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From me to you

By Jonathan Batten

I was struck by an article in the Daily Telegraph the other day which I thought worthy of repetition.

“Tommy Corbyn, the youngest son of the Labour leader, has clashed with Tracy Ann Oberman after she mocked Jeremy Corbyn in social media posts.

Ms Oberman published images of Jeremy Corbyn attending the Park Theatre, north London, where she is performing in ‘Mother of Him’.

The 53 year-old, who is Jewish and a critic of Labour’s handling of anti-Semitism, posted pictures of Jeremy Corbyn with Baroness Chakrabarti, the shadow attorney general. In one photo she wrote: ‘Now being trolled by Jeremy and Whitewash Chakrabarti at my own workplace.’

Responding Tommy Corbyn wrote: ‘You nasty troll. My dad has been a friend and supporter of the Park Theatre since it opened in 2013 and helped in setting it up. The fact you think your presence is even worthy of a second thought is laughable.’

The protagonists’ names are not important; it is the nature of the sentiments expressed which should concern us all.

We might recognise a troll (in folklore) as an ugly creature depicted as either a giant or a dwarf. I understand

that trolling is nowadays defined as creating discord on the internet by starting quarrels or upsetting people by posting inflammatory or off-topic messages in an online community. Basically, a social media troll is someone who purposely says something controversial in order to get a rise out of other users.

Why do people seem to be so angry and aggressive these days? Where is social media leading us?

It seems to have given an outlet for some people to express themselves in a manner which, in days of yore, when consideration towards our fellow man was an accepted courtesy in polite society, would never have been committed to a 90 gsm sheet of Basildon Bond.

You will be relieved to know that you will certainly find nothing like that in this month’s Newsletter...

Anne Kenyon will be missed by many; I shall particularly miss her wisdom and advice on all things to do with the Flower Show. I also recall how a new word entered the local dialect when someone, who was not necessarily expecting to be asked to help with the Flower Show, told me that he was now enlisted, having been ‘kenyoned’.

Please send your contributions for next month’s Christmas and New Year edition to the editor, Philip Harrison, at theleenewsletter@googlemail.com by 12th November.

Your letters

To the Editor Boundary question

Prior to 2019, the last time we 'Beat the Boundary' of the parish was on 12th March 2011, to mark the 100th anniversary of the creation of the new parish.

According to Barnaby Osborne's 'official history': *"The campaign to enlarge the parish) was successful and in 1911, after a great deal of discussion and a series of public enquiries, an Act of Parliament transferred over 1,000 acres from Wendover and 500 from Great Missenden to make The Lee four times its original size and as we see it today. Overnight the population increased from 125 to 775 and the*



number of occupied houses rose from 33 to 188. To mark the enlargement, Arthur Liberty organised the revival of the custom of beating the bounds of the parish, a custom repeated again on 12th March 2011 to mark the centenary of the occasion."

During this year's 'beating', there was some debate as to whether the civil and ecclesiastical parish boundaries are co-terminus. According to Wikipedia: *"The United Kingdom Census 1911 noted that 8,322 (58%) of parishes in England and Wales were not identical for civil and ecclesiastical purposes".*

Civil parishes were reformed by the Local Government Act (1894) to become the smallest geographical area for local government in rural areas. The Act abolished the civil (non-ecclesiastical) duties of church vestries, set up urban districts and rural districts, established elected civil parish councils to all rural parishes with more than 300 electors, and established annual parish meetings in all rural parishes".

In The Lee civil parish, this role continues pretty much unchanged.



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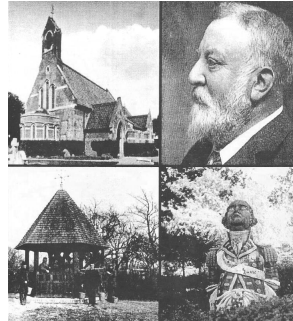
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However, it would be interesting to know if the ecclesiastical parish boundaries for The Lee were re-aligned at the same time and whether they remain co-terminus today.

John Ford
The Lee

To the Editor Archived materials



Following the completion of the 'Living Memory' project, I have now deposited with the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, Aylesbury, the following:

- recordings of interviews with residents
- research notes and notes of meetings
- miscellaneous photographs and newspaper cuttings
- sale catalogue for The Lee Manor Estate, 1952
- copies of the parish magazine (1915, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1926)
- accounts of 'Ye Lee Week' 1905 and 1911.

These items are open for public inspection under Accession Number AR 88/2019.
Jenny Senior
Wendover

To the Editor Got to get you into my life

I am happy to report that we have had Ultrafast Fibre to the Property (FTTP) installed to our home in Lee Gate by BT recently and are now enjoying downloads of approximately 120 mbps and uploads of 30 mbps – life changing!

Our Superfast Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) connection since April had been pitiful because we were simply just too far from the cabinet.

I believe that FTTP is now available to all properties from the west side of Swan Bottom crossroads, up to and including all Kings Ash 837

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numbers – a couple of Kings Ash residents have already got engineers appointments booked in.

Fibre to the Property is wired around the Swan Pub area but when the Openreach contractor livened up the new fibre connection at Swan Bottom four weeks ago, he told me that a link was still outstanding under the road at the crossroads to liven up The Swan area, but hopefully that might be achieved imminently as he said it was not a difficult procedure. Keep ringing your provider's sales team to see if it is available – although I had signed up for this information they have still not informed me!

They were bringing fibre up Kiln Lane towards the Church during the summer too – not sure how far it went and if it's live yet – try calling sales.

I cannot speak with any authority about any other areas of the parish, but thanks so much to all those in the village, particularly Paul Farrelly and Pippa Bannister and the Parish Council (Simon Morris in particular) who have worked so hard to persuade Openreach to bring fibre to our village – it has been a very long struggle and your hard work is so appreciated.

Pippa Hart
Lee Gate

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Christmas shopping at The Lee

By Katie Michaelson-Yeates
Only a few days now until we open the Parish Hall doors to Shop at The Lee's Christmas Food and Gift Market.

On Saturday 9th November the seasonal market will be selling delicious food and drink goodies to tempt you: chocolates, biscuits, cakes, Stollen, Panettone, relishes and much, much more.

A taste of honey

Chris will have the tables heaving with the prettiest decorations. Also everything essential for present



wrapping, charity greetings cards, advent calendars and Christmas crackers.

This year we are adding many new lines – 'pop and slot' festive scenes, playing cards and beautiful stationery.

Come along and buy locally. Enjoy a fun morning with a glass of mulled wine and a piece of cake. Easy shopping at The Lee. The doors are open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Gunpowder treason plot commemoration

By Tony Lea

Revolution

A reminder that the bonfire and fireworks will take place on 5th November in Cherry Tree Lane, commencing at 6:30 pm.

Songs of Sanctuary

By Jeannette Batten

Vocal Lees, the village ladies choir, will be performing Karl Jenkins's Songs of Sanctuary, featuring the song Adiemus, and some seasonal carols in the church of St John the Baptist on Saturday 30th November at 4:00 pm.

And your bird can sing

We will be joined by local soloists and accompanied by a chamber ensemble. Drinks and canapés will be served after the concert.

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A day return to Euston

By Peter Archer

You meet all sorts of people on holiday... and if you are lucky, some of them turn out to be interesting, charming people that you would like to see again. So it was this summer when we met 'Allan and Kath from Scotland'... except it turned out that this Allan was the Chairman of HS2 Ltd and this was the week that his report to the Secretary of State, explaining that he thought HS2 now needed billions more than had been previously assumed, was leaked to the press.

Whilst on holiday, we had a robust discussion about HS2 but it didn't stop Allan extending an invitation when we got back to the UK to pay a visit with him to the works being undertaken at Euston in preparation to building the new HS2 station.

It was an offer I couldn't refuse and I was pleased when he agreed that I could 'bring a friend'.

Day Tripper

And so it was that Colin Sully and I spent an afternoon on a tour of the HS2 works at Euston and Camden in the company of the HS2 Chairman, the Euston Programme Director, the Senior Works Manager and a Senior Community Engagement Manager.

Before we set out on the tour, Colin and I quizzed Allan on the Oakervee review, on the relative cost increases for HS2 tunnelling -v- surface works and on the future of the Euston site if the project is cancelled. We learnt only that the review is expected to be reported to Government by the time



you read this article and that, whatever happens, the clearance work at Euston will not be wasted, as Network Rail and Camden Council can certainly find other good uses for the land.

Colin Sully reflects...

The first thing that strikes you is just how close the demolition work currently taking place is to the existing Euston station and the fact that the station has to be kept fully operational, whilst HS2 take everything apart around it and under it! They have already demolished two hotels, several blocks of flats, shops, pubs, a garden and an ancient burial ground, as well as moving the station's underground taxi rank.

At the time of our visit they were in the middle of taking down the two former office blocks in the station forecourt. All this demolition is of course to get the site ready for the construction of the new HS2 terminus (assuming of course it all goes ahead).

We were struck by some of the measures being taken to mitigate the impact of construction – e.g. acoustic curtains on buildings as they are being taken down (internally) floor by floor – and the effort that had been put into recovering, identifying and re-locating the thousands of skeletons that were removed from the burial ground.

On the other hand we were also struck by the overall scale of the impact on the local communities compared to what we have seen so far (and are likely to see) in the Chilterns – e.g. the scale of homes lost or now located within a handful of metres of the demolition sites; noise, dust and heavy traffic throughout the working day.



We also reflected that in the centre of a large city, a development such as this – whilst clearly having a huge impact during construction – also provides a range of short and long-term benefits, including local employment, an opportunity to renew housing stock and business premises, a new school, community facilities and green spaces... and of course, eventually, a brand new station on the doorstep.

We pointed out that none of these benefits accrue to communities in the Chilterns AONB.

Did it change our views on HS2? Not really. Did it give us food for thought? Certainly it did.

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The dos and don'ts of PROWs

Extracted from the plain guide to environmental law

The laws in England and Wales provide you with the right to walk, ride, cycle and drive on certain public rights of way (PROW) in the countryside.

PROWs include footpaths, byways and bridleways. They are listed and described in Definitive Maps and Statements.

Footpaths

These PROWs are meant for pedestrians only. You are allowed to walk your dog as long as it is under your close control.

If you are walking a dog, you must make sure that it does not stray off the legal lines of a public footpath as this may constitute an act of trespass. Also you must ensure that you clean up your dog mess, if your dog fouls a footpath.

Bridleways

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These byways are normally marked 'Byways' and are open to motorists, bicyclists, horse riders, motorcyclists and pedestrians. As with public tarmac road networks, motorists must ensure that they are legally authorised to use BOATs (i.e. registered, taxed, insured and MOT'd).

Under-age or banned drivers, quad bikes, mini-motors, non-road-legal scramblers and quad-bikes are not allowed on BOATs.

Restricted Byways

Restricted Byways are created under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. They are open to the traffic mentioned above in BOATs, but exclude motor vehicles and motorcycles.

Motorcyclists, motorists in motorcars, mini-motors, quad-bikes and non-road legal scramblers are not allowed on Restricted Byways.

Other don'ts on PROWs

You are not allowed to disturb or harm any wildlife found on a PROW.

You should not drop or leave litter on a PROW.

You should not trespass on neighbouring lands to PROWs.

Why don't we do it in the road?

To find out more about how to behave in the countryside, please make reference to the Countryside Code for England and Wales.

Bridg of sighs

By Liz Ford et al

This recent hand was interesting as South was able to continue bidding, using the Rule of 14* to respond to partner's opening bid, despite the opponent's overcall of INT. Further positive bidding by N-S then ensured the contract arrived at game.

♠ Q J 10 7 6 4 2

♥ Q 6 3

♦ A Q

♣ 8

♠ 9

♥ 9 7 5

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ 10 9 5 4 2

♠ A K 8 5

♥ A 4

♦ 10 5 4

♣ A K Q 7

♠ 3

♥ K J 10 8 2

♦ K J 6 3

♣ J 6 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerability: E-W

Our bidding progressed:

N	E	S	W
1♠	INT	2♥*	-
2♠	-	3♥	-
4♥	-	-	-

* total points + no. in longest suit = 14: bid two over one opening

After 9♦ lead, the contract made.

We can work it out

West's hand was far less interesting being almost a 'Yarborough' (an especially weak hand with no card above a nine). The derivation of the term was due to the 2nd Earl of Yarborough who was known to bet odds of 1,000 to 1 against this hand being dealt.

In fact the odds are now known – in randomly dealt hands – to be 1,827 to 1 against.

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Community funds

'The Lee in Living Memory' proved to be so successful it was necessary to produce a reprint. This has resulted in an overall surplus of just over £900, which the team has now decided to allocate by way of community grants to local groups and organisations.

£200 will go to each of:

- Lee Common School
- 1st Lee Common Scouts
- The Lee Flower Show
- St John the Baptist Church

Mike Lake

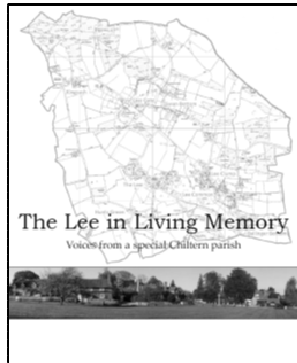
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... with the remaining £109.50 being given to the Parish Council towards the cost of a new bench.

In so doing, a project which has succeeded because of the great local interest in the past will now make some small contributions to the future.

Ballinger Christmas Fair

By Anne Ellis

Hard on the heels of the Shop at The Lee's wonderful Christmas food and gift market comes Ballinger's eagerly awaited annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 16th November between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.

As usual, there will be a wide variety of stalls selling the perfect gifts for all the family, plus the opportunity to savour a warming glass of mulled wine or indulge in a home-made cake

or a festive mince pie. Raffles, tombola and games just for the young; there will be something here for everyone to enjoy.

I've got a feeling

If we are very lucky there might also be a surprise visit from a very special person!

So don't miss this chance to avoid the December crowds and buy your gifts now. See you there.

Lee Common C of E School Christmas Fair

By Mary Godfrey

The Lee Common School Association would also like to invite the whole community to come and join in with our Christmas festivities which will take place at the school on Oxford Street between 11:30 am and 2:30 pm on Saturday 7th December.

I've just seen a face

Come and see Santa in his grotto, try your luck on the adult tombola and buy something fabulous from a range of stalls selling beauty products, books and cards.

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3 rd	8:00am	HC	All Saints' Day Rev'd Iain Ogilvie
	10:00am	AA	Joint worship at Lee Common Methodist Church
10 th	10:00am		Remembrance Sunday service Rev'd Martin Williams
17 th	10:00am	Matins	2 nd before Advent Lay-led
24 th	10:00am	PC	Christ the King Rev'd Ivor Cornish

HC	Holy Communion (said)
PC	Parish Communion (sung)
AA	All age service

Contacts:

Lay Minister: Mrs Peggy Sear (07804 697948). *Churchwardens:* Trevor Pearce (01494 837601) and Mike Sherratt (07597 158269). *Vergers:* Bill Pearce (01494 785191). *Treasurer:* David Stephenson (01494 867617).

Lee Common Methodist

3 rd	10:00am	AA	Joint worship with St John the Baptist at Lee Common Methodist Church
10 th	10:00am		Remembrance Sunday service at St John the Baptist
17 th	3:00pm		Gerald Tomkins
24 th	3:00pm		Rev'd Cesar Guidi

Our **Coffee Morning** is on Saturday 2nd November 10:30 am to 12 noon. All welcome.

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Swan Bottom Ladies outing

By Trish Swain

On Friday 18th October the Swan Bottom Ladies set off on their 15th annual outing, this time our destination was the British Library. The building behind the somewhat forbidding frontage on Euston Road was a complete revelation. Our guide, Bobby, was a fount of information and it is a building of superlatives and mind blowing statistics. The Library designed by Sir Colin St John Wilson was the largest UK building project undertaken in the 20th Century.

The overall design suggests an ocean liner and a lot of the interior styling reflects that. It took 37 years to complete, cost over £500 million and used 10 million bricks, which match those of St Pancras Station next door. It opened in 1997 and in 2015 it was awarded listed building status.

The four basements for book storage are 24m underground, the equivalent of an eight storey building and are within a few metres of the Underground and just above the River Fleet.



The British Library holds an estimated 200 million items including books, maps, stamps, furniture, and digitised material, sound archives, etc and they are stored both in the Library in London and in their site in Boston Spa in Yorkshire. As a legal deposit library it receives copies of all publications printed in the UK and these account for the equivalent of ten miles of shelf space annually.

Reserved books from the basement are delivered via a conveyor belt system which extends to a mile throughout the building, and along which up to 3,000 items are despatched daily to the Readers. Anyone over the age of 18 can apply to become a Reader with proof of ID and their address. We learned that books in the basement are stored by height and not by more conventional library cataloguing systems, in order to make the best use of space. Ironically, for a library we saw very few books, with the majority of Readers appearing to be accessing information digitally. However, there is a splendid collection of books in the King's Library Tower, a

six storey bronze and glass structure. These were originally donated by the unbookish King George IV.

Paperback Writer

As well as seeing the Klencke Atlas presented to King Charles II, which is six feet tall and requires six people to move it, our guide also showed us some personal favourites in the Treasures Collection. These included a copy of the Gutenberg Bible (the first printed book), Anne Boleyn's Tyndall Bible, a first folio of the plays of William Shakespeare and assorted lyrics by the Beatles including a song literally written on the back of a brown envelope!

Many thanks to Frankie Little for her efforts in ensuring that everything ran smoothly. If you would like to add your name to our mailing list for the outing in 2020, please email Trish



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Anne Kenyon – farewell

From a daughter

Can I just firstly say how annoyed Mum would be at missing this event which has brought together so many of her friends and family!

Mum was never going to say farewell and did not want us to say anything of that kind to her whilst she was still here. These are maybe the words I would have liked to say to her before she left.

You only lost your temper with me once that I can remember. How on earth did you manage that? Possibly because your positivity and cheerfulness was a deep well which ran through every



aspect of your life including raising your children and so, even when we threw awful challenges at you, you rose to them and met them with a smile and an optimistic outlook which defeated even our best endeavours to cause you irritation or worse.

Your energy and tenacity are legendary within my family. It was inspirational to see how you dealt with events which shook your world. You would just pick yourself up, brush yourself off, see a way to re-build your life in a better way and go about doing so with energy and verve.

Talking of energy and verve, in the many cards you received both before and after the end of your life, so many people mentioned your incredible energy – the fact that you would out-do far younger people in your Pilates class with ease, you would climb mountains far quicker than people half your age and regularly put me to shame with what you accomplished in one day.

You remained curious and open minded until the very end – many friends commented on what a wonderful

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travelling companion you were. In fact, I discovered after you died, much to my surprise, that you were planning to canoe down the Breeze River in South Africa with a much younger relative, wine tasting as you went. No doubt you would have made more friends and touched more lives with your warmth and humour during that trip too!

People were pivotal to you. You enjoyed every second of any social occasion and collected friends from day one to the end. Annie Ash is going to speak about your importance to the local community so I won't touch on that but



you were a loyal and faithful friend to so many – indicated by the number of people here today. You were the one who provided the glue locally, within the family and within so many social groups.

Lastly, but for me most crucially, you were a great mother. You were there always when I needed you but most of the time left me very much to my own devices – something I treasured and you recognised as being important to me. You weren't afraid to let us go and explore the world and then to embrace us as adults and friends as we grew older and had children of our own.

You were the best role model for my daughters who saw in you a curious, open minded, energetic, humorous, independent woman still exploring and

making friends and living life to the full to the very, very end of her life. Thank you Mum for everything that you gave me and I know that wherever you are now you will be embracing that new life, making friends and welcoming people to the world of Anne Kenyon.

From a friend

As we sit in the middle of this beautiful village within this friendly community I ask you to think of the people who make it thus. Anne Kenyon was one of those people.

She was on the list to remove the cobwebs and run the duster around our church. She always turned up to help with the tidying of the Old Church graveyard. Potter Row was annually cleared of litter and village newsletters, schedules and magazines were regularly popped into letterboxes.

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On a larger scale Anne supported Ballinger Hall by being a member of the committee and later a very committed trustee. She offered well thought out ideas with modesty and a quiet presence for many money-raising events and often won a raffle prize or two!

The Flower Show was her most favourite event of the year. She was the secretary for as long as I can remember (40 plus years perhaps) and took to the job with the same presence and modesty. The job involved great networking skills and required an ability to persuade people to do things that they were perhaps a little reluctant to do – they always got done!

For many years Anne was secretary at Lee Common School an environment where she could use her people-skills to their fullest extent. After retiring she continued to help the



children with their reading and was put in charge of the school garden with many small helpers.

Anne was a diminutive lady with great mental and physical strength, which brings to mind a not-to-forget memory from an old friend who was driving home along Potter Row many years ago. The family had a donkey at the time. As she passed along Potter Row in front of her was Anne on her way to feed it with a straw bale strapped to her back!

Gardening, bee-keeping, tending the chickens on her allotment and her great love of walking were some of her favourite pastimes.

I envied her sense of adventure and endless energy. She walked many miles together with friends and, a couple of years ago, decided to walk St. Cuthbert's Way in Northumberland with Lizzie Benwell as her companion.

My phone rang halfway through the week with Anne jubilant at the other

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From The Old Church Trust Committee

We are delighted to welcome back the incredibly talented Fayrfax Consort, to The Lee Old Church on Sunday 8th December at 7:30 pm for an evening of festive songs, amusing readings and traditional carols by candlelight, led by David Ireson.

To round off the evening perfectly we will be serving a spicy Christmas punch along with traditional mince pies. Tickets are £20 or £15 for Friends of The Old Church Trust, so to get your Christmas season off on the right note, simply call Pam Garner on 837501 or Jilly Carleton Smith on 837205.



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end saying that they had reached the top of a particularly high fell. She had taken off her bum bag and put it on a wall so that she could enjoy the view in comfort

Off they set only to realise at the bottom that the bum bag was still on the wall at the top – very important because it contained her bank cards. So off they went to the top again to retrieve it!

I will never forget her spirit and determination to enjoy every minute of her life

God bless you Annie. Thank you for being a wonderful friend.

Roving supper

By Pat Lea

Just a reminder... if you have said you would like to come to the Roving Supper, then please let me have a cheque for £25 per head payable to 'The Lee Parish Hall'.

Money (that's what I want)

If I do not get a cheque you might be missed off my list of attendees. The supper starts at 7:30 pm at the Parish Hall on Saturday 16th November.

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HS2: ramping up the work in the AONB

By Colin Sully, The Lee Parish Council

While we wait for Shapps and Johnson to decide what to do next with HS2, the local impact is starting to ramp up.

The A413 / Link Road

In spite of local petitioning and protesting to have the work at Great Missenden deferred until after the review, diversions and road-closures were put in place in October, resulting in much annoyance, some anger and congested diversions. At the time of writing, the protests continue to prevent the start of tree-felling on the Link Road.

The work to install a noise-reducing road surface on the Wendover bypass should have finally been completed by the time you read this.

The long and winding road

We have been told that the 'screen-line' traffic survey, to monitor traffic diverting itself off the A413 as a result of HS2 work, is due to start in November. The roads to be monitored are:

- Rignall Road
- Aylesbury Road: near the Black Horse
- A413: south of the junction with Aylesbury Road
- Potter Row
- Ballinger Road
- Chesham Lane: east of Arrewig Lane.

Taken together these will (eventually) give some useful information on traffic changing routes as a result of HS2 work on the A413.



It would have been even more useful if it had started a year ago, as we have persistently asked!

The temporary spoil heap

Hunts Green is another area where persistence by the land-owner, the farmer and the Parish Council has yet to produce a satisfactory outcome... in fact to produce any outcome. A decision on whether or not part of the temporary spoil heap can be moved may be getting closer, if only because HS2 contractors will soon want to know where they are supposed to be working.

The design of structures

HS2 Ltd held an information event at Ballinger Hall on 17th October, focusing on their plans for viaducts at Wendover Dean and Small Dean, the North Portal of the Chiltern tunnel and the Wendover 'cut-and-cover' tunnel.

Assuming HS2 goes ahead, all of these structures will result in significant, permanent scars on the AONB landscape and will be complex structures to build. The Parish Council and CRAG have pointed out to the

Oakervee review that, even now, it is not too late to re-visit the issue of a longer tunnel and remove the need for all of these structures. However, we are not holding our breath on this, nor on any other locally favourable outcome from the review.

Speculation

At the time of writing, there is much speculation as to what the review might recommend, including cutting the Phase 2b route to Leeds, cutting the speed of the trains by 40mph and terminating the line at Old Oak Common, rather than Euston.

Sadly, it is worth noting that none of these is likely to have any significant impact on HS2 through the Chilterns. Only cancelling Phase 1 will have any real impact.

LCC the 2019 season review

By Jon Swain

This summer was billed as one of cricket; the World Cup with England favourites, the Ashes 'clashes' for both women and men, and so on.

As it turned out, a script writer would have been ridiculed for having a febrile imagination for suggesting the finishes to both the WC Final and the Headingley Test.

As with 2005, cricket was in our lives daily. It was a wonderful season for our very own Club, with some outstanding cricket being played in exactly the sort of way that it should be. Team sports, and especially cricket, teach the participants so much about

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life; building resilience levels to cope when things are tough, learning how to be gracious in victory, helping our teammates if they are struggling.

The most important component of our approach is that we encourage young players to participate and enjoy healthy exercise, and teamwork. To that end, we had sides representing Under 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s 13s and 15s, and then U19s too. Some outstanding players for the future, nurtured by the soft-ball cricket on Friday nights, and praise must go to the parents, coaches and organisers (often 3-in-1) who have started so many playing.

Girls, rightly, are now in the teams, and even form the majority of some; real progress.

The weather seemed to pick on Friday nights for the little rain we did get, but they are still a wondrous sight; our beautiful ground thronged with young cricketers and the social forum for the parents at the end of long weeks. Those improving young players are now beginning to appear for the adult teams in longer formats and have justified their places with really mature performances. League batting scores of 50 from Charlie and Fraser were the pinnacle of that.

We all benefited from a huge improvement in our facilities; for the first time, wheeled covers for the pitch meant the chances of playing were maximised when there was, rarely, rain.

Good day sunshine

The Sunday XI did not have a single match cancelled through wet weather, an astonishing outcome. Sightscreens have improved our status too, and spectators can enjoy some



wonderful benches, one dedicated to a past stalwart, Ernie Brown.

What has been striking is the youth of our teams; in contrast to so many clubs our coaching/plying pathway has ensured that we retain lots of players, even after they reach adulthood.

The Saturday 1st XI remained unbeaten all season and, but for the anomaly of losing the opportunity to beat opponents who dropped out of the league mid-season, would have walked the league title. As it was, they had to be content with second place, and the chance to play tougher opposition after promotion.

The 2nd XI is the team in which youngsters get their best opportunity to play in a campaign over the season. They did very well, with a pool of players mixing experience and promise.

The Sunday XI was also very successful, with some players perhaps in, appropriately for the date of this issue, the autumns of their careers, but delighting in the opportunity to play

alongside their offspring. Again the majority of the side are young, and enjoy returning to their original club to play friendly games.

We owe a big 'thank you' to our neighbours for their understanding of the odd ball appearing... and some parking and traffic issues. We believe we are an asset to the community, and look forward to 2020!

Coffee success

By Trish Swain

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on 27th

September at Pippa Hart's was an amazing success.

With a little help from my friends

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Dear Diary

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November

Every Wednesday. Toddler Group. Lee Common Methodist Church. 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Saturday 2nd. Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church. 10:30 am - 12:00 noon.

Tuesday 5th. Bonfire night! Cherry Tree Lane. 6:30 pm. See page 5.

Thursday 7th. The Lee Walking Group. Meet on the Green, with or without dogs, at 9:30 am.

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Saturday 9th. Christmas Food and Gift Market. Parish Hall. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. See page 4.

Sunday 10th. Remembrance Day Commemoration. 11:00 am.

Tuesday 12th. Ballinger Evening WI. (AGM) 'Teaching Anecdotes': Len Instone at 8:00 pm.

Tuesday 12th. The Lee Parish Council Meeting. Parish Hall 7:30 pm.

Saturday 16th. Ballinger Christmas Fair. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; see page 10.

Saturday 16th. Roving Supper. See page 17.

Thursday 28th. The Arts Society Ballinger. 'Visions of Beauty': Jacob Mossat at 8:00 pm.

Friday 29th. The Lee Newsletter Annual Dinner.

Saturday 30th. Vocal Lees. See page 5.

Coming soon

Thursday 5th December. The Lee Walking Group. Meet at the Shop at 9:30 am.

Saturday 7th December. Lee Common School Christmas festivities 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. See page 11.

Sunday 8th December. Fayfax concert at The Lee Old Church. See page 17.

Tuesday 10th December. Ballinger Evening WI. Christmas Party.

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