



# The Ol' Trout

Loudwater Residents' Association newsletter



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIRMAN

MARCH 2019

## Welcome to the spring issue

This time last year I made comment in this column about how lovely it was to be heading into spring, however by the time the March issue was delivered by the printers we were in the midst of a further deluge of snow, so in an effort to avoid tempting fate, I'll leave references to the weather to Alex!

As the days get longer however (fingers crossed it's safe to mention that!) there is lots going on in the neighbourhood. As I type this, Rickmansworth parkrun have just celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> run. It's been great to see how many folk are taking advantage of this opportunity to exercise alongside other members of the community in such a lovely setting at the Aquadrome. The Chorleywood Film Club has its annual [Film Festival](#) taking place from 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March with a great line up of movies and activities. And Chorleywood Bookshop continues to have a fabulous programme of [events](#) over the weeks and months ahead. I'm looking forward to learning

more about Wallis Simpson from Anna Pasternak on the 18<sup>th</sup> March at Memorial Hall.

In this edition we hear from many of our Loudwater neighbours: with a report on the Wine Club Christmas party; plans for the next LRA golf day; the Cover 2 Cover book club share their holiday read recommendations and we have a number of articles on environmental matters – covering trees, flooding and bonfires. Plus, a thank you to a mystery neighbour who came to the aid of a grateful resident during the recent snow.

I hope you enjoy. Best wishes, Andrea

## Words from the Chairman

As I write this, the daffodils seem to think that spring is on the way and I hope they are right! As we warm up for 2019, we have a number of events coming up and I hope you can join us.

**Fun in the Loudwater sun** - our annual summer party will be held on Sunday

7<sup>th</sup> July, so please save the date. We will have a BBQ with all sorts to keep the kids entertained such as face painting, arts and crafts, sand and water play, giant bubble making, lawn games and a children's entertainer. This will free up the adults to enjoy their welcome drinks in peace!

On Good Friday (19<sup>th</sup> April) we will have our Loudwater **Easter egg hunt** and all are welcome to join in. There are more details on page 3 in this edition of the Ol' Trout.

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. No specific skills are required and if you have a few hours a month to spare, please get in touch with me to find out a bit more. Come and get involved!

Best wishes,  
**Alex Buxton**

## Wine Club Christmas party

The festive season started for wine club members with bubbles around the Christmas tree, crackers, a three-course meal (with wine, of course) and a retro party experience with hits from the 50s through to the 80s. Shapes were thrown on the dance floor under the stunning ceiling of Moor Park's Thornhill room and Christine led a conga into the Great Hall. Thanks to Carole and Colin and the rest of the committee for another great 'do'.

Here are three of the hits we enjoyed. Can you name the artists who recorded them?

- 50s: All I have to do is dream
- 60s: Be my baby
- 70s: Ladies nite

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## LRA Golf Society 2019

### Your ideas welcome!

The LRA golf society has been running for many years but unfortunately the support last year for our traditional event was very poor. Despite this a number of us met up at Sandy Lodge Golf Club and we enjoyed 18 holes and a few informal drinks on the lovely sunny terrace afterwards.

Those who played enjoyed it very much and several residents have expressed a wish to do something again this year as it provides Loudwater residents with an opportunity of getting together to enjoy some time on the golf course and to socialise over a drink and possibly a bite to eat in the evening.

Like all things in life, events have to move with the times. So perhaps it's time to change the format of our golf



event. This short note is to offer residents an opportunity to come forward with some suggestions and ideas.

I am happy to organise an event again later this year and I am very happy to consider suggestions on dates, venues and format. I would love to hear from you with your thoughts and ideas.

In the meantime, I suggest a provisional date of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and I will make some enquiries

around the local clubs to see what deals might be available. It would be great to get even more residents involved.

Please feel free to email or call me with your ideas and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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Last year at Sandy Lodge from left to right:

- Bill Hope
- Richard Wyse
- Percy McCloskey
- Michael Oldham



## Save the dates



# Loudwater Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday (19th April) @2pm  
Meet at woods opposite turning into Trout Rise

- Follow the Easter Bunny trail
- Bring a basket/bag for your eggs
- Make chocolate crispy cakes & an Easter card to take home

Egg hunt for all - family and friends welcome



## Loudwater Summer Party

BBQ  
Welcome Pimm's  
Cakes

- children's entertainer
- face painting
- arts and crafts
- sand and water play
- giant bubble making
- lawn games

Sunday 7th July, 1-4pm, Loudwater Farm

### LRA EVENTS CALENDAR

#### MARCH 2019

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March: Bridge Club

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March: Book Club

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Wine Club

#### APRIL 2019

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April: Bridge Club

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April: Book Club

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April: **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April: Wine Club –  
Post Brexit British wines

#### MAY 2019

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May: Bridge Club

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May: LRA Golf Day (tbc)

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> May: Book Club

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> May – **LRA AGM**

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May: Wine Club -  
Wine tasting with speaker

#### WEBSITE

[www.lraonline.org.uk/calendar](http://www.lraonline.org.uk/calendar)

## Cover 2 Cover book club

As the weather warms up and Easter approaches, we asked June Gili-Ross to share with us some holiday read recommendations from the LRA book club...

Noted below are five titles that everyone in the group enjoyed or found fascinating. They are all well-written, but very different - that is what is good about a book club - we read some titles we would not otherwise choose or come across.

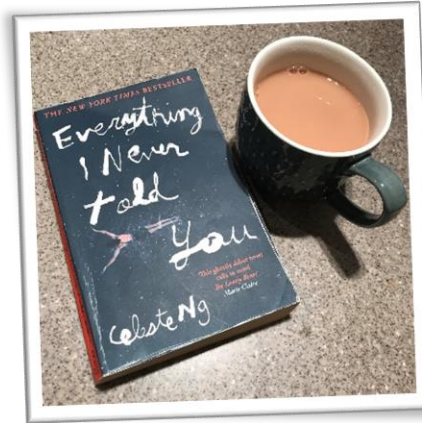
**'The Crimson Rooms'** is by Katherine McMahon, a local author. In this book local places are mentioned in areas that you will recognise.

The book is set in the years just after WW1. It is about a woman who is training to be a solicitor and we enjoyed reading the book because it shows something of the struggle women had in order to progress and work in a man's world. A smattering of romance and court trials add intrigue. A very good read - enjoyed by all.

**'Random Acts of Heroic Love'** by Danny Scheinmann - Runs two parallel stories: 1) the story of a dying man, Moritz, as he tells it to his grandson. A Polish Jew, he escaped a Russian concentration camp and walked thousands of miles across Siberia to reach his love, Lotte. 2) The story of his grandson, who loses his love in an accident. How they both deal with their situations gives rise to consideration of contrast through time and character. A fascinating read.

**'Everything I never Told You'** by Celeste Ng - It is about character(s) over plot, so is not a thriller in the accepted sense. Readers are told of a girl's death at the beginning and 'why this happened' is the question which haunts the novel, as we learn about the lives and motivations of a whole

family. It reveals the ambition, sometimes misplaced, of the characters for themselves and those they love - the difficulties they each encounter and also face together.



Taking a more modern theme: **'Close to Home'** by Cara Hunter is about a child that goes missing and the story deals with the characters, mystery and investigation surrounding the case. The reader's own theories abound!

The book that was top of our list this year though was **'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine'** by Gail Honeyman. To say anything about this book might spoil the read! It has been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone we know, in or out of the Book Club.



If you are interested in joining the LRA book club, please contact June Gili-Ross at [junegr@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:junegr@hotmail.co.uk)

## Knight in Shining Armour

An amazing thing happened to me on the night of the Big Snow (Jan 22).

Driving home from work I turned left into Loudwater Lane, at the top of the hill (Chorleywood Road end) and my car started to slide. I have a lovely, yet, rear wheel drive, BMW. Totally unsuited to the conditions.

A car had very unhelpfully parked on the left, very near the top of the hill. I felt that I was sliding closer and closer to the parked car, no matter what I did.

Out of nowhere a man appeared. I would guess he was about 30, above average height, medium build with brown hair. Was he going to move the parked car, I thought? He went around the front of my car and I thought: "he's just crossing the road." But no, he came to my passenger window and motioned for me to wind it down. "You can get through there, I will give you a push!" And he pushed and I turned the steering wheel and he pushed. Sure enough, I went through the gap.

Without his help, I am certain that had I continued I would not have been able to avoid the parked car so would have had to abandon my car at the top of the hill practically in the middle of the road.

What he did was the sort of kind deed that restores one's faith in human nature.

So, while I called through the open window "thank you so much," that seemed completely inadequate.

Who was my knight in shining armour? I would so like the opportunity to say thank you properly.

Michael Harrison

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## Flooding in Loudwater Lane

In October Loudwater Lane flooded for the first time in a few years despite Herts County Councils highways contractor Ringway clearing the drains and gullies earlier in the year whilst the lane was being resurfaced. Previous drain blockages have been caused by a mixture of leaves, eroded soil from the banks and gravel, and maybe the great summer we had produced more leaves than usual causing the blockages and flooding in the autumn? With the road being resurfaced and kerbing added in a couple of places maybe this allowed the water and debris to flow faster to the problem corner. Who knows?

Soon after the flooding some of the drains and gullies were cleared by Ringway, with all of them getting the full treatment on 17th January. Prior to the second drain clearing I met with Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) to discuss the possibility of road sweeping in conjunction with Ringways drain clearance schedule to help alleviate the problem. As a rule, they do not use their road sweeping vehicles on country lanes and un-kerbed roads, but following a site visit and further discussions about the flooding problems they have agreed to maintain Loudwater Lane to keep the amount of debris hitting the drainage system to a minimum. This will be carried out by one of their road sweeping vehicles that repositions to Rickmansworth from Croxley Green under its current cleaning schedule, albeit now routing along Loudwater Lane rather than the main roads. Ringway and TRDC are now in contact with each other concerning Loudwater Lane so I'm hopeful that a more co-ordinated approach may avoid any further flooding.

**John Thompson**

**Environment Secretary**



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### 50s to 70s hit answers (from page 2)

- The Everly Brothers (1958)
- The Ronettes (1963)
- Kool and the gang (1979)

## Bonfire awareness

A concerned resident has contacted the Ol' Trout requesting to raise awareness about the potential hazard that bonfires can cause in Loudwater, given it is a neighbourhood with a significant number of thatched roofed homes.

It is a ruling of Three Rivers District Council that bonfires must not be left unattended and must be put out by the end of the day or when left. They should not be allowed to smoulder unattended.

Although clouds of smoke are annoying, especially when residents or their gardeners are burning wet leaves, it becomes more of a problem when material to be burned is dry and sparks can be carried on the wind.

Dry thatch can easily catch fire from a stray spark – a particular worry if we have another summer as hot as last year. Insurance companies say that no fire should be lit within 100m of a thatched roof.

Owners of thatched roofs here are not allowed to change them to tiled roofs - we must preserve the thatches as we live in a conservation area - so we must appeal to common sense and good neighbourliness from residents.

Please do bear this in mind if you live close to a thatched property. Many thanks for your consideration.



## Protecting Trees in Conservation Areas – Part 2

*Planning Secretary Mike Sindic brings us the second part of his article which was featured in the December 2018 issue of the Ol' Trout...*

A section 211 notice is not required for the cutting down, topping or lopping or uprooting of a tree whose diameter does not exceed 75 millimetres or the cutting down or uprooting of a tree, whose diameter does not exceed 100 millimetres, for the sole purpose of improving the growth of other trees such as thinning as part of forestry operation.

The diameter of trees is measured over the bark of the tree at 1.5 metres above ground level. The exemption does not apply where a tree has more than one stem at a point 1.5 metres above the natural ground level if **any** stem when measured over its bark at that point exceeds the relevant minimum.

Unless there is an immediate risk of serious harm, 5 days notice must be given to the Local Authority before carrying out work to a dead tree. If urgent work to remove an immediate risk of serious harm is required, written notice is required as soon as practicable after the work becomes necessary.

Works to trees carried out on behalf of the Local Authority or the Forestry Commission are exempt. Also, no notice is required where works to trees are covered by a planning consent for a development.

Anyone who cuts down, uproots or willfully destroys a tree, or tops, lops or willfully damages a tree in a way that is likely to destroy it or **causes or permits such activities** is guilty of an offence. Consequently, the owner of the tree is guilty of an offence if he/she instructs



or permits any such works.

If an alleged offence is committed, the Local Authority will undertake an investigation and may exercise their legal right of entry. Evidence is collected and statements are taken, following which there are two possible courses of action. If a tree has been damaged, legal action can be taken in a Magistrates Court with a possible maximum fine of £ 2,500 per tree.

Local Authorities may bring an action within 6 months beginning with the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to justify the proceedings came to the prosecutor's knowledge. However, proceedings cannot commence more than 3 years after the date the offence was committed.

Where there is no realistic prospect of a conviction, the Local Authority may:

- do nothing
- negotiate with the owner to remedy the works to the satisfaction of the authority
- consider the option of issuing an informal warning to impress on the tree owner or others

suspected of unauthorised works that such work may lead to prosecution, or

- seek an injunction or temporary stop notice to stop on-going works and prevent anticipated breaches.

In addition to possible criminal penalties landowners have a duty, in certain circumstances, to replace trees. The Local Authority can enforce tree replacement duties by serving a tree replacement notice, and this duty transfers to the new owner if the land changes hands.

Replacement trees should be of an appropriate size and species and planted at the same place as soon as the owner of the land can reasonably do this. The local planning authority has powers only to enforce the duty to plant one tree to replace one other, but the authority and landowner may agree on planting, for example, one tree of a different species or two trees of a smaller species to replace one of a large species. It may not be necessary (or practical) for the replacement tree to be planted in the exact position of the original tree, but replanting should be as near as is reasonably practical to

the original tree's position.

The local planning authority can only serve a tree replacement notice on the landowner within 4 years from the date of the landowner's failure to replant as soon as he or she reasonably could.

The tree replacement notice should state:

- what has given rise to the notice
- that the notice is a section 211 notice
- whether the notice relates to complying with a condition of consent
- the number, size and species of the replacement trees
- where the trees are to be planted (including a plan showing their position)
- the period at the end of which the notice is to take effect (the period specified must be a period of not less than 28 days beginning with the date of service of the notice)
- a date by when the tree replacement notice should be complied with (the authority should consider what the landowner can reasonably do)
- and that the landowner can appeal against the notice.

The notice may also include reference to the relevant conservation area, further information about the



landowner's right of appeal against the notice, an explanation of what will happen if the landowner fails to comply with the notice and contact details of an authority officer who can deal with queries.

Failure to comply with a tree replacement notice is **not** an offence. If a tree is not planted within the period specified in the notice the authority may extend the period for compliance or they may go on to the land, plant the tree and recover from the landowner any reasonable expenses incurred. However, anyone who willfully obstructs a person acting in the exercise of the local planning authority's power to enter land and plant replacement trees is guilty of an

offence and they are liable, if convicted in the Magistrates' Court, to a fine currently up to £1,000.

There is a right of appeal against a tree replacement notice, and the procedures are similar to other planning appeals.

Remember, in the event of any doubt, do not take a chance but consult with Three Rivers District Council.

**Mike Sindic (David Maycox & Co)**

**On a side note:** In follow up to Mike's earlier article on Japanese Knotweed – he has recently been advised that the presence of JKW is one of the many factors taken into consideration when valuing property, and can cause loss in both financial and amenity value.



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## Planning update

From 19 November 2018 to 11 February 2019

### APPLICATIONS

Single storey ground floor side and rear extension

**Nakura, Bridle Lane, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4JA**

Ref. No: 18/2281/FUL | Received: Wed 14 Nov 2018 | Validated: Thu 22 Nov 2018 | Status: Decided

Construction of car port and store with vehicular access via Rose Garden Mews

**Ladyswood House, Troutstream Way, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4LA**

Ref. No: 18/2383/FUL | Received: Wed 28 Nov 2018 | Validated: Mon 03 Dec 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

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

**Celandine, Violet Way, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4JP**

Ref. No: 18/2507/FUL | Received: Wed 19 Dec 2018 | Validated: Wed 19 Dec 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Retrospective: Construction of garden outbuilding

**Cherry Hill Cottage, Trout Rise, Loudwater WD3 4JR**

Ref. No: 18/2547/RSP | Received: Thu 27 Dec 2018 | Validated: Thu 27 Dec 2018 | Status: Pending Consideration

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Installation of solar panels on garage roof and solar panels on main roof south facing

**Dorney, Trout Rise, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4JR**

Ref. No: 19/0034/CLPD | Received: Tue 08 Jan 2019 | Validated: Tue 22 Jan 2019

| Status: Pending Consideration

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 17/2674/FUL (Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement two storey dwelling including alterations to land levels) for the realignment of an external wall to the ground floor; amendments to fenestration, internal alterations and change in roof material finish and addition of conservation Photo Voltaic's

**Beechen Hill House, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater, Herts WD3 6AA**

Ref. No: 19/0072/FUL | Received: Tue 15 Jan 2019 | Validated: Wed 30 Jan 2019 | Status: Pending Consideration

### DECISIONS

Retrospective application: Replacement of existing timber framed windows with Timber Look Flush sash UPVC windows

**Nakura, Bridle Lane, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4JA**

Ref. No: 18/1991/RSP | Received: Tue 02 Oct 2018 | Validated: Thu 04 Oct 2018 | Status: Approved

Variation of Condition 2 (Plan numbers) pursuant to planning permission 17/1035/FUL: Alterations to approved design.

**April Cottage, Bridle Lane, Loudwater WD3 4JG**

Ref. No: 18/1989/FUL | Received: Mon 01 Oct 2018 | Validated: Wed 03 Oct 2018 | Status: Approved

Provision of replacement windows and further alterations to fenestration detail

**Little Petherick, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4LA**

Ref. No: 18/2206/RSP | Received: Sun 04 Nov 2018 | Validated: Tue 06 Nov 2018 |

Status: Approved

Part Retrospective: Single storey rear and two storey front extension. loft conversion with rear dormers and alterations to fenestration detail (amendment to planning permission 17/2564/FUL)

**2 Armitage Close, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4HL**

Ref. No: 18/2218/RSP | Received: Tue 06 Nov 2018 | Validated: Fri 09 Nov 2018 | Status: Approved

Single storey ground floor side and rear extension

**Nakura, Bridle Lane, Loudwater, Herts WD3 4JA**

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