

# The Ol' Trout

Loudwater Residents' Association newsletter



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

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## Loudwater life is back!

Welcome to the Winter 2021 issue.

This edition of the Ol' Trout has been a real pleasure to put together, because there's actually been quite a lot going on in our neighbourhood over the last three months, which is refreshing after the relative inactivity of the last year and a half.

The LRA events programme is back on track – we've had our AGM (mercifully in person this time), been baking for the MacMillan 'World's biggest coffee morning', and the children were able to enjoy a Halloween walk.

Our golf day finally took place after multiple articles promising it was coming when it could! Congratulations to all those who won prizes on their impressive performances. I'm told it was a really enjoyable day and the meal together afterwards with partners was appropriately merry!

Both our Wine Club and Garden Club have also been back in action, you can read about what they've been up to on pages 4 and 5.

As we head towards another jubilee year in 2022, Elaine Bailey highlights an initiative to mark this event which is likely to resonate with residents who enjoy living in a conservation area, and have no doubt especially appreciated the countryside around us over the last couple of years. The Queen's Green Canopy encourages us to 'plant a tree for the jubilee'. With COP 26 having recently closed, it's heartening to recognise that we as individuals can do something like this to contribute to the greater environmental good and get to enjoy the resulting beauty too.

And as work is now underway to build the new cricket pavilion on Chorleywood Common, Erica Bendall brings us an update on the Mission Employable campaign. She also shares details of a couple of festive initiatives that provide an opportunity to participate in their final fund-raising push. Who doesn't like getting Christmas cards? And the Santa Dash provides a chance to offset some seasonal calories (see page 7).

Finally, if you're wondering about the photograph above – it's an original advertising board from the 1930's when the Troutstream Estate was selling new properties and land in Loudwater. It's a lovely piece of our history. And, as came to light at the AGM, it seems that Loudwater's history is a shared topic of fascination for many residents.

Over the months ahead we'd like to respond to this interest by sharing interesting insight from our neighbourhood's past. So if you have knowledge or information about Loudwater history, please do share it with me and maybe we can include it in a future edition of the Ol' Trout.

In the meantime, it just remains to say, enjoy this festive season. We wish you and your loved ones a happy and peaceful time ahead and hope that you can have twice as much fun this year.

Best wishes,

**Andrea Marheineke**  
Editor

## LRA events (at last!) Halloween walk

In 2020 the Loudwater ghosts and ghouls had to have a year off on account of the unmentionable... so this year we were delighted to be able to invite the neighbourhood children to dress up in their favourite fancy dress outfits and join us for our (usually) annual Halloween walk.

As has become the tradition, residents of the Troutstream estate put out their pumpkins (as well as some spooky decorations) to indicate that the children were welcome to knock on their doors, and our band of merry kids enthusiastically set off from house to house to fill their orange buckets with sweets and treats.

Our 'sugar fuelled' crew had a brilliant time, so thanks again to all those who were kind enough to stock up on Halloween goodies and welcome the children. And of course, thanks to our events secretary Zoe, for organising the fun.

## AGM

24 September also saw the return of the 'in person' LRA Annual General Meeting (you can read the [minutes](#) on the LRA website), which we teamed with a bit of a 'social' to enable neighbours and friends to reconnect and catch up.

It proved to be one of our most popular events in recent years (including those before Covid) and around 50 folk joined us at Rickmansworth Cricket Club to



catch up on LRA activity and news, and to enjoy the hospitality provided by the Crazy Goat (coffee shop) team.

There were updates from the LRA committee on their respective areas of responsibility, and the leaders of our various social clubs also provided an insight into what they'd been able to do over these restricted times, and shared how, where possible, they were starting to resume their more usual programmes of activity.

There was lively discussion about how we can raise the profile of the LRA with those moving into the area (hence the flier included with this issue). And Sandy and Diana Parker shared a fascinating aerial photograph of the Rooks Hill area that was taken back in 1935 when development of our neighbourhood was in its early stages.

This sparked much discussion about local history, and we'll be looking to focus on this theme again in future editions of the Ol' Trout. Sandy and Diana are particularly keen to know if others have similar photos hidden away that they might be willing to show us. We'll aim to include a copy of their own picture in the next edition.

Unsurprisingly, it was evident just how passionately residents feel about our community and that they are enthusiastic to know more about its past. There is quite a lot of information on our [website](#) which we'd encourage you to check out, and if you have knowledge of more, please do let us know so we can add to these pages for others to also enjoy.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening. Our thanks again go to Zoe for her hard work in organising and to Anni for chairing the proceedings.



## MacMillan Coffee morning

And as if a Halloween walk and a real-life AGM weren't enough, we were able to resume normal service in raising valuable funds for MacMillan Cancer Support as part of their annual 'World's largest coffee morning'.

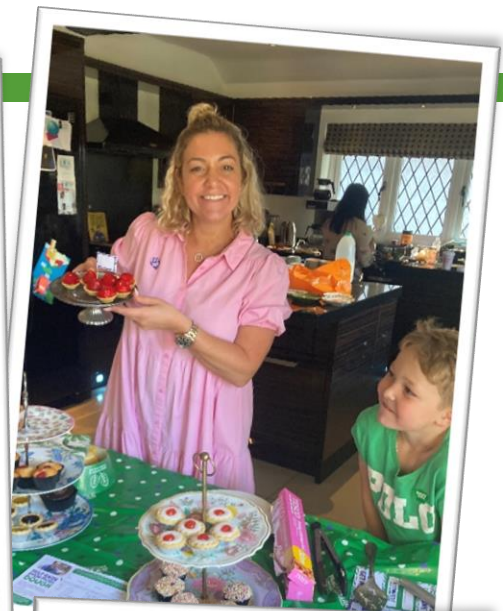
Aside from 2020's take-away/social distancing compliant variation to our usual approach, Zoe, Steve and Roddie Wright-Browne once again welcomed LRA members into their home in Trout Rise to enjoy tea, coffee, homemade lemonade (courtesy of Roddie) and an impressive array of cakes and biscuits.

It was a beautiful day – warm and sunny – so we were able to throw open the terrace doors and enjoy their beautiful garden, indulging and chatting in the sunshine.

It was lovely to once again be able to enjoy each other's company in the name of a great cause. As ever, people were very generous, and we raised a fantastic £428.

Clearly the lockdowns of the last couple of years have provided ample opportunity for people to fine tune their baking skills as the baked goods that folk donated were delicious. And Sarah Wenzel and her family spoilt us with a wonderful contribution from their bakeries.

Huge thanks to Team Wright-Browne for opening up their home to us all, and to everyone that got involved, whether baking, donating or just coming along to support our efforts. A special shout out also to Khurram who once again took a stash to the Troutstream Estate gate house and sold treats to unsuspecting visitors driving into our roads! All in the name of a very worthwhile cause which this year, more than ever, needed our support. Thank you Loudwater.



## LRA club updates Wine club



As the Wine Club is no longer holding meetings at the barn, our recent plans are to get together at fellow members homes, either indoors or in their gardens. Two pop up gazebos have been purchased in order to have shelter from the weather for this purpose.

Don and Stella were the first to try out our new acquisitions in August when they hosted a tasting of Northern Italian wines in their garden. Don excelled himself by not only hosting the event, but also purchasing the wines and talking about the area and the vineyards that the grapes grew in. All rounded off with Jo serving antipasti to compliment the tastings.

Our September event was held at Colin and Carole's, this time we were indoors for a tasting of Spanish wines with a presenter, Mario Moreno who runs a wine school in Rickmansworth.

The next event for the Club members will be our black tie Christmas dinner/dance with entertainer at West Herts Golf Club on 9 December. Future dates for events next year will be decided soon.

If you are interested in joining our friendly group of fellow neighbours, please contact Carole for details on 07957 132005 or e-mail [carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk)



## Golf day

Our long-awaited, highly anticipated golf event finally took place and was a great success. Here are a few pictures from the day.



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## Garden club

On 8 September the club set out to visit one of its favourite gardens, Coton Manor in Northamptonshire. Our previous visit had been in persistent rain, so the prospect of enjoying the garden in warm sunshine was something to savour.

Fortified by coffee in the stable yard café, our members set off and were immediately amazed at the amount of colour still showing at a time when many of our gardens were showing distinct signs of end-of-season.

The garden is on a steep slope which is terraced, each terrace having its own herbaceous border with a different colour scheme.

The first border we came across was a magnificent, formal herbaceous one, planted in repeated clumps which draw the eye along its length. Here the focal plants were pale pink dahlias and wonderful pale mauve asters.

At this time of year the perennials held the stage. This is not a garden of colourful annuals, so the borders shone with colour from perennial salvias, heleniums, eupatoriums, acteas, asters, rudbeckias and sedums.

The planting was skillfully arranged and maintained so that the plants that had finished had been cut down to allow the those in flower centre stage. The backdrop to these wonderful borders is a country house built of local ironstone faced by a small lake.

The garden has a natural spring, source of a stream that runs down one side, serving not only its attendant plants but also some colourful chickens and little brown ducks and a small flock of flamingos! The wildflower meadow at the foot of the garden had run its course and been mowed down to wait for next year's show.



A perfect day was crowned by a smooth, uninterrupted journey down the motorways in contrast to the hold-ups we had seen on the outward trip.

Adding to the pleasure of our outings is the fact that we always get the same cheerful driver, Paul, now an old friend to us all, and a comfortable air-conditioned minibus. We hope to have a full list of new trips ready for the New Year, so, if you would enjoy visiting beautiful gardens in cheerful, friendly company, then do come and join us on our trips next year.

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## The Queen's Green Canopy – Plant a tree for the jubilee

The Queen's Green Canopy is a nationwide tree planting initiative to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee next year. The aim is to create a legacy in honour of her steadfast leadership which will benefit future generations. (you can visit [queensgreencanopy.org](http://queensgreencanopy.org) for full details).

As residents of Loudwater, we are lucky to share our environment with a magnificent collection of trees – we are essentially woodland dwellers! On communally owned estate land alone there are upwards of 500 trees, with hundreds more growing in private gardens.

Trees are the defining feature of the Loudwater Estate and they create that magical, sylvan quality which attracted many of us to live here in the first place. As well as their aesthetic desirability, they play host to whole ecosystems, and they do a fantastic job of absorbing pollution and screening out noise. With the M25 on our doorstep, Loudwater would be a far less attractive place without its trees.

Unfortunately, our trees are under pressure. We lost all our large elms to Dutch elm disease decades ago, and now our ash, another large native species and stalwart of the Loudwater skyline, are under threat from ash die-back. On top of that, there is continuous depletion through on-going development of the Estate.

The Queen's Green Canopy initiative is a fantastic opportunity for the residents of Loudwater to redress the balance. We can help to head off the net loss of trees by planting new ones now in our gardens.



Whatever the size of your plot, there is always space for a tree – it's just a matter of choosing the right one. You may not have room for a mighty oak, but there are many smaller trees which could provide blossom, autumn colour or lovely bark.

If you are interested in joining me to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee', but don't know where to start, I would be delighted to help facilitate that by suggesting suitable varieties for the space you have available. I can advise on where to buy from, and where and how to get your tree planted. The optimum time frame for planting will be from now through to next spring. Once planted, you can enter your tree on the map on the QGC website.

I'd love to hear from anyone who has taken part already, or who would like some help or further information. Simply email me before 16 January 2022.

Let's help celebrate the Queen's Jubilee together by planting a beautiful green legacy.

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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.

## New cricket pavilion

There's great excitement in Chorleywood now that work is underway to build the Cricket Club's new pavilion on the Common. The original 1960's building, which was in bad repair, was demolished in early November.

The new pavilion will enable the Cricket Club to grow and to extend opportunities to play cricket to girls, women and people with disabilities. It will also house a café run by the new charity Mission EmployAble, which, in conjunction with Buckinghamshire College Group, will train young people with learning disabilities, via supported internships.

The café will be open every day to all comers, serving delicious home-made food including snacks, light lunches and afternoon teas, all with magnificent views of the Common.

The project is the culmination of many months of planning and hard work by the Cricket Club, Mission EmployAble and Chorleywood Parish Council, all of whom wanted to create a special place that can be enjoyed by everyone in Chorleywood.

When the founder of Mission EmployAble met the Cricket Club in 2019, they found they had 'a perfect fit' and a joint scheme was launched to raise £2m. We are all aware that building costs have increased and therefore our target has had to be increased to £2.15m, of which £1.9m has been raised already.

A statement issued by the Cricket Club and Mission EmployAble says: "We are delighted that contractors have started work on the new building, which will be a huge asset to cricketers and the community, as well as enriching the lives of young people with a learning disability.

We will work hard to protect the Common during the building works and minimise inconvenience to residents. We really do appreciate your patience while the car park is closed during the build."

Debbie Rosario, Chair of the Parish Council, says "After several years of discussion we are excited that the rebuilding of the Cricket Pavilion and subsequent provision of the charity's cafe can finally go ahead. We look forward to a long and happy partnership with Chorleywood Cricket Club and Mission EmployAble"

The new building is due for completion in autumn 2022.

"Having lived on and around Chorleywood Common for nearly 30 years, it is great to see the old cricket pavilion being rebuilt and put to such good use by the Cricket Club and Mission EmployAble. It will provide a wonderful café for visitors to the Common and employment training for young people with learning disabilities.

It is a win-win situation for all and I am delighted to be able to support this great initiative and congratulate all those involved. I look forward to my morning coffee in the pavilion." said Robert Voss, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire.



## Christmas cards

Mission EmployAble are selling Christmas cards (2 designs) to help raise the remaining funds.

Local illustrator, Lizzy Duncan, has kindly donated her time to produce a wonderful image of the view across the Common, with the new cricket pavilion in the background and a fabulous snowman (sold in packs of 5 for £4.95).

A second design has been created by Mission EmployAble's intern, Joe Wells with two very cheeky penguins on the front carrying a Mission EmployAble wrapped present (sold in packs of 10 for £6.50). For details and to order, visit their [website](#).

## Santa dash

- 11 December 2021, 12-2pm
- On Chorleywood Common opposite Christ Church School

This festive fun run is open to all – children and adults of all abilities and ages. You can run, jog or walk any of the 3 distances on offer 2.5km, 5km or 7.5km.

Every entry will receive a Santa hat and all finishers will receive a chocolate medal and bottle of water. Although the run will not be timed the fastest 3 adults and fastest 3 children will all receive a small prize. Fancy dress is of course optional but we'd love to see the Common full of Santas!

We welcome participants of all ages but will classify children as those under 12 and must be accompanied by a running, walking or jogging adult.

All money raised will be donated to Mission EmployAble and Christ Church primary school PTA.

If you have any queries please contact [erica@missionemployable.co.uk](mailto:erica@missionemployable.co.uk)

## Planning update

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

Demolition of existing side extensions and part demolition of the dwelling and erection of part two-storey, part single-storey, rear and side extensions, first floor front extension, remodelling of first floor level and roof including increase in ridge height, alterations to frontage including extension to drive and new access

Ref. No: 21/2124/FUL | Received: Thu 02 Sep 2021 | Validated: Thu 16 Sep 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

### **8 Armitage Close WD3 4HL**

Construction of detached garage to side of dwelling

Ref. No: 21/1986/FUL | Received: Wed 11 Aug 2021 | Validated: Tue 07 Sep 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

### **Caldbec, Troutstream Way WD3 4JN**

Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension with front and rear dormers serving the first floor accommodation and first floor rear extension

Ref. No: 21/2014/FUL | Received: Fri 13 Aug 2021 | Validated: Tue 07 Sep 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

### **Holly Trees, Trout Rise WD3 4JR**

Demolition of existing garage, part single, part two storey rear extension, first floor balcony, two storey side extension, loft conversion including replacement roof, increase in ridge height and rear dormers, front porch, single storey front/side extension to accommodate a double garage and alterations to driveway

Ref. No: 21/2132/FUL | Received: Fri 03 Sep 2021 | Validated: Thu 16 Sep 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

### **Homewood, Farm Lane WD3 4JX**

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two storey side and rear extension, single storey side extension, creation of new entrance and construction of attached garage with associated hard landscaping

Ref. No: 21/2314/FUL | Received: Fri 01 Oct 2021 | Validated: Tue 12 Oct 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

### **Leavesdale, Lodge Drive WD3 4PT**

Front porch, alterations to front elevation including creation of larger single dormer, alterations to external materials, brick piers to frontage and extension to raised patio including installation of glass balustrades

Ref. No: 21/2291/FUL | Received: Wed 29 Sep 2021 | Validated: Thu 21 Oct 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

### **Sanam, Troutstream Way WD3 4LA**

Part single, part two-storey rear extensions including rear balcony, front canopy porch, alterations to external materials and fenestration and construction of detached garage and associated additional hardstanding.

Ref. No: 21/2156/FUL | Received: Thu 09 Sep 2021 | Validated: Fri 24 Sep 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

### **Swandrift, Trout Rise WD3 4JZ**

Part single storey and part two storey front, side and rear extensions, alterations and extensions to roof, rear balcony, loft conversion including front dormers and rear rooflights and creation of lower ground floor and raised patio.

Ref. No: 21/2358/FUL | Received: Fri 08 Oct 2021 | Validated: Fri 08 Oct 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

### **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