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LEE AND LINCOMBE – FUTURE DATES FOR 2013

VILLAGE DIARY

Sunday 10 March 8.45am Mothering Sunday service — St Matthew's Church with breakfast in the

Memorial Hall afterwards

Friday 22 March 4.30pm Café Church – Memorial Hall. See advertisement for more information.

Late March onwards Old Schoolroom Craft Shop opens for the season in time for Easter. Check

with Louise Thompson (864067) for exact opening times.

Friday 29 March 2.00pm Good Friday service – St Matthew's Church

Sunday 31 March 9.00am Easter Sunday Communion Service with choir and festive music

- St Matthew's Church

Monday 1 April 10.30am Easter coffee morning, Hot X buns, cakes, etc – Memorial Hall

Thursday 11 April 7.30pm Gardeners Question Time – Memorial Hall.

(Promoted by Lee WI and Flower Show Committee but open to all.)

Monday 15 April 7.30pm Annual General Meeting of Lee Memorial Hall – Memorial Hall

Monday 22 April 7.30pm St Matthew's Church Annual Parochial Meeting – Memorial Hall

Saturday 27 April 7.00pm 'Freddy Dare and the Ginger Robber': Family Theatre – Memorial Hall.

(promoted by Beaford Arts – tickets from the Grampus 862906).

See posters or Beaford Arts website for details.

Monday 6 May 10.30am Flower Show Coffee Morning and Plant Sale – Memorial Hall

Tuesday 21 May 7.30pm Lee and Lincombe Residents' Association AGM – Memorial Hall

(Eric Couling 863257)

Monday 27 May 2.00pm Spring Fayre – Memorial Hall and Meadow

Thursday 25 July 2.00pm Flower Show – Memorial Hall

Sat 27 July – Sun 11 August Arts and Crafts Exhibition – Memorial Hall

Sunday 22 September 6.30pm Harvest Festival Service

- St Matthew's Church followed by Harvest Supper in Memorial Hall

Most Mondays 10.00am – 1.00pm 'Mini-Monsters' – Memorial Hall (Check dates with Kate Seekings 867068)

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

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

Friday evenings from 8.00 pm Open mic nights at the Grampus

If you would like 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 very sorry to lose Peter and Jill Bostock from Pebble House. Fortunately, they have only moved to Braunton! So they will still be able to keep in touch with their many friends whether this contact is on the golf course, in local choirs or back at the Grampus. Among many attributes, Jill's artistic talent is renowned and Peter has been on the Residents' Association Committee for a number of years. We wish them well.





The new residents of Pebble House are Ron and Rachel Stamp.

They fell in love with Lee several years ago and jumped at the opportunity to make it their home. They are keen to walk, cycle, kayak and make lots of new friends. Rachel works in the academic department of psychiatry at the University of Bristol and Ron is semi-retired from a different kind of research role in the NHS. They expect their four grown-up 'youngsters' and grand-daughter to be frequent visitors and anticipate (with pleasure) friends taking the opportunity to spend time with them in this beautiful environment. Welcome Ron and Rachel. It's good to have you in our community!

The other notable arrival is Peter Christopher Dobson! Peter was born on 7 December to mother Becca Wyles and father Alun Dobson. He weighed in at a respectable 7lbs 11oz. He is a lovely little boy and we send heartiest congratulations to Becca and Alun. We look forward to seeing more of Peter around the village in the next few months and for years to come.



British Red Cross - Volunteers Please!



The British Red Cross is struggling to cope in North Devon & needs volunteers PLEASE!

The charity is appealing for people to help in the Ilfracombe area. Service coordinator Jen Kirk says " We don't ask for a huge time commitment from our

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If you can help for just a few hours a month & really make a difference to someone please contact Jen Kirk on 01271 326662. THANK YOU.



FIRST AID REQUIRED?

Call Sebastian (862453) or Bill at the Grampus Inn (862906)



The Grampus Inn also has a defibrillator onsite.

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NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH



As regular readers will know, we have been undertaking some major restoration to the Church over the last year or so. An important stage was reached last month when two of the lovely, but very fragile, stained glass windows were returned following complete restoration. They complement the magnificent restoration of the rose window last year.

The large window facing the road near the back of the Church is fully repaired and looks splendid. Equally splendid is the less noticeable window in the sanctuary that faces the road. Our expert restorer has been fascinated by the window. The main part of the window is fine 18th century Italian glass, but it is surrounded by 19th century classic Victorian stained glass. Furthermore, the apex of the main feature of the window is not cen-

tral within the window. We think the probable explanation is that the main part of the window, created many years before St Matthew's Church was built, came from a large Manor House, or similar. Because it did not fit the Church window, part of the main illustration was cut out to give the asymmetrical shape and the remaining spaces were filled by new, contemporary Victorian glass. If you haven't studied the window in detail before, do so sometime soon. It's well worth a look!

The re-decoration of parts of the Church has continued to be delayed but we are really hopeful that it will be undertaken soon. I know I said that in July, but I am very optimistic now!

There are a number of events coming up soon to which everyone is most welcome. Firstly, Sunday 10 March is Mothering Sunday. We shall have a family service at 8.45 am, followed by breakfast in the Memorial Hall. This is now becoming a tradition with delicious bacon sandwiches as well as cereals, porridge, toast and other tasty items. The service is designed to appeal to everyone of all ages

and all are invited to the breakfast afterwards. So do come along!



On Good Friday, March 29, at 2.00 pm, there is a service of readings, hymns and periods of silence to commemorate the final moments of Christ's life before he died on the cross. Then on Easter Sunday March 31, at 9.00 am, there will be the Easter Communion Service in the beautifully decorated church with festive 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 with the opportunity to include in Hot Cross Buns!

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



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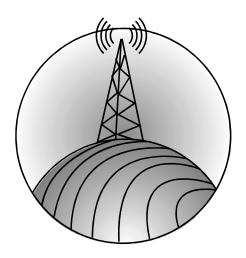
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LEE SELF-HELP TV RELAY REPORT

At the Committee meeting earlier this month, a report on the membership at 31 December showed that only 7 subscribers (3 permanent residents and 4 holiday homes) were actually using the Relay system currently, which was a fall of 5 from the previous year end only five months previously. Another 3 subscribers supported the Relay but did not use it. Most of the subscribers who had left had switched to satellite to get a better picture and to obtain a greater choice of programmes. With great regret, the Committee decided to close down the Lee Self-Help TV Relay as soon as practicable and Ofcom has agreed to withdraw our transmitting license at the end of May if not surrendered earlier. The Committee agreed to a full refund of the current period's subscription of £20 and that any funds remaining after payment of all closure costs would be distributed equally between the Lee Memorial Hall and The Lee & Lincombe Residents' Association to be used as they considered appropriate for the benefit of the village.



The reason for the close down is twofold: firstly, the Relay is no longer financially viable with only 7 subscribers using it currently — subscription income does not cover the electricity costs, let alone any maintenance or breakdowns. Secondly, the frequent signal interference from the more powerful Carmel transmitter in Wales resulting in an unacceptably poor picture at times, which our engineer has been unable to remedy due to factors outside his control. The matter has been taken up with Ofcom directly and through our M.P., Nick Harvey, but to no avail - probably because to do so for the few people in Lee would be out of all proportion in relation to the several hundred thousand satisfied Welsh viewers.



The demise of the Relay is a sad day for the village but it served its purpose well during the analogue days when the availability of alternative TV sources was restricted and expensive. This has changed in recent years with satellite TV becoming much more widely available and the cost more affordable. Bill Davison and Les Knott ran the Relay very successfully for almost 17 years on a voluntary basis and they must be congratulated on their dedication and skill in doing so. In recognition of this service to the Relay, several subscribers have donated their refund towards the cost of installing satellite TV in Les Knott's house and the Committee has agreed to top up the amount from Relay funds, if necessary.

Paul Thom - 31 January 2013

Committee Members:

Bob Gilliat (864732); Elizabeth Gilliat (864732); Adrienne Howard (863204); Michael Rogers (862947 - Secretary); Paul Thom (862309 - Treasurer)

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And now, thanks to sponsors, the Lee & Link'em News is also freely available online to read and/or download. Please visit www.leebay.co.uk and follow the links.

NEWS FROM THE GRAMPUS INN



Some of you may have noticed an international flavour to people helping at The Grampus recently. I have joined HelpX, through which I've been hosting working guests from around the world each bringing their own talents. So we have benefited from skills ranging from excellent engineering through painting & decorating, woodworking & cooking. The latter has meant international flavours sneaking onto the menu from time to time!

I am deeply grateful to Louis & Cherry Barruol of Chateau St Cosme for making their delicious La Petite Rôtie exclusively available to The Grampus.

It is so popular that some customers have been buying it by the case full & I'm hoping that we don't sell out of it completely before the next consignment arrives from Gigondas. For those of you who have yet to taste & enjoy this sumptuous wine, I can do no better than quote from the label:-

"La Petite Rôtie vineyard grows at the top of the slope of the Côte-Rôtie which is one of the greatest terroirs on earth. A few metres from the official Côte-Rôtie limits, so this is not an "official" Côte-Rôtie."

Close your eyes, smell it carefully, taste it & you'll get the sense that mother nature is more powerful than human regulations."

I am planning a microbrewery & a vineyard...but that is some way into the future.

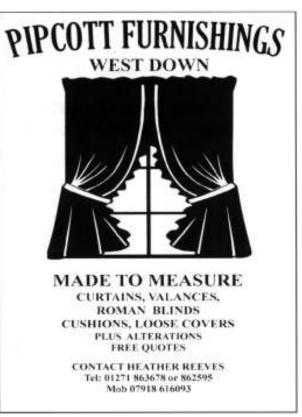
We said goodbye in the autumn to our unique manager/cleaner extraordinaire who took early retirement (by 2 months!!) when she broke her wrist. Starting from when I bought the pub 5 years ago, Mavis has given me helpful practical advice on the many problems associated with a new business venture. Its success is in no small part due to her & I could not have managed without her.

If you're concerned about the lack of traceability of some meat products, we know the source of all the meat we use...it comes from high quality producers within the county of Devon (as stated on Radio 4 "Any Answers" by one of our knowledgeable customers) and none of it is horse meat!

I look forward to welcoming you to The Grampus.

Bill





Lee and Lincombe Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter - January 2013 by Bob Gilliat

The cuts in policing facilities, as a result of the requirement for Devon & Cornwall Police to save on the reduced Government Grant they have received this year, are already being felt by our local Police. As reported last year, Ilfracombe Police Station is effectively closed to the public so the nearest police station open to the public is Barnstaple. A number of our PC's have not been permitted to extend their service and a number have already retired. Police



overtime is strictly limited and the number of police vehicles reduced. All our PC's are now working shifts, including the Neighbourhood Beat Team. The jobs of our 6 PCSOs appear to be safe at present and they are not required to work at night. We have a new Police Inspector, Roger Bartlett, who has taken over from Inspector Pete Sarney who is posted to Barnstaple.

As you will be aware, following an election on 15th November 2012, Tony Hogg was elected our new Police Commissioner. While many of us are sorry that these appointments are not completely divorced from political influence, the fact that Tony is a recently retired Royal Navy Captain and was Commanding Officer at RN Station, Culdrose, must be in his favour in dealing with policemen of all ranks! He is already in post at Middlemoor and has already published his first draft Police and Crime Plan for consultation by the public. He is asking for comments on his draft proposals. These are published on line and can be accessed on www.devonandcornwall.pcc.your.uk/Take-Part/We-Want-Your-Views.aspx. Tony's Address is: Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, Endeavour House, Woodwater Park, Exeter. EX25WH. His email address is OPCC@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk and Telephone number: 01392-225555.

You will be very pleased to hear that there was only one recorded crime logged by the Police in 2012 which is a considerable reduction on the 13 recorded the previous year. PC Nella Barker and PCSO Pete Hyde visit the village regularly and welcome the opportunity to talk to residents and visitors. If you have any problems they will be pleased if you will contact them either when they are here or through the Police Station.

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. 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. It is suggested that you 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.

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 Ilfracombe Police Station Officer by name:

Useful People:

Officer in Charge Ilfracombe Police:

Neighbourhood Beat Team:

Beat Manager (Ilf. West & Lee):

PCSO (Ilf. West and Lee):

Insp Roger Bartlett
Sgt Lee Henderson
PC Nella Barker
PCSO Pete Hyde

Finally, your Village Co-ordinators – Bob Gilliat (864732), Ian Stuart (863396) and Mavis Rogers (862947) hope that 2013 will be happy and crime free for all in our village.

Well known People who have visited Lee (11-20)

Continuing our serialisation of the well known people who have visited Lee over the years.

During the war years, **(11) MARIUS GORING** spent a lot of his time in Lee. After he left Lee, he would always send Nancy Dyer, of Rose Cottage, a Christmas card. He was a film actor and usually played Germans.



(12) T. S. ELIOT (left) stayed in Lee several times and was a friend of Miss Armstrong and the Hill family. In about 2005, Mr Tony Seymour called the old part of his house that once housed the actual post office "Eliot's" in honour of T.S. ELIOT.

(13) ANTON ROGERS spent a holiday at The Lee Bay Hotel in about 1996. He played Alec Callendar in the TV serial 'May to December'. He also played the lead in a series called 'Ukridge' by P. G. Wodehouse, as well as 'Separate Tables' (1957), and 'Elizabeth 1 of England' in 1971.

(14) LENNY HENRY and his wife (15) DAWN FRENCH had a holiday in Chapel Cottage with their adopted daughter Billy in 1999. They are both well-known comedians. They divorced a couple of years ago.

It was in the 1950s that **(16) JOHN MILLS** and his family were spotted having tea in the Old Farm Tea Gardens.

His family consisted of (17) HAYLEY MILLS, the soon-tobe child star of many films especially with the Disney organisation, but starting off with Tiger Bay in 1959.

Then the elder of the sisters (18) JULIET MILLS was in the film 'Five Finger Exercise' in 1960.

Their mother and wife to JOHN MILLS, **(19) MARY HAYLEY BELL** was a writer, and wrote 'Whistle Down the Wind', in which her daughter Hayley starred.

Their only son was destined to become an actor, writer and producer. He was in Rainbow, and Great Expectations.



(20) TUBBY CLAYTON (left) arrived at the Lee Bay Hotel in about 1959. He was interested in buying it as a boys' club, or somewhere where the young men he rescued could have a holiday.

I must thank all those people who helped to put this list together, people like Peter Richey of the White House, Ginny Potts, Elizabeth

Gilliat and Roy Dyer, to mention just a few.

Richard Howard

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JUBILEE 2012

I have written in the last 2 editions of the News about the Jubilee project that is being sponsored by the Hall Committee. The purpose of the project is to provide a photographic record, with a short piece of text, of nearly all the population of Lee and Lincombe and the surrounding farms in Diamond Jubilee year.

The project has been developing very well although, for a variety of reasons, our time scale for publication has slipped and it is now going to be well into 2013 before the book is published. Arguably, 2013 is also Jubilee year as it is the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation!



The team of 15 photographers has been hard at work and, perhaps inevitably, the project has grown! Originally we called the project 'I live here' to reflect the main purpose of recording the population of our community. That remains the main aim, but we are now also including village groups and organisations and some interesting non-residential buildings. We are also including some air photographs. So it is now more than 'I live here'! Therefore we have come up with a new name – JubiLEE 2012. We think this is a more accurate description as well as recognising the coincidence of the letters in Jubilee and Lee.

We have now completed most of the photographs and research, although there are still some bits and pieces to finish off. We shall be starting to put the project together soon and hope that the end product will be a high quality publication that will be a fascinating record of our community and will give much pleasure.

We hope that no one has been inadvertently been left out. If, unfortunately, that is the case, please contact me. We can still fit you in! Similarly, if you are one of the small number of households who have not wished to take part so far but would now like to be involved, please let me know and, again, there is still time to fit you in.

Ian Stuart - 01271 863396 or ian@leedevon.co.uk



LEE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As you probably know Lee Women's Institute has been going through a very difficult time recently, but I am pleased to say that we are now beginning to pick ourselves up.

We have 12 fully paid up members and there is still a very good possibility that we will have 2 or 3 more. I think the weather last month put a few ladies off from turning out of their cosy homes, but I must say the hall was nice and warm as well.

Our programme for this year is beginning to take shape and has already begun with Gina-Luisa Hilborne giving a demonstration of Italian bread making on 14th February. We were seated in the kitchen of the hall, and I can assure you it was very warm.

Thursday 14th March. Instead of an evening meeting, we will be doing the annual picking up of litter around the village hedges. We have always felt that it should be done before Easter, before the hedges start to thicken up, and we also feel that we could and should support the village with community projects. Routes will be planned at the February meeting. After the pick up there will be a soup lunch at the Old Post Office courtesy of Bob and Elizabeth.





Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm. Carolyn Weekes is organising a Gardeners Question Time. Carolyn, as most of you know, is the Secretary of the Lee Flower Show Committee, and has good contacts for guest panellists. This will be an open meeting, when friends and husbands are invited. If you wish to come it would be helpful to let Carolyn or myself know for catering purposes.

Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm is our Annual meeting with resolutions. I think some members find these meetings tedious, but they have to be done and it need only take maybe half an hour at the most. As yet we haven't decided how the evening will conclude but we will come up with something.

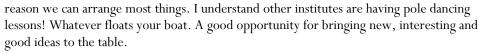
Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm. You can't miss this meeting or you will earn the wrath of Natalie Sharpe. Natalie has done a lot of homework on several of the interesting houses in Lee, and the talk will be entitled "Tip of the Iceberg".

Thursday 11th July will be an outing to include partners if wished. Time to be confirmed. We will leave Barnstaple and go to Exeter by train and visit the nearby and newly restored Exeter Museum. Arrangements for lunch and or tea will be made nearer the time. If anyone feels that they could help with the organisation, for example train times, opening hours of museum, restaurants, etc., it would be much appreciated.

We do not have a meeting in August so it might be a good opportunity sometime



somewhere to get together and plan the programme for 2014. As I learnt in college on a typewriting course (when I was 13) "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party" Our members are very open-minded and within



The September, October and November meetings will include having a go at several different arts and crafts, more cookery and Frances Thompson will be speaking about her visit to China and tracing her father's footsteps. This could be an open meeting.

I would hope that the year could conclude with a Christmas candlelit supper.

If you haven't been to a W I meeting before please come along at one of them listed, with no obligation to join. We are a friendly lot, and we don't bite.

Margaret Hill, President, and - for the time being - Secretary, 01271 864 257, hill4lee@googlemail.com



LEE MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE



The Hall continues to be well used by groups and organisations that use the Hall regularly and by occasional users. We have had a number of children's and adults' parties in the last couple of months and several other events are booked over the summer months, including 3 wedding receptions. We are very pleased and grateful to all who use the hall and, in doing so, help to secure the long term future of our fine village facility. In the last edition of the News, we featured the 100 Club Lottery which not only also brings in very welcome funding for the Hall but gives out valuable prizes each month - one at £100, two at £50 and two at £25. We are always looking to recruit new members, so, if you are not a subscriber at present but would like to join as a way of helping the Hall and having a good chance of winning a prize, do contact me on 863396 or the Hall's Treasurer, Edna Thompson, on 866438. We should be very pleased to give you further details and an application form.

There are a number of events in the Hall that are open to the public in the next few months. The Hall's own Annual General Meeting is on Monday 15 April at 7.30 pm. The highlight of the year is the Spring Fayre in the Hall and Meadow on Bank Holiday Monday 27 May, and, as usual, there will be the Arts and Crafts Exhibition organised by the Hall Committee from Saturday 27 July to Sunday 11 August. But other events in the Hall include a coffee morning with Hot Cross Buns on Easter Monday and a Gardener's Question Time on Thursday 11 April. Beaford Arts are promoting a great family theatrical experience on Saturday 27 April, and the Flower Show Committee has a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on Monday 6 May as well as the Flower Show itself on Thursday 25 July. These and other events are listed in the village diary. Do come along to any or all of them!

The Hall has been given a large, free-standing, two-sided advertisement board. This is available for any village group or organisation to borrow. You may have already seen it in use at Lincombe Cross to advertise some events. When not in use it is being stored at present in my garage. If anyone is interested in borrowing it, please contact me.

Ian Stuart, Chairman

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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-ravening labour of love, and these detailed scenes would traditionally have been reserved for ceremonial and commemorative pieces.

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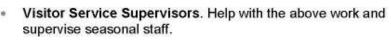
It's a really exciting time here for us at the National Trust as we start thinking about getting ready for the start of the season in March. Of course our countryside is always open and Arlington Court will be open in February half term but come the start of March, we will have loads more friendly staff in place to help you and your family make the most of your visit and to answer all of your questions. 'Which is the best way to walk around Baggy Point?', 'which cake is the scrummiest, lemon drizzle or fruitcake?' and 'can I buy family membership from

here?' are all questions we get asked and (in my opinion) are all equally important!

We are looking for people like you to join our team for the upcoming season and from the 23 January will be posting details and application forms on the jobs section of the National Trust website. Do you know anyone who would make a fantastic:

- Car Park Recruiter. Help run the car park and talk to visitors at Baggy Point.
- Visitor Service Assistants. Help serve delicious food and drink at Watersmeet café or sell items and food at our shop in the beautiful Heddon valley.







All of the new roles will involve a wide range of tasks including showing visitors the benefits of membership and helping to show our properties in the best possible light all with the aim of reaching our vision that 'everyone will feel like a member of the National Trust'. Some roles will be part time and some full time for the 2013 season and will suit those of you who have a passion for helping both people and our special local countryside as well as working as part of a great team for a worthwhile charity.

If the beach is more your cup of tea, keep your eyes peeled around May time for our Beach Ranger adverts which will be available from the National Trust car park at Baggy Point. So come on board and check out our jobs website at www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk.

Jemma Lowin 01598 763677 Blogsite

Visitor Services Manager jemma.lowin@nationaltrust.org.uk www.northdevon.wordpress.com



LEE VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW



The Flower Show Coffee Morning and Plant Sale is to be held on Monday 6th May in Lee Memorial Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm. This event raises much needed funds to stage our annual Show so any donations of plants or cakes for the stalls will be gratefully received.

The date of the Flower Show is 25th July 2013. Schedules and Chairman's Choice fuchsias will be available at the Coffee Morning in May.

The titles for the Handicraft section photograph and painting classes are as follows for those who want to crack on with their entries. Plenty of you do, we hope!!!

- Photograph taken by the exhibitor entitled "ROCKS" not to exceed 6"x4".
- A painting or picture entitled "FLOWERS IN THE MEADOW" in any medium, e.g. oils, water colours, pastels etc.



Finally, the Lee WI is hoping to organise an Open Meeting on Thursday 11th April along the lines of "Gardeners Question Time". They

will have a panel of three professionals to answer gardening queries and questions about exhibiting in a Flower Show. Anyone can come along with their questions, it should be a fun evening and light refreshments will be served. Look out for posters around the village in March.

Finally, let us all hope for some better weather so that we can get out and enjoy our gardens.

Happy Gardening, Carolyn Weekes (Secretary)

COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT FOR THE ND JOURNAL

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For many years
Pat Seymour has
undertaken the
role of our
Community
Correspondent
for the North

Devon Journal. She has very efficiently reported village events and her photographs have often been published. We have all been very grateful for all she has done. However, Pat decided to relinquish her role at the end of 2012 and, despite notices asking for someone to take on the role, we are not aware of any volunteer coming forward.



So our community needs a volunteer for an important role. There is a very small remuneration for each piece of writing or each photograph that is published, though no one is likely to want to do the job for the money! If you think this might be a role for you, please contact the North Devon Journal and ask for the Community Correspondent Department. If you would like to talk to Pat about the job, she would be pleased to hear from you. Her phone number is 863628.

LEE & LINCOMBE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Much has happened since the AGM in May 2012, the Residents' Association has been involved in many projects in the village.

As you probably know, the hedges have been causing problems for vehicles coming into and going out of the village. As well as the problems for vehicles, the hedges were very unsightly and Lee was becoming known as "Bramble Alley". We therefore sought the help of the Highways Department through Councillor Geoff Fowler and, with the help of Bill Banting, the Highways Engineer, succeeded in getting the majority of the hedges cut back. It was a difficult task trying to sort out ownership of some hedges because many fields and properties are owned by people living away. Peter Bostock worked very hard on this project, and so thank you to Peter and thank you to all hedge owners for your co-operation. But also do not forget that this is an annual task, the villages look much tidier for it and it makes driving in our narrow lanes much safer.

The Highways Department has also replaced the wooden posts at the side of the road overlooking Chapel Cottage, which have been in a dangerous state for some time.

The lamppost opposite Old Maids Cottage was damaged by a visiting courier, this has been replaced but is not quite the same as the original as NDDC no longer keeps the old type due to Health and Safety

Regulations.

As you know, many problems have occurred in the village due to the constant rain and resulting floods. Many villagers have been busy unblocking drains and keeping road edges clear. Thank you all for your hard work and community spirit, I am sure it has saved properties that are prone to flooding problems. Highways has been inundated with calls so it was a case of doing what we could ourselves. The weather has also caused a lot more potholes to appear, the Committee will keep on top of this ongoing problem.

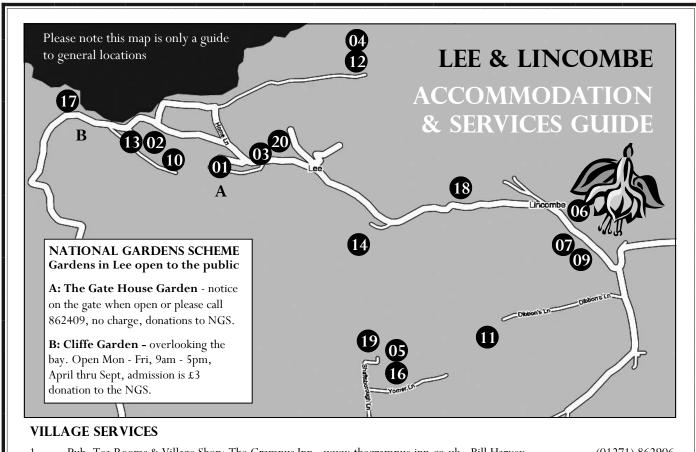
The roadside ploughing has taken place but only as far as The Grange, we think this was due to a change in the weather, but will chase up for it to be completed. One of the places badly affected by the rain was the footpath to the beach, which was very sad as it had only been resurfaced 18 months ago. Much of it was washed away by the torrents running down it and it had become very dangerous in places. Many thanks to Carolyn and her daughter Tracey for repairing the bottom end and to Heather and Denny Booker for repairing the top end, the bit in the middle was not badly affected.

There are still some outstanding problems that the Committee is working on, mainly the repairs to the sea wall and causeway and also the constantly dripping tap on the beach slipway which is causing erosion there. These have all been reported on numerous occasions but no action as yet. We will stay on the case.

Finally, best wishes to Jill and Peter Bostock who have now moved to Braunton. Peter was a very active LLRA Committee member and was a great help to me during his time serving on the Committee. We wish them both well in their new home and hope that they will not be strangers to us in Lee.

Eric Couling, Chairman





 Pub, Tea Rooms & Village Shop: The Grampus Inn - www.thegrampus-inn.co.uk - Bill Harvey 	(01271) 862906
2. Hotel: The Lee Bay Hotel	CLOSED
3. The Old Schoolroom Craft Gallery & Gift Shop - www.noonoo-art.co.uk - Louise Thompson	(01271) 864067
BED & BREAKFAST	
4. The Blue Mushroom (2/3) - mushroomblue@btinternet.com - Mavis & Michael Rogers	(01271) 862947
5. Shaftsboro Farm - www.shaftsboro.co.uk - Margaret & Frederick Kift	(01271) 865029
6. High Banks, Lincombe - pat.seymour06@talktalk.net - Pat & Tony Seymour	(01271) 863628
7. Pensport Rock - www.pensportrock.com - Jackie Jackson	(01271) 863419
SELF CATERING (max. per unit)	
9. Lincombe House (2,6,5) - www.lincombehouse.co.uk - Richenda S Carter	(01271) 864834
10. Chapel Cottage on Beach Lane (9) - www.chapelcottagelee.co.uk - Ginny Potts	(01271) 867212
11. Lower Campscott Farm (8,6,6,4,4,4,2+) - www.lowercampscott.co.uk - Kathy & Tony Mortime	er (01271) 863479
12. The Blue Mushroom (2/3) - mushroomblue@btinternet.com - Mavis & Michael Rogers	(01271) 862947
13. Wrinklewood (4) - www.wrinklewood.co.uk - David & Penny Perry	(01271) 866535
14. Crowness Cottage (4) - www.crownesscottage.co.uk - Irene Duffield	(01268) 742162
15. Advertise your property here for just £3 per year!	gina@loveleebay.co.uk
16. Shaftsboro Farm - www.shaftsboro.co.uk - Margaret & Frederick Kift	(01271) 865029
17. Damage Hue apartment (2+2) - www.damagehue.co.uk - Julien Busselle	(01271) 862876
18. Lee Chapel (5) & School House (4), combined (9) - www.visitleechapel.co.uk - Geoff Barker	07870 239 973
19. Allender Farm (8,6,6,5,2+) - www.allenderfarm.co.uk - Jane & Jim Bridges	(01271) 866679
20. The Old Vicarage (15) - www.theoldvicaragelee.com - Amanda Robertson	07973 963 887

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