



The Ol' Trout

Loudwater Residents' Association newsletter



WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

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Welcome to the winter 2022 issue

So, Christmas is fast approaching, and we should be able to fully embrace it this year. I trust the run up to the main event is proving special (and not too crazy!) for you.

While the weeks to come will no doubt be hectic for many of us, it seems the last couple of months have been so too for some Loudwater residents – not least cousins Roddie and Elodie (pictured above). They generously took it upon themselves to coordinate this year's MacMillan coffee morning in Trout Rise. Find out how well they did – and the impressive amount they raised for the charity – on page 3.

The Halloween Walk, which is becoming an annual tradition, also took place – slightly early on Sunday 30th, which proved to be a smart move given the weather on the 31st. Read more about the fun on page 3.

On an LRA note, our Annual General Meeting was held back in September. As mentioned in our last edition, it's a time of change for the committee, with

some long-standing members stepping down and new faces joining. So, as well as reporting back on what was discussed at the meeting, we also introduce Louise Price – new LRA Secretary, and Roopal Vora – new Planning Secretary. They recently shared with me what made them want to get involved and told me a little about themselves. Hear what they had to say on page 4.

I'm also delighted to share an article from a new contributor and Loudwater resident, Jane Harrison. A journalist in her former professional life, she has kindly investigated the Sunday market in Rickmansworth for us – it looks worth checking out. Read about what it has to offer and meet a couple of the folk she spoke with who help make it happen.

We also have reports from our clubs; Kerry Rock brings us an update on the River Chess monitoring work that is underway. She also kindly shares the latest from Cure Parkinsons on the legacy tree planting that's taking place at Micklefield Hall, in partnership with

Robert Voss as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative – which is all the more special following her sad passing earlier in the autumn.

Speaking of Cure Parkinsons, Emily Higgins ran the recent London Marathon to raise valuable funds for them, while her father Pete ran for Mission EmployAble. Huge congratulations to them both! (Read the Cricket Pavilion latest on page 7).

Putting pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) to draft this edition has been a little poignant as I prepare to retire from my editor role. After five years it's time for me to step back and make space for someone else. The LRA committee are keen to fill the position so if you might be interested, do get in touch with one of them. It's a lovely way to meet other Loudwater folk and to find out what's going on in our beautiful neighbourhood. For the time being though, the Ol' Trout will be issued on a more ad-hoc basis.

And from me, it's a goodbye and thanks for reading! Best wishes, as ever
Andrea Marheineke, Editor



The junior squad takeover the MacMillan Coffee Morning!

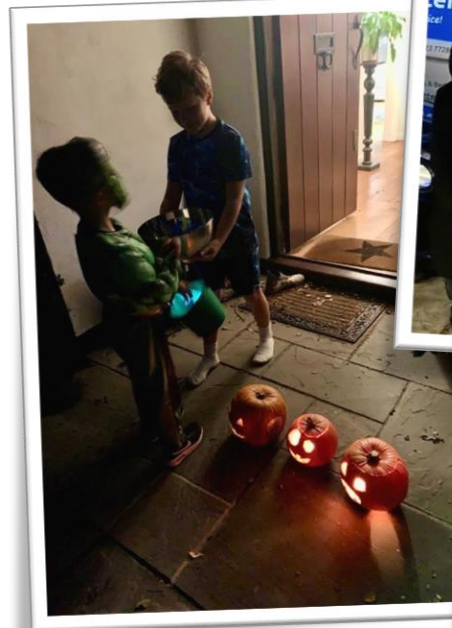
Supporting the World's Largest Coffee Morning, MacMillan Cancer Research's flagship annual fund raising initiative, has become a much enjoyed Loudwater event. This year it was looking in doubt, until budding entrepreneur, Roddie Wright-Browne stepped up and insisted on organising it. He drafted in help from cousins Elodie and Louis, and neighbour Tayla, and with support from his dad Steve, grandparents Margaret and Peter, and family friend Jenny - made it happen!

Together they raised an incredible £840! They set up a take-away stall at the top of Trout Rise selling Roddie's signature home-made lemonade, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and a delicious array of baked treats. Many supplied by them, and supplemented with contributions from kind neighbours.

The youngsters were very switched on promoting the event – providing very specific instructions for sharing photos of the goodies on our local social media and making sure we were very clear about the location (these children

will go far!). Their efforts paid off, with lots of residents stopping by and enjoying a chat with neighbours in the sunshine as they tucked into the pastries, cakes and more.

Huge congratulations to them for raising an impressive amount of money for such a great cause!



Halloween walk 2022

Community spirit took a fun, spooky turn on Sunday 30 October, as many Troutstream Estate children and parents donned their best Halloween dress-up. Instigated by Vidushi, and eagerly support by other residents who either decorated their homes (Scott's and Upstream got a shout out as being particularly impressive!), or put out pumpkins to signal they were open to visitors and armed with lots of sweets.

The group gathered at the postbox at 5pm, and having fuelled-up with tea and biscuits courtesy of Lynn Viccars in her front garden opposite, they set off.

Once again, residents were very generous and hospitable in welcoming their young visitors. The children had a brilliant time and returned to their homes with a sizeable stash of sweets.

Thank you to everyone who got involved. It's wonderful to see these opportunities for neighbourhood fun so eagerly supported.



LRA club updates

Loudwater bridge club

The club has resumed its alternate Wednesday evening meetings at Loudwater Farm following its COVID break. Members have really enjoyed meeting one another again after such a long time. Indeed, to some extent, the bridge playing acts as a social glue rather than simply a playing of the game. We continue to play Chicago bridge, which is the least demanding version of the game and allows for quiet conversation at each of the tables. And, of course, the evening mid-break for coffee and biscuits affords the opportunity for further social chatter.

The prize wine adds a fillip to the conclusion of the play, particularly as the determinant of the winning score is chosen by chance from a selection of possibles. So, the club provides a very enjoyable way to meet your neighbours, oh, and also to play relaxed bridge.

Please do come and join us!

Best wishes, John Toy

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Loudwater wine club

Recent wine tastings

Firstly I would like to thank Andrea for presenting us with an amazing, informative and attractive Ol' Trout for the last five years; she has done a great job and will be missed.

In August our club held a tasting of Italian wines in Don and Stella's garden, it was a pleasant balmy evening. Presenter, Giusy, specialises in Italian wines and we compared Northern versus Southern regions - a lovely evening was enjoyed by all.

The September tasting explored Spanish/Portuguese wines with an excellent speaker, Quentin Sadler. This was held in the garden room at Steve and Linda's. We had planned to use the club gazebo on their patio, but due to the awful weather that evening, we had a rethink and all thankfully managed to fit in the room.

We'll shortly be holding our AGM at Charles and Jo's where Jo will prepare lunch for us afterwards.

In December we're going to West Herts Golf Club for our annual Christmas black tie dinner/dance with entertainment.

If you like wine and friendly, sociable company, why not join us?

Contact Carole at carolecolin@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07957 132005 for more information.



Loudwater garden club

We set out on 21 September in glorious sunshine for our last trip of the year, beginning at Aston Pottery near Oxford, where we arrived in time for coffee and home-made cake, before a tour of the garden. Aston Pottery is a working pottery, with a large range of very attractive table ware for sale, but it is also surrounded by a garden consisting of colourful, seasonal borders. It being September, the autumn borders were a brilliant mass of dahlias of every shade mixed with a huge range of other late-flowering plants.

We then moved on to visit Waterperry Gardens, where we lunched in its excellent tea shop and then had a pleasant wander round its eight acres of beautiful, landscaped gardens - also ablaze with autumn colours. A lovely day out, enjoyed by all.

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LRA Annual General Meeting

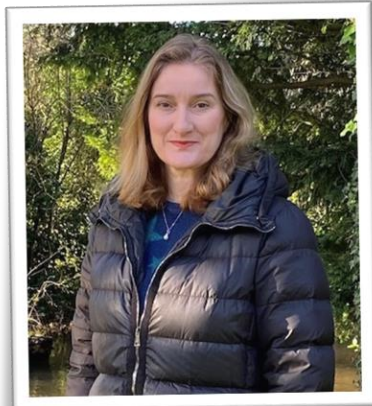
On **Tuesday 20 September** the LRA AGM took place at The Junction, Christchurch. As ever, the committee members and LRA club leaders kindly reported back on activity for their respective areas over the last 12 months.

A key area of discussion was the future of the LRA – it's a time of change for the committee, with Zoe (Events Secretary) having resigned in the summer and Anni (Secretary) and Andrea (Ol' Trout Editor) stepping down at the end of the year. It was great to be able to share that we have two new committee members – Louise Price is taking over the LRA Secretary role, and Roopal Vora is going to be the new Planning Secretary. Both were formally elected and their appointments universally carried. Roger Trigg was also re-elected as Membership Secretary.

The committee is however still short of a Chairman, Events Secretary and Ol' Trout Editor – so there was discussion about the extent of activity that would be viable without these roles filled. It was agreed that the LRA could continue although the committee wouldn't organise any events until Zoe was replaced, and the Ol' Trout would be issued on an ad hoc basis (rather than quarterly) until a new Editor was in place.

The full AGM minutes are available to view [here](#). If you're interested in joining the LRA committee in any of the roles available, please do contact one of the team. Our thanks go to Anni Sweet for chairing the meeting, and indeed for all her hard work over the last eight years.

Introducing Louise



Anni Sweet, who has done a fantastic job as LRA Secretary since 2015, has now handed over the role to Louise Price.

Louise has lived in Loudwater for five years, although her in-laws have been residents of Trout Rise for some 40 years, so she has long since had connections with our neighbourhood.

A trained solicitor and member of the Chorleywood Parish Council, she has considerable, valuable skills and knowledge to bring to the committee. We're enormously grateful that on hearing of our need, she got in touch to offer her help. She told me that her family are very emotionally invested in Loudwater (though now living in Australia, her mother-in-law still plays Bridge online with Loudwater friends!) and felt it was important that the LRA continue.

When asked what she was looking forward to most, in joining the committee, Louise said she was excited about working with the team to support the neighbourhood to thrive. We're thrilled to have her on board.

Welcome Louise!

Introducing Roopal



Roopal Vora has kindly taken on the Planning Secretary role. Having covered it on an interim basis, alongside his Membership Secretary responsibilities, Roger Trigg has been showing her the ropes. This edition's planning update on page 8 comes courtesy of the two of them.

Like Louise, Roopal has a substantial skillset to bring to the committee. Her professional life has seen her clock up 25 years of experience working for esteemed financial institutions, and she currently works as a mortgage and protection strategist. So - the world of planning is of particular interest.

Having spent many years fairly local to Loudwater, she said she recognises the importance of preserving the beauty and heritage of the area. And though what she brings to the team is different to her predecessor Mike Sindic, who was a Chartered Surveyor, she's looking forward to working with the committee to help keep members informed about planning related matters.

Welcome Roopal!

We know your area,
because it's our area too.



Rickmansworth market



New life has been breathed into Rickmansworth High Street thanks to a monthly market that has something different to offer traders and shoppers.

Run by the Rickmansworth Town Team and Batchworth Community Council, this is an innovative plan to invigorate the town centre without impacting local traders.

It is funded by the European Regional Development Fund to the tune of £93,000 and stallholders who pay £25 for a gazebo covered space.

Nina Hosking is founding director of the RTT, which was formed in 2013, to organise events to give the town a boost. It enhanced Rickmansworth's Victorian Evening, which had been running since 1992 and was later renamed the Rickmansworth Winter Fair, and organised regular visits by French market 'France at Home'.

Nina said their aim was to offer a market with a difference after the idea was put forward by two friends, Shelly Trigg and Nikki Flifel who wanted a sustainable market in the town centre.

Nina said: "People expect a local market to only offer tat. This market is nothing like that. I thought how come other towns have different markets and we don't?"

"We have been surprised at the support from the public. We wanted to keep fees low, particularly through Covid and it's really good value."

Cllr Andrea Fraser, chairman of Batchworth Community, created in 2017, said: "We realised through Facebook and various contacts like Shelly and Nikki there were a lot of people who wanted to run a sustainable market.

"We wanted to bring life back into the high street. People want to shop for things they can get on Amazon but in a sustainable way. They want to buy with a social conscience. "

Stallholders have included pre-loved clothes, artisan bread and cheese, sustainable candles and essential oils and ethical brownies and crystals. Stallholders are vetted but mainly to ensure good quality and a varied mix.

Stallholder Vicky Westhead has held her hand-made bath bombs and soap stall three times. She said:

"I started this at home when I was furloughed and thought it would be good to try face to face. People really seem to like it because it's all organic and it's lovely and busy here."

Natalie Samuel, Jan Blackwell and Christine Baxter sell fabric, haberdashery and cushions on a joint stand. Natalie said: "I sell sustainable gift bags and people really like that. We get a good reaction and we are seeing the same faces coming back."

Nina and Andrea said there had only been positive feedback from shoppers and traders who said it brought a real buzz to the high street and encouraged more visitors.

Louise Woollams, an assistant in Wenzels said: "It brings more people to the area and is really great. I don't think it affects other shops. We all really like it."



The market, which was launched in April, takes place on the last Sunday in every month from 11am to 3pm. A gazebo, tables, weights and table covers are included in the charge. If you're interested in having a stall, go online to: Rickmansworthevents.co.uk. Otherwise, do pop down to check it out - it would be great to support.

Jane Harrison

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Planting for a cure at Micklefield Hall

Cure Parkinson's has launched **Planting for a Cure**, a new campaign which will allow up to 500 trees to be planted and dedicated to those who have pledged to leave a gift to Cure Parkinson's in their Will. The Planting for a Cure woodland has been kindly donated by Anna and Jamie Rankin, the owners of Micklefield Hall in Sarratt.

The woodland is a dedicated area, created to recognise the gifts made by donors to Cure Parkinson's and also in recognition of the Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The woodland lies within the stunning grounds of the Micklefield Hall estate.

On Monday 14 March, the campaign was launched at Micklefield as Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Robert Voss planted the final tree in the ground.

Planting for a Cure is quite literally bringing Cure Parkinson's back to its roots, as Micklefield Hall has long-term connections with the charity. In its early years, Cure Parkinson's was run by a small team from an office on the estate. The charity is hugely grateful to Anna and Jamie for maintaining this wonderful connection and donating the land.

When a pledge is made to leave a legacy in a Will, a tree in the wood will be dedicated to the donor or their loved one. The name will also be inscribed on a tablet to be erected at the entrance to the wood. Twice a year, the woodland will be opened for guests to see how their commitment is helping to change both the natural landscape, and the landscape of research into a cure for Parkinson's. The tree planting is also on the walking path to Sarratt so anyone who wants to can walk through it.

Helen Matthews, Deputy CEO of Cure Parkinson's, said: "We are leaving no stone unturned to find cures for Parkinson's. We hope that before the trees in our legacy wood have grown too many inches, we will be able to share encouraging breakthroughs."

Anna Rankin added: "We are thrilled to help this wonderful charity. We have been involved with Cure Parkinson's since its launch here in 2005 so we feel a special connection. We also love trees (and the Queen!) so this is definitely a win win project for us."

To find out more about Planting for a Cure, please visit:

www.cureparkinsons.org.uk/planting-for-a-cure

River Chess monitoring

The River Chess is a key focus of Thames Water's Smarter Water Catchment initiative, which is now in its second year (<https://chesssmarterwatercatchment.org/>).

During a meeting in May 2022, residents expressed concerns about the cloudiness of the river water, siltation of the riverbed, and a perception of reduced fish life. So Loudwater has been prioritised for monitoring, and in October 2022 we installed a sonde in the river which records different aspects of water quality at fifteen-minute intervals.

Chalk streams are known for their clear water, and riverbeds comprising gravel-sized material. Rain falling on paved surfaces can wash silt and sand-sized material into the river causing cloudiness, and infilling the gravel which is important for river life to survive. The sonde contains a sensor to measure the clarity of the water, which will enable us to track episodes when the river water turns cloudy, to assess the extent to which transport of fine sediment might be a problem in the area. In addition, we've installed a small sediment trap in the river so we can estimate the quantity of sediment suspended in the river water



that passes through Loudwater each month.

We've also teamed up with the Environmental Research Group at Imperial College London to analyse water samples for 'emerging contaminants of concern'. These are chemicals that are a potential threat but are not included in statutory monitoring.

When considering river health, it's important to look at water quantity, quality and the natural habitat for wildlife. The Smarter Water Catchment programme has enabled us to trial a new technique called 'SmartRivers' (see <https://wildfish.org/project/smart-rivers/>) which uses invertebrate surveys to assess factors that might be impacting on life in the river. For example, surveys at Loudwater indicate that the diversity of fly life is low for a chalk stream, and that there is some pressure from phosphorus enrichment. Further surveys in Spring and Autumn in 2023 will help us better understand the pressures here. Other activities that we would like to undertake in 2023 include a 'Modular River Survey' to assess the quality of riverbank and in-stream habitat; and a water quality blitz to analyse phosphate concentrations through the area.

If you would like to find out more or join our efforts, then please contact us at chesscs@chilternaonb.org.

Cricket pavilion opening soon

It has been a year in construction but the wonderful new pavilion at Chorleywood Cricket Club (CWCC) is nearing completion. On 25 October 2021 work started to create this much-needed improved cricket facility enabling the cricket club to grow and extend opportunities to girls, women and people with disabilities. The new building houses Café on the Common, an innovative new venture from local charity Mission EmployAble who train young people with learning disabilities to find paid employment.

The project has been a culmination of hard work by the Cricket Club, Mission EmployAble and Chorleywood Parish Council.

"We would like to thank everyone involved in our club and residential community for waiting patiently" said Steve Dunning, Chair, Chorleywood Cricket Club.

Councillor Debbie Rosario, Chair of the Parish Council, added "The Parish Council is delighted that the completion of the pavilion is in sight. We look forward to the expansion of cricket opportunities on the Common in 2023 and seeing the excellent work undertaken by Mission EmployAble continuing in the heart of our community."

There has been a final push for funds recently for The Willow Tree, a bespoke art installation now installed at the entrance of the Club. Families and friends of CWCC and the charity can still buy a dedicated leaf.

The clubhouse will open very soon for members with the Café on the Common due to open its doors mid-December.

Look out for news of opening dates at www.cwcricket.org.

And for more information on the tree visit tickets.mp/willowtree

Erica Bendall



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Planning update: Nov '22

Arlesey House, Rooks Hill, Loudwater WD3 4HZ

Conversion of loft to habitable space including rear dormer windows, demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a detached dwelling including lower ground floor and loft accommodation served by dormer windows, detached garage and associated works

Ref. No: 22/1712/FUL | Received: Mon 12 Sep 2022 | Validated: Thu 22 Sep 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration

Arlesey House, Rooks Hill, Loudwater WD3 4HZ

Two storey side extension

Ref. No: 22/1024/FUL | Received: Fri 27 May 2022 | Validated: Fri 27 May 2022 | Status: Decided

Burnside, Troutstream Way, Loudwater WD3 4LB

Installation of rear dormer

Ref. No: 22/1445/FUL | Received: Fri 29 Jul 2022 | Validated: Mon 12 Sep 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision | Status: Decided

Cool Bananas, Bridle Lane, Loudwater WD3 4JH

Demolition of existing side carport and storage building, construction of single storey side/rear extension and two storey side extension incorporating a garage and alterations to boundary treatment

Ref. No: 22/1320/FUL | Received: Mon 11 Jul 2022 | Validated: Mon 11 Jul 2022 | Status: Decided

Dalilea, Sarratt Lane, Loudwater WD3 4AS

Replacement of existing gate with a new gate.

Ref. No: 22/1321/FUL | Received: Mon 11 Jul 2022 | Validated: Fri 29 Jul 2022 | Status: Decided

Loudwater House, Little Wing, Loudwater Drive, Loudwater WD3 4HN

Two storey side extension

Ref. No: 22/1593/FUL | Received: Mon 22 Aug 2022 | Validated: Fri 02 Sep 2022 | Status: Decided

Loudwater House, Little Wing Loudwater Drive Loudwater WD3 4HN

Two storey front extension and connection to existing single storey outbuilding.

Ref. No: 22/1593/FUL | Received: Mon 22 Aug 2022 | Validated: Fri 02 Sep 2022 | Status: Decided

Loudwater House, Little Wing, Loudwater Drive, Loudwater WD3 4HN

Part single, part two storey rear extensions; garage conversion into a habitable room; alterations to fenestration; construction of new balcony and two juliet balconies to the rear.

Ref. No: 22/1023/FUL | Received: Fri 27 May 2022 | Validated: Tue 21 Jun 2022 | Status: Decided

Loudwater House, Loudwater Drive, Loudwater WD3 4HN

Installation of 3 roof lights to the rear roof slope.

Ref. No: 22/1230/FUL | Received: Mon 27 Jun 2022 | Validated: Fri 15 Jul 2022 | Status: Decided

Owl Cottage, Bridle Lane, Loudwater WD3 4JQ

Single storey rear and side extension including alterations to fenestration, front and side dormers, roof lights, alterations to external materials, replacement of roof tiles; construction of outbuilding and new patio and steps.

Ref. No: 22/0867/FUL | Received: Tue 10 May 2022 | Validated: Mon 23 May 2022 | Status: Decided

River View, Loudwater Lane, Loudwater WD3 4HP

Alterations to landscaping works to front garden including new stepped access and retaining walls

Ref. No: 22/1516/FUL | Received: Tue 09 Aug 2022 | Validated: Tue 09 Aug 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision.

Troutstream Gate, Kingfisher Lure, Loudwater WD3 4ET

Installation of 3no. roof lights to the rear roof slope

Ref. No: 22/1620/FUL | Received: Thu 25 Aug 2022 | Validated: Tue 13 Sep 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration

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