



The Ol' Trout

Loudwater Residents' Association newsletter



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR AND CHAIRMAN

SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome to the autumn issue

It's been a busy few months in Loudwater, so we share some of the highlights. As well as our usual updates on events, and the adventures of the Garden and Wine clubs, we hear about local residents who have been going the extra mile(s) – literally – to support the work of Cure Parkinson's Trust. Read about the impressive challenges that Charlie Garner and Peter and Emily Higgins set themselves.

If you are interested in local history, our feature on the 'Three Rivers Museum' (located next to Watersmeet) is worth a read. I recommend a visit!

And our Planning Secretary, Mike Sindic, provides some guidance on challenging building development plans. I hope you find this edition an enjoyable read. Best wishes, Andrea

Chairman's words: I hope you enjoyed the summer and have had relaxing holidays. I'm off next week and it's not soon enough!

Events: Thanks to Zoe for arranging our main event of the year – 'Fun in the Loudwater Sun'. It was a great BBQ with lovely food and plenty of entertainment for the children.

Our upcoming events include our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 27th September. We raised quite a bit for them last year and it would be good to raise even more for this fantastic charity this year. Please come along if you can.

Following that, we have our Halloween Trick or Treat Walk on October 31st. This was very popular last year with many residents leaving pumpkins out, so the kids knew which doors to knock on – feel free to do the same again!

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our 'Summer Stay and Play' at Zoe's house due to low take up, perhaps many people had already headed off on holiday. Zoe, and June before her, put a great deal of work into these events for everyone to enjoy so please support them where you can. Over the years'

attendance has been declining for certain events, such as the summer BBQ, so please take advantage of these opportunities to come out and meet your neighbours.

LRA Committee: Would you like to be part of the LRA Committee? We are currently looking for more committee members. We specifically need someone with accountancy experience to replace Pat as Treasurer, as her departure from Loudwater is now (sadly for us) imminent.

If you would like to help organise events by working alongside Events Secretary Zoe, then there is also a place waiting for you. If neither of these are your cup of tea, we are also looking for General Committee Members. If any of the above appeals, please get in touch.

Enjoy this issue of the Ol' Trout and I hope to see you at the Macmillan Coffee Morning!

Best wishes,
Alex Buxton

Fun in the Loudwater Sun!



On Sunday 7th July the weather came through for us and the sun did indeed shine for our 'Fun in the Loudwater Sun' event over at the Barn.

The annual LRA summer fete, this year organised by Zoe Wright-Browne, involved lots of activities to entertain the children – from a fabulous magician, to face painting, giant bubbles, water and sand play with toys galore; while the adults got to enjoy some Pimms, chat and focus on tucking into a delicious American style BBQ feast supplied by [Smokey Mac](#). The lovely Sarah Wenzel once again provided a stash of fresh cakes from her bakery, so our thanks go to her for the kind contribution to our spread.

The entertainer from 'Fizzy Kids' was a highlight – the children were transfixed as he performed lots of tricks, got them involved and had them laughing and singing.

It was a great opportunity to catch up with neighbours and make new connections whether young or a little more mature.

Thanks to Zoe for all her hard work in putting the event together – everyone looked to be having a great time!

Andrea Marheineke



MacMillan coffee morning

Following the success of last years' coffee morning at Zoe's house in Trout Rise, which raised £500 for MacMillan Cancer Support – we're doing it again! So please put the date in your diary (**Friday 27 September**) and prepare to get baking (or buying) and eating those cakes. We had an impressive spread last year and lots of folk came along to have a cuppa with neighbours in the sunshine.

Look out for further details closer to the time on the LRA website and Estate WhatsApp group, or call Zoe on 07974 400335. We hope to see you there – come hungry!



LRA EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2019

Weds 4th and 18th Sept: Bridge Club

Tues 10th Sept: Book Club

Weds 11th Sept: Garden Club - Great Dixter

Fri 27th Sept: MacMillan Coffee Morning

Fri 27th Sept: Wine Club AGM and supper

OCTOBER 2019

Weds 2nd and 16th Oct: Bridge Club

Tues 8th Oct: Book Club

Fri 25th Oct: Wine Club tasting with speaker

Thur 31st Oct: Loudwater Trick or Treat Walk

NOVEMBER 2019

Weds 6th and 20th Nov: Bridge Club

Tues 12th Nov: Book Club

Weds 27th Nov: Garden Club - Gardeners' Question Time

Thurs 28th Nov: Wine Club Christmas dinner with entertainer

DECEMBER 2019

Weds 4th and 18th Dec: Bridge Club

Tues 10th Dec: Book Club

Fri 20th Dec: LRA Christmas carols, mince pies and mulled wine.

<http://lraonline.org.uk/index.php/my-calendar/>

Loudwater Garden Club

In May the Club organised a private evening visit to Church Gardens in Harefield. In 1996 Kay and Patrick McHugh bought the property and set about restoring the derelict Coach House, putting in services and making it into a habitable home. It took them 2 ½ years, after which they began on the gardens, then completely buried in undergrowth and the fallen remains of ramshackle outbuildings and glasshouses, to discover, after the removal of tons of rubbish, a walled kitchen garden dating back to the 1600s. Some of the walls had collapsed and the rest needed expert repairs but, apart from these, Kay and Patrick and their family have carried out the garden restoration on their own, recycling everything possible, including the old organ pipes from their local church!

Though far from finished, the garden now has wonderfully colourful herbaceous borders, a superb fruit cage, a beautiful and prolific vegetable garden, a herb garden and an alpine garden. We were stunned at what the family have achieved already without any outside help or finance. The physical work involved has been incredible.

The McHughs are offering a guided tour on 7th September open to the public, beginning at 2pm, to last about 1 hour 15 minutes. It will cost £10, which includes entrance, tour and refreshments. Places must be booked in advance via email (churchgardensharefield@gmail.com). Do take advantage of this opportunity to see this phenomenal private garden, just a short drive from Loudwater. We cannot recommend it enough.

In June the Club visited the garden at Aston Pottery just outside Oxford. This is a working pottery with a wide range of lovely ceramics available in its large shop, but it also has an excellent café and a fast developing garden. This consists so far of three large herbaceous



borders planted to flower in succession, with another under construction. The first one, in full flower, covers an immense bank and was ablaze in shades of red, orange, peach and gold. Absolutely stunning! After lunch we visited the superb Oxford University Botanic Gardens to complete a very good day.

If you are interested in joining the Club and coming on our trips, please contact me at mum.jarrett@talktalk.net.

Margaret Jarrett



Loudwater Wine Club

The Loudwater Wine Club is a great place to meet your fellow neighbours and enjoy a glass or two of wine, maybe even learn a little bit about wine too. We have varied events at Loudwater Farm these are traditionally held on the 4th Friday of the month. The events consist of quiz nights, summer lunches, a black-tie Christmas Dinner with entertainment and visits from wine educators – with, of course, tasting of wines from around the world.

Our May meeting was held at Christine Sterry's home in Troutstream Way. 34 members had an interesting evening listening to a couple from Chorleywood who two years ago bought a vineyard in the south of France and shared their story about the trials and tribulations of running a vineyard and improving the wines. Going by the wine they bought along for us to taste, they have certainly succeeded. The wines went beautifully with the superb food Christine prepared for the event.

In June we welcomed our fellow member and wine educator, Lindsay Oram who enlightened us about organic, bio dynamic and sustainable wines – they tasted pretty good too!

Our latest event was Sunday Summer Lunch in the Barn at Loudwater Farm. Members were greeted with a glass – or two, of pink sparkling wine. One of our committee members, Jo Homewood prepared a delicious buffet lunch to savour, complete with white, rose and red wines on the table. Even the weather was kind to us and the large barn doors remained open throughout the time we were there.

Why not come along and see what you have been missing? We're a friendly crowd and you will be welcomed into our happy group of members.

Contact Carole Timms on 01923 776681 or 07957 132005 for more information



Supporting Cure Parkinson's

In June, Loudwater resident **Charlie Garner (bottom row, centre in photo)** completed the beautiful but brutal **Raid Pyrenean** cycle route to raise money for **The Cure Parkinson's Trust (CPT)**. Charlie joined a larger team of 13 fundraisers, which also included rugby legends Mike Tindall, MBE and Iain Balshaw, MBE, to take on the challenge that the team had named "Coast To Coast To Cure." With steep ascents through the Pyrenean Mountains, it was a severe test of fitness and endurance.

This extreme cycle challenge began on the Atlantic Coast and weaved through to the Mediterranean in just 100 hours, traversing the stunning French Pyrenees and covering 735km with 12,800m of ascent. It crossed many of the cols made famous by the Tour de France including Tourmalet, Aubisque, Col de Portet d'Aspet and Aspin. With varying levels of fitness and cycling experience among the team, this challenge was no easy feat.

Charlie is currently studying for a Masters in Carbon Management at the University of Edinburgh. On completing the challenge, he said: "The trip was quite grim in places - being faced with Col de Jau on the second to last day was

a low point, given the persistent tendonitis in my Achilles. But it was truly epic. The team were fantastic, and we all pressed on to cross the line in good time. Given the opportunity, I'd do something similar again. An unforgettable experience and thanks to everyone who donated. If anyone would like to donate please visit the Cure Parkinson's Trust website. All welcomed!!"

Charlie and the team are still raising funds for The Cure Parkinson's Trust, a charity dedicated to finding a cure for the condition. "Many family and friends are closely linked with Parkinson's, so it was only right to support and take part in this challenge," Charlie said. They have so far raised over £71,000.

The Coast To Coast To Cure fundraising page can be found here: <https://pledgit.net/campaign/82ac78/raid-pyrenean-for-the-cure-parkinsons-trust>

Charlie isn't the only Loudwater resident that has been lending support to CPT over recent months. Back in April, father-daughter team, **Peter and Emily Higgins took on the London Marathon**. The Trust is a cause close to their hearts as Emily's grandfather, and Peter's father, Mike lived with Parkinson's for many

years and passed away last summer. The neurological condition impacted significantly on his life, and on those around him.

Emily and Peter's run was therefore dedicated to Mike's memory, and both felt "privileged and so very excited to be given the opportunity to run the London Marathon together, to raise money for The Cure Parkinson's Trust, and contribute to finding a cure for this cruel disease."

When asked how they felt about taking on the tough 26.2 mile race ahead of the event, Emily said: "My dad is slightly more nervous than me, regularly questioning why he signed up to this enormous challenge. Whereas my worries are more focused around trying to beat my Dad!"

We're pleased to report that they completed the marathon and raised almost £5,000 in the process – a really impressive effort. Well done to Emily and Peter for their fantastic achievement!



Around 145,000 people in the UK are living with Parkinson's, and it is predicted that 1 in 37 people will receive a diagnosis of Parkinson's in their lifetime. CPT funds innovative research which is dedicated to finding new treatments that can slow, stop or reverse Parkinson's.

Find out more about the work of CPT at www.cureparkinsons.org.uk

Three Rivers Museum



The Three Rivers Museum, located next to Watersmeet Theatre, is a treasure trove of local history.

A few weeks ago, Barbara Owen, Museum Chairman, and Les Mead, Vice Chairman, (above) kindly gave me a tour. The museum has an extensive collection of historical artefacts and old photographs of the Three Rivers district over the years; and its displays vividly illustrate the development, buildings, personalities, transport, local businesses and industries of the area.

It first opened in November 1987 after members of the local Historical Society petitioned the council to give them somewhere to house the great number of artifacts that they'd been storing in their homes (including a mammoth tusk – stashed under one of their beds!). The Council gave them a back room in Basing House (itself of historical significance, having once been the site of the home of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania in America), and in the years since the museum has ultimately expanded across much of the ground floor of the building.

Barbara has been a passionate supporter of the museum from the start and enthusiastically showed me all manner of gems, from an impressive collection of fireman helmets; to signage from local businesses; ornate

windows and wall paintings from old pubs and most notably a Chorleywood 'butchers booth' (enabling money and meat to be kept separate – see below).

She told me about many colourful personalities that lived locally: from acclaimed novelist George Elliot; to Vice Admiral Percy who lived at Scotsbridge House and served under Admiral Lord Nelson; as well as pillars of the community such as Roderick Henderson who established the local fire brigade and less favorable residents such as Jack the Ripper who was believed to have been an inmate at [Leavesden Mental Hospital](#).

Vice Admiral Percy's daughter Sophia, apparently wrote a book called 'Links with the past' in which she talks about visiting many of the big houses of the area, including Moor Park, Rickmansworth Park (now the site of the Royal Masonic school); Goldingtons in Sarratt and Cassiobury Park.

Three Rivers was also a hive of pioneering industry – prominent local businesses included [Franklin & Sons](#) (lemonade) on what is now the site of M&S; [John Dickinson's](#) Croxley Script paper; the [Ovaltine](#) Dairy Farm (the first office in the country to create all its own energy); as well as silk mills and breweries.

Les is a very accomplished film maker and the museum consequently has a fascinating library of videos covering key events such as the first ever Croxley and Rickmansworth parades back in the 1950's as well as the opening of the first supermarket in Rickmansworth (on the site of Pennsylvanian pub). These are also available on the Museum's [YouTube](#) channel. Do take a look to see the local's dancing through the streets during the 1956 Rickmansworth Week!

Unsurprisingly the museum is popular for school trips and they are currently



looking for someone to take up the role of Education Officer. This would involve a couple of hours commitment a week working with their friendly team. If you are interested, please feel free to email media@trmt.org.uk.

Admission is free, although donations are welcomed to help maintain the museum. I'd definitely encourage a visit. It's open from 2-4pm Monday to Friday and 10am-4pm on Saturdays. You can find out more at trmt.org.uk.

Andrea Marheineke



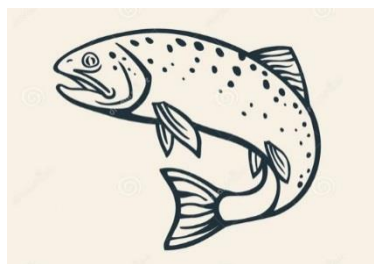
Hardy Plants for Sale



Our membership secretary Roger Trigg is a keen gardener who enjoys propagating perennial plants and always has a good selection of plants for sale, the proceeds going to the National Gardens Scheme charities.

The varieties available are often those not found in garden centres but will nevertheless be very appealing. Prices are in the £1-£5 range according to size. The garden in Armitage Close which Roger and his wife Patt have created since they moved to Loudwater eight years ago is open by appointment for the NGS.

Contact Roger or Patt on 01923 774293 or by email to roger@triggmail.org.uk for plant sales or a visit.



Editorial correction!

The June 2019 issue included an article titled 'The Ol' Trout archive' and shared a little of the history of our neighbourhood newsletter. The first edition of a newsletter in Loudwater was issued in June 1976, and the article stated that the Ol' Trout had therefore just reached its 43rd birthday.

Peter Phillips got in touch to clarify the matter. He advised:

"May I respectfully correct your article about the Ol' Trout. A newsletter was started in Loudwater in June 1976. It was called the Loudwater Newsletter, edited by John Jarrett. (John was the late husband of Margaret Jarrett, the Garden Club Chairman). I took over in May or June 2001, when Denise Preedy was LRA Chairman. I changed the name of the Newsletter to the Ol' Trout since I wanted to make it more like a magazine, to add colour and to have it printed properly. I was assisted by Buzz Coster. I remained Editor under the Chairmanships of Roy Sterry, myself (!), Penny Wilkinson and Tony Hale. During the Chairmanship of Heather Kenison, whom I had invited onto our committee, I decided to hand over to someone younger. If I remember correctly Roy Sterry took over for a while, (or was that still under Tony Hale?), then Robert Kenison. So, the Ol' Trout is indeed now only 18 years old!"

Thank you for the clarification Peter. It's always good to discover you are younger than you think!

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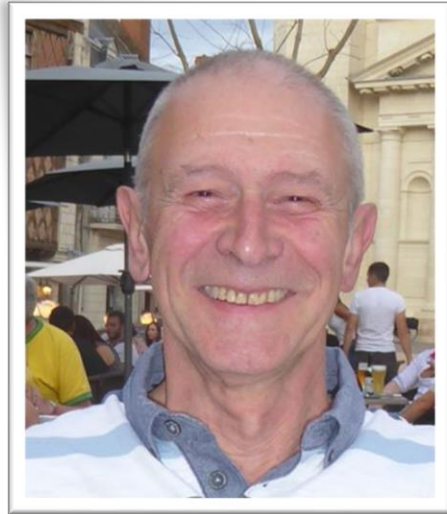
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Objecting to Planning Applications

Planning Secretary Mike Sindic shares regularly sought after guidance about challenging development plans.



I am frequently contacted by adjoining property owners who are unhappy with proposed building developments and wish to object. Although details are obviously available on the Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) planning website, it may be helpful to briefly summarise the 'dos' and 'don'ts' when submitting an official objection.

Before addressing the planning and technical issues, it is important to be aware of a number of criteria which must be observed when making any objections. Objections must not:

- include personal names other than the objector's name which must be provided – use words such as applicant, neighbour, etc;
- contain any personal information eg I am living on my own, I am abroad for long periods;
- contain medical information relating to the objector or any other person as it is unlawful for the Local Planning Authority to process;
- contain any material which is defamatory of any person;

- contain any material which is obscene, offensive, hateful or inflammatory;
- promote sexually explicit material;
- promote discrimination based on race, sex, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation, or age;
- infringe any copyright, database right or trademark of any other person – care must be taken not to use or refer to material which is intellectual property or subject to any private ownership but only information in the public domain;
- be likely to deceive any person;
- be made in breach of any legal duty owed to a third party, such as a contractual duty or a duty of confidence;
- promote any illegal activity;
- be threatening, abusive or invade another's privacy, promote violence, or cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety;
- be likely to harass, upset, embarrass or alarm any other person;
- be used to impersonate any person, or to misrepresent your identity or affiliation with any person or body;
- give the impression that they emanate from the local Planning Authority;
- advocate, promote or assist any unlawful act.

The following categories are deemed to be acceptable objections:

- conflict with planning policies including National Planning Policy Framework and Guidance, Local Planning Policies, Development Plan Documents, planning history of the subject property including previous decisions and appeals. Care should be taken when referring to policy documents, as these can be complicated, and it may be necessary to consider a number of aspects rather than simply selecting items in isolation;

- design, appearance and materials, but bear in mind that these will be considered in detail by TRDC, so any comments should be totally impartial;
- effect on listed buildings and conservation areas within the context of any existing policies, and adverse effect generally on the character of an area;
- highway safety including road access, but taking account of any comments by consultees such as the local Highway Authority;
- amenity such as sunlight, daylight, overshadowing, loss of privacy, visual impact, etc but bear in mind that some of these eg sunlight, daylight, are covered by advisory documents which set out standards for guidance;
- nature, archaeology, conservation and landscape, including loss of trees, hedgerows and other natural features;
- disturbance arising from the proposed use of a development such as, noise, smell but having regard to any existing legislation which governs some of these such as the statutory nuisance provisions of the Public Health Acts;
- support (or otherwise!) of comments made by formal consultees such as the Highways Authority, Council for the Protection of Rural England, local Residents' Associations, etc;
- Human Rights Act.

The following matters which are not planning considerations cannot be considered:

- whilst the loss of visual amenity may be relevant, loss of a private view cannot be considered as there is no legal right to a view;
- impact during construction – this is not a planning issue as noise, nuisances, etc are monitored and controlled under separate legislation by the Environmental Health Department;
- loss of property value;

- loss of trade, business competition; loss of income, inability to rent;
- ownership disputes over rights of way – unless agreed by the respective owners, these can be determined only by the Courts;
- private disputes between neighbours including boundary disputes – as above, unless agreed directly between the owners these can be determined only by the Courts;
- restrictive covenants – these can be very complex legally, and as there are legal procedures that can be implemented to remove covenants, local Planning Authorities cannot take them into account when considering applications.

The above are not intended to be exhaustive, and there may well be many other valid objections subject to specific circumstances of any case. The above should at least provide reasonable guidance on the nature of objections that would be acceptable. I will expand on some of the associated legislation in future articles.

Mike Sindic (David Maycox & Co)

Planning update From 17th June to 1st August 2019

APPLICATIONS

Two storey and single storey rear extension, entrance porch to front elevation, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and creation of a carriage driveway including the provision of a vehicular crossover.

Green Nook, Bridle Lane, Loudwater WD3 4JH

Ref. No: 19/1125/FUL | Received: Wed 19 Jun 2019 | Validated: Mon 24 Jun 2019 | Status: Pending Consideration

Re-surfacing of existing driveway and path, reshaping of the existing island in the driveway, rebuilding of existing steps, ramp and rebuilding of retaining

wall

Stafford House, Loudwater Heights, Loudwater WD3 4AX

Ref. No: 19/1231/FUL | Received: Tue 02 Jul 2019 | Validated: Fri 12 Jul 2019 | Status: Pending Consideration

Demolition and replacement of the existing detached dwelling and garage with 2 no. detached dwellings, including roof accommodation, retention and extension of existing access and associated ancillary works

4 Lower Plantation, Loudwater WD3 4PQ

Ref. No: 19/1459/FUL | Received: Fri 02 Aug 2019 | Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2019 | Status: Pending Consideration

DECISIONS

Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of replacement with single storey oak framed rear extension

The Coach House, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater WD3 4HQ

Ref. No: 19/0856/FUL | Received: Thu 09 May 2019 | Validated: Thu 16 May 2019 | Status: Approved

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Erection of detached outbuilding.

Contino, Whisper Wood, Loudwater WD3 4JU

Ref. No: 19/1049/CLPD | Received: Mon 10 Jun 2019 | Validated: Thu 13 Jun 2019 | Status: Approved

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed Development: Construction of outbuilding for leisure purposes

Glen Cottage, Trout Rise, Loudwater WD3 4JZ

Ref. No: 19/1044/CLPD | Received: Mon 10 Jun 2019 | Validated: Fri 14 Jun 2019 | Status: Withdrawn

Discharge of Condition 4 (Tree Protection Scheme) pursuant to planning permission 19/0507/FUL

Whitewoods, Troutstream Way,

Loudwater WD3 4LA

Ref. No: 19/1078/DIS | Received: Thu 13 Jun 2019 | Validated: Thu 13 Jun 2019 | Status: Determined

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

Thatches, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater WD3 4HY

Ref. No: 19/0989/FUL | Received: Fri 31 May 2019 | Validated: Tue 04 Jun 2019 | Status: Withdrawn

Two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation.

6 Loudwater Ridge, Loudwater WD3 4AR

Ref. No: 19/1050/FUL | Received: Mon 10 Jun 2019 | Validated: Thu 13 Jun 2019 | Status: Approved

Single storey side and rear extension, alterations to external materials, alterations to fenestration including provision of a flank dormer window and internal alterations

Tall Timbers, Rooks Hill, Loudwater WD3 4HZ

Ref. No: 19/1033/FUL | Received: Fri 07 Jun 2019 | Validated: Tue 11 Jun 2019 | Status: Refused

And finally, a plea from the residents of Loudwater House:

We should like to remind everyone that all areas around Loudwater House, although within the Troutstream Estate, are private and not a right of way for non-residents of Loudwater House. This includes the car park area in front of the House and especially the garden behind the House.

So politely, we ask all our friends from Loudwater not to use these private areas for walks, particularly dog walks! Thanks for everyone's cooperation.

Adrian Simon

Chairman, Loudwater House Ltd