

February 2007 newsletter

9 out of 10 can't be bad - and all here at Lee Moor

Lee Moor is well known for its biodiversity, thus Ian Brown, farmer and creator of Lee Moor Business Park was not too surprised to see on a list of England's top 10 iconic species that we'd seen nine and it is likely the tenth is on its way. The list runs:

- 1. Hedgehog yes
- 2. Otter yes
- 3. Red squirrel yes
- 4. Oak tree yes
- 5. Robin yes
- 6. Brown trout yes
- 7. Red kite coming soon
- 8. Water vole yes
- 9. Barn owl yes
- 10. Sparrow yes

If you want to know what else is lurking in the landscape do ask at the Farmhouse and Ian can share his sightings with you.

Who're you gonna call? ... cold busters

Toasty Heating Ltd is now on the phone and has also taken a brand new unit in Throckley (just to the north west of Newcastle), which will be our sales office for domestic boilers - Lee Moor will remain the head office and commercial showroom. The telephone number at Lee Moor for Toasty (and thus Econergy Ltd) is 01665 577400.

Toasty Heating Ltd is also looking into sustainable housing more generally and will be making announcements on that topic shortly. Ian Brown has for several years been looking at the opportunities for a location to house a number of sustainable homes for the local tourist market - as well as creating a holistic centre, all of this within secluded woodlands and of course with sea views. Contact Ian (01665 577253) if you have a suitable site.

New Life down in the gym

Pete is now set up and as you can see from the photo is keen to get members signed up. Pete brings physical wellbeing to the environmental best practice that Lee Moor has produced in the past. Pete can be contacted on 01665 577429. Even Ian has taken the fitness bug and is visiting the gym every other day. "When I was a practical farmer I burnt plenty of calories, but years of attending meetings have taken a 'heavy' toll. My most exercised muscle during the past



decade has been my brain! Following a full medical and taking part in a 16-week clinical trial looking at the effect of wholegrain food on the risk of heart attack last year, I decided to take my health up to top priority. After only a few weeks I am feeling the benefits - and if I can work it in to my crazy routine so can others."

Willow 50% harvested

More willow is still to be cut because the wet weather has held us back. This wood will be stacked, dried, chipped and turned into hot water... Lee Moor green magic I reckon!

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