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AND SURROUNDING AREAS AND OUR VISITORS

LEE & LINK'EM NEWS

AUTUMN 2005

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LEE AND LINCOMBE – AUTUMN/WINTER 2005 VILLAGE DIARY

Monday 24 October 7.00pm	'Heart start': how to cope with medical emergencies – Village Hall. Phone Mavis Rogers (862947) if you would like to take part
Sunday 30 October 10.00am	Joint service for Lee, Mortehoe and Woolacombe – St Matthew's Church
Saturday 5 November 6.30pm	Bonfire and fireworks, followed by supper – Chapel Cottage meadow and Village Hall. Tickets (essential for supper) from The Grampus or phone Lesley Mulcahy (862622)
Wednesday 7 December 6.30pm	Christmas Bingo Night—Village Hall
Monday 19 December 6.30pm	Village Carol Service – St Matthew's Church, followed by mulled wine and refreshments in the Village Hall
Saturday 24 December 10.00pm	Christmas Communion Service – St Matthew's Church
Various dates	Live entertainment at The Grampus: look out for announcements

If you would like anything included in the diary for the next issue, please contact the editors (see back page)

GREETINGS AND FAREWELLS

In August, Mary Newcombe moved from Sunnyside to Little Torrington, ending the direct connection of her family with the house which has been in the family since it was built in the 19th century. Mary's father, John Giddey, was born in the house and Mary has spent a good part of her life there as well. Mary and the Giddey family have made an immense contribution to the village. John was Churchwarden for over 50 years and Mary has undertaken numerous roles in the church. Both of them were much involved with the Village Hall, Mary being secretary for many years. Outside the village, Mary was a Guide leader and was particularly associated with the Friends of the Tyrell Hospital. Mary will be missed greatly but intends to keep in touch with her many friends here. The new owner of Sunnyside is the son of Andrew and Angela Ailes who own the nearby Myrtle Cottage, so the Ailes' family connection with the village is strengthened.



During October, the village also bids farewell to Jean and Michael Jones of High Banks in Lincombe when they move to the Isle of Wight where they lived when first married and where their son, Andrew, lives now. Jean was born in Lee 78 years ago and, although she hasn't lived here quite all her life, she has lived in no less than 5 homes in the village! Life started at Lee Post Office (now the Fuchsia Tea Rooms and Eliots), home of her parents, her older brother Lionel and the rest of the Hill family. Jean and Michael's early married life took them elsewhere, but they returned to Lee and Lincombe, firstly to Pludd Cottage, then Sea View before crossing the valley to Damage Hue for many years. Finally, about 8 years ago, they moved to High Banks. We all wish Jean and Michael the best of luck for the future and thank them for all they have done for the village over many years.

By a happy coincidence, the new owners of High Banks will be Pat and Tony Seymour who are moving from the Fuchsia Tea Rooms and Eliots where Jean was born. So, although Pat and Tony will no longer be running the tea rooms and self-catering businesses, they will still be in the village and continuing their valuable contributions to village life. New owners will be moving into the Fuchsia Tea Rooms and Eliots in due course.

We are not aware of any others who have moved into or out of the village since the last edition was published. We apologise if anyone has been left out – please let us know and we shall make amends in the next edition. We are, however, sorry to report the death in Portugal of Saras Harman of Dane Cottage; although Saras and Gordon have spent much of their time abroad in recent years, she will be missed by those in the village who knew her. We send our condolences to Gordon and the family.

NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Summer brought the usual influx of visitors to the church both during the day when it is open and at the Sunday morning service. Thanks to Carol Porton's very kind co-operation in opening the church and keeping an eye on it whilst her craft shop is open, large numbers of visitors are able to enjoy its peace and beauty. Many visitors express their appreciation of the church's unique charm. As an innovation this year, to coincide with the August Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the Village Hall, additional flower arrangements were placed in the church by the Friends of St Matthew's and I arranged for 8 different organists to play the organ for a time on most afternoons. Both the flowers and the organ playing were also much appreciated by visitors.

Harvest Festival on September 18th was a great success as usual. The celebrations in church, with the singing led by the choir of volunteers who come along so willingly, were followed by a splendid supper in the Village Hall. The collection, plus an addition from church funds, enabled £200 to be sent to the Calvert Trust.

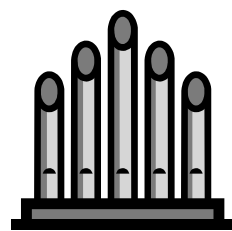
Instead of the usual service at 8.45 am, on Sunday October 30th, one of the regular joint services with Woolacombe and Morteohoe will take place. This one is in St Matthew's Church; the service starts at 10.00 am, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Thoughts are already turning to Christmas and, as always, everyone is most welcome to join the services at this festive time. There are two particularly special occasions – on Monday December 19th at 6.30 pm and on Christmas Eve Saturday December 24th at 10.00 pm.

On December 19th, the church and the Village Hall committee are joining forces for what we hope will be a splendid village occasion. As an innovation this year, there will be a village Carol service in church at 6.30 pm, followed at about 7.30 pm by festivities in the Village Hall. Although details have yet to be worked out, we hope the Carol service will appeal to everyone with a good mix of traditional and modern carols, some readings, some other music and, hopefully, hand-bell ringing. The emphasis will be on making it a village occasion to encourage everyone – young and old – to come along to enjoy themselves. After the service, as Mavis Rogers says in her piece about the Village Hall, 'there will be a seasonal mix of good company, mulled wine and refreshments'. If anyone is interested in making a particular contribution to the Carol service or joining the hand-bell ringers, please let me or Cynthia know as soon as possible.

On Christmas Eve, there will be the traditional Christmas Communion service at 10.00 pm taken by the Vicar. In a packed candlelit church, with well-loved hymns and carols led by the choir, this is always a memorable occasion and a fitting start to Christmas Day itself. If you have been before, you know what to expect. If you haven't been before, do come along. Everyone of all Christian traditions or none is welcome to take communion if they wish, or simply to enjoy and take part in the service.

Ian Stuart – Vice-Chairman, St Matthew's Church PCC



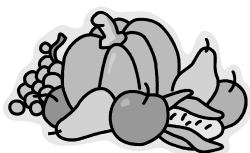
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MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD AT PLUDD

I was one of those babies who arrived at Pludd in late November 1932 – by the stork and left under the gooseberry bush nearest to the back door!

I was rescued by my grandparents – Granfer Dick and Grandma Lilly-Anne Kift. My memories of Pludd are very happy - the lovely old cottage – with its large dairy, kitchen with its Range and lovely blue slate floor – a long passage which led to the old Pump House – with the Copper in the corner and always a bowl of water on a stool to wash our hands. Outside was the yard with a huge Mangle – then to the left up two steps, was the drinking-water Pump which led to the garden.

Work was hard in those days. My grandmother not only looked after me, but had two of her own children still at home, Betty and Glenys, plus the Lodger, Alfie Short.

Everything was so regimented. Every day had its set chores and Monday, being washday, is the one I remember most. Sunday evenings after Chapel, it was routine to line the passage with piles of clothes – whites – blacks. Then it was a case of filling buckets with water from the stream to fill the Copper, then fetch the wood to lay the fire ready for “the off” on Monday morning.

I can still see the sheets billowing on the line after their Reckets Blue rinse! All the hot water left from wash day was used to sterilise the potties. Potties of all sizes were lined up to be scalded, then off we went to the “lavvy” which was at the front of the cottage for its weekly scrub. Pludd had the most enormous garden and Granfer used to grow all our own fruit and veg. All water for non-drinking purposes was brought from the stream – drinking water was from a pump at the rear of the Cottage – I had to go up two steep steps with the buckets before I started pumping.

Pludd had ceased to be a working farm but there were lots of animals still around - all the outbuildings were there; the small barn housed bullocks. The big barn was unused except for the top part which was used for sheep-shearing, the lower part was a wonderful play area and happy hunting ground for the chickens as they roamed around.

Other than wash day, I suppose Sundays have lingering memories of Pludd for me because of (what seemed to me as a child) an endless walk up and down the hill to Chapel. Granfer Dick was Caretaker-cum-General-Factotum and everything seemed so regimented and frightening. That said, it was a beautiful building. Mr and Mrs Baker from the farm at Lincombe had a very great influence. I remember the musty smell from the Sunday School Room, the lovely parties we had there, the white china with its gold band around the cups – the huge Urn that Granfer Dick made the tea from and, most of all, the Cut Rounds with jam and cream! As you can see, as a child, I got my priorities right!

Last year, my daughter Kaye & I were kindly invited to visit the Chapel by the present owner and I was amazed to see inside.

The excitement of the year for Betty & I was when the Hunt – Red Jackets (“Pinks”) and all, came down the front of Pludd, passed between the cottages and outbuildings, through a small gate, over the stream up and over the steep field at the back and “away-to-go”!

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I can't recall who lived at Whitestone Farm, but Pam Short and her parents lived at No 1 Whitestone and Fred Dyer with his daughters, Queenie & Phyllis at No 2. That area is now unrecognisable, with Fred's old chicken run (now long gone) replaced by a bungalow and its garden together with Whitestone Cottages both of which have large extensions.

Like everybody from Lincombe I started my school days at Lee. I cannot remember many of my class mates – Mary Giddy is one that I can – she being just a few days older than me. I would love to know if anybody has any school photos of that era, especially with me and my contemporaries in it. When the School closed around 1936 it meant a long trek into Ilfracombe where I attended the Church Infant School.

Another distinct memory is of the bus which could never make the Chapel Hill, so all passengers had to walk the hill, while the bus chugged its way up, with steam oozing from the radiator. The bus and its passengers were reunited at the top of New road (where the road meets the lane going down to Whitestone).

Sadly my grandmother died in 1941, so my life at Pludd came to an abrupt end, when my grandfather and Betty moved to Slade.

I had a few nomadic years, but then I returned to Whitestone for a while and, as money was short, I worked at The Fuchsia Glen Tea Gardens, then owned by Mr Caruthers Bell, during the summer holidays. It was busy but fun and I always admired all the felt items (bags, belts, etc all with the fuchsia motif) which were displayed in "The Case" by the lane – expensive items to a child of eleven – but lovely.

I ended my nomadic life when I went to Barnstaple Technical School (as it was known in those days) and I was billeted with the Tucker family of Barnstaple – by coincidence Mr "Ding Dong" Bell's parrot was in residence to "learn how to behave" as Mr Tucker was a keen bird fancier. I stayed with the Tucker family and, eventually, 12 years later, married their son, Roy. He was in the Fleet Air Arm and we travelled extensively during his many years of service, later working for British Aerospace.

Immediately following his death in 1987 I returned to Lee, with my daughter, to find some solace. It was a changed place but still as tranquil as ever and it will always remain my home.

Dorothy May Tucker (née Kift)



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Our thrice-yearly newsletter is free to all residents, and available to non-residents at 50p from The Grampus Inn and The Old Schoolroom Craft Shop.

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MAKE POVERTY HISTORY IN LEE

A coffee morning on 25th June was organised to inform local people and visitors of the Make Poverty History campaign: It pleads for TRADE JUSTICE – for a more equitable world, DROP THE DEBT – for lifting the strangling grip, and MORE & BETTER AID – for really helping the poor and not just targeting our own interests.

Many residents got involved by either helping on the day or by donating some of their delicious home-made cakes and biscuits or prizes for the raffle. Thank you so much to all who participated, came or even donated money but could not be present. Overall the event raised £106.89 which was donated to Practical Action (was ITDG). This charity works all over the world, directly with small communities. This grassroots approach prevents the waste of funds and time, which often occurs on the long chain between big charities and those in need. Using local resources and skills, volunteers from all backgrounds help villagers help themselves by providing training, engineering support and funds, so that they may become more self-reliant.

Both the G8 summit in July and the UN talks in September sadly confirmed the unreadiness of the world leaders to tackle global poverty. Despite this disappointment, this should just show how much each of us MUST make the change happen. We can alleviate poverty by using our money diligently. We can prefer to buy fairly traded goods here – at the local Coop, health food shops or Fair's fair in Barnstaple's Bear Street – or by mail order. We can – even ought to?! – make our savings through ethical investments, for at present our money may well be used to fund business which we may totally disagree with – e.g. weapons, tobacco, fast food, pornography and so on... Each of our actions will bring us either closer to justice or closer to misery, and it is no big effort, is it? Please allow me now to quote once more these wise words:

“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an ACT OF JUSTICE. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life. While poverty persists, there is no true freedom” Nelson Mandela.

Yvan Maurel

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LEE & LINCOMBE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank the residents of Lee and Lincombe for their wholehearted support for 2005 thus far. An unprecedented number of households have subscribed to the Association, and although the Committee has endeavoured to contact everyone, there are some who have not been reached but may wish to join up and support the Committee in their work.

The Residents' Association is now in its 40th year and is dedicated to upholding the traditional values of this unique village. We feel that it is important to maintain a strong voice against the threat of undesirable changes and to continue to take up matters that affect us all in an effort to maintain the quality of life of the residents. We can only achieve this with the support of the residents of Lee and Lincombe and it is with this in mind that we ask, if you would like to support the efforts of the Residents' Association, that you become a member by forwarding the annual subscription of £3.00 per household to one of the Committee members listed below. A receipt will be provided.

Please note that the agenda for our Committee meetings is posted on the Village Notice Board in the car park alongside the Memorial Hall around one week before the meeting. This is to enable residents to raise matters of concern with a Committee member. Summary minutes of the Committee meeting are displayed shortly after the meeting.

The current Committee members are shown below for your information:

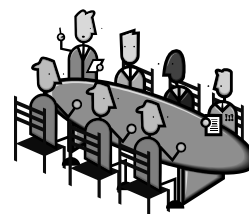
David Beer (2 Whitestone Cottages)	864317
Eric Couling (Rose Cottage)	863257
Jim Hawkins (Wall Garden Cottage)	865499
Paul Jagers (Pludd Cottage)	862975
Yvan Maurel (Woodstock)	879477
Colin Wright (Ulfrid)	864485

Thank you again and we welcome you to join us at the AGM next year.

Paul Thom—Chairman



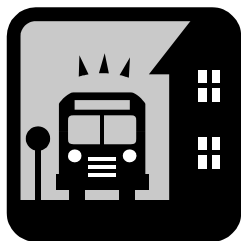
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LEE & LINCOMBE QUICK FACTS—PART 1 OF 2

Courtesy of Lionel Hill

- *In the late 1920's a serious roof fire broke out in the thatched roof of The Old Maids' Cottage. Initially men from the village formed a chain with buckets of water from the nearby stream to try to quell the flames. Later the fire engine arrived and laid hose from the bridge by The Gate House to the cottage. (I had a ride on the fire engine afterwards!)*
- *The Old Maids' Cottage used to be open to the public for many years with Biddy Armstrong, the owner, conducting visitors (with 3d, later 6d "at the ready") around the cottage. On good days queues stretched up the road to the church.*



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UPDATE ON BUS SERVICES FOR LINCOMBE & LEE

Best ever winter service for Lee!

Most of the summer service is being continued throughout the winter months, including some services on Saturdays, to give 3 buses each way a day Mondays to Fridays and two on Saturdays.

A copy of the full timetable is enclosed with the Lee & Link'em News but, in summary, Filer's bus leaves Ilfracombe bus station for Lincombe and Lee at 0940, 1215 and (Mondays to Fridays) 1415 and from the High Street about 3 minutes later. (The 1715 has been withdrawn for the winter.) The bus leaves Lee Bay for Ilfracombe at 1005, 1240 and (Mondays to Fridays) 1440, coming through Lincombe a few minutes later. If you are over 60, the return fare is only 85p with the Devonwide half fare travel pass.

Unfortunately, First Group have not yet announced their winter services from the end of October, but I have been told unofficially that they have not agreed to reinstate the Ilfracombe to Woolacombe service via Lincombe Cross. If the present service continues, it means that the only bus from Lincombe Cross to Woolacombe and Mortehoe is 0813, and the 1531 from Woolacombe (1538 from Mortehoe) is the only bus back to Lincombe Cross.

First Group's attitude is regrettable, but at least all the village has 3 buses a day throughout the winter, a distinct improvement on 2 a week prior to 2004.

Ian Stuart



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CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT

Our Christmas bingo night is on Wednesday 7th December in Lee Memorial Hall. Doors open 6.30pm with 'eyes down' at 8pm. Please arrive early as last year we were bursting at the seams! There is an excellent draw, with all prizes donated by the residents of Lee, and the usual £50 goodie hamper for the last house. All refreshments are free in the interval, sausage rolls, mince-pies and teas, we just ask for 50p a cup during arrival to raise more funds. Also Mother Christmas will again be officiating, with Santa's little helper!!!!!!

This year's charity is DebRA (Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association) UK, the national charity working on behalf of people with the genetic skin blistering condition, Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). It was formed in 1978 by a group of parents whose children were affected by EB. At this time only some 200 people with EB were known to health professionals in the UK. There are now thought to be around 5,000 people with EB here in the UK and an estimated 500,000 worldwide. We hope you can join us in supporting this worthy cause and enjoy a fun evening with friends too!

Ginny Potts—867 212

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LEE VALLEY IN AUTUMN

The fete was a success,
The Flower Show is over,
At church the Harvest Festival the villagers have celebrated,
The tourists have gone,
It is much quieter now.

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HAVE GONE,
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During October in the village of Lee,
The trees and the sea meet with their changes,
The colours of the leaves and the spray of the froth,
Awakes one to the fact that
Autumn is with us.

Across from the Bay the distant hills turn to gold,
While villagers admire their flower show prizes,
The farmers store their animals' winter food,
Their fields all ploughed,
Their seeds to scatter.



Whilst migrant birds their journeys start,
Farm animals their thicker coats do grow,
Squirrels disappear with their winter store of nuts,
As hedgehogs curl up in their winter bed of leaves,
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By Emma Moffat, Elizabeth Gilliat's niece, over 20 years ago

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 With wood-knolls turreting each azure hill,
 Sea-ward a rocky beach, where scattered lie
 Some cottages, a lime kiln and a Mill,
 And from the middle distance add the charm
 Of cornfield, coppice, meadow, orchard farm.
 There is of shelter plenty for the wide
 And wild of scenery, go stroll the strand,
 Or, climb the cliff until the foot inside
 The Smuggler's Cavern contraband
 Spirits they say will people solitude
 And here amid the beautiful and grand
 His watch the smuggling wizard used to keep
 Calling his spirits from the vasty deep.
 Through silvery mist of moon, or purple glow
 Of evening – in the calm, or in the breeze -
 When woods are waved, or waves are whispering low
 Upon the rock reef beach hath Lee to show
 A charm in every change.



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Taken from the North Devon Magazine of 1824. Supplied by Elizabeth Gilliat.

HANDBELL RINGING—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are hoping to revive the village group of handbell ringers, last heard
 on 1 January 2000, with the aim of performing at
 the village carol service on 19 December and, perhaps, other occasions.

No experience necessary! Just the ability to count and
 a willingness to rehearse regularly in the next couple of months.

It'll be great fun!

If you are interested, please contact Ian or Cynthia Stuart,
 Lincombe House, 864834 as soon as possible.

NEWS FROM THE GRAMPUS INN



THE GRAMPUS INN LEE

July saw the Trolley Race through the lanes of Lee - many thanks to everyone who took part, in whatever capacity, and also thanks to anyone inconvenienced on the day for their patience and tolerance.

Stuart Groce of the Coach House won the individual trolley entry with the awesome time of 62 seconds. The two man entry - Simon Hodgkiss and Mark Floyde - whizzed down

in 58 seconds and as the fastest time overall will have their names engraved on the Denny Booker Shield.

The event raised £3804.68 for the Devon Air Ambulance. Well done and thank you to everybody who helped in making this possible. A breakdown of the figures will be posted on the village notice board.

The Post Office, which has been closed since July will eventually re-open when the 'Post Office' lets us know when they can re-locate all the technological wizardry now required to sell even a second class stamp!

The shop will be open during the pub opening times and in light of the sad demise of the Fortescue Stores (good luck and many thanks Carol & Alison) if we can stock any particular items you used to pop up the road for do let us know. Liz Gilliat has already sorted out the newspaper deliveries to continue.

The winter months see the departure of most of our visitors and a return to semi-normality, i.e. skittles, darts and pool. All teams have had a somewhat mixed start to the season - we hope for more winning moments as we get the hang of the skills again.

Autumn/Winter events planned include a Halloween Quiz, visits by the Harpist Simon Ellis and the North Devon Mummers and a New Year's Eve Party. All events will be advertised in the village and pub nearer the dates.

Opening times for the Christmas season: Christmas Day 12 - 2.30pm & Boxing Day 12 - 4pm

Due to the necessary upgrading of the toilets we will have no choice but to close for a short period of time late January - sorry about the inconvenience!!!!!!!!!!!!

Best wishes

Mark & Mandy



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LEE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I am pleased to report that the Lee WI is in a very strong position at the moment and we now have over 30 members. We lost 3 members this year, Joyce Blake who lived in Morteohoe, a member of our institute for 30 years, sadly died in a car accident in the spring, Mary Newcombe has moved to Little Torrington and Jean Jones is moving to the Isle of Wight at the end of October. Jean and Mary have been members for over 120 years between them. We really are going to miss them both, and we wish them well in their new life. We have also welcomed some new members, Margaret Hood from Woolacombe, Karen and Emily Wright, Ruth Tubb and Kate Seekings. Linda Humphries will be joining us soon.



This year we have cleaned the beach twice (the Lee WI adopted it officially last year), and recorded the findings, and picked up rubbish in the village.

We have celebrated Shakespeare's birth, sent part of a cow to an African charity, and an Aquabox to Asia to support the Tsunami. We've been on the 'Devon in Touch' Roadshow, and ran pancake races. Quite a good mix, I think.

We have had some interesting speakers this year, the hypnotherapist almost sent us to sleep, Brenda Davison gave us inspiration for arranging "Flowers That Bloom in June" and David Kennard's sheep dog, tried to round up sheep, images of which were projected on to the wall.

Earlier on in the year our institute won £5,000 under the "Awards for All" scheme, a lottery grant for local groups. The money was to be spent at Denman College, which is the WI's own residential Adult Education College near Oxford. Some members have been and some will be going next year, but we have spent all of the money!!!! Many thanks to Pat Seymour for applying for the grant and for all the organisation that followed.

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The 2006 programme is being planned, with many interesting speakers and events, but in particular we are planning our **80th** birthday. If you are not a member but would like to know more about us, please come along as a guest and find out more. We meet in the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday in the month, at 7.30pm.



Margaret Hill
President

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LEE VILLAGE HALL NEWS



"AFTER
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RAISED FOR
HALL FUNDS"

A very successful Arts and Crafts Exhibition took place for two weeks in August, ably organised by Brenda Keeble. It was good to see our local artists combining together to create such an exciting and talented exhibition. Thank you to all those who helped make this exhibition so successful. A record number of people attended - over 2000 - and after expenses £1154 was raised for hall funds.

The committee have been very active. New curtains have been selected for the village hall (wow! - what a brave sub-committee!), and will grace the windows, hopefully, by Christmas.

A tentative plan to extend and improve the kitchen is currently being addressed by an active and imaginative sub-committee - so watch this space for further news.

Remember to use the village hall (with its new curtains!) as a venue. For further details contact Caroline Weekes (863 257).

Dates for your diary:

Monday 24 October, 7-9pm, "Heart Start", a two-hour course with a certificate of attendance, run by Ann Green, which will enable you to cope more effectively in a medical emergency. Twenty places only are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please telephone Mavis (Village Hall Committee) on (01271) 862 947 for further details and/or to book your place. Places are free. Donations towards hall costs and Westcountry Ambulance are welcomed.

Saturday 5 November - Guy Fawkes bonfire and fireworks, starting at 6.30pm in the field behind the Grampus, followed by supper in the village hall. Tickets: adults £4, children £2 - available from The Grampus, or telephone Lesley on (01271) 862 622.

Monday 19 December - Carols and Company. Join us at 6.30pm in the village church for a cool selection of traditional and modern carols, followed at about 7.30pm by a seasonal mix of good company, mulled wine and refreshments in the village hall. More details later.

Mavis Rogers - Chairperson of the Village Hall Committee

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES OF YESTER-YEAR

Contributed by Elizabeth Gilliat

Ilfracombe Gazette

20 November, 1886

At the Town Hall on Thursday afternoon, a Special Petty Sessions was held before G. N. Maule Esq. (in the chair), J. G. Naish, Esq., and C. H. Dickinson, Esq., when Emma Kennedy wife of John Kennedy, Boatman residing at 'Ivy Bank', Lee, was brought up in custody charged with having unlawfully drunk a certain quantity of a destructive thing called an opiate liniment with intent to kill and murder herself at Lee on Sunday the 14th inst.

Witness. Ann Chugg—single woman living with her Father at Park Cottage, Lee.

Witness. William Dyer—cab driver, Lee.

£10 Bail

The witnesses were bound over in the sum of £10 each.

(From perhaps 30 years ago or more!)

BATS CAUSE PANIC IN THE W.I.

Panic came to the normally serene meeting of Lee Women's Institute this week.

The business section of the meeting was in full swing when a large bat swooped down from the roof of Lee Memorial Hall and dive-bombed the couple of dozen women happily discussing their summer outing.

Chaos reigned. Those with long hair sought refuge beneath tables and one of the fainter-hearted nearly passed out.

After the bat had completed several circuits of the hall someone arrived at a solution.

DOORS SLAMMED

All the doors, except that of the small committee room, were closed and the bat's radar did the rest.

The door was slammed shut, the bat flew out of the open window and the women members resumed their seats with loud sighs of relief.

But seconds later their distress was renewed.

Down came another bat and the whole performance was repeated.

LEE & LINCOMBE QUICK FACTS—PART 2 OF 2

Courtesy of Lionel Hill

- *Some thirty to forty years ago, there was a great rock fall behind St. Matthew's Church. Great slabs abutted the north wall of the church. A 'Rockfall' fund was soon established to raise the necessary £1,000 cost of removing the many tons of rock by wheelbarrow.*
- *In 1941 a serious fire broke out at Southcliffe Hall. The smoke from the fire was first seen by my father from his bedroom window at the Post Office. He rushed over to find the drunken caretaker still asleep on a smouldering bed. He got him out and called the fire brigade. The house was considerably damaged.*



JAPANESE KNOTWEED - A THREAT TO OUR VALLEY

A well-attended village meeting to gain more information on Japanese Knotweed was held on 3 October in the village hall. Ably chaired by Barry Jenkinson from Southcliffe, Ella Young from the Japanese Knotweed Forum gave a balanced talk which promoted lively discussion and raised many questions. With total agreement from the floor that the plant is a serious problem, a small committee was set up to gain more information, to map the knotweed in our area and to explore possible avenues of action. If you wish to add your viewpoint to the debate, please contact a member of the committee:

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Barry (Southcliffe)

David (Wrinklewood)

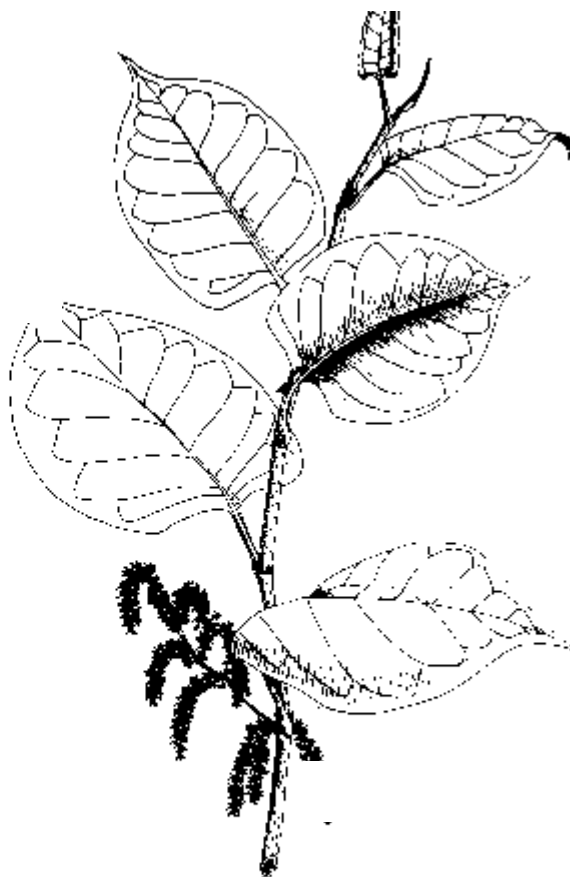
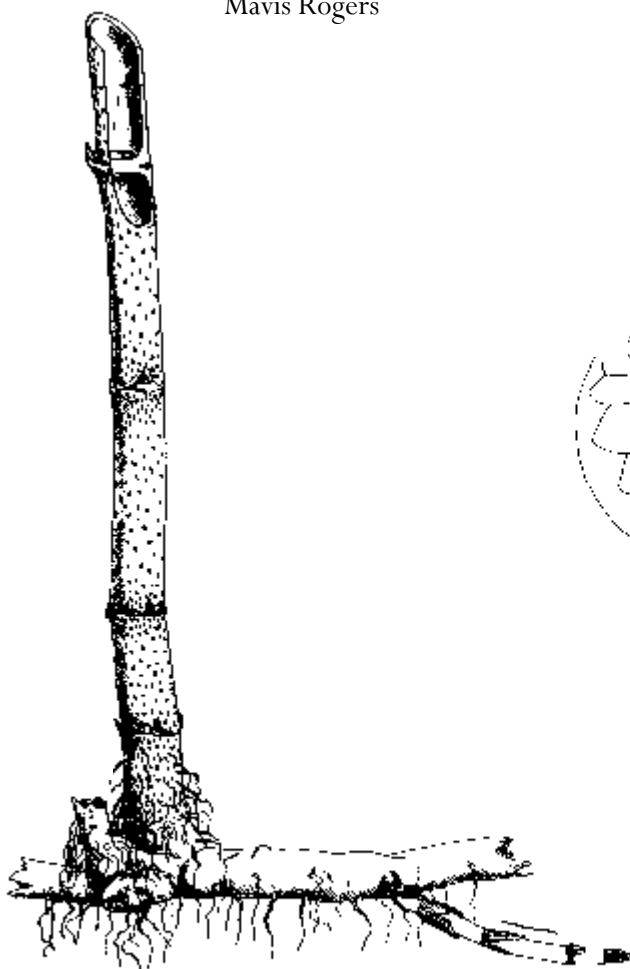
Janet (Ivy Bank)

Julia (Grey Cottage)

Mavis (The Blue Mushroom)

If you require a copy of the leaflet "Japanese Knotweed. Guidance for Householders and Landowners" or the latest information from the Environment Agency, please contact Mavis Rogers (The Blue Mushroom) on 01271 862 947.

Mavis Rogers



JAPANESE KNOTWEED - DEVON KNOTWEED FORUM

Japanese Knotweed is a foreign invasive plant that is severely damaging our countryside and property.

THE LAW

The Wildlife and Countryside Act has made it illegal to spread Japanese Knotweed. Contaminated soil must be disposed of at an Environment Agency licensed Landfill Site.

IDENTIFICATION

- Early spring - red/purple shoots
- Canes grow up to three metres tall with leaves
- White flowers occur late summer/autumn

CONTROL

- Early identification of contaminated land is essential
- Effective control can be obtained by using a glyphosate herbicide (available from Mole Valley Farmers); other methods include cutting and pulling
- Control using a herbicide takes at least three years
- Approval for herbicide applications must be obtained from the Environment Agency prior to use when near water

SPREAD

Japanese Knotweed has been spread by vegetative means, eg:

- root (rhizome) fragments and base of the stem (crown)
- river-bank erosion, fly tipping and mechanical flails have all played a significant part in the spread
- regeneration occurs from pieces of plant the size of a penny

KNOTWEED DON'TS

- Do not fly-tip rubbish contaminated with Japanese Knotweed
- Do not accept contaminated soil
- Do not mow or flail Japanese Knotweed

KNOTWEED DO'S

- Do follow the Environment Agency Code of Practice, available from the Devon Ecological Appraisal Team:
01392 444 000 - www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- Do use herbicides safely and effectively
- Do co-operate over control of Japanese Knotweed



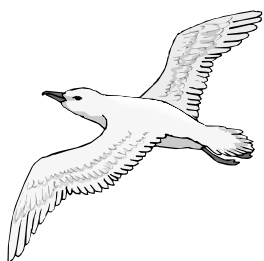
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“THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS” (PART 3 OF 3)

Grandfather retired from farming and father rented two fields and a "Tea Shanty" on the cliffs at Lee. It was constructed of corrugated iron and painted a dull red oxide colour. The next seven years, from 2½ to 9 years of age, were some of the happiest of my life.

Mother and her young girl helper, from London, called Elsie, served Devon clotted cream teas to dozens of walkers from Ilfracombe, who walked across the Downs to Lee, or just as far as mother's "Ten Shanty". Few owned a car in the 1930s and the Downs was a favourite walk in those days.

Elsie, who lived with us, picked and fried a basket of mushrooms and nobody would eat them as they were full of tiny maggots, but Elsie a plump and jolly girt, tucked into them with relish.

Our water supply came from a well and we all took our turn to pump it up into the roof tank. The bread splits were delivered by the baker, in slabs of twenties and Mother made all her own jam. Father kept 3 Guernsey cows and their rich yellow milk Mother scalded in cream pans, on the kitchen stove.

My brother and I competed with the local 'Tramps' to earn pennies opening the three gates across the Downs and we entertained the walkers with our daring 'go-cart' driving. I used to whimper with fear as I held his legs as he reached out over the cliffs to collect seagull eggs and as I followed him through the snake infested bracken. The Adder is England's only venomous snake with yellow and black markings on a dark green body.

Mother was bored one day so she made up my face with lipstick and powder, dressed in my homemade 'smock' I looked like a little girl, when the Postman came down the path I hid, crying in the fuchsia hedge. One Christmas I burnt off my hair when my candle ignited the cotton-wool smoke from tin boat's chimney stack.

There was a 500 foot sheer drop off the edge of father's two fields and I took my wife back there, 50 years later, to show her the fearful narrow path, down to the beach. Unfortunately, on the grassy bank, at the top, we saw a very large adult Adder coiled up asleep. We left it in peace and also the seagulls on their cliff side nests and came home to a cream tea.

“Farmer”

[Ed: Thank you again to the editor of Shammickite & to “Farmer” for permission to re-print the final instalment, and to Brenda Keeble for bringing it to our attention.]

HOLIDAY APARTMENT FOR RENT IN CALPE, near Alicante, SPAIN

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We shall be retiring at the end of this season and would like to thank all the people who have visited the tearoom and Eliots over the last ten seasons for their custom. We are grateful for the support we have received from our suppliers and the "backroom" staff e.g. the sales teams at IWG and Phillip Dennis. Also the TIC's in Woolacombe and Ilfracombe for pointing customers in our direction. Not forgetting a big thank you to all our staff, past and present, most of whom are now friends, who worked very hard, under sometimes very trying circumstances! You are much appreciated.



We are not going far, just to Lincombe and I expect we will see some of you about the village in years to come.

Pat and Tony Seymour

FUCHSIA TEA ROOM AND TEA GARDEN

Lee Village, Nr Ilfracombe

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Email: pat@elcottages.co.uk

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