

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LEE & LINCOMBE VILLAGES
AND SURROUNDING AREAS AND OUR VISITORS

LEE & LINK'EM NEWS

SPRING/SUMMER 2010

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LEE MEMORIAL HALL - BUILT IN 1923; BEFORE (INSET) & TOWARDS THE COMPLETION
(FEBRUARY 2010) OF ITS 2009/10 REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION PROJECT.

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LEE AND LINCOMBE – FUTURE DATES FOR 2010

VILLAGE DIARY

Thursday 29 July 2.00 pm	Flower Show – Memorial Hall
Saturday 31 July – Sunday 15 August	Arts and Crafts Exhibition with light lunches, cream teas, etc. served all day – Memorial Hall: 11.00 am – 5.00 pm
Saturday 28 August – Monday 30 August	Fuchsia Festival in St Matthew's Church with refreshments served in the Memorial Hall: 11.00 am – 5.00 pm
Saturday 25 September 7.30 pm	African classical musical ensemble led by Tunde Jegede – Memorial Hall (Promoted by Beaford Arts)
Sunday 3 October 6.30 pm	Harvest Festival Service – St Matthew's Church followed by Harvest Supper in Memorial Hall
Saturday 23 October 7.30 pm	Emily Portman (singer, writer musician, BBC nomination for folk award) – Memorial Hall (Promoted by Beaford Arts)
Saturday 13 November 7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Memorial Hall (Janet Mayo 862453)
Every Monday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm	'Mini-Monsters' – Memorial Hall (Kate Madden 865591)
Every Monday 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Pilates – Memorial Hall (Penny Measures 866535)
Every Thursday 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Yoga – Memorial Hall (Alex Giffoni 07794 917675)
Friday evenings from 8.00 pm	Open mic nights at the Grampus (Bill & Bryony 862906)
Other Grampus events (8.00 pm)	Agnostics Anonymous – 14 June, 9 August, 20 September Book Club – 21 June, 16 August, 13 September 'Stitch and Bitch' – 28 June, 26 July, 23 August, 27 September (See later notices for dates from October)
Every day during summer	Old School Room Craft Shop – opening hours on display at the shop or contact Louise Thompson (862371)

Please support our villages' activities and events!

If you would like anything included in the diary for the next issue, please contact a member of the editorial team.

AN APOLOGY AND MANY THANKS

Please accept my personal apology for the lack of a Spring 2010 issue which was due out in February. As my wonderfully efficient colleagues informed everyone at the time in a special edition, I was a little busy, not least with the imminent birth of my first child. Thank you to everyone who sent such touching 'get well' messages and also for all the wonderful cards and presents when little Jolee eventually made her early appearance. I must give special thanks to Ian, Cynthia and Heather for everything they arranged during this rather trying time.

I would also like to say sorry to those who contributed items for the Spring issue, especially if they are now out of date. **All adverts and subscriptions have been automatically extended to include another issue, yet if anyone would prefer a refund then please contact me and I will arrange this.**

Gina-Luisa Hilborne



GREETINGS AND FAREWELLS

It's a long time ago since November when Brenda Hanlon left Old Maids' Cottage, but this is the first opportunity to bid her farewell from the village. Brenda and her dog were familiar sights around the village and she is much missed. We wish her every happiness in her new life in East Yorkshire. As extensive alterations to Old Maids' Cottage are taking place, it will be some time before we can welcome the new owners to the village.



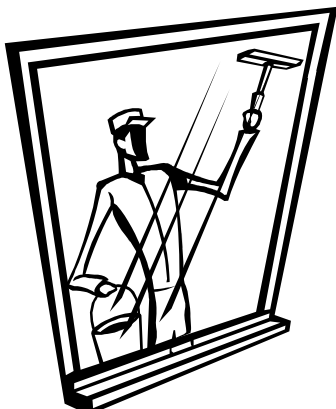
One of the village's outlying properties changed hands in December when Richard and Margaret Cowell left Lower Campscott Farm. They joined in many village activities and Margaret was a prominent member of the WI. They have not moved far away and we wish them well in their new life in North Molton. Whilst we are sorry that the Cowells have left, we are pleased to welcome Tony and Kathy Mortimer and their son, Chris, to Lower Campscott. They have moved from Exeter where they ran a small property business. They are looking forward to building on the farm holiday enterprise started by the Cowells, although, after sampling rural life, Chris is looking forward to going to university later this year.

In March, we bade farewell to Carolyn, Jack and Charlotte Irvine who moved from Lower Whitestone Courtledge to Braunton. Jack and Charlotte had lived all their lives here but they are now on the threshold of adulthood! We were sorry to lose them but we know that the family was looking forward to its new life in Braunton. In their place, we welcomed Paul Kenton and Alex Giffoni and their children, Marina (9) and Coral (5), who moved from Ilfracombe to Lincombe. Paul is an artist whose works can be seen on his website at www.paulkenton.com. Alex is well known to some in the village as she runs yoga classes in the Memorial Hall.



There has been a complete change at the properties in the former Fuchsia Tea Rooms. Steve Dean and Sally Ann Lee with their young son, Oscar, moved from Sun Penny Cottage to Nethercott, near Knowle. With a new arrival expected just before they moved, a bigger property was needed! But the good news is that Sally Ann continues to be much involved with the 'Mini-Monsters' and is still often in the village, now with the new baby, Tallulah Grace. Kerry and Sarah Kirby, with Ellie, Joel and Bethan, moved from Gull Cottage also to Knowle. They are also a sad loss to village life – we can ill afford to lose lively, young families! Fortunately, Robin Lawson has only moved within the village from Seal Cottage to a flat in the Grange, and we are very pleased to welcome Des and Janet Hutchins with their boys, Cameron and Marcus, who have moved to Sun Penny Cottage.

We conclude this section on greetings and farewells by welcoming with enormous pleasure the village's youngest resident. Jolee Carmen Maria Groce was born at 6.21 pm on 8 March 2010, weighing 6lbs 6.5 oz. We send heartiest congratulations to the proud parents, Gina-Luisa and Stuart. Understandably, producing Jolee was a more pressing matter for Gina-Luisa than producing the Spring edition of the Lee and Link'em News! Happily, she is now able to produce the News as well as looking after Jolee, Stuart and the 5 huskies who really do have some competition now.



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That means that, if one of us or our visitors has an accident at home or on the beach, or in the event of a heart attack or some other serious incident that requires urgent treatment, every minute can be vital – and precious time can so easily be lost. Yet you don't have to be a medical professional to be able to make the difference between life and death, or at least between safety and real danger. All it takes is for someone with a bit of First Aid training to be available to get quickly to the scene.

First Aiders are not doctors, nurses or paramedics. They are in no way a substitute for an ambulance if an ambulance is what is needed. But they can buy precious time and provide reassurance in the meantime – as well as treat less serious cases where professional medical attention is not needed or can at least safely wait.

First Aid training

The Red Cross have approached the Residents' Association with the offer of training courses, here in the village, free of charge, for those of us who would be interested in attending. They can offer 2-hour courses, 4-hour courses or 7-hour courses (which can be split between two days if we want). The courses can be targeted at particular groups or areas of concern. For instance, a course could concentrate on wounds and broken bones, or on heart attacks and resuscitation; or on first aid for babies and small children



– in short, there seems no

end to the Red Cross's

readiness to fit in with what

we see as our needs. And they would be happy to guide us in choosing the topics that would be most relevant to us.

Although I have now left the Residents' Association Committee, I will be carrying this project forward for them. So, if you are interested in acquiring – or brushing up – skills which could make a vital difference to you, your family, your friends and neighbours, please do get in touch with me to talk it over. Let me know, in particular, what you would be interested in and how much time you would be able to give it. But if you already have First Aid qualifications or have any other suggestions or ideas, I would love to hear from you. Just pick up the phone – 862 453. As I say, it's free; all it requires is your willingness to get involved and, in due course, your presence.

We've already made a start.

In the meantime, Bill Harvey and I – at his initiative – decided to jump the gun and, earlier this year, we both attended a slightly more comprehensive, three-day, First Aid course being held in Ilfracombe. The course covered topics from Amputation to Wounds, via Anaphylaxis, Angina, Asthma, Burns, Bleeding, Choking, Drowning, Fractures, Frostbite, Heatstroke, Heart Attack ... all the way through to Shock, Stroke and Unconsciousness – we never got to Z!

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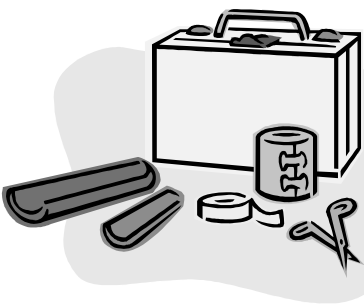
As a result, we are both now certificated First Aiders. In practical terms, that means that, if something happens, you can now call on either or both of us – see the panel below – and, if we are there, we will come running. Once again, if you are in any doubt, **call 999** (you probably would anyway). But don't hesitate to call us too – before or after, it doesn't matter. And don't worry about whether it's necessary – we'd much rather be there for a false alarm than not there when we might have made a difference.

So that's two of us – that we know of. But the Red Cross courses in the village could also equip lots of others with really useful skills that would give them the knowledge and confidence to act.

Defibrillator

It's difficult to put this tactfully but, let's face it, quite a few of us around here aren't perhaps as hale and hearty as we once were, and cardiac arrest is not the least likely serious emergency to arise. It is generally accepted that a defibrillator can dramatically increase the chances of survival and recovery in such cases – but the sooner it is used, the better. To quote my First Aid manual: "An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a safe, reliable, computerised device that can analyse heart rhythms and enable a non-medically qualified rescuer to safely deliver a life-saving shock with a small amount of training".

So we think it would be really useful, to put it mildly, if there were an AED located in the village. Bill has very wisely – and generously – suggested that that could be in the pub. The Grampus is inhabited virtually 24/7, so the thing would always be easily available to be rushed to the scene.



However, not all of this comes free. The three-day First Aid course retails at £150 a head. The AED training – a couple of hours on top of the basic course – probably costs a bob or two as well. And First Aid kits don't quite come free either. As for a decent AED (and there's no point in a duff one) that comes at upwards of £1200.

We have already had a spontaneous and unsolicited pledge from within the village to fund half the cost of Bill's First Aid course and the Residents' Association has met the other half. And we have also had a pledge from Councillor Geoff Fowler to cover the cost of a defibrillator and a further £300 for other training and equipment needs. That should keep us going for a bit. So, if you suspected that, in these financially straitened times, there was a fund-raising sting in the tail of this article, there isn't! And we can be

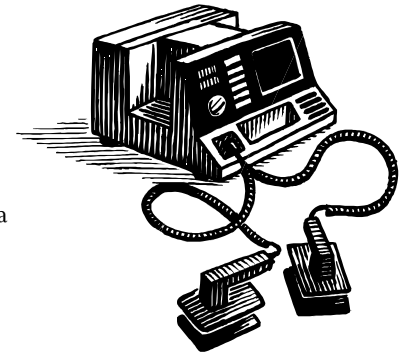
very grateful indeed for the generous funding offers we have already had.


So what next?

But please do give serious thought to signing up for some training. By the time you read this, we may have acquired our defibrillator. Bill and I will then get ourselves trained as soon as possible to use it.

In the meantime, please cut out the panel below and stick it on your fridge. If, in due course, we get a longer list of first aiders, you'll just have to get a bigger fridge!

Sebastian Birch, Ivy Bank





FIRST AIDERS IN LEE

If you need help, call:

Bill at The Grampus	01271 862 906
Sebastian at Ivy Bank	01271 862 453

LEE FESTIVE SWIM REPORT 2009



The swim was well attended this year and with good support from spectators we collected £192 on the beach. With additional sponsorship we should achieve £500. Proceeds will be split between the RNLI and the Lee Village Hall.

Mulled wine and mince pies were served at Wrinklewood after the swim and the weather remained fine and as always the swimmers did not let us down and were creative with their costumes. Best were the very brave "mankini boys" and Jasper as the "Banker".

The sea temperature was at 9 degrees but seemed colder, it took Dave all day to warm up!

Penny and Dave, Wrinklewood



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For more details, please ring Penny or David on 866535
Wrinklewood, Lee Bay, North Devon



COL. BOB GILLIAT, MBE

On Saturday morning, 12 June, Elizabeth Gilliat phoned me and several of Bob's friends with the splendid news that Bob had been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. She and Bob had known about the award for about 6 weeks but, of course, were pledged to secrecy until 00.01 on the morning of Her Majesty's Birthday!



It is an award richly deserved and all of us in Lee pass on our heartiest congratulations. I am sure I speak for all who know him when I say we are all delighted for him. After his distinguished career in so many places as a Colonel in the army, as the Agent on Lundy, and in much voluntary work, those who know him must be a good proportion of the world's population!

The award is specifically for his work locally as Chairman of the Crime Prevention Panel. However, his liaison work with the police covers all the Devon and Cornwall Police area and his experience and expertise are highly valued across a wide area and are much in demand. Bob has played a full part in helping reduce crime rates and making this part of the country one of the safest areas to live in. Well done, Bob. Keep up the good work!

Ian Stuart

TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME

The North Devon Access to Services Project (NDASP) is pleased to announce good progress of the pilot of North Devon Taxi Voucher Scheme, which was introduced in February this year. The scheme aims to help the residents of rural North Devon that have difficulties with transport. Eligible residents can purchase a voucher book of taxi vouchers with a travel value of £50 for just £5!

Tim Lamerton of NDASP said "The scheme is proving to be very popular amongst Ilfracombe residents, however we would like encourage residents from the more rural areas to apply. We have many taxi companies signed up to the scheme and feel that we have the whole area well covered so we would like to take this opportunity to remind people of our project and hope that they will apply to join the scheme soon, as we only have a limited number of voucher books available".

The scheme is for young people, elderly and/or disabled residents of Morthoe, Ilfracombe, East Down, Berrynarbor, Combe Martin, Kentisbury, Trentishoe, Arlington, Bratton Fleming, Challacombe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton & Lynmouth, Countisbury & Brendon. The vouchers, which are subsidised by Devon County Council, are a way of giving help to isolated people and establish if there is a need to continue the project.

If you would like any more information about the Taxi Voucher Scheme or other projects that NDASP are currently working on please contact 01271 855951.

Evie Menhinnitt



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LEE MEMORIAL HALL REPORT

I do hope the 3 Newsletters that have been issued this year (Numbers 8, 9 and 10) have kept residents, second home owners and other friends up to date about matters related to the Hall. So I shall keep this report as brief as possible. If you haven't had some or any of the Newsletters, do contact me on 01271 863396 and I'll send them to you. The most recent is on the Lee Bay website, along with much other information about the Hall.

The last few months have been very exciting in the development of the Hall. Despite the appalling weather over the winter, Paul Jaggers and his team completed virtually all of the building work by the end of February. Then, during March, a splendid team of volunteers cleaned and painted the original Hall, so that, on Saturday 27 March, the Hall was re-opened



looking in first-rate condition. It was a memorable day when all 16 village groups and organisations put on displays about their activities and at least 200 people attended during the day. The new kitchen was very well used by Julia Waghorn. She and her helpers provided refreshments and everyone looked around the kitchen and other excellent new facilities.

The re-opening was quickly followed by the Easter weekend which saw the Hall in full use, including serving lunches and teas on Easter Sunday and Monday. The Race Night in April and Quiz Night in May were great successes, and, on a more serious note, the Annual General Meeting of the Hall took place in April. The most recent event has, of course, been the 'Victorian' Spring Fayre on the Bank Holiday Monday at the end of May. It was the most successful Fayre for many years, certainly for the last 15 years. The weather was perfect and the crowds came in great numbers. The profit on the day was just about £2,800 – exceeding last year, which was also a record, by £700. It really is great that so many people were involved either by generously giving things for the stalls, helping in lots of different ways, or by coming to the Fayre. The many Victorian costumes and entertainment added to the atmosphere, and I am most grateful to everyone who contributed in any way whatsoever. There are some wonderful photos of the Fayre on the opposite page.

The other major development has been the launch of the 100 Club Lottery; the first draw took place at the AGM and the second at the Spring Fayre. We now have 84 subscribers, so there is room for more before we get to our target of 100. However, with the first prize in May of £84, two second prizes of £42 each and two third prizes of £21 each, I think the winners were well pleased! If you haven't yet joined but would like to or would like to have further information, please contact me (863396), Treasurer Edna Thompson (866438) or Kate Madden (865591).

The next major event in the Hall is the Arts and Crafts Exhibition from Saturday 31 July to Sunday 15 August from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm each day with light lunches and teas served each day as well. This follows closely on from the Flower Show, arranged by the Flower Show committee, on Thursday 29 July. Plenty of help will be needed for the Arts and Crafts Exhibition. If you are able to help or want further information, please contact Margaret Hill (864257) or Enid Bowman (0797 0908822) who are organising the Arts and Crafts side of the Exhibition or Cynthia Stuart (863396) who is organising the refreshments side.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, I do hope you will enjoy using the Hall over the summer.

Ian Stuart, Chairman, Lee Memorial Hall Management Committee

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NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH



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As many readers know, some important renovation has taken place at the church over the winter months. The whole of the interior was cleaned so the fine wall decorations now look even better. At the same time defective plasterwork in the chancel was removed and replaced. This meant some redecoration of the chancel was necessary. This was a very skilled job as the chancel had not been painted since 1925. The paint was matched as exactly as possible but this involved much experimental mixing of colours because there had been differential fading of the original paint on each side of the chancel since 1925. The work in the chancel is almost complete, but there is also some redecorating to do in the nave and gallery. The defective areas have been stripped down but we will not be redecorating until we are sure that the remedial work undertaken to cure some dampness problems has been successful. We are hopeful that the problems have been sorted out but it will take many months before the very thick walls have dried out fully.

On the outside of the church, the stonework of the lovely circular rose window on the west wall had been deteriorating for many years with much erosion to the Bath stone. We have also been monitoring for several years a couple of significant cracks on the stonework of the west wall and we had expected that we would have to spend a large amount of money restoring the west wall and rose window. However, the cracks have been stable for at least 5 years now, so we took the decision to focus on the window. This has now had some attractive restoration work done to it at a fraction of the cost of complete restoration of the west wall. The polycarbonate protection on all the west wall windows has also been replaced and this has transformed their appearance. The same will be done on the windows facing the road. New outside lights have also been installed, replacing rather ugly and inappropriate ones. The new lights have been kindly donated in memory of Bob and Mary Race by their daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret.

Allowing for the work still to be done, including the later redecoration of part of the nave when the walls are completely dry, the total cost will be in the order of £3,000. For the benefits that this work is producing, we think this represents remarkably good value for money and should ensure that this splendid building continues to be maintained in very good condition for the benefit of residents and visitors.

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It is good to see the Old School Room in such capable hands. Louise kindly opens the Church whenever the Craft Shop is open. This enables visitors to enjoy the beauty of the Church as well as going to the Craft Shop. As residents will know, the Old School Room was opened as the village school 150 years ago at Easter 1860. Although it has not been open as a school since the Second World War, it continues to be a great asset to the village and it was very appropriate that this year's Spring Fayre had a Victorian theme to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the school.

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We do hope many residents and visitors will visit the Church over the summer. As well as being open during the day, everyone is most welcome at the regular services at 8.45 am each Sunday (Holy Communion with hymns) and 9.00 am each Wednesday (Morning Prayer). Over the Bank Holiday at the end of August (from Saturday 28 August to Monday 30 August), we are holding a Fuchsia Festival in the Church with many displays featuring fuchsias – the iconic symbol of the village. As well as the Festival in the Church, refreshments will be served during the day in the Memorial Hall.

Although the Autumn is, hopefully, a long way off, by the time the next edition of the News is published, Harvest Festival will have taken place. So here is advance information that Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 3 October at 6.30 pm in St Matthew's Church, followed by the Harvest Supper in the Memorial Hall. The service will again be a celebration of village life and an occasion for everyone to enjoy. So please reserve the date now!

Ian Stuart, Churchwarden and Vice-Chairman St Matthew's PCC



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After ten busy years Brenda Keeble has retired as organiser of this exciting event and this year Margaret Hill and Enid Bowman are pulling all the threads, strings and paint brushes together and hoping to put on another successful show.

There will be the usual eclectic collection of exhibits ranging from photographs and felting to paintings, patchwork, jewellery and cards and all points in between.

New exhibits this year include crocheted corsages and mixed media art work from a local artist who has sold her work internationally!

Another new feature this year will be the all day refreshments served from our new super improved kitchen so come on down... enjoy a light lunch or cream tea on the balcony or the garden and admire the beautiful art work created by local artists ... be ahead of the game and stock up on Christmas presents for your nearest and dearest or just treat yourself to a thing of beauty and joy.

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FUTUROLOGY; OR WHERE WILL WE BE IN 2026?

The truth is of course that we don't know; but there are some things that, like it or not, we have to plan for long into the future, modifying and refining our plans as we get closer to the crunch points. One of these is the location and extent of housing land and what can be built on it. Developers and land owners, and also utility suppliers like water boards and highway authorities, need to know well in advance what will be allowed because they themselves have long lead times for their projects.



So there are very practical reasons to have a strategy looking far into the future, and a team of councillors and planning officers from both North Devon and from Torridge District Councils has been working together on a Northern Devon Core Strategy for many months. As I mentioned in the last full edition of *Lee & Link'Em News*, I am a member of this team, and as such have been able to ensure that the interests of Ilfracombe and its surroundings are properly taken on board.

A draft of the Strategy has now been produced – you will have received a leaflet summarising its main points – and from January to March the team presented it to you for your comments and criticisms, so that these could be taken properly into account when a final version is submitted to Central Government for approval in September of this year.

In the first place we weren't free to dream anything up we felt like: for example we were directed by the Government to plan for 10,900 new homes in North Devon and 10,700 in Torridge. But we were given a certain latitude as to exactly where those homes should go, and the result is that the draft is proposing, in Ilfracombe for example, 1,750 new homes, of which 615 "affordable", and the necessary infrastructure and employment land to support this. As far as Ilfracombe is concerned, our intention is to regenerate the town by growth, in population, in jobs and in supporting infrastructure. You all, as individuals and as belonging to organisations, have had the opportunity to go through the draft document, so as to identify anything that you feel affects you, and to provide feedback accordingly. In fact more than 1000 comments, criticisms and suggested amendments were made.

The Strategy is 117 pages long, and, since each strategy chapter has to be complete in itself, it can seem rather repetitive. However Core Strategy 22 is the chapter which particularly relates to Ilfracombe, and it's common sense to concentrate on that.

Ilfracombe Town Council, meanwhile, is determined to take a more proactive role in the management of the town and surrounding area, and has responded to the Districts' Core Strategy in detail, suggesting more than 100 changes. It drew up its own strategy as a basis for this examination. Covering many more matters than those simply concerned with development, this strategy was adopted by the full Town Council in January, and can be seen at www.ilfracombe-tc.gov.uk. It's an interesting read, and I urge you to look it up.

The latest news is that Central Government and the Devon County Council have expressed a preference for growth to be concentrated in the Barnstaple conurbation, and this is an issue which we are arguing vigorously with them.

Colin Wright

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"WE ALL ENJOYED A VERY GOOD DEMONSTRATION ON FLOWER ARRANGING"

LEE W.I. REPORT

Another year in the life of the Lee W.I. has once again flown by, another programme of events has been enjoyed, more "dates to remember" have been remembered with pleasure and new members have been welcomed with open arms. Sadly, nothing stays the same for ever and a long-standing member, Margaret Cowell moved away from Lower Campscott with her husband Richard to start a new phase in their lives, a well-earned retirement in North Molton.

During the autumn our President, Pat Seymour, led a party round Wistlandpound Lake (twice) on the annual President's Walk, followed by an inspiring visit to the Calvert Trust Centre on Exmoor.

At the November meeting Mavis Rogers showed us her beautiful rose-bowl, presented at the Devon Federation Autumn Meeting in recognition of her many charitable achievements, and as our President also added "for going the extra mile." We are all very proud of you Mavis.

The November meeting was also rather special as it was the first of several to be held in St Matthew's Church while the Memorial Hall was undergoing substantial building work. Everyone adapted to the change of surroundings, especially the ladies serving refreshments of sandwiches and cakes, with hot drinks poured from vacuum flasks and served on the pews. We found the Church so warm and welcoming, bright with lights and full of colour from the flowers and recent spring-clean. Thank you for giving shelter to our homeless W.I.

Mortehoe Village Hall opened its doors to us in order that we could still have our annual Christmas Supper when our local "celebrity chef" Julia Waghorn produced her usual inspirational menu enjoyed by everyone. An old friend Geoff Hills was the popular Speaker of the evening.

We returned to our normal meeting place in the hall for our Members' Evening in April, when the Committee took a well-earned rest and let the members organise and run the meeting. We all enjoyed a very good demonstration on flower arranging.

Among the items on this years programme we are looking forward to visiting the Ilfracombe Museum, a guided tour of Braunton Burrows, also Driving Safely with Mike Hull at our Open Meeting on Thursday, 14th October, when husbands and partners are welcome.

A Health and Hygiene course, Levels 1 & 2 is being planned for the future. It will be reasonably priced and take place in Lee Memorial Hall. Non-W.I. members are also welcome to come to this. If you are interested in either of these courses please contact Pat Seymour on 863628 or Margaret Hood 871077.

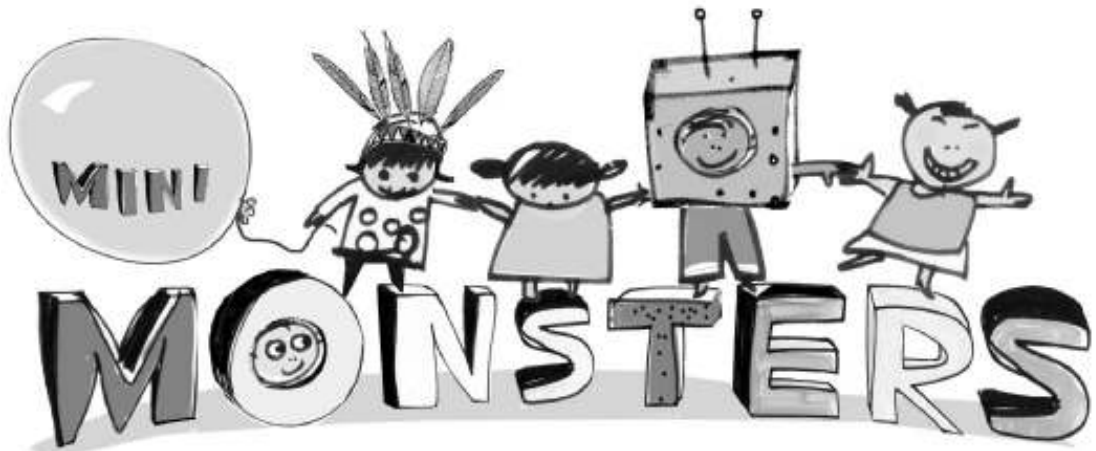
It looks like we are set for another full year of activities and, with Pat Seymour at the helm of her hard-working committee, we represent all that is good about belonging to the biggest women's organisation in the country with over 200,000 members.

If you would like to join us please phone either of the above numbers for more information.

Brenda Keeble, Press Officer

MINI MONSTERS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Mini Monsters enjoyed their temporary home at Lower Campscott Farm over the Winter. The group is growing and will continue to grow as we have had



some new arrivals in the Spring. Since our last update we have had a pottery day at Woolacombe where the children painted pots which were then glazed and fired, this outing was enjoyed by both children and mothers. In December we all made decorations and had a Christmas Party to which Santa Claus visited and gave presents to all the children. The group continues to flourish and each week we enjoy craft activities including painting, salt dough and sticking along with singing, dancing, dressing up and playing outside.

Anne Easy

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saturday	5 NORTH DEVON FESTIVAL - Staged Performance 2.30pm & 5pm at Widdowson Beach - FREE MINI MOVIES , gymnastics club for 3-5yrs. Ilfracombe Infant School, 10am to 11am. CYCLE RECYCLE see 19 th for details	6 OPEN ACCESS FOOTBALL COACHING meet down primary school, under 14's, 10.00-12.00pm (every tues)	7 LOOK GOOD FEEL GREAT exercise session with Je Walker at Ilfracombe Junior School, 9.00 - 10.00am ILFRACOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP do you feel lonely, depressed, emotional or nervous and wish you had someone to have a coffee with? we are here to help women meet, make friends and organise activities. ring 01237 864300 for more details.
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monday	31 MAY NORTH DEVON FESTIVAL - STAGED THE PROJECT - Drama a physical theatre production for the Big Apple 10+ at the Landmark Theatre cinema with a ticketed performance starting 5 ^{pm} join us to see our talented performers. Booking 01237 869030	1 BABY CLUB DROP-IN 11.00am -12.30pm My Star Children's Centre see 20 th June for details. LIBRACOMBE WALKING FOR HEALTH - join in with our group walks, open to all, meet outside the landmark at 11.00 am booking 01237 869030	2 STEP BY STEP Support for children with additional needs & their families 1.30-3.00pm leaving with my star children's centre. info: 01237 869030 SNAPPED THE PROJECT see Mon 31 st May for details
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Whilst on the subject of music, something to look forward to in September. We have been able to arrange through the Beaford Arts Centre, for The African Classical Music Ensemble & the Emily Porton Trio (folk music) to play in Lee.

More details in the Diary of Events elsewhere in this News.

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LEE FELT WORKSHOPS



Villagers in and around Lee have been getting creative with some sheep fleeces and producing beautiful and original artwork. Two felt making workshops held in Lee Village Hall and led by Clare Russell showed participants how to turn dyed raw wool into decorative pictures with some stunning results. The 'felters' learnt how to transform their loose wool pictures into artwork by a process of soaking and rolling them until they had shrunk and felted. Kate Madden

who helped organise the workshops was amazed by the variety of work produced and the array of talent. "Several people claimed to have no artistic ability, but were really surprised and pleased by what they achieved. I think it's a particularly enjoyable thing to try because of the range of process' involved and because it's so tactile."

The workshops were organised as a result of Clare's work with local school children. Having done felt making projects in a number of local schools and most recently working with Ilfracombe Arts College, Woolacombe School and the National Trust to celebrate 100 years stewardship of Morte Point, many parents had seen the lovely works produced by their children and expressed an interest in having a go themselves.

Kate Madden



THE WRECK OF THE LOCHLIBO AT LEE 27/2/1859 - BY R.D.G. HOWARD



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Years ago I became interested in how places obtained their names. I have always wondered about the name Black Pit, given to the strip of sand that runs down to low water mark. The general feeling was that it had got its name when a ship was wrecked on the rocks at Lee and its cargo of coal was spilt over the beach. On investigation, two ships stood out as having been wrecked at Lee, when carrying a cargo of coal the Lymington in 1889, and The Lochlibo in 1859. As I had already written about the Lymington in the first issue of Lee & Link'em News, I decided to investigate The Lochlibo.

It is possible that this ship is the source of the coal, and possibly the name Black Pit. But I don't think so. I think The Lochlibo was wrecked near Sandy Cove and most of the coal was got out of her and sold. Probably, the beach got its name from the practice of boats delivering coal, by sailing into the bay and unloading the cargo into carts, or dumping it on the beach to be picked up when the tide retreated.

Scores of people watched, as the elderly American-built barque Lochlbo struck the rocks, at about 4pm, a little on the Mortehoe side of the point that forms the western arm of Lee Bay. She was loaded with 1300 tons of coal loaded at Newport and bound for Rio de Janeiro. Her Captain, Owen Thomas, was the only person left on board when she struck. The crew of 24 hands had all been taken off the doomed ship.

She had been chartered by The Royal Mail Steam Company, but was owned by Messers John Martin and sons of Dublin. She sailed from Newport on February 10th, but anchored for three days until the 13th of February, at the spit, having run into foul weather. At 8 am she sailed again, but because of the weather were forced back to about seven miles from their starting point. Setting out again at 6 am on the 14th, they reached the Homes (Flat Home and Steep Home), where they anchored until the 23rd of February. Sailing once again, they arrived at Lundy on the 26th, where they discharged the pilot at 3 am, in a strong breeze.



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Three hours later the wind was blowing hard, varying from WSW to WNW. They ran as far as Caldey island off the Welsh coast, before tacking with the wind. They ran as far as Padstow, where they saw the light at 10 pm. As the wind was increasing, they decided to run for the Bristol Channel, with the wind blowing hard from the NW.

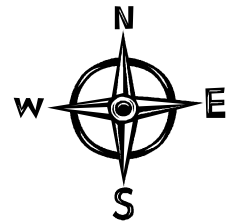
On the 27th of February at 5 am they saw Hartland Point to leeward. They sounded, and found no bottom at 20 fathoms. They put the ship on a NE heading in the hope of weathering Hartland Point, but struck the Tings at 6 o'clock. She struck heavily three times and then floated off again. She had strained the rudder as the ship would not steer. After she struck, the captain called for all hands to man the pumps, and on investigation found they had 4 feet of water in the hold. An hour later there was 7 feet and shortly afterwards 9 feet.

The insurance value at the time of sailing was £3,500, of which £2000 only was covered at Lloyds. The Lochlibo had cost the firm \$8000 in about 1854.

An inquiry was held in Ilfracombe of great importance to the sea faring community, as Lochlibo was the first ship to be investigated under The Merchant Seamen's Act of 1854. Before the court sat, 17 men were ordered out of the court. Most of them were Ilfracombe Hobblers. (Hobblers were self-employed boat men who helped vessels in and out of the harbour by taking ropes to the shore, and by towing. They also helped in other ways, such as carrying stores and victuals to vessels laying at anchor off the harbour ,and during salvage Operations.) But two were from the crew of Lochlibo, John Woulfe, mate of the wrecked vessel, and the carpenter John Pickford.

The findings of the court were that the Captain was cleared of any charge of negligence or incompetence and his certificate was returned to him.

Reading between the lines, I believe there was bad feeling between the Captain and the Hobblers, as they had reported that the Captain had refused ever to allow them to board The Lochlibo, and refused their help, and had cut holes in the deck for the purpose of sinking her. Others said it was impossible that they could move a ship of Lochlibo size, waterlogged, land in a sinking condition. They could not have moved her yard in the water with the force their gigs could exert. You must remember that these Hobblers were probably after salvage and were none too pleased with the attitude of the Captain.



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About midday on Sunday Feb.27th, the Lochlibo was first spotted some miles down channel. She did not look right to the experienced eyes of the lookout men on the hills around Combe.

As the afternoon wore on, crowds gathered around the Parade and other points from which she was visible. As soon as it became clear that she must hit rocks near Lee, scores of people set off to Lee to watch her strand. When they arrived, they could see clearly by her sunken state that she had reached her final resting place; her head was lowering deeper and deeper. After she struck the rocks, the tide continued to rise over her decks, until at high water the middle of her hull was submerged.

Almost as she struck, the crews of the boats from Ilfracombe, the Hobblers, were on board. They proceeded to remove the sails and rigging in order to save as much as possible. The cargo was said to be worth £700. A large part of her rigging was landed at Lee. Three days later the Hobblers were still busy saving all they could for the benefit of the interested parties.

The wreck is about 200 yards from the shore. When it reached this point and was clearly going no further, the Captain called the Carpenter back on board and ordered him to scuttle the ship by cutting holes in the deck hoping thereby to keep her upright with a view to saving as much as possible.

Large quantities of her stores were salvaged during the following week. A sale of the Beef and Pork taken out of her was held by Mr Charles Harris, Auctioneer at the Customs house, on Tuesday 7th March, by order of Mr Huxtable, Lloyd's agent. Prices ranged from 6-0 to 13-6 a CWT. Her main and mizzen masts are out, the latter was towed into Lee, the former fell over during the night and was floated off across the Channel.

The sea had carried away part of her stern, and she had settled down in a sort of rock cradle the water almost cover her at high tide. Due to the rough weather of the last few days she could not be reached by land or sea.

The following month the steamer Iron Duke arrived in Ilfracombe harbour, hired to pull the remains of the Lochlibo round to Ilfracombe. Several pontoons had been constructed for the job of floating the wrecked hull.

Quantities of coal were being brought round from Lee and sold.

(About 15 years ago I found a very large lump of coal covered in barnacles in the rocks near Black Pit. I like to think that it was a piece that fell over the side of the Lochlibo while being salvaged.)



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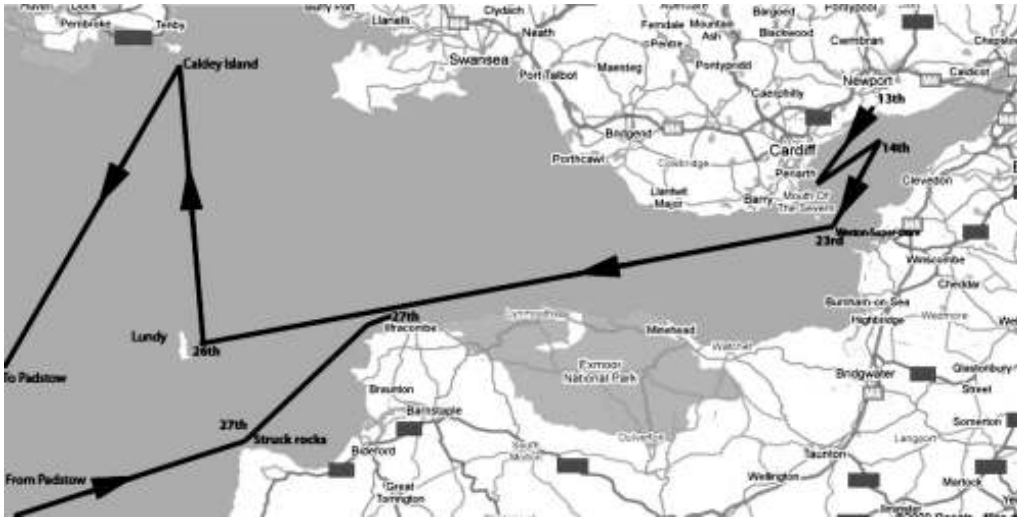
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The remains of The Lochlibo were purchased by Messers Joseph Levering and Friendship.



Map of the Lochlibo's last voyage

R.D.G. Howard

Author's note: Since writing about The Tea Houses of Lee in the last Lee and Link'Em News, I have been informed that there was another tea house serving teas to travellers during the 1930s, run by a Mrs Howcroft, in the entrance to Windcutter, I believe there is still a hut just inside the entrance from which the teas were served.

Also I misnamed the tea gardens at The Gatehouse; they should have been called The Fuchsia Glen Tea Gardens.



"ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO I FOUND A VERY LARGE LUMP OF COAL COVERED IN BARNACLES"

LEE VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW

Thursday 29th July at 2 pm in the Memorial Hall, Lee



It's coming round to that time of year again. Fierce competition in the village for the best roses, pansies, "Chairman's Choice" fuchsia – which, this year, is the cultivar "Display" – not to mention the cooking and craft sections.

But seriously, if you are a newcomer to the village it is all good clean fun and we really would like some new faces and new entries this year just to keep the regular competi-

tors on their toes.

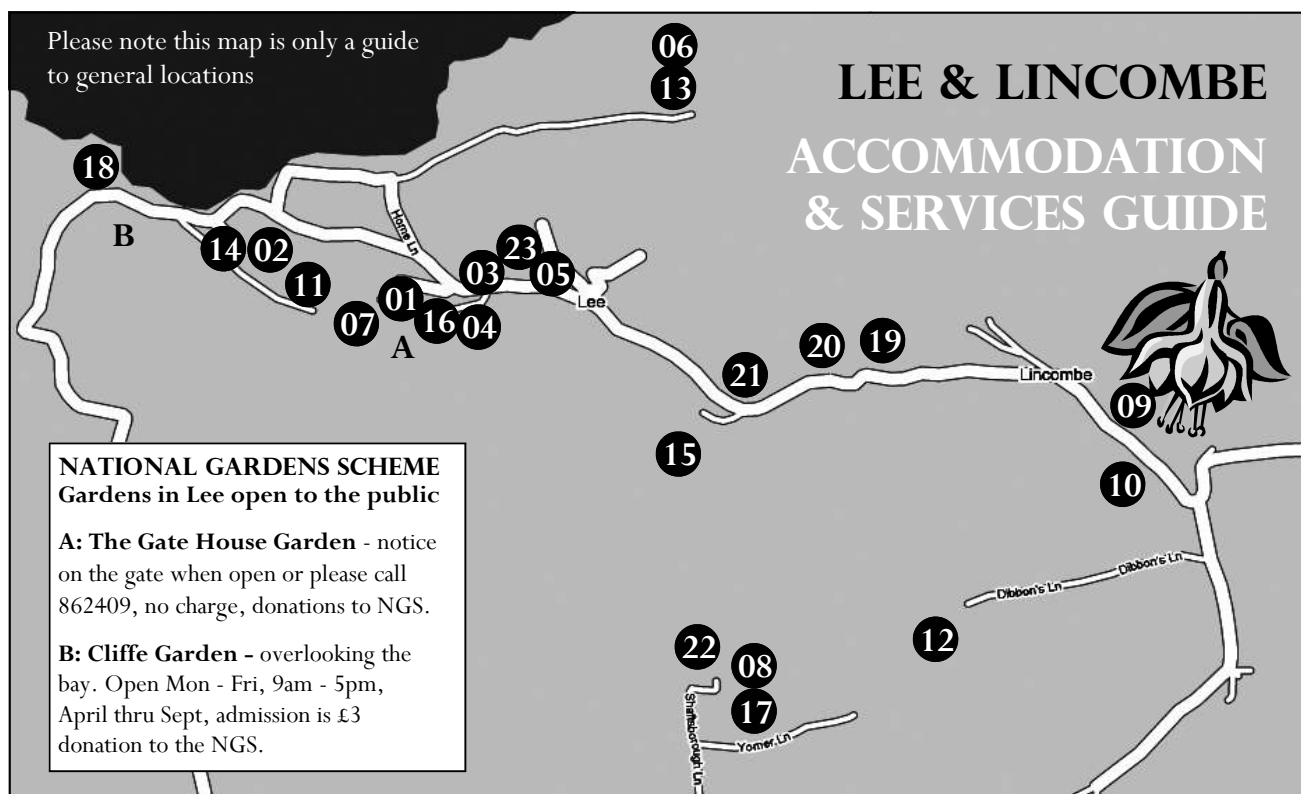
The "Chairman's Choice" fuchsia and the schedule can be purchased from myself, Carolyn (Honorary Secretary) at Rose Cottage, and all you have to do is re-pot your fuchsia and nurture it until the day of the show and then you never know, you could be a winner! The trophy for the best fuchsia is a lovely glass vase so it is well worth a go.

There are plenty of cups to be won for the different sections and the children's section has the very popular "Vegetable Monster" class this year.

Please do come along and support our traditional village flower show, you will be amazed at what our little village can produce.

Carolyn Weekes





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