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## LEE & LINK'EM NEWS

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#### LEE AND LINCOMBE – FUTURE DATES FOR 2012

#### **VILLAGE DIARY**

Sunday 12 February and Old Schoolroom Craft Shop open for half-term; opens for the season week beginning 13 February from 31 March – (Louise Thompson 862371)

Saturday 25 February 7.30pm An evening of French and Breton dancing with Trusfetete – Memorial Hall

(Tickets from Bryony Shaw 862906)

Sunday 18 March 8.45am Mothering Sunday service – St Matthew's Church with breakfast in the

Memorial Hall afterwards

Monday 26 March 2.30pm Village and beach clean up – meet at slipway at Lee Bay

(Lee WI but all welcome – Pat Seymour 863628)

Friday 6 April 2.00pm Good Friday service – St Matthew's Church

Sunday 8 April 9.00am Easter Sunday Communion Service with choir and festive music

- St Matthew's Church

Monday 9 April 10.30am Easter coffee morning, Hot X buns, cakes, etc – Memorial Hall

Monday 16 April 7.30pm St Matthew's Church Annual Parochial Meeting — Memorial Hall

Monday 23 April 8.00pm Annual General Meeting of Lee Memorial Hall – Memorial Hall

Monday 7 May 10.30am Flower Show Coffee Morning and Plant Sale – Memorial Hall

Tuesday 15 May 7.30pm Lee and Lincombe Residents' Association AGM – Memorial Hall

(Eric Couling 863257)

Wednesday 23 May 8.00pm Trio Mediaeval and Arve Henrikson: a unique concert with an atmospheric

mix of folk music, medieval and new music played at dusk in St Matthew's Church. (promoted by Beaford Arts – tickets from Bryony Shaw 862906)

Monday 4 June 2.00pm Jubilee Spring Fayre – Memorial Hall and Meadow

Saturday 16 June 8.00pm 'The Adventures of Wound Man and Shirley': a tour-de-force performance

for anyone who remembers growing up! Memorial Hall (promoted by

Beaford Arts – tickets from Bryony Shaw 862906)

Wednesday 20 – Sunday 24 June Beer Festival – The Grampus Inn

Thursday 26 July 2.00pm Flower Show – Memorial Hall

Sat 28 July – Sun 12 August Arts and Crafts Exhibition – Memorial Hall

Sat 26 – Mon 28 August Flora and Fauna Festival – St Matthew's Church and Memorial Hall

Sunday 30 September 6.30pm Harvest Festival Service – St Matthew's Church followed by Harvest Supper

in Memorial Hall

Every Monday 10.00am – 1.00pm 'Mini-Monsters' – Memorial Hall (Kate Seekings 867068)

Every Monday 5.00pm — 6.00pm Pilates — Memorial Hall (Penny Measures 866535)

Fortnightly Wed & Thurs 10am-4pm Patchwork groups — Memorial Hall (Margaret Hill 864257)

Some Wednesdays during winter Games nights at the Grampus – (Bill or Bryony 862906

or check on website <a href="https://www.thegrampus-inn.co.uk">www.thegrampus-inn.co.uk</a>)

Friday evenings from 8.00pm Open mic nights at the Grampus

If you want anything included in the next edition, please contact a member of the editorial team.

#### GREETINGS AND FAREWELLS



There have been very few arrivals and departures since the last edition of the News, but we were sorry to lose Keith Witts from the village when he moved to Truro. He says he'll be back in the summer with his canoes and, of course, the Witts remain in the village with Julian, Suzanne and family!

With Keith's departure, we are very pleased to welcome the Johncock family to West Clayes. Martin and Jane have taken advantage of an opportunity of moving to a lovely area in North Devon and are very pleased to be here. They have moved from Bucklebury in Berkshire, the former home village of Kate Middleton. So we now have distinguished connections in the village!



Martin and Jane's daughter, Annabel, has recently graduated and is spending this winter working in a ski resort in France. Their son, Philip, is a student at Glamorgan University in Cardiff.

Finally, Barnstaple hairdresser Julian Craig has moved out of town and towards the sea. He is currently residing at The Grange in Lee - welcome Julian!

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#### NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

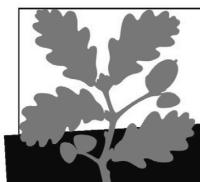
The Carol Service on 19 December was a tremendous occasion. We estimate around 120 people managed to crowd into the church, including several standing in the porch. For a church in which seating 75 is normally about the limit, the number for the Carol Service must be a record! The large numbers of children in the Nativity scenes were a delight, the Lee Singers were superb, the readers were excellent and everyone sang splendidly! All in all a lovely village event bringing together people of all ages in a fitting celebration of Christmas. Equally fine was the gathering in the Memorial Hall afterwards when everyone enjoyed mulled wine, stollen, sausage rolls and other refreshments provided by the Hall committee. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way or simply came to the service. Attendance at the Christmas Eve service was down a little bit, but the candlelit church was nearly full for the traditional service to mark the arrival of Christmas Day. As always, we are most grateful to the choir that comes together to lead the singing. I think there were 18 of us (including myself at the organ) crowded into the gallery on Christmas Eve.

As readers of the Lee & Link'em News know from my report in the October edition, we are intending to carry out some significant repairs to the church. All the necessary permissions have been obtained to carry out work on the Grade 2 listed building and some of the preliminary work has now started. The major item is the restoration of the rose window at the west end of the church along with stonework repairs around the window. Other repairs will be undertaken to stonework in and around the porch and to the adjacent windows. A number of other smaller items will also be repaired and, after the work is completed, some internal redecoration will be needed, including some of the fine wall decorations. Work on improving the heating in the Old Schoolroom has now been done and the flat roof on part of the Old Schoolroom will soon be replaced. A number of residents and friends of the village have very kindly contributed towards the estimated £11,000 that the work will cost. Further donations will, of course, be most welcome indeed. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to the church treasurer, Cynthia Stuart, at Combelynchet, Lincombe, Lee, Ilfracombe, EX34 8LL. Please let her know if you are able to Gift Aid your donation and she will be pleased to let you have the necessary declaration to sign.

A number of special services and events are planned over the next few months. During Lent, starting on Monday 27 February and every Monday until 4 April, the service of Compline will be held at 7.00 pm. It is a service that had its origins many centuries ago and is a time for peaceful quiet contemplation — well worth coming to! In the middle of Lent, there is Mothering Sunday on 18 March. Last year, our innovation of serving breakfast after the service was a great success. We intend to do the same this year. A special Family Communion service will take place in the church at 8.45 am. It will be a service for everyone of all ages with a particular emphasis on mothers and children. Then, in the Hall, there will be porridge, bacon, croissants, toast and other good things! We do hope you will come. On Good Friday, 6 April at 2.00 pm, there will be our usual service of readings, hymns and silent meditations, and then, on Easter Sunday, 24 April, we shall have a service to celebrate Easter with suitable music led by the choir. Everyone is most welcome to these services.

On Easter Monday morning, there will be a coffee morning in the Memorial Hall. Hot Cross buns will be served, and there are usually delicious cakes to buy! We had an excellent crowd last year of local people and visitors, so do come this year. As always, the Spring Fayre, this year on Monday 4 June, will involve many of the church's regular congregation. Then, at the next Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 25 August to Monday 27 August, we shall be holding a Flora and Fauna Festival following the Fuchsia Festival two years ago. Full details will be available later. Finally, although it seems a long way off from February, we shall be holding our village Harvest Festival on Sunday 30 September at 6.30 pm, followed by the Harvest Supper in the Memorial Hall. Please, put these dates in your diaries!

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



### **National Trust News**

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#### LEE WI PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I did not think I would be writing for the Lee & Link'Em News as President again as my three years in office finished in November 2011. This is the term the President usually serves as President in Lee WI. However the National Federation decided that they wanted to change the date that we have our Annual Meeting, so in the absence of someone else coming forward, I stayed on for another six months. In May we will now be having our Annual Meeting again and we will need to find a new President as I am not extending my term again!

We are now down to seventeen members. Not that this matters, as we all enjoy chatting and socialising just the same. Our outings will now be for smaller numbers, car loads rather than coach loads. We are planning a trip to Exeter soon by car/train to see the newly refurbished museum and do some retail therapy.

The meeting on 8th March is an Open one when we invite husbands, partners, friends and neighbours to join us at 8pm. This time it will be Bob Lees talking about "A Day in the Life of a Police Traffic Officer". Please come along and enjoy some chat and refreshments afterwards.

Recently we sent out an invitation to a Wine and Nibbles evening to all the ladies (100) in the area, but we only had 4 acceptances it was decided to cancel it. The reason for the evening was to gather ideas about what the women in the area would like to get together to do in the future, as well as or instead of the WI. e.g. lunches, speakers, sports, discussions, trips etc. The way we all spend our time is changing and we thought it was a good way to see how we can move forward in the village. If you have any thoughts on this please email them to me: pat.seymour06@talktalk.net.

We will be doing our usual village and beach pre Easter clean up on 26th March. If you would like to give us a hand meet at the slipway at Lee Bay at 2.30 p.m. wearing wellies and gloves suitable for picking rubbish out of the seaweed.

The WI seat at the front of the hall is going to be refurbished shortly by Alan Knowles and the Millennium Oak in the meadow now has its sign back and has been pruned and serviced by Roy Dyer.

Pat Seymour, WI President



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#### MUSIC AND THEATRE IN LEE

We've got two exciting events happening in Lee later this year, thanks to Beaford Arts:



#### Trio Mediaeval and Arve Henriksen

On Wednesday 23 May, St Matthews Church will play host to Grammy-nominated Trio Mediaeval and internationally-renowned trumpet player and jazz and electronic musician, Arve Henriksen. This unique concert will feature an atmospheric mix of folk music, medieval music, fragments of improvisation and commissioned new music combined and played at dusk. Their blend of fixed parts, transitions, a light touch of electronic sounds, and improvisations inspired by folk music elements from different parts of the world will offer a journey to remember in this special setting.

"... music conceived on a grand scale, where the gobsmackingly sublime is almost a minimum requirement... All you can do is gape." Phil Johnson, Independent on Sunday

Tickets £9.50 – now available from the Grampus Inn. Book early to avoid disappointment. Optional 'pot luck' supper for £5 at the Grampus from 7pm.

#### The Adventures of Wound Man and Shirley

On Saturday 16 June, the village hall will stage a tour-de-force performance for anyone who remembers growing up...

Shirley is a teenage dreamer, a loner, and a fan of desperately uncool pop music. He's also hopelessly in love with a classmate who barely knows he exists. Then, one night, a mysterious figure moves into his ordinary surburban street. Wound Man is an unconventional superhero, who happens to have a vacancy for a teenage side-kick...

Chris Goode combines intimate storytelling and music into a comic-book, super-hero story about growing up and getting braver. One of the big word-of-mouth successes of the Edinburgh Fringe 2011, on a strictly limited national tour which we're thrilled to be bringing to Lee village hall.

"... possibly my favourite thing full stop. It is very funny in parts, but also lovely, tingle inducing, moving, nostalgic, hopeful, unique and brave. Bloody great." Daniel Kitson - comedian, actor and playwright

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#### DEVON OIL COLLECTIVE

The Memorial Hall benefits in many ways from its membership of the Devon Association of Community Buildings which is part of the Community Council of Devon (CCD). Although nearly all its funding comes from Devon County Council, the CCD is an independent charity, founded in 1961, whose role is to support rural communities in



Devon. For example, the largest grant (over £27,000) for the building project at the Memorial Hall came from the CCD.

Cynthia and I recently represented the Memorial Hall committee at the launch of a new CCD project to support local communities. The CCD is setting up a countywide oil buying scheme under the title of 'Devon Oil Collective'. Its aim is to reduce the cost of domestic heating oil each time a member of the scheme orders oil. Each month a local co-ordinator will contact members of the scheme to ask whether you want to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres. All the co-ordinators across the county submit their local totals to the CCD. An expert then negotiates the best price from the national range of suppliers. Your co-ordinator will advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre and the approximate date of delivery. After the oil is delivered you pay the company supplying the oil direct.

The Devon scheme is being run on similar lines to the scheme that has been run by Oxfordshire Rural Community Council for some time. Their members have saved around £50 compared with the average market price for 1000 litres of heating oil because of the bulk buying arrangements. So confident is Devon CCD that similar savings can be had here that it is guaranteeing a refund of the difference should any member pay more than they would have paid for an order placed by themselves.

It seems to me that a village like ours would benefit from this Devon Oil Collective as it is without a gas supply and most households, farms and the Memorial Hall depend on oil for heating. The Countywide scheme has just started, and you can find out more information and get a membership form in one of the following ways. Telephone the CCD for a membership leaflet on 01392 248919 or go to the website <a href="www.devoncc.org.uk">www.devoncc.org.uk</a>, follow the link to Devon Oil Collective and download the membership form. Then fill in the form and either email it to <a href="mailto:oilscheme@devonrcc.org.uk">oilscheme@devonrcc.org.uk</a> or post it to The Devon Oil Collective, CCD, Unit 3-4 Cranmere Court, Matford Business Park, Exeter EX2 8PW.

A key aspect of the scheme is the appointment of local co-ordinators. One would be needed for the village and surrounding area. I have information about the role of Local Volunteer Co-ordinators. I don't want to take on the role myself, but I should be very pleased to talk to anyone who might be interested and supply further information. It would not be an onerous task, but would clearly need a reliable well-organised person who has access to the internet and is interested in helping the local community. The Co-ordinator does not have to negotiate prices with oil suppliers, handle any money, maintain membership records nor get involved with any problems between the oil supplier and customers.

In the short term, I should be happy to receive expressions of interest both from residents and others who might be interested in becoming members of the scheme and from anyone who might consider the possibility of becoming the local Co-ordinator. I think this is a worthwhile initiative, so please give me a ring or send me an email if you are interested in any aspect of the scheme, or just want more information. I can be contacted on 863396 or at  $\underline{\text{ian@leedevon.co.uk}}$ .

Ian Stuart



#### NEWS FROM THE GRAMPUS INN



Our year has got off to a good start at the Grampus, after our busiest January so far! We were delighted to see so many faces turn out for our seasonal festivities — such as Twelfth Night and Burns Night — and it is always a pleasure to listen to the wealth of talented musicians that turn up to the pub for such events, and to see everybody enjoying themselves so thoroughly.

Our open mic' nights are still going strong every Friday, so do come along if you fancy performing, or if you would like to have a jam with our regular crowd of musicians — they are a friendly bunch, and we are always pleased to see new faces!

Over the next few months we will be holding our usual monthly discussion groups — Agnostics Anonymous, book club,

stitch 'n' bitch — as well as our "pot luck" games and quiz nights. Bryony regularly updates our website with the details (see below) but if you would prefer to have our news delivered straight into your inbox, we can add you to our mailing list — just get in touch.

Thanks to the enthusiastic support of dancing at the ceilidhs and the occasional circle dance in the pub, Bryony has decided to organise an evening of French and Breton dancing at the village hall on Saturday 25 February at 7pm (tickets £4, available from the Grampus). The evening will be lead by Truffetete, who have been playing regularly for dances in the Torrington area since 2009. For those who have not enjoyed this type of dancing before, the evening will begin with a workshop of some simple dances before warming everyone up with Schottisches, Waltzes, Bourrees and more! The Grampus will be hosting a Breton-themed supper before the event at 6pm, and there will a folk session back at the pub after the dancing. So dig out your dancing shoes!

We have also been busy organising a couple of Beaford Arts events for the late spring, Trio Medieval and Arve Henriksen in May, and The Adventures of Wound Man and Shirley in June. More information about these events can be found in a separate article. We have also begun to think about our annual beer festival, which we are planning for 20-24 June this year. The finer details have yet to be arranged — but expect a weekend fabulous beer, music and games!

Finally, as many of you will know, Bryony and Bill are getting married at the end of April. This is a very exciting time for us, but it does mean there will be a few changes to the pub opening times and meal times over the 28 and 29 April. Please check our website or notice board for details. Business will resume as usual on 30 April, when we disappear for our honeymoon, and leave the pub in the capable hands of Francis!

Wishing you a happy spring time,

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#### Wilfred Carruthers-Bell 1889 – 1961



My grandfather, mother and me. Date: 1951. Location: unknown.



My grandfather, an unknown lady and me. Date: 1951. Location: possibly Ilfracombe.

Do YOU know who this lady is?

The picture of Fuchsia Glen Tea Gardens on the cover of the Autumn 2010 Lee & Link'Em News brought back some very distant memories of visits to Lee as a small boy in the 1950s, and that has prompted me to write a few words about my grandfather.

The son of an architect, Wilfred Carruthers-Bell was born in Middlesex in 1889, and by his early twenties was already working in the Far East in his chosen career of tropical agriculture. In 20 years of travels, mainly in Malaya and Borneo, he gained much experience of jungle clearance, land management, tobacco and rubber plantations, and inevitably, native customs. As a result, he gave many educational lectures both in the U.K. and Singapore. He must have been highly regarded in Malaya, because he became an honorary magistrate, and was also Chairman of the Johore Planters Association.

Wilfred's first wife Ada gave birth to a daughter whilst in Singapore, but Ada died only 2 years later, and the daughter, who would become my mother, was brought up by Aunts in Buckinghamshire. Wilfred's second wife Beatrice is the lady that Wilfred brought to Lee after marrying in Southend in 1925.

His association with Lee Bay started in the late 1920s, when Southcliffe Hall Hotel was purchased in a joint venture with a business colleague from Malaya, Mr Robert Napier-Hendrie. On the opening of the Hotel, Mr Napier-Hendrie was listed as Director, but after bankruptcy in 1930, ownership transferred to Mr Carruthers-Bell, though Mr Napier-Hendrie remained in residence for some years.

#### WILFRED CARRUTHERS-BELL 1889 - 1961, CONTD.

Wilfred soon settled in to life in Lee Bay, and in 1934, he was elected President of Ilfracombe Rotary Club. Then, in 1935, he was nominated and accepted as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and in 1938, elected as a councillor for the West Ward of Ilfracombe Council, including Lee Bay.

In 1943, Wilfred sold Southcliffe Hall Hotel, but retained the Fuchsia Glen Tea Gardens, which then became his main business and residence for the rest of his life. After only 8 years as a councillor, he was elected Mayor of Ilfracombe in 1946, and he was the first chairman of the Council to live in Lee. One of his many civic duties in his year of office was the naming of the 'West Country' steam locomotive 21C117 on Ilfracombe Station in August 1946. Later renumbered 34017 and rebuilt, the engine carried the name of Ilfracombe over the Southern Region for its entire working life.

Beatrice died at sea, reportedly on a voyage to Australia, in the late 1940s, but Wilfred remained at the Fuchsia Glen Tea Gardens till his death in 1961. The property was left unoccupied for over a year, and squatters even moved in for a while. Thankfully, The Gatehouse, still with its delightful gardens, has again been well looked after since then by Denny and Heather Booker, who were most welcoming to us when we visited out of the blue one day!

Naturally, there is much that I don't know about my grandfather, so if any current residents of Lee have any memories, then I would love to hear from you.

David Gilbert dgilbert@lewishickey.com

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My grandfather and me. Date: 1957. Location: The Fuchsia Glen Tea Gardens, Lee.



My grandfather, mother and me. Date: 1957. Location: The Fuchsia Glen Tea Gardens, Lee.

#### LEE WAR MEMORIAL BY RICHARD HOWARD

The people of Lee wanted to know how best to remember those who had fallen in the Great War, so a public meeting was held to decide the best way to go about it. Some wanted a hall, others thought a stone cross would be suitable and a third lot of people thought a plaque in the church would fit the occasion. After listening for some time, my maternal grandfather got up and suggested that they had all three. And so it was .The foundation stone of the Memorial Hall was laid by Lt Col Longstaff on 16 August 1923. The cross cost about £150 and was unveiled by a local dignitary Charles Derbyshire on July 21 1922, with the names of the 16 men who fell in the Great War already engraved on it, 16 of the 64 parishioners who answered the call to fight for their country. The names of those original 16, as far as I can tell, lived in or about Lee for a part of their lives or had a connection with Lee. The cross is of granite, as are the three plinths it stands on, as well as the platform just below the cross. The platform has the words "In loving and grateful memory of the men of this parish who fell in the Great War .1914 - 1919". The average age of the men who died is just 22 years and 3 months. Far too young. Few were married. I have first given a potted history of the person, and from then on I have used official sources to show where the men died and where their graves or memorials are. Those without a grave were probably never found.

Lee Service Regiment Grave/Memorial Ref. Cemetery / Memorial Name Number No.

1 30276 RNDY Panel 38 to 45 TYNE COT Memorial

Herbert C Bale was the son of Richard and Jane Bale of Damage Farm. Born in December 1892, he was a private in the Royal North Devon Yeomanry. He died on 04/10/1917 at the age of 25.

2 69795 D R G.IIB. Bois Guillaume Communal cemetery extension.

James Bale was the son of William and Sarah Jane Bale of Easewell Farm, Mortehoe .Born in March 1896, he was a private in the Devon Regiment .He died on 12/11/1918 at the age of 22.

3 R L R Reninghelst New Military Cemetery

Charles Edward Ridgeway Bridson was the son of Edward Ridgeway Bridson and Amy Ridgeway Bridson, of 5 St Margaret Road, Oxford. Born September 1890 . He was a Captain in the Royal Lancaster Regiment. He died on 04/04/1916 at the age of 25.

4 D R Panel 35 to 37 Loos Memorial

John Paul Ridgeway Bridson was the son of Edward Ridgeway Bridson and Amy Ridgeway Bridson of 5 St Margaret's Road, Oxford, and a brother of no.3 above. Born December 1896. He was a second Lieutenant in the Devon Regiment. He died on 25/09/1915 aged 18 - the youngest on the War Memorial.

5 12823 D R I.F.26. Woburn Abbey Cemetery Cuinchy

Charles James Cook was the son of George Henry and Sarah Jane Cook of Crowhurst, Slade, Ilfracombe .Born December 1893; he was a private in the Devon Regiment. He died on 05/10/1915 aged 22.

6 Llandovery Castle North of church Hartland (or Stoke St Nectans) (St Nectans) churchyard.

Ernest Cook was the son of William Thomas and Susan Cook of Vine Cottage, Lee, Ilfracombe, who, when still only 18, was made the quartermaster of the hospital ship Llandovery Castle. He was torpedoed by a submarine, the U-86. The Captain of the submarine was Helmut Baummer-Patzig who did all he could to see there were no survivors. He even tried to ram the lifeboats that had been launched. Survivors reported hearing the sound of gunfire as he fired at those in the water. He did well in the second war and he died 11/03/1984 never having stood trial for the brutal act of torpedoing a hospital ship that was clearly marked as such, not to mention the 234 lives lost. Ernest Cook was an able seaman as well as QM to the Llandovery Castle. He was born in December 1897 and died 27/06/1918; he was about 21, when he died. A few months after the incident, a delivery boy showed his mother a cutting from a newspaper stating that a body had been washed ashore and that it was wearing some underpants marked 'L .Cook'. When he was last home his mother remembered sending Ernest off with some of his brother's clothing .His parents went to Hartland and what they learned there convinced them to put up a headstone on the grave.

7 41066 Hants Y 13 Jerusalem War Cemetery

William Heaman or Hayman Cook was the son of Thomas and Susan Cooke of Vine Cottage, Lee, Devon. The date of his death was 20/11/1917 aged 21. He was born in 1896. William Heaman is the elder brother of Ernest Cook, of the Llandovery Castle.

#### LEE WAR MEMORIAL BY RICHARD HOWARD, CONTD.

Lee Service Regiment Grave/ Cemetary / Memorial Name

Number No. Memorial Ref.

8 1898 Australian Infantry V11.B.194 Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

This was William John Cousins, a private in The Australian Imperial Force. He was the son of William and Charlotte Cousins of Crowness, Lee, but in Mortehoe Parish. As he was born in the year of 1884 and died 09/02/1917, I think he is the eldest man to be remembered at the age of 33.

#### 9 1185 Australian Infantry xv.f.15 Serre Road Cemetery

Percival Cousins was the youngest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Cousins. The family were living at Borough Corner in 1901. He had emigrated to Australia, where he became a private serving in the Australian infantry. He was awarded three medals, the British medal 1914-1918, the Winged Angel 1914-1918, and the 1914 Star, or Mons Star. He was blown up near Serre and his body was never found. He was born in June 1894 and died 05/08/1916 aged 24.

10 16802 Machine Gun Section - Pier and Face 5 Thlepval Memorial Devon Regiment Can 12c

Thomas Dyer was the son of James and Elizabeth Dyer of Lincombe, Ilfracombe. He was born in December 1895 and died on 18/11/1916 aged 21.

#### 11 7/2292 Canterbury Regiment NZEF Caterpiller Valley (N Z) Memorial

Lionel Were Hill was the son of Charles and Mary Hill of Lee, Ilfracombe. Lionel had emigrated to New Zealand. When the war started he soon found himself in the Canterbury Infantry of New Zealand as a private. He died on 01/10/1916 aged 21, he was also a New Zealander having adopted his new country.

#### 12 2312 Royal North Devon Hussars panel 19 Helles Memorial

William Thomas Ley was the son of William Henry and Charlotte Ley of Crowness Cottage, Lee, Ilfracombe. He died on 04/12/1915 aged about 19, having been born in March 1896.

#### 13 Essex Regiment 11E.32. La Neuville British Cemetery Corbie

Lieutenant Michael William Annesley MacMichael was the son of the vicar of Lee, Rev William Fisher MacMichael and Mary Elizabeth MacMichael. He was born in September 1895 in Lee and died on 16/09/1916 aged 21.

#### 14 8006 Devon Regiment panel 8 or 9 Le Touret Memorial

Ernest Short was the son of James Short and Nina of 5 Lincombe Cottages. He died on 24/10/1914, age unknown, but thought to have been born in March1890, making him 24 when he died. He was a private in the Devonshire Regiment.

15 8117 Devon Regiment I.B.7. Fauborurg D' Amiens Cemetery
Arras

Frederick Short was a brother of no 14 on the War Memorial, and the son of James and Nina Short of 5 Lincombe Cottages, Lee, Ilfracombe. He was a private in the Devonshire Regiment; he died on 24/04/1916 aged 19. Frederick William was born in 1897.



LEE WAR MEMORIAL BY RICHARD HOWARD, CONTINUES OVER

#### LEE WAR MEMORIAL BY RICHARD HOWARD, CONTD.

Lee Service Regiment Grave/Memorial Cemetary / Memorial Name

Number No. Ref

16 9359 HMS Donegal A. 811. Glasgow Western Necropolis

Thomas Henry White was a stoker on board HMS Donegal when she was torpedoed near the Isle of Wight on 17 April 1917. The 1885 ton Donegal was often referred to as a hospital ship, but was in fact an armed transporter used as a casualty clearing ship. She was a passenger steamer, built by I Caird and Co for the Midland railway company in 1904. At the outbreak of war in 1914 she was taken over by the Admiralty as a transport ship, and armed. Donegal was 331 feet long with a beam of 42 feet and drew a little over 17 feet. On 17/04/1917 she was carrying 639 casualties, 33 of which were stretcher cases, a medical officer, and four stretcher bearers, from Le Havre to Southampton. Two destroyers were escorting the Donegal. At 7.43pm, Captain John Jackson saw a torpedo track 400 metres away on his port side astern of one of his escorts. He immediately gave the orders to the helmsman 'hard to starboard'. Jackson reported later, however, that it was too late, and the ship was struck by the port propeller, with the result that the stern was practically blown away, and carried with it the 13 pounder gun which had only been mounted the day before. One of the gunners, who was standing by it, is missing and must have been killed. Donegal began sinking so quickly that the destroyer HMS Jackal got alongside only by smashing the port lifeboats out of the way . This enabled some 500 troops and crew to be taken off. Other boats picked up more. At 8.33 pm Donegal lurched violently to starboard, throwing those left aboard into the moderate sea. As she sank, 11 of the 69 crew and 26 of the wounded soldiers were lost. The U-boat was the UC21, under Oberlieutenant Von Zerloni de Sposetti. I believe that stoker Thomas Henry White (born in September 1899) was injured in the above account and subsequently died of his injuries about ten months later, on 09/02/1918 aged 20.

### (THIS IS THE END OF THE FIRST WAR NAMES) (HERE ARE SECOND WAR NAMES ON THE MEMORIAL)

#### 1 52615 R.A.F. Plot 2.Row 3 Grave 6 Reguiny Communal Cemeteries

John Thomas Clifford was the son of John and Gwendoline Clifford of Lee. He died on 28/07/1944 aged 28. He was a flying officer in the RAF. We have an account of the death of Flt. Lt. Clifford and the loss of his Spitfire of 611 squadron. It goes thus: on 28/07/1944 Flt. Lt. Clifford was attacking a road convoy in Brittany. The day after celebrating his 28th birthday at the squadron's base at Bolt Head Devon, near the small village of Reguiny, his Spitfire's right wing clipped the top of a tree and he was sent crashing into a small copse. Of course, he was killed instantly. The villagers ran to try and save him before the Germans arrived on the scene. They managed to recover his identity tags from the body. Suddenly the Germans were all around, arresting the locals and herding them on to a lorry. They all thought they were going to be shot, especially now, as the Allies had landed a few weeks before in Normandy. A German officer, his arm in a sling, suddenly stepped forward and ordered their release, he also gave them written permission to take the body and bury it. Two days later a coffin containing the body of Flt. Lt. Clifford was carried from the village hall to the church. The funeral was held during the usual Sunday morning mass, so the church was packed. Suddenly two German officers burst through the main door of the church and angrily demanded the body back. The local Doctor and Pharmacist, both active members of the Resistance, argued with the two intruders, telling them they had written permission to bury the body from a much senior officer to them. For a few more moments they argued then left. The entire congregation then marched to the village cemetery and buried Jack Clifford. In 1991 the village sought the help of an English couple who had settled nearby, after contacting the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and discovering the man in the Spitfire had been brought up in Lee. One of the couple, Jill Newton, tried contacting the Western Morning News in the hope of tracking down relations. Her appeal paid off as soon she had the names of his brothers. Ronald was in North Devon and Geoffrey was living in Norfolk. They have been to Reguiny three times since being found: the first time, then for the 50th anniversary and the 60th anniversary in 2004.

#### 2 5445061 Duke of Cornwalls face 21 Medjez-El-Babb Memorial Tunisia Light Infantry

Herbert Ronald Dyer was the husband of Hilda Dyer of Woolacombe. He died on 07/05/1943 aged 30. His memorial is in Tunisia. He was born in December1913.

#### 3 37300 R.A.F. Panel 64 Runnymede Memorial

Michael Lister Robinson was the son of Roy Lister Robinson, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Robinson of Kielder Forest and of Adelaide, and Lady Robinson of Mayfair, London. He was born in Chelsea in June 1916 and died on 10/04/1942 aged 25. His awards were the DSO as well as the DFC, also the Croix de Guerre (Belgium) Avec Palme.

#### (THIS ENDS THE LEE WAR MEMORIAL)

#### LEE VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW

Our first event for 2012 is the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale to be held in Lee Memorial Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am until 12 noon. As well as a plant stall there will also be a raffle and cake



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The date of the Flower Show is Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> July. Below right is a list of the Handicraft section for this year, to give everybody chance to plan in advance their entries. These are always on the village noticeboards, but I thought by putting it in the Lee & Link'Em News the entries will roll in!

So come on all you budding crafters, photographers and artists, there is something for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you all on May 7th.

Carolyn Weekes. Show Secretary. Rose Cottage, Tel. 863257.

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A handmade greeting card.

A photograph taken by the exhibitor entitled "My favourite tree". Not to exceed 6" by 4". (153 x 102mm).

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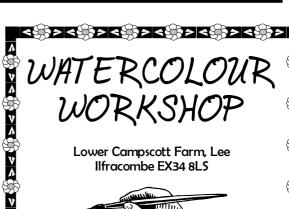
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#### Lee and Lincombe Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter - January 2012

Breaking with the custom started by Jeff Tulett, when our Neighbourhood Watch was formed in 1988, we did not prepare a Christmas newsletter in December 2011. We decided to include our annual report by courtesy of the Lee & Link'Em News to avoid a second delivery and to make sure more residents got a chance to see it.



The cuts in policing facilities as a result of the requirement for Devon & Cornwall Police to save £47m are beginning to bite. Ilfracombe Police Station is effectively closed to the public as all the civilian staff have been made redundant. The enquiry desk is no longer open for business and all enquiries, except by telephone, have to be made to Barnstaple Police Station (such as a legal requirement to produce documents or report to a Police Station). Although a number of our PCs have not been permitted to extend their service and Police overtime is strictly limited, we still have the same number of PCs on strength as previously and the jobs of our 6 PCSOs appear to be safe for the next two years. The PCs in the Neighbourhood Policing Team now have to work shifts, so take their turn with the Station response teams, which reduces the time they can devote to neighbourhood policing.

Unfortunately, there has been a small increase in the number of reported crimes in our village from 13 in 2010 to 20 last year. However, of the 13 burglaries recorded, 3 were in one night in January (including a break into the Memorial Hall and the car park box, despite Lionel Hill's efforts to make it secure). A further 6 burglaries recorded were a series of shed and garage break-ins in one night in November – all incidentally at properties which were known to be unoccupied! The Lee Bay Hotel was broken into twice in February and more metal stolen; however, on the last occasion, through DNA detection, an arrest was made. Other crimes reported included 2 thefts, 4 reports of criminal damage and 1 domestic.

As we reported last year, there are still a large number of unoccupied homes in Lincombe and Lee, either to let or used as second homes, and as the 6 shed and garage break-ins in November indicated, they are vulnerable. It is important that every precaution is taken to protect them by making them as secure as possible. It is suggested that owners ask their neighbours to keep an eye on them when they are unoccupied and report any suspicious activities to the Police or through a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

We all need to be careful that we are not victims of distraction burglars who can be very convincing on the doorstep. Do make sure that any caller that you don't recognise has an authentic means of identification before you let him or her into your house. If you have any suspicions, check with the company for whom they claim to work. If still in doubt ring the Police and your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Lastly the good news – PC Nella Barker, our Neighbourhood Beat Manager, gave birth to a son towards the end of the year. We congratulate her and look forward to her return to work on conclusion of her maternity leave.

#### Contacting the Police:

In an Emergency dial 999. For non urgent calls dial 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555111.

To contact the Officers listed below dial 101 and ask for the Officer by name or the duty Sergeant at Ilfracombe Police Station:

#### **Useful People:**

Officer in Charge Ilfracombe Police: Community Safety Team: Beat Manager (Ilf.West & Lee): PCSO (Ilf. West and Lee): Insp Peter Sarney Sgt Mike Warrener PC Nella Barker. PCSO Pete Hyde

Finally, your Village Co-ordinators – Bob Gilliat (864732), Ian Stuart (863396) and Mavis Rogers (862947) - hope that 2012 will be a crime and trouble free year for us all.

#### LEE MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE



The village Christmas carol service was well attended as usual and many people were able to join us at the hall after for mulled wine, mince pies, etc. In early January an enthusiastic team turned out to cut the fuchsia hedges. As there were so many of us, cutting was completed in just over an hour. Lawrence Wright did sterling work removing the cuttings, using a trailer kindly loaned by Eric Couling. A great community effort and thanks to all involved.

We have just had the stage floor sanded, stained and oiled, so that the stage and old committee room floor is now one colour which is similar to the hall floor. We are hoping to have the main hall floor done in the same style in the not too distant future.

Our next fundraising event is a Roaring Twenties Night, on Saturday 18th February, with cocktails, canapés and casino. Tickets will be £7.50 (to included 1st cocktail and casino chips).

This year's AGM will be on Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm. If you would like to help us out by joining the committee, please contact me as detailed below.

Looking forward to this year's Arts and Crafts show, we are wondering if there are any more potential exhibitors out there. If you think you might like to show and sell your work next summer please contact me on 01271 879001 or email bwyles@southmead.devon.sch.uk and I will pass your details on to the organising committee.

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The amazing amount of £526.64 was raised and this has been shared between Children's Hospice South West and The Willow Foundation. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped and all



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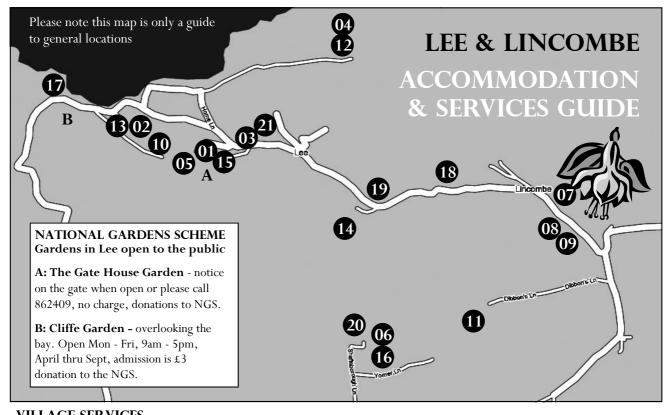
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