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AUTUMN 2012

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LEE AND LINCOMBE – SOME DATES FOR THE REST OF 2012

VILLAGE DIARY

Saturday 20 October 8.00 pm	Casino Night at the Grampus; proceeds to the Memorial Hall. Entry to Casino £3.50 – prizes for highest scores. (See posters or contact Becca Wyles 879001 or the Grampus 862906)
Wednesday 24 October 7.30 pm	Flower Show Annual General Meeting – Memorial Hall
Friday 2 November 7.00 pm	Minima present 'Cabinet of Dr Caligari': Silent film with live music – Memorial Hall. Promoted by Beaford Arts (Bryony Shaw 862906)
Thursday 15 November	Elections for new Police Commissioner – Memorial Hall 7.00 am – 10.00 pm
Wednesday 12 December 7.00 pm	Christmas Bingo – Memorial Hall (Ginny Potts 867212)
Monday 17 December 6.30 pm	Village Carol Service – St Matthew's Church, followed by refreshments in Memorial Hall
Saturday 22 December 6.00 pm	Concert by Exmoor Carolers – St Matthew's Church. (See posters or contact Ian Stuart 863396 or Margaret Hill 864257)
Tuesday 24 December 10.00 pm	Christmas Communion Service – St Matthew's Church
Sunday 30 December 11.00 am	Joint Service for parishes of Lee, Mortehoe and Woolacombe – St Matthew's Church, followed by lunch in Memorial Hall
Every Monday 10.00 am – 1.00pm	'Mini-Monsters' – Memorial Hall (Kate Seekings 867068)
Every Monday 5.00 pm – 6.00pm	Pilates – Memorial Hall (Penny Perry 866535)
Fortnightly Wed & Thurs 10am-4pm	Patchwork groups – Memorial Hall (Margaret Hill 864257)
Friday evenings from 8.00pm	Open mic nights at the Grampus

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



Many National Bus Passes will expire on the **31st March 2013**. If you have changed address since your original pass was issued, you will need to update your details with Devon County Council as soon as possible.

Remember - if we don't know where you live, you will not receive a new pass. Contact us on 01392 383688 or 01271 383688.



GREETINGS AND FAREWELLS

In the previous edition of the News, we welcomed Sally Hanson to Seal Cottage. With apologies to her, Sally is Sandy! So, welcome again, Sandy!

Southcliffe Hall has changed hands and we welcome Maia Norman and family to the village. We hope they will enjoy Southcliffe Hall and village life.



We are also delighted to welcome the village's youngest arrival. Jessica Fern was born to Debbie and Stuart Radley of Coastal Kennels on 29 April 2012. Jessica should have been welcomed in the summer edition, but congratulations now to Debbie and Stuart; we look forward to seeing Jessica around the village.



As stated above, there are new owners of Southcliffe Hall not because Barry Jenkinson and Kate Seekings with Benjamin and Oliver have left the village but because they have just crossed the valley to Ulfrid where Colin and Biggi Wright used to live.



Sadly, following Colin's death, Biggi has moved to Oxford. Her lively and engaging personality, her deep interest in the village and her wide experience and knowledge developed over a fascinating life will be greatly missed.

We know she will still visit Lee on many occasions but we wish her every happiness in her new life in Oxford.

With great regret we report the death of Iris Jackson, of Brackenhurst and wife of Percy, after a long illness bravely born. We are very pleased to include an obituary of Iris in this issue, kindly provided by her family.



APOLOGY AND AMENDMENT

In the Summer 2012 issue, we printed an article by Gill Heavens entitled "The Pleasure and Pain of an Open Garden". We apologise for our error in omitting that **this article first appeared in the 2010 Spring Issue of the Journal of The Hardy Plant Society.**



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NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Recent events

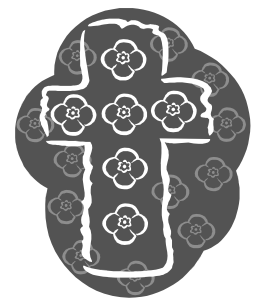
The Flora and Fauna Festival over the late summer Bank Holiday weekend went well. Many visitors enjoyed the floral displays, inspired by Biblical quotations, in the Church and the displays representing a range of animals in different artistic formats in the Hall. We didn't have any live animals (other than humans!) in the Hall, but we had an impressive range of artwork including pottery, paintings and feltwork. Visitors were able to enjoy some excellent refreshments in the Hall where there were also many activities for children to enjoy. Many young people also enjoyed taking part in a quiz based on the displays in the Church and Hall, tempted no doubt by the valuable prizes on offer! Proceeds from the Festival have gone towards the restoration of some of the stained glass windows in the Church.



Harvest Festival, on 30 September, was, as usual, a lovely occasion. Around 85 people, including about 18 young people, crowded into the beautifully decorated, candle-lit Church. A large number of young children made a splendid procession bearing gifts that represented food and other items originating from farming in this country and overseas. Their gifts symbolised the theme of this year's service – the Harvest of the Whole World. The 14 strong choir gave a firm lead to the excellent singing of familiar hymns. Sally Molligoda, from Woolacombe, gave an interesting sermon illustrated by farm products from Sri Lanka where she spends 6 months each year with her husband and his family. With Gift Aid added where appropriate, the collection for Christian Aid's work with poor farming communities around the world amounted to over £260, to which the Church is adding a further £140 to send to Christian Aid. In addition, the normal annual donation from the Church of £100 will also be sent. After the service, most of us enjoyed a splendid Harvest Supper which, as usual, is one way the Church is able to say 'thank you' to everyone who has helped to make Harvest Festival a real community occasion.

Forthcoming events

Remembrance Sunday this year is on 11 November. There will be the usual service at 8.45 am in the Church, concluding with the National Anthem. Then, at about 9.30 am, we shall all process to the War Memorial for the 2 minutes silence and the reading of the names of those from the village who gave their lives in both world wars. It is always a poignant and moving occasion to hear the 16 names from our tiny village who perished in the First World War, plus the 3 from the Second World War. As always, everyone is warmly welcome to attend the service and act of remembrance.



Christmas is a-coming! There are 4 particular occasions to draw to your attention and to put in your diaries.

Monday 17 December 6.30 pm: Village Carol Service. This is always a marvellous community event involving many people from the village. Last year we squeezed about 120 people into the Church and, hopefully, it will again be a short but very enjoyable service of familiar carols and readings. After the service, mulled wine, soft drinks, mince pies and other light refreshments will be served in the Memorial Hall.

Saturday 22 December 6.00 pm: Concert by the Exmoor Carolers. This splendid group last performed in the Church 3 years ago and delighted everyone with their singing of traditional Exmoor carols, interspersed with some old and new carols from else-

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lovely occasion in the candlelit Church and a fitting start to Christmas Day, even if the service finishes before 11.00 pm on Christmas Eve!

Sunday 30 December 11.00 am: Joint service in St Matthew's Church for the parishes of Lee, Mortehoe and Woolacombe, followed by lunch in the Memorial Hall.



To round off Jubilee year and to bring together our coastal parishes during the festive season, we are holding this service in Lee and encourage anyone from the 3 parishes (and anyone else!) to attend.

Church restoration

There has been a delay beyond our control in the redecoration of parts of the Church to which there was reference in the last edition of the News. Hopefully, however, this should take place soon. Happily we shall proceed in the near future with the restoration of the two very fragile windows mentioned in the last edition of the News.

This is possible thanks partly to the proportion of the proceeds of the Spring Fayre that the Church received and to the generous donations received in memory of Colin Wright. To these funds the proceeds of the Flora and Fauna Festival and some of the Church's reserves have been added. Permission to go ahead with this delicate work has been given by the Exeter Diocesan authorities and work should start soon.

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



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LEE TV RELAY REPORT

The Relay system started in 1995 as an analogue TV signal, which was converted to a digital TV signal on 1 July 2009. Both Bill Davison and Les Knott have successfully run the system for the past 17 years. They retired during August on health and age grounds and they must be congratulated and thanked on their dedication in running the system so efficiently in all weathers for all those years. A new committee was elected at a recent members' meeting – see names below.

Shortly after conversion to digital, our signal has suffered interference from the more powerful Welsh transmitters under certain tidal and weather conditions. Despite numerous complaints to Ofcom and our MP, Mr. Nick Harvey, we have been unsuccessful in resolving the problem. This has resulted in many households leaving and converting to satellite. There were 44 subscribing members at the start and this fell gradually to 29 at the conversion to digital; since when it has fallen to 18 subscribing members last year, of which 6 do not use the Relay but are willing to support it. The fall in subscription income and rising electricity prices combined with equipment repair costs resulted in a £335 loss in the last year to 31 July 2012.

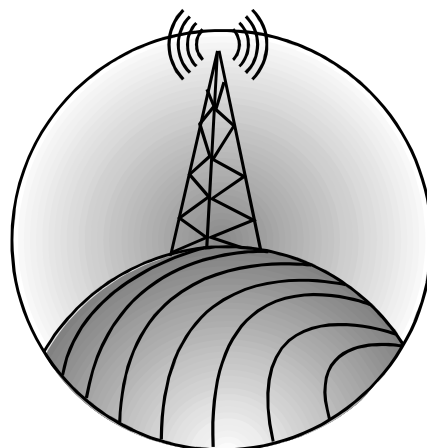
Ofcom recently informed us that reallocation of some channels currently used for digital television will necessitate modification of the Lee Relay on 2 October 2013. This only affects the Relay members' television receivers will not require retuning. The committee will be looking into this to find out what is required and the implications for the future. Falling membership due to the unreliable signal is a cause for concern for the committee on the financial viability of the Relay system, especially as any major equipment repairs would soon eat into the funds available. Interestingly, virtually all of the remaining active users of the Relay can get a satellite signal - admittedly at a cost to convert. The committee may well be forced to recommend this approach in due course with Ofcom's apparent lack of interest in resolving the signal interference problem.

The committee has decided that this "year's" subscription will run until the retune – i.e. a 14-month period to end September 2013. The Project will then restart with the Relay retune. The subscription will remain unchanged at £20 a household – roughly 4.6p a day.

Paul Thom

Committee Members:

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MINI MONSTERS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

The time for our yearly Halloween Procession approaches once more. Because of its odd position within half-term, we have decided for the first time not to hold this on Halloween itself, but on **Saturday 27th October**.

The way it has been organised in previous years seems to work really well so it will be pretty much the same as last year. Regardless of weather, we will meet at the sea side of the Lee Bay Hotel at 5pm, departing from there at about 5.20pm. We will process from there up to the Lee Memorial Hall, where we will



have our refreshments. As in previous years, we would like to ask any grown ups (or older children) to line the route dressed up in whatever you like. We can't over-exaggerate how important having the village's grown-up actors along the route is to the children. Combined with

the children's excitement with being out in the dark with candlelights and torches, all dressed up, the actors create the theatre of the evening which has made the event so popular locally. You are of course all welcome to come along to the Hall afterwards.

So, if you are an adult with children in the village, whether living here or on holiday, then please come along on the evening, with a snack to share in the Hall. We will supply tea and coffee so if you want any drink additional to this please feel free to bring it along. If you would be prepared to be an actor, then either just take up a place on the route, or let us know in advance to check the exact route (Katie 867 068 or Susan 871 646). See you there!

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NEWS FROM THE GRAMPUS INN



After a busy summer, our season is beginning to wind down now, although we've remained bustling for much of September and hope that this autumn and winter will be as steady as last year. We've been delighted to see our wine sales almost double this year with the introduction of Louis and Cherry's Saint Cosme wines, and have enjoyed changing and expanding our wine list over the past few months.

As the nights draw in, we're beginning to think about encouraging people in for cosy winter evenings at the Grampus – people can look forward to the return of our “pot

luck” Wednesdays, where we offer a meal for £5 and host a game for the evening, including skittles, bridge, perrudo, scrabble, and many more over the next few months. Details of all our games nights, and our monthly Agnostics Anonymous meetings, can be found on our website

www.thegrampus-inn.co.uk and are included in our monthly emails to everyone on our mailing list.

We are also looking forward to a couple of Beaford Arts events this autumn. At the beginning of October, *Shanty Theatre Company* from South Devon is bringing *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* to Lee Memorial Hall. We are expecting lots of music, japes, and a darn good yarn for all! *Shanty* is also running a workshop for children at Ilfracombe CofE Junior School the following Monday, which has been funded by local charity, Friends of North Devon Families, from the proceeds raised by previous Beaford theatre events in Lee.



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Then on Friday 2nd November, Lee Memorial Hall will be screening the 1920s silent horror film, *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari*, together with 4-piece band *Minima* who will be performing live alongside the film. *Minima* is a well-established band and has composed and performed soundtracks to silent movies at the Barbican, Tate Britain and the Edinburgh Fringe, amongst many other venues. Described by the Daily Telegraph as “one of spring’s coolest events... [they] capture the film’s disturbing mood perfectly,” this will be suitably spooky evening for Hallowe’en! And there will be more music after the show at the Grampus open mic’ night. Tickets are available now, so book early to avoid disappointment. This event will be fundraising for Lee Memorial Hall.

After the autumn half-term we will begin closing between 3-6pm on weekdays, but otherwise it will be business as usual at the Grampus, with open mic’ nights every Friday from 9pm and whatever other treats we can think up to entertain all of our customers!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm wishes,
Bryony and Bill

VISITING CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME, GIGONDAS

Bill and I were lucky enough to spend two weeks of our honeymoon with our part-time neighbours and wine-makers, Louis and Cherry Barruol, at Château de Saint Cosme in Gigondas, earlier this year. We could not have wished for more generous hosts! Gigondas itself was like a French version of Lee, a small but magical village, secreted away beneath the Dentelles, and surrounded by a sea of vines.

Not only did we gain an insight into the broader world of wine, but also the origin and principles that underpin the Saint Cosme wine that we offer here at the Grampus. We learned a great deal on our tours of Saint Cosme's vineyards and cellars, but what really stood out for us was the care that they take to produce high-quality wines, from the soil that the vines are growing in, to the wine that reaches our tables at the Grampus, and all over the world.



roman wine vats and a roman tunnel. All that tradition seems to nourish what Saint Cosme is today, still lavishing care on land that has been worked and treasured for over 2000 years.

We also visited other wine-makers in the area, and our current wine list has expanded to include wines from Château de Montfaucon, which is across the river from Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and a naturally sparkling wine from the Loire. We are also delighted to be offering a new wine this autumn, la Petite Rôtie, which has been bottled exclusively for the Grampus. This particular wine is made from vines that border Louis's vineyard in Côte-Rôtie; they fall just outside of the Côte-Rôtie Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée but still demonstrate the distinctive qualities of this Northern Rhône wine.

Finally, one of our treasured memories from our time at Château de Saint Cosme was the nightingale that sang us to sleep at night – a beautiful, poignant sign that when the land is treated with love and care, it can offer so much more in return.

Bryony Shaw.

The cellar offered a glimpse of how much history Saint Cosme has seen; in one room, Louis's father had put together a cabinet of all the artefacts that had been found in the vineyards – from a Neolithic axe-head and arrowheads, an Iron Age bust, Roman lamps, through to glassware ranging from the roman period to the twentieth century. In addition, the old part of the cellar contains



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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE WHO HAVE VISITED LEE (1-10)

From time to time I am asked “, Do you remember when so and so was visiting the village?” , or “Do you remember if so and so ever tried to buy a house in Lee?”.

For this reason, I am listing the well known people who have visited Lee over the years. I thought it would be an interesting article to write both for me and all those people who ask me those questions.

First we have **(1) Sir BEN KINGSLEY**, born Krishna Pandit Bhanji in December 1943 in Swanton, North Yorkshire , and **(2) GLENDA JACKSON** who starred with him in the film, ‘Turtle Diary’, in the autumn of 1985

Both of these people are film actors. Miss JACKSON is now a Member of Parliament for Labour where she represents Hampstead and Kilburn. She entered parliament at the general election of 1992.

After about five years she was appointed a Junior Minister for London Transport, a post she resigned from to stand for the election of Mayor of London, which she lost to Frank Dobson, who in turn lost to Ken Livingstone.

I remember them well, as they stayed at the Lee Bay Hotel for perhaps two weeks whilst filming ‘Turtle Diary’. I also remember the turtles they used .They lived in the hotel’s outside swimming pool, which had to be filled with salt water from the sea.



Dave Dinnage guarded the pool at night. In the morning the turtle to be used was taken to where they were filming that day, usually on one of the local beaches, such as Woolacombe.

Next we have **(3) OLIVER TOBIAS** born Oliver Tobias Freitag, in Zurich Switzerland.

In 1981 he lived in a huge camper van that was parked in the public car park of the hotel. He starred in the TV series ‘Smuggler’, together with **(4) LESLEY DUNLOP** and several others.

OLIVER TOBIAS had been in several films, including ‘The Stud’ (1978), ‘Sharpe’s Waterloo’ (1997), and on the stage in ‘Hair’ (1968), playing Berger.

Once, when they were filming on Sandy Cove, they were seen to enter a large cave. I was told they would film inside a cave near Bristol, and they would film the actors leaving a third cave, and then marry the three parts up.

I will always remember when the Irish waitress Rose came out of the dining room at the Lee Bay Hotel, in about August 1953, and announced that she had just served **(5) Sir JOHN HUNT** with dinner that evening.

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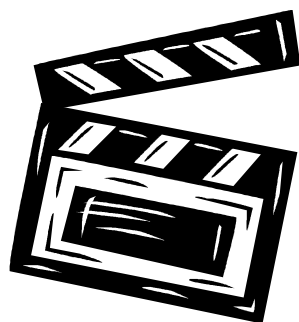
We all gathered to gawp through the open door at the upright back of Brigadier Henry Cecil JOHN HUNT now Sir JOHN HUNT, who successfully led the expedition which had been the first to conquer Mount Everest, with Hilary and Tensing reaching the summit.

He was born on 22 June 1910, and died 8 November 1998. In 1959 he and Lady Hunt were staying at West Claves with the Clement family.

(6) DAVID STUART SHEPPARD stayed at the Lee Bay Hotel while he was studying for his ordination in the Church of England. I remember that he had most, if not all, his meals in his room. He played cricket for England until 1963, and eventually became the high profile Baron Sheppard of Liverpool, Bishop of Liverpool, in 1975.

He was born 6 March 1923 and died 5 March 2005, aged 82 all but one day. He sat in the Lords on the Labour side.

(7) JACK WATLING used to bring his family every year to stay with Mrs Ley at The Fishermans Cottage. You might often meet his two actress daughters, and his son **(8) GILES WATLING**, on the beach dipping into rock pools with their nets.



One of the daughters grew up to be Doctor Who's travelling partner, I think it was **(9) DEBORAH WATLING**. The other daughter, **(10) DILYS WATLING**, was in several films, including 'Broadway Gregory' (1970) and 'Sweeney Todd' (1980).

Actor GILES WATLING was in fewer films, 'Danger UXB' (1976), and also 'That'll Be The Day' (1965).

I think there was a third daughter called NANNETTE WATLING, but I am not sure as she did not seem to be an actress.

Richard Howard

[Ed: Richard has contributed no less than 82 people for this article so it will be a regular feature for a few issues to come! Please feel free to contact us with any you can recall, it would be fun to hit the 100!]



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The event was well attended by both locals and visitors and all who came enjoyed delicious homemade cakes and scones all with a welcome cuppa with many people spending quite some time sitting and chatting to friends and browsing the local craft stalls.

The total amount raised was fantastic - £408.98 - again thank you to everyone involved, we could not have done it without you!

Edna Thompson



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LEE & LINCOMBE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT

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Honorary Treasurer	Paul Thom	(862309)
On-line Administrator	Gina-Luisa Hilborne	



We still have one vacancy on the Committee. Please give Carolyn a call if you would like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

Membership

Thank you to all those of you who have paid this year's £5.00 sub. There are quite a few which are overdue and committee members will be chasing those up shortly.



Overgrown Hedgerows and Verges

Top of the agenda! We have received much criticism from both local residents and tourists about the lack of maintenance of overhanging trees, bushes, hedgerows and verges throughout Lee village and the sea front. We would encourage all property owners/tenants to ensure that necessary works are done to keep hedgerows and verges cut back for both aesthetic and safety reasons. We are in discussions with Devon Highways dept. to assist in this matter. It is of course not their responsibility unless road safety issues arise, in which case they will contact property owners concerned. This they will be doing shortly.

We live in an area of outstanding beauty, let us all take pride in that and make individual efforts to keep it so.

Highways/Drainage

We continue our liaison with Highways Dept. on potholes as they arise. Their speedy response is to their credit.

The new drainage pipe installed between Lee Cross and Lincombe has been tested to great effect recently and has cured the top road flooding.

Lee Interpretation Board

This has now been installed in the village car park next to the Memorial Hall. We are thankful to Barbara Clarke of Ilfracombe Tourist Initiative and the AONB for adding Lee to the Ilfracombe Coastal Path Interpretation Boards programme.

Japanese Knotweed

We have been successful in obtaining grant aid to continue in our efforts to contain this problem. Concern remains as to the hotel grounds where no control takes place.

Himalayan Balsam

Highways has advised us to leave this to them due to it being classified as "noxious". To date they have done nothing and the rate of spread down the lane is evident for all to see. Whilst attractive, it is highly invasive. We shall continue to raise the issue.

Beach Slipway, Causeway Repairs and Tap

Further representations have been made to NDDC concerning poor/unsafe condition of both slipway and causeway. Budget constraints should not override public safety. We have also reported the running tap.

Next Residents Association Meeting

Lee Memorial Hall on Wednesday 10th October 2012 at 7.30pm

Peter Bostock

LEE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

"Will it, won't it". Rumours abound at present as to whether our WI will be suspended after 86 years. There will be no definite news on this until after a meeting in November when members will meet the County Chairman and a WI adviser and have a secret ballot.

At present we are still enjoying the entertainment that Lee WI provides.

A skittles team played Kentisbury WI but unfortunately will proceed no further in the Devon competition. We were level pegging until the last rub and then they had a couple of spares and the rest as they say is history! The cream tea provided by the Grampus was first class and enjoyed by all. At one point the conversation centred on our Literary Group and Kentisbury showed interest in starting a group of their own.



The September meeting was held at Hele Mill during the afternoon and another cream tea was enjoyed, together with a tour of the mill in which the men present showed great interest. Two of our members are going shortly to the Autumn meeting at the Queen's Theatre where the antiques expert Phillip Serrell will be speaking.

A group of ladies from the Fuchsia Valley Quilters went for an outing to Arlington Court to see a display of quilting. Although the work was of a high standard there were not many exhibits. A tasty lunch was had in the restaurant, after which the rare sunny weather was enjoyed on a walk around the grounds and then a viewing of the coaches.

The Christmas supper will be on 4th December in the Memorial Hall. Liz Gilliat is organising this and she would appreciate any offers of help from members to set up and also to clear up afterwards.

Pat Seymour
Press Secretary



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LEE MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE



The major event since my last update has been the Arts and Crafts show over the summer. The hard work certainly paid off as, despite the poor weather and the current economic situation, a total of £3232.46 was raised. Although this was approximately £400 down on the 2011 takings, it is about the same as 2010. The breakdown for this was:

Proceeds from Art & Craft sales	£ 872.41
Proceeds from raffle	£ 283.40
Proceeds from refreshments	£2082.35

May I take this opportunity to publicly thank all those involved and also give particular thanks to Margaret Hill, Cynthia and

Ian Stuart and Edna Thompson. Margaret has organised the artists for the last few years and has decided to step down from this role, so we are looking for someone to take over from her. She has all the details to pass on. If you feel you would be able to take on this role please speak to Margaret or Becca Wyles. Rest assured, you would receive the full support of the Hall Committee.



The next Hall fund raising event is a Casino Night which will be held at The Grampus on Saturday 20th October. The pub will be providing an optional Pot Luck Supper for £5.00, cocktails will be available from the bar and entry to the casino will be £3.50 – for this you will receive your

casino chips. There will be small prizes for the highest scorers. Proceeds from the games will go to the hall. Black tie or cocktail dress is invited.

At the last Hall Committee meeting I announced that I would be stepping down from the role of Chairman. Ian Stuart has agreed to take over this role once again, with a time limit, and the whole committee are very grateful to him for this. I would like to thank the committee and everyone else for their support during my time as Chairman.

Becca Wyles

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LEE MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE, CONTD.

100 Club Lottery

The Hall Committee is most grateful to everyone who has supported the 100 Club Lottery for the last 2 years. The funds raised have helped considerably in allowing us to keep the costs of hiring the Hall at a very low level and, thereby, encourage use of the Hall. The Lottery has also provided excellent prizes for nearly everyone who takes part. Some people have won many times!

Our aim is to have 100 members with the first prize of £100 each month and 2 prizes of £50 and 2 of £25. We have never got up to 100 members – 88 is the most we have had – but, for the last year, we have kept the prizes each month at 1 at £100, 2 at £50 and 2 at £25



instead of just 50% going in prizes as the rules allow. We want to keep this level of prizes, but we need some more members! Because some people are no longer with us and a few have dropped out, we are now down to 80 members. If you are not a member, would you please consider joining? By doing so, you are helping to maintain our lovely village hall for use by local groups and individuals at low cost and also giving yourself a good chance of a worthwhile prize. The odds of winning are very high compared with the National Lottery and most other similar

schemes!

The subscription is only £5 a month – just over £1 a week – with a good chance of winning a prize and also the knowledge of helping to keep going a valuable and flourishing village facility. Most people pay by standing order or direct transfer, so you don't really notice the modest payment each month (or quarter or year depending on your choice)!

If you would like to join or would like further information, please contact the Hall Treasurer, Edna Thompson, on 01271 866438 or tomand-edna.44@tiscali.co.uk, or Hall Chairman, Ian Stuart, on 01271 863396 or ian@leedevon.co.uk. It really is quite painless but is good fun!



WRINKLEWOOD POTTERY, LEE

David & Julian welcome commissions on any 'organic' theme, we produce individual pottery bowls, Harvest jugs and pitchers. Our pottery is rooted in the indigenous North Devon slipware tradition, which dates back hundreds of years, but please bear in mind that if you would like to give us a commission our pots can't be hurried, so we will need a bit of notice for commemorative pieces.



Dave throws the pots on an original, 'human-powered' Leach kick wheel, using a red clay as similar as possible to the no longer obtainable Fremington clay, but we still slip the pots with white pipe clay from Petersmarland.

Our pots are slipped in different colours using oxides then when leather hard Julian embarks on their sgraffito decoration. This is a time-ravaging labour of love, and these detailed scenes would traditionally have been reserved for ceremonial and commemorative pieces.

The final finish is our 'honey' lead frit glaze which is similar but safe version to the old North Devon recipes, and gives a rich range of earthy hues. This transparency allows the decoration to shine brightly through.

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Iris Jackson



Iris was born in Watford. A country girl, she grew up on the family smallholding where her father kept a few pigs, geese and chicken. His main activity was watercress farming, a business started by Iris' grandfather around 1870, originally in Hampshire.

By the time she left school, aged 15 in 1944, her mother had become increasingly disabled. Instead of going out to work, Iris had to help with housekeeping. As her mother's disability worsened, Iris assumed increasing responsibility for running the house and looking after her mother. This is a role that she continued until her marriage to Percy in March 1962.

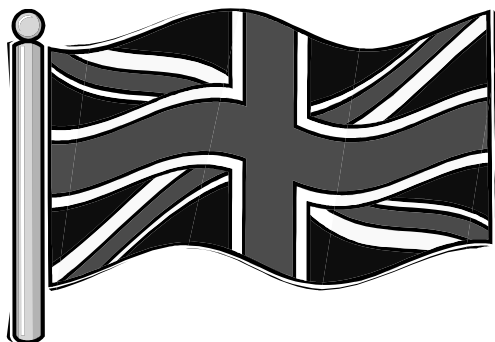
Iris and Percy moved to Cheltenham where his employer had opened a new office. Fortuitously, houses were considerably lower priced and more readily available than in the Watford area. The move to Cheltenham was the first in a series that gradually took them further west! Iris had always dreamt of living in a Devon seaside village one day. With this constantly in mind, holidays and day trips that led to the compilation of a short list that included Combe Martin, Berrynarbor and Lee.

She eventually realised her dream on 16 July 1979 when the family moved to Brackenhurst, previously owned by Jack Dyer and his wife. At that time, the summer months in Lee could be quite hectic with the village sometimes swamped by visitors. For a time, Iris used to help out in Mrs Clements' beachside Smugglers Café. She also acted for many years as caretaker and housekeeper for the owners of Millfield and Drummets.

Although appearing not to have much time for village life, Iris loved Lee and did take a great deal of interest in what was going on. A degree of natural reticence sometimes made making new relationships a bit challenging. However, to anyone who did get to know her, she was an open, friendly person with a cheerful disposition.

Iris suffered a serious illness early in the winter of 2000 that had a lasting effect on her subsequent health. By the Autumn of 2011, she was very poorly. A sudden deterioration early in 2012 led to her admittance in April to Fernbank House Residential Home. There, on 14 August, she passed away peacefully with Percy at her side.

'I LIVE HERE' JUBILEE PROJECT



The response to my article in the summer edition of the Lee & Link'em News about the proposed 'I live here' Jubilee project has been tremendously positive. 12 residents volunteered to be photographers and many others expressed much interest. With the full support of the Hall Committee, the project is going ahead under its auspices.

By now all 136 households, including those not occupied permanently, should have been contacted by their designated photographer and have had a copy of our publicity poster. A very small number of householders have declined the invitation to take part, but, with the vast majority as willing participants, we should achieve our aim of recording in picture form

nearly all the population of Lee and Lincombe and the surrounding farms in Jubilee year. Many interesting pieces of information are also emerging for the brief text that will accompany the photograph of each household and their house. As the photograph and text for each household will be unique, the overall document will be fascinating!

The Steering Group has discussed at some length how the project will be put together and no final decisions have yet been made. However, as well as photographs of people of each household in front of their house, we are expecting to include photographs of some non-residential buildings, and, perhaps, pictures of some groups of village organisations. In addition, David Beer is taking some aerial photographs from his light aircraft! We had originally thought that the final album would be available in digital form as well as printed form. But as one or two concerns have been expressed about the potential of a digital version being published on the internet, we have decided that it will only be available in a printed format. As suggested before, we shall probably also have a photomontage that includes a very small version of each photograph.

There is still some way to go before all the photographs are taken – the poor weather this summer hasn't helped! However, at least the initial contact should have been made by now. If, by any chance, you have not been contacted, something has gone wrong with our system and we would like to know. Please contact me if you have not yet been involved but would like to be.

After all the photographs and texts have been agreed with each household, we shall be collating all the information and putting it together. We shall contact everyone again when the project is complete and when copies of the album or booklet are available. We hope that this will be by the end of the year.

Ian Stuart

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Julian Craig

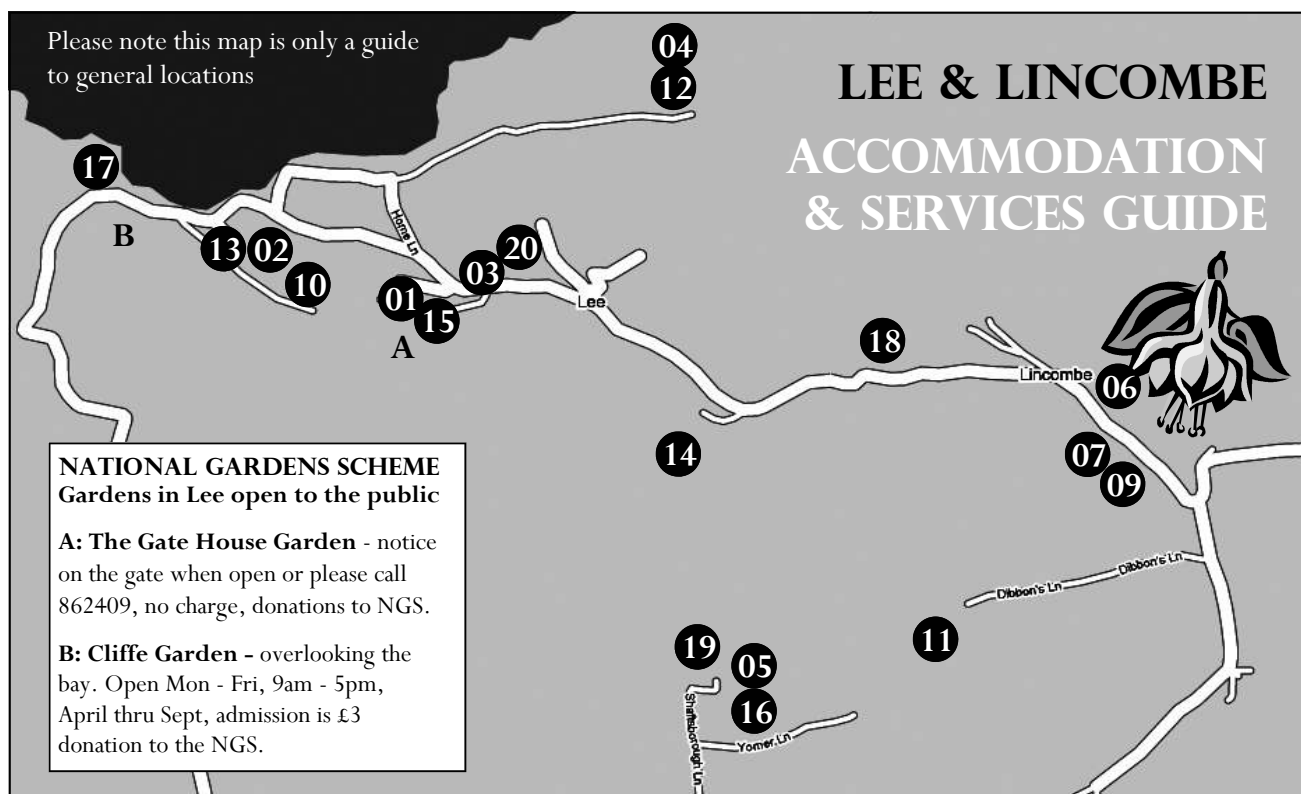
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