



Lee Moor Newsletter January 2006

Ian gets top rural role

On the 14th December 2005 Ian Brown was appointed as a business representative to the board on [One NorthEast](#) – Ian has special responsibility for rural issues. See the two press releases: <http://www.gnn.gov.uk/content/detail.asp?NewsAreaID=2&ReleaseID=181144>
<http://www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/news/article.cfm?articleid=1344&paneldisplay=true>

Ian says: "I wish to remain a businessman first and foremost but have always wished to inform policy. Indeed I have seen all too often the danger of plans and strategies written in a political or academic vacuum."

Lee Moor

Since this website was launched in late November 2005 Lee Moor has suffered the range of winter weather, flooding, snow and heavy frost. As the managers of the business park we attempt to carry out mitigating activity so that the business and recreation on Lee Moor can go on as normal. To that end the road into the business park will be gritted and cleared of excessive snow. Flooding water has in the past ponded in front of the farmhouse and flowed over the road. This is now reduced by Northumberland Estates carrying out some ditching work upstream towards Rennington.

Heating/woodfuel

Toasty Heating is a new limited company which is presently 100% owned by Ian Brown and is linked to Econergy – Ian is now able to sell a wide range of fuels and woodfired boilers to home owners and businesses. February will see a 150KW boiler fitted at Lee Moor which will cover all heat needs on site for some time to come. The willow planted in 2002 can be harvested from this year onwards. This means that Lee Moor can be self-sufficient in heat and with the solar panels some way towards generating its own electricity. Ian states: "With the work I do with the [Environment Agency](#) it is clear that cheap fossil fuel is a thing of the past and that business is going to have to adjust to climate change, I have had the faith to invest in this technology at Lee Moor and I am glad to be sharing that benefit with the tenants and those who come here to see what we have done."

Family

Jordan continues to swim at competitive level and is winning medals for Alnwick Dolphins; he has also "trod the boards" this Christmas.

Natalie led a revolution against the aristocracy in a youth production of Les Miserables as well as singing a solo in a school play.

Caitlin used her ballet skills in a scene from the pantomime Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates.

Larissa has been learning about the Chinese New Year and has received her first suitably upbeat fortune cookie – happiness and success... yes please!