



NEWSLETTER

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

From the Editor

By Liz Macann

Autumn has arrived early, it seems, which is fine by me because I love it... the autumn equinox, that midpoint between summer and winter which is a time of gratitude and reflection after the harvest. It is also a time in The Lee when a lot is brewing, as you will read throughout the Newsletter and of course in Dear Diary.

With the nights drawing in, it's a perfect time to give the Arts Society a whirl, especially given that you can have a taste of the quality and interest of the talks for free by presenting your trifold programme (included in last month's Newsletter) at the beginning of a talk.

Can't wait to try out the Cock and Rabbit's new restaurant and, meanwhile, I look forward to bumping into you at one of the social events – or Café au Lee.

Please send your contributions for the November edition to the Editor, Mary Godfrey, by 12th October at theleenewsletter@gmail.com

Late news...

As we go to press we learn sad news of the death of Tricia Osborne, a much-loved member of the community. She died peacefully after a long illness, with those she loved around her. More next month.

Your letters

We need help!

To the Editor

The Lee Parish Hall has always been more than just a building – it's the heart of our community.

From coffee mornings to birthday parties, toddler groups to local meetings – it's where we come together. But right now, our much-loved hall is under real strain. Built with a single-skin structure, we're losing so much heat in winter that our bills now exceed the income we make from many of the bookings. That's not sustainable. We need to take action. Our solution?

Insulation and cladding

We've had quotes and plans in place, and now we need to raise **£15,000** to insulate and clad the hall. This upgrade will:

- keep the hall warm through winter
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- reduce our environmental impact
- ensure the hall remains available and affordable for everyone

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shared spaces, please consider donating. Every pound takes us a step closer to preserving our village hub for generations to come.

No amount is too small – and sharing this appeal is just as helpful!

However, the hardest part of raising money is bridging the gap between reading this letter and taking action. So, please, if you could help in any way, make sure you build that bridge by simply going to Go Fund Me website, clicking Search and entering “Lee Parish Hall” in the search box.

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The Lee Parish Hall Committee

Well, well, well...

To the Editor

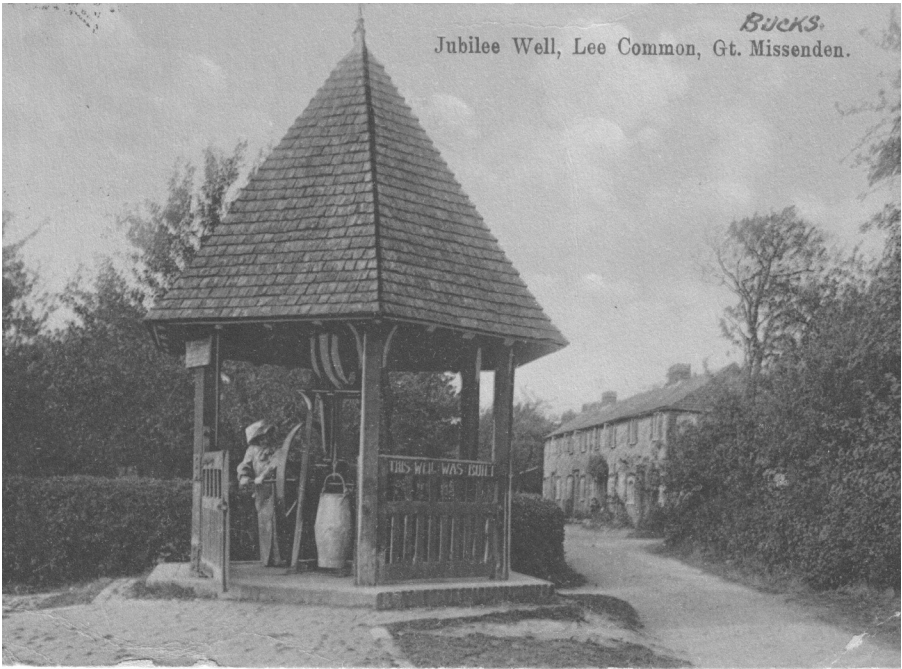
Michael and I enjoyed reading the article about the Lee Common Jubilee Well written by Simon Cains for the September Newsletter. We thought the following true story, along with this postcard of the well sent in 1915, might be of interest too.

Back in the late 1970s on a sunny day, Michael, my then boyfriend, assisted my father, Derry Worsfold, in removing the slab covering the well. After doing so they shone a powerful torch and could see the water still flowing deep below. The well starts off wide at the top but tapers down below.

Derry was a parish councillor and had completed some renovation of the well. He was asked by the parish council to assist a professor conducting a weekend water divining course at Missenden Abbey. The sign was covered up before the professor’s arrival. A minibus duly arrived with the professor and about seven students, both men and women. The students were told to stay in the vehicle whilst the professor invited each student individually to step out and use their divining rods to establish the depth of the well. At the same time, they were asked to find where the aquifer flowed.

Most of the students divined to a depth in the region of 280 feet. The aquifer was also found to start from the garden of Appletree Cottage, flowing under the well and then across the road heading to the right-hand side of the allotments.

After that, the professor, wearing gloves, dropped a weighted rope down the well to measure the depth. Before the rope was brought up a ribbon was



tied around the rope where it met the edge of the well. The rope was then laid out along Oxford Street and the measurement taken. It was again about 280 feet but sadly Michael cannot remember the exact length. The rope was then coiled in stages into a huge bucket of disinfectant, as it might have been contaminated by harmful bacteria down the well.

It was an interesting few hours for both Derry and Michael but why the noticeboard was not changed from 365 feet we do not know.

Carol and Michael Addison
Lee Common

Date for Santa

To the Editor

News from afar is that Santa is heading to The Lee on Thursday 11th December. More details next month. In the meantime, make a note in the diary.

Phil Harrison
Lee Common

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Allotment/playground hedge

To the Editor

I was disappointed to read the Parish Council's claim that there were no objections to their planning application to remove the allotment hedgerow. In fact, there were three, including my own (below).

What surprised me more was how few villagers seemed to know about the application. The reason became clear: the notice was posted on the Lee Forum on 22nd July 2025 – the very same day the consultation closed.

Had residents been given even a few days to reflect and respond, I believe many more would have expressed their concerns. Come on, surely, we can do better than this!

Objection: hedgerow removal

"I have reviewed the application and would like to formally object to



the proposed removal of a 23-metre stretch of hedgerow on ecological grounds. The removal of this mature hedge would undoubtedly cause harm to local biodiversity and disrupt an important wildlife corridor.

"There is clear evidence that established hedgerows like this one play a critical role in supporting local ecosystems. They provide shelter, food sources, and safe passage for a wide range of species. The loss of this habitat would particularly affect hibernating and breeding animals.

"Over the past two years, Frog Patrol observations have consistently recorded significant numbers of frogs, toads, and newts in this exact location. This hedge appears to form an essential part of their habitat.

"Additionally, hedgehogs, voles, mice, and other small mammals are known to forage and take cover here. Removing this hedge will diminish both food availability and protection for these already pressured species.

"I urge the local council to carry out a more rigorous ecological assessment



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before approving what I can only describe as the needless destruction of nature's home. In other parts of the Chilterns, the loss of mature hedgerows – even when replaced – has resulted in poor substitutes often dubbed “zombie hedges” for their lack of density, maturity, and biodiversity value. In this case, the plan offers no replacement at all, which is even more concerning.

“Many residents I’ve spoken to – in my roles as an environmental writer for the local newsletter and Frog Patrol Lead – share this deep concern. We strongly object to this proposal and ask that the council reconsider.”

Giles Robertson

Lee Common

Environmental Columnist, Lee Newsletter
Frog Patrol Lead

Hedge-row cont’d

To the Editor

It’s so sad to see the Parish Council submit this planning application, especially after setting such a fine example with the Oxford Street boundary hedgerow, leaving it uncut until September, thereby leaving breeding birds/insects to get on in peace as they raise their young, but what about the birds/insects that inhabit this particular hedgerow?

It seems in the Parish Council’s eyes the hedgerow is ‘redundant’: try telling that to those that call it home. It provides an ideal winter hibernation site for frogs, toads and newts, keeping them safe from passing predators. Not only that, some will already be in residence, succumbing to an untold death when the destruction commences. Butterfly species, such as brimstone, small tortoiseshell, comma and peacock, will also find the dense ivy to their liking as they hibernate

through the winter months, along with countless moths using it throughout the year, either as adults, eggs, pupae or larvae. When I visited, house sparrow and blackbird were present in the hedgerow.

During a recent timed 15-minute butterfly count I noted a 30% decline in species when compared to the last year; it also appears that the colony of scarlet tiger moths that delighted so many folks at the Oxford Street entrance has been wiped out following the visit of Mr Roundup (of course other poisons are available) destroying their food plant.

The removal of this hedgerow containing blackthorn, bramble, hawthorn and ivy, all species loved by our local wildlife, will only lead to further biodiversity loss.

One would have thought the Parish Council would nurture and cherish this

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haven for wildlife in the centre of the village, particularly after the demise of the Liberty Reserve.

The UK is considered to be one of the most nature depleted countries in Europe; any guesses as to why this may be?

Don Stone
Sly Corner

The Lee Parish Council

By Cllr Colin Sully, Chair

In last month's Newsletter, the Clerk reported on the hedging/fencing work planned between the playground and the allotments at Lee Common. In the same Newsletter (and in this one), some residents have raised concerns about the decision to remove a section of hedging; we have since also received some correspondence on the subject. A fuller report is therefore offered.

The decision in principle

The use of land the Parish Council owns at Lee Common is shared between the allotments, a playground, a football pitch, a tree plantation and several footpaths; there are also significant 'wilder' areas.

The hedge in question is the short disconnected section that separates the

children's play area from part of the allotments. It mainly contains hawthorn, ivy, bramble and decaying elder. Because of this, it was becoming (in the view of the Parish Council) an unnecessary liability, being a danger to children, an encroachment on the allotments and expensive to maintain.



The fence line continuing beyond this hedge was also in poor condition and there was inadequate access to the adjacent allotment area for maintenance equipment.

A decision was therefore taken in principle, in September 2024, to remove this section of hedging (approx. 23m) and replace it and the existing fencing with new fencing and a gated access to the allotment area.

The Parish Council approached EKFB, one of the HS2 contractors in the area, to see if this might qualify as a community legacy project and this was accepted in principle by them.

Reviews undertaken

EKFB's hedging/fencing contractor and a CIEEM registered ecologist inspected the hedge and the site. The ecologist confirmed that, although the hedge is not classified as "important" under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997, it would be necessary to seek approval from Bucks Council to remove it, as it did marginally exceed the de minimus rule for hedgerow removal (by three metres).

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The Parish Council therefore applied to Bucks Council for approval under the Hedgerow Regulations and, in July 2025, circulated details on The Lee Forum of this planning application in the normal way.



The hedge was inspected by a Bucks Council hedgerow officer; no comments were received by Bucks Council from the public or other authority by the closing date and permission was granted.

In addition, the council also sought advice from a tree surgeon on a Root Protection Zone (RPZ) around the nearby holm oak (which is being retained) to ensure that any impact on that tree is acceptable.

Finally, in light of the recent comments by residents, the council carried out a further review of its decision at the September 2025 Parish Council meeting. Following further discussion, the Parish Council:

1. confirmed its view that the benefits, in terms of safety, amenity, allotment encroachment and cost of maintenance, outweighed the likely ecological impact of removing the hedge
2. decided that it would NOT remove the willows, as the benefits did not sufficiently outweigh the potential ecological cost, that they would be trimmed and then included in the hedge-cutting contract going forward.
3. decided to consider whether there are other tree/hedge/rewilding opportunities in the parish,

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recognising that the council already has significant such areas on the land it owns

4. concluded that it was happy to accept the offer made by the HS2 contractor to undertake this legacy project in The Lee.

Engagement with residents

The proposal to remove this hedging was first reported in the minutes of the council's meeting in September 2024 and has been discussed at every meeting since.

The minutes of these meetings were available on the website and the Clerk regularly posts links to them on the Forum, and to the agendas. The Clerk's postings to the Forum on planning applications also make it clear that residents may submit their comments on planning applications direct to the Parish Council (as well as to Bucks Council).

The one regret the Parish Council has in all this is that it was genuinely unaware of the much shorter time allowed by Bucks Council for comments to be submitted to them in the case of Hedgerow Regulation applications. This lack of knowledge on our behalf, together with the summer holidays, did result in the Parish Council's posting of the notice on this application to The Lee Forum (on July 22nd) being on the last day

on which submissions could be made to Bucks Council. This was indeed unfortunate, although as you can see from the above, there were plenty of other opportunities for residents to comment.

The council sincerely hopes that residents can see from the above, that it has not taken these decisions lightly, that it has reviewed the detail (many times) and taken account of residents' views, that it has taken expert advice and that it believes it is acting in the best interest of residents.

Bookworm's choice

By Anthea Hartley

If you didn't notice my article in the September issue of The Lee Newsletter (page 2), this follow-up is to prompt you (and fellow readers who are not necessarily members of a book group) into supporting the *Bookworm's Choice* initiative as set out in the earlier article.

The idea is to create a dedicated section in the Newsletter where readers' views and recommendations of books can be expressed for those in search of a good read.

To get the ball rolling, I have included two reviews in a suggested layout but it is very much up to the individual to express their own views in their own way and in the light of time they have available. Possibly my text is a little too long; something under a hundred words might be better, but I was never much good at précis!

Text should be submitted to the Editor of the Newsletter by the 12th of each month (see page 1).

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[The idea to share good reads was proposed last month by Anthea and here are the first to be forwarded. Anthea's layout is ideal, but each individual or book club should submit their recommendation in a style that works for them, so that the recommendations can reach our readership in good time – even if the timing is too tight to summarise the story whole. Ed.]

Mao's Last Dancer

Review by Anthea Hartley

This is a biography by Li Cunxin. If you saw the movie, it barely touched the sides of this amazing biography. When Lady Mao demanded the creation her own Chinese national ballet company, Li Cunxin was a young child living in appalling poverty until he was 'selected' to become a ballet dancer. He endured a gruelling training at Lady Mao's ballet school, being groomed for stardom and the rigours of a career dedicated to representing the perfection and glory of Lady Mao's Chinese ballet company. Li became China's leading ballet dancer and was sent on tour to America where he was astonished and overwhelmed by the American lifestyle. Inevitably, he defects, falls in love, escapes a kidnapping by the Chinese authorities and becomes the star of the Houston ballet company. This book gives a firsthand insight into life in China during Chairman

Mao's reign and the rise of a tailor-made superstar in the world of ballet.

MY RATING: 5 Stars.

The Other Bennet Sister

Review by Pam Garner (on behalf of the Eight o'clock Book Club)

Our book club has just read, and all enjoyed, *The Other Bennet Sister* by Janice Hadlow. It is the story of the middle Bennet sister, Mary Bennet, from *Pride and Prejudice*.

A Fine Balance

Review by Anthea Hartley

A Fine Balance is a novel by Rohinton Mistry. The story is set in India during the 1970s State of Emergency. Four complete strangers are forced to flee their native village and seek better lives in one of India's most crowded and deprived cities.

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The story follows the lives of these four very different individuals and how each of them deals with the life-changing situations they encounter. A brilliant story provoking mixed emotions and an insight into life in India during some of its most turbulent times.

I was there, inadvertently becoming swept along with an anti-government protest which flowed through the city like a human tsunami.

MY RATING: 5 Stars

All the colours of the dark

Review by Ann Ash

We have not thought of a name for us yet, but we are a group of six ladies who have gathered together to share our reading. We think that six is a good number for the group and we find often that we end up reading and enjoying books we would never have chosen! Our September book *All the colours of the dark* by Chris Whiticker is a long book with many short chapters and lots of characters. It takes place in 1975 at a small town in Missouri.

It involves a missing person mystery, the importance of friendship; there is a serial killer to be found and many decisions to be made. The characters seem to be obsessive but interesting.

The book gave us plenty to talk about and remember.

OUR RATING: 5 Stars

North and South

Review by Ann Toettcher

I very much enjoyed Anthea's suggestions for Bookworm's choice in last month's Newsletter.

I would regard myself as a 'floating voter' although I belong both to The Literature Group at Amersham Museum and the Politics Book Club, which meets bi-monthly at Wendover Library.

Although both groups are rather serious, the spin-offs are often not. We are reading Elizabeth Gaskell's *North and South* at present and I've been listening to it on an audiobook and video. I was so taken by Richard Armitage's mellifluous baritone voice that my next 'listen' will be *Geneva*, a *WhoDunnit* both penned and narrated by him. If it's any good I'll let you know.

I came up with the idea of the BookRoom when, one Christmas, I was gifted the *Cazalet Chronicles* as recommended by Camilla. Not my thing, I thought. Well, I couldn't put it down – all six volumes.

Fire in the field

By the Editorial Team

The biggest shock of the summer locally was the raging fire which consumed a huge haystack in a field at The Lee.



Before and after



Despite the herculean efforts of several fire engines which arrived promptly at the scene, the blaze did not die down quickly and was still smouldering several days later – despite the rain which fell in torrents later on that, and subsequent, days.

The smouldering gradually diminished and it finally shrunk to ground level, though the fire was not properly extinguished for several days.

It was a frightening sight for those who witnessed it and a great loss for the farmer.

Bridge too far!

By Rita Sully et al

Sometimes you know early in the bidding that you have the points for a slam... it's just a matter of working out which one to be in!

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♥ Q 10 8 7

♦ J 4

♣ 4

♠ A

♥ 6

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♥ A K J 9 5 4

♦ 3

♣ K 8 2

♠ Q 9 8

♥ 3 2

♦ 10 9 8 7

♣ J 6 5 3

Dealer: South
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How did the bidding progress, and what was the final contract?

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School's in...



By Pam Batty, School Governor

On 1st of September 2025 the formal alliance between four small schools in Coleshill, Hyde Heath, Lee Common and Little Missenden began under the name of the Chiltern Village Schools Federation. There is now one Governing Board across all four schools but, apart from that, it is business as usual for Lee Common School.

For those not familiar with Lee Common School and Nursery, it is an amazing place tucked away in the heart of the Chilterns, about five miles from Wendover, Chesham and Prestwood, offering Forest School, yoga, French lessons, sports coaching, wrap around care and much more.

Last term saw the children involved in many activities including their own Sports Day, a Sports Festival in Hazlemere involving other local schools, dancing at The Lee Church Fête and preparation of artwork to enter at The Lee Flower Show. It was a particularly busy time for the children in Year 2 who visited their new schools and then held a Celebration Day and an assembly for parents highlighting their time at the school. It was sad to see them leave but also amazing to have

watched them grow and develop during their time at Lee Common School. We wish them well in their new schools. The term ended on a high with Lee Common School Association holding the traditional end of year party at the Parish Hall including bouncy castles, face painting, a BBQ and a water fight!

Happy New Year

The start of the current school year has seen more children arrive and everyone settled into their new classes. A huge welcome to the families who have just joined the Lee Common School community. The children are getting used to their daily routines supported by the wonderful staff at the school and plans are being made for another year of exciting activities, clubs and events, in addition to their day-to-day learning. During the holidays, two raised beds were assembled in the meadow adjoining the school and provide a great place for the children to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers.

The morning and after school clubs run by Welldon Kids Club, providing wraparound care from 7:45 am to 6:00 pm, are now well established and offer a variety of activities to occupy the children.

If you are looking for a school for your Reception aged child now, or from September 2026, or a nursery place at any time, please contact Lee Common School on 01494 837267 or email office@leecommon.bucks.sch.uk.

There are places available in all year groups up to Year 2, so do get in touch to arrange a visit. Have a look at the Lee Common Church of England School Facebook pages, and Instagram pages at [instagram.com/leecommonschool](https://www.instagram.com/leecommonschool) to see some of the many activities that the children take part in during the school day.

The staff and children would love to show you around so please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange your visit.

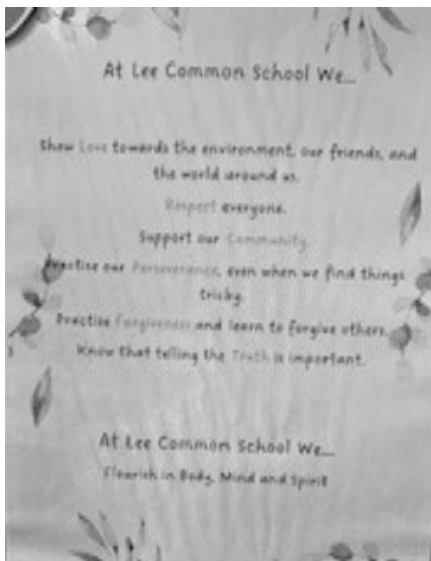


Partners in art

Lee Common School and the Arts Society, Ballinger

By Liz Macann

As an international organisation, many people of all ages, from all over the world, enjoy and benefit from experiencing the arts in various forms through the Arts Society. Now our own Lee Common School has been awarded a grant by the Arts Society, Ballinger so that the children of our area can take part in a project designed to both introduce them to an artistic process and reinforce the school's own values at the same time.



It is not often possible to embark upon projects which fall outside the usual school curriculum because tight budgets don't allow for the extra resources necessary. This one has been made possible by the local Arts Society which meets monthly throughout the year in Ballinger.

Miss Taylor, one of the teachers, will lead the children, aged from three to seven, in creating a large ceramic mural which will hang prominently in the school for all pupils, staff and visitors to see. All pupils will be encouraged to contribute to the piece of artwork in one way or another so that it will be truly representative of the children's efforts.

To begin the creative process, on 26th September the children were gathered together for a Vision Day to decide the content of the mosaic which will display the school's stated values which are "love, respect, perseverance, forgiveness and truth" and this Arts Society funded project will embody these in the creation of the tile mosaic. The result will be mounted on a large board and displayed prominently and also on the school's social media site. Watch this space to see the project in progress.

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Our new correspondent

By the Editor

We are pleased to introduce Artie Fischel, our new local correspondent brimming with artificial intelligence and genuine confusion.

Artie will be bringing its unique insight and take on things local and parochial. By applying a vast depth of knowledge and insight gleaned from around the world to our own unique issues, the aim is to give us something to smile about.

The great bin day confusion

By Artie Fischel

Every week, a quiet chaos descends on the sleepy village: Bin Day.

No one knows for certain which bin goes out – not really. Is it general waste? Recycling? Garden? Glass? Does food waste go every week or just on Thursdays when the moon is waning and Derek from the council nods twice?

The council calendar, printed in microscopic font and last seen behind the microwave, claims to have answers. But it lies. Or it's upside down. Or it applies to Zone B, and we're in Zone A, or maybe Zone C, which was formerly known as Zone B before the reclassification of 2023.

In truth, we rely entirely on bin-based social cues.

At 6:00 am, one brave villager takes a guess. They wheel out the blue bin with quiet confidence. Within



minutes, a domino effect begins — neighbours cautiously follow, peering from behind curtains like nervous meerkats. The blue bins start rolling. The brown paper boxes with or without lids appear. A few outliers hedge their bets and put both out. One heroic soul includes the food caddy, just in case.

But sometimes... disaster strikes.

The lorry rolls in... and it's the *wrong* lorry. Panic. Like a slow-motion thriller, you see bin lids flipping open, then closed. The air fills with distant groans. Someone swears. Mrs B sprints out in slippers to drag hers back in. A lone brown bin stands forgotten on the curb like a rejected contestant on *Strictly*.

By lunchtime, the WhatsApp group is ablaze:

"Does anyone actually KNOW what day it is?" "It was *green* last week, wasn't it?" "I blame Brexit."

And yet, every week, we try again.

Because in this village, hope springs eternal – and so do mysterious bin collections.

Christmas shopping

By Katie Michaelson-Yeates

Next month, Shop at The Lee will be opening the Parish Hall doors to the annual



Christmas Food and Gift Market. The market takes place on Saturday 8th November from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. If you are new to The Lee, this event is a great place to begin your Christmas shopping and meet your new neighbours.

Each year we try to add new and exciting items and this year is no exception. We will still have the ‘usual suspects’ – panettone, stollen, Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies, chocolates, liqueur bottled fruit, chutneys, crackers, baklava, children’s choes, Christmas ales and spirit gift packs, and so much more.

We have been adding to the Christmas stocking fillers and there is now a much larger range for boys and girls. Everything essential for present wrapping, charity greetings cards, advent calendars and ‘pop and slot’ festive scenes. Table and tree decorations with napkins, crackers, candles, ‘fairies, gnomes and angels’ galore with the odd nutcracker soldier appearing... beautifully arranged flowers and potted plant displays... and we haven’t forgotten our best friends with dog/cat treats.

Prices on many items are lower than the larger shops, so come along and buy locally, enjoying easy parking, a sip of mulled wine and a piece of cake, all served with a friendly smile.

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St John the Baptist



By Revd Chris Haywood

Harvest Festival is an important celebration for rural communities such as ours and its observance is a significant occasion. It was accordingly a delight to celebrate the Family Service Harvest Festival so joyously, hosted at Small Dean Farm by Mary Clow. The relaxed atmosphere and shared fellowship were a delight. The more formal Harvest Festival Service in Church at the end of the month was no less of a special gathering. An evening service is special as the light fades and shadows lengthen as we give thanks for God's provision and those who provide for us as well as marking the change of season.

Wedding trends

The summer was slower than usual, in keeping with the barmy weather, as we've had fewer weddings this year. Sociologists tell us it's a Covid effect. If you were in a relationship before Covid, and your relationship flourished and survived lockdown, then you got married soon afterwards. If, however, you started a relationship after Covid it apparently takes three to four years for new relationships to mature to the point where marriage is considered. So it's not just a local trend: country wide there have been fewer weddings this year. We were, however, delighted to host at The Lee the Wedding Blessing of James and Eve Simmons and the wedding of Harry and Lydia Quarrell, which was a local occasion with a Church and Pub combo hosting the celebration and the landlord playing a

part both as Best Man and master of ceremonies. We wish both couples the richness of God's blessing as they embark on married life together.

God Bless.

Meet and greet the Dodwells

By Liz Macann



It's always interesting to the village when one of the old houses has new owners and undergoes a revamp. But more than that it's always good to meet the people moving in.

Lucy, Angus and their children, Archie and Jemima Dodwell moved into The Lee House in June after a two year run up as they navigated planning and bats! There has been a lot of work to do both inside and out, but they absolutely love the (almost!) finished house and garden, which

blend so beautifully with The Green and its surroundings.

The family moved from Prestwood and had long hoped to find the right property in The Lee to move to. Angus is a local boy who grew up nearby, and thirty years ago worked in The Old Swan at Swan Bottom, so knows the area very well. Lucy, on the other hand, grew up in Wylam in Northumberland and enjoys the rural feel of life in The Lee, as do Archie and Jemima who have been able to keep their friends, having gone to school locally. The biggest plus for them is now having lots more space, and wonderful countryside for walks and runs, and Archie can cycle to a nearby farm where he works at weekends. Completing the family is Isla, a ten year old cocker spaniel who enjoys not only all the beautiful walks round here, but the sandwiches she manages to snaffle from the on-site builders!

Once the children were born, Lucy left her career as a journalist at the New Scientist and created a job working from home which initially involved designing greetings cards, developing into a fashion business designing clothing which she sells online. Angus, an in-house lawyer with a green tech company, commutes into London most days. Having always been within striking distance of the village and having long-standing friends here, they have already attended the Flower Show and the Dance, but this year will be their first opportunity to attend the Roving Supper. Excitement awaits them.

Despite the extensive work and inevitable mounting bills, the family are very happy with their move to The Lee, finding the people very friendly and they absolutely love the pub and shop.

Bridge too far!

West expected to play in one of the minor suits, but East rebid the hearts. West repeated the clubs (showing five) and then East raised to 6♣.

W	N	E	S
			pass
2♣	pass	2♥	pass
3♦	pass	3♥	pass
4♣	pass	4♥	pass
5♣	pass	6♣	pass
pass	pass		

Opening lead 5♠.

West set up the diamonds by ruffing a low diamond, before drawing trumps and then lost just one trump trick.

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Newsletter Dinner 2025

By the Editorial Team

Hold the date! A reminder that the annual Newsletter Dinner will take place this year on Friday 28th November at The Lee Parish Hall. Invitations are being sent out to those who have contributed to the success of the Newsletter in the last 12 months. Please let us know as soon as possible whether you plan to attend, as places are limited.

The Cock and Rabbit: new restaurant up and running!

By Robyn Cann

Our new restaurant – the former Graziemille Restaurant which then became office space once Oliver purchased The Cock and Rabbit – opened for the first time for a private wedding on 13th September.

To admit we finished the refurbishment by the skin of our teeth would be an understatement. The bride leaning against the newly painted panelling in her pristine white dress was safe... but only by a matter of hours! And screws for artwork were still being drilled into walls at the same time that staff were ironing and laying tablecloths. I can tell you it was surreal and remarkable the air of serenity that greeted the wedding guests... Crémant served against the beautiful backdrop of the pub scrubbed to gleaming, the garden borders looking beautiful, the new restaurant set for the Wedding Breakfast and the cool sound of the jazz band wafting over it all. Hopefully the slight sign of perspiration on the brow wasn't noticeable.

However, to say that the restaurant space has been refurbished is also an understatement – it's been a project of increasing scale. The original idea to pop down a new floor, prop up the old terrace and give it all a fresh lick of paint was quickly superseded by Oliver's champagne tastes. "Go large or go home" became the mantra as walls came down, steels went in and a digger arrived onsite.

The old crumbling terrace was demolished and replaced with a larger one which also offers disabled access into the garden for the first time. New glass balustrades take full advantage of the beautiful views of The Lee and a stretch tent has been erected above the terrace to offer some weather protection. Underfloor heating inside was an 11th hour decision because the prospect of reinstalling the old radiators onto smooth plastered walls felt rather underwhelming.



*The new restaurant, set up for its first booking – a wedding!
(This won't be the table set-up when it's in normal restaurant mode).*

The restaurant will mean some of the pub proper can now return to lounging and drinking space – which will be particularly helpful come winter when the garden is less appealing. We're now also able to offer a venue for private functions.

The Lee Cricket Club's 150th anniversary dinner was the second event to be held in the restaurant – a real honour for us – so quite a few locals will have had a preview by the time we open the doors to the public at the beginning of October.

We very much hope to welcome you all sometime soon!

The Arts Society, Ballinger

By Liz Macann



The Many Faces of William Morris

Jo Banham, a curator and le gives us an insight into Willi, who was a man of prodigious talent and versatility. He is bi today for his wallpapers and

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Comedy Classical – How Do Compos



Make us Laugh?

Emma Johnson is described by as Britain's favourite clarinetist. at snippets from Mozart's A Mus and Saint-Saens Carnival of the A Also taking in along the way foot Charlie Chaplin, Dudley Moore and Borge to uncover the techniques co use to make us chortle.

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How to Get down from a Yak: Adventure

Last month the Newsletter included the programme for the local Arts Society talks to be held this year. It shows the amazing variety and breadth of the topics on offer. Having such high quality speakers right

on our doorstep is enviable and especially as membership is open to all. Meetings are monthly and doors open at 7:30 pm for coffee and a mingle before the lights go down at 8:00 pm for the start of the talk. At 9:00 pm there is the opportunity to ask questions or speak directly with that evening's expert – or simply go home. More details can be found on their website at theartsocietyballinger.org.uk

Bonfire and fireworks

By Tony Lea

As we get closer to 5th November, we have already started building the bonfire on the field at the bottom of Cherry Tree Lane. We will be ordering hot dogs, sparklers and mulled wine nearer the time and posters will be printed and boards will go up around the area in the next couple of weeks. The gates

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Please bring cash as we have no other facility for paying. Cherry Tree Lane will be closed to all traffic except residents. Please park at The Lee Parish Hall or there will be on-street parking on Oxford Street or Lee Clump Road. Let us hope that the weather is dry when the fireworks are set off at 7:00 pm.

Roving Supper

By Pat Lea

The annual event takes place this autumn on Saturday 15th November at 7:30 pm in The Lee Parish Hall.

The evening begins with drinks and canapés followed by supper at a host house, returning to the Hall for dessert, drinks and raffle.

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To make this work we do need hosts and also desserts, or perhaps you could provide a raffle prize.

This is a great way to meet fellow villagers, maybe for the first time or reconnect with old friends.

The cost of the evening is £30 per head, cash or cheque made out to The Lee Parish Hall.

Please contact me, Pat Lea, on 01494 837237 or Whatsapp me on 07887 714399.

Lasting friendships

By Maggie Cameron

In the summer of 1988, the Cameron family set off for a camping holiday in Spain with their new trailer tent. They could never have imagined how a chance meeting on the beach would shape the rest of their lives.



On the second day of their holiday, while Alastair and Alex were playing in the sand, a voice asked if she could join them, as she wanted to practise her English. That voice belonged to 13 year old Senta, who was there with her parents. It was the beginning of a friendship that has lasted more than three decades.

Two years later, Senta visited the Camerons in England for the first

time. That visit soon became an annual tradition, including house and dog sitting, teaching practice at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, and many opportunities to broaden her knowledge of both the English language and way of life. She also made local friends, attending services at St Peter and St Paul in Great Missenden and becoming involved with Lighthouse.



After qualifying as an English teacher, Senta met Wolfgang, the man who would become her husband. Their wedding took place in Ludwigsburg, near Stuttgart, with a small group of their English friends there to celebrate. For those unable to travel to Germany, the couple later had their marriage blessed at St Mary's Ballinger by the late Revd Donald Ryding, a joyful occasion followed by a reception in the church and garden.

Over the years, Senta and Wolfgang have continued to visit, first on their own and later with their two daughters, Linda and Clara. When the time came to celebrate their 50th birthdays, this year, St Mary's was the natural choice for a surprise party, a wonderful evening that brought together many of the friends Senta had made during her time in Great Missenden.

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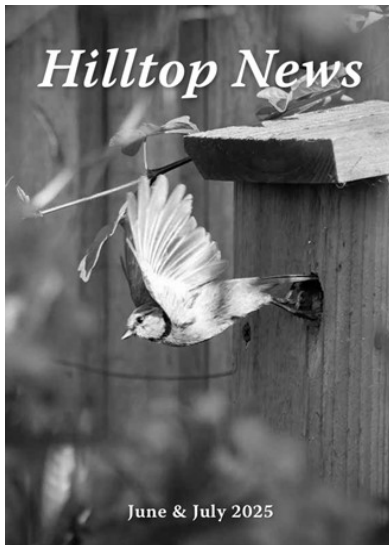


Camerons and their friends count themselves fortunate that it happened, and grateful that St Mary's has provided such a fitting setting for many milestones in the Friedrich family's life. We hope the friendship will continue to flourish and that we will welcome them back to St Mary's for many more occasions to come.

Hilltop News

By the Editorial Team

Hilltop News is the local newsletter serving the communities in Cholesbury, St Leonards, Buckland Common and Hawridge, which together make up Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards parish. It is produced six times a year.



Although it has limited distribution in The Lee parish (mainly to those in the Arrewig Lane / Swan Lane area), copies are normally available at Shop at The Lee and it is also available online at [Hilltop News – Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards](#)

Like The Lee, Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards parish also has a comprehensive website at www.cholesbury.com Here you can find out all about the many community groups in the parish.

The sad lament of a part-time manager

By Symeon Economou

For a while in my teens, we lived in Waddesdon, immediately opposite Batchelors, the only shop in the village. This was actually on a corner, had a trestle with wilting fruit and veg outside and, inside, Mr Batchelor, clad in the uniform brown smock, made cheerful conversation, sometimes just to himself. Looking back it seemed that anything that didn't come in a can was dispensed in a brown paper bag. No 'Best Before' or 'Use By' dates, no ingredients or allergens to worry about, no weights and measures, no age restrictions, no card machines or files on the cloud, no VAT... oh Happy Days!

Just recently our card machine provider changed hands. This triggered a new money-laundering accreditation process. A typical exchange over several weeks:

- Please supply a list of all your officers – to which I complied
- We need their dates of birth and addresses – to which I complied
- We need proof of ID for each officer, such as driver's licence – to which I complied with photocopies
- Photocopies are no good – we need the ID in full colour – to which I complied with photos
- You have only sent one side of

each DL – we need both sides – to which I complied

- We need proof of address for each, such as a utility bill – to which I complied
- We need to know how long they have been in office...
- ... and so on and so on.

Since being involved with Shop at The Lee my respect for every proprietor of an independent retail store has grown enormously. They don't have the support of 50+ cheerful volunteers to take the strain and sooth their troubled brow. So, despite the relentless officialdom, and thanks only to our volunteers, I remain moderately sane.

[We feel your pain Symeon and appreciate all the unseen work that goes with the fantastic shop that results from it. Ed.]

Write a poem

By Diana Taylor

To write a poem all you do
Is focus on what comes to you
Choose a topic, visualise
And soon you'll get a nice surprise

Perhaps you think you cannot rhyme
But have a go and take the time
To pat your fingers, like a drum,
This way the rhythm soon will come

Let's make a start. So here we go
As sure as autumn breezes blow
It rains so much - outside is wet
But you could write a poem yet

Done nothing much during the week?
There's still a verse to write and tweek
For sure, a thing you will have seen
Is just how quickly grass turns green

And as you lift your head to think
You'll see a rose still blooming pink
Or robin on the garden spade
Or hens a-cluck whilst eggs are laid

The world's a worry, what a mess!
So, who needs strife or further stress
Take just five minutes, have a rest
Try something trivial, do your best

Just think of simple things you've heard,
The purr of a cat, the call of a bird
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
And caused a rhyme when he had a fall

Think you can do it and you will
Send in your effort and feel the thrill
As people say "I liked your poem.
It showed you tried. I found it wholesome"

Good luck! You could fulfil my dream
To have the Editorial team
Provide a section of poems sent
By non-poets, feeling diffident

Yet, who had a go and visualised
Leaving us all a bit surprised
By just how much talent there seems
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HS2 updates in The Lee

By Cllr Colin Sully

Firstly, a reminder (if it's needed) that Leather Lane was closed on 1st September for 14 months, so that ALIGN can build a road bridge over the HS2 line.

The bridge is actually being built to the south of the existing lane (i.e. slightly nearer to South Heath) and will then be reconnected to the existing lane above and below the railway.

The original idea was that the bridge would be built while the lane was kept open... but of course it hasn't turned out that way!

The current design is now for something that is far more complicated to build but will (eventually) blend in reasonably well with the existing landscape and the sunken lane features of the 'old' Leather Lane (see picture below).



Knock-on chaos!

Although the direct impact of the Leather Lane closure should in theory be relatively contained, the difficulties have already been seen with the diversion route (Potter Row) also being closed at the same time, together with Ballinger Road and, for a short period in September, Rocky Lane.



Leather Lane (artist's impression) from above

With Red Lion Hill also now being frequently closed, the ensuing chaos continued through September, and the Parish Council has referred the general issue of co-ordinating local road closures to Bucks Council.

Cuttings and embankments

After the HS2 line has been under Leather Lane, it will then be in a cutting as it passes Hunts Green on its way to the Wendover Dean embankment and viaduct.

Although parts of some fields will end up slightly higher than they were before HS2 (in order to provide noise barriers) the land will (eventually) be re-profiled and re-landscaped to blend in with the surrounding area.

East Chilterns Community Board

By Hayley Farrelly, Clerk to The
Lee Parish Council

Earlier this year, Bucks Council reorganised the local Community Boards (CBs), significantly reducing the number, and in so doing created the East Chilterns Community Board (ECCB), which comprises the Chesham, Amersham, Missendens and Hazlemere Wards, including The Lee parish and many other small communities as well as the larger towns and villages.

After a review of local community priorities over the summer, the first meeting of the new ECCB took place in September. The Lee Parish Council's Chair, Cllr Colin Sully, and Vice Chair, Cllr Heather Barret-Mold attended to find out more about what was happening.

The Board itself is made up of all the elected Bucks Councillors for the five local wards (13 councillors in total) and it has already recognised that the needs and priorities in the different local areas means that, rather than trying to make the same community vision and priorities fit the whole of the ECCB area, a ward-based focus is needed.

For our ward (Chesham North) the priorities (shared with Chesham South) are currently thought to be:

- **Championing the youth voice**
A reflection of the continuing work in Chesham to develop and encourage a youth voice.
- **Culture in the community**
Recognition of the multi-cultural aspects of the community in Chesham.
- **Roadside litter**
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The aim of the ECCB is to work collaboratively, with local and county-wide partners, to support communities to achieve their local priorities.

The Lee priorities?

When The Lee parish councillors met with the ECCB manager during the summer, the above were not the priorities for Bucks Council that were expressed. The Lee took the view that our residents were very much more concerned (for example) about:

- the never-ending impact of HS2 on our local community
- the under-investment in the infrastructure of our local highways
- problems arising from the implementation (and in some cases lack of implementation) of local planning and enforcement policies.

However, the new Chair of the ECCB confirmed that these were not the sort of thing that the Community Boards were designed to address, and that such matters need to be progressed through our elected Bucks Councillors (see page 30). The ECCB was there to support local communities to achieve other local community objectives.

What's missing in The Lee?

The problem for a parish like The Lee, of course, is that it already has a wealth of community groups, supporting its residents – the Parish Hall, the community shop, the Scout's, the Cricket Club, Village Friends, walking groups, the Church, the litter pickers, the Flower Show, the Parish Council etc. However, we should certainly give some thought as to whether there are unmet needs in the parish, even though we are already well-blessed compared to many communities.

The issue is further complicated by the fact that being a small parish, many (most?) residents look to some extent outside of the parish for the things the ECCB might want to support – for example, to Chesham, to Amersham, to the Missendens and beyond for schools, youth groups, choirs, sport, and other community-based activities needing a wider cohort of interest.



So, let's put our thinking caps on... what are the unmet community needs in The Lee parish? Suggestions please to the Newsletter and to clerk@thelee.org.uk

Other TLPC updates

By Hayley Farrelly, Clerk to The Lee Parish Council

Reappointment to council

At its September meeting, the council co-opted Dick Chinnery (back) onto the council to fill the last of the vacancies left unfilled after the May elections. Dick has a huge experience

of serving as a parish councillor in The Lee and has continued in a volunteer capacity since he stood down from the council in May.

Given his continued role in supporting the council (and the absence of other interest) council was unanimous in inviting him to be co-opted back as a councillor.

Bucks Council Area Plan - public consultation

You may remember that Buckinghamshire Council is preparing a new Local Plan, that will identify where and how future development should take place in the area over the next 20 years.

They are now undertaking a public consultation on the draft Local Plan and invite consultees to have their say on the draft proposals.

The draft Local Plan for Buckinghamshire has been prepared in two parts:

- **Part A:** The Local Plan vision and objectives, the spatial strategies for housing and employment, including ways to meet travelling communities' accommodation needs.
- **Part B:** Development Management Policies.

The draft Local Plan documents, the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, the completed evidence studies, and details on how to respond to the consultation can be viewed at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/draft-local-plan>

A virtual exhibition room has been produced which is available to view at <https://buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/exhibition/1>

The consultation period runs from Wednesday 17th September to 23:59pm on Wednesday 29th October. Bucks



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Community safety

By Buckinghamshire Council

The Safer Buckinghamshire Board is a local Community Safety Partnership that brings together experts from the police, fire service, probation, health and social care services.

The Board develops an annual action plan to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in Buckinghamshire and to help keep it a safe place to live and work. The latest community safety Newsletter can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4ana4ft2>

It contains information, advice and updates on a wide range of safety issues, such as:

- Safer streets
- Domestic abuse training
- Radicalisation
- Anti-slavery day (18th October)
- Halloween (31st October)
- Fireworks safety (5th November)
- Use of social media.

It includes a useful list of contacts for related services (see below).

A survey is also currently running seeking your views on community safety priorities – it is open until 3rd October.

Service	Contact	Website
Buckinghamshire Community Safety Team	(via website) Anti-Social Behaviour Referral Form Community Safety Referral Form	www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/safety-and-crime-in-your-community/
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Modern Slavery Helpline	08000 121 700	www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/
Thames Valley Police	101 – Non-Emergency 999 – Emergency	www.thamesvalley.police.uk/
Victims First	0300 1234 148	https://www.victims-first.org.uk/
Neighbourhood Watch	Wycombe – 01494 523649	https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/neighbourhoodwatchwycombe.org

Dear Diary

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

October

Thursday 2nd. The Lee village walk. 9:30 am at The Lee Green.

Friday 3rd. From Broadway to Ballinger in aid of Breast Cancer Now and Prostate Cancer UK. Doors open 7:00 pm. Show starts 7:30 pm. Ballinger Memorial Hall. This event is now sold out.

Sunday 12th. Weather and Climate Change: A Very British Conversation with Sara Thornton and John Hammond. 7:30 pm at The Lee Old Church.

Saturday 18th. Ballinger Hall Bingo and Trivia Night. 7:00 pm. Tickets are £20 and include a delicious curry. Email ballingerhall@gmail.com to book.

Tuesday 28th. Village Friends. 10:30 am at The Cock and Rabbit.

Thursday 30th. Arts Society Ballinger. The Many Faces of William Morris. 7:30 pm at Ballinger Memorial Hall.

Church Services

St John the Baptist, The Lee

Sunday 5th. Holy Communion (BCP) at the Old Church. 8:00 am.

Sunday 5th. Family Service at the New Church. 11:00 am.

Sunday 12th. Parish Communion

(CW) at the New Church. 11:00 am.
Sunday 19th. Holy Communion (BCP) at the Old Church. 8:00 am.
Sunday 26th. Parish Communion (CW) at the New Church. 11:00 am.

St Mary's, Ballinger

Saturday 4th. Harvest Supper. 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. Tickets £26 (from Maggi Cameron or Anne Ellis) to include two course meal, all drinks and live music.

Sunday 5th. Harvest Communion 9:30 am followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Coming up

Wednesday 5th November. Fireworks from 7:00 pm, gates open from 6:00 pm for refreshments. See page 19.

Thursday 6th November. The Lee village walk. 9:30 am at The Lee Green.

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Saturday 8th November. **Christmas Shopping** from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at Shop at the Lee. See page 14.

Tuesday 11th November. **The Lee Parish Council Meeting.** 7:00 pm (note change of time) at the Parish Hall.

Saturday 15th November. **Roving Supper** starting at the Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. See page 20.

Saturday 22nd November. **Ballinger Hall Christmas Fair.** 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Thursday 27th November. **Arts Society Ballinger.** Comedy Classical – How do composers make us laugh? 7:30 pm at Ballinger Memorial Hall.

Friday 28th November. **Newsletter Dinner.** See page 18.

Sunday 7th December. **Lighting up Ballinger.** 5:00 pm onwards. More details to follow.

Sunday 7th December. **Fayrfax Consort** at The Lee Old Church. 7:30 pm.

Thursday 11th December. **Santa heading to The Lee.**

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