



NEWSLETTER

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

From the Editor

By Liz Macann

June seemed quiet by comparison to May after all the Coronation prep and activity – but not for long as, hot on the heels of last month’s Church Fête, we rev up to this month’s Flower Show. It’s all go!

As we go to print, summer weather has finally arrived to bring some cheer to a pretty grim political scene at home and unbelievable horrors abroad. Thank goodness for village life, stunning countryside and a community to be eternally grateful for. Aren’t we lucky?

As usual there will be no Newsletter in August. September’s will be edited by Philip Harrison so please send all your letters, articles, pictures, etc. to him at theleenewsletter@gmail.com by 12th August.

To recycle your copy of the Newsletter when you have read it, simply drop it into the Shop at The Lee for someone else to read.



Your Letters

Farm Walk in The Lee

To the Editor

Following up on the Newsletter’s series of articles on farming in The

Lee (see also page 8), the agronomist advising the Stewart-Liberty Estate, Kevin Pearcy, (who also advises other farmers in the area) has kindly offered to conduct a farm walk in The Lee for interested residents.

The walk will take place on Saturday 8th July, leaving The Lee Green at 10:00 am. The walk will take around one and a half hours and Kevin will guide us through some of the key decisions farmers have to make about crop and soil management, soil improvement, and crop choice.

All welcome – adults, children and dogs on leads.

Do make a note of the date / time in your diaries.

Colin Sully
Swan Bottom

Quizzical-Lee

By the Editor

The monthly quiz at the Cock and Rabbit is not only testing the knowledge of those that compete; it is also raising funds for worthy charities. The first quiz in May raised £50 for the Lee Common School Association; the second quiz in June raised £48 for BLESMA (British Limbless Ex-Service Men’s Association). The charity each month is nominated by the winning team.

The next quiz night is on Wednesday 5th July.

Moaning



By Joe King

Why is it human nature to moan about things rather than praise them? Is it the same reason that bad news sells newspapers? After all, as Mark Antony said, “I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him”.

Sitting in the snug with mates certainly raises its share of moans.

The number one moan at the moment is all about potholes, the state of the roads and who is to blame. No longer are potholes limited to the edge of the road, they are now all over the road; the centre line appears to be a prime source of damage. Is the white line paint corrosive? Maybe the holes are being left to simply slow down the traffic; a bit like an inverted sleeping policeman.

Don’t ask for the logical link but conversation moved on to the observation about how many things are made in China. Companies marketing themselves as local businesses to gain your support turn out to supply you with goods made or assembled in China. Today’s wheeze is to say ‘designed in (UK/USA etc); assembled in China’. Even had a company claiming eco credibility but seemingly forgetting shipping something from China didn’t count.

In the 1970s products were stamped with the Union flag and a ‘Made in Britain’ statement. Time to bring it back.

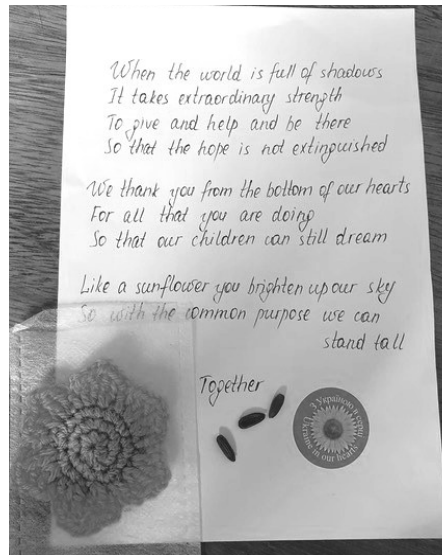
Chat moved onto the weird behaviour of some dogs when walking into the field at the end of the slip. Does your dog behave strangely around there? Does it try to avoid the space? Well, mystery solved by an older eavesdropping resident. In the

old days when somebody was hanged around here, guess where the deed was done? Maybe the dogs can sense the departed tortured souls.

Finally, looking at my online banking I see that when I buy something in the shop using my phone it comes up on my statement as “Shop The Lee Paris”. Got the heart racing first time thinking I had been scammed as I hadn’t been abroad. The latest one though made me laugh; a spend at The Cock and Rabbit came up as “The Cock & Rabbi”. Just makes you wonder.

A Ukrainian ‘Thank You’

Supporters and volunteers of the Ukrainian Hilltop Community were warmed by a beautiful ‘thank you’ delivered in response to the help they have given to so many Ukrainian refugees over the last year: something they will treasure forever.



Picnics and parties at The Old Swan

By Karen Joel and Maggie Allen

The wonderful beer garden at The Old Swan pub really came into its own on the weekend of 10th - 11th June with a 60th birthday party on the Saturday, followed by the Chesham United FC junior awards BBQ on the Sunday.



On Saturday, more than eighty people celebrated in glorious summer weather – rocking out to the live band and demolishing some seriously delicious in-house catering. One pub regular commented that it was lovely to once again smell tantalising aromas coming from the kitchen.

Sunday brought worryingly inclement weather – but that didn't

stop the kids and teenagers from enjoying a kickabout on the pub's footy pitch, as the beer garden filled up again and the BBQ (and the bar staff!) worked overtime. We're told a great day was had by all.

July will see both the beer garden and the kitchen continue to get a workout as The Old Swan launches its weekend light meals summer menu. We know the team are excited to finally be able to answer the question: "Do you do food?" with a resounding "Yes!".

And there's something extra special at the pub for the two weekends of Wimbledon, with classic finger sandwiches, decadent Eton Mess and jugs of Pimm's adding to the summer picnic atmosphere.

If you haven't been to The Old Swan recently, you may not have seen the work of Wendover artist Christian Twelftree. His beautiful and evocative



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images of the local landscape are hanging throughout the pub and drawing plenty of interest. And the best part? They are all for sale.

Whatever takes you out of the house this summer, making a visit to The Old Swan to see what's happening can't be a bad idea! We'd love to see you.

Barnaby Usborne memorial tree

By Ruth Fowler

Approaching 50 people gathered at the Lee Common Allotments and Playing Fields on the morning of Saturday 20th May, for the formal unveiling of a tree in memory of Barnaby Usborne.



Barnaby was that rare kind of leader: a visionary who could get stuck into the detail to deliver the vision. His involvement in village life ranged from the installation of kissing gates in his role as quartermaster to the Chiltern Society via interviewing longstanding residents for *The Lee in Living Memory* to leading the group designing the CRAG tunnel, whilst also having stints chairing the Parish Council, Parish Hall Committee and the Shop Committee – he only stopped working shifts in the shop due to Covid – and of course he was a contributor, occasional editor and delivery supremo for this Newsletter.

Barnaby's contribution to village life was recognised at a wider level in 2017 when he was appointed MBE, whilst the tree is a fitting tribute from all those locally who knew him.

The tree is a cherry planted close to the footpath, between the playground and football pitch. Once the roots have settled, a circular wooden seat with a commemorative plaque will be installed around it.

With thanks to Phil Easeman for helping out with a digger at the vital moment, the tree itself was planted a few days ahead of the ceremony. It was then stylishly decked out with a red ribbon, ceremoniously cut by Tricia Usborne.



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Meet and Greet

People move into the Lee from far afield and also from very near indeed. This month's welcome is extended to a couple who haven't travelled far to become part of the local community... Jules and Chris Eyles of Swan Bottom.

Hello!
Chris and I moved into Swan Bottom in the middle of March along with our black Labrador Darcey and our cat Spotty, aptly named as he's white with black spots.

We have all settled in well with the animals immediately feeling at home.

We lived very happily in Bellingdon for 12 years, enjoying many family gatherings and taking great enjoyment in our garden, growing veg and planting shrubs and flowers.

However as the years have passed we felt it was time to downsize and put our energies into another space. We love the countryside and the open fields around us.

We lived for many years in Amersham bringing up our three children, I worked part time as a District Nurse, and Chris as an Accountant. However, when our youngest child went to university we decided to have a change in lifestyle and moved to Ballinger. Time for us to Escape to the Country!

We loved the country life, the village setting and at the weekend we worked on our allotment with great enthusiasm.

Our family developed relationships and friendships in Ballinger that have lasted and we all kept up the links despite moving to Bellingdon. Now being back in Swan Bottom it feels like coming home.

I have played tennis at The Lee for quite a few years and developed some



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good friendships. I also belong to the Ballinger Evening WI and the Horticultural Society and enjoy meeting fellow local ladies.

Chris very much enjoys playing golf... and we both love walking and gardening.

We're very keen to become involved in village life, and to become part of the fabric of the community.

We're delighted that the Cock and Rabbit is becoming a focal point for meeting other village people and that our local pub the Old Swan is once again open.

Since moving here our family and grandchildren have already visited and the children's playground at The Lee has been a great success, especially the Fort. We look forward to many more happy occasions over the years.

A difficult balance

By Giles Robertson

We all know how important trees are and we've grown up learning of their benefits as well as their beauty. So, with so much felling going on in the woods around us just now some people are

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understandably concerned, especially given how many trees are also being lost through HS2. And then there's the felling due to ash dieback! I think it is fair to say that people are extra sensitive about losing more trees, with so much cutting locally.

On that basis, I wrote to Nick Evans of Active Woodlands whose name appears on their posters, to help explain what the thinking was behind the recent local forestry work; here is what he said:

"... This (felling) forms part of our wider estate woodland management program. It's part of a Forestry Commission approved management



plan (albeit due for a rewrite) and supported by Countryside Stewardship annual management grant. I appreciate that HS2 has had a significant and potentially very negative impact on the local woodland environment.

However, the estate woodlands are in a sustainable cycle of active management, with each woodland benefiting from targeted management works on a periodic basis. The estate's woodlands are managed to promote development of quality timber and firewood stands, but also to enhance their wildlife and aesthetic value. We aim to utilise timber sales and grant

support to offset ongoing costs and, in some circumstances, generate a small profit. Sadly, some disturbance is inevitable but it's only transient and the long-term impact on the local environment will be positive.

"This operation is a combination of selective thinning and regeneration felling. The thinning aims to remove a proportion of the overall canopy cover, generally removing trees of poorest form and retaining those of better potential. This is often focused on timber value but we also retain trees that might have specific wildlife value (e.g. bat roost potential) or cultural features (e.g. trees with swings or interesting features). This process gives the retained trees more space to develop but also improves light levels in the understorey, which in turn should allow natural regeneration of woodland plants. In well managed mixed woodland, it is an operation that might be scheduled every 5-10 years as an ongoing process to improve the quality of a woodland.

"In a few locations we have felled additional trees and expanded on existing canopy gaps to create small open coupes, into which we can plant new native broadleaf species to continue the regeneration process. This is a good alternative to more economic clear felling and replanting operations, that helps diversify the age class and species structure of a woodland. This in turn provides greater opportunity for wildlife habitat and improves resilience against tree diseases and pests. In Grove Wood, we have opened up some of the existing 'rides' to improve light levels. This is primarily to improve wildlife value as many woodland species actually benefit most from internal, sheltered open

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space and the increase in ground flora and scrub cover along the ride edge. It is also worth noting that we aim to retain a good proportion of deadwood in all these operations – both as fallen material in various states and standing dead trees which provide different habitat conditions.

“In terms of annual timing, this particular operation was actually quite well timed i.e. the majority of felling was complete prior to nesting season; although it’s worth noting that forestry operations can and do continue throughout the bird nesting season. The industry takes a risk-based approach to management of operations, obviously bird nesting is one factor but add to this bat roosting seasons, dormice, badgers and other priority species plus the impacts of weather on ground conditions and other access constraints. That is then combined with limitations in contractor availability

and sometimes results in compromises to the timing of operations.”

So, there we have it, upsetting as it can be to see apparently healthy trees cut down for no good reason, except perhaps the value of the timber, woodland management requires a complex strategy to do what is necessary for the greater good of the flora, fauna and funga. As we walk through our woods and see the felling in action and its aftermath, we can feel assured that it is for the long-term health of the environment.

Farming in the Chilterns: Pt 5

We come back closer to home this month, looking at farming in and around The Lee, in conversation with Trevor Pearce, of Chapel Farm, Lee Clump.

Pt 5: A farming tradition

Q: Trevor, perhaps we could start by getting some idea of just how long your family has been living and farming in this area?

TP: Well, we know that nine generations of the family have lived in Lee Clump and we have been able to trace the name back to local foresters in the 1500s.

Q: That’s extraordinary. And what do you know of their farming history?

TP: My great, grandfather, James (Holy Jim) Pearce, was born in 1852 in Ballinger and later lived at Sly Corner, Lee Clump and in Oxford Street. He was – amongst other things – a ‘higgler’ (a dealer in eggs and poultry), as was his son, Joseph, my grandfather. They were also fruit farmers and were significant employers locally during the fruit-picking season.

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*James Pearce with family and fruit pickers
(approx. 1917)*

Q: What else do you know about their farming at that time?

TP: Well, my grandparents reared turkeys, ducks, geese and pigs, and my grandma supplied 400 'sitting hens' each year to Crawshays at Chartridge to hatch pheasants.

Q: ...and the fruit farming side?

TP: James had a small-holding at Laurel Villa, with all manner of fruits growing in surrounding fields (now largely built on) including cherries and strawberries.

Stories are told of residents picking strawberries in the early 1900s by moonlight, so that the fruit could be sent off at the crack of dawn (by horse and cart) to Brentford fruit market. Grandma would follow later by train!

Dad was born at Chartridge Green Farm and then came back to Lee Clump in 1916.

Q: How had the farming developed by the time your father and you became involved?

TP: Dad kept pigs and chickens and grew some barley. Mum and Dad had a market garden. Dad also loved engineering, like my brother and nephew, but I missed out on those skills.

When I left school, we did contract work on local farms; later we kept about 100 pigs and grew cereals and potatoes. We reared cattle and Christmas turkeys, and we sold hay

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made on land we rented over a wide area... and we had a lot of sheep.

We had all manner of different arrangements in place with up to 20 different landlords.

Q: Managing all those different relationships must have been difficult.

TP: It had some advantages – not having all your eggs in one basket.

Q: So, can you give us some idea of the farming activities that you operate today... and where?

TP: Yes, we now farm around 100 acres – all grass, no arable – buying in Aberdeen Angus ‘store cattle’ each year and bringing them on until they are ready for market.

We have cattle sheds here at the farm at Lee Clump; the pasture is mainly in and around Lee Common and Swan Bottom.

Q: So, what challenges do you face today when you compare it with your father and grandfather?



TP: I guess I’m quite relaxed about my farming nowadays. We have survived two lots of foot and mouth and BSE restrictions, and we are still here; I try not to worry too much about tomorrow, but the TB testing can make things difficult.

Q: We published Jeremy Clarkson’s views on the Government’s farming policy in the last interview. Do you have thoughts on that subject?

TP: The Government has shifted its support from food production back to the environment, which I am in favour of. However, I am not entirely convinced their policies will work.

Q: Why not?

TP: So many ancient flower meadows were ploughed up in the 1970s, encouraged by EU grants; I don’t think they can ever be recreated.

We have had some of our pasture in the Entry-Level Stewardship Scheme, which means we have to keep the fertilizer (nitrogen) input levels below a certain threshold. But we haven’t put fertilizer on our grass for over 20 years and it doesn’t seem to have suffered.

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Many of the bottom feeders in the food chain also seem to have reduced, in particular the bees which are so important. But I'm not convinced that this is all to do with farming. Hedgerow destruction and harmful pesticide sprays were stopped years ago. The rural environment is changing, but it can't all be fixed just by changing farming policy.

Q: Interesting. So, how do you see the future of Chapel Farm?

TP: To be honest I'm not really sure. It was good farming in the 1970s, but it doesn't feel the same today. It was certainly better being in my 20s in the 70s than in my 70s in the 20s.

I tend to take each day as it comes... and try to enjoy it.

Q: A great philosophy for life; thank you Trevor.

TP: You're welcome.

Village walk

By the walkers

The first Thursday of the month saw the village walk heading off from The Green at 9:30 am as usual and in perfect weather. Mindful of the agreement with local farmers, dogs must keep to the footpaths in crop fields and their people must refrain from throwing sticks which can so easily do damage to farm machinery. And of course, there is the ever-vigilant



Some village walkers

Poo Patrol to avoid unwanted deposits in inappropriate places

The gathering of walkers, some with dogs, some with babies in back packs, some newcomers to the village and some who've been around a long time, are of all ages and fitness levels. Everyone is welcome to join in this friendly social occasion which ends up after about an hour and a half in the Church near The Green for coffee and biscuits.

The Lee Flower Show is for everyone

By Jonathan Batten

Where do we go from here? We've had the Coronation Festival and the Church Fête in the last two months so what's next for the delight of the village?

Listen up folks, those joyous events have come and gone, it's time to look forward to the future as this month it's what you have all been waiting for: The Lee Flower Show on Saturday 15th July, can it get any more exciting than that?

The committee has been getting on with the job: the posters are on the roadsides, the flags will be flying and the cricket field will be transformed with all the paraphernalia that makes the Flower Show what it is. The grass is being cut, the bands are tuning up, the magician is rehearsing her tricks, the animals are pacing up and down, the cups are being polished, the coconuts are being cut from the palms, the beer is brewing, the ice cream is freezing...

For your part you need to decide on your entries and get those to Ann

Ash by 13th July. It's all there in the schedule – a variety of classes for all of you to participate in. If you've mislaid it we can get you another copy or you can download it from the village website – just follow the Flower Show link.

If you need any help with entries please feel free to ring our dedicated helpline 01494 837550.

Bring your dog to enter the dog show and get your kids to teach it some tricks.

Wear a hat and win a prize at the Mad Hatters Tea Party.

A small army of helpers is needed to put on the show so thank you to all those who have already enlisted – if you haven't been asked please don't feel left out just call me on 01494 837450.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle then call Jonathan Batten on 01494 837450. If you have books for the bookstall call Andrew Cowper on 01494 837922.

If you can bake a cake for the tea tent then bring it along to the pavilion in the morning. If you would like to help in the tea tent call Cat Wildman on 07973 461235.

One thing to remember: this is an outdoor event on the cricket field where facilities for credit and debit cards are limited. Cash is king. Draw some out and bring it with you.

and in the evening...

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Lee Common School

By Catherine May
An invitation to view...



In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the school's founding, the children have created a mural which will be on display when the school hosts a celebration afternoon tea during the last few weeks of summer term. Members of the local community are very welcome to come along and, as soon as the date is finalised, an announcement will be made on the Lee Forum and on the Lee Common School website.



Key Stage One pupils at Lee Common – Swallows and Robins – have been learning all about plants this term and on Thursday 25th May they hosted a Farmers' Market in the playground. On sale were sweet treats and crafts that the children had made, as well as some of the fruit, vegetables and flowers that they had grown. The children were delighted to raise £40 which will be spent on wildlife-friendly structures, such as insect hotels and bird boxes, for the outdoor areas.



T.E. Lawrence comes to Ballinger...

...well, to the Arts Society

By Peter Baker

Have you seen David Lean's Lawrence of Arabia and wondered if events portrayed were factual? Do you recall the blowing up of a train in the desert? The archaeology of the site was described by (the late) Neil Faulkner at a recent meeting of The Arts Society Ballinger (ASB): Neil revealed that a spent bullet from a Colt revolver was found, very possibly fired by Lawrence himself.

Of course, not every presentation at ASB has such a 'wow' moment! However, all our Arts Society accredited speakers at the monthly meetings are professional and their lectures are always enjoyed by our friendly, mainly local membership. 'Arts' is widely interpreted, including architecture, gardens, painting, music, sculpture, ceramics and textiles, with speakers often presenting their topic within a historical narrative. Two seasonal Easter presentations by Toby Faber on Fabergé eggs felt a bit like a detective story – where are the missing ones? Look in your lofts ASB members!

2022-2023 is ASB's Silver Jubilee so there has been much concentration on 'SILVER': did you know it was not just hatters who suffered from mercury poisoning (and no, Lewis Carroll never termed The Hatter 'Mad')? Early gilding processes also

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involved mercury and goldsmiths tended to have a shortened life. Christopher Garibaldi in May this year also explained why old silver is rare; not only can it be turned into coinage, but over the centuries it has been a 'fashion' item and so, for a fee, the local silversmith would take your granny's silver teapot, melt it down and remake it in the latest 'trendy' style. A highlight of our celebrations was a recent private tour of Waddesdon Manor with a special viewing of one of the few great silver dinner services to survive. It was commissioned in the 1770s by George III, also Elector of Hanover, for use at Herrenhausen, his summer palace. We learnt that it was half French (more fashionable than



English silver) and half German (it was extended as soon as it arrived by the court goldsmith – to the French pattern – probably a cheaper option!) and it was updated by George IV to allow a more 'modish' style of service at table. The service survived intact until it was split up in the 1920s; it disappeared to re-emerge in 2002, when the Rothschild family bought it. This 'amazingly shiny' silverware (now coated to avoid tarnishing) is on permanent loan to Waddesdon.

Not every activity of your local Arts Society can be covered in this short article so why not take a look at www.theartssocietyballinger.org.uk or, better still, come along to one of our meetings as a guest and meet our members over coffee and biscuits before the meeting proper.

The email address to use to contact us is ballinger@theartssociety.org. We will be at The Lee Flower Show where you can chat with members, maybe win tickets to meetings and, perhaps, discover art and arts can be fun as well as a bit educational.

Our Shop...

By Symeon Ecomomou

Shop at The Lee has had a bit of a refurb. We've demolished one bit, moved bits around, renewed some bits and built new bits. Some of the things we have done have been successful, others not so much. So, there is a bit of tweaking to do here and there and we want to buy new display items, the ultimate aim being to update the shop and make it a place that is easy and pleasant to visit. Another aim is to continue to offer some traditional items, some nicer farm-shop-type stuff and things you never knew you wanted until you came into the shop.

The initial impetus for all of this was the desire to display our wonderful fruit and veg better. We sell more and more of this and so many customers praise our fruit and veg as being far superior to many of the highend supermarkets. So many volunteers do so much to make the shop what it is but, whilst mentioning fruit and veg, I must pay tribute to the team that makes it all happen – Jill and

Chris Jones, Jacqui Keane and Maggie Shirman. They select what we need, source it, weigh and pack it, price it, bring it to the shop and merchandise it. All of this is done without one iota of input from me. (Don't tell the committee, they will wonder what I do with my time!)

While I'm on I must put in a quick plug for the Flower Show in July, where Shop at The Lee will be offering a representative range of goodies as well as BBQ'd lamb, chicken and veggies in pittas. See you there.

Not staying in!

We continue our series in which readers tell us about events they enjoy and recommend, taking place outside of The Lee, but nearby. This month we look, literally, all across the Chilterns.

Chiltern Festival 2023

By Colin Sully

Each year, the Chiltern Society holds a festival, showcasing the rich and diverse heritage and culture of the region. This year the festival takes place for three weeks from Saturday 16th September to Sunday 8th October. It includes walks, talks and exclusive tours to tempt everyone, for example:

- Private Tour of Penn House
- Storytelling for kids in Berkhamsted
- Afternoon 'Tea and Talk' at Missenden Abbey
- Private Tour of Lindengate at Weston Turville
- 'Behind the scenes' at the Tring Natural History Museum
- Guided tour of the de Havilland Aircraft Museum, St Albans
- Visit to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, Saunderton



De Havilland Museum

- A watercolour workshop in Chesham Town Hall
- Stanley Spencer Walk and Gallery Visit, Cookham
- Visit to Tring Police Station and Museum.

There must surely be something for everyone at this festival.

Full details can be found at <https://chilternsociety.org.uk/heritage-festival/>
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Motorbiking in Morocco

By Mike Addison

It's 4:30 am, silly o'clock, in the morning, as I put the keys in the ignition, fire up the Yamaha Tenere 700 and make my way along Oxford Street trying not to wake anyone up. This is the start of a long journey to another continent and I will be away for three weeks to complete the trip. I pat the tank and say, "Comon Ten, you can do it – we've got this. Morocco here I come!"

I meet up with another motorcyclist at the ferry port in Plymouth who will be riding with me. We decided several months ago that for safety it would be a good idea to pair up, just in case something didn't go to plan. His choice of transport for

the trip being an air cooled V twin Moto Guzzi.

First leg – a dash down to Plymouth to catch the ferry to Santander. Second leg – another dash (two days) through Spain to Tarrifa and the Third leg – taking the fast ferry from Tarrifa to Tangiers.

With the V5 document checked, passport stamped, the 'Admission Temporaire' issued, insurance purchased for Ten and the compulsory sniffer dog walk around, we are allowed out onto the streets of Tangiers. It's rush hour in the city and the driving standards are frankly bonkers, traffic lights and roundabouts just act as guidelines – Bienvenue au Maroc.

When in Rome...

Once you extricate yourself from the larger towns and cities in Morocco, you really need to know some French or Arabic. There is a very noticeable cut-off (in terms of English being spoken/understood) once you travel into the countryside away from the tourist areas. After all, you are in their country so when in Rome etc.

Now let me address the elephant in the room. More so in the northern larger towns and cities you will be approached by endless street vendors trying to sell you something. A typical conversation for me would consist of: "Voulez-vous acheter un tapis / tagine / hachich?". "Non, j'ai une moto", pointing at the rear of my laden motorcycle. A polite, "Non merci" usually suffices but sometimes a firm, "La Shukran" has to be issued for the persistent ones.

As we progressed further south, passing through various villages, the sound of, "Donnez-moi" would be replaced by the local children rushing out to offer genuine high fives and a request to rev the engines. In fact, if



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we stopped for a drinks break with the locals, children would request (actually expected) to twist the throttles to make some big noises.



Forewarned

Moto travellers who have been to Morocco before warned us that we will see and experience some strange moments and bizarre sights. The sight of 15 people hitching a lift on the top of an arctic lorry trailer, completely overloaded donkeys, camels and goats walking in the middle of the road and the strong smell of the naughty stuff, as we went through various small villages was extraordinary. On another occasion whilst I was filling up Ten from the only working petrol pump in town, the attendant approached (lit cigarette in mouth) with a bucket of water and threw the contents over the internals of the pump saying, “La pompe est trop chaude!”

Due to a 12 day time limit on what we could see and visit, we traversed the High / Mid and Lower Atlas Mountains, Chefchaouen (the blue and white town), Meknes, Fez, Midelt, Erg Chebbi (the huge sand dunes on the border with Algeria), Merzouga (and many villages south) to what is arguably the start of the Sahara desert. The stunning Gorges du Dades and the Gorges du Todra are a hairpin fest and at times an impromptu off-road riding experience. We also visited the famous Ait-Ben Haddou. It has been used as a location for the

filming of Game of Thrones, The Life of Brian and many, many more.

At the planning stage of the trip, we were advised not to travel at night due to wildlife deciding to stroll along the tracks and roads. These were mostly camels, goats and monkeys but not necessarily in that order!

Travelling through the desert during the day exposes both you and the motorcycle to some uncomfortable temperatures. I measured 42 - 43°C whilst travelling the desert roads which meant drinking a gulp of water every 20 mins or so and monitoring oil and coolant levels on Ten at every stop. Imagine a fan heater has been placed in front of you and you have a close approximation as to what that feels like. In fact, the air cooled Guzzi started to ‘pink’ and used a cupful of oil every day at temperatures over 35°C.



And then there’s the sand dust, it just permeates everywhere and I mean everywhere. We stayed at various riads, hotels and auberges along the way and noted that the room doors and windows were always kept shut when the wind picked up. Two reasons – one to keep the heat out and the other, dust.

Best parts of the trip, Chefchaouen as the sun sinks to the horizon. So pretty. Experiencing really dark skies at night sitting on top of the roof of a desert riad, gazing at the Milky Way

and watching Elon's star link satellites cruise by one by one. The contrasting variations of changing scenery were fabulous too, as were the majority of the Moroccans we met.

There was only one negative part of the trip and that was dealing with the pesky hawkers that seem to appear from nowhere.

Total mileage was 3,500 miles of which Ten did not miss a single beat, use any oil or water and always started first time. Thanks Yamaha.

Morocco you are a country of contrasts. I will return!



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While closer to home and on a different kind of bike...

The Lee – Off Road Cycle Tours No 31

By Rudi Kalveks

Wendover Woods: The Juniper Trail

Wendover Woods include the highest point in the Chilterns and offer several vantage points with good views over the surrounding valleys. The Forestry Commission has been busy making the woods and their cycle trails accessible.

The renamed Juniper trail is generally in good condition throughout the year, and offers a six-mile loop, if you can find all the signs. It can be extended or shortened by various 'Cycle Link' options from route markers along the way. Bike access is either via the gate on Hale Lane (marked 9 on the map) or along the tarmac drive from the main entrance on Aston Hill.

Route Finding:

1. Start at the new café. Find the Juniper Trail sign and head downhill past the Gruffalo.
2. Turn sharp right downhill.
3. Turn left downhill.
4. At crossing of tracks, turn right uphill for a longish climb.
5. Continue uphill.
6. Continue right uphill.
7. At flat section at top find the Juniper trail sign to your left. (The sign to your right returns to the start).

8. Take the steepish downhill to your right.
9. Continue past the gate with Hale Lane and skirt around the edge of the woods.
10. Follow the Juniper Trail signs for a short climb and downhill.
11. A sharp hairpin to your right starts the longish climb back.
12. Continue left uphill. At the top,

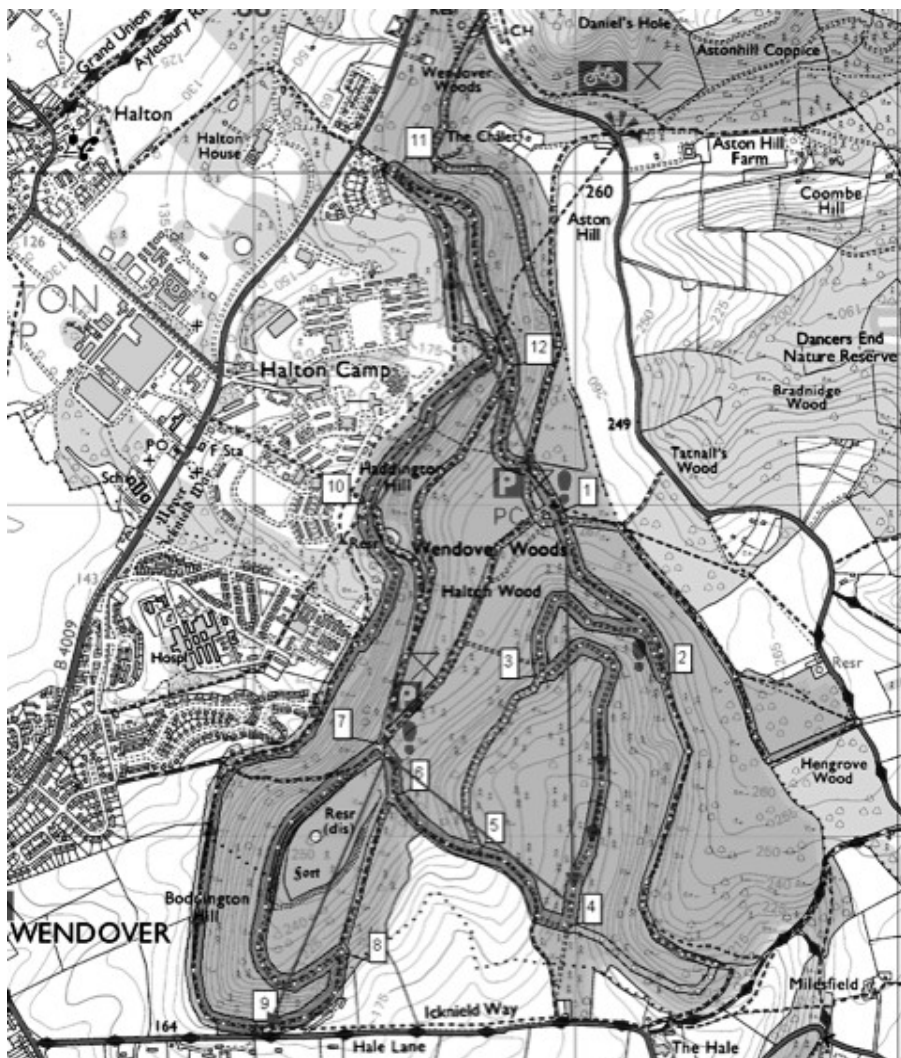
cross the tarmac and return to the café.

Total distance: 6 miles. Three climbs of 150, 250 and 300 ft. Allow 1 hour plus.

Don't forget: Helmet, puncture repair kit, water, go slow for horses.

Recommended: 1:25,000 O/S Map: Chiltern Hills North - Explorer 181.

Good cycling!



HS2 update

By Cllr Colin Sully

The continuing delays in the construction of the railway between South Heath and Wendover (which have been apparent to local residents for some time) seem to have been finally recognised by HS2 Ltd. They recently announced that they now plan to 're-balance' some of the work in our area between ALIGN (the tunnellers approaching South Heath) and EKFB (the surface workers north of South Heath).

It has long been apparent that the tunnelled section is being built an awful lot quicker than the local surface section, so asking ALIGN to take over some of EKFB's package is not a total surprise.

It is however a bitter, ironic, slap in the face for local residents, adding further insult to injury. Why?

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- there were many difficulties in building cuttings, bridges and viaducts in our area of the AONB, that HS2 Ltd had not properly taken into account,
- that the estimates of the rate of tunnelling, presented by HS2 Ltd, were too cautious, and
- that the socio-economic and environmental impacts of the surface work on the AONB had been seriously under-estimated.

Our point being of course that it would be more sensible to tunnel the whole of the Chilterns. And so, it came to pass... to the point where the tunnellers are now being asked to take over some of the surface work. If only they had simply asked them to do more tunnelling!

As you may have read before, the problem with dealing with HS2 Ltd is that they "keep telling you they know what they are doing... until they find they don't!" (*Nick Smallwood, chief executive of the Infrastructure Projects Authority*).

Meanwhile...

While we wait to hear which pieces of work are being transferred between contractors, there is not a lot

new to report. The earth-moving season is in full swing, and all the usual traffic impacts can be expected to continue (see below).

As I write, there have been no more sink holes, and there are also no updates on plans for the bridges at Leather Lane and Bowood Lane (see June Newsletter). I can't imagine there won't be something to say on this by the next Newsletter... actually, I can!

July road / lane closures

- Friday 30th June to Monday 3rd July: full weekend closure of the A413 London Road, Wendover: 8:30 pm Friday to 5:30 am Monday.
- Friday 7th to Monday 10th July: lane closure at the same location (single lane operation with traffic lights) 8:30 pm Friday to 5:30 pm Monday.
- Little Missenden bypass: almost daily single lane operation for short periods during July.

These dates remain provisional; for the latest updates on HS2 works visit www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map/

Happy holidays!

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 the website on "*How to complain about HS2*" at www.thelee.org.uk/HS2complaints/

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Church News

St John the Baptist, The Lee

By Revd Chris Haywood



Having celebrated Pentecost, the Church calendar settles down into a long period which is known as 'Ordinary Time'. Each Sunday a series of 'Proper' readings and prayers or collects are listed. This is the origin of the old name for the season 'Proper Time'. Far from being a season of bland ordinariness, which carries us through the summer months from Pentecost to Advent, it's a season when we consider and reflect on the life and purpose of the Church in the world. In other words, we consider the mission of the Church and what we are about. It

comes after Pentecost because we especially highlight the work of the Spirit in the mission of the Church in the world. We consider how the kingdom of God is present now and how it can be realised in more profound ways in the future. In other words, Ordinary Time is a season for the church to especially focus on its growth and maturation; a time when we especially consider what it means to be a Christian and how we live it out. 'Ordinary' Time might well refer to living out our 'ordinary' lives as Christians but since we follow the risen Lord Jesus Christ, there's nothing 'ordinary' about it! As I often say about past history – "one thing's for sure, my life has not been boring". It's necessarily my focus as the spiritual leader and Vicar of The Lee and Rector of the Hilltops, as well as Governor of the two Church of England schools.

Vision and emphasis

A letter in The Lee Newsletter a little while ago invited Oliver Quarrell to set out his vision for the Cock and Rabbit. From my perspective he's doing just fine... I'm sure a more defined vision and definite proposition for the pub will emerge as the business develops. Similarly as we grow and develop as a church our vision and emphasis will emerge. Certainly any such vision and mission is framed by Jesus's own imperative to make and grow new followers of Jesus (which we considered on the first Sunday of 'Ordinary Time') and is focused on presenting who Jesus is, which is why the season culminates on 'Christ the King' Sunday in late November, the culmination of the church year no less, before it starts all over again on the first Sunday of Advent. The Church's focus is always to witness how Christ is sovereign in our lives.

A number of people have been very actively engaged reflecting on what it

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means to be a Christian and how we live it out. A group meets in the vicarage every Tuesday to study the bible and work out what it means for our lives and another group has been discussing the Christian faith together with a view to Confirmation. We hope very much to subsequently host a confirmation service in The Lee, when Bishop Alan, Bishop of Buckingham (and Cock and Rabbit patron no less) will come and confirm those candidates who publicly wish to declare their faith. If there are others who are interested in being confirmed and wish to prepare for such an undertaking, please do let me know. I'd be happy to conduct confirmation preparation as appropriate to the circumstances.

Of course the church fulfils a wider remit in the community which shouldn't be overlooked and which we desire to fulfil. The Church Fête is one such occasion – which we are happy to convene as a joyous celebration of village life as well as being an important fundraiser for the church. I trust the occasion was a great success, as I write before the day of the fête (deadlines!). We're so very grateful to everyone who helped run the fête and came along and enjoyed it. We're especially grateful to Kathryn Clark for her role organising it. She did a splendid job.

With grateful thanks, God Bless.

Celebrating 150 years

St Mary's Church, Ballinger
By Karen Butler

Sunday 4th June saw the flags flying up at the little church of St Mary, Ballinger, as it celebrated 150 years since local

benefactor, Abraham Watson gave money to build what was then an altogether different kind of community facility. An extract from the Bucks Herald in 1873 reports... *“At Ballinger there has recently been erected and opened a school and lecture-room at the sole cost of A Watson, esq. of Lee House. Mr Watson, renowned for his kindness and philanthropy, has also purchased two adjacent cottages for the use of the staff.”*

By 1920, the building was being used by both the Church of England and Free Church on Sundays, as a Dames School during the week and often had wider uses, adapting to local needs. It functioned as a mission room, village hall (until 1924 when the War Memorial Hall was opened), meeting room and community hub. The same holds true today as it hosts

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The Rt Revd Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, gave the sermon and the Revd Sally Moring, vicar of St Mary's Church, Wendover, officiated alongside. Both joined a congregation of over 50 people (consisting of past and present members and those who had worked on the restoration of the church) for a wonderful celebration supper in the church grounds afterwards. Several people, including the descendants of many benefactors and supporters of the church in days gone by made a point of attending the event, keen to recognise the role of this little church in their lives.

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Fairy-Lee

By Diana Taylor

You'll have heard about the Womble-litter-pickers of The Lee
 But do you know that we have fairies,
 doing jobs for you and me
 They come when no-one's looking and
 silently make speed
 To tidy up and clean things and meet
 our every need
 Some of them arrange things for the
 Shop to stay just right
 And others clean the village hall till the
 floor is shining bright
 There are those that stay invisible and
 those I've never seen
 Who are saving bees and nature whilst
 keeping all things clean
 Who are these folk who manage time
 and do so much for us?
 Be they Wombles, be they Fairies, they
 never make a fuss
 They just seem to come and do things
 that we all appreciate
 Be they big or be they tiny, everyone
 of them is great
 Thank you fairies, thank you Wombles.
 Thank you 'Workers of The Lee'
 For making sure our village is a lovely
 place to see.

Bridge too far?

By Kathryn Dickinson et al

North's strong hand gave options for bidding the second time round, on this recent deal. What bid would you choose?

♠ A K Q 9 5
 ♥ A 9 6
 ♦ A 10 9
 ♣ Q 7
 ♠ J 7 2
 ♥ Q J 7 2
 ♦ 8 6 4 2
 ♣ K 9
 ♠ 10 8 4
 ♥ K 10 8 3
 ♦ K J
 ♣ 8 6 5 3
 ♠ 6 3
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ Q 7 5 3
 ♣ A J 10 4 2

Dealer: East
 Vulnerability: N-S

At our table the bidding started:

E	S	W	N
pass	pass	pass	1♠
pass	1NT*	pass	?

* showing 6 – 9 pts.

North had points for 3NT, but a weakness in clubs; so, what was bid? See page 29.

The Lee in living memory

This month, we include an extract from Bob James' memories, as published in the book 'The Lee in Living Memory – Voices from a special Chiltern parish', copies of which remain available at the Shop at The Lee.

Bob James (1923 – 2017)

Bob lived in The Lee, then briefly in Chartridge before returning to The Lee. He recalls:

“I left school the Christmas before I were fourteen. I remember the teachers – old Polly Jennings – she was the Infants, Lucy Bignall, Daisy Free – come

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from Cholesbury – used to bike over there, and old Captain Spearman with his wooden leg – he was the headmaster. He lived at the schoolmaster’s house, Rodwells.

“We used to have lessons outside learning how to garden there, then we used to play football and cricket in the Park there – not in the playground. There used to be an old boy called Atkinson lived in that house down on the right below the school. Of course, us kids used to be cheeky. The odd football used to go over his garden. He used to stuff a nail through it and throw it back. I always remember.

It took away the ricks and the swedes and turnips

“The great flood was in 1917 or 18. My mother said the water came down in absolute sheets. She said you couldn’t see the barn across the road for water and it wasn’t long before the two



Minnie James, Bob’s mother

doors burst open and the dung come floating out and down the road. When they went out of doors they could hear the water roaring and that was down Swan Bottom where the Poultons live. It was coming down those three valleys and it met up at Three Gates Bottom and then went all the way into Chesham. It took away the ricks and the swedes and turnips off the fields and it took them all the way into Chesham.

You’ll see his name on manhole covers

“Old man Saunders used to keep it (the Red Lion). He had some petrol pumps out front. He was a builder was old Alf Saunders. If you look around now, you’ll see his name on manhole covers; they used to put their names on. You’ll see ‘Saunders The Lee’.

“He was a builder and a publican. Most of the publicans were builders. At Ballinger, Old Len Haddock and his old dad, they kept The Pheasant. There was the The Swan and a pub at Potter Row, The Lamb – that was Arnold Langford, he was a carpenter.



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“...the war broke out and I went to the Forestry cutting all that timber. The Ministry of Supply took over all Liberty’s plantations and forestry for timber. They had a big sawmill in Lowndes Wood on the right as you go into Chartridge. They cut the timber everywhere all over the show. It was mostly used for pit props. They used to take it to the railway stations, Missenden or Amersham, throw it in the empty coal trucks. I worked on that for a year or two until I was called up. Jack Wood an’ all worked on it.

“I was in the LV, Local Volunteer Force, in Chartridge before I was called up. Had one old Canadian Ross rifle between the lot of us and five rounds of ammunition. From what I saw of things when I got away, they would have been hopeless, absolutely hopeless – sort of Dad’s Army! They wouldn’t have stood an earthly.



Bob James

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The Lee Parish Council update

By Hayley Farrelly, Clerk to The Lee Parish Council

Councillor vacancy



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There was no demand from residents for an election to fill the current vacancy and so the Parish Council is now free to fill the role by co-option.

Anyone wishing to be considered can find out more about it at www.thelee.org.uk/becoming-a-parish-councillor Alternatively, you can contact me at clerk@thelee.org.uk or on 07704 909324.

Audit of accounts

Our accounts for the financial year 2022/23 have now been reviewed by our Internal Auditor and are available to view on The Lee website. They remain available for inspection and comment by residents until 14th August, during which period comments may be sent by residents to the External Auditor. For further details see the Parish Council Notice Board (at the entrance to the Parish Hall site) and The Lee Forum.

Allotments

The council held an open meeting with allotment holders in early June to air and share current concerns. 15 allotment holders attended, plus the Clerk and four councillors.

The Parish Council presented and discussed its thoughts on:

- The obligations of TLPC in respect of residents and tenants
- The unusual context of the Lee Common Allotments
- The importance of compliance with the T&Cs of tenancy.

There followed an open discussion of six current 'issues': fencing and gates, grass and hedge cutting, car parking, storage on site, the use of allotments and better ways of communicating and working with tenants.

There were clearly different points of view on many issues, however we did manage to reach a number of important conclusions:

1) Allotment holders will consider a way of choosing representatives to engage with TLPC on key general issues, including communication with tenants.

3) TLPC will introduce a more structured method of individual feedback from plot inspections.

4) TLPC will consider how best to refurbish unused allotments and bring them back into use.

5) TLPC will re-visit/review its current policies/decisions on fencing, parking, chemicals/tools/storage on site. Where appropriate, they will engage with tenants' representatives.

6) Meanwhile, TLPC expects compliance with the current T&Cs.

Electoral boundary reviews

The Boundary Commission Review (BCR) has now produced its final recommendations for the new Buckinghamshire County (BC) electoral wards, to go to Parliament for approval.

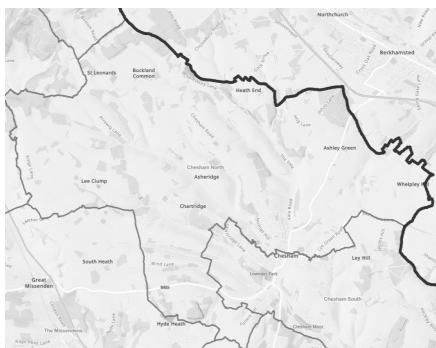
You may recall The Lee Parish Council (TLPC) made comments on the initial consultation to the effect that The Lee would very much prefer:

- to be grouped in an electoral ward with similar rural parishes

- to be served by a single unitary county councillor
- not wish to be grouped with Chesham
- ideally be grouped with Ballinger and South Heath.

The initial proposal from the BCR was for The Lee to be part of a redesigned 'Chiltern Ridges Ward', with a single BC councillor. The new ward would have included six rural parishes surrounding Chesham.

We noted that this met three out of four of our requests (Ballinger and South Heath were in a different ward). However, a further round of consultation has now resulted in the 'final proposals' which find us in a new 'Chesham North Ward' with some other local parishes but also with half of Chesham Town... and represented by three County Councillors. In other words, with none of our four original requests... and farther from what we would prefer than we are now.



'Chesham North Ward'

It seems that, whilst The Lee Parish Council and some local residents supported the new rural parishes ward idea, with a single councillor, the Chesham and Amersham Conservative Association,

the Buckinghamshire Council, and four (Conservative) County Councillors all opposed it.

The BCR therefore decided that linking rural parishes into a three-councillor ward with half of Chesham Town would "provide a stronger reflection of our statutory criteria".

All this raises two important issues:

1) If the BRC thinks our links with Chesham are so strong, why in a separate review of parliamentary boundaries is it proposing to move us (against our preferences) away from the Chesham and Amersham constituency, into one centred around Princes Risborough?

2) Why are the views of the local Conservative Association, BC and Conservative appointed County Cllrs being given more weight than non-political local parish representatives?

The Parish Council has agreed to write to the BCR (and our MP) about these important issues.

Bridge too far?

At our table North bid 3NT rather than 3♠ and was relieved to see partner's strong clubs. Following West's lead of 2♥, 3NT made. A 4♠ contract would also make and scores higher.

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July

Saturday 1st. Raise The Curtain – From the West End to The Lee, at The Lee Old Church. SOLD OUT.

Sunday 2nd. Beyond Difference event. See June Newsletter, page 26.

Wednesday 5th. Quiz at the Cock and Rabbit. See page 1.

Thursday 6th. The Lee village walk, 9:30 am on The Lee Green.

Thursday 6th. Ballinger Horticultural Society. Summer Garden Party at Touchwood, Grimms Hill.

Saturday 8th. Farm Walk from The Green at 10:00 am, all welcome. See page 1.

Friday 14th and 28th. Coffee Mornings at St Mary's from 10:30 am.

Saturday 15th. The Lee Flower Show and Dance. See pages 11-12.

Sunday 16th. Summertime Swing at The Lee Manor Park. See insert.

Thursday 27th. Arts Society Ballinger, 8:00 pm at Ballinger Hall.



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'Garden hunting in China' by Timothy Walker.

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.

Sunday 9th. Parish Communion (CW) 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 Service (CW) at St Leonards.

St Mary's, Ballinger

Sunday 2nd. Informal Holy Communion, 9:30 am, followed by refreshments.

Sunday 16th. Hymns & Pimm's—an evening of song, 6:00 pm. Contact Maggi Cameron or Anne Ellis for details.

NB: No services in August.

Coming soon

Thursday 1st August. The Lee village walk, 9:30 am on The Lee Green.

Tuesday 19th September. The Lee Parish Council Meeting. 7:30 pm at the Parish Hall.

Directory of local contacts

Ballinger Babies and Toddlers Group

Sophie Underwood, 07970 022190

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