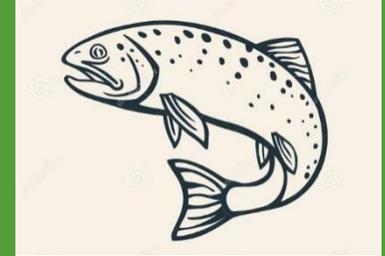




The Ol' Trout

Loudwater Residents'
Association newsletter



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

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Loudwater life in the new normal...

Welcome to the Autumn 2021 issue, and one in which we're finally able to report back on our local clubs' activities and plans for a number of LRA events over the months ahead. It's been a long 18 months of inactivity, but with more and more of us becoming 'double jabbed' it's heartening that life is feeling a little closer to normal than it has for some time.

So, in the pages that follow we hear from the Wine Club, the Garden Club and the Golf Society. We also share the LRA calendar of events, which are open to all members. These include our MacMillan Coffee morning, Halloween Walk and pre-Christmas festivities (which we'd value your thoughts on to help shape), as well as a get-together at Rickmansworth Cricket Club later this month. We'll use the early part of that evening for our AGM, but once the formalities are over (which won't take long), it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours in a lovely setting, enjoying delicious 'graze-boards' and a glass of wine.

First class hospitality is going to be provided by the 'Crazy Goat' team. You may have spotted their latest coffee shop in Chorleywood. They're a great addition to the village, and you can find out more about what this quirky business has to offer on page 6. They're a local enterprise that's thriving and has big plans, so we're excited to be partnering with them for our event on 30 September.

Do check out page 7 for further details about these events, and feel free to contact our Events Secretary, Zoe Wright-Browne if you have any questions or would like to join us at any of them – the more the merrier!

Given our focus on events in this edition, we thought it would be interesting to share what Zoe has been busy doing in her 'day job'. Zoe is a pretty special lady, having established a number of children's nurseries locally, she's recently partnered with two equally amazing women to open a nursery for children with additional needs. On pages 4&5 she tells us about Carter, the little boy who inspired this

project, the support they now offer families like his, and their hopes and aspirations to expand their work in the future.

And finally, Roger Trigg, who is kindly covering the LRA Planning Secretary role in addition to his Membership Secretary responsibilities, has provided the latest Planning update which you'll find as ever on the last page.

So that's this edition. We hope you've had a good summer and managed to get away for a break, but even if you haven't, autumnal Loudwater is looking pretty lovely, so enjoy!

Best wishes,

Andrea Marheineke, Editor



LRA club updates

Wine club

The Wine Club held its delayed AGM for year end 2020 on Sunday 30th May. It took place in the garden of Charles and Jo Homewood and was enjoyed by thirty club members. The AGM itself only took around fifteen minutes so everyone was soon able to catch up with each other and enjoy the delicious lunch that Jo had prepared.

Our June event was held in Christine Sterry's garden, the theme being wines to compliment the Thai supper she had prepared. The decor under the gazebos that Charles had erected matched the food too, with hanging lanterns and background music. Mike and Margaret Thorpe had also arranged a quiz for the evening to test out our brain power. Brains were apparently not working too well on our table – we'd have won the wooden spoon had one been available!

The next club meeting we'll be holding is going to be at Don and Stella's house on the evening of Saturday 28th August. This time the wines we'll be sampling are produced in and around Northern Italy. We certainly don't claim to be experts on wine, just the enjoyment part of drinking it.

If this sounds of interest to you, we're always happy to welcome new members to our friendly club. Feel free to contact Carole Timms on 01923 776681 or 07957 132005 or by e-mail: carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk



Golf society: golf day update

I trust all LRA golfers and supporters are keeping safe and well and encouraged by the very positive progress that has been made back towards normality, and more importantly on the golf courses and in sport in general!

Most golf courses are now operating near normally and keen to recover lost revenue from visiting societies but as a result are very busy. Understandably many have increased their charges to try to recover their lost revenue.

I have been in contact with a number of our regular golfers and we're all keen to try to make an event happen

as soon as we can. Finding a date that suits everybody is always difficult and an additional complication is that many of our regulars are trying to catch up on lost holiday time abroad and are away in September and early October.

We're in contact with several local clubs to sound them out about availability of dates for late October. One possible date is Monday 25th October.

The proposed format is to have the golf event in the afternoon with tee times from 1pm, 18 holes with a few drinks after and then to book a local pub / restaurant for supper. This allows us to bring partners or non-golfers along in the evening and enjoy food and some social time together.

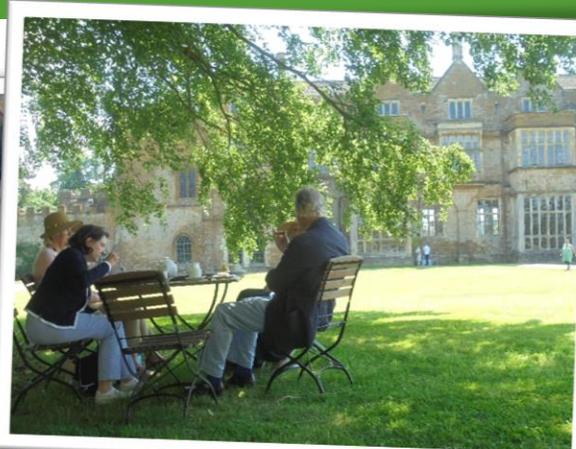
I'll keep all interested parties updated directly by email. If you're interested in joining us for this golf event and haven't let me know, then please register your interest. Just send me an email with your contact details.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

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Garden Club



At last, we're on the road again!

On 23rd June we boarded our bus, exchanging greetings with our regular driver and, dutifully masked and distanced, set out into Oxfordshire to visit two outstanding neighbouring gardens.

Broughton Grange was originally a small farm cottage on the Saye and Sele estate but over time, developed into an estate in its own right. Over the last twenty years its gardens have been transformed, first by leading designer Tom Stuart-Smith, who created the delightful walled garden with its individually themed terraces, the top one a mass of herbaceous planting, the middle one a water garden and the lower one a knot garden which is filled with 5000 tulips in spring, and walls which are covered in climbing roses. On this beautiful sunny day, the garden was a mass of flowers.

After a picnic lunch and coffee and cake, we travelled half a mile up the road to **Broughton Castle**. This manor house is the home of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele whose family have owned it since 1447. There we were given a tour of the moated manor house and then wandered round the beautiful flower borders and rose gardens, and down the lawns to where

the swans glided round the moat. After tea and more cake, we headed for home having enjoyed a lovely day out.

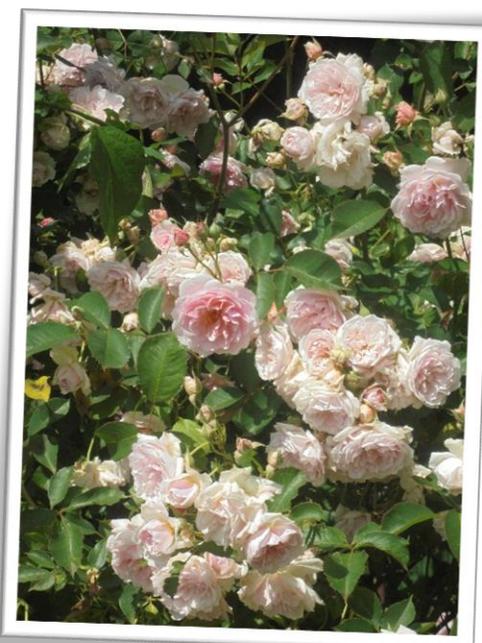
We followed this up with a repeat evening visit to the **Church Gardens at Harefield**. The present owners purchased the old Coach House in 1996 and spent the next two years restoring it. They then set about clearing a garden area filled with builders' rubbish and self-sown trees to discover that they had the remains of the walled kitchen garden of Harefield Place, now long since demolished. Since then they've been restoring and recreating the garden, rebuilding the walls and laying out new planting areas.

We first visited when they initially opened to the public and we were delighted to see the progress the family have made without any outside help or financial assistance. The garden is now full of raised vegetable plots, a long greenhouse and a fruit cage full of soft fruit surrounded by long, colourful herbaceous borders, and alpine and herb gardens. Work continues on creating a lake nearby and they're planting a small arboretum. We spent a very pleasant evening and will be going again in the future.



In September we hope to re-visit the prize-winning gardens at **Coton Manor**. If you enjoy visiting beautiful gardens in good company, why not join us? We always welcome new members. Please feel free to contact me on mum.jarrett@talktalk.net for details.

Margaret Jarrett



Carter's Sunflowers



You may have noticed that we like to profile people in the neighbourhood who are doing extraordinary things. This time we're 'giving the mike' to the LRA's very own Events Secretary, Zoe Wright-Browne. Zoe is passionate about early learning and enabling children with additional needs to thrive and has recently opened an inclusive nursery for those with autism and associated conditions. We asked her to tell us a bit about it and, in particular the story behind its name.

"12 years ago, I began setting up my own group of child care nurseries called 'Jack in the Box'. Along the way I've met many amazing families and children. When Carter walked into my nursery and life my passion to support ALL children became a mission. So many children are being diagnosed with additional needs in their early years but often there's no provision for them to access education at that key stage in their development.

Fast forward and Carter's Sunflowers Nursery School in Welwyn Garden City opened in April 2021. It was created as a result of myself, Lucy (Carter's mum) and Sarah meeting through him. Carter is autistic and learns in a different way to many children. He explores the world with all his senses. He's inquisitive and learns by 'doing'. He doesn't always pick up on the rules of the places he visits and doesn't always understand what adults tell him to do.

Yet he's inspirational - full of energy and always curious.

Carter didn't talk when he started nursery and his understanding of spoken words was limited. He also has sensory sensitivities that make him cover his ears in noisy environments, he jumps up and down and rarely sits still and he explores making sounds when everyone else is quiet. This was met with negativity by many nurseries that his parents visited with him. People didn't understand autism and didn't feel Carter would fit in. At just two years old Carter and his family were facing rejection and having to navigate the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) system on their own to get the support he needed and the education he deserved.

Lucy worked tirelessly to hold down a job within education and find her way through the SEND system to get Carter's needs recognised and to access therapies she knew would benefit him. Then she and I met - I loved meeting him and wanted to support them by putting in place everything he needed to help him learn and provide somewhere he could be himself.

My nursery team and I enjoyed every day with him - his different perspective taught us a lot as he played and learned. I worked closely with Lucy to provide what Carter needed, but it was noisy and busy and while it was a place where Carter coped, we questioned if coping was enough.

But Carter had to cope, he gained an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) at age four but then had to wait for two years before a suitable school place became available. There was nowhere else for him to go so he stayed at our nursery until a space at a specialist setting became available.

During this time Carter worked with Sarah, a Specialist Autism Teacher,

through the Connective Play programme. Lucy invited the adults supporting Carter at nursery along to sessions to help them learn how to develop Carter's communication and play skills, and through this all three of us ladies joined forces.

Lucy Oliveira
Fd Education
Founder
SENCO / Family Support

Sarah Percival
BSc Psychology,
M.Ed Autism
Founder
Specialist Teacher

Zoe Tearle
BA Drama, PGCE
Early Years
Founder
Early Years Teacher

Together we shared our passion for Carter's development and wellbeing. This inspired us to create a space where children like Carter would not just cope but thrive. Where children can develop, learn, flourish and get the care and teaching they need - and where their families feel supported and accepted. A place where children of ALL abilities learn through play.

Our nursery has been designed to encourage communication and interaction. We provide a low arousal environment that enables children to concentrate their attention and learn new skills. We offer a combination of child led play opportunities, small group teaching and 1:1 structured interventions that are specifically designed to focus on the difficulties children face with social communication, shared attention, play and self-regulation.

As part of every child's assessment, we provide an individual education plan as well as a sensory profile which is

incorporated into the session to ensure that they get the sensory input they need to be able to engage with the world around them and develop relationships with others.

The nursery has proved a great success. We're already nearly full - being supported by health visitors and other SEND professionals who are referring children to us daily. Given the evident need, we're now seeking the support of Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) and government to enable us to offer more spaces and the 1:1 support required. At present we don't receive any extra funding but hope to change this and plan to open our second Carter's Sunflowers in Watford in January 2022.

Our nursery is registered for children aged 2-8 - we aim to keep them until they're 8 years old to help with transition into schooling. We know around 400 children in Hertfordshire are currently waiting for such a specialist place - the wait time is 2-4

years. We want to work with HCC to provide for children until this age. There's currently no process in place for this yet it would cost less than specialist provision or 1:1 support in a mainstream school. We'd like to bridge the gap and help those families who are often left no choice but to keep their children at home.

We'd really value the support of Loudwater neighbours in our quest to help some of the most vulnerable children and families in Watford. Watford means a lot to us and has always been our home which makes this next step in our story all the more special.

If you might be interested in hearing more and getting involved, we'd love to talk to you! Please do check out our website and get in touch."

Zoe Wright-Browne

<https://www.carterssunflowers.org.uk/>

Autumn in Loudwater



O..M..Goat!

Amazing coffee always ahead of the curve (with just the right amount of crazy)

Having discovered the quirky 'Crazy Goat' coffee shop in New Road, Croxley Green during lockdown and been really impressed with the quality of their coffee, I was delighted to discover a few weeks ago, that they'd opened in Chorleywood too. While there isn't exactly a shortage of places to get a coffee in our local village, this particular outlet does feel a touch extra special. So, I thought it worth investigating and reporting back.

They claim to be 'a crazy loveable premium coffee brand' – and given that the 'Our people' page on their website profiles Ted the dog as their Head of Security/mascot, it would seem this isn't just marketing spiel! The story behind their name is also worth a read if you have five minutes to explore their [website](#), beginning with "A long time a'goat (around 800AD), there was an Ethiopian goat herder (cue yodelling) called Kaldi...!".

This is not your bland, mass product chain, that's for sure.

Founded by entrepreneur Dan Capel, after he himself fell in love with coffee eight years ago, he describes his business as "an innovative, forward-thinking, fresh-as-ya-like coffee brand that's horns-over-hooves passionate about not just creating exceptional coffee but taking all our customers on a crazy-inspiring journey along the way." Sounds like quite a tall order for a coffee retailer but given their aspirations to create "the coolest coffee chain in the world", those who get on board could well be in for quite a ride.

They obviously like to do things differently but what does that look like beyond flat whites and espressos?

A few initiatives that give a sense of just how passionate they are, include:

- trailblazing the latest coffee trends and developing their own nitro coffee (apparently its huge in Silicon Valley – helping to boost the minds attention span). Who couldn't use some of that?

- ethically sourcing some of the best single-origin coffees from across the globe and running trips to different countries for staff and clients to visit plantations, meet their farmers and better understand the whole process
- offering a wider range of services beyond their shops – from pop-up bars and Crazy Goat trikes; to barista training for team building sessions; and corporate lunches.

They definitely know how to keep busy! Speaking of which, we've signed them up to provide the hospitality for us at our AGM soiree in September (see next page for details about the great new venue we'll be at this time).

As well as Chorleywood and Croxley, they currently have shops in Abbots Langley, Amersham, Chesham, Leverstock and Pinner. Though it would seem this is just the beginning for the Crazy Goat team. It's wonderful to witness local - Hertfordshire based - talent thriving. I look forward to seeing what 'the goat' comes up with next and following the adventure.

The Chorleywood shop is at 14 Lower Road (next to the Coop). If you enjoy really good coffee, I'd definitely encourage you to check them out.



www.crazygoat.co



Dan Capel
Founder & CEO

LRA autumn calendar

- **MacMillan coffee morning** – Friday 24 September
- **AGM and 'social'** – Thursday 30 September
- **Halloween 'fancy dress' walk** – Sunday 31 October
- **Christmas carols or wreath making (you decide!)** – Tuesday 21 December

We're delighted to finally be able to plan some events and are looking forward to the opportunity to have a long overdue catch up with friends and neighbours.

Having held our annual **MacMillan coffee morning** in a socially distanced format in 2020, normal service will resume. Back at Hollytrees in Trout Rise, we'll be drinking tea and coffee, and eating cake for a good cause, raising valuable funds for MacMillan Cancer Research. We'd love it if you could join us on **Friday 24 September** between 10am and 1pm. And if you could contribute a cake or other treat, that would be greatly appreciated too.

We're then heading to Rickmansworth Cricket Club at the bottom of Scott's Hill (Park Road, WD3 1HU) for the **LRA Annual General Meeting** and **'social'** on **Thursday 30 September**. We don't anticipate the official proceedings taking more than 45 minutes, so we'll be able to focus on enjoying the wine, food and chat. The Crazy Goat team will be providing the hospitality and we're excited to be trying out this great new **venue** (as the photos here show). We'll be starting at 7.30pm - though if you'd prefer to just join the social part, that's totally fine! Please let Zoe know if you plan to come (zoetearle@hotmail.co.uk) so we can cater for the right number of folk.

Our **Halloween Walk** has been a firm favorite in recent years, although it



wasn't possible in 2020. It's back on this **Sunday 31 October**, however, so dust off those fancy-dress outfits and bring your children along to Hollytrees, in Trout Rise at 5pm. Alternatively if you live on the Troutstream Estate and would be happy for the children to call on you for some sweets, please put out a pumpkin to let us know it's ok. And thank you in advance for your support.

We also plan to hold a **festive event** just before Christmas. It would be great to hear if you'd enjoy carol singing as we've done before or prefer something creative like a wreath making workshop. Please do let Zoe know and we'll organise accordingly.

We very much hope to see you!

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AGM Agenda (summary)

1. Apologies
2. Approval of 2020 AGM minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Financial matters
6. Events report
7. Membership report
8. Planning and environmental matters
9. The Ol' Trout
10. Community matters: Bridge Club; Wine Club; Garden Club and Golf Society.
11. Members open discussion
12. AOB

Planning update

August 2021

Beechen Hill House, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater WD3 6AA

[Discharge of condition 3 \(Materials\) pursuant to planning permission 20/2394/FUL](#)

Ref. No: 21/1246/DIS | Received: Wed 12 May 2021 | Validated: Wed 12 May 2021 |

Status: Decided

8 Harewood, Rickmansworth WD3 4EZ

[Single storey front extension for porch](#)

Ref. No: 21/1198/FUL | Received: Mon 10 May 2021 | Validated: Wed 19 May 2021 |

Status: Decided

Beech Hill, Trout Rise, Loudwater WD3 4JS

[Demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of a replacement two storey detached dwelling with loft and lower ground floor accommodation](#)

Ref. No: 21/1208/FUL | Received: Mon 10 May 2021 | Validated: Fri 14 May 2021 |

Status: Decided

Caldbec, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4JN

[Replacement of existing windows with uPVC double glazed windows](#)

Ref. No: 21/1206/FUL | Received: Mon 10 May 2021 | Validated: Tue 18 May 2021 |

Status: Pending Consideration

Highfields, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4JN

[Construction of a single storey orangery to the rear](#)

Ref. No: 21/1091/FUL | Received: Wed 28 Apr 2021 | Validated: Thu 13 May 2021 |

Status: Decided

Waverley, Lodge Drive, Loudwater WD3 4PT

[Discharge of condition 3 \(Air Source Heat Pump\) pursuant to planning permission 21/0376/FUL](#)

Ref. No: 21/1483/DIS | Received: Thu 10 Jun 2021 | Validated: Thu 10 Jun 2021 |

Status: Decided

Swandrift, Trout Rise, Loudwater WD3 4JZ

[Part single, part two storey front, side and rear extensions, alterations to roof including increase in ridge height, rear balcony, rear rooflights and creation of a lower ground floor and raised patio](#)

Ref. No: 21/1441/FUL | Received: Mon 07 Jun 2021 | Validated: Tue 15 Jun 2021 |

Status: Pending Consideration

Dalilea, Sarratt Lane Loudwater WD3 4AS

[Demolition of existing store/carport and construction of detached two storey outbuilding including garage/workshop/office and construction of fence along front boundary and part of eastern boundary](#)

Ref. No: 21/1392/FUL | Received: Fri 28 May 2021 | Validated: Wed 02 Jun 2021

Status: Decided

Timberley, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4JN

[Construction of porch canopy, partial conversion of garage and alterations to fenestration](#)

Ref. No: 21/1382/FUL | Received: Thu 27 May 2021 | Validated: Fri 25 Jun 2021 |

Status: Pending Consideration

Tall Pines, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4JN

[Part demolition of front garage, erection three storey front extension \(including lower ground floor\), single storey side extension, replacement front windows, renewal of front steps and replacement driveway surface](#)

Ref. No: 21/1824/FUL | Received: Wed 21 Jul 2021 | Validated: Wed 21 Jul 2021 |

Status: Pending Consideration

Jasmine Cottage, Rooks Hill, Loudwater WD3 4HZ

[Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of three storey front extension incorporating double garage at lower ground floor, part single part two storey front and rear extensions including rear balcony and increase in ridge height](#)

Ref. No: 21/1731/FUL | Received: Mon 12 Jul 2021 | Validated: Thu 29 Jul 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

6 Lower Plantation, Loudwater WD3 4PQ

[Replacement windows and doors in existing openings to match existing](#)

Ref. No: 21/1594/FUL | Received: Thu 24 Jun 2021 | Validated: Tue 06 Jul 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

Polstreath, Bridle Lane, Loudwater WD3 4JQ

[Porch extension to front and external landscape works to frontage](#)

Ref. No: 21/1575/FUL | Received: Tue 22 Jun 2021 | Validated: Mon 12 Jul 2021 |

Status: Pending Consideration

<https://www3.threerivers.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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.