



NEWSLETTER

For The Lee, Lee Common, Hunts Green, Kings Ash and Swan Bottom

From the Editor

By Jonathan Batten

February isn't all about Valentine's Day. This month is also about purification. It is a month to prepare for spring: bringing the promise of longer days to come in The Lee. It is also the only month which sometimes does not have a full moon, but not this year.

There is no *Spare* space in this month's newsletter but just enough for a nice photograph of the snow taken by Johnny Pearson.



A February song by Van Morrison:

*March winds in February
Signalling spring
March winds in February
It's that kind of thing*

*Restless writer can write
For a singer to sing
Me, myself, and the other
For something to bring to*

*March winds in February
It's a challenge for sure
March winds in February
On the Côte d'Azur*

Please send your contributions for the March edition to the editor, Phil Harrison, no later than 12th February, at theleenewsletter@gmail.com

Your letters

Santa and the singers

To the Editor

I am glad that so many people were able to come out on a bitterly cold evening and have such a good time.

My elves and I thought it was an amazing evening. When the sleigh came round the corner and we saw that crowd inside and outside The Cock and Rabbit, it was mind-blowing.

To meet so many really nice people and all those children was one of the main highlights of what has been a difficult few weeks with the cold weather and having to cancel some routes. What a great decision, despite the weather, to go ahead.

Well done to the Occasional Singers, I thought they were excellent and to join them and sing with them was a treat for me. Thanks to Keith, I

was given a song sheet; with the popular carols I thought I knew most of the words, but having the song sheet was a great help.



I was so pleased for Oliver, the new owner of The Cock and Rabbit. It was another brilliant idea to open on that particular evening and the mulled wine and mince pies were excellent.



We collected in the region of £360 on the night. That is a wonderful amount for a relatively short trip out, and I would like to thank everyone who was there and saw the sleigh and Santa, for their generosity.

Can you believe that we already have Thursday 14th December 2023 inked in the diary for the float to come to Lee Common and The Lee?

S Claus
C/o Chesham Rotary Club

A restaurant of distinction?

To the Editor

I am sure we all welcome Oliver Quarrell, who has taken over The Cock and Rabbit.

I have read his recent piece which tells us his restaurant will be ready to open in the spring.

Could he set out for us his vision and ambitions? Creative? Local produce? Even a Michelin star? Would he like to see it featuring in a future edition of *Hairy Bikers Go Local* currently appearing on BBC 2?

This is such a major opportunity to provide us all in The Lee with a restaurant of distinction, sadly lacking here for far too long. We cannot wait!

Richard Hall
Swan Bottom

Be prepared

By Crescenzo D'Alessandro

Recently I was watching a great mini-series on the BBC, *The English*, which inspired me – not because of the landscapes or the unnecessary violence meted out throughout the series (!), but because of something one of the main characters says to the other in the first episode.

I recognised a similar maxim in our Scouts Group back in Italy, which went something like: “The difference between

what you need and what you want is what you can carry on your shoulders”.

This came from an anecdote of my scouting life. As new explorers we were going on a 10-day hike in the mountains. Inevitably, apprehensive parents got involved and the 90 litre rucksacks that seemed to be the norm amongst the new explorers were full to bursting on the day we set off and a 90 litre rucksack is a lot to carry on a 7-day hike.

One of the assistant leaders turned up with a tiny 30ish litre thing; this disparity became a topic of discussion during the hike (although he somehow managed to take with him enough herbs to make his camping stove meals taste really good) and somewhere in the discussions the maxim was created.

How do you define what is ‘necessary’? Where do you draw the line? What are the criteria to distinguish between an essential item to take with you, something which might be useful, and an unnecessary burden? This is really where scouting is important: amongst the games, the activities and the hikes, the critical thinking required to decide what is ‘necessary’ is shaped by practical experience.

We all carry baggage of one type or another; everyone’s experience is unique and distinctive. It’s up to us to decide what baggage (literal or metaphorical) we want to carry on our shoulders.

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Listen Valentine



By Diana Taylor

February comes and with it love
Red hearts and kisses, bulbs piercing soil
To embrace the warming light above
Birds, hearts beating, and flapping wings
To find a mate, heralding new life as
each one sings

If you live here and take a glance outside
You'll find new love in every frosty
breath,
And if you walk, you'll find, in every
stride,
Perspective on a different point of view
Of humankind and nature, as love of
life begins anew

A little lamb, a foal or fawn is born
Struggling each – as striving bud for
birth
The quest to meet the sunlight of the
dawn
Where all life needs to flourish just the
same
Beneath the sky of February, where
love's the name

Darker days gone – in some ways, not
yet ended
But hope returned and, with it,
expectation
That joy will follow by everyone
befriended
They say a smile uses fewer muscles
than a frown
Making it easy to prize the gift of love
more than a crown

Mindfulness and meditation now are
all the rage
But we, who are no different from our
ancestors,
Despise technology that penetrates our

age,
Are really just the same as in the past
Fashions and seasons wane, whilst
love and kindness last

Ah Valentine, not just flowers or
ribbons, you are more
Than red hearts, kisses and noisy songs
Your sentiment is not all found in
cards galore
For if we simply look, then soon we'll
see
That real love – friendship – may still
be found here in The Lee.

Shop reflections

By Symeon Economou

Looking back at 2022 in the
context of Shop at The Lee, my
dominant thought is to count
my blessings. The Shop is situated in
an area designated as one of
outstanding natural beauty. As well as
the Shop this area has a historic church
and an iconic pub and all of these have
a symbiotic relationship with the
community which support them and
benefit from them, and I feel privileged
to be involved in a small way.

The Shop returned to a semblance
of normality in 2022. Our stall at the
Flower Show and the Christmas Food
and Gift Fair were great successes and,
once again, Christmas Eve was manic
and rewarding in equal measure.

Throughout the year our customers
kept coming and the indications are
that we will have achieved a suitably
modest surplus (we're not allowed to
call it a profit!).

It is always humbling when I
actually count the number of people
who make the Shop what it is – right

now there are over 50 – many of whom are never seen behind the counter but comprise the duck’s feet feverishly paddling under the surface. Everything good about Shop at The Lee is down to every one of these 50.

In our committee meetings we always talk about what we can do next to improve what we offer and how we do things. We do have one or two nascent projects but if any of this newsletter’s readers have any thoughts we would love to hear from you, please contact me via email at symeconomou@yahoo.co.uk

One aspect of our business which is in decline is the delivery of newspapers. We deliver every weekday to Lee Common, The Lee and Hunts Green, and weekends we go out further to Swan Bottom and King’s Ash, so please let us know if you would like to have a newspaper delivered right to your door.

Happening on the Chiltern Ridges

By Cllr Patricia
Birchley



Many local councils are viewing 2023 with apprehension, however Buckinghamshire has long had a reputation for fiscal prudence and despite high inflation and the rise in demand for our services (an extra £63 million to cover our costs has to be found) we are working hard to make savings across all departments to balance the books in 2023/24.

We must commit enough money to our statutory social care services for children and adults, and continue to

invest in roads, schools and areas we know residents value most. Much as the Council would prefer not to raise Council Tax, a rise in the basic rate of 2.99% plus a 2% social care precept will be needed to ensure our services are suitable for people with high needs. These amounts are well below inflation, which can be 20-30% for some of our costs. There is a significant level of support available for residents facing hardship and we ask them to look at our dedicated Cost of Living webpages.

Having said that, the Council is in a financially stable place and having received 2,000 responses to our residents’ budget survey, we are proposing to spend more than £125 million fixing and maintaining roads, £143m on school improvements, £20m on housing and tackling homelessness, £14m on climate change and preventing



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flooding, and investing more than £20m on waste and recycling facilities.

Bucks topped a league of 59 local authorities in the Modeshift STARS scheme in having the most schools with a sustainable travel plan. Chiltern Hills Academy, by virtue of its location, has the highest number of students walking to school in the county at 72%. The Council has been shortlisted for Keep Britain Tidy's Network Awards, out of 100 entries only three local authorities were successful and it is thanks to litter, waste and 'space' solutions adopted by our Country Park and Waste teams.

Matthew Barber, the Police and Crime Commissioner in Thames Valley reports that the force has been successful in reducing knife crime by taking a zero-tolerance approach to those carrying knives on our streets, and seeking out and charging those



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who carry weapons – before they go on to commit other offences.

December and January have been busy months with visits to the HS2 North Tunnel Portal, challenging HS2 on road closures, ecology, bridge designs and more, working with The Lee Parish Council to resolve road problems and attending their meetings.

French return to The Lee

By John Ford

It appears that relations with our twin village of Fromelles have happily survived not only Brexit but a global pandemic. A party from France hopes to visit The Lee over the weekend of the flower show on 15th July led by the Maire of Fromelles, Jean-Gabriel Masson.

For those newer to the village, The Lee has had a long association with Fromelles, dating back to the Bucks Territorial Regiment at the Battle of Fromelles in July 1916. We are grateful to Mike Senior and friends for establishing links with the then Maire, M Hubert, around 20 years ago.

Representatives from The Lee were invited to attend the inauguration of the new Commonwealth War Cemetery at Pheasants Wood in 2010 and the two villages signed a friendship charter in 2014. Since then visits occurred backwards and forwards until 2018.

Many lasting friendships have been formed. There is an association there called Les Amis du Lee, and even a road named after the village in that part of France. I am not yet sure of numbers who are likely to visit but if anyone is interested in hosting a couple

of visitors for two nights over that weekend, or would like to know more about what it involves, please email me at john.ford35@btinternet.com

Our French friends are very generous guests, they never arrive empty handed and are always keen to reciprocate. For those who have hosted in the past it has been a very rewarding experience.

As an aside Jean-Gabriel's daughter, Suzanne, is looking for au pair work in the summer. If anyone is able to offer a placement for about a month or so in July please let me know.

Everything in life deserves a second chance

By Giles Robertson

Why not start the New Year with some ideas that support the mantra 'repair, reuse, recycle and refill'. A little thoughtful thinking might well save a heap of things going to landfill.

Repair

If things get broken then throwing them away should be the last resort; it is likely they can be repaired and made useful again. So why not take them to your local Prestwood repair café and they will do their best to fix them.

I love what the team are delivering at the Prestwood Scout hut, on the third Saturday of each month, check out their Facebook page. Most items get fixed on the day, a few are taken away for more complex repairs and some are unrepairable. Any changes to this program will be published on social media and parish notice boards.

Take along any items, including electrical, maybe some hedge cutters that need sharpening? They are ever so friendly and as it's a free service, I'm sure you won't mind buying a flapjack and coffee whilst you wait.

Also, do check out Tony The Chesham Phone Doctor in Hospital Hill, Chesham – lovely chap and there's not much from iPads, iPhones to laptops that he can't fix...

Reuse/recycle

There are so many options here from the ample clothes recycling banks outside the Co-op and the fire station in Great Missenden and in Waitrose car park in Chesham. Do please try and share good quality items with charity shops and using the Chiltern branch of <https://www.freecycle.org>

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lease of life, we've not had one bad experience. Also, The Lee Forum does a roaring trade in the items wanted, donated and sold section.

The Great Missenden library are apparently taking used stamp donations. And, The Little Wren Collections are also happy to have any used stamps for a local jeweller LetsBeCats, who turns them into fabulous and unique necklaces, at very reasonable prices.

Also, why not get more items of pre-loved clothing on eBay, Depop or Vinted apps? New fast fashion is strangling our planet; you can walk proud with a shirt or shoes that are vintage, or maybe nearly new. There is nothing cool about how much you shop anymore. Maybe it is time to find a new hobby?

If you do buy new items, try and buy locally and choose better quality

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Refill

This is such a fast growing trend: "Just like we used to do in the old days", I hear some of you say.

I was delighted to see Asda's 'Refill Price Promise'. This promise guarantees that any refill product, from cereals to pet food, will always be cheaper than purchasing a pre-packed product, even if the pre-packed option is on promotion. A good deal that has also a positive impact on the planet – read about it at corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2022/12/02/asda-revamps-refill-proposition-and-guarantees-cheaper-prices

The refill system is inspiring not only supermarkets but also small businesses offering zero-waste shopping which are popping up with increasing frequency, encouraging people to bring their own reusable containers to pick up their essentials.



The Pantry at 51

Do check out local friends York and Melissa's *The Pantry at 51* in Prestwood, offering a new concept in refill – plus great coffee and tray bakes.

There is also the Refill Café at Great Missenden station offering refills of Ecover products.

So please give everything in your life a second chance and try and 'repair, reuse, recycle, and refill' in 2023.

If you go down to the woods...

By Richard Stewart-Liberty

Planned works are scheduled for Grove Wood and Bray's Wood, located either side of Chartridge Lane and a couple of hundred yards east of the Ballinger Road T-junction, in early spring 2023.

Thinning will allow existing healthy trees to fulfil their potential and selective felling provides gaps for essential regeneration.

Both woods are criss-crossed with well used footpaths. Conditions are bound to get extra muddy, and I am sorry about this. I wish we were able to carry out these works at a drier time of year. Somehow it never happens. We will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum and make good any damage we cause.

Started over fish'n'chips...

By Keith Taylor

Planning for the Jubi-Lee celebrations had begun. Phil Harrison and his helpers hoped our Hilltop Villagers would celebrate in style.

Privately my wife, Diana, thought it essential to have our national anthem sung on the day, and why not some other songs as well, and why not show our community support for Ukraine by also singing their national anthem as well?

Louise would be just the right person to lead a group of volunteer singers, supported by Andrew.

"Let's discuss this over a fish and chip supper down in Great Missenden..."

Thus was born the Occasional Singers, a proposal then made to Phil Harrison, and in due course all those attending the Jubi-Lee celebrations at the parish hall singing and having a wonderful time – just as he planned it to be.

It was in November an email came from Phil (him again!)... Santa is on his way! Oliver is to have a 'soft

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opening' of his new Cock and Rabbit pub... Could we have a village Christmas sing-along outside the pub? Mulled wine could be served, mince pies handed out!

So, the Occasional Singers started rehearsing the repertoire for the sing-along evening, helped by a glass of wine or two at each event, just to help things along.

As you all know, Santa parked his sleigh outside the pub, the villagers thronged the entrance to the pub and across the road, filled the pub and filled Santa's collection boxes with such generosity that Santa wants to come back next year. What a way to start Christmas!

In May, King Charles will be crowned, another opportunity for Phil to mastermind a village celebration! And no doubt he will call up the Occasional Singers to support the event.



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This is not a conventional choir, it's a group of people who like to have fun singing popular songs, relevant to the occasion. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join in. We have everyone from people who have never sung in a choir before through to ex-professional West End music theatre performers.

Just join in the fun and help create memorable village occasions. Look out for further news in the weeks to come!

Newsletter celebrations!

By the Editorial Team

Another 'après Covid' event returned to The Lee social calendar at the end of 2022, with The Lee Newsletter Dinner.

Contributors, distributors, advertisers and the Editorial Team celebrated another successful year. We were regally and amusingly entertained by Diana Morley recounting how she became connected to The Lee and the 2022 Newsletter Award was presented jointly to Ruth Fowler and Phil Harrison for the major parts they played in steering the Newsletter through Covid, editing and setting more editions than anyone else, and ensuring that we kept bringing the news to the community. Without their vision and enthusiasm, we also wouldn't have had the hugely successful Jubi-Lee celebration last year or have had Santa visiting us, or have a village online Forum, or a Christmas ordering system at the Shop. They also manage to fit in time to be, respectively, the Chair of the Parish Council and the Newsletter's distribution supremo.



Back from the brink

The event was very nearly cancelled, almost literally at the last minute, as we had a complete electrical failure at the hall for an hour, just as the caterers were trying to cook the dinner! Our thanks go to many for making the evening a success, but in particular to Pippa Hart (for remembering that the Scout Hut also had a cooker/oven), to Bryan Hart (for supplying lengthy extension leads), to Jen Ogley (for ‘a good idea’) and to Oliver Quarrell’s electrician (for finally coming to the rescue). Talk about “It’ll be alright on the night.” Only just in this case!

More photos (with thanks in particular to Christine Kalveks) are available at www.thelee.org.uk/the-lee-newsletter-dinner-2022/

Newsletter dinner speech

By Diana Morley

My earliest connection with The Lee dates from the year 1926. Not a direct connection, you understand, as I was only just born. But my husband Bill was an undergraduate at Cambridge at the time.

He bought himself a small second-hand car. In those early days of motoring there were testing places for cars. One such was Aston Clinton Hill. So Bill drove over and his little car passed the test. He told me the best way then up a steep hill was backwards in reverse gear. He had time to explore the area, and came across a sleepy little village called The Lee, and fell in love with it.

When we married he was working as a pathologist at St Mary’s Hospital, Paddington, where his boss was Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin. I adored my years in London, and didn’t want to leave, but I had always known that Bill would want to retire to the country. So we started searching for houses in Buckinghamshire. We must have looked at more than 20, but one day in 1969 we saw an advertisement for a



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house in The Lee called Ladygrove. You know the end of that story, and here I still am.

However, there was a problem about the house name Ladygrove. At the time I was working on the new edition of Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians. It happened that I was the only woman on the committee and there I was moving into a house called Ladygrove. Everyone thought I had chosen the name out of conceit. I wanted to change it, but Bill said it wasn't done to alter the name of a country house.

So I was mercilessly teased by my colleagues, though I explained that it was the name of a local wood which could be found on the ordnance survey map. Just this year I discovered that the Ladygrove Wood dates back to the 16th century. It is on the Dundridge Manor Estate on a map dated 1581.

So, although my house is modern, I am proud to discover the name Ladygrove is ancient.



I had another problem later about names. Some of you will know that Ladygrove is on what was the back drive to The Lee Manor. Remember 'back drive'. It has no name, which annoys visitors and delivery drivers. Some years ago there was a feature in the Newsletter on suggestions for a new name for this close. It was 'Cherry This', 'Lee That', 'Manor the Other', on and on, till I lost patience and wrote in saying why not call it 'Back Passage' and be done with it. That closed the correspondence, and the drive is still unnamed.

I was delighted to find I was living in a Liberty village. As a little girl I wore dresses and matching knickers made of Liberty materials. Some of you will remember the redoubtable Susan Cowdy, born a Liberty. She told me that the rhododendrons in my garden were planted by the original



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I had an Australian friend staying with me at the time of our late Queen's Jubilee, and I happened to mention that to her. "You must write and tell the Queen", she commanded, "and ask her what she would like you to plant for her". So I did, and got a charming letter back from a lady-in-waiting – I bet the Queen never even saw the letter – saying the Queen was most interested and would be pleased with whatever I chose to plant in her name. I'm ashamed to say I never got round to planting anything special, but I do cherish my rhodos.

In my earlier years here I explored all the local footpaths through the woods. From my back garden I could walk for miles without touching tarmac. I knew where to look for the earliest snowdrops, primroses, violets and white windflowers, which have a special significance for me, because they had for the composer Elgar. He called some themes in his violin concerto 'windflower'.

I guess some of you wonder why someone of my age lives alone in a house obviously too big for her. Let me assure you, Ladygrove gets plenty of use. I have half a dozen or so friends who use it more or less as their country pad, and visit often. They all love The Lee, and always ask to see the Newsletter, and admire its professionalism as much as I do.

So let me end with a request to the editors. When the time comes to write my obituary, will you please note that I have been kissed by Alexander Fleming and Ralph Vaughan Williams – only on the cheek, and only very publicly, I hasten to say. But I like to think that in that way I have crossed the cultures, medical and musical. And that is my claim to fame.

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Bridge slam?

By Judy Hart et al

Big hands are always exciting to play, but the bidding is sometimes a challenge as it is important not to miss an opportunity for a slam.

♠ J 6 5

♥ 10 6 5

♦ J 7 6 5

♣ 5 4 3

♠ 8 7 4 2

♥ A

♦ K 10 8 4

♣ K 9 7

♠ A Q

♥ K Q J 8 7 4

♦ A Q

♣ Q J 10

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 9 2

♦ 9 3 2

♣ A 8 6 2

Dealer: North

Vulnerability: Neither

There is clearly a lot of potential in the E-W hands, but how would you bid them? See page 26.

Beyond Difference

By Arabella Norton

I am Arabella Norton, the Chair of Beyond Difference, the local inter-faith group which aims to promote friendship and dialogue between those of different faiths and none. I have lived in Lee Common for 20 years and worship at St John the Baptist, The Lee.

I would like to offer a huge thank you to the many people who responded to my 15th November 2022 posting on The Lee Forum for curious, thoughtful, open-minded people, and who supported our latest venture.

This was held in Chesham Mosque and was styled on the BBC *Any Questions* format. Guests were given the opportunity to write their question on a postcard as they entered and then, after a short period of socialising and refreshments, (during which time I was sorting the questions into topics), I then put the questions to the panel of faith leaders. This consisted of Rabbi Neil Janes (South Bucks Jewish Community), Ibrahim Ameen (Chair of the Chesham Mosque committee) and Reverend Jeremy Moodey (Curate at St Mary's Chesham and member of General Synod – the governing body of the Anglican church).



I was also delighted that Revd Chris Haywood was able to come to support the event as an audience member. The questions covered a wide variety of topics including: 'Who was Jesus?'; 'What do you believe happens after death?'; 'What do you believe about forgiveness?' and 'What do you believe about the role of men and women?'

The answers given by each of the panellists were sometimes very different and at other times extremely similar. This event encapsulated the purpose of Beyond Difference which is to work out where there is common ground and build upon this and yet also acknowledge and respect the distinctive differences between the faiths.

Agree or disagree

Engaging respectfully with opinions with which one may disagree is a much-needed attribute in our society and many thanks again to all those who came and participated in doing this so well.

I know that some of the audience were disappointed as their questions did not have time to be asked, nevertheless, I hope that listening to the answers which were given was stimulating and rewarding and that it has created a desire to become more involved with inter-faith dialogue.

Thank you also to all those who donated so generously to the Pakistan Flood Relief retiring collection, a total of £132 was raised.

Beyond Difference is run in our spare time by a tiny group of over-stretched volunteers: two Muslim, two Jewish, two Anglican and one Roman Catholic and we rely on donations to cover our costs.

As the mosque had generously offered their premises and the refreshments for free, we were able to use the donations from the event to support the charity of their choosing.

If you came to this event and would like to give me any feedback and/or if you would like to make suggestions for future events please email info@beyonddifference.org

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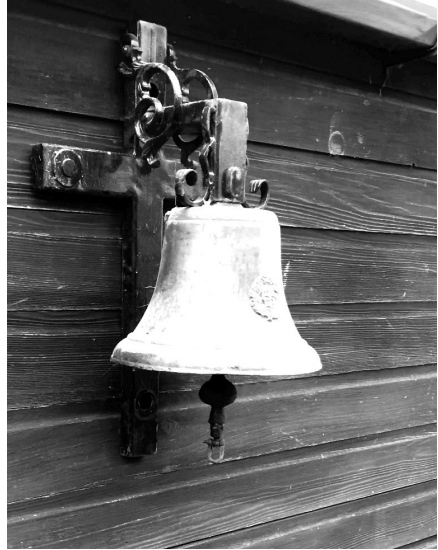
On 4th December 2022 we held a very special combined Advent and Dedication Service for our newly cleaned and repaired memorial windows, together with the original look of the front.

The church was filled near to capacity, and was attended by Alasdair Cunningham of Timber Creations in Great Missenden, Matthew Reading who did all the preparation and renovations of the window frames, together with Bryony and John from The Glass House who worked and installed the beautiful stained glass windows. Our thanks to everyone including Jon Suttle who did the fantastic work on the front.



The service was conducted by the Revd Malcolm Chalmers, the vicar of

St Peter and St Paul in Great Missenden, and special refreshments were made by members of the congregation. The newly hung old school bell was also rung in celebration.



We hope that this work will be able to be admired by all the walkers who pass by, and that they will go inside and admire the beauty and simplicity of our little church which is so historical and important to the area.

There is much more that needs doing and this is only the start.

Digital archiving day

By John Ford

As mentioned in the Newsletter in October last year I am organising a digital archiving day in the village. This will now take place on Sunday 19th February from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

This is an excellent opportunity to record family memories which might otherwise be lost, and a fascinating exercise in documenting local social history. The session is part of a national programme called *Their Finest Hour* created by Oxford University and funded by National Lottery funding, focusing on the Second World War.

Similar to the last event in 2019, relating to the First World War, anyone living locally is encouraged to bring along stories, photographs, diaries, letters and any other mementos from the period to be 'digitised'. That means photographed and uploaded onto an online archive. These could be from the home front, the land army or service overseas. The recording process will be similar to last time with volunteers sitting down with the presenters of collections and recording their stories.

A specialist archivist from the university will attend and will undertake the photography, the scanning and uploading the documents.

Last time many participants doubled up as both presenters and collectors. It is fascinating to hear other people's family histories. Some training is available, but all that is really required is being a good listener, having an eye for detail, and a curiosity about the past. More information on the project is at <https://theirfinesthour.english.ox.ac.uk/>

At this stage if anyone has any collections that they would like to present for archiving, or would like to volunteer to help with the recording, please email me to let me know at john.ford35@btinternet.com

This will help with the organisation of the event, alternatively please feel free simply to turn up on the day.

Our Cold War with Russia

Part One

By Peter Sackett

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 that marked the end of the first Cold War, which had lasted from 1947, three former Soviet republics – Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine – gained their independence.

By 1996 they had each transferred their nuclear arsenals to the former Soviet Union, now known as The Russian Federation (Russia). By this time they had all also signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), having received assurances that their sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity would be

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respected according to the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances.

But these assurances amounted to nothing when the Russo-Ukrainian War began in 2014. Russia annexed Crimea, occupied Eastern Ukraine, and then in 2022 attempted to invade the remainder of Ukraine, thus bringing about our second Cold War with Russia.

Training

I unwittingly entered the first Cold War in 1961, aged 20, when I accepted a commission in the RAF as a General Duties Navigator, ignorant of the great care the RAF takes in training their personnel for the defence of our nation.

I was put through exhaustive training over a three-year period, which began as an Officer Cadet at No. 1 Training School at RAF South Cerney, near Cirencester. This was an intensive four-month induction course

into service life, or ground training as it was called, to lay the foundations of our professional training as aircrew and to develop our qualities of leadership, initiative, physical fitness and self-reliance.

Then as a Pilot Officer I trained in basic navigation at RAF Hullavington, near Bath, followed by advance navigation school at RAF Stradishall, near Bury St Edmunds, where I was awarded my 'Wings' at a Passing Out Parade before being assigned to Bomber Command.

A further two courses as a Flying Officer at Operational Conversion Units at RAF Gaydon, near Coventry and RAF Lindholme, near Doncaster, taught me more than I ever wanted to know about electronics and converted me into a radar navigator.

It was mid-1964 before I was deemed ready to join the very first Victor B2 Squadron, 139 Squadron, which had been based since February 1962 at RAF Wittering, near Stamford in Lincolnshire. A second Squadron, 100 Squadron, was added there in May 1962. We were the only two squadrons ever formed for the Victor B2s, equipped with the Blue Steel air-to-ground standoff H-Bomb missile.



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During 1964, when my crew became operational, the Cold War was at its height, and the V-Force was at its highest with 50 Valiants, 70 Vulcans and 39 Victors in service.

We were following a strategy devised in the early 1960s by the Americans that called for a second-strike nuclear power to be in a position to retaliate effectively to a pre-emptive nuclear attack from any country. Appropriately it was called MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction).

Somehow, this deterrent strategy based on mutual annihilation has counter-intuitively protected the world from nuclear warfare for 75 years. We survived the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. And we have so far survived the proliferation of nuclear weapons, now officially limited to nine countries, although not all capable of inflicting the sort of retaliatory damage that MAD demands. But will this strategy hold fast for the second coming of the Cold War with Russia, this time with far more at stake than the sovereignty of Ukraine? If you are reading this article, then so far so good!

Crew

The captain of our crew, Squadron Leader 'Red' Dunningham, a tall, dapper ex-Spitfire pilot, complete with thick authoritative RAF twirly ginger handlebar moustache, was on his last tour of duty before compulsory retirement at the age of 38. His co-pilot, Flight Lieutenant Phil Nelson, was RAF Cranwell-trained, destined

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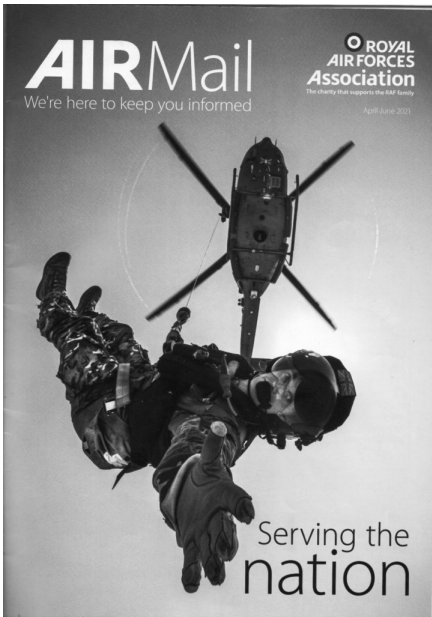
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for fast-track promotion and able to serve until he was 55. The senior navigator, Colin, was also a Flight Lieutenant, and, like Phil, was on his second posting. Both had served in peace-keeping duties based in Cyprus, flying on Canberra bombers. Aged 23, as the radar navigator, I was the youngest of our five-man crew. Our Air Electronics Officer, Ian, was, like me, a Flying Officer on his first posting, but a lot older having been belatedly promoted from the ranks.



Air-sea rescue

We were a disparate bunch and it took some time to weld us together as a team, a team that was scheduled to fly together for the next five years. That bonding all began rather dramatically the first time we met – literally thrown together into two days of sea-survival and sea-rescue exercises off the coast of Plymouth in the coldest month of February. Crew

unity and continuous crew training were especially important with V-bomber crews as we were given total flexibility to find our independent path to our designated Russian target.

Having got to know each other in these adverse circumstances we were now ready for flying duties, but still in training mode.

[To be continued]

Roving fireworks

By Tony Lea

The Roving Supper and Bonfire Night were both held in November 2022; the fireworks attracted the largest crowd we have ever seen, despite the foul weather.

The Roving Supper was well supported with over 70 attending and we would encourage anyone who has not been before to come along this year. If you are new to the village it is a great way to meet your neighbours.

The two events raised £3,500 together and we are greatly appreciative of everyone who attended and particularly the big team who each year support the committee at Bonfire Night, particularly the Scout Leaders and those who help serve the food and drink in the marquee.

Lee Common School are currently fundraising to provide tablets for each pupil in Years 1 and 2 and we donated £2,500 of our fundraising profits to support this effort.

We are also engaged in more works at the Parish Hall, including an update of the heating system to an infrared system similar to that recently installed at Ballinger Hall, which will be beneficial both economically and

environmentally. We also have repairs to the edges around the tennis court, replacement fencing and roofing repairs all planned over the next few months.

At a meeting before Christmas the committee unanimously agreed that we will continue not to charge for any village meetings, shop events, school events, choir practises and any village fundraisers which are being held at the hall. The hall is a community asset and we have been delighted to see it being fully used again after so many years of inactivity.

From the Chair

By Cllr Ruth Fowler
Chair, The Lee Parish Council

Budgets and precepts

It's the time of year when parish councils turn their attention to budgets and, importantly, the precept for next year. The Lee Parish Council (TLPC) is no exception, and the matter recently gave rise to lively discussion within the Council.

In 2021/22 we drew on reserves to spend more than the budgeted income, In 2022/23, despite a significant increase in the precept, we set a deficit budget due to the inclusion of provisions for a number of contingencies, with an aim to restore our general reserve over the next three years assuming an inflation rate of around 3%.

Fortunately the contingencies did not all materialise and, despite inflation being somewhat higher than our assumption, we hope to end the year more or less at a breakeven point. Whilst we still aim to restore our general reserves to the target of 50% of the precept by March 2025, we have been able to set the 2023/24 precept at

a slightly lower level than predicted a year ago. The total precept for The Lee Parish will therefore be £21,550 in 2023/24, an increase of just over 13%.

Please be aware that the percentage increase of the total precept may not be the same as the percentage increase you see on your Council Tax bills. This is because the precept is a fixed amount, divided between all properties according to the band of each. As the number of occupied properties rises and falls slightly from one year to the next, and there are only approximately 300 residential properties in the parish, a small change in the number of households can have a disproportionate effect on the percentage change in the amount on each bill.

Kimblewick Hunt



Representatives of TLPC and local landowners met recently with the Master of the Kimblewick Hunt, to discuss problems. The Hunt gave a number of undertakings to improve the relationship between all parties, and will:

- meet with concerned farmers and livestock owners, to understand their concerns and get a feel for the exact location and layout of their land
- contact farmers one to two weeks before each meet, to find out where they currently have

livestock and if there are any areas they should avoid when laying their trail

- undertake to avoid areas where they have specifically been asked by the farmers to do so, when laying the trail
- provide one week's notice of the Hunt's visit to land and livestock owners who have requested such notification, advising approximate timings of where they will be and when, such notification also to be provided to the Parish Council
- undertake not to ride along footpaths without permission of the landowner
- undertake to restrict the pack size
- ensure that a close eye is kept on the hounds at all times to try and avoid the situation where the pack roams into private gardens or onto

other land where the trail has not been laid

- accept TLPC's offer of help to understand the lie of the land and where certain fields and horse yards are located
- accept TLPC's proposal to post 24 hour's notice of each meet on The Lee Forum

Barnaby Usborne Memorial

I mentioned in a previous edition of the Newsletter that, rather than an oak with a metal surround as originally envisaged, in conjunction with the Usborne family we are now intending to plant a cherry tree with a circular wooden seat surrounding it. Whilst this will be a very fitting memorial to Barnaby, the seating will also be an asset to the plantation area opposite the football pitch. The estimated cost is slightly higher than originally budgeted so, if anyone wishes to contribute who has not already done so, please get in touch with the Clerk at 07704 909324 or by email at clerk@thelee.org.uk

Planning responsibilities

Although TLPC always responds to planning applications, it does so in a similar capacity to that of any member of the public.

All decisions are taken by Buckinghamshire Council (BC) and, whilst TLPC's response is taken into account along with responses from the public and other Bucks departments such as Highways, Ecology, Waste, etc., any decision ultimately sits with the BC Planning Committee. In many cases we are in agreement with their decision, but sometimes they refuse an application to which we have no objections and on other occasions they approve an application to which we have objected.

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On all occasions the role of the Parish Council is to represent the views of residents whilst being cognisant of planning law. Our aim is always to be objective, without favouring either applicants or neighbours. To that end, the majority of councillors are due to attend a training course in early March to ensure they are aware of current legislation and best practise when responding to planning applications.

Planning applications

The Parish Council continues to post notices to The Lee Forum, as we process them, of all planning applications within the parish, with a reminder to residents that if they have specific comments to make they should respond directly to the planning authority. The Parish Council is also very happy to hear residents' views on applications in confidence as they help us formulate a representative response; please contact us via the Clerk at 07704 909324 or email clerk@thelee.org.uk

Knowing-Lee

By the Editorial Team

In the last few months, we have posed three questions designed to encourage you to explore the rich and varied Lee website, the answers to which could be discovered at www.thelee.org.uk

The website is full of information. We wanted to encourage you to look at it and explore its various pages in search of the answers.

The three questions in December's edition were:

- What was the doxology that ended the day after the national anthem?
Answer: it is a liturgical formula of praise to God

- When was the wasp collecting class removed from the competitions?
Answer: 1922
- What was the definition of amateur in the 1922 schedule?
Answer: a person who does not keep a regular gardener.

December's questions celebrated The Lee Flower Show; to discover more go to www.thelee.org.uk, click on Village Amenities at the top of the page > The Lee Flower Show > The Lee Flower Show: A history. The list that drops down has several options.

We hope that you found this an interesting and stimulating piece, and will leave you explore the website at your leisure. If you feel there is more than can be added to the site please email theleeneewsletter@gmail.com and we will ensure the message reaches the website team.

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Village walk and talk

By Ros Morris

There was a good turnout for the first village walk of the year in January, with 30 feet and 40 muddy paws setting off from the green.



We started in the rain which soon cleared then, ably led by Judy Hart, we squelched our way in a circular walk through our local woods and footpaths

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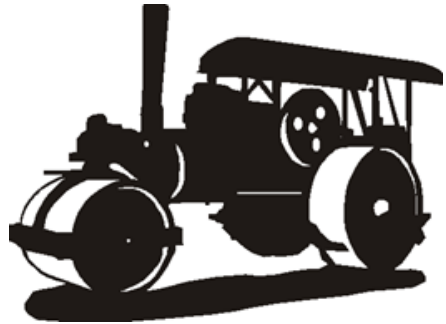
including crossing The Park, over to the fields behind Bassibones, coming back through Grove Wood and Plantation Wood finishing at the church for a warming drink and delicious homemade cake.

Everyone is welcome to join us, with or without a dog, on the first Thursday of the month for a very sociable walk. It is a perfect way to catch up with friends and to meet neighbours.

HS2: not a new beginning

By Cllr Colin Sully

Locally, the new HS2 year started with more of the same – more road and lane closures, more flooding on the A413, more delayed construction works and a general feeling locally that it is all a bit out of control.



The tunnel boring machines (TBMs) heading towards South Heath from Maple Cross have apparently passed halfway. ALIGN has finished the extensive concrete piling in the South Heath area to stabilise the ground, and the construction of the north portal of the tunnel will now begin in earnest, anticipating the arrival of the TBMs at the portal in early 2024.

However, it is not at all clear that construction of the section of the line northwards from South Heath is anywhere near on the same schedule.

The unresolved local design issues discussed last year remain unresolved:

- the Leather Lane overbridge
- the Bowood Lane overbridge
- the lone oak near Leather Lane.

There have also been further delays in commissioning the conveyor to move spoil over the A413/Chiltern Line and other significant construction delays, in part because of the weather in December and January.

Having said that, viaduct works at Wendover Dean and at Small Dean (over the A413 and the Chiltern railway line) are expected to be ramped up this year, as will be works in the Wendover and Stoke Mandeville areas. Also, significantly for us, the other six (yes, six) bridges to be built over or under the line between South Heath and Wendover will all be progressed in 2023. The movement of spoil northwards along the trace will be accelerated and large amounts of steel and concrete will arrive in the area.

To note in February and March...

- one-week total closure of Rocky Lane for water utility works (possible w/c 13th February – tbc)
- full weekend closure of the A413, London Road for utility diversion works (probably March)
- six-week closure of Frith Hill: South Heath Leg for electricity supply works (dates tbc)
- abnormal steel loads begin to arrive at Great Missenden via A413 (March onwards)

- concrete piling works at Wendover Dean, Cottage Farm, Rocky Lane, and near Potter Row (various dates).

For the latest updates on HS2 works visit <http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map/>

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Local community interest

In 2023, there will inevitably be further closures of the A413, of Rocky Lane, of Frith Hill and in due course of Leather Lane. Local parish and county councillors are fighting hard to ensure that greater notice is taken of the impact this is all having and will continue to have on local communities and businesses.



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We have also again raised with the contractors, the issues of:

- noise and vibration from piling
- flooding from water discharges
- tree-planting
- traffic light control on the various crossings.

It is not at all clear that, with the pressures of cost and time, the project has much real appetite to recognise these impacts, but the local councils will continue to monitor and police the continuing construction operations as best we can.

A report on the impact of HS2 on the Chesham and Villages Community Board area was prepared, by The Lee Parish Council, for the Board's meeting in January and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/en2ut55j>

Do you need an interpreter?

By Liz Woznicki, Communications,
Community Impact Bucks

Local charity, Community Impact Bucks, has gathered a network of volunteers to offer free interpretation language skills to newly arrived Ukrainians settling in Buckinghamshire.

The Volunteer Community Interpreter Initiative aims to help Ukrainians, their hosts and the groups that support them, to overcome language difficulties through the use of a volunteer interpreter who is fluent in Ukrainian or Russian, as well as English.

Find out more by visiting: www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk where you can also fill in an online form to request the services of a Volunteer Interpreter.

Bridge dunk?

Playing Weak Twos, our bidding went:

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Opening lead A♣

Despite having 21 HCPs East cannot open 2NT (because of the two doubletons) or 2♣ (because of the five losing trick count).

South takes one trick and East makes the rest, discarding the Q♠ on the third diamond winner.

Forum Fred and Freda



Looking back...

We've been looking back at the forum in 2022, and some highlights are:

- we now have 772 members, of whom 387 live within The Lee Parish and another 339 in neighbouring villages (mostly in Ballinger and South Heath)
- there were 1,630 posts in 2022 across 1,089 topics, a slight reduction from 2021
- the top category this year was Miscellaneous with 29% of all posts, just ahead of Wanted and For Sale on 28%, a reversal of the position in 2021

- reflecting the changing times, there were no postings this year about Coronavirus but 3% related to Homes for Ukraine
- The Lee Forum helped sell everything from houses to jelly moulds in 2022, whilst reuniting significantly more lost parcels than dogs with their owners.

Many thanks to one and all for your support over the past year, and for the extensive useful information posted to help everyone in the community.

Anyone interested can find more analysis of forum usage on the website at www.thelee.org.uk/the-lee-forum/

Looking forward...

We would like to start our fourth year on The Lee Forum 2020 with a couple of reminders that still give rise to regular problems for some users.

1 Private messaging

The Lee Forum does not facilitate any private messaging. All posts to the forum are visible to all those registered and each one is emailed out to hundreds of subscribers – nothing is one-to-one.

We therefore request that, when asking for information, you always provide contact details for other members to respond directly to you, rather than very publicly holding a private conversation!

2 Lost and found

If a dog is reported lost or found on the forum, subscribers do like to know when they have been re-united with their owners – we're that sort of community! A simple message will do.

Do not try to 'edit' your previous message as it will not be emailed out and no one will know, unless they make a special visit to the forum to find out. *[We have in any case now removed the edit facility from general*

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use, as it was rarely used and can give rise to misunderstandings.]

Forum support

If you do have a problem with some aspect of the forum's operation, there is a great deal of help available online in the [Introduction to the Forum](#), the [User Guide](#) and the [FAQs](#). If you are still stuck, email admin@thelee.org.uk

The Lee in living memory

This month, we include extracts from Janet Joyner's memories, as published in the book 'The Lee in Living Memory – Voices from a special Chiltern parish', copies of which are available at the Shop at The Lee.



Janet Joyner (née Dwight)

Janet was born in 1935 in a cottage on Field End Lane; she believes she is the

oldest resident of The Lee, who was born here. She moved to live at Sly Corner and, since 1968, has lived in Cherry Tree Lane. She recalls:

“I was one of seven children, and I went to Lee Common School. I did not, just did NOT, enjoy school. I regret it now, but I just wasn't a bit interested in it. I never was. I never learnt a thing. I left at fourteen.

“I was four when the war broke out. We had evacuees. My eldest brother was in the war and my youngest brother was a prisoner of war in Germany. He came out when he was twenty-one and got married on his twenty-first birthday. My eldest sister married and moved away. The only time we were all together during the war was at Christmas.

“In 1947 when I was at school, a girl Heather, was drowned in the pond in the Dell. She was eight years old. That was a bad winter. We were all told not to go down to the Dell but a lot of them did go down and went on the pond. She went under the ice, and one of the teachers went in fully clothed and got her out. She had two older sisters who are still alive.

“When I was at school, I could have told you everybody who lived in Lee Common, Swan Bottom and Ballinger as well. In Sly Corner they were all little old cottages. The one we lived in had orchards, which have all now been built on. There were apple, plum, cherry, greengage and every fruit tree under the sun. All the different makes of apple like Baseley, Ben's Red, and Long Runnet, that you never hear of now, were in our orchard.

“We also used to rent that field that goes down the hill from Sly Corner and my Dad used to scythe all that. We used to go and turn the hay over. He used to cut all that hedge down the hill by hand.

Blazing trouble

“My younger sister and I had a craze. We were always playing with matches. We’d go and get dry leaves and twigs and make a bonfire. We were terrible – we’d go anywhere and do it. One day, there was a big wedding next door to us with a big marquee. My older sister was supposed to be looking after us, but she went up to the village shop and Pauline, my sister and I decided to have a little tiny bonfire next to this hayrick and the next minute the hayrick went up. We went running down to next door where my Mum and Dad were at this wedding. We went running round, “Dad! Dad! Someone’s caught our hayrick alight.” We didn’t say we’d done it. It just had to burn itself out. When the wedding was over, we confessed, and we had to go to the lady and apologise for interrupting the wedding in the marquee. We never played with matches again.

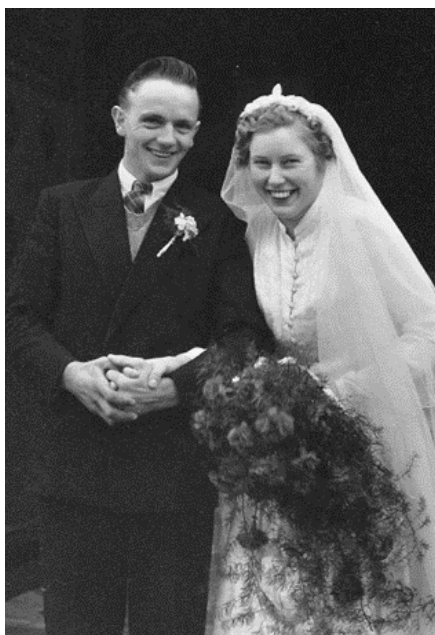
“I left school when I was fourteen and went to work in Townsends, the draper’s shop in Chesham. I worked there for a year then I went to a dress shop in Great Missenden, which sold wool, material, buttons and everything.

“I met my husband Alan who lived at Hyde End when I was in the Ballinger Guides and he was in the Ballinger Scouts, when we were about thirteen or fourteen. When we were teenagers, we used to stand at the top of the common or by the well in gangs. There were no cars to take us anywhere and there was nothing else to do until the Youth Club opened.

The day we got married, we went to see Norman Wisdom

“We used to dress up in those days – no jeans or trousers. It was all dresses.

When we were courting, we used to go to the pictures in Aylesbury or Chesham. We went on Alan’s motorbike. I hated it. When I went out I liked to be dressed up to look the best I could, but on a motorbike, especially when it was wet, it wasn’t so good. We went up to London to the shows, especially Norman Wisdom. He was so funny then, but now I couldn’t laugh at it. He’s not funny anymore. The day we got married we went to see a Norman Wisdom show.



“I was married in the village church in March 1955 on my twentieth birthday. We lived with my parents. I hadn’t been married a year when my mother died, and we stayed on with my father until he died, and we had to leave the house because it was rented in his name. So, I’ve only moved a matter of a couple of miles from where I was born.”

Dear Diary

The fastest way to let everyone in the parish know about an event you are arranging is to publish it right here in the Newsletter. Contact the Editor by the 12th of the previous month (see contact details on page 1).

February

Thursday 2nd. **The Lee village walk**, 9:30 am on the green.

Sunday 19th. **WW2 Archiving Day** at The Lee. Further details on page 16.

Thursday 23rd. **Arts Society, Ballinger**, 'Fire, Smoke and Iron: Spanish artists and the iron industry in Bilbao', Martin Lloyd, 8:00 pm.

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Sunday 5th. **Family / All Age** (CW) at the New Church, 11:00 am.

Sunday 12th. **Parish Communion** (CW), at the New Church, 11:00 am.

Sunday 19th. **Holy Communion** (BCP) at the Old Church, 8:00 am.

Wednesday 22nd. **Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion** at the Old Church, 5:00 pm.

Sunday 26th. **Parish Communion** (CW), 11:00 am.

St Mary's, Ballinger

Sunday 5th. Informal **Communion** followed by refreshments.

Please note: coffee mornings are suspended during building work.

Coming soon

Thursday 2nd March. **The Lee village walk**, 9:30 am on the green.

Tuesday 14th March. **The Lee Parish Council Meeting**, 7:30 pm at the Parish Hall.

Thursday 30th March. **Arts Society, Ballinger**, 8:00 pm.

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Bank Holiday - £12 per hour

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