



The Ol' Trout

Loudwater Residents' Association newsletter



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

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Emerging from lockdown 3...

Welcome to the Summer 2021 issue. As I write this 'intro message' we're eagerly awaiting the next stage of Covid restrictions being lifted. The vaccination programme is progressing at pace and early signs of a return to a degree of normality at some point in the not-too-distant future, seem to be appearing. Here's hoping we remain on course as a number of our LRA clubs are now making plans to resume some of their activities. If you've had enough of being confined to your home and would like to re-engage with local social life, do check out the club updates on page 2 and feel free to get in contact with the club organisers. We also hope to hold an LRA event over the summer, so watch this space.

Also in this edition, we share how the LRA enlisted the help of local 'foodie' Jenna Gray, to allow us to thank the Ol' Trout distributors for their continued support - given we were unable to host a Chairman's lunch this year (again) due to Covid. You can read about (and

see!) the alternative lunch we delivered to their doors on page 3.

Community matters have been even more front of mind than usual over recent weeks with the local election taking place on 6 May. The Neighbourhood Plan Referendum was part of that agenda and John Thompson kindly brings us an update (page 4).

While Spring 2021 has been a colder, soggier affair than 2020 - the return of cherry blossom and bluebells has once again been welcomed, especially by our friends at Mission EmployAble. They ingeniously took the opportunity to showcase the bluebell woodland and raise valuable funds for their charity, with many local residents getting to enjoy the experience. You can read about their event on page 6, and my thanks go to their photographer Simon Varnals for this edition's beautiful cover picture above.

And those who've been 'walking the neighbourhood' over recent weeks and ventured across the fields to Croxley

may well have spotted some extra cute looking wildlife in Green Lane. I was rather taken with these creatures and couldn't resist sharing them with you (page 5). I hope they make you smile as much as they did me!

And with the potential for holidays starting to feel like a possibility over the months ahead (fingers crossed!), we share a few summer-read recommendations.

I hope you enjoy. Best wishes,

Andrea Marheineke, Editor



LRA club updates

After more than 12 months of being forced to put our LRA clubs' activities on hold, we are pleased to be able to advise that they are gradually starting to meet once more.

Wine club - The Loudwater Wine Club has been running now for 21 years. In normal circumstances we meet monthly, often at Loudwater Farm in Loudwater Lane or at Jo and Charles Homewood's house in Sarratt Road.

All LRA members are welcome to join; it's very informal, the social side being as important as the wine tasting. We regularly invite speakers to educate us in the finer points of wine tasting. At other times we have a social meeting with a meal – and wine of course. See the details below if you would like to come along and get to know some of your neighbours.

On Sunday 30th May we held our AGM and lunch for 30 members. Details of future events will be shared shortly. Please contact me on 01923 776681 or 07957 132005 if you would like details.

Carole Timms

Garden club - The Garden Club will be visiting Broughton Grange and Broughton Castle, near Banbury, on 23rd June. There is also the possibility of an evening visit to Church Garden at Harefield in July and an autumn visit to Coton Manor Gardens in September.

If you'd like to join us, please contact either **Margaret Jarrett** or **Roger Trigg**.

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Bridge club – We are not yet planning to resume meeting. If you'd like to be informed when we do, please contact John Toy at jon14toy@googlemail.com

Golf day - I trust all LRA golfers and supporters are keeping safe and well and encouraged by the positive progress we are making on our roadmap towards some normality in relation to the Covid restrictions.

When I was last in touch in the summer of 2020, we were quite hopeful that we may be able to stage an event in the autumn but as the second lockdown was introduced that plan had to be shelved.

Even taking account of the good progress we're making, it's still very difficult to predict how feasible it will be to stage an event soon. Many clubs are restricting the number of visitors that they are allowing to play on their courses, and many are not accepting visiting societies for events.

I've been in contact with a number of our regular golfers, and we're all keen to try to make an event happen but feel that clubs may be in a better position to offer more flexibility by late summer or early autumn of this year.

I'm in contact with a number of local clubs to establish what kind of event they may be willing to host in late September or early October.

In my last article I had asked for people interested in taking part to get in touch and I would ask the same again. Hopefully by the end of June of this year we'll be in a position where restrictions are relaxed even more and it may be possible to confirm a date and a venue for the event. I'll keep all interested parties updated by email.

If you're interested in the golf event and have not yet made contact with me then please register your interest. I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

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A request from our Membership Secretary...

Do you have new neighbours? If so, please let us know as we'd love to invite them to join the residents' association. Unfortunately, there's no easy way for us to keep tabs on all the comings and goings in Loudwater but it is easy to arrange for new residents to join, should they wish to, once we know about them.

By the same token, if your neighbours have left the district or someone has sadly passed away, we'd be very grateful if you would kindly advise us so that we can update our records.

Thank you for your help.
Roger Trigg

Graze-box thank you

In our pre-Covid life it had become an annual LRA tradition that the Chairman would host a lunch each spring to thank all those who make a valuable contribution to community life in Loudwater. Sadly over 2020 and 2021 we've had to omit this date from the diary for obvious reasons. However, the committee still wanted to thank the Ol' Trout distributors for their continued help over this challenging time. Last year we delivered a bottle of fizz to their homes, but this year we wanted to do something different.

So, we turned to local 'foodie entrepreneur business-woman' Jenna Gray. Jenna, originally from New Zealand, now lives in Chorleywood and has her own one-woman catering business. She's passionate about creating delicious, beautiful food that brings people together. As the pandemic restrictions of the last year have made getting together a 'no-no', she got creative extending her business model so she could continue to bring fabulous food to people in their own homes, both as Friday night delivery meals, but also in the form of 'graze boxes'. She offers both savoury and sweet boxes of gorgeous treats, so we gave our distributors the choice of which they fancied.

On the morning of 24th April Jenna delivered her graze boxes around the neighbourhood, and it was lovely to see the pleasure that they brought. Whether charcuterie, cheese, falafel, nuts and fruit (or vegan alternative); or cupcakes, macarons, chocolate dipped waffles and berries were the preference – the feedback received was extremely positive. Everyone seemed to really appreciate and enjoy their 'Chairman's lunch with a difference'. Here's a taste (excuse the pun!) of what some of our wonderful distributors had to say...



"What can I say apart from wow! And a big thank you to the committee. The box is beautiful and looks so appetizing. Will enjoy the contents with a good bottle of wine."

- Heather Kenison

"We had a wonderful surprise this morning with the delivery of such a delightful box of goodies! All so beautifully presented...we are most grateful for this amazing gift."

- Marion & Henry Browne

"Well you absolutely made my morning with my delightful box of delights! We enjoyed the lovely spread in the garden this afternoon."

- Herbie Mudhar

"Wow, what a gift! I have had some items with my lunch. What an unusual gift box."

- Diana Parker

"Just wanted to say thank you, what a great gift! Much appreciated"

- John Wilan

So, a big thank you once again to our distributors, and also to Jenna! We really enjoyed partnering with her on this initiative and supporting local talent.

If you're interested in finding out more about Jenna's catering services (she makes stunning birthday cakes too!), you can check out her Facebook and Instagram (gatherbygray) pages, her website www.gatherbygray.com or email her at hello@gatherbygray.com. She comes highly recommended!



Jenna and Andrea

The Local Plan

I am sure most people are aware that housing targets, and the 'Local Plan' to accommodate these, have been bubbling away for some time. Mike Sindic produced a few articles in previous Ol' Trout's covering the key issues, but the headline figure of a housing target of 9,600 new dwellings in the district by 2036, increasing the number of people living here by about a quarter, with an already overstretched road, rail, healthcare and education infrastructure, is the one I assume most residents will be familiar with.

The target resulted in Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) commencing a search for sites which led to around 130 sites being put forward. A high proportion of these are currently Greenbelt, unspoilt land which has enjoyed protection since 1947. It is thought that TRDC's new plan being put forward for public consultation shortly after May's elections, will be heavily based on these sites and will be available to view on their website.

There are many differences of opinion about the actual number of new dwellings required over the fifteen-year period covered by the Plan. Whilst Brownfield areas should be utilised wherever possible there is significant risk that Greenbelt land could be utilised for new developments and some of these areas are to the south, east and north of Loudwater.

As a result of the referendum that accompanied the recent local elections, the Chorleywood Neighbourhood Plan is being adopted into the Local Plan (almost 90% voted in favour). However, the Neighbourhood Plan only goes so far in designating green spaces and protecting existing Greenbelt. Whilst there is an inevitability that more

housing will ultimately be built in the future, the existing local infrastructure will not be able to cope - factors such as the local roads, increased competition for school places, access to healthcare, recreation, commuting capacity into London etc, are all concerns.

One thing is for sure, the Local Plan will continue to rumble on. I'd suggest residents keep abreast of developments and take time to review TRDC's new plan that should be open for public consultation soon, and make their views known to TRDC during the consultation period to help shape the future of the area.

**CHORLEYWOOD
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**
in the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Vote 'YES'
on the
**6th MAY
2021**

Help protect and retain
Chorleywood's rural feel
and unique character

A 'YES' vote in the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum will support:

- The protection of the Chorleywood Parish from uncontrolled, large scale and poorly placed development
- Sympathetic development that improves the look and feel of the Chorleywood Parish
- Minimising the loss of greenfield / green belt sites
- Improving Chorleywood's facilities and services

HELP PREVENT OVERDEVELOPMENT
With the current threat of 4,000 new houses over the next 15 years, the Neighbourhood Plan can provide a vital tool in protecting Chorleywood & its character.

For more information, visit:
www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/chorleywood-neighbourhood-plan

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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A great deal of further information is available on the TRDC website: <https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/chorleywood-neighbourhood-plan>

John Thompson
Environment Secretary

The LRA are looking to fill a couple of vacant roles on our committee – those of Planning Secretary and Chairman. If you might be interested and would like to find out more, please feel free to get in touch with one of us.

Croxley carvings

Folk who've been out walking across the fields to Croxley Green over recent months may have noticed some rather unusual wildlife in Green Lane (home of the BBC's Doctor Foster), just along from The Artichoke pub.

These cute creatures are the work of locals Paul Knight and Peter O'Grady – clearly accomplished carpenters with a huge sense of fun!

A delightful initiative that has no doubt cheered up many passers-by during this difficult season. We hope they're staying put for a while!



Bluebell walk and pop-up café



Cafe furniture was kindly provided by Tam Tallendiere from The White House. All of their helping hands made a tremendous difference.

In the last Ol' Trout we profiled Mission EmployAble – a local charity that has launched a joint campaign with Chorleywood Cricket Club to raise money for a new club pavilion on the Common, with a café and gift shop inside, and a training facility for young adults with learning disabilities.

Their fundraising efforts continue, and most recently this included the opportunity to enjoy the seasonal bluebells. Erica Bendall, Chair of their Event Committee shared with us...

"Our Bluebell Walk on Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd May proved to be an absolute delight and a triumph for Mission EmployAble volunteers and visitors alike, with just under £4,000 raised from the two days - double what we were hoping for – and ended with a promise for another Bluebell Walk in 2022. We were lucky with the weather and most of all, with the stunning carpet of bluebells in the woods, which

one visitor described as: "quite magical, I had a real sense of people coming alive after a long hibernation, happy families enjoying the privilege of a new place to explore and a fun pop-up café." It was wonderful to see Loudwater residents joining in the fun. Following the message that popped up on the Troutstream Estate Whatsapp group on the Sunday, the number of visitors doubled on Monday. It was great to see so many local faces smiling on their way out of the woods after spending a lovely couple of hours just being amongst this tranquil setting that has never been open to the public before."

Ann Garner from Greenbanks, Melissa Fabio from Tara and Maureen Bayliss from Trees, all helped out at the event (see photo above). Victoria Michaels from The Thatch also baked cakes, as did Ann Oakton - her chocolate and strawberry cake was a real show-stopper!

Mission EmployAble events calendar:

- Online MOGS (cats) Competition late May
- Knockdown Cider & Sausage Festival June (date tbc)
- Charity Golf Day 16th July 8am-2pm
- Musical Quiz night under the stars 16th July 7pm

For details visit

www.missionemployable.co.uk

Photos courtesy of Simon Varnals



The Bunten children had a fun time too!

Summer reads

As we edge towards summer and start to daydream about the possibility of a break away in the sunshine (whether UK based or - dare we hope - abroad), the LRA committee thought we'd share a few recommendations for summer reads. And since the Chorleywood Bookshop have recently moved into a new, more spacious premises in the village - they might provide an excuse to go and check out their great new shop. Below are a few titles that could appeal to a range of reading tastes. The first three are all No.1 Sunday Times bestsellers (and it's probably just a matter of time for Dermot too!).

The Thursday Murder Club – this is the debut novel by 'Pointless' and 'House of Games' host, Richard Osman. The story is set in a peaceful retirement village, where four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case.

Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig – this book is described as a worldwide phenomenon! The concept of the story is thought provoking and uplifting:



Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices . . . Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets?

The Guest List by Lucy Foley - On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed.

But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin,

resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The groomsmen begin the drinking game from their school days. The bridesmaid not-so-accidentally ruins her dress. The bride's oldest (male) friend gives an uncomfortably caring toast.

And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more importantly, why?

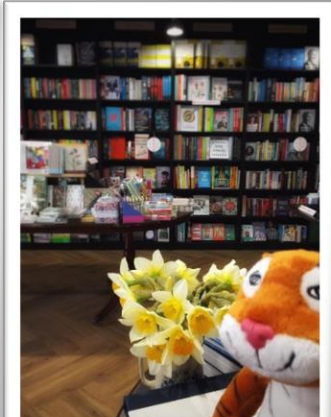
Toto the Ninja Cat and the Mystery Jewel Thief by Dermot O'Leary – this is one for the youngsters! TV and radio presenter Dermot is also an accomplished children's author and recently took part in an online event with Chorleywood Bookshop to promote Toto's latest adventure:

"Toto and her friends are in trouble! The animal world's spectacular crown jewels are kept under lock and key at the Tower of London. But when Toto goes to visit them, they're stolen from right under her whiskers – and her boss Larry (the Downing Street cat) is framed for the crime!

Will Toto and her friends be able to solve the mystery and track down the real thief?

This book is beautifully illustrated by Nick East. A fun read for children aged around 8 – especially if they like cats!

Check out this, and Toto's other adventures at chilternbookshops.co.uk



Planning update - May 2021

Beechen Hill House, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater WD3 6AA

[Construction of plant room](#)

Ref. No: 21/0114/FUL | Received: Wed 20
Jan 2021 | Validated: Fri 12 Feb 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Beechen Hill House, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater WD3 6AA

[Installation of outbuilding and plant room](#)

Ref. No: 21/0115/FUL | Received: Wed 20
Jan 2021 | Validated: Fri 12 Feb 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Cool Bananas, Bridle Lane, Loudwater WD3 4JH

[Single-storey rear extension and side
extension, construction of first floor
projecting window, insertion of roof dormer
windows, alterations to fenestration,
insertion of rooflights, alterations to external
materials, replacement roof tiles,
construction of outbuilding and new patio
paving and steps](#)

Ref. No: 21/0315/FUL | Received: Fri 12 Feb
2021 | Validated: Fri 19 Feb 2021

Status: Decided

Courtlands, Trout Rise, Loudwater WD3 4JR

[Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed
Development: Construction of outbuilding to
include swimming pool, sauna and steam
rooms, changing rooms, W.C, home office
and gym](#)

Ref. No: 21/0506/CLPD | Received: Mon 01
Mar 2021 | Validated: Mon 08 Mar 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Ingle Lodge, Bridle Lane, Loudwater WD3 4JB

[Two story rear extension and insertion of
flank dormer window](#)

Ref. No: 21/0432/FUL | Received: Tue 23 Feb
2021 | Validated: Tue 02 Mar 2021

Status: Decided

Lightwoods, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4LQ

[Two storey side and rear extension, first
floor side/rear and ground floor extension,
hip to gable roof alterations including rear
dormers and alterations to fenestration](#)

Ref. No: 21/0510/FUL | Received: Mon 01
Mar 2021 | Validated: Wed 10 Mar 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Little Petherick, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4LA

[Demolition of existing conservatory and
construction of a two storey side and rear
extension including dormer windows and
conversion of garage into habitable
accommodation including pitched roof over
existing garage and landscaping alterations](#)

Ref. No: 21/0883/FUL | Received: Wed 07
Apr 2021 | Validated: Thu 15 Apr 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Lower House, Troutstream Way Loudwater WD3 4JN

[First floor side extension over existing
balcony](#)

Ref. No: 21/0299/FUL | Received: Wed 10
Feb 2021 | Validated: Tue 23 Feb 2021

Status: Decided

Rajah Shanth, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4LE

[Erection of timber front gate](#)

Ref. No: 21/0781/FUL | Received: Fri 26 Mar
2021 | Validated: Tue 20 Apr 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Shepherds Gate, Wagon Way, Loudwater WD3 4JE

[Two storey rear extension](#)

Ref. No: 21/0599/FUL | Received: Tue 09
Mar 2021 | Validated: Tue 16 Mar 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Thorplands, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater WD3 4AD

[Extension to existing vehicular access](#)

Ref. No: 21/0492/FUL | Received: Fri 26 Feb
2021 | Validated: Wed 10 Mar 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Waverley, Lodge Drive, Loudwater WD3 4PT

[Demolition of existing log cabin and
construction of detached outbuilding and
veranda](#)

Ref. No: 21/0376/FUL | Received: Thu 18 Feb
2021 | Validated: Fri 26 Feb 2021

Status: Decided

Waverley, Lodge Drive, Loudwater WD3 4PT

[Demolition of existing log cabin and
construction of detached outbuilding and
veranda](#)

Ref. No: 21/0376/FUL | Received: Thu 18 Feb
2021 | Validated: Fri 26 Feb 2021

Status: Decided

Wildwood, Loudwater Heights, Loudwater WD3 4AX

[Part single storey part two storey rear
extension, first floor side extension and loft
conversion including roof alterations, rear
dormers and increase in ridge height](#)

Ref. No: 21/0829/FUL | Received: Wed 31
Mar 2021 | Validated: Mon 12 Apr 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Willow House, Wagon Way, Loudwater WD3 4JE

[Erection of timber cabin outbuilding](#)

Ref. No: 21/0289/FUL | Received: Wed 10
Feb 2021 | Validated: Wed 03 Mar 2021

Status: Pending Consideration