



NEWSLETTER

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

From the Editor

By Liz Macann

March didn't come in like a lion or go out like a lamb; the seasons just aren't that predictable anymore. But April Fools' Day never misses an opportunity to play tricks on the unsuspecting – I wonder if anyone has managed to slip something into this Newsletter's content...

The villages are certainly coming out of hibernation as spring brightens up the gardens, roadsides and hedgerows. Whether it's sporting activities, social events, a rejuvenated Cock and Rabbit or all hands on deck for the coming Coronation, there's lots going on. Never ones to miss the opportunity for a knees up, see page 4 for the order of events on The Lee Green on Monday 8th May. And that's quite apart from the street parties and garden gatherings which are being mooted all around the area.

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[A pesky hyphen crept into last month's article on village place names; references should have been to The Lee Manor and The Lee Manor Park with the hyphen consigned to history. Ed.]

Your letters

Famous-Lee

To the Editor

Many of us will be looking forward to seeing the *Silent Witness* episode filmed recently in The Lee Old and New Churches.



Silent Witness in The Lee

However, how many of you know that wedding scenes for an episode of *The Onedin Line* were also filmed in the New Church and churchyard in 1977?

Here is an extract from the August 1977 issue of the Parish Magazine written by the Reverend Alan Paice: "Episode 10 of *The Onedin Line* was partly filmed at The Lee Church and churchyard on 11th and 12th July. Actors and technicians exhibit great skill, making what appears as a natural result, surrounded in the process by cables, people, onlookers, extra lights and props galore! With all these distractions and others as well, they carry on and succeed."

This episode called *A Close Run Thing* can be viewed on YouTube. The scenes are 10 minutes long starting at 39:10. https://youtu.be/3nMkvL_B39g

I vaguely remember seeing the episode on TV but had forgotten how good the scenes were. It's so lovely to see the inside of the church and churchyard at that time, so I thought the village might be interested too.

Carol Addison
Lee Common



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A stroll through the woods

To the Editor

I have been heartened by the emails, texts and people approaching me to say how much they enjoyed last month's article (Our countryside). It occurred to me that with so much interest in learning more, it would be both beneficial and appropriate for a guided walk through the woods to highlight how they are managed and the amazing benefits they provide to us and, more importantly, nature. This will be open to anyone especially those with children who would love to learn and anyone interested should just turn up on the day.

For those of you who use What Three Words, 'buying bulletins eased' is the location. I would encourage everyone to download this app as it is free and is now used by all emergency services and some delivery services too. For those who do not have the app the location is the gate at the end of the lane that runs down the side of The Old Swan pub (Lordling Wood). I will be there on the 16th April at 11:00 am and look forward to welcoming all.

Ken Mitchell Gears
The Lee

Church gates

To the Editor

I pass the dilapidated gates to our cherished church every day while walking our dog, who for some reason takes great pleasure in taking a short cut through the churchyard, when no one is looking of course!

In February 2022 I was advised that it was hoped that the much needed renewal of the gates would be ready for the spring wedding season (last year). A whole year has now passed and no update has been forthcoming.

I understand that we need a Faculty to Proceed from the Oxford diocese,

which seems odd bearing in mind we are renewing like for like. Has anyone chased up our application and are we making contact with the diocese, and what is their excuse for denying us the joy of new gates, fully funded and beautifully designed to mirror the existing as they must have looked when they were newly installed?

I await, in fact we all in The Lee await, some positive answers to this disappointing saga.

John Andrews
Hunts Green

Mutterings



By Joe King

Working one's way through the scaffolding into the cosy warmth of the snug is rewarded with a brimming pint of Rebellion. What a brave name in these times of coronation. Maybe a sister ale (or should that be a brother ale or simply another ale) called Liege or Koh-I-Noor is required for balance.

Gun ho

According to the forum, there lurks a sinister camouflaged man in the woods being nasty not only to the tree rats but also that lovely doe-eyed vegetarian muntjac of garden destruction fame. What a load of rubbish. Amazing how easy it is for people to put two and two together to come up with five, particularly when looking for five as the answer. There are many things that kill the animals in the woods: other animals mainly, occasionally vehicles and amazingly old age and nature. Let's not scare the horses with wild accusations and suppositions.

Etiquette

Weaving one's way home, post-pint or two, is an interesting

exercise along narrow country lanes with abundant potholes. Walking on the side of the road towards the oncoming traffic is always sensible as you can at least see what is about to try and run you down. Given that pedestrians have primacy of way on such roads it is surprising how other users think they have all the rights.

The recent changes to the Highway Code have given cyclists the belief that they are all important and always in the right, so much so that an approaching cyclist starts to scream that you are in their way when there are no other vehicles on the road in either direction with plenty of room for the cyclist to move to the right as if overtaking. No room for the pedestrian to move to the left as only a prickly hedge there. How rude is that?

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Sharing

As the Coronation approaches, participating in a community-based celebration should be a joyous experience bringing people together with a shared sense of excitement. The energy in the air is contagious as everyone is united in a common purpose to create some memories. From the sights and sounds of the festivities to the delicious food and drink, the experience should be one that is cherished and remembered for years to come. Being a part of a community celebration reminds us of the importance of coming together and creating shared experiences that strengthen our bonds and enrich our lives.

Cheers.

Poop scoop

By Shih Tzu

In a bizarre move, the Parish Council has announced plans to install self-cleaning dog pooping units in the woods and footpaths around the area. The units, which resemble small dog kennels, are said to use advanced robotic technology to automatically scoop up any dog waste and dispose of it safely.

According to a council spokesperson, the move is part of a wider initiative to improve the local environment and make The Lee a more attractive destination for walkers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Some locals have expressed scepticism, with many questioning the practicality and cost-effectiveness of the few units. Critics have also pointed out that the installation of the units may encourage some dog owners to neglect their responsibilities.

Only time will tell whether this bold new experiment will be a success or a load of doggy doo-doo.

Coronation update

By Phil Harrison



The plans for The Lee Villages Coronation Festival are coming along nicely.

When and where

We have a date. It is Monday 8th May 2023.

We have a venue. It is The Lee Green... with thanks to Richard Stewart-Liberty.

The timings of the Festival are still being finalised but here is an outline for you to start making your own plans.

- **12:30 pm:** Picnic lunches on The Lee Green.
- **2:00 pm:** Opening event with The Occasional Singers and children from Lee Common School.
- **2:15 pm:** Maypole celebration by LCSA followed by Claire and Giles' Coronation sports hour with some right royal prizes, tug of war, best crown and regal outfit parade.
- **3:30 pm:** The music festival featuring local talent regaling us with popular songs.
- **5:00 pm:** Conclusion and clear up.

Food

There will be a choice for you. Bring your own picnic from home, stock up with tasty 'eat-on-the-day' goodies from Shop at The Lee's stall or lunch choices from the Cock and Rabbit. Oliver tells me that he is thinking of doing something special.

Fun

It wouldn't be a festival if there wasn't any face painting. We will have that.

The wonderful 1952 Scout bus will be driving around the parish offering trips of yesteryear.

Classic cars, motor bikes and tractors will undoubtedly put in an appearance.

Multi-age Royal events will take place, including Crowns on the head race, Royal races, Orb and Sceptre race, Changing of the guards relay, Royal bag on the head race and the Royal ring endurance.

Tug of War teams will be needed. On the day itself no doubt spontaneous teams will be formed. Why not form a team ahead of the day?

The Cubs and Scouts will be building one of their portals demonstrating their skills.

Shop at The Lee will soon be selling commemorative mugs to continue the tradition of The Lee specific memorabilia. I am told that there will also be flags on sale. As to bunting, no doubt there is lots around from last year. Dig it out and put it up.

Tra-La-Lee Song Festival

The Occasional Singers will be reforming for the occasion. Song lists are being developed and rehearsals will begin shortly.

Back by popular demand, Max Garrod, our local young musical talent will perform with a set featuring popular swing numbers.

Sarah Cherry, our local operatic talent of amazing voice will sing a set

featuring a combination of musical theatre, national treasured songs from the Proms and powerful numbers.

And finally, The Two Cosettes will be duetting for your pleasure.

Tents and gazebos

As we will be at the beginning of May we can't rely on the weather. We need tents and gazebos. The Scouts have kindly offered their WWII tent and I am in the process of asking various people whom I know to have something suitable.

However, you may want to set up one of your own for your picnic. Fingers crossed that you need it to keep off the sun.

Help needed to set up

As you would expect with something like this, it unfortunately doesn't just happen. We have lots of people who will be doing things like

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running the races, controlling the tug of war, setting up and manning The Shop stall, herding the maypole dancers, being part of the choir and judging the parade.

What we need help with is setting up and clearing up. Putting bunting around The Lee Green, bringing and taking back the tables and chairs from the Parish Hall, clearing up rubbish (if any). If you can help please contact me on 01494 837469.

Robotic poetry

In last month's edition I introduced ChatGPT, the artificial intelligence app. I asked it to extol the virtues of a village festival in terms of Chaucer. Here is what it came up with.

*"Whilom, in village feste, how
merie and faire,
Where mirth and joye aboundeth in
the aire!*



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*The folk, arrayed in robes of fine
array,*

*Gather to feast and make merry
play.*

*With music and with song, they
dance and sing.*

*And on sweet treats and savoury
dishes cling.*

*The scent of meat and ale doth fill
the nose,*

*And all around, the gladness
overflows.*

*Such feste be a sight to see, a token
true*

*Of village fellowship and love
anew."*

The Lee Flower Show

Saturday 15th July

By Jonathan Batten

April and its glorious spring
sunshine can be the real start
of the gardener's year.

You will have completed your weeding, the distribution of the compost and pruning. So what next? The agonising decision as to whether to give that overgrown grass a cut or let it grow for two more months through No Mow May. Either way later this month the serious stuff begins.

The committee is also on to the serious stuff of organising the show; we had a buoyant meeting in early March with eight, miles high, around the table in the parish hall. The work on the schedules is now being completed so that these will be ready for delivery to your doorsteps in early May.

The tea tent has a new command and control so expect that call to ensure that we have a hundred cakes and sandwiches in the marquee, baked and made, ready to eat, on the day.

The Lee Flower Show Dance

Dust off those dancing shoes again and party at The Lee Flower Show Dance on the night of 15th July.

The dance committee team is hard at work organising it for you: the band has been booked, and the floor is being polished – it's all ready to happen so put the date in your diaries.

Start thinking about getting your tables together – tickets will be going on sale in the first week of June at £23 per person.

For any information do please contact the organisers (Liz and Mina) at theleeflowershowdance@gmail.com

Lee Common C of E Primary School news

By Catherine May

The past few weeks at Lee Common School have been as busy as ever! Just before half term we took part in Children's Mental Health Week and the children enjoyed planting at the allotment, a circus themed drama workshop, jogging circuits on the playground and aerobics with Jump Start Jonny, as well as their usual weekly PE sessions and Yoga with Mrs Ellis.

World Book Day, a worldwide celebration of books and reading for pleasure, fell on Thursday 2nd March this

year and throughout the week the children took part in activities based around the book *The Day the Crayons Quit* by



Drew Daywalt. Everyone enjoyed wearing their pyjamas to school for cosy story times and sharing their favourite books with each other. Thank you to Miss Taylor for organising such a fun and inspiring week!

On Saturday 11th March the fantastic LCSA (Lee Common School Association) team, led by Sarah Cherry, hosted a Quiz Night at the Parish Hall. It was wonderful to have parents past and present, village residents and friends coming together to have fun while raising money for the school. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the evening and to the brilliant quiz masters and compilers Anthony and Caroline Jenks, science round presenter Peter Macann and live music round presenter Enzo D'Alessandro. Thanks too, of course, to everyone who came and congratulations to quiz winners the B Team!

There is now a textile recycling bin located just outside the school office door, available to receive unwanted clothing, shoes and trainers, plus handbags, belts, sheets, curtains and towels. Money raised goes towards the school fund. Please ensure textiles donated are clean, dry, wearable/usable and are in a tied plastic shopping bag (no bin bags).



As our chair of governors Pam Batty mentioned in last month's newsletter, Lee Common School is 150 years old this year! Watch this space for news of a celebration event in the summer. As part of our celebrations we are gathering recollections of the school from past pupils, staff and families, so please do send in photos or memories to office@leecommon.bucks.sch.uk.



Quiz Night at the Parish Hall

Scout and about



Enduring-Lee

By Mike Addison

Some of you who visited the local shop at Lee Common on Saturday 4th March may have seen a strange antenna erected on the side of the scout hut and probably didn't give it a second thought. Some of you may have seen walkers with high-vis jackets and rucksacks along the footpaths. And some of you may well have noticed strange lights moving around during the night.

Well, during that weekend an annual long distance (Scout based) endurance walking event was taking

place around our local (ish) area. In total, 800 people took part in the various distances; the longest being 80 km (50 miles in old money). My part in all of this was to provide communications to / from the control HQ situated at Misbourne school and relay walker information such as times in / times out and drop-outs of which sadly there were a few.

In total there were some 100 plus volunteers providing catering, transport and safety. To keep all of this glued together required reliable communications which were provided by amateur radio enthusiasts using the 2 meter and 70 cm bands operating through repeaters. These were sited at Coombe Hill, Devils Den, Radnage and Prestwood Scout hut.

If you were out walking the paths on those particular days you may also have noticed some strange white boxes (hanging from posts etc.) with small antennas poking out from the tops. These were automatic data recorders providing position and time reports for all of the walkers using a card swipe system which reported back to HQ at the Misbourne (via the repeater sites) – clever stuff eh?

Signing off until next year...
73 de G6 MJA (Mike Addison)

Prepared-Lee

Meanwhile, one of the activities we missed most during the lockdown times was, of course, camping. Going on a camp is possibly the most quintessential activity for Scouts of all ages: after all, Scouting started with a camp on Brownsea Island in August 1907, where Baden-Powell took 20 boys to try out his ideas.

Going on a Scout camp is a deep experience. For the younger ones it is an opportunity to be away from the usual environment, away from

parents, teachers, constant nibbling and video games (I am generalizing for effect, of course!). For the older ones, the physical challenges take an epic dimension, forging memories to be treasured forever. The routine of camp activities revolves around the basics – eating, hygiene, sleep – and allows the Scouts to fully immerse themselves into the action, whether it be a hike, a game or (seemingly) unsupervised downtime. And the Leaders? Well, we never really grew up when it comes to being outdoors, walking behind a waterfall...



On top of Pen y Fan at 886m

So, it was a joy to be back to camp, albeit for a short time and with reduced numbers. Nine Cubs and nine Scouts went to the Brecon Beacons, for a two-day camp which involved a lot of walking in stunning locations; the photos don't do justice to the excitement. It was a step in the right direction, hopefully followed soon by other camps under canvas, which is a different game altogether.

Of course, we keep busy between camps – particularly the Cubs, with pancake races and bird house construction being highlights! In fact



the Cubs should be praised for their attitude during the strenuous walks, pushing themselves way beyond their own expectations.

With all these activities, we need help! If you are interested in occasional or more regular help, please do get in touch with us at: scouts@1stleecommon.co.uk

A puppy's trust

By Diana Taylor

With my little puppy in my lap,
 deeply sleeping from the
 exhaustion of her day
 I wear her trust with pride and want
 her trust to stay
 Such a treasure, I could never
 jeopardise
 I shall always want to look into
 her eyes
 And have her know she's safe within
 my care
 And that I'm happy just because
 she's there
 Oh mankind, do you not know how
 good our lives could be
 If each of us had cause to trust as
 well as she?

An honorary villager

By Liz Macann



We have in our midst, the first person to achieve an MA in Furniture Restoration in the UK. And as if that isn't impressive enough, Steve Moody has also done some sterling work as part of the Cock and Rabbit's revamp. Those who have been visitors to the newly refurbished bar will have noted the splendid seating that has replaced the old banquettes, all adding to the New Look of our village pub. The church has also benefitted from his expertise...

This of course is in addition to the private restoration work he has carried out for many villagers over the years.

Steve has for the last 10 years been a regular contributor to life in The Lee and time has seen his involvement gradually increase so that now, he runs highly popular

Upholstery Classes in the Hall for four hours each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Saturdays.

Steve began his working life at 16 in an engineering workshop where he quickly found his niche to be engraving – which had him working on the big film sets of the day. By 19 he was carving out an upwardly mobile career in the Post Office. He gave up his senior role in finance at the age of 34 to study the art of furniture at Buckinghamshire New University where his love of the craft led him to specialise in the fabrics rather than the carpentry and he also discovered he had the ability to teach others. In his twenties Steve had run therapy workshops for the NHS to provide help for those suffering from mental health issues, enabling people who thought that they weren't capable of anything to turn out pieces of work which built their confidence and self-esteem. He found this voluntary work incredibly rewarding and it leaned towards his childhood wish to be a teacher.

As he completed his university studies, while buying and selling furniture and accepting private commissions to restore pieces, he took a teaching certificate. Before he ever qualified, he was being sought out to run workshops for enthusiasts who valued his expertise bringing him ultimately to our Hall... and the Cock and Rabbit!

The sample of his students who I have met have nothing but praise for his teaching and the cheerful collaborative workshops that he runs. For his part, he says he just loves his craft – and the people. For more information about Steve, the way he works and pictures of some of his work go to his website: <http://www.upholsteryisart.co.uk/>

Village walk

By Liz Ford

The day of the March village walk started overcast but turned into a beautiful morning. For once people (15) outnumbered dogs (six). There were different paces of walking; those wanting to yomp had to wait for the more sedate. Conversation was wide ranging from discussions on working for a charity, bridge, where the best cafe is and more importantly the best cakes, climate change, holidays and the date of a new puppy arriving. Only one dog went missing and this time NOT mine. We finished with tea, coffee and homemade cake courtesy of Sandra. All in all a great morning. The village walks are approximately one and a half hours, or about three miles, so come and join us next month.

Kilimanjaro FC

Part 2 – Creating smiles and climbing

By Dougal Hildreth

Last month we read how Dougal and Ian ticked off one of their bucket list items. We read about the plan to climb Kilimanjaro, to leave a legacy based on Watford football Club behind and some of the people they met. The final part of their story adds colour and achievement to their story.

Back at Bristol Cottages Hotel after the 'training' climb up Mount Meru, Africa's fifth highest mountain, we had had one and a half days rest and an opportunity to meet the charities we had contacted before we left the UK.

Both meetings were humbling and an experience that hit the heart and mind. The Tanzanians have very little,

but they give you the feeling they have everything. The welcome is very genuine and they were so thankful for the donations we were offering.

Samson took us to his home village where we attended a Sunday school at Ashira Lutheran Church, Marangu Village, Moshi. Here we met the pastor, teachers and children. Nearly 70 of them from the younger class. We were able to provide them all with a selection of sports equipment, Watford FC and England kit, plus the footballs.

We also met with Shayo in Moshi who is responsible for donations and support at Msmaria Children's Home. Here the children are provided with a daily meal and education, some having no homes, others from a very poor background. Once again the sports kit equipment was given to the children.

In fact, it was the first time they had been able to make a team up all

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wearing the same. Their faces said it all. The Moshi Msmaria Watford FC.

But alas, it was all over so quickly with the children, and it was back to the hotel for the Kilimanjaro briefing.

We would be taking six and a half days and five nights wild camping to get to Kilimanjaro's base camp at 4,556 metres, starting at Londrossi gate at 2,000 metres. We were supported by Aggrey and his colleague Benson, plus 10, yes 10, others. We kitted out the 'Dreamteam' in Watford FC Staff and Game Shirts attire, with Edwardo the stomach engineer (a posh name for chief chef) always carrying the Watford flag we had taken along. (His brother is a Tanzanian International playing for Simba Utd, who are top of the Tanzanian league). To be fair these guys knew more about the English

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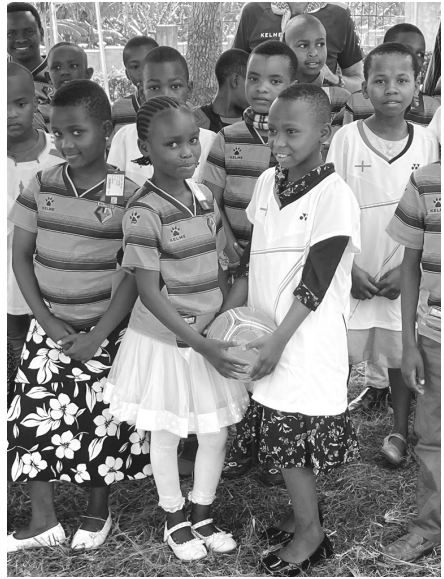
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game than we did, even telling us that Watford had beaten Blackpool 2 - 0 when our own mobiles were out of network reach.

After a final 5km trek and an afternoon of rest, it was fuelling time (pasta) and summit night – alarm set for 22:00, dress, a last warm drink and ready to ascend at 23:00. The temperature had severely dropped to around -10°C. Roughly six to seven hours lay ahead, to climb 1,300 metres, up a zig zag trail, gasping for breath at every shuffle of feet to Uhuru Peak at 5,895 metres.

Ian and I embraced, (for the first time since that Deeney goal, in the Watford verses Leicester, semi-final playoff game). The obligatory photos of a Watford FC shirt, and a Watford banner made just for us as a surprise by Kilimanjarobound Ltd, and the feeling of being on top of Africa.

The total trek was 60km (40 miles) and an experience that is something words cannot really describe, but

Tanzania, Kilimanjaro and the many people we have met and made new friends with, will keep the fire burning for many years to come... I think we left a little bit of Watford FC behind as well.



On top of Africa

Bridge too far?

By Liz Ford et al

It was clear on this hand that N-S would bid to a game, but in what contract?

♠ -

♥ K Q J 2

♦ K 8 5 3 2

♣ A Q 10 3

♠ A 5 4 2

♥ 8 7 5 4

♦ -

♣ 8 6 5 4 2

♠ J 7

♥ 6 3

♦ A Q J 10 9 7

♣ K 9 7

♠ K Q 10 9 8 6 3

♥ A 10 9

♦ 6 4

♣ J

Dealer: North

Vulnerability: Neither

How would you bid these hands?
See page 26.

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Friday night football... one year on

By John 'The Chairman' Pope



At the end of January last year I put a call out on the Lee Forum for people interested in playing five-a-side football. I wrote a piece for the newsletter in April following a successful kick-off in March. So, what happened next?

What a year, and from a team with no official name, despite Colin Sully's suggestions of a few apt Lee focussed names. Here are the statistics, because

we all know that is what football is all about these days. 2,100 minutes played over 35 games, 63 different players with a total of 413 appearances. Six father and son combinations, oldest player 62 and youngest 10, no lost balls or yellow bibs, two lost red cones.

Health benefits are currently unknown, as we have not managed to quantify them yet. However, there are ongoing discussions about the use of tech trackers – if only to make sure players don't get lost. There has also been a suggestion that we should deploy VAR technology – to help us be clear on things such as, "did Michael really manage to score a goal with his head?"

Our first post-match analysis location was The Bell at Chartridge – I don't think we hastened its closure and fortunately, just before Christmas, Oliver re-opened the Cock and Rabbit and I'd like to thank him for allowing a group of hot, sweaty and smelly men into his pub on a Friday night. So far it does not seem to have had a negative effect on trade.

If you take all of the above into consideration, the conclusion is that Friday Night Football between 8:00 pm and 9:00 pm at Chiltern Hills Academy has been a lot of fun. It is alive and kicking (pardon the pun) and we can look forward to a second year with confidence. Back in the April 2022 newsletter I said it wasn't competitive as we only play ourselves. On reflection, each game is hard fought, but always played with the right spirit. No slide tackles and we stop if anyone gets injured – even if they've just fallen over their own laces (sorry Giles).

If you would like to join in the football on a Friday night or just need another excuse to visit the Cock and

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We always welcome players due to the ever changing injury list and excuses that are made-up for not playing on a Friday night. It's been a fantastic time: thanks to all the people that have helped bring new players in and all of the 63 who have taken part.

Ukrainian catch up

By David Gurney

On Friday 24th February, our Ukrainian friends and their host teams gathered at the Ballinger Memorial Hall to mark the unhappiest of dates – the one year anniversary of the Russian invasion of their country. Here is an extract of the speech made by one of their community:

“We lived a normal life. We had jobs, our children went to school. We were building our homes. Sometimes we were happy, sometimes sad, we loved and hoped – we lived our lives. We lived the life we chose until the Russian onslaught came.

“At around 4:00 pm Kyiv time on 24th February, Putin, announced a “special military operation” with the purported purpose of “demilitarisation



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and denazification of Ukraine”. In just a few minutes, missile strikes began all over the territory of Ukraine, including not far from Kyiv. Russian troops invaded Ukraine near Kharkiv, Kherson, Chernihiv, and Sumy, entering from Russia, Belarus, and Crimea, which is temporarily occupied by Russia.

“The Russian army carried out insidious attacks on civilians, medical facilities and schools, destroying Ukrainian cities, firing at ‘green’ evacuation corridors, regularly disregarding the norms of the Geneva Convention of 1949 on the protection of the civilian population in time of war, and they committed war crimes, cynically killing Ukrainians.

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independence, despite the fact that ordinary life was crumbling before their eyes.

“24th February 2022 forever divided the lives of Ukrainians into before and after. All the mothers present here woke up their children with the words: “Wake up, the war has started”. According to the UN, at the end of March, 60% of Ukrainian children were forced to leave their native homes due to the military actions of the Russian side.

“Today, Ukrainians are more united than ever – they stop tanks and armoured personnel carriers with their bare hands, go to rallies in Russian occupied cities, because they don't know how to keep quiet. Every Ukrainian selflessly fights for his country on his front as a volunteer, journalist, cook, driver, artist, etc. The war has erased all shaky planted structures that brought disunity, the awareness of Ukrainian identity inevitably crystallises in every citizen of Ukraine.

“The war affected every Ukrainian. Everyone present here ended up in England by the will of fate. Many of us have gone through months of wandering, disorientation, lack of support, confusion, which led to various problems amid constant stress and uncertainty.

“Once in Buckinghamshire, we received such care and support that we could not have hoped for. We have already thanked our hosts, and this evening we would like to give our thanks to some other key people.”

The team specifically thanked Sarah Green MP, Martin Tett, Gareth Williams and Deborah Stevens for their support throughout the last year to help them to settle into their new lives in the area.

“Why are we here? Because we are unbreakable!

“The struggle of Ukrainians changes the world and unites all reasonable people in the fight for the important values of independence, democracy, and freedom!

“As President Mr Zelensky recently said “I think that this year is the most difficult year in the history of independent Ukraine. Yes, there will still be tests of the strength of our state ahead.

“Therefore, at this moment and on this day, it is important not to forget all those who today stand and defend our borders, people and homes, and those who are our friends who have been with us all this time. There is a feeling that 24th February will be the start of a new year for Ukraine.

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And this support is still required... as hosting periods come to an end, we are looking for new hosts. With children now settled in schools, and the families plugged in to local support groups and jobs, we need more hosts locally to welcome these kind, generous and yet ultimately vulnerable people into their homes. If you could consider hosting a family, please refer to <https://hilltopusc.org/hosting> or get in touch for an informal chat by contacting huscchilterns@gmail.com

Our shop...

Supporting local enterprises

By Simeon Economou

On Oliver (Cock and Rabbit) Quarrell’s recommendation Sue and I recently visited the café in Twyford run by The Rural Pie Company. Just behind it is the bakery where they make a range of about 80

different pies, sausage rolls etc. There, over tea and pies, Philip the owner told us that he, his wife and a loyal team have built a multi-award winning business supplying the café and a number of outlets (including the C&R) with authenticity and quality at its core. I am pleased to report that Shop at The Lee has now stocked a representative range of their produce and the pies are flying off the shelves.

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Room for improvement

It is always gratifying, of course, when customers tell us how nice the shop is. Whilst we quietly pat ourselves on the back it also spurs us on and gives us new energy to do more. However, the other day, a very nice customer reported that a certain product, which we always stocked and sold a lot of, was less than good. I tried it and he was right! Needless to

say we will no longer stock it. This reminded me of one of my bosses when I was a young manager who always told me that it was his negative feedback of me that would make me better.

So, this is a request for feedback and suggestions from all of our customer base. Is there anything we do wrong, what could we do better, what do our customers want that we do not currently do? Your contributions will be welcomed and analysed and will certainly make us better.

Calling shop shareholders!

This is a formal note to inform all Shop at The Lee shareholders that this year's AGM is to be held on Sunday 2nd April at 12:00 noon in The Lee Parish Hall.

Obituary:

Kenneth Michael Sherratt
(1943-2023)

By Liz Macann

Although Mike had never been a resident of The Lee, he was a familiar face in the village for his association with the St John the Baptist Church. Mike moved to the area with his family in 1974 and attended St John the Baptist Church until his sudden, unexpected death on 3rd February this year at his home in Hyde Heath.

Born and raised in Staffordshire, Mike had gained his doctorate in geophysics from Leeds University before working first in copper mining and then in the oil industry, including a



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three year stint in Zambia, before moving to Buckinghamshire where he remained until his death. He had initially lived in Chartridge and then more latterly in Hyde Heath with Avril and the three children.

During his time as a member of the St John the Baptist congregation for almost fifty years, Mike had been a keen member of the church choir, spent a number of years maintaining the churchyard, and served as church warden for a few years. To the surprise of all who knew Mike, he even partook in a charity skydive in 2009 to raise money for the church.

It was very evident that Mike loved The Lee village and felt a deep loyalty to St John the Baptist, as well as having spent many a happy hour or two walking his dogs in the surrounding countryside.

Mike's Christian convictions were a driving force of his life, and increasingly so in his later years. His family have taken great comfort in the hope he had in Christ for the life to come. Nonetheless, he will be greatly missed by those he goes before.



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Church news

By Revd Chris Haywood



During Lent we have spent time, as a church community, searching our hearts and examining our motivations in life and how they match up against how God would want us to be. This ramps up as we draw close to Easter, the beginning of Easter week being marked by Palm Sunday where we recall Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem anticipating his death.

During Easter week we reflect on the events of Passion leading up to Good Friday, hosting Evening Compline (night prayer services) to help us to do so. On Maundy Thursday we host a service with foot washing, recalling Jesus' humility in serving others and reflecting on how it informs our understanding of his death on our behalf. On Good Friday we zero in on Jesus' death on the cross, what it means for us and how we are implicated. Easter Saturday is a day of latent waiting before joy breaks forth on Easter day as we celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave and his resurrection to new life. It's an emotional journey, a pilgrimage even, but one we invite you all to join in with.

Of course the Easter story isn't complete without Ascension Day (when Jesus' work on earth is complete and he ascends into heaven) and Pentecost – the giving of the Holy Spirit – God's spirit living in us as a seal of our acceptance in him, which we mark in May. Those entering into Easter services may wish to complete their pilgrimage entering into these services too. They are joyous occasions.

In any case we look forward to hosting united Services where those wishing to enter into the Easter events come together, young and old alike, to commemorate and celebrate together.

With Easter Blessings.

Our hall

By Pippa Hart

It has been a busy few months at the Parish Hall with upgrades and maintenance being carried out both inside and out. After three months of juggling fan heaters and blowers over the winter months our regular hirers were particularly relieved to see the new infrared heating panels being installed in the main hall and annexe in late January. Whilst the new infrared heat has been a success – the programming has not been without its challenges. After several weeks of what can only be described as “wading through treacle” the software providers worked out that my phone is one of five out of their 300,000 users that had a ‘bug’ in the software. A quick move to an older phone and we were suddenly zinging along whilst we wait for the ‘bug’ to be sorted out. This still does not allow for human error – and apologies to the Flower Show Committee who froze through a recent evening meeting because ‘someone’ had forgotten to programme their meeting... The ceiling mounted panels mean that the walls of the hall are now completely free of any equipment – it allows better use of the space and looks better too.

Our huge thanks to our hirers for bearing with us over this very poorly timed removal of the old night storage heaters just as we hit the winter months!

Outside, the cement around the exterior of the tennis court has been deteriorating and crumbling over several years. We used a break in the freezing temperatures in February to replace it and also used the opportunity to lay a conduit underneath.

This will allow us to install some new lighting along the tennis net side of the car park and particularly the entrance gates in the Spring - on a gloomy night in winter it has always been a dark walk home.



CCTV was installed at the hall in November last year and signage has now gone up to alert everyone to the fact this is in place. We hope it will help to deter any future antisocial behaviour (a whole fence panel was removed from the back garden last summer and the toy cupboard broken into).

We also hope it will stop a few people who have decided that the Biffa bins are for their personal use. Biffa costs have escalated over the years and the charge to the Hall/Shop/

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Scouts has risen to nearly £1,500 a year – we simply cannot afford to have anyone else's waste in there and we hope that the signs and lighting (on PIR only) will help the genuine users and deter any illegal use of the bins.

HS2 update

By Cllr Colin Sully

The bigger picture

You will probably be aware of the recent government announcement that construction of certain sections of HS2 will be slowed down in an attempt to 'cut' (i.e. delay) costs. The delays will primarily affect sections north of Birmingham, although the Euston end of the line will also be affected.

It now looks like, in 10 years' time, we might be able to catch an HS2 train (through the Chilterns) from somewhere near London to somewhere near Birmingham!

If that's the case, then it is likely that there will be, at least initially, a reduced service on the 18 trains per hour each way originally planned. Further savings may also be possible by ordering trains to run at a lower speed than originally planned and this could result in further savings on track, catenary and other train systems design. However, this is NOT included in the latest

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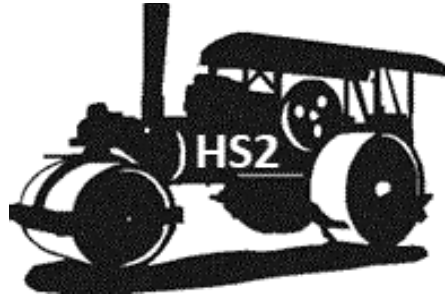
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announcements. The route through the Chilterns will not be changed, and Phase 1 will continue to be built.



Unresolved design issues

Some detailed local elements of design remain outstanding:

- Public events on the design of the **north portal buildings** at South Heath were due to be held in March. Final plans are due to be submitted to Buckinghamshire County this spring.
- The design of the **Leather Lane overbridge** and the fate of the lone oak still await discussion of the results of the ecological and environmental review. TLPC has written to Bucks Council stating that if a plan emerges from the project to move the overbridge from the south side of the existing lane to the north side, then TLPC and its residents expect to be consulted on all the impacts, not 'informed' of the outcome.

- The closure of **Bowood Lane** has been extended by a further 12 months to September 2024. The detailed design of the overbridge here is still awaiting the outcome of HS2 Ltd's appeal to the Planning Inspector.

Construction and mitigation

The impacts of construction are more and more acutely being felt by local residents. Regular points of discussion at liaison meetings with HS2 Ltd and their contractors include:

- **Frequent road and lane closures:** councillors are fighting to

ensure that greater notice is taken of the impact this is having on local communities and businesses.

Complaints have been made to EKFB and HS2 Ltd about their apparent lack of concern about the cumulative effect of these impacts.

- HS2 contractor **driver behaviour** is becoming an increasing concern, with the use of unapproved routes, ‘lay-by over-load’, speeding and even urinating in public places.

- **Traffic lights operation** at the Internal Access Road crossings – EKFB are trying to improve the programming of the lights at Rocky Lane but are constrained by their own safety rules and the complexity of their local internal traffic movements.

- The project is planning extensive **concrete piling** through the Misbourne valley in 2023, and there have already been some complaints about the impact of noise and vibration.

- At the top of Bowood Lane, the project has supposedly completed its first major piece of **tree planting in the AONB**. Local parish and county councillors have raised concerns with HS2 Ltd about the poor implementation of this ecological mitigation.

- **Farming**: the general concerns amongst farmers about delays in payments have been raised locally and escalated. A response has been received from HS2 Ltd, which needs further consideration by TLPC.

To note in April / May 2023

- 13th March to 16th April: five-week closure of Frith Hill (South Heath Leg) for electricity supply works.

- 3rd April: abnormal steel loads are due to start arriving at the Great Missenden site entrance.

- 3rd to 7th April: night-time closure of the A413, London Road and the Wendover by-pass (water works).

- Late April (dates tbc): Further work required at Rocky Lane to complete the water connections. EKFB hope to accomplish this with single lane working.

- May (dates tbc): full weekend closure of the A413, London Road for utility diversion works.

- Various dates: concrete piling works between South Heath and Rocky Lane.

All these dates remain provisional, for the latest updates on HS2 works visit <http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map/>

Is it worth complaining?

Residents are encouraged to complain to HS2 Ltd whenever they see or hear anything which they think could be better mitigated. There is a note on “How to complain about HS2” at www.thelec.org.uk/HS2complaints/



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The Lee Parish Council update

By Cllr Ruth Fowler
Chair, The Lee Parish Council

Dogs

My Inbox regularly receives mails complaining about dogs. I am certain that no owner sets out to allow their dog to run wild and cause mayhem, but there seems to be a never-ending litany of complaints about dogs attacking walkers or other dogs. At this time of year there are also many lambs in the fields – not to mention nesting birds – and none of us will forget last year’s photographs of sheep and lambs that had been mauled by a dog.

So, please can I issue a plea to all dog owners to make sure that your dog is under close control at all times, if necessary by keeping it on a lead when on public footpaths in the fields and woods.

Off grid energy

The Parish Council recently had a fascinating presentation from Enzo and Claudia D’Alessandro about the feasibility of a possible community energy scheme. Their idea is for a solar farm to be created which would supply the parish with power, thus making us far less reliant on the vagaries of national power generation. Other communities have set up similar schemes and, whilst there is a great deal of further research needed, the first step is to explain about the potential project at a public meeting and gauge what support there is in the community.

Look out for more details from Claudia and Enzo in the May edition of the Newsletter.

Planning applications

Finally, 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 to formulate a representative response; please let us know your opinions via the Clerk at 07704 909324 or by email at clerk@thelee.org.uk.

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Ridges news

By Cllr Patricia Birchley, Chiltern Ridges, Buckinghamshire Council

Local Authority funding

The Council Budget for 2023/24 agreed on 22nd February shows net operating expenditure of £504,339. (This is net of the Dedicated Schools Grant of £593,367). The biggest cost to the Council is Social Care which accounts for just under £300 million and enables us to focus services on our most vulnerable residents. An additional £5 million has been allocated from reserves to bolster our spending on road repairs and, as you may have read in the national press, the Leader, Cllr Martin Tett, is pressing HS2 and East-West Rail to repair the damage caused by their traffic. The formula used to calculate funding through the local government settlement shows an increase for

Bucks of 7.6% (increases are complex and estimated by level of need), which is 1.6% below the average for England. That said, we have excellent schools providing some of the best results in the UK and this year 78.7% of 7,000 students who applied for a secondary school place got their first choice, against 77.9% in 2022.

Local priorities

I am pleased that Chesham and Villages Community Board has had a dynamic year spending all of its annual budget locally, prioritising the environment, health and wellbeing, promoting the rural villages, economic development and enhancing the lives of young people. 26% of the budget went on environmental projects with the next highest being 22% on economic development.

Director for Transport, Kevin Goad, joined Cllr Jane MacBean and myself for a tour of roads in Chesham in February and will be coming to the hilltop villages in May. The Community Board is determined to deliver more investment and jobs in the villages and our next engagement event will be on 27th April. We will also contribute to Coronation events in the villages in early May.

Highways maintenance

The Council's roads contract with Ringway Jacobs comes to an end this month; Balfour Beatty Living Places has been awarded the maintenance contract from 1st April 2023 and the consultancy contract goes to Atkins. 12 newly appointed contractors will work alongside BBLP and Atkins under a framework contract to deliver value for money. The new delivery model will include services such as flooding, development and rights of way.

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HS2 engagement

Many of our local roads are now subject to closures due to HS2 and your local councillors regularly challenge their contractors over slippage, mud, temporary traffic lights and journey times. Meetings to discuss HS2 planning issues can be lengthy but we are determined to protect the AONB and ensure all bridges, buildings and new vegetation blend into our precious environment as much as possible.

Please let me know if I can raise your concerns with officers at County Hall. patricia.birchley@buckinghamshire.gov.uk 07714 704017.

Bridge too far?

At our table, our bidding went:

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As a broad rule of thumb, we interpret 'commercial' to mean anything which might potentially interest the tax man.

If you are not sure whether a potential posting meets the requirements, please contact the forum administrators at admin@thelee.org.uk for advice and to discuss your requirements before posting.

We do make a few local exceptions:

- Shop at The Lee, which is a not for profit, community-owned asset, may post messages about its products and services.
- The village pubs may also post changes to their opening hours or service offering, along with a link for further information, as this is considered to be more akin to a public service announcement.

Job vacancies

Advertising of job vacancies based within the parish of The Lee, or the neighbouring villages of Ballinger and South Heath, is also permitted. Advertising a vacancy on behalf of a third party is not permitted.

Advertising of other job vacancies is at the discretion of the forum administrators. Again, if you are not sure whether a vacancy meets the requirements, please contact the forum administrators at admin@thelee.org.uk for advice and/or to discuss your requirements before posting.

The forum only works effectively if people respect these rules and follow the [Code of Conduct](#), so we hope you understand why we issue these reminders in the Newsletter and on the forum.

Forum support

If you 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

Farming in the Cotswolds: Pt 4

All the local farmers we have spoken to so far have mentioned the challenges they face with government policy. So, we sent one of the team to the Cotswolds to hear from a farmer there who has expressed clear and strong views on this subject. *

Pt 4: British farming policy

Q: Jeremy, where should we start when considering government policy?

JC: Just before Britain freed itself from the EU, Boris Johnson appeared at a cattle market and with much gusto and great enthusiasm told farmers they would have nothing to worry about. He would look after us. We could go home and relax in a hot bath.

Q: And?

JC: ...and then the square root of bugger all happened for quite a long time.

Q: So, what were the benefits of the old EU policies.

JC: I used to get £83,298 a year from the EU, which is of course a huge sum of money. But there was a quid pro quo. I had to sell my meat and bread and barley at a loss. It was idiotic socialism but, selfishly, I quite liked it. And so did you because it meant you could afford to feed your children, rather than eating them.

Q: How have things changed?

JC: News came that in 2021 I'd be getting only £73,138. Then in 2023, this would drop to £48,149 and it would keep on dropping until, in 2028, I'd get absolutely nothing at all. I'd be in a free market, which is fine, but I'd be competing with foreign

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farmers who would still be getting a leg up from their governments. And that isn't fine at all.

Q: So, farming would become just like any other commercial business.

JC: Sure, you'd still get your cheap food from abroad, but British farmers would be in the poor house, sucking on clumps of moss to stay alive.

Q: Jeremy, this all sounds pretty grim; is there no upside to the British Government's farming policy?

JC: In 2018, two years after we learnt the grants would be going, the government climbed onto its soapbox and announced that instead of being paid money for selling stuff at a loss, farmers would get "public money for public goods".

Q: Well, I guess that sounds like a positive move.

JC: This sounded great, and all over the land sixth-form beardies and

ramblers jumped up and down with glee. But hang on. What are "public goods", exactly?

Q: Pass.

JC: More footpaths? Because farmers can't sell those. And nor would we get very far if we turned up at the market with some peat bogs and a 400-acre wetland habitat full of rare grasses and wading birds. Is there a market for avocet? I think probably not because I bet it tastes disgusting.



Avocet pie anyone?

Q: So, food production plays no part in the new policy?

JC: Food? Nah. In a world where that comes to your door on the back of a moped and meat is murder, it wasn't important. As a result of all this I've been farming for the past four years with absolutely no idea where things were headed.

Q: Are things any clearer today?

JC: They kept saying the detail was coming but I was expecting another HS2. Another Brexit. Another broken-down aircraft carrier. But then the detail arrived in a document that's more than an inch thick.



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Jeremy: a Cotswolds farmer

Q: I hesitate to ask, but can you summarise what's in it?

JC: Instead of one basic payment, there are now 250 schemes I can sign up to, each of which will come with a raft of forms and code numbers. My land agent's billable hours will skyrocket, as he works out, to the nearest square centimetre, how much echium we are growing. And how many inches of hedge have been trimmed and how many boggy and sad places have been created.

I can get £10.38 if I make a breeding area for skylarks, but that won't work because the badgers will eat whatever eggs they lay.

I can however get money for shooting deer and squirrels, and for wasting a rhododendron bush.

Q: So, does food production play no part in the new arrangements?

JC: It's like they've said "food damages the environment so let's not bother with it. Better the soil is used to store carbon."

Which means there will be a soil police too. And a woodland police.

And a curlew police. And you the taxpayer will have to pay all of them.

Q: So, how does all this affect your attitude to farming?

JC: Only about 7.5% of the Earth's surface is covered in soil good enough to grow the food the world needs. In short, I'm compelled as a farmer to try to keep this tiny bit of land in the best possible shape.

I've met a lot of farmers now and all of them think the same way.

Q: Indeed, so have we. Thank you, Jeremy, for your clear views on these important issues.

JC: Anytime!

** This 'interview' is based (with their permission) on extracts from Jeremy Clarkson's farming article which appeared in The Sunday Times on 5th March 2023.*

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Dear Diary

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April

Sunday 2nd. **Shop at The Lee AGM** at 12:00 noon in The Lee Parish Hall.

Thursday 6th. **The Lee village walk**. Meet at 9:30 am on The Lee Green. Then dogs and their people invited to the church for coffee around 11:00 am.

Sunday 16th. **Woodland walk and learn** at 11:00 am. See page 2.

Friday 21st. **John Benjamin (ex BBC Antiques Roadshow) talk** at 7:30 pm at the Old Church. Tickets £15 each, from Pam Garner on 837501 or Jilly Carleton-Smith on 837205.

Thursday 27th. **Arts Society Ballinger**. The Imperial Easter Eggs of Carl Fabergé: Part 2, After the Revolution. 8:00 pm at Ballinger Hall.

Church Services

St John the Baptist, The Lee
Sunday 2nd. **Holy Communion** (BCP) at the Old Church, 8:00 am.

Sunday 2nd. **Family Service** at the New Church, 11:00 am.

Wednesday 5th. **Lay Led Compline** at the New Church, 8:00 pm.

Thursday 6th. **Maundy Thursday Communion** with Foot Washing at the New Church, 7:30 pm.

Friday 7th. **Good Friday Meditation Service** at the New Church, 3:00 pm.

Sunday 9th. **Holy Communion** at the Old Church, (BCP), 8:00 am.

Sunday 9th. **Easter Sunday Family Communion** at the New Church, 11:00 am.

Sunday 16th. **Holy Communion** (BCP) at the Old Church, 8:00 am.

Sunday 23rd. **Parish Communion** (CW) at the New Church, 11:00 am.

Sunday 30th. **United Benefices Communion** at the New Church, 10:00 am.

St Mary's, Ballinger

Sunday 2nd. **Palm Sunday Communion** at 9:30 am, followed by refreshments.

Every Wednesday. **Coffee mornings** for Ukrainian guests, their hosts and any passers-by, 10:00 am until 12 noon.

Coming soon

Thursday 2nd May. **The Lee village walk**, 9:30 am on The Lee Green followed by coffee at the church.

Monday 8th May. **The Lee Villages Coronation Festival**. See page 4.

Tuesday 16th May. **The Lee Annual Parish Meeting** at 7:00 pm followed by **The Lee Parish Council Meeting** at 7:30 pm. The Lee Parish Hall.

Thursday 25th May. **Arts Society Ballinger**, 8:00 pm at Ballinger Hall.

Saturday 17th June. **The Lee Church Fête** on The Lee Green.

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The Newsletter

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We welcome letters and articles of interest and relevance to The Lee. Copy should be sent to the Editor of the month (see page 1) by the 12th of the month before publication.

Letters should ideally run to no more than 200 words and articles to no more than 700 words; material may be edited and may appear on the village website www.thelee.org.uk unless consent is specifically withheld. Anonymous contributions are not accepted.

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Mon-Fri - £10 per hour
Sat/Sun - £12 per hour
Bank Holiday - £12 per hour

Car park only - £10
Crockery/Cutlery £15
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