months on we checked in, to hear how it's going.

What do your duties typically involve? As the Queen's personal representative in Hertfordshire I report on any activities which may be of interest to her. The duties are extremely varied. I arrange royal visits and accompany any royal visitor to the county (this month there are four which is unprecedented); I present awards on Her Majesty's behalf including the Queens Awards for Enterprise/Industry; the Queens Awards for Voluntary Service; and British Empire Medals. Additionally, I coordinate the names of 100 citizens to attend the annual royal garden parties. I also assess honours nominations for citizens of the county.

Alongside this, I maintain close links with the three military services (I am President of the Military Reserve and Cadet Force in Hertfordshire) as well as chairing the Advisory Committee of the Magistrates and sitting as President of The Magistrates Association. I keep close links with the emergency services - the Police, Fire and Rescue, and am President of the St Johns Ambulance county committee. I'm also Vice-President of The Scouts and patron of a number of local and national charities. I also engage with businesses, health services, local councils and schools, and am a governor of The University of Hertfordshire.

The role also involves being invited to all civic services and ceremonies around Hertfordshire, of which there



are quite a number. It's always a great honour to represent Her Majesty.

It sounds extremely busy! Does the role come with any special privileges? I usually get a good parking spot at any event I attend...!

What do you find most rewarding about the role?

I enjoy meeting people from all walks of life, of all ages and backgrounds. All are interesting and engaging in different ways. The diversity and variety makes this role really fascinating.

Did your appointment involve an official ceremony?

There is no official ceremony as such, but the Bishop and Dean of St Albans kindly arranged an Evensong service in The Abbey to celebrate my appointment a couple of months after I took over the role. I also received personal letters from both Theresa May and The Queen.

You mentioned that you'd be welcoming the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, has this taken place? That was planned for last September, however because the Duchess fell pregnant just beforehand - unfortunately the visit had to be cancelled. Hopefully it's only being postponed. - Do keep us posted!

Our new Events Secretary

As Alex mentioned in his Chairman's words – we have a new Events Secretary, Zoe. So here we introduce her to you and hear a little about her life in Loudwater and the plans she is making to organise new opportunities for residents to meet and socialise over the months ahead.



Zoe Wright-Browne: I have lived in Loudwater since September 2005. Having grown up in Chipperfield and Kings Langley and attended St Clement Danes school, I knew of the local area but had never been down Kingfisher Lure into the Estate. As soon as I did, I fell in love with the beauty and peacefulness it offered. Hollytrees became our first home together for Stephen and I, and we married in 2011 so it became what we hoped would be our forever family home. It is such a happy home for us and with Roddie our son arriving three years ago it has certainly become a real family house. My stepdaughter Freya will shortly be moving from Spain to live with us full time, so it will feel complete then.

I have always wanted to become involved in the LRA and to help with events but my time in the last few years has been consumed with bringing up Roddie and building up my own children's nursery business. However, I now feel I can commit. I have some fun, fresh and creative ideas which I feel can only build on great past events. I am keen to organise events that interest and bring together our whole community, I especially want to set up parent and children play groups which provide a chance to meet other families and help children and parents in Loudwater to build friendships.

The first event is the big coffee morning for Macmillan. I hope residents will get involved in baking or buying cakes to support it, and that many will be able to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and slice of cake. I'm really excited to meet lots of new people who I have no doubt been passing in my car for many years!

COFFEE MORNING MACMILLAN

CANCER SUPPORT

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Japanese Knotweed update

Mike Sindic (Planning Secretary) and John Thompson (Environment Secretary) have been monitoring the latest information relating to various aspects of Japanese Knotweed. Detailed below is a report from them about several significant developments.

Court of Appeal

As shared in the last edition of the Ol' Trout, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited appealed a County Court decision for a case brought against them by two bungalow owners in South Wales. The findings of the appeal were announced on 6th July, in summary they concluded:

The Court of Appeal took a different view to that of the County Court regarding any diminution in value, and the judge was of the opinion that the purpose of the tort of nuisance was not to protect the value of a property as an investment or financial asset, but to protect the use and enjoyment of land "as such". The judge also disagreed with the view that a nuisance claim on the basis of encroachment necessarily required "actual" physical damage. Its presence imposes an immediate burden on landowners who face an increased difficulty in their ability to develop, and in the cost of developing, their land, should they wish to do so, because of the difficulties and expense of eradicating Japanese knotweed from affected land. Encroachment of rhizomes on the claimant's land in the knowledge and failure to act reasonably by Network Rail, did constitute an actionable nuisance claim and the decision of the County Court to award damages to the claimants was upheld.

While the Court of Appeal's decision steers away from the view that just the presence of Japanese Knotweed on one's land might give rise to private nuisance claims from neighbours, it nevertheless consolidates the view that landowners must take reasonable steps to prevent or minimise encroachment of Japanese Knotweed on adjoining land.

The Court refused to give Network Rail permission to challenge the ruling in the supreme court, and this Appeal Court decision is now the relevant case law until such time as there is another appeal and another Judge sees the situation differently.

Japanese Knotweed field trial

The world's largest field trial on the control of Japanese knotweed, conducted in Wales, has found that eradicating the plant is not possible. Researchers from Swansea University have carried out extensive trials on the invasive plant at sites in Taff's Well, near Cardiff, and Swansea. The team tested all 19 of the main methods of controlling the plant, and based on their three years of research, they say eradication is not possible in the short term. The trials covered the four main herbicide groups used in weed control, and the chemical found to be the most effective was glyphosate. However, there is a range of issues for all chemicals in terms of risk and hazard and there is also a political issue around glyphosate.

Over the longer term new chemicals may become available, but the problem is not just simple eradication, it's a question of sustained control and management. A further consideration is that applying the wrong herbicides at the wrong time of the year leads to greater herbicide use and environmental impacts.

For the foreseeable future, the only acceptable method of eradication will be excavation and safe disposal.

University of Leeds research

Joint research by the University of Leeds and the engineering firm Aecom examined 68 homes where knotweed was found and 81 additional sites. The report considered existing research on knotweed damage and interviewed surveyors and intrusive species experts. The report found nothing to suggest that Japanese knotweed causes significant damage to buildings even when it is in close proximity, and definitely no more than other plants such as trees, climbers and shrubs such as buddleias which are not subject to strict lending rules.

The report found that knotweed could not grow through concrete or masonry, but tends to grow around obstacles rather than through them. However, knotweed will grow through any existing cracks or defects in structures and any existing defects may be severely exacerbated. Mortgage lenders generally require action for knotweed found within 23 ft of a structure, but the report found that knotweed roots normally extend up to 8 feet and hardly ever more than 13 feet. However, knotweed overruns other plants and creates dense clusters that can block paths and harm riverbanks.

Currently lenders can deny mortgages unless the plants are dug out by a specialist firm with an appropriate guarantee. This is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, and the RICS recommendations in this regard have not changed.

Mike Sindic

(David Maycox & Co)

Planning update

From w/c 21 May to w/c 6 August 2018

APPLICATIONS

Part Retrospective: Partial conversion of barn into habitable accommodation for use with existing livery yard

Trout Rise Farm Troutstream Way Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4LB

Ref. No: 18/1430/FUL | Received: Fri 06 Jul 2018 | Validated: Fri 06 Jul 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of Condition 5 (Bat survey) pursuant to planning permission 18/0124/FUL

Son Trobat Overstream Rickmansworth WD3 4LD

Ref. No: 18/1397/DIS | Received: Wed 04 Jul 2018 | Validated: Wed 04 Jul 2018 | Status: Decided

Erection of a detached single storey outbuilding to side of dwelling

Woodside Cottage Overstream Rickmansworth WD3 4LD

Ref. No: 18/1417/FUL | Received: Thu 05 Jul 2018 | Validated: Mon 16 Jul 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Single storey rear extension

Ashirwad Bridle Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4JH

Ref. No: 18/1462/FUL | Received: Wed 11 Jul 2018 | Validated: Mon 23 Jul 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of Condition 11 (Bat Survey) pursuant to planning permission 17/2674/FUL

Beechen Hill House Sarratt Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 6AA

Ref. No: 18/1421/DIS | Received: Thu 05 Jul 2018 | Validated: Wed 25 Jul 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials), Condition 4 (Tree protection scheme), Condition 5 (Method statement), Condition 6 (Hard and soft landscaping) and Condition 7 (Site levels) pursuant to planning permission 17/2674/FUL

Beechen Hill House Sarratt Lane Loudwater WD3 6AA

Ref. No: 18/1562/DIS | Received: Mon 30 Jul

2018 | Validated: Mon 30 Jul 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of Condition 4 (Dormer Materials) pursuant to planning permission 17/2239/FUL

Apple Tree Lodge Bridle Lane Loudwater WD3 4JH

Ref. No: 18/1649/DIS | Received: Thu 09 Aug 2018 | Validated: Thu 09 Aug 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of Condition 3 (Arboricultural Method Statement) pursuant to planning permission 18/1000/FUL

Ashleigh Lodge Drive Loudwater WD3 4PT

Ref. No: 18/1618/DIS | Received: Mon 06 Aug 2018 | Validated: Mon 06 Aug 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement detached dwelling with basement

Whitestocks Farm Loudwater Lane Loudwater WD3 4AL

Ref. No: 18/1550/FUL | Received: Fri 27 Jul 2018 | Validated: Thu 09 Aug 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

DECISIONS

Discharge of Condition 3 (Samples), Condition 4 (Landscaping), Condition 5 (Surface Water Drainage) pursuant to planning permission 16/1984/FUL

Kingfishers Overstream Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4LD

Ref. No: 18/0680/DIS | Received: Wed 28 Mar 2018 | Validated: Wed 04 Apr 2018 | Status: Determined

Non Material Amendment to planning permission 17/2674/FUL: Alterations to layout and fenestration at ground floor and basement level

Beechen Hill House Sarratt Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 6AA

Ref. No: 18/1017/NMA | Received: Tue 15 May 2018 | Validated: Thu 17 May 2018 | Status: Approved

Part Retrospective: Extension to drive through removal of grass

Pheena Chess Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4HR

Ref. No: 18/0502/RSP | Received: Thu 08 Mar 2018 | Validated: Thu 12 Apr 2018 | Status: Approved

Two storey front and side extension incorporating a basement, two storey rear extension and roof extension to form habitable accommodation including dormers

Thatches Loudwater Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4HY

Ref. No: 18/0753/FUL | Received: Wed 11 Apr 2018 | Validated: Wed 11 Apr 2018 | Status: Refused

Construction of a summerhouse in back garden

Rooks Hill Cottage Rooks Hill Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4HZ

Ref. No: 18/0678/FUL | Received: Thu 29 Mar 2018 | Validated: Thu 19 Apr 2018 | Status: Approved

Single storey rear extension and new pitched roof to existing rear extension

3 Armitage Close Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4HL

Ref. No: 18/0852/FUL | Received: Tue 24 Apr 2018 | Validated: Mon 30 Apr 2018 | Status: Approved

Part Retrospective: Partial conversion of barn into habitable accommodation for use with existing livery yard

Trout Rise Farm Troutstream Way Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4LB

Ref. No: 18/0768/RSP | Received: Thu 12 Apr 2018 | Validated: Mon 23 Apr 2018 | Status: Withdrawn

Discharge of Condition 5 (Bat survey) pursuant to planning permission 18/0124/FUL

Son Trobat Overstream Rickmansworth WD3 4LD

Ref. No: 18/1397/DIS | Received: Wed 04 Jul 2018 | Validated: Wed 04 Jul 2018 | Status: Determined

Amendment to Planning Permission 18/0124/FUL: Alterations to fenestration detail and increase in size of ground floor extension on south west elevation.

Son Trobat Overstream Rickmansworth WD3 4LD

Ref. No: 18/0988/FUL | Received: Fri 11 May 2018 | Validated: Thu 31 May 2018 | Status: Approved