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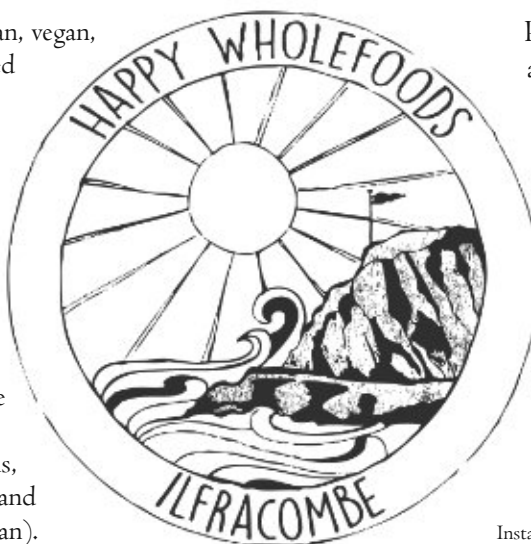
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GREETINGS AND FAREWELLS



We are pleased to welcome Simon and Teri Pengelly who have recently moved into Greystones on Home Lane. They spent 3 years living and working in Cornwall, using the opportunity to look for a permanent home in the South West.

Last May they viewed a house near Woolacombe and visited Lee Bay to have a look, instantly falling in love with the place and Greystones! They own and run a small company designing furniture, interiors and gardens.

Also on Home Lane, we are pleased to welcome Jenny and Charlie Ponsonby who have moved into Drummetts. They have 3 'children', Sophia, Arthur and Tess now in their late teens and early twenties. They love Lee and have come to stay several times a year for almost 20 years, since their children were babies. The highlight of every year is the week in July when all the family descend, making 25 in total, with ages from 7 to 87!

With their kids now finished with school they are more flexible and look to spend more time in Lee, especially as they both work from home. They all love swimming, kayaking and some of them love walking and running along the coastal paths. They are keen gardeners and look forward to getting to work on the Drummetts garden. They are doing some renovations on Drummetts and hope they don't cause any disturbance or upset. They would welcome anyone getting in touch if there are any concerns.

We do hope that both families will be very happy living in the village.



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NEWS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH



In the last edition of the News I reported that the process leading to the appointment of a new Vicar was underway with interviews planned for May 10th. I am now very pleased to say that an appointment has been made and that all of us who have been involved in the process are very happy about the appointment. The formal announcement of the appointment was made in each of the 3 churches on Sunday 12th May. It read:

'The Bishop and patrons are pleased to announce that, subject to the completion of the statutory formalities, the Rev'd Susan Yvonne Oldham has been appointed as 0.5 Team Vicar for 3 Coastal Parishes in North Devon (Woolacombe, Mortehoe and Lee). Susan is currently 0.5 Rector of Dolton, Dowland, Iddesleigh, and Monkokehampton. Susan will be licensed by the Bishop of Crediton on Monday September 11th 2023, 7.30pm, at St Sabinus' Woolacombe'.

Susan already has some knowledge of our 3 parishes as she spent some time with us as part of her training, but it is worth emphasising that the post is only part time. However I know that Susan is looking forward to getting to know Lee better.

As I said in the previous L & L News, St Matthew's Church continues successfully. Rev Ann Lewis, an associate priest linked to the parishes, takes most of the communion services and we are most grateful to her for all she does. But, once a month, a number of us plan and take a more informal non-communion service. The service on Mothering Sunday was a particular highlight with a large attendance and refreshments afterwards in the Hall. The normal pattern of a service of Holy Communion at 8.45 am on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays and a non-communion service normally at 10.00 am on the 2nd Sunday continues. The second Sunday in July, 9th July, is Sea Sunday. So, as we have

done for a few years, there will be a short informal service on the beach at 9.30 am (to fit better with the tides). Everyone is, of course, welcome at any service, but a particular invitation goes out to families and others to join regular members of the congregation at the sea front on Sea Sunday. More details will be published nearer the time.

I should like to conclude this article by paying tribute to all who organised and helped with the Spring Fair. As someone who has been much involved with it for nearly 30 years, it was a great pleasure this year just to enjoy attending but also to see the large number of stall holders and other helpers of all ages contributing to its success. It is only when significant numbers of residents and friends are prepared to volunteer to organise and help with events like the Spring Fair that the village will flourish. I am much encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment of many people at the Fair.

Ian Stuart, Churchwarden

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DISTRICT AND TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 4TH MAY 2023

As readers will know, elections for North Devon District and Ilfracombe Town Councils took place on 4th May. We are grateful to Town Councillor and Lee resident Pat Coates for providing this information about local councillors.

Lee is in Ilfracombe West Ward. In the North Devon District Council elections, Sara Wilson and Jonathan Quinn were elected to fill the two seats in the West Ward.

For Ilfracombe Town Council, there were 7 vacant seats and, as there were only 7 candidates, they were elected unopposed. They are: Pat Coates, George Coulter, Toby Ebert, Mark Fay, Trevor Huggins, Harrison Perrin and Nathan Townsend.

Two of the seven, Pat and Trevor, live in Lee and with Pat on the Planning Committee and Trevor on Finance and General Purposes, Lee and Lincombe have representation at key meetings.

MORE TREASURED L & L MEMORIES

I was interested in the memories of Alan Kift - I remember the name of Kift, but I can't put a face to it. His stories of the Cook Brothers were interesting. I knew that Louis Cook had been in the Navy during the war; however I didn't know about Charlie, his brother. What I do remember about Charlie is that he was so 'cross-eyed' he always appeared to be looking way over your shoulder, and never at your face, when you were talking to him. I don't remember what Bill Cook did during the war; however, I do remember him working as a gardener for Mr. Pilley up the hill towards Damage Hue and across the road from Cliffe House where the Pilley's lived.

When we moved up to Grey Cottage, renting it from Mr. Pilley, in 1947/8, Bill was working as the gardener up there. In late 1945, when the Cook brothers became de-mobbed, they re-launched their boats in the bay. They had moorings on the sandy strip below Cliffe House. My father bought a similar boat to theirs from a boatbuilder in Appledore. The boat was called 'The Gloria Leigh' and Father commissioned the Cook brothers to look after it. They moored it in line with their boats on the sandy strip below Cliffe House, but within the confines of the rocky outcrop below Damage Hue.

Father was aware that, in winter, all their boats would be brought ashore and stored in the field opposite the Lee Bay Hotel. Also, in those days, there was a very large two storey garage within the confines of the hotel. It commenced at the road entry to the hotel virtually opposite Mill Cottage and finished at the start of the long drive to The Gwythers. So, in order to assist in moving all the boats off the beach, he went off to buy an ex USA jeep, of which there were no end for sale at the time. Instead, he came back with a 1927 Rolls Royce Barker bodied Tourer. This car never did any work with the boats; however it became my mother's car through to 1953/4.

Lyn has also been through the various issues of the L&L News, but her experience of Lee is of more modern times. Whereas my experience goes back to times when I spent my school holidays at Lee in the 1940s and 1950s, at three different locations in the village - The White House, Mill Cottage and Grey Cottage.

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LEE MEMORIAL HALL UPDATE



Lee Memorial Hall has seen a variety of events these past three months. These include:

Hall Tidy Up And Spring Clean

Thank you to everyone who came to both events, the first was to tidy up the outside of the Hall and most recently the inside. The Memorial Hall is now ready for the summer events!

Voting Booth

The hall was transformed into the polling station for the Local Elections on the 4th May.

Coronation Big Lunch Get Together

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, the hall hosted a Bring Your Own picnic, pictured below. The event was a great success, the sun even made a special appearance. Entertainment was organised by Joe Steer and was made up of willing volunteers from the village, we had everything from Ukulele to Sea Shanties.

Spring Fair

We had the annual Spring Fair at the hall; this event is covered in a separate article.

Flower Show Coffee Morning

The Flower Show had their coffee morning in order to raise funds for the flower show and give everyone the opportunity to purchase a chairman's choice fuchsia.

Hall Events

Regular events include:

- Watercolour workshop (once a month on a Wednesday)
- WI Meeting (second Thursday of the month)

(Please see the Village Hall notice board for more details)

We have also started to have regular committee meetings including:

- Lee and Lincombe Residents Association (minutes can be found on www.leeandlincombe.org.uk)
- Lee Memorial Hall Committee Meetings

Some upcoming events include:

- Flower Show 27 July 2023
- Arts and Crafts Fair 29 July – 6 August 2023

(Please note that these events will be advertised closer to the time and the dates may change).

It is clear that the Lee Memorial Hall continues to be an important community resource, and it's events like these that bring the community together and help to keep the hall at the heart of the community. The hall is available for hire by both community groups and private individuals, so if you are looking for a venue for your next event, please consider the Lee Memorial Hall.

Martha Scarrott



JAPANESE KNOTWEED



Distinguished by heart shaped leaves, red stems and white flowers.

At one time, Japanese Knotweed was prevalent in and around Lee, but over the years we have worked hard to almost eliminate this invasive plant. It can cause damage to houses and buildings as the root system can grow through tarmac and concrete foundations; it can de-value your property!

It is spread by its incredible root system only. The flowers are infertile so it cannot make seeds to scatter. It is **ILLEGAL** to move the plant material—so don't pick them!



Please **DO NOT** pull it up or cut it down—you won't remove the roots this way and the plant debris needs to be managed through special waste disposal sites.

Usually it is managed by spraying in the Spring and Autumn.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO MOVE THE PLANT MATERIAL OR SOIL CONTAINING THE ROOTS FROM THE SITE ON WHICH IT IS GROWING.

If you spot any in a public place around Lee or Lincombe, please inform us so that our licensed and trained spraying team can deal with it.

Email Enid Bowman on enidbow@gmail.com with details of specific location (photo and description) so that we can ascertain the best time for dealing with it. If it is on your own property, please feel free to email for advice or refer to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-japanese-knotweed-from-spreading>

WHAT DEFINES A LOCAL? CONFESSIONS OF A LOCAL NEWSPAPER LAD

Discussing who or who is not a local is bound to raise the temperature! But, hopefully, our readers will find much of interest in the two articles that follow. Roy Dyer believes he has lived in the village longer than anyone else having moved into his present home of 1, Whitestone Cottage in 1942 and with family connections going back to at least the 1830s. Whilst a young lad in the late 1950s he also had a Sunday newspaper round when he took papers to many houses in the village. With a bit of editorial help, we are printing Roy's family tree showing his family's long connections with the village. We are also printing Roy's recollections of who lived in most of the houses in the village – not quite all of them and, of course, quite a number of today's houses had not been built in the 1950s. Here is what Roy has written about his and his family's history in the village and his recollections of who lived in the village in the late 1950s and early 1960s over 60 years ago. We hope you enjoy reading them and, perhaps, they might start some interesting discussions and bring in further information.

WHAT DEFINES A LOCAL? ASKS ROY DYER WHO THINKS HE MIGHT QUALIFY

My name is Roy Dyer. I was born at Valeside Bungalow in Slade in November 1941. In 1942 the family moved to 1 Whitestone Cottage where I still live and I still have the rental agreement.

My father, James Henry Dyer, was born at Warcombe and joined the army at 15. My research shows that he joined the Garrison Battalion which was formed in August 1915 at Weymouth and embarked on 27th September 1915 from Devonport for Egypt, British Somaliland and, later, to Palestine in 1917. He is mentioned on the role of honour in the village hall.

My mother, Florence, was born at Pludd. Her father was Richard Kift. The whole family with all mother's brothers and sisters lived at Pludd. The two cottages were tied cottages, one owned by Middle Campscott and the other owned by Lower Campscott. Richard told me himself that, when he changed jobs and worked for the other farm, he also had to change cottage.

My grandmother on my mother's side was born in 1 Whitestone Cottage and married Richard Kift. Her great great grand parents moved there in the 1830s. My grandmother on my father's side lived at the cottage opposite Old Tree Cottage. My grandfather on my father's side lived at 2 Whitestone Cottage.

CONFESSIONS OF NEWSPAPER LAD FROM THE LATE 50S EARLY 60S

Around 8 o'clock on a Sunday, be it rain or shine, and anything in between, I would leave my home, 1 Whitestone Cottage, to pick up the papers from Lincombe Cross. All the time they were delivered I cannot recollect ever seeing the vehicle that dropped them off.

Lincombe, Whitestone and Pludd

Sunny Hill - Aunt and Uncle Sam Kift with Alan and Marion (Uncle Sam was my grandfather's father's brother); Meadow Dene - Ken and Lil Baker (built in the late 1940s); Lincombe Farm 1 (now Lincombe Manor) - Jack and Joyce Bowden (and Jack's parents lived in the west end of the cottage); Old Tree Cottage - this was a holiday home (I don't know who owned it, but Jack Bowden owned all the buildings, including the one attached to the cottage); The Link - Mr and Mrs Luxmore (of Luxmores Emporium on the High Street in Ilfracombe and the house was built I think in 1945); Lincombe Farm 2 (now Lincombe House) - George and Jessie Baker (Jessie's brother Sid Richard delivered milk around the village with a horse and cart and the first time I saw clotted cream being made was in the dairy at the rear of the house); Brow Edge - Miss Tucker, her mother and Fred Hockaday (He lodged with them, and would go to work on the school bus every morning, the house was also built in 1945); Cedra - Fred Vickery but I cannot think of his wife's name (Fred owned the bakery in Portland Street in Ilfracombe); Seaview - Dereck Jeffery; Whitestone Farm - the Wings; 2 Whitestone Cottage - Fred & Lena Miles, then Mrs Bickmore; 1 Pludd Cottage - Albert Carder and Mrs Carder with their 3 daughters; 2 Pludd Cottage - Michael & Jean

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Jones (Michael worked with his father on Whitestone Farm).

Greenacres to Miramar (The Grange)

Greenacres - Ron Dyer (house built early 1950s and Ron was the son of Bill & Nancy of Rose Cottage; Grey Cottage - Ron & Winnie West (Philip and Jennie West are still in the village at Treetops); Park Cottage - Mrs Pilley and her brother Mr Craven; Charlton Cleave - Mrs Wycart & Miss Davis and later Mrs Noble; Ivy Bank - I cannot remember the person's name who was there but before I think a Mr Hendry lived at the top of the hill in a two room green painted corrugated summer house: there were also 2 sheds for poultry which later became chalets for holiday guests; West Claves - Audrey & Reg Clements (who built the house in the late 1950s); Riversmeet - Jim and Mrs Cousins; Crowness - Mr Hendry; St Eloi - Miss Bridson; Rock End - Frances Giddey (who was John Giddey's sister and the house was built in the mid 1940s); Miramar - the Bretts and the Camerons (the Gatehouse was a Catholic Chapel prior to the Bretts when it became a flower packing shed with the Chapel moving to Whitestone); School House - Lew and his wife with Mary their daughter.

From the Grange to the Gwythers

Windcutter- Lord and Lady Ashbourne; Myrtle Cottage - Miss Green and her daughter; Sunny Side - Dorothy and John Giddey and daughter Mary; The Haven - Mrs Spurgin (and her Land Rover!); Vine Cottage - Charlie Cook with Betty and Bill Cook; Highfield - Mrs Leach; Briarwood - Mr and Mrs Marshall and their daughter; Elmsgarth - Mrs Clements who was Reg Clement's mother (the building was a cow shed when Bill Dyer's father owned Rose Cottage with the cows grazing on the hall meadow); Rose Cottage - Bill and Nancy Dyer; The Vicarage - Reverend Kestell-Cornish, his wife and son Robert (they later had a bungalow built at the top of Home Lane); The Post Office - Vic Hill and his wife who ran the Post Office together with his wife also running the Guest House; Old Maids Cottage - I remember a Miss or Mrs Armstrong, then Bill Lattila his wife Molly; The Orchard - Captain Duke, his wife and

their daughter Anne; 1 Brookdale Villas - Major Moorhouse, his wife and their five children; 2 Brookdale Villas - George Turner, his wife and her mother; Wall Garden Cottage - Albert and Lucy Cousins; Way Side - Miss Harris; Broadlands - Jack and Mary Daniels with Robert and Madeline (Mary was the daughter of John Armstrong and they ran the Old Farm Tea Garden); The Old Post Office (Lane Cottage) - Mrs Cliffords and her son Ron; The Old Post Office - Mrs Grace Ainsworth; The Old Farm - John Armstrong and his wife; The Old Farm annex - Dick and Brenda Daniels (later the Jeffrey's); The Hollies - the Bradshaws and the house keeper Alice Ley who was Charlie Ley's sister; Meadow Side - Jack and Mrs Upton with sons Adrian and Michael (Jack was a gardener in the village: later Mrs Roxborough and Adrienne); Fuchsia Glen (now the Gate House) - Mr and Mrs Bell (empty for some time before Mr and Mrs Downes; Chapel Cottage - Maud and John Armstrong and Kathy Rook, the house keeper; The Gwythers - Mrs Agar (later Marion and Paul Thom); The Manor - Mrs Hawkins (later a school for foreign students);

The bay and the cliffs

Smugglers Cottage - Malcolm Howard (who ran a gift shop and built Shell Cottage as a café preparation kitchen with living accommodation above); White House - Lady Robinson and later Peter Ritchie; Cliff - Mrs Pilley; Damage Hue - owned by the Pilleys who rented it out as holiday accommodation; Quarry Cottage - the cottage housed the Pilley's head gardener; Mill House - Mr and Mrs Milne who ran a tea garden in the summer; the Hotel - Mr and Mrs Howard with Gill, Valentine, Malcolm and Richard; Catskull - another holiday cottage; Millfield - another holiday cottage; Drummetts - Mrs Kingdom with Barbara and Elaine; Valley View - Aunt Laura Clements; Fisherman's Cottage - Charlie and Hettie Ley with her mother Mrs Taylor; Broad Oar (now Daymer Cottage) - the owner rented it out to members of the RAF and a helicopter would sometimes land; The Croft - Mr and Mrs Eastoe (a corrugated bungalow); Sunsets - Mr and Mrs Williams (a caravan).

LEE SPRING FAIR REPORT

It was a glorious sunny day as we held our annual spring fair in Pixie Meadow next to Lee Memorial Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May and when we welcomed lots of locals and visitors to our beautiful village. The theme this year was kings, queens and red, white and blue and there was plenty of colourful bunting and outfits! Once again the fair was a great success and it was lovely to see so many families, friends and relatives all happy and eager to enjoy the many stalls and games and to buy raffle tickets in the hope of winning one (or more) of the lovely prizes, all donated by local people and businesses.



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There was a barbecue serving burgers with some for vegans and vegetarians (which proved very popular), a cake stall with some fantastic bakes which had completely sold out by 3pm, and others including a plant stall, books, white elephant, a bar serving cider, locally brewed beer and other tempting and refreshing drinks, tombola, a treasure hunt game, welly wanging, coconut shy, hoopla and hook a duck game, so something for all ages.

The Mayor of Ilfracombe came along and added to the excitement of the occasion and throughout the afternoon there was live music provided by Joe Steer and his young students playing their guitars, ukuleles

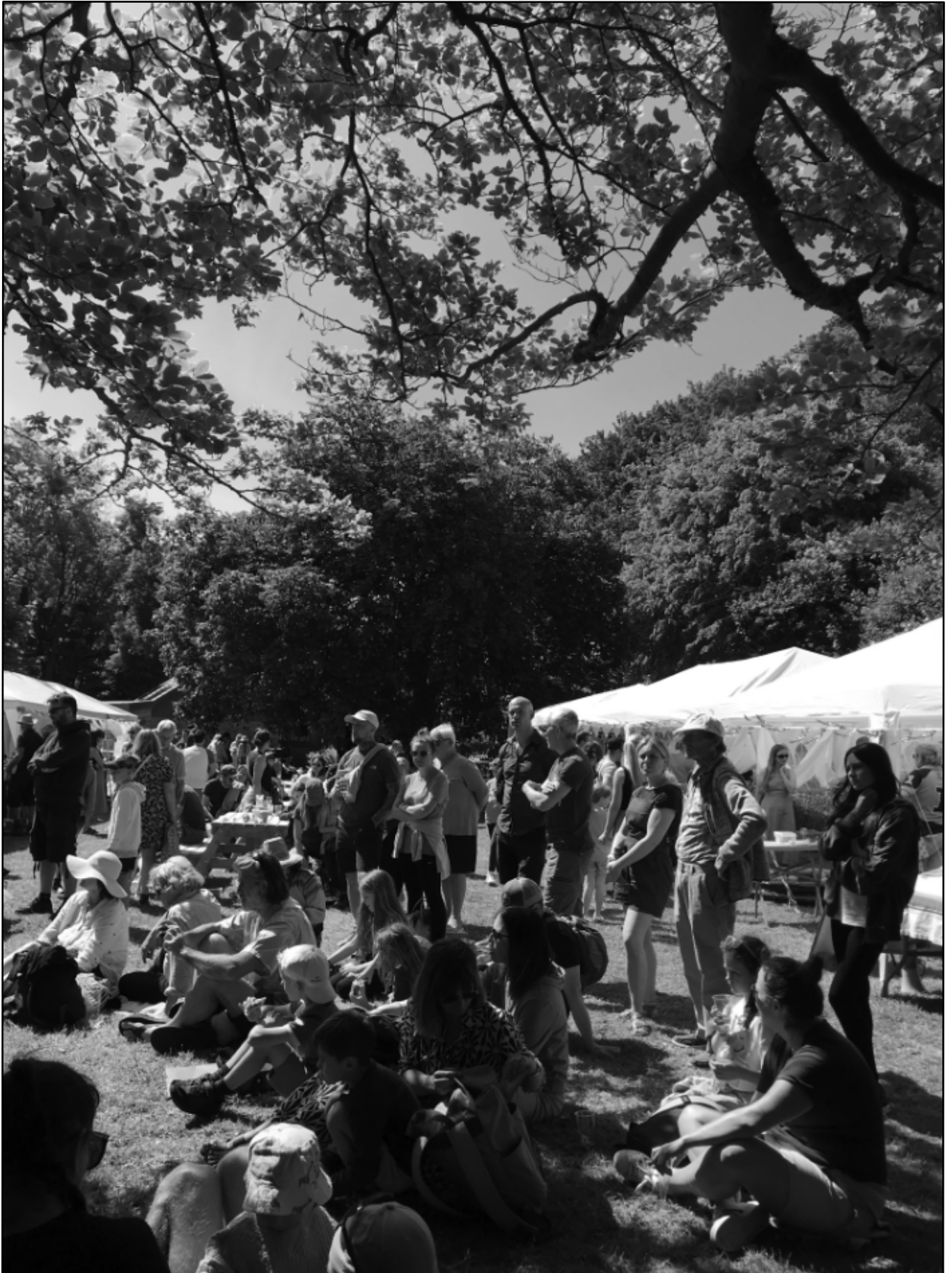
and singing, much to the delight of everyone - especially their friends and families.

There were more than 40 people involved in the planning and running of this annual event so a huge thank you to everyone and of course all our lovely locals and visitors who came along and supported us - it was all very worthwhile with the fantastic record breaking amount of £3240 being raised which will go towards helping to maintain the Memorial Hall and St Matthews Church in our beautiful village of Lee. We could not have done it without you all!

Edna Thompson



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LEE & LINCOMBE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM

The Lee & Lincombe Residents' Association marked its first AGM since 2019 with a gathering on May 25th on what turned out to be a warm and sunny Thursday evening.

The meeting was the first since 2019, before the interruptions to normal life caused by the pandemic, the retirement of many long-serving Committee

Members and the conclusion of the successful campaign by the Association (under the leadership of Eric Couling and Paul Scarrott) to see the most egregious of the plans for the hotel development amended.

It was in September last year that the remaining members of the 2019

Committee invited Members to attend an EGM to discuss the future of the Association, which saw a strong turn-out elect a new

Committee, which reported at this year's AGM.

The Chairman (Matt Dearden) welcomed Members, with a summary and thanks to the Committee for their service before individual Committee Members reported on LLRA activities since the September EGM.

Enid Bowman updated Members on the clearance work at Shorts Corner which has been undertaken by the

Committee. Shorts Corner (located at the top of Lincombe, as the road swings around to Slade) has been neglected for some years and earlier this year good progress was made before nesting season began, with gargantuan brambles hacked back. The clearance revealed a long-submerged grit bin and a bench – both of which must have borne the impact of a collision at

some point. The Council have been advised and hopes for a replacement bin and supply of grit in time for winter are high! The bench will be a future project for the LLRA as will exploring the erection of a locally-made sign to mark the start of the villages – linking it to commemorate the Coronation would ensure continuity of the village marking each new Monarch in modern history. Work is still to be done but it's a start. Watch – and start to enjoy! - this space...



Owen Rolfe provided an update on the LLRA's support for the annual Beach Clear on 1st April, which has long been a feature of the Lee & Lincombe W.I.'s commitment to the local environment.

Although the day itself was grey and drizzly there was an excellent show of support – with over 30 people armed with bags, grabbers and buckets, clearing a vast

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range of rubbish which Pat Coates had kindly arranged to have collected and disposed of by North Devon District Council (to whom thanks are also due).

Although the rubbish turning up is hard to predict in advance, reports were that an occasion to get together for a good cause was always a benefit to the villages.

Similar sentiments were received and reported by Matt Dearden's report on the Bird Box Building, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 28th January. The event was very well supported, with a generous donation of materials and the loan of tools and kit by Members helping keep the price per box down to just £3 for Members. The day – of happy noise and collective problem solving - saw 14 bird boxes built by individuals of all ages and by youngsters under the supervision of parents and family members. Well-earned refreshments were provided for participants and observers alike!

Feathered families housed: 14!

Fingers lost: 0

Next up Martha Scarrott reminded Members of the opportunity for a volunteer to take on the role of local Neighbourhood Watch Liaison. Although no-one at the AGM felt able to take on the role, it is worth reiterating to readers that the coordinator role is primarily acting as a point-person and funnel for information (both ways) between residents and the local Neighbourhood Watch teams and Devon & Somerset Police. It is not part of the LLRA (although connected) and is an important and valuable community role. Anyone who would like to learn more (without necessarily committing!) is welcome to contact Martha (please use the Whatsapp Group or see Committee details on the Lee & Lincombe Website).

Enid Bowman updated the AGM on the "Japanese Knotweed Spotter's Guide" which she and Becca Wyles have developed as part of the Knotweed Task Force's

efforts to promote awareness and assist identification (and so treatment) of cases of the invasive weed. Enid emphasised that trained support – with appropriate chemical treatment – is available at no charge to residents with Knotweed. Once identified it can be treated and monitored (for it is a determined foe!) to reduce the risk of it spreading. Anyone with concerns or requiring advice is welcome to ask Enid direct.

Co-opted Committee Member (and our local Town Councillor) Pat Coates provided an update to the meeting on defibrillators. Now that Bill (at the Grampus) is a fully-qualified 'First Responder', he has been issued with additional equipment (and training) as part of the role. This equipment includes a specialist defibrillator. As a result, the defibrillator purchased by the LLRA and provided to The Grampus can now be re-sited. A proposal to re-site the unit at the Memorial Hall is to be picked up by the LLRA with the Hall Committee. Special thanks to Pat for securing £500 from the Ilfracombe Lions towards any costs associated with re-siting the Defibrillator: a great example of how your role on the ITC provided opportunities and connections which benefit the villages and the community.

Of particular interest to many present (and many who were unable to attend but have asked on the issue) is the on-going saga of the hotel redevelopment. LLRA Vice-Chairman, Alan Bannister has been persistent – and successful – in his pursuit of responses and clarifications from Acorn Blue and NDDC. Alan's update to the AGM covered a wide range of important points, the most critical of which seem to be:

- Permission in principle was granted based on the latest designs in May 2022
- This permission was contingent upon '26 Conditions' which the Council discussed and defined in February 2023

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- Since this time, Acorn Blue have moved ahead with site surveys and undertaken a Tender process
- This process has identified a contractor with whom Acorn Blue are now negotiating a contract
- Once this is completed, Acorn Blue have pencilled a commencement date for works of the end of Summer 2023
- However, Alan stressed that there are key Conditions which will need to be met to NDDC's satisfaction before this can take place
- Central to the conditions is the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) which should include a delivery and traffic plan – something of wider concern to Members, with the implications of deliveries creating their own jams, undermining structures and walls as well as further deteriorating the condition of the road into the village all demanding serious attention (the LLRA is to document the road status ahead of any construction through a photo log to better illustrate detrimental impact if required).
- A further condition is the requirement for Acorn Blue to provide a designated individual to liaise with local residents – something, on the residents' side, the LLRA (led by Alan) is ready to pick up (for which, our collective thanks!)

Progress with NDDC has been limited due largely to the reluctance of the Highways department to engage in a discussion on Traffic Management until Acorn Blue's plans and schedules are confirmed. We can all see the perils of a closed car park at the bay, increased traffic and restrictions on flow or timings. In a similar vein, the National Trust (who have confirmed their intention to take on the operation of the Café in the car park) will make their plans when they are advised of a schedule for construction.

Increasingly neglected, with recent trespassers causing damage (resulting in a strong Police response), the hotel is a serious blight on the village (thanks to Pat Coates for engaging NDDC support in asking Acorn Blue to ensure the site is secured to try to avoid further break-ins, vandalism).

Pat also updated on another point of interest to many: the extension of the 20mph speed limit (from where is currently starts/end adjacent to The Grange) all the way to Lincombe. Pat has established that Devon County Council currently only process 6 applications per year (largely due to cost – an average of £20,000 per zone for the whole County Council process) and that these are decided on a priority basis. There are other moves being made on a national basis via proposed new legislation, so one to watch.

The Treasurer's Report, presented by Hon. Treasurer David Biggerstaff (who continues the invaluable work of Paul Thom), summarised the LLRA finances – buoyed since the 2019 meeting by generous donations from certain Members who wish to remain anonymous (you know who you are and thank you).

Dave has worked thanklessly on ensuring Barry is paid for his work cleaning the toilets (his rate has been increased) and that Ilfracombe Town Council are invoiced and repay the Association for this.

Subscriptions from Memberships have returned to 2019 levels, although around 50% of households in the village are not signed-up. At just £5 a year this is surprising, and a push will be made to ensure more people are aware of the benefits of joining!

In terms of those benefits, they are personal and collective and were illustrated by the reports summarised above. Anyone not currently a Member can sign up (preferably using Direct Debit) via the LLRA website: www.leeandlincombe.org.uk

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On website, collective thanks went to Gina-Luisa Groce for her patient management of the site (updates to which are due to follow from the new Committee).

The election of a new Committee was quickly concluded with the existing Committee proposed and seconded in quick succession by Members present and duly re-elected. No new expressions of interest in joining the Committee were forthcoming. The 2023 Committee will meet shortly to appoint officers. Your 2023-24 Committee are: Alan Bannister, David Biggerstaff, Enid Bowman, Matt Dearden, Owen Rolfe, Martha Scarrott, Becca Wyles. Pat continues in her role as our local representative on Ilfracombe Town Council and the whole Committee appreciates the work she does to ensure the villages are informed, represented and not forgotten.

Questions and comments from the floor included concerns of the state of the local roads – not just the

potholes and drains, but the appearance of debris and cuttings from residents being dumped and left in the road. It was suggested that residents could be reminded to ensure overhanging branches are cut back, that hedges are kept trimmed when appropriate and that any green waste should be disposed of appropriately.

Other concerns included missing Clearway (No Parking) signs from the sea wall, the result of which is visitors frequently park close to – or on – the slipways, blocking emergency access and generally making turning or access more difficult. The LLRA are to look into this with NDDC.

The meeting concluded with thanks and refreshments.

Full minutes of the AGM and detail of the new Committee will be posted on the LLRA website in due course.

Matt Dearden, Chair



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To mark the 100th anniversary of Lee Memorial Hall, a small exhibition has been proposed, to reflect parts of the history of the Hall and life around it in Lee over the last 100+ years. This will take place across the August Bank Holiday Weekend (launching with an evening launch preview for villagers on Saturday 26th).

The concept is to be fully defined, and requires some help from residents with knowledge of the stories and people which are part of the story of the villages.

It is hoped that - with support - we can illustrate some of the history with photographs, artefacts, interesting items and artwork. While we're not

looking to chronicle the whole history, we're hoping we can find some interesting, unusual and perhaps un-shared pieces to ensure interest for all.

Any offers of help in any form - including joining the organising group - are very welcome! Please contact one of us to get involved (and thanks to those who have already provided their advice and support!).

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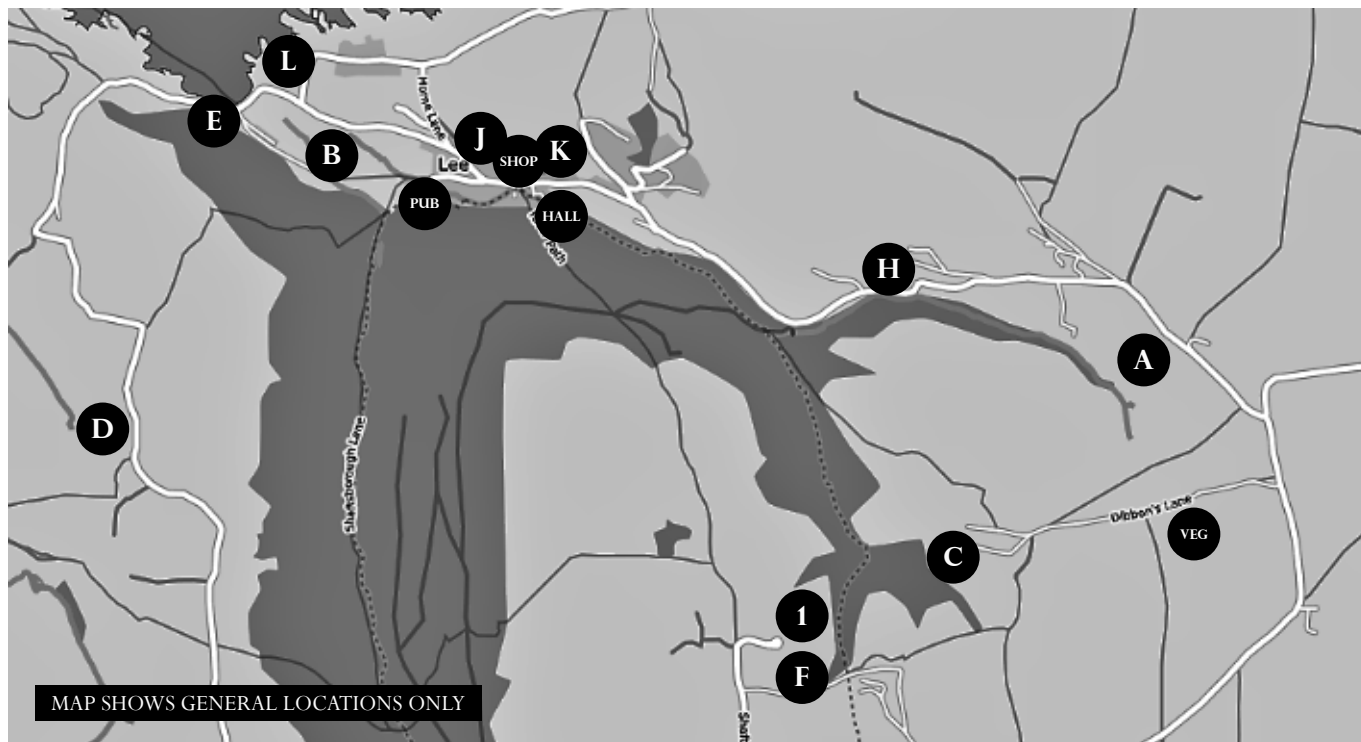
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