

WORDS FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIRMAN

MARCH 2018

# Welcome to the spring issue

As much as I was struck by how pretty Loudwater looked in the snow, and impressed by the community spirit demonstrated as neighbours came together to pitch in to clear the roads, it is now lovely to witness early signs of spring on the way. Having pottered around in the sunshine yesterday to snap a photo for our cover page, seeing snowdrops and other evidence of leafy Loudwater coming back to life was quite heartening!

There continue to be a wealth of fun and stimulating events taking place on our doorstep. Last month Lord Charles Spencer spoke at Christchurch about his new book ('To catch a King' which explores the intriguing story of Charles II), and as we go to press, the annual Chorleywood Film Festival gets underway with a great line up of films and a talk by Harry Potter director David Yates. Here in Loudwater, we do seem to be spoilt for interesting activities to get involved with and fascinating people to encounter.

In this issue we once again put a spotlight on one such accomplished resident. Richard Wyse shares about the incredible work he is doing to help find a cure for Parkinson's. This cause is close to the hearts of many and a group of locals recently teamed up to fund raise by holding a hugely successful quiz night. Other features in this issue include a report back on the Wine Club Christmas party; a look at historic photos of Glen Chess and Planning Secretary Mike Sindic brings to our attention the growing trend of property fraud. As ever, I hope you find it an interesting read. - Andrea

### Chairman's words

So, have you noticed any changes in the area recently? I bet you have!

Roads: Sarratt Lane and Loudwater Lane have dramatically improved and they are now the best I have ever seen them. I'd like to thank our Environment Secretary, John Thompson, for his excellent work and years of tireless lobbying. The council does not repair roads automatically and resident pressure - mainly from John - goes a long way to getting this done. Sarratt Lane has further improvements to come as well. It has had its pre-resurfacing work done with resurfacing work due in May.

**6Os Night:** There is still time to book your place at the Loudwater Spring Party (if you book before 9th March). This year we have a 6Os Night with dinner and a live band at Moor Park.

Last year's Caribbean Night was a huge success so we are expecting a great evening. You can book through the website - the <u>link</u> is at the top of the front page or via the attached booking form.

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 <a href="mailto:chairman@lraonline.org.uk">chairman@lraonline.org.uk</a>.

Alex Buxton

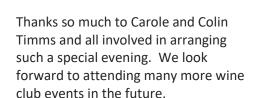
# Fabulous venue, lovely dinner, great company!

The Loudwater wine club Christmas dinner held at the beautiful, Grade I listed Moor Park Mansion was a great success.

We enjoyed every moment. From the opening champagne reception, to the lovely meal, excellent wine, music, dancing and the farewell wishes at the end of the evening, we could not have asked for a better start to our festive celebrations.

As comparative newcomers to Loudwater and the Wine club (and not knowing a great deal about wine!) my husband Andy and I were a little apprehensive. Our fears were unfounded as everyone we met was so friendly and seemed genuinely pleased to welcome new members.

It's not often we get the opportunity to put on our best dress clothes and dance the night away to live music, so we were delighted that the Roy Orbison singer did a great job in keeping us all entertained with a mixture of Orbison classics as well as well known covers.



Louise and Andy Wheeler Sleepy Hollow, Whisperwood





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Could other members please pay their 2018 subscription on receipt of this newsletter?

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Or contact Sue, our membership secretary, or Pat, our treasurer.

# Thank you to our distributors

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The Loudwater Residents' Association and, I am sure, everyone is hugely appreciative of all their work and ongoing support.

Sue Tippen Membership Secretary





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## More yester-year Loudwater

In the last issue we shared a number of photographs of Loudwater from years gone by. Many people got in contact to say how much they enjoyed them and in particular, Harry's Bus (the bus service that ran between Loudwater and Rickmansworth station from 1928), was a source of great interest. Estelle and Ian Sollen were even able to advise of its current whereabouts...

#### HARRY'S BUS

"We read with interest the article about 'Harry's bus'. About three years ago we visited the Bus Museum at Brooklands, and there to our surprise was the last 336A in all its splendour. Please find attached the photo of 'Harry's bus' which we took at that time.

Unfortunately when we visited Brooklands Museum again in October this year we looked for Harry's bus but were advised that it was not currently being displayed as it was 'poorly' and needed a great deal of work to get it running again. They were hoping to do this but had no estimated time of when Harry's bus would be repaired.

Hope this is of interest.

With best wishes,

Estelle and Ian Sollen"

Having dipped into the history of Loudwater House back in December, in this issue we share some pictures of another prominent property in the neighbourhood which has a long and prestigious history – Glen Chess...

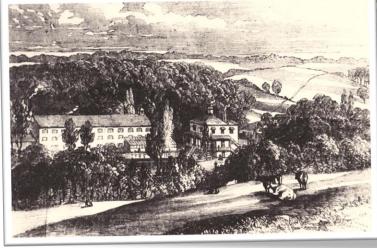




Above and right: the front and rear of Glen Chess.

Below: Loudwater Mill and Glen Chess in its heyday.





#### **GLEN CHESS**

Beautiful Grade II listed **Glen Chess**, was built by the publisher and Conservative MP, Herbert Ingram – the foundation stone being laid in 1851. It was his personal residence and was situated close to his paper mills in the Chess Valley.

The mills supplied the paper for the Illustrated London News (the first colour magazine), which was founded in 1842. The photo on the previous page shows the house in 1870, with the mill chimney towering above it.

The local hunt, called The Berkeley Hunt, used to meet in the grounds of Glen Chess and Loudwater House. The clothes in the photos below suggest they were taken in the early 1900's.

The house was divided into four apartments in the 1960s and then into eight in the 1970s.





# Pursuing a cure for Parkinson's

Part of the mission of the Ol' Trout is to profile some of the interesting and accomplished individuals that live among us. This time we meet Loudwater resident Richard Wyse, who is a driving force behind a ground breaking global initiative in the search for a cure for Parkinson's disease.

A radical new approach to the search for a cure for Parkinson's disease began in Rickmansworth 11 years ago with the formation of the Cure Parkinson's Trust (CPT). Four patients, Tom Isaacs, Sir Richard Nichols, Michael Dicken and Sir David Jones set out with singular determination to consign this debilitating disease to the history books. To accelerate progress, one of these founders, Croxley-based Tom Isaacs who was well known to many in Loudwater, spent an entire year walking the entire coastline of Great Britain to raise £400,000 for this noble and important cause. Loudwater resident, Richard Wyse, joined as its global Director of Research and Development more than a decade ago to transform the search for a cure.

CPT is now a worldwide organisation that has already made astonishing advances towards its bold objective to slow, stop and then reverse the progression of Parkinson's, an aim which would allow patients to lead completely normal lives. With offices initially in Newhall Farm and the Loudwater Estate (Mickelfield Farm), it is now located in Rickmansworth and central London, and several Loudwater residents are directly involved.

Richard developed a programme to bring 15 of the world's Parkinson's experts together to identify the most promising cutting-edge new therapeutics. The result is 40 clinical trials involving more than 5000



Richard in New York

Parkinson's patients either already completed, underway or in preparation. Currently CPT trials involve over 80 leading neurology hospitals in the UK, France, Germany, USA and Australia. This massive initiative is unique not only in neurology, but unique to any other disease.

The results of CPT's first trial were published in the Lancet last August, demonstrating that patients were protected from disease progression for the entire one year duration of the study, making this the first time this has ever been achieved since Parkinson's Disease was first described over 200 years ago.

No doubt all whose lives are touched by this terrible condition are enormously grateful for the work that Richard and his colleagues are doing, and we offer them our thanks and great respect for their dedication.

To find out more about the work of the Cure Parkinson's Trust visit: https://www.cureparkinsons.org.uk.

# Loudwater locals and friends raise £6k for Parkinson's UK

A group of Loudwater residents and Christ Church School mums in Chorleywood recently decided to raise money for Parkinson's UK and were delighted to smash their £1200 target.

Four mums, led by Lisa Marheineke decided to run the Vitality London half marathon in London on 4th March and to help raise money for this they decided to organise a Parkinson's Quiz night.

So on Friday 9th February 160 people comprising 17 teams came together at Chorleywood Memorial Hall from various places - Russell school, book clubs, sports groups, JZM car company - to answer questions on a variety of questions including guess the advert, recognise the logo and the more traditional history and sports rounds.

Management consultant, rugby buff and father of two, Will Lorkin was the quiz master in control with Gareth Moss, Richard Marheineke and Peter Higgins the other men helping him out.

Over 20 amazing prizes were donated by local businesses (including the Rose & Crown, North Hill Farm, Andrew Fleming florist, Morgans Deli, Adele Kelly, Chorleywood Bookshop, HOBS, Sathi, The Feathers, Hannah's beauty etc...) for the raffle which helped increase the charitable income.

As touched on in Richard's article, Parkinson's is a progressive neurological condition. This means that it causes problems in the brain and gets worse over time. There's currently no cure for Parkinson's but there are lots of different treatments, therapies and support available to help people manage the condition.

Lisa's father was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's which was what spurred her on to raise money for this important cause.

Helping Lisa organise the event were a plethora of local friends: Vicky Lorkin, Nikki Smith, Alex Rosenthal, Clare Smith, Millie Cortizo, Rowena Barker, Jo Rowan, Paule Bhatawa, Christina Moss, Lida Ducat, Mickie Twyman, Sophie Halden and Rebecca Boyd.

Congratulations to them all on a phenomenal job and a really fun night! If this is a cause that is close to your heart and you'd also like to donate, you can do so at:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lisamarheineke2



### More dates for the diary:

#### LRA EVENTS CALENDAR

#### **MARCH 2018**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Bridge Club

FRI 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 60's THEMED PARTY NIGHT

#### **APRIL 2018**

Wed 4th & 18th Bridge Club

SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL THE CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH

Wed 25th April Garden Club

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> April Wine Club German wine tasting and speaker

#### **MAY 2018**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16th Bridge Club

MON 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY LRA ANNUAL GOLF DAY

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May Wine Club Tour to Bordeaux with Smooth Red

LRA AGM - THURS 10TH MAY

#### **FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

SUN 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY SUMMER PARTY: THEME - MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

FRI 21ST SEPT QUIZ NIGHT

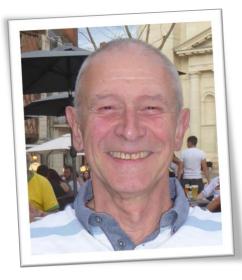
WEBSITE

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Left: The quiz underway at Chorleywood Memorial Hall; Below: the team of fundraisers.



# PROPERTY FRAUD ON THE RISE



Taking a break from advising on tree management, in this issue Planning Secretary, Mike Sindic, highlights a worrying trend and what can be done to safeguard against the threat.

Property fraud is on the increase in the UK, and such frauds are typically carried out by international groups of highly skilled criminals who have the knowledge, resources and patience to deceive everyone who is involved in a property transaction. These perpetrators have discovered multiple weaknesses in the property sales process which will continue to be exploited until the legislation is changed, which is unlikely in the foreseeable future. The properties considered to be most at risk are those that are rented out, empty, owned by those who are away for long periods of time, mortgage free, or belong to people who have been the victims of identity theft.

The fraudsters (who often use surrogates) will go as far as to change their name by deed poll to obtain a 'legitimate' passport or driving licence.

Once they have obtained the necessary documentation, the fraudster then appoints an estate agent to sell the

property. They will stipulate that they are only interested in cash buyers, so avoiding the usual checks required by a lender. The transaction will take place and the funds are sent to the 'vendor's' bank account which is almost always located overseas.

These frauds can involve substantial properties, such as the £1.3m house in Fulham which belonged to the wife of journalist and historian Max Hastings. After establishing that the property was mortgage free (via a simple HM Land Registry search), criminals rented the property on a long lease, covertly assumed the identity of the owner and then sold it before anyone realised a fraud had been committed.

As a result of these frauds, victims are now taking action against the professionals involved to recover in many cases, very substantial sums of money. There is an increase in the potential liability of the agents, particularly in cases where they have acted as both letting and selling agents. In the recent case of *Dreamvar v Mischon De Reya* the defendant was found liable for breach of trust after its client was duped into buying a London property from a tenant posing as the owner.

It is not all gloom and despondency, and there is a simple step that property owners can take to protect themselves. Any charge-free property should be registered with the HM Land Registry Property Alert Service. The service is free to use and is targeted at anyone who feels a registered property could be at risk from fraud. Once registered, the owner receives an alert if any party applies to make changes to the ownership of their property. The registration process is very simple, can be done online, and you can register up to 10 properties, so you can keep an eye on other properties owned by members of your family.

Mike Sindic (David Maycox & Co)

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# Planning update From w/c 13 Nov to w/c 28 Feb 2018 APPLICATIONS

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 WD<sub>3</sub> 4HY

Ref. No: 17/2120/FUL | Received: Tue 03 Oct 2017 | Validated: Mon 13 Nov 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 15/1267/FUL to allow amendments to design features

Little Fold Trout Rise Loudwater WD3 4JZ

Ref. No: 17/2103/FUL | Received: Tue 03 Oct 2017 |

Validated: Fri 17 Nov 2017 | Status: Pending

Consideration

Demolition of existing dwelling & construction of a replacement six-bedroom dwelling **Ambledown Chorleywood Road Rickmansworth WD3 4ES** Ref. No: 17/2525/FUL | Received: Mon 04 Dec 2017 | Validated: Mon 04 Dec 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Part Retrospective: Removal of existing buildings and hard surfacing area for open storage purposes, re-positioning of earth bund, resurfacing and re-orientation of access track and extension to existing building

Green Tye Loudwater Lane WD3 4AL
Ref. No: 17/2487/RSP | Received: Tue 28 Nov 2017
| Validated: Mon 04 Dec 2017 | Status: Pending
Consideration

Two storey side extension, first floor side extension, single storey front extension, alterations to raised patio to front, extensions to roof including increase in ridge height and front and rear dormers and alterations to fenestration Troutstream Gate Kingfisher Lure Loudwater WD3 4ET

Ref. No: 17/2362/FUL | Received: Wed o8 Nov 2017 | Validated: Tue o5 Dec 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Part Retrospective: Replacement boundary treatment **Dovecote Troutstream Way Loudwater WD3 4LB** Ref. No: 17/2282/RSP |
Received: Mon 30 Oct 2017 | Validated: Tue 05
Dec 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

Two storey front extension; loft conversion including rear dormers and single storey rear extension 2 Armitage Close Loudwater WD3 4HL Ref. No: 17/2564/FUL | Received: Fri 08 Dec 2017 | Validated: Tue 12 Dec 2017 | Status: Pending Consideration

First floor rear extension, loft conversion and single storey rear extension

Bentley Violet Way Loudwater WD3 4JP

Ref. No: 17/2618/FUL | Received: Mon 18 Dec 2017 | Validated: Wed 27 Dec 2017 | Status: Pending

Consideration

Two storey side extension with enlargement to raised patio level, and alterations to existing retaining wall

Larchmead Trout Rise Loudwater WD3 4JZ
Ref. No: 18/0048/FUL | Received: Tue 09 Jan 2018
| Validated: Thu 11 Jan 2018 | Status: Pending
Consideration

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement two storey dwelling including alterations to land levels **Beechen Hill House**Sarratt Lane Loudwater WD3 6AA

Ref. No: 17/2674/FUL | Received: Sat 23 Dec 2017 | Validated: Thu 11 Jan 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of part single, part two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration, increase in ridge height including rear dormer windows and rooflights creation of new crossover and gates Son Trobat Overstream Loudwater WD3 4LD Ref. No: 18/0124/FUL | Received: Wed 17 Jan 2018 | Validated: Wed 17 Jan 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

#### **DECISIONS**

Single storey rear extension

Woodstock Violet Way Loudwater WD3 4JP

Ref. No: 17/2159/FUL | Received: Mon o9 Oct 2017 | Validated: Mon 16 Oct 2017 | Status: Approved

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: Approved

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: Approved

Single storey and first floor side extensions and replacement conservatory. **Oak House Loudwater Lane Loudwater WD3 4AW**Ref. No: 17/2156/FUL | Received: Mon 09 Oct 2017 | Validated: Wed 18 Oct 2017 | Status: Approved

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 Loudwater WD3 4HQ
Ref. No: 17/2305/FUL | Received: Wed 01 Nov 2017 | Validated: Wed 01 Nov 2017 | Status: Approved

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 Loudwater WD3 4HQ**Ref. No: 17/2306/LBC | Received: Wed 01 Nov 2017 | Validated: Wed 01 Nov 2017 | Status: Approved

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: Refused

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 WD3 4HY

Ref. No: 17/2120/FUL | Received: Tue 03 Oct 2017 | Validated: Mon 13 Nov 2017 | Status: Withdrawn

Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 15/1267/FUL to allow amendments to design features

Little Fold Trout Rise Loudwater WD3 4JZ

Ref. No: 17/2103/FUL | Received: Tue 03 Oct 2017 |

Validated: Fri 17 Nov 2017 | Status: Approved

Single storey side cycle store, first floor rear extension, loft conversion including insertion of dormers to front and rear and insertion of rooflights, alterations to roof of existing rear extension, conversion of garage into habitable accomodation, alterations to fenestration and removal of front canopy

Apple Tree Lodge Bridle Lane Loudwater Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 4JH Ref. No: 17/2239/FUL | Received: Fri 20 Oct 2017 | Validated: Fri 20 Oct 2017 | Status: Approved

Part Retrospective: Replacement boundary treatment **Dovecote Troutstream Way Loudwater WD3 4LB** Ref. No: 17/2282/RSP | Received: Mon 30 Oct 2017 | Validated: Tue 05 Dec 2017 | Status: Approved

Part Retrospective: Removal of existing buildings and hard surfacing area for open storage purposes, re-positioning of earth bund, resurfacing and re-orientation of access track and extension to existing building

Green Tye Loudwater Lane WD3 4AL
Ref. No: 17/2487/RSP | Received: Tue 28 Nov 2017
| Validated: Mon 04 Dec 2017 | Status: Approved

Two storey front extension; loft conversion including rear dormers and single storey rear extension

2 Armitage Close Loudwater WD3 4HL Ref. No: 17/2564/FUL | Received: Fri o8 Dec 2017 | Validated: Tue 12 Dec 2017 | Status: Approved

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