



# NEWSLETTER

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

## From the Editor

By Jonathan Batten

**A** Christmas cracker of an edition filled with local news and reports of events that have happened and those about to happen. No wasted space on speculation about what might or might not happen.

I couldn't resist a Christmas quiz; a seasonal selection from the great American songbook – find the 29 titles, hum the tunes, sing the songs, lighten your mood, answers on a postcard...

Start with this:

*It's the most wonderful time of the year  
With the kids jingle belling  
And everyone telling you, "Be of  
good cheer!"*

*It's the most wonderful time of the year*

*It's the hap-happiest season of all  
With those holiday greetings and gay  
happy meetings*

*When friends come to call*

*It's the hap-happiest season of all*

*There'll be parties for hosting  
Marshmallows for toasting  
And carolling out in the snow  
There'll be scary ghost stories  
And tales of the glories of Christmases  
long, long ago*

*It's the most wonderful time of the year  
There'll be much mistletoeing  
And hearts will be glowing when loved  
ones are near*

*It's the most wonderful time of the year*

As we look forward to what 2025 has in store for us, we take a break next month. Please send your contributions for the February edition to the editor, Phil Harrison, by 12<sup>th</sup> January, at [theleenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:theleenewsletter@gmail.com)

## Your letters

### LCS 100 Club

To the Editor

The Lee Common School Association has relaunched the 100 Club. It is a brilliant way for us to raise essential funds for the school. By buying a ticket for £20 you will be part of 10 draws (one each month starting from 14<sup>th</sup> December) giving you the opportunity to win prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £24, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £18 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £12.

If you are interested in joining, please contact me on 07900 935249 or email [helenfbaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helenfbaker@yahoo.co.uk)

Helen Buckley  
Sly Corner

### Bright-Lee

To the Editor

Recent years have seen some splendid festive lights around the



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villages. Hopefully this year will be no exception.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December is a great date to switch on your lights.

Phil Harrison  
Lee Common

## Rocky Lane

To the Editor

Having read in this esteemed publication of the potential closure of Rocky Lane for half of next year, I raised a formal complaint with HS2 outlining the difficulties and inconvenience this would cause and asking how I might claim compensation for all the additional mileage incurred on their behalf.

I received a full response from both EKFB, the contractor applying for the closure, and from HS2 Ltd themselves. Unsurprisingly that from HS2 was as patronising as most of their communications, but the upshot is that – as ever – local residents will be ignored.

HS2 unhelpfully pointed out that I couldn't claim compensation via the complaints department (ignoring the fact I hadn't submitted a claim, merely asked how to do so), but that it was not possible to claim compensation for something that has not yet happened... and in any case there is no compensation whatsoever for disruption and inconvenience; compensation is only payable (!) to those whose properties have been purchased or otherwise forfeited.

## It's a Marshmallow World

It was explained to me that the road closure would only take place with the consent of Bucks Council, overlooking the fact that Bucks Council is effectively compelled to grant that consent.

I was, however, assured that my concerns have been noted. The inference was that, once noted, my concerns would then be wholly ignored.

Ruth Fowler  
Swan Bottom

*[Notwithstanding Ruth's experience, anyone wishing to complain about this closure, or anything else, should email [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)]*

## Bonfire night

By Pippa Hart

**W**e had another great turnout for the Parish Hall Bonfire and Fireworks night. The crowds came pouring through the gates at Garden Cottage on a wonderfully mild, clear and dry 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## The Merriest

Mulled wine, beer and hot dogs (always cooked to perfection by the Scout Leaders) went down a treat and the children had a lovely time with

sparklers and glow sticks and meeting up with all their friends.

It is such a popular village event, especially for families with young children and a lot of old Lee Common School friends meet up here each year.

We have had feedback that the fireworks were the best ever – our huge thanks to Mike Buckley for managing them so safely with his team of Giles, Dom, James and Barney. Also particular thanks to Simon Murrell for helping Mike build and transport the new firework launch pads!

## I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm

For the first time in years we did not have one small child wanting to leave early because of the rockets, and many families stayed on long after the fireworks finished so that they could enjoy the magnificent bonfire that



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Trevor Pearce builds for us, and to watch the fantastic guys that the Cubs have been making over the past few weeks. This time it was apparently a *Roblox* theme that burned – they were clearly not wanting to tempt fate with another Trump guy that graced the top in 2016!

We are so grateful to the many people who help the Committee make this event such a success – Tom, Jonathan, Ryan, Cormac and Nicky managing the traffic and pedestrians; Laura overseeing the Manor Park Entrance Gate; Pat, Pippa B, Fiona, Anna and Ollie helping with the mulled wine and hot dogs; and Scout Leaders, James, Ed and Karen effortlessly barbecuing 250 sausages.

Finally, special thanks to Helen Osborne and Mark Braley for continuing to allow us to use their field. Fingers crossed that permission is not granted for a new housing development in Cherry Tree Lane as this will stop us being able to hold the event there in future.



## City lights or country nights

By Joe King

**T**his month Joe King recalls a conversation he had with an old work colleague, Sid E Slicker, whom he met on holiday...

**Joe King:** So, you finally ditched the city for the countryside! How's that going?

**Sid E Slicker:** Oh, you know, just getting used to roads that double as obstacle courses and smell like a farmyard.

**JK:** Ah, the classic countryside aroma. That's not just any smell – it's the smell of manure, aka "eau de farm life." But hey, it's all natural! And forget complaining to the Parish Council; they'll probably just laugh and offer you some wellies.

**SES:** Speaking of the Parish Council, I tried to get involved. Thought I could bring a bit of my city flair, but turns out, they've been running things just fine since before my great-great-grandparents were born. Who knew?

**JK:** Yeah, not exactly the place for your city wine bar gossip sessions. But hey, you've got the village pub now! Just don't go in expecting yak butter scallops at four thirty in the afternoon and maybe leave the Brandy Alexander orders back in London.

**SES:** Noted! I did get a few weird looks last time I asked for something fancy. I'll stick to the basics. Oh, and by the way, when the locals ask where I live, I made the mistake of giving them my house name. They looked at me like I was speaking Martian!

### Suzy Snowflake

**JK:** Rookie mistake! You're supposed to drop the name of the

previous owner, preferably someone who lived there for 50 years or so. It's like their village GPS.

**SES:** Got it. And speaking of mistakes, I let my dog run wild – now I'm worried he'll chase the sheep. I hear farmers don't mess around.

**JK:** Yup, your dog's fancy pedigree won't save him from becoming target practice. Better get him trained pronto.

**SES:** I'm on it. Oh, and apparently, my corduroy trousers scream "city slicker". Guess I'm not blending in as well as I thought!

**JK:** Yeah, those trousers might as well have a neon sign. Just embrace the village vibe – maybe you'll even earn yourself a charming nickname.

**SES:** Oh, I'm sure I will, whether I like it or not!

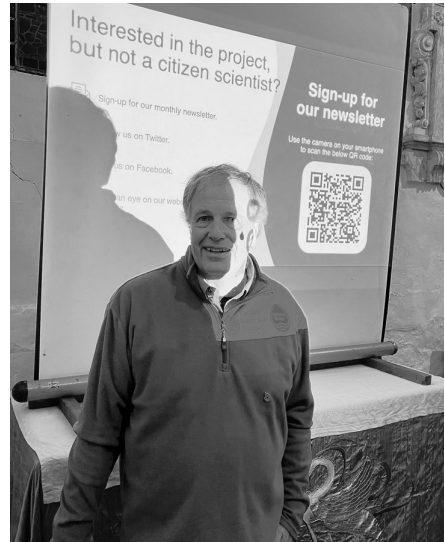
## Ol' Man River

By Jon Swain

On 4<sup>th</sup> November a good-sized audience at The Lee Old Church was lucky to receive a really interesting talk on the River Chess by Paul Jennings, Chair of the River Chess Association, formed in 2009 in response to growing concerns about the state of, and future for, this beautiful, and rare, chalk stream.

Fresh from the March for Clean Water in London, protesting about the state of waterways and the seas of the UK, raising awareness of these crucial ecological issues, Paul got back to engage a very appreciative audience with an illustrated lecture about the issues facing the Chess, its valley, and the pressures on them.

I was ashamed to realise how little I knew of the gem of a river that runs through Chesham with water from a



catchment area including our village. This was eye-opening stuff; unsurprisingly there was a focus on the abstraction issues, flooding and infiltration of the overloaded and underfunded sewage system, backed up by impressive and worrying statistics.

## Rockin' Robin

On the other side of Paul's coin was what he was able to relay to us about wildlife in and on the Chess – otters, ospreys and a very rare stonefly; the increasing level of the water vole population (Rattie to readers who may remember Johnny Morris's Tales of the Riverbank on TV in the 1960s and 70s) spreading onwards to the Rivers Gade and Colne from the Chess; the reappearance of the grayling; and the dedication of volunteers who monitor the river, often in the worst weather, to raise the alert when incursions of alien elements and creatures are spotted.

This was heartening to hear about, and it is sad that such a jewel of the natural world, which a chalk stream most definitely is, is so

vulnerable to the profit-focused privatised water companies.

Again, against that was the news that the farming community has appreciated the value of the river in flood management, and its ecological contribution, and is working with the Association to improve the land either side of the river.

All this was delivered with authoritative enthusiasm by Paul, who was clearly proud that the Chess is one of three rivers, together with the Severn and the Tweed, chosen by the National Environment Research Council as part of a programme monitoring them to develop digital instrumentation and analytical techniques for solutions to extreme drought and flooding.

The Natural History Museum is also collaborating with the Association in wildlife monitoring. This was a talk packed with fascinating information, and really well presented. We all need to do our bit to help the Chess. It's a barometer for environmental pressure.

## Roving supper?

By Diana Taylor

I read something recently written by Tom Kerridge in which he said, "I wanted a restaurant that was accessible and friendly which meant hospitality was very important. People should be made to feel welcome when they come through the door. Guests should have an understanding that they are there to have a nice time, enjoy their food and drink, say thank you and leave."

His success was about a real desire to welcome people and provide a warm and friendly time so that they would feel they mattered and want to meet again.

This is what I believe Pat and Tony Lea, along with all those who have catered, hosted and contributed to the Roving Supper, have achieved.

## Joy to the World

People who do not feel smart or stylish enough to become hosts can be the best of hosts when they remember Tom's ambition to give a kind welcome.

People who feel that they need to show off their superiority can become much better when they offer their guests the warmth of welcome and the humility of the kindred spirit.

The Roving Supper is a great leveller, and I think this is the message I would like to pass on to newcomers and to those who would be prepared to become new hosts.

## The Lee Parish Council news

By Hayley Farrelly, Clerk,  
The Lee Parish Council

### Lee Common playground

At long last we have placed a contract for repairs and improvements to the fort and slide area of the children's playground at Lee Common.



The work will take place over the winter and will include:

- steps on both sides to access the fort and slide areas
- fencing to limit other access routes over the mound
- improvements to some sections of the grassed surface
- repairs to a part of the ‘trim trail’

We are grateful to the Chesham and Villages Community Board for their part-funding of these developments.

Visitors to this area of the playground are asked to take extra care during this construction period.

## Policing The Lee

Following a series of car-related crimes in the parish earlier this year, Sgt Roy Evans and Community Support Officer Jasmine Allport attended the November Parish Council meeting to discuss these issues with the Parish Council and residents.

There has been on average one crime reported per month in The Lee parish so far this year; there have been on average 150 per month in the Chesham and Villages policing area.

However, five of the reported crimes in The Lee parish in 2024 have been ‘Vehicle Crimes’ (theft from vehicle or number-plate theft), and it was not clear to residents that this development in crime was being effectively tackled by the police, neither in terms of crime detection/prosecution, nor community support.

## All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth

Sgt Evans described the current policing model in the Thames Valley area and explained how individual crimes (such as theft from vehicles) could end up being investigated by officers from well outside of the immediate area (for example, in the case of vehicle crimes, by units based in

Oxford or Milton Keynes). Nonetheless he explained that the local community police are there to support such investigations and if a victim feels they are not receiving proper support and feedback from the unit investigation, then they should complain and request a community officer visit.

We discussed both the reporting of crimes and the steps that residents can take to reduce the risk of vehicle crime. Some follow-up actions were agreed at an individual and parish level, including more regular visits to the local area by police officers.

Meanwhile, for further information on how to minimise the risks associated with vehicle crime, see <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

Your Parish Council wishes all residents a very happy and peaceful festive season.



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# Christmas at LCS



By Catherine May

Last week the children had an exciting and energetic visit from KZ Dance, who led an Indian dance workshop to support and enhance the children's learning about Indian culture, including the Hindu festival of Diwali.

We were also thrilled to have a visit just before half-term from local environmentalist and ex-LCS parent Giles, who led an assembly with the help of the school council about all things frog. The children then produced some fantastic frog artwork – look out for the winning design on Frog Patrol signage and tabards in the spring.

The school council visited the village war memorial on The Green on Remembrance Day to pay their respects on behalf of the school, and the school is now gearing up for lots of Christmas activities. The children are already learning their lines and practising for this year's Nativity play, *The Twinkly Nativity* and the school is often full of the wonderful sound of singing!

## Shake Hands with Santa Claus

The Lee Common School Association (LCSA) are holding their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. With Father Christmas paying us a visit, mulled wine and other refreshments, stalls, crafts and a raffle it is sure to be a fun and festive afternoon – please do join us if you can.

Merry Christmas wishes from everyone at Lee Common School.

# HS2 updates

By Cllr Colin Sully



As we head towards the end of another year of HS2, the message from the new Government on the project seems to be “Carry on Regardless”. The consensus for the Phase 1 leg is that we are beyond the point of no return. The only ‘new’ news so far being that HS2 will after all run into Euston... eventually.

It is understood that the new Secretary of State for Transport's team is also now having regular meetings with HS2 Ltd to “more closely monitor the detailed planning of the project and ensure value for money”. That'll help!

## Commissioner visit

The HS2 Independent Construction Commissioner, Sir Mark Worthington, visited the area again in November and met with councillors from Great Missenden, The Lee and Bucks Councils to hear first-hand of our concerns. We were also joined by our local MP's representative, Ian Kelly.

At the meeting, we discussed:

- delays to the project as a result of the re-assignment of work between

Main Works Contractors (MWCs) in the area

- the lack of engagement on rail systems issues (the track, the signals, the catenary and the power supply) and the interface between MWCs and the Rail System Contractors
- unexpected planned lengthy road closures in the area likely to cause additional local social and business impacts
- the continuing impacts on farmers and landowners
- landscaping and tree-planting in the Chilterns National Landscape
- social value projects and their future funding.

## God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The Commissioner took notes and will do what he can to bring these issues to the attention of senior managers on the project.

## (Un)happy New Year!

At the start of 2025, of immediate interest (and concern) will be:

1. **Late January:** 24 hr closure of the A413 during the viaduct 'push' over the A413 and the Chiltern Line railway.
2. **February to August:** six months of 24/7 closure of Rocky Lane. Discussion with Bucks Council and the project on how best to mitigate the impact continue.
3. **August or later:** 24/7 closure of Leather Lane (period to be determined).
4. The situation in respect of **Bowood Lane** during 2025 also remains under discussion.

Full details of all these plans have still to emerge; we will keep you posted in the new year as best we can



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on The Lee Forum. Meanwhile you will find a more detailed explanation of some of this work by EKFB on page 18.

For the latest updates on works in the local area you can also visit [www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map/)

## Zat you Santa Claus?

By Phil Harrison

**T**hursday 12<sup>th</sup> December is when Santa will be visiting us.

He will be setting off from the Bassibones end of Oxford Street at 5:30 pm, moving towards the Shop up to The Green arriving at The Cock and Rabbit around 5:55 pm.

Donations in cash can be made via the collectors who accompany him. All the money raised goes to local causes and charities and is distributed by the Chesham Rotary Club.

### It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas

The Occasional Singers will be leading the community in traditional carol singing outside The Cock and Rabbit. Familiar carols have been selected so we can all join in. Don't worry if you don't remember the words, song sheets will be available. Bring a torch so you can read them.

The choice of carols is:

- Good King Wenceslas
- Little Town of Bethlehem
- Once in Royal David's City
- Away in a Manger
- We Three Kings
- Ding Dong Merrily on High
- In the Bleak Midwinter
- While Shepherds Watched
- Hark the Herald Angels
- Come All Ye Faithful.

Carol singing will start around 5:45 pm, take a break when Santa arrives and then pick up again.

### Festive cheer and food

The Cock and Rabbit will be serving mulled wine and mince pies in return for a small donation to Santa. Santa's helpers will be waving buckets under your noses for donations too.

Fabulous food will be available including dirty fries as well as three types of burgers:

- beef burger with cheese and relish
- pulled pork burger
- field mushroom, halloumi and chilli jam burger

### Warm December

All of this will be served outside as street food so nobody needs to book a table and everyone can enjoy the carols whilst eating. There will also be a limited outdoor bar (as well as welcoming people into the pub as always) in the hope of easing the bar queues that we saw last year.

What a great way to kick off the Christmas festivities for everyone.



# Yuletide at the vicarage



By Revd Chris Haywood

**T**hank you to everyone who helped with the graveyard tidy up session on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It was a wonderful gathering of volunteers with their power tools as well as willingness and muscle. An American friend of mine calls such effort “Sweat Equity”.



We were especially touched how everyone naturally coordinated and divided the effort between them. I’m sure we agree that the graveyard looks splendid – tidy but still a natural place. The catering was top notch too – hot drinks served all morning and bacon butties to get us going and hot dogs for lunch. This will become an annual

event, to clear the graveyard ready for winter and to enable a fresh growth of wildflowers in the spring and summer.

## Mistletoe and Holly

Whilst we were clearing the graveyard we unearthed the grave of Second Lieutenant Paul Llewellyn M.C. (1898-1936), which was apposite prior to Remembrance Sunday. We’re grateful to Carol Addison who did some research into his life, which has been included as a separate article (see page 18).

I’m grateful to the Revd Martin Williams, who led this year’s Remembrance Service and Act of Remembrance for me. The Scouts played their part magnificently, presenting their Standards. We were especially pleased that Varya led the prayers in church and Annabel read at

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the War Memorial. Remembrance is such a significant event for this village and I was delighted to see the wreaths at the memorial when I walked round with the dog later.

The school wreaths and tributes were a delight and I was especially pleased to see a wreath from The Lee's Re-Engage group, which was splendid. It's a poignant day and one which has a particular resonance for many current service men and women and veterans in our community. Next year I think it would be good for these groups to be represented and names of people they especially remembered to be honoured.

Christmas in The Lee this year includes a number of church occasions for you to engage in and join us for. See pages 29 to 30 for details of all the services.

Christmas is a special time of year for us all, and for Christians it especially celebrates the incarnation, God with us in Jesus Christ.

Which roughly translated means: Happy Christmas.

## Let it Snow, Let it Snow

By Liz Ford et al

**E**ast-West had an early Christmas present when West saw her hand and opened 2 Clubs (three losers), while East (with 11 points) was able to make a positive response.

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♥ 10 4

♦ K Q 9 4 3

♣ Q 7 4

♠ A Q J 5

♥ A K Q J 8 6

♦ 8

♣ A 9

♠ K 8 4

♥ 7 3

♦ A 7 6 5

♣ K J 10 6

♠ 9 6 2

♥ 9 5 2

♦ J 10 2

♣ 8 5 3 2

Dealer: South  
Vulnerability: All

Amazingly West took the contract to 7NT... and it made! How did E-W bid this and would you have risked a Grand Slam? See page 28.

## 2FA cont'd

By Ruth Fowler

**I**n the article in last month's newsletter, we discussed what 2FA was and how it worked. This month we look at why it should be used and the future of authentication.

### How 2FA works

Although different websites may implement 2FA in slightly different ways, the overall process is similar:

1. **Login Prompt:** You enter your username and password as usual.
2. **Second Step:** After the password is verified, the site or app will prompt you for a second factor, like a one-time code, biometric scan, or a notification.
3. **Verification:** If both factors are correct, you're granted access. If the second factor isn't verified, the login is blocked.



*Image designed by Techmart*

## Why use 2FA?

The main advantage of 2FA is that it makes your accounts more secure. Even if someone guesses or steals your password, they won't be able to log in without the second factor. It significantly reduces the chances of unauthorised access, especially from hackers or scammers.

## Other authentication factors

In addition to "something you know," "something you have," and

"something you are," there are a couple of additional factors that help boost security:

**Location:** Some systems check the location from which you are logging in. If it's an unusual or unexpected location – like another country or city – you might get an alert, or access might be denied. For example, if your account has always been accessed from the UK and suddenly there's an attempt from another country, the system may ask for extra verification or block the login altogether. It helps ensure that the login is really you and not a hacker using your details from another place.

**Time:** Some systems limit access to specific times of the day. Any attempt to log in outside of these hours could trigger extra security checks or automatically be treated as suspicious.

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This feature is usually used by large organisations to protect their internal systems, but it can also apply to services with time-based access restrictions.

## Is 2FA secure?

Yes, 2FA is much more secure than single-factor authentication (just a password). By requiring two independent pieces of information, it makes it harder for attackers to break into your accounts. Even if someone steals your password, they'll still need the second factor to log in.

However, 2FA isn't perfect or impenetrable. Attackers can still try to steal your phone, intercept your one-time code, or trick you into revealing your second factor, but it adds more layers of difficulty for hackers, making casual breaches much less likely.

## The future of authentication

In some cases, systems may move to three-factor authentication (3FA) for even greater security. This could involve:

- Something you know – a password or PIN.
- Something you have – a physical device like a USB key or card.
- Something you are – biometric data, such as a fingerprint or facial recognition.

There are also advanced methods in development to enhance authentication, such as behavioural biometrics, where systems can monitor your typing speed, keystroke patterns, and mouse movements. These factors are unique to each person and can be used for continuous authentication during your session, making sure it's you using the system in real-time, not just at the login point.

## Secret of Christmas

In summary, two-factor authentication is an essential tool to improve your



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online security by requiring two different ways to verify your identity, making it much harder for hackers to access your accounts. Though not flawless, 2FA is a powerful deterrent against unauthorised access.

## Postcard for Christmas

By Carol Addison

**S**ir Arthur Lasenby Liberty had sadly died in May 1917 so all Christmas postcards were now sent and signed by his widow, Lady Emma Liberty alone.

This postcard of The Lee Manor was sent from the Post Office by The Lee Green on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1917. It is addressed to Signaman William Arthur Holland who was serving in 421 Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, Egypt in WW1. The card reads, "All good wishes for Christmas

and New Year from Lady Liberty 1917-1918”.

William Arthur was 19; a gardener and electrician at Liberty Hall, as the manor was then called. The Liberty family were fond of their employees and treated them well. They were thankful he returned home safely to his family at Sunnycott, next to the Post Office, now The Old Post House.

## Trim Your Tree

William Arthur then resumed his estate duties where his own father, William, was head gardener. In fact, William Arthur was the third William of four generations of William Hollands that had lived at The Lee. William Arthur lived most of his remaining life in the village. It was here that he and his wife, Lily, raised their son, Maurice, whose full name was William Maurice.

William Arthur was a stalwart of the Flower Show and Parish Council. Maurice was the church organist and part-time church warden for many years too.

# St Mary's, Ballinger

By Anne Ellis



The Harvest Supper on 5<sup>th</sup> October was fully booked pretty much straight away and is fast evolving into an annual event. Maggi spearheaded all the preparations as I was on holiday. Helping her were a wonderful team who ensured that the evening went with a swing, from the delicious food served in a beautifully decorated church to the delightful



entertainment from Nelson Bazzard, Vik Harris and Liudmyla Herasymuk.

Our heartfelt appreciation to you all for holding St Mary's at the centre of the community. Late into that same night the church was transformed ready for our Harvest service and what a memorable one it was – see Gerard's poem following on page 17.

## Projects

Carl Stevens has skilfully completed the entire repair of the porch, which is now completely watertight, able to withstand even the direst of winter storms. Our thanks to Sweet Charity for the grant they gave us towards this and also to everyone who so generously bought a tile. As suggested in our Quinquennial Inspection the doors were also replaced and safety glass installed.

The porch has been dedicated and named 'The Wilson Grey Porch' in

recognition of the long and close association of Brian and Barbara Wilson and Miss Grey with St Mary's.



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## Other news

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of David Harris, a stalwart of the church and a wonderful person who so gently guided Maggi and me when we first became Associate Churchwardens. We remember David and his family in our prayers as they mourn the loss of this remarkable man.

As ever Maggi and I are exceedingly grateful for the endless help and support we receive throughout the year, those acts of kindness which mean so much, including creating beautiful hanging baskets and tubs, the flower arrangements inside the church, cutting the grass and the hedges, making coffee, assisting at the flower show, providing music, cooking, baking, cleaning, the list is long.

Thanks also to Malcolm, to Tricia (who is now at home after a spell in hospital) and to Alan for leading us in our services this year.

## The Man With the Bag

Last but not least though, is our esteemed Treasurer Ed Whymark, who has diligently carried out this role for the past 22 years and, not unreasonably, has decided to retire.

Looking ahead, we'd like to wish you and those whom you love, a Christmas and New Year filled with hope, peace, happiness, good health and friendship.

## Harvest visitor

By Gerard Hallows

'T was the day of the harvest, when through the house, not a creature was moving, not even a mouse

All the people to church early had gone, to sing hymn and psalm, prayer and song

The gifts were arranged by the altar steps but whilst the preacher was delivering one of his best

What should we see peeping round a tin, but a tiny mouse, slender and thin  
"A mouse, a mouse!" everyone cried, he ran of course, he had been spied

Across the steps and onto the floor, anxiously looking for an open door

Presently he came and sat on my shoe, warm and comfortable, the best thing to do

I picked him up and contented he stayed, sheltered in my hand, perhaps a little dazed

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# HS2 in The Lee

By **EKFB**

The North Chilterns Area Winter 2024 newsletter will be live in December, reviewing HS2 progress made in 2024 and giving details of future works.

## Jingle Bell Rock

We are approaching the next phase of our construction at Rocky Lane. The road is set to be diverted under the new Rocky Lane underbridge, which will take it under the railway. The construction of the underbridge will resume until early 2025. Following the completion of the underbridge construction, we will be progressing

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with highway works and completing a realignment of the road.

To complete the realignment, we will be required to close Rocky Lane for a period of six months, which is set to commence from February 2025. Due to the width of the existing carriageway, the road requires a full depth reconstruction to complete tie-ins from both sides. Two major utilities in the existing highway will be diverted along the new alignment. An advance works notice will be shared closer to the date with more details.

Preparatory works are ongoing for the Small Dean Viaduct launch, which will take place in early 2025. The large steel beams that can be seen by the A413 will undergo a deck 'push' over four days between 30<sup>th</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February at an approximate speed of eight metres per hour.

## Silent Night

On 31<sup>st</sup> January, there will be a 24-hour closure of the A413 while the viaduct is 'pushed' over the road. Stay tuned for the timelapse video, which will be shared on our website post-viaduct launch.

If you would like to read more about the works and view the advance works notices and maps, then please go to HS2 website [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk) and click the 'in your area' section to view the interactive map.

Please refer to the HS2 website regularly to check for any changes and updates or to view our detailed Advance Works Notices.

Alternatively, if you have a question about HS2 please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

# Paul Llewellyn

By Carol Addison

The churchyard clean-up uncovered the grave of Paul Llewellyn M.C. After some research I found that we have both a hero and an equerry to the Prince of Wales (later Edward VIII) buried in our village churchyard. His family also had a connection to the Liberty family.

Paul was the only son of John and Mary Alice (known as Alice) Llewellyn born in 1898 in Hendon. I understand their grave is also nearby. John and Alice came to live at Ashwell Court, Little Kingshill and doubtless worshipped at St John the Baptist because John was Sir Arthur Lasenby Liberty's right-hand business colleague and friend at Liberty and Co. He was a merchant and a director of the company, as was Paul after the war.

During WW1 Paul was in the Welsh Guards and was promoted to Second Lieutenant. He was badly wounded but luckily survived the war and was awarded the Military Cross.

Paul then became an equerry to the Prince of Wales for many years until he joined Liberty and Co. His death occurred at age 38 in 1936 in Norfolk. The funeral took place at The Lee on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 1936 and an Extra Equerry representing Edward VIII came to the service and burial.

Paul had lived in Westminster and married Lilian Theodora Frances Roberts (known as Theodora) in 1922. I do not believe the couple had any children. On his death she alone inherited his estate. Theodora married again a year later so that is why she is not buried with him at The Lee.

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# LCS

By Pam Batty



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## What Are You Doing New Years Eve?

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## Cricket-Lee

By Patrick Walsh, Chair, The Lee CC

Following last month's article reviewing the club's 2024 season highlights here is a review of the individual teams and their performances.

### Girls' cricket

As the club approaches its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, it's worth celebrating a historic milestone: Tegan and Caia Stockdale became the first females to represent the First XI. Both are exceptional young cricketers who have already made their mark, having represented Bucks Women's First XI and the Southern Vipers Academy.

Our girls' cricket offer continues to thrive, with many playing mixed gender cricket across the age groups and being the recipients of a number of awards at our junior presentation night. We have a number of extremely talented girls playing at The Lee Cricket Club, some of whom play in our senior teams and also play for the Chilterns Girls' Cluster teams across different age groups and have represented Bucks Cricket in their respective age groups. It's been great to see Sophie Hollister make her debut for the club this year, joining her father Neil and brother David as a valued member of our senior sides.



*Alex Morgan and Harry Rice*

Two girls, Fiona Ward and Molly McIlgorm, who have come through from Kwik Cricket and been valued players in our colts' teams over the years, participated in the MCC Foundation Hub programme this season. Molly was then nominated to participate in a week-long regional coaching programme in Nottingham and captaining the MCCF Midlands team in their fixtures. We are delighted that she is now the beneficiary of a two-year MCCF Coaching Scholarship.

## First XI

The First XI had a much-improved season this year, securing a solid mid-table finish in the Chiltern League, which merges with the larger Thames Valley League for 2025, meaning more local fixtures for the side.

In contrast to last year, when only two players reached half-centuries, the 2024 season saw a resurgence in batting. Leading the way was the Alex Morgan, who made a welcome return

to The Lee and amassed 364 runs at an impressive average of 60. Standout moment was Benedict Taylor's maiden century, against Knotty Green, while Ben Harris, Josh Porter, George Perceval and Neil Hollister each contributed with at least one fifty each during the season.

On the bowling side, First XI Captain Harry Rice topped the wicket charts with 18 across the season, with Ed Boakes notching up 14 to his name. Josh Porter, Fraser Perceval and Henry Glasgow all consistently bowled with pace and precision throughout the season, proving formidable run-deniers for any batter facing their deliveries.

Our end of season awards saw Alex Morgan as the recipient of First XI 'Best Batter' and Josh Porter 'Best Bowler'. George Pervical took home the trophy for 'Players' Player of 2024', while Tom Tillyer was awarded 'Captain's Player of 2024'.

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## Second XI

Mike Harris – who is currently the club’s leading cumulative run scorer with 7,291 runs to his name – captained our Second XI this season, with the support of vice-captain David Hollister, who after four years with the side stepped up as a very capable deputy and valued player.

David’s performance against Knotty Green was outstanding, taking 5-19 in 12 overs – very much the champagne moment for the team this season. As a younger colt, he always showed excellent cricket understanding and intuition and that has manifested itself this year in being an outstanding vice-captain giving thoughtful advice and enthusiastic encouragement to the rest of the team. Freddie Hastings won the Second XI ‘Players’ Player’ of the year and Luke Dawes was credited as



*Patrick Walsh and Jon Swain*

the Second XI ‘Most Improved Player’ of 2024.

## Sunday XI

The 2024 season for the Sunday XI at The Lee has been a mixed one to say the least. Only playing friendly fixtures on a Sunday means that we can continue to bring through the younger players at the club, introducing them to the rigours of playing longer format cricket and the ability for them to take things easy without the pressure of league positioning.

## Deck the Halls

Once again, the best bowler award has come down to a challenge between two bowlers with Harry Rice tipping the scales with 23 wickets to Ed Boakes’ 18 for the Sunday team. However, Ed has managed to score the most runs for the season with 275. We had a standout year from all the juniors who played in the team this year with Daniel Boakes emerging as the second-highest run scorer on the team, but also developing his wicketkeeping skills – earning him our ‘Players’ Player of 2024’ award.



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# The Oddballs Foundation

By Freya Hart

**D**id you know that testicular cancer is most prominent in men aged 15-49 years old, but it can strike at any age?

Testicular cancer is one of the most curable cancers and it is estimated that over 95% of men diagnosed early are cured. The key point in this isn't the 95% success rate, the most important fact is when it is found early.



The Oddballs Foundation is the UK's leading charity raising awareness of testicular cancer. Its mission is to educate people about testicular cancer and encourage regular self-checking to promote early detection and diagnosis, ultimately saving lives!

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their message across to men between the ages of 15 and 49.

I am in my final year studying Marketing at Manchester Metropolitan University and became the University's ambassador at the beginning of this term. I am going into schools and businesses in and around the Manchester area to give a 20-minute presentation during assemblies to educate and encourage those who should be vigilant of the disease.

Last week I gave a presentation to 300 boys in a school in Bolton; at the end of the assembly one of the teachers came up to me and told me that a student from another school she was associated with had checked himself after an Oddballs presentation and discovered a lump. With early detection he was able to get immediate treatment and make a full recovery. This just shows how important it is to promote self-checks.

## Raising awareness of testicular cancer

Over the next nine months you might well see me, or rather find it impossible to not notice the car I will be driving around the village. Although my garish, colourful Hyundai i10 (which I have lovingly named Sheila) is an eyesore in our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it certainly sparks up a conversation. Despite being based in Manchester during university terms, I would also be delighted to give a talk in any local schools and businesses here – so, if your son's school or your business might be interested, please do contact me to schedule one in.

You can contact me on [MMU@theoddballsfoundation.com](mailto:MMU@theoddballsfoundation.com) or give me a bell on 07562 557282. If you would like to find out more about the foundation or to donate the link is: <https://theoddballsfoundation.com>

# Shop at The Lee

By Symeon Economou

I should not have been surprised! The call for volunteers at the shop was much more successful than I had hoped. It will take until the spring before we manage to get all of the training done but once completed, it will keep a smile on my face for some time to come.

## Winter Wonderland

The Christmas market was a great success. Katie and her skilled team filled the hall with an astonishing range of lovely gift items. Sales started early and continued at a steady pace with more than 60% of the stock going through the door. The further good news is that the other 40% is adorning the shelves in the shop to tempt you every time you come for your loaf of bread.

Talking of bread, many customers are surprised that we do not have a delivery of bread on Mondays. The reason is that neither of our bakers – Darvells and Culture Bakery – bakes on Sunday night, so delivery of fresh bakery products is not available on Mondays.

## Christmas Eve

There might still be time for you to put in an order for Christmas Eve. Over 130 products are available on our online system at <http://www.thelee.org.uk/shop> across butchery, bakery, dairy, fruit, vegetables and more.

And finally, a seasonal plug for the box in the shop for the Chesham Food Bank. If ever there was a right time to pop something in, this is it.

Best wishes from all at Shop at The Lee.

# Chiltern news



By Cllr Patricia Birchley

**G**overnments in the west are generally moving to the right as seen most recently in the United States. However, in the UK our rural communities in the Home Counties are being adversely affected by huge tax increases, be it Employers' National Insurance, pension raids or British farming attacked by removing Agricultural Property Relief.

## May Every Day Be a Christmas

Helping our residents to lead long and healthy lives is a priority for the Council and The Lee Parish is a very good example. The Healthy Ageing Strategy (2024-9) recently asked for opinions on shaping priorities for the coming year. People over 40 who live, work or study in the county were asked for their views.

The Council is also out to consultation to help people with support needs to have better daytime activities and respite care. We are working with partners to set up Pension Credit surgeries in libraries to help people who qualify for benefits to apply and also obtain the Winter Fuel Allowance.

You will be interested to know that Bucks has been the first county to bring a prosecution against people throwing litter out of their cars and secure a £500 fine!

## Snowbound for Christmas

Whether the mild weather will give way to snow by Christmas we don't yet know. I look forward to seeing you at local events over the holiday period and wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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# Bridge Drive

By Judy Hart

**C**ome and have an enjoyable afternoon and help raise funds towards the upkeep of St John the Baptist Church at The Lee, by supporting the Bridge Drive.

This year, it will be held in The Lee Parish Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Doors open at 1:45 pm and we shall start playing as soon as all have assembled.

To avoid disappointment, reserve your table for four players for £50, by contacting Judy Hart on 01494 837328 or [judy.elgood@gmail.com](mailto:judy.elgood@gmail.com)

By popular request the format will be the same as previously, with a delicious tea and the focus of the afternoon being to have fun with prizes to be won.



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# Roving Supper

By Pat Lea

**T**he Roving Supper started at the Parish Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> November. It was really well supported and booked out by the end of September. So, if you want to come next year for the first time please note it will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The main requirement for this event is to have enough hosts to provide the dinner on the night.

## Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree



Once again, a number of people volunteered to host, namely Rachel Harris, Alison Weir, Sophie Williams, Jacqui Kean, Ros Morris, Erica Cheetham, Jen Ogle, Judy Hart, Sara Thornton, Jilly Carleton-Smith, Rita Sully and Lynne Exley. We are all very glad that they offered their homes for the evening.

A great thank you to Daisy Hart and her wonderful team of helpers and to those who provided desserts and raffle prizes, including Shop at The Lee and The Cock and Rabbit.

In all, 107 residents, old and new, attended, some of them for the very first time. A splendid time was had by all.

# The Cock at Christmas

By Robyn Cann

2022 was anything but boring in the way of news. The nation baked in record summer temperatures, the Queen died, we saw a revolving door of Prime Ministers – Boris, Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak – and someone threw soup over Vincent Van Gogh’s Sunflowers at the National Gallery.

## The First Noel

Just when everyone thought the year couldn’t possibly yield any more dizzying spectacles, Oliver purchased The Cock and Rabbit in November and made lemon and hot pink trousers (“They’re raspberry, actually”) a regular feature of The Lee. After a manic month of renovations, the pub reopened on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Cyclist customers reliably informed us that cotton is the theme for a second anniversary because the closely woven fibres of cotton represent the maturing of a relationship. But in the absence of any cotton-related inspiration (other than more lemon trousers), we’ll say the pub celebrated its second anniversary with the introduction of ten higher-end single malt whiskeys, a couple from boutique distilleries and most aged between 10 and 15 years. Nothing shouts maturity like a whiskey top shelf, eh?

Many of you might remember that the reopening of The Cock and Rabbit coincided, by design, with Santa’s visit to The Green. This year’s Santa event is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 5:30 pm and we’re becoming

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well-versed in what's needed from us to help make this lovely village occasion a success – mainly, a power source for The Occasional Singers to lead everyone in carol singing and enough staff to keep down the bar queues! There will be burgers and a limited bar outdoors, plus mulled wine and mince pies for a donation.

It's organised by the Chesham Rotary Club who will be raising money to benefit various local charities, so don't forget to bring cash to fill their buckets. It does feel a magical event and it's a privilege to be the backdrop for it.

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The photograph accompanying this article is of a snow-covered Cock and Rabbit in 1902 in its original location on the opposite side of The Green.

In case you're interested, Arthur Balfour was Prime Minister at that time, Marmite and Land of Hope and Glory had just made their debuts, and some Glis glis escaped from the Rothschild wildlife collection, thus beginning the species' reign of destruction in the Chilterns.

It seemed apt to share this picture as a doff of the cap to the past whilst we mark our mini milestone in the ongoing story of the pub. On that happy note, The Cock and Rabbit team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

## Festive opening hours

Christmas Eve as usual. Christmas Day (bar only) 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Boxing Day for a walk-in brunch from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm with the bar open until 6:00 pm. Open on New Year's Eve and for Sunday lunch on New Year's Day.

## Let it Snow

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Best wishes for the festive season and for 2025.

# Dear Diary

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

## December

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Lighting Up The Lee.* See page 1.

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Lighting Up Ballinger* from 5:00 pm followed by a social at Ballinger Hall.

*Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. The Lee village walk.* 9:30 am at The Lee Green.

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. Trench humour in WWI.* 7:30 pm at St Leonards Village Hall.

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. Lee Common School Association Christmas Fair.* 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Father Christmas, refreshments, stalls, crafts and raffle. See page 8.

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. Fayrfax Consort.* 7:30 pm at The Lee Old Church.

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. Santa in Lee Common and The Lee.* Oxford Street at 5:30 pm and The Lee Green at 6:00 pm.

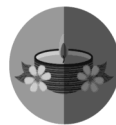
*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. Carol singing* outside The Cock and Rabbit, commencing around 5:45 pm with a break when Santa arrives. See page 10.

### Church Services

St John the Baptist, The Lee

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Advent Sunday. Holy Communion* (BCP) at the Old Church. 8:00 am.

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Christingle Family Service* at the New Church. 11:00 am. Christmas crafts as well.



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*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Holy Communion (BCP)* at the Old Church. 8:00 am.

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parish Communion (CW)* at the New Church. 11:00 am.

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Traditional Carol Service* at the New Church. 7:00 pm. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve. Crib Blessing Service* at the New Church. 3:00 pm. **Midnight Mass** at the New Church. 11:00 pm.

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Day. Communion (CW)* at the New Church. 9:00 am.

*Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. Christmas 1. United Benefice Communion Service* at the Old Church. 10:00 am.

### St Mary's, Ballinger

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Advent hymns and Communion.* 9:30 am followed by seasonal refreshments.

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*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Christingle Service.* 3:00 pm.

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve Communion.* 9:00 pm.

## January 2025

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Lee village walk.* 9:30 am at The Lee Green.

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. The Lee Parish Council Meeting.* 7:30 pm at the Parish Hall.

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Village Friends.* 10:30 am at The Cock and Rabbit.

### Church Services

St John the Baptist, The Lee

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. Epiphany. Holy Communion (BCP)* at the Old Church. 8:00 am.

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. Family Service* at the New Church. 11:00 am.

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. Parish Communion (CW)* at the New Church. 11:00 am.

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. Holy Communion (BCP)* at the Old Church. 8:00 am.

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Parish Communion (CW)* at the New Church. 11:00 am.

### St Mary's, Ballinger

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. New Year Eucharist.* 9:30 am followed by refreshments.

## Directory of local contacts

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