

Lound Village Pony Draw

Advance Notification



Payment for tickets for the forthcoming year starting in July will be due in June. We will be introducing a system whereby ticket holders can both pay online direct into the Village Hall bank account and also receive winnings online.

We hope that this will reduce the huge amount of work carried out by collectors and will also mean that winners have an option other than receiving a cheque. Further details in next month's Crier.

If you prefer, you will still be able to use the existing system and collectors will call in late June.

*Ticket prices will remain the same at £25 and the monthly prizes will continue to be £25 x 4 with a big Premium Prize of £50 which may be rolled over to the next month if not won.

If anyone who hasn't participated before and would like to be contacted should a ticket become available please email:

carol.woodward@icloud.com

Village Garden



The English bluebells have really increased this year. They were planted two years ago and the object is to allow them to spread in the bed as it is too dark and dry for much else to grow under the maple tree canopy. The Christmas tree, after looking very sad for a year or two is now looking very healthy, with mulching around the base and feeding. With the continuous long spells of wet on our sandy soil gardens and fields, the nutrients will be much depleted and it will need replenishing. Wild flowers though will love lower nutrients and they should flourish.

We have planted two small crab apple trees in the corner of the site where there is most light but it is under the canopy of another tree. Yes, I know we already have twelve trees on this small site which now must be to capacity. So to keep the capacity going I have planted many more plug plant trees in the wild grass areas of the playing field which will take a year or two to be really appreciated but will add to the biodiversity on the field without affecting the play area.

Still waiting for tadpoles in the pond, but they are late everywhere, so keep checking the pond through the railings on the side of the site.

Brian Horne



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The Bluebell Inn

Saturday 4th May



Don't forget to join us in 'The Bluebell Inn' garden for Live Music from 4pm. Food from 5pm. Outside bar. **Free Entry...**

Featuring the ever popular local band 'Gigantic', featuring 'Antique Monkeys'

For up to date info follow:

facebook.com/thebluebellinnlound

Also, have you made a note in your diary for our other live band nights? → **June 8th 'The Skip Murden Band', July 6th 'Bright Lights' and August 3rd 'Connie'.**

Lound Pony Draw



April Lucky £25 Winners

60 --- Steve & Ann Large

140 - Alice Kirk

136 - Matt & Jude Nicholson

48 --- Martin & Jay Whelpton

21 --- £50 roll over Premium Prize—Adrian Schuller

Midsummer Madness

Don't forget! -

Village Playing Field - **Saturday 22nd June 4pm until late...**

Live music, Disco, Bar by the Bluebell, cook your own barbecue.

Come and have fun!

Lound Lingerers

On **Friday May 17th** Lound Lingerers will be taking a circular walk starting at Harwell, round and through Barrow Hill Wood. Hopefully there will still be some bluebells to enjoy.



As always, we meet at Willow Cottage at 10.45 am.

Please let Gee know on Tel: 818792 by Tuesday 14th May if you would like to come so that we can organise transport and book a table for lunch.

Do join us!

The main feature of the hamlet of Harwell and Barrow Hills is Pear Tree House and farm. The farmhouse is dated to the 18th century and has 20th-century windows and portico with two Tuscan columns and an eight-paneled door. It is built from brick in three storeys and is a Grade II listed building.

► Date for your diary:

Following previous enjoyable Lound Lingerer walks around Lound and excellent lunch at the Bluebell Inn, a similar event is planned for **Friday 19th July**.

More details in next month's Crier.

Phoenix Group

Last month we all enjoyed a very informative talk by Edward Cook on nurturing and growing nature's wild flowers in our gardens.



The next Phoenix Group speaker will be on **Wednesday 15th May** by local resident, Helen

Bullock. She will be telling us all about *'Resilience and Mindfulness'*.

A quick reminder:

A trip is being arranged for **Tuesday 18th June** to Gainsborough Old Hall followed by a meal out. Please let Roberta know if you wish to go so numbers and transport can be arranged.

Linghurst Lakes—Help



With heavy rain over the last few months, Linghurst Lakes are at their highest level for many years. This has unfortunately blocked the foot path along the west side of the north lake, unless you scramble through the undergrowth.

Also, with the recent high winds several trees have fallen down across paths, again blocking access. These have all now been cleared.

*The Linghurst Lakes volunteers who look after the lakes are now in their senior years and find it a challenge. We urgently need help from stronger, younger villagers to assist with this on-going maintenance to keep our

lakes in good order.

If you would like to get involved why not put your name forward by contacting the Crier Team via the website.

Thank You

Parish Council

Playing Field—Dogs:

Following reports to the Crier Team of dogs seen on the playing field with their owners.

To all dog owners.

Please be aware dogs ARE NOT allowed on the playing field.

Thank You

Playing Field Equipment:



Following a recent playground inspection some of the equipment is undergoing some maintenance so may be out of action.

St. Bartholomew's Church



Church Services May

5th Family Service 9.30 am
12th Holy Communion 9.30 am
19th Worship for All 9.30 am