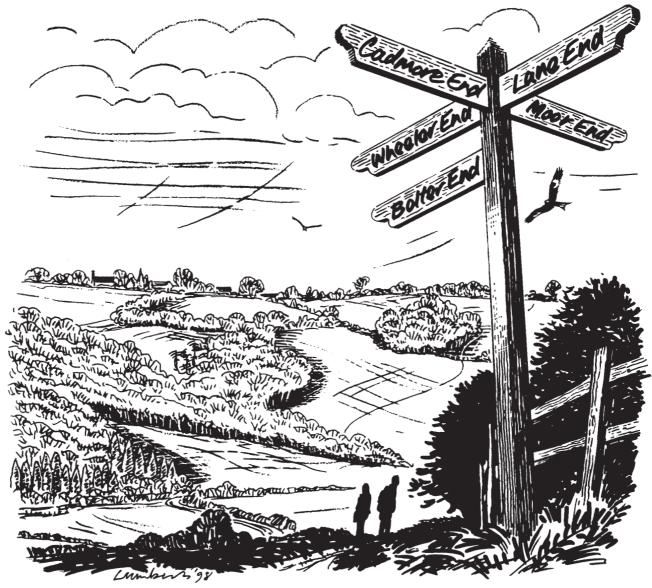
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FROM THE EDITOR

The Annual Parish Meeting, held on 14th May at the Youth & Community Centre, marked the launch of the **Parish Plan**. Cllr Coulter delivered a Powerpoint presentation to those attending Parishioners.

Soon there will be an abridged version of the plan delivered to all households in the Parish; this will detail the key objectives and priorities within the plan.

For the Plan to be successful it needs the active support and involvement of our Community, in the five working groups.

If you feel you can make a contribution to, no matter how small, to one of the following areas, then please speak to any of your Councillors (details on page 29) or contact me, in my capacity as Parish Clerk.

The working group headings are

* Business * * Communications * * Community * * Environment & Planning * * Traffic & Transport*

A number of questions were raised and answered on the night, however there were two that required further investigation.

- Q1) The regularity of litter collections Answer: 3 times per week Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays subject to available manpower from the District Council.
- Q2) Siting of Dog Waste Bins: I had been reliably informed before that there were 6 in total in the Parish, I now know that this is not correct and that we were confused with Piddington & Wheeler End! The correct answer is 4: 1- Behind Edmonds Parade, 2- Simmons Way end of footpath 25, 3 Adjacent to the playground off footpath 25, & 4 the Sports Association Playing Fields.

Mandy Dunning 01494 883845

Annual Report 2008

The meeting started with the introduction of the members of the Parish Council, and thanks were given for their support of the Chairman.

In the past year work has started on the implementation of the 10 year plan for Moor End Common, and more recently work has started on the Rural Housing Trust scheme on an area of the allotments down Marlow Road and the Parish Plan was presented on the night. That is three of the four priorities that were presented two years ago.

With the help of other agencies a bus service running between Marlow, Lane End and Stokenchurch three days a week has been achieved, also a bus at 7.30 in the morning that goes to Wycombe via Sands. This does give the village the situation of having three buses in about 45 minutes, and then apart the school bus a gap of about an hour and a half before the next one. However we will keep trying for another one.

The greatest amount of work has been on the preparation of the Parish Plan the majority of which has been carried out by Councillor Fitzpatrick who in turn was greatly assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Osborn. They are just three of the Steering Group who have put together the information being presented.

Two years ago the Council had decided on four priorities, three of which have already been mentioned. The fourth priority was the Playing Fields, and work is beginning on this, and will continue over the next year. The next twelve months should also see the Parish Plan start to be implemented.

A willing body is needed to assist the Common Warden at Moor End Common, to work with him with a view to taking over the position when the current incumbent decides to hang up his boots. For more information please talk to Mr Ross Osborn, to whom grateful thanks are given for the work that he does there. Also the Chairman of the Lane End Youth and Community Association has decided that, having worked hard for the past five years on the committee and to get the building up and running as a valuable amenity, it is time for someone else to take the job on. Again grateful thanks to Nigel Finn for the work he has done, and it is he who will be able to give you more information should you decide you might like to try.

Please contact The Clerk Mandy Dunning 01494 883845 for Mr Osborn & Mr Finn's email or telephone details.

Chairman Cllr Susan Wright

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Lane End Primary School.

Where do the years go? Every year seems more busy and exciting than the last. This year has been most enjoyable. We have had the pleasure of working with a tremendous year six who deserve every success they have gained. Their work ethic has been outstanding and their commitment to the school unquestionable. We will miss them very much and wish them well.

The climax to our year will be the performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream, a musical version, performed in the Village Hall. The whole of KS2 has been involved with various aspects of the Tudors since the new year and we have covered a huge part of the year's curriculum through the 'Famous Five' –Henry Vlll, Drake, Raleigh, Shakespeare and Elizabeth I, dispelling a few myths on the way. Henry visited the school and answered an amazing range of questions. We will also have an Elizabethan day with dressing up and a banquet with a display of all the work produced to celebrate the standard and range of learning throughout the year groups. An open invitation is extended to everyone for the evening of 21^{st} July from 5.00- 7.00. to view the art exhibition and other work produced by the children.

One of our many success stories this year has to be the nursery so much so that we had to start a waiting list this term. It has gone from strength to strength receiving commendations from the Early Years advisors and County assessors. We can now boast one of the best facilities in Bucks. We have had to double our accommodation and staff this term.

It is not only the children that prosper in the school – so does the staff. We have had exam success amongst the adults too and significant career progression. Sadly however this means that they move away, onwards and upwards in their careers and we have to say farewell but for the best possible reasons. The school will continue to the commitment towards the development of all stakeholders as life long learners. Well done all of you adults and children and thank you for such an exceptional year.

Supplied by the office of Lane End Primary School.

CHILTERN MARATHON

This annual event for walkers or cyclists is on Sunday 14th September. Please ring Tony Morris on 01844 208143 for further details.

LANE END (EVENING) W.I.

In July we will be hearing how to "Scrapbook our Photos and Memories", while in August we are having an evening trip to Sulgrave Manor. In September we shall be entertained by a talk on "Life in The Falkland Islands". Visitors are always welcome to join us on the last Monday of the month in the Sycamore Room at the Village Hall. Meetings start at 8pm



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- 1: An Archetypal example (4)
- 5: Stable (4)
- 6: Unconstrained manner (4)
- 7: To bound/stride vigorously (4)

DOWN:

- 1: Form of equitable ownership (4)
- 2: (Scot) a lantern (4)
- 3: Language of people of W. Highlands (4)
- 4: A ditch, watercourse (4)

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Saturday 5 th July	Morning	Twinning Association Coffee Shop
Thursday 17th July) Friday 18 th July)	Evening	Lane End Primary Summer Production
Saturday 19th July	10a.m.	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop
Friday 25 th July	7.45pm	Holy Trinity Whist Evening
Saturday 2 nd August	Morning	Twinning Association Coffee Shop
Saturday 16th August	Afternoon	L/E & District Horticultural Show
Friday 29th August	7.45pm	Holy Trinity Whist Evening
Saturday 6th September	Morning	Twinning Association Coffee Shop
Friday 12 th September	7.30pm	Holy Trinity Quiz Evening
Sunday 14 th September	All Day	Chiltern Marathon
Saturday 20 th September	10a.m.	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop
Friday 26th September	7.45pm	Holy Trinity Whist Evening

Remember there is now the Coffee Stop every Thursday morning in the Sycamore Room at the Village Hall 10am – noon. All welcome.

LANE END PLAYERS

We were all saddened at the passing away of Fran Sparrowhawk on 1st May. She
had been such an important part of our backstage team for many years and when
her health forced her to stop working with us on productions, she offered to take
over the Box Office. She wasn't able to stamp her mark on this job, however.
We will all miss her calmness and good sense very much.

I'm sure, though, that she would want 'the show to go on'. Those of you who saw 'Audacity' know what a great play it was – great fun with a twist at the end! We have given the Village Hall £850 as a result of ticket sales. We have also replaced the old fridge freezer in the Sycamore kitchen with a brand new worktop high fridge and tabletop freezer.

Now we are taking a break during the summer before we start rehearsals for our October production of Noel Coward's comedy, 'Hay Fever'.

More details in September's Clarion V. Eve Berry

This recipe gives a nice alternative item for the BBQ, & can always be done in a griddle pan if it rains!!

Quantities of ingredients based on serving four.(these can be increased if you are serving more people)



Lime, Chilli & Coriander prawns

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Ingredients:

Method:

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6 to 8 large raw (tiger) prawns per person.

One wooden skewer per 6 to 8 prawns

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Juice of one lime

Freshly ground black

pepper.

Tablespoon of finely chopped coriander leaves

½ teaspoon of dry Chilli flakes Place the olive oil, limejuice, chilli flakes, pepper and coriander leaves into a non-metallic bowl. Mix well.

Add the prawns and leave to marinade for 20 to 30 minutes

Soak the wooden skewers in warm water for 15 to 20 minutes

Thread the prawns onto the skewers, reserving the marinade to use for basting.

Place skewers on a hot BBQ (or griddle pan) turn frequently and basting each time. When prawns have turned pink on both sides they are ready to eat.

Serve drizzled with a little of the marinade

Royal British Legion forthcoming events

July 6th Veterans Day Service at 9.30a.m Holy Trinity Church July 9th Coach Trip to Kempton Park Poppy Races

- Tickets from Tom Nixey 881436.Depart 3.30 pm Sept. 20th Quiz Night Community Centre 7.00 pm
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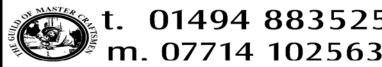
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The Special Trees and Woods Project, in partnership with the Chilterns Conservation Board, is hosting an art exhibition open to all those that are inspired by the woods of the Chilterns.

Last year the Special Trees and Woods Project, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, hosted an art exhibition attracting 15000 visitors.

Liz Manley, Special Trees and Woods Project Officer said "This year we are asking artists of all abilities to enter a piece of art that has been inspired by a particular wood in the Chilterns."

Artists are welcome to enter artwork of any medium before 17th October 2008. A panel of local art professionals will select work to be exhibited in the River and Rowing Museum in Henley and the Hat Factory in Luton and two prizes will be awarded.

Are you inspired by the woods of the Chilterns? Or are you a local artist that could try your hand at trees and woods? If so, why not enter this free competition?

Special Trees and Woods Project volunteer Joan Skelton Smith is curating the exhibition. She said "The Chilterns landscape has proved inspirational to many artists over the years including Eric Gill, John Piper and Paul Nash. We know that the woods continue to inspire and I am really looking forward to seeing the entries. I know that we will get artwork of every different medium and size, which will create a really exciting exhibition."

More information about the Special Trees and Woods Project and the art competition is available from www.chilternsaonb.org/special or call Liz on 01844 355 525

WAPAG (Wycombe Airpark Action Group)

A group of local residents has formed an Action Group.....WAPAG.

Its purpose is to try and reduce the ever-increasing noise levels emanating from aircraft using Wycombe Air Park. The noise is caused either by planes flying too low or off track whose pilots seem to have little or no regard for the welfare of local residents. WAPAG believes the enjoyment of the few seems to have priority over the basic rights of the majority.

A web site has been developed –www.wapag.org.uk- that provides an extremely easy to use facility to complain via a prescribed form and email address required by Wycombe Air Park. A copy of every complaint a resident sends to WAP is also automatically sent to Wycombe District Council.

Hundreds of complaints have already been registered and the depth of feeling of local residents is becoming ever clearer.

Name & Address supplied.

Riddle - Me - Ree

My first is in **SMART** not in **QUICK**My second's in **HIGHBROW** though not in **LOGIC**,
My third's in **PONDER** and **APPLICATION**My fourth's in both **STUDY** and **SPECULATION**My fifth is **GIFTED** as well as **BRIGHT**My sixth is in **PSYCHE** and too in **INSIGHT**My seventh appears in **ASTUTE** and **CONCENTRATION**My whole is an idea, notion and inspiration

Lane End Conservation Group

Many of our member volunteers are also active members of the Lane End Simply Walk groups, who now meet at the playing fields car park to start their walks. Our call for help to clean up this car park did not fall on deaf ears. When we met there on 5th April to clear vegetation and rubbish, 20 people turned up. It was amazing how much we achieved. Shrubs overhanging the car park were pruned, weeds removed from the edging stones and drains completely blocked by vegetation and soil, were cleared out. We filled 12 sacks of rubbish, which were collected by Wycombe District Council (as agreed beforehand).



If you wish to report any fly-tipping, the contact at WDC is Terry Hill, Waste Service Team Leader for our area (01494 421446, email: Terry_Hill@wycombe.gov.uk). He is very helpful, but occasionally has problems with the contractors, who actually undertake the work.

Our May Action Day was completely different: We met at Cadmore End Common, where four years ago we restored Head and Body Pond to its original size as shown on a 250 year old map. Bracken, brambles, holly and birch saplings threatened to take over all of the north eastern bank, which gets a lot of sunshine. It seems a promising area to encourage a wildflower meadow, which should attract more butterflies. We discussed this idea with Bryan and Alison Edgley, the owners of this Common, who are in favour of further improving the biodiversity of this area. Opening up the pond in 2004 resulted in a vast increase in species found in the water. Whereas in 2004 seven species of invertebrate were recorded, in 2007 there were 32. Plenty of the four species of dragonflies and damselflies and darted over the waters in 2007, where there were none in 2004. Now we are looking forward to increasing the butterfly population as well.



While most of our helpers spent their Saturday morning on Cadmore End Common, Robert Briggs, who has helped looking after the Lane End ponds and the Harris Garden for more than ten years, planted out some annuals in the Harris Garden. As so often in the past few years, some of the newly planted flowers were ripped out before the weekend was over. It is a sad state of affairs that Lane End suffers more than other Chilterns villages from such criminal damage to public property and it is particularly upsetting for our older volunteers, who look after the plants with tender care.

Bärbel Cheesewright

The Neighbour Action Group, (NAG) is a volunteer working group made up of representatives from the community. This includes residents, the police, the local authority and other organisations, such as local businesses and schools. Ours covers the areas of Lane End, Stokenchurch & West Wycombe.

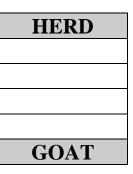
It was set up to deal with key issues following consultation within these areas. These were identified as Anti Social Behaviour, (in the form of noise, litter petty crime and graffiti) speeding motorists and the illegal use of motorbikes.

Already there are a number of the younger members of the community attending, and actions plans are being developed to address the issues. If you are interested in becoming involved then call Sgt Jamie Smith or PC Danny O'Driscoll on 08458 505505, for the details of the next meeting. Or if you just want more information on the NAG then visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk and look at the neighbourhood policing pages.

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CADMORE END CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWS

Preparations are well under way for our joint fete with St Mary-le-Moor Church on Saturday 12 July from 2-4. The fete takes place around the church and all stalls are covered to protect everyone from the blistering sunshine (!) - we look forward to seeing lots of our friends there!

School has been a hive of activity over the last few months as in addition to our Easter events and going out and about on trips we were inspected by OFSTED and the Diocese. We are thrilled with the reports. Out of 27 OFSTED gradings we were judged to be 'good' in 8 areas and many areas were graded 'satisfactory' because the measures had not been in place long. The diocese gave us a 'good' rating in all areas inspected. The results of the inspections are largely that we need to carry on doing more of the same to embed the good practice that has been put in place.

The OFSTED report talks of our

'improving standard of education......Staff have begun to implement some appropriate, major changes, which are bringing improving achievement.... building on several strengths, both in pupils' personal development and in good provision in the Foundation Stage...... the school has successfully addressed the underachievement of older pupils...partly the result of the impact of leadership on improving teaching In the best lessons, pupils learn quickly, due to a good level of challenge and the opportunity to learn independently

Personal development is good. Pupils enjoy coming to school, feel safe, and are particularly enthusiastic about the recently introduced wide range of after-school clubs. They enjoy helping each other, for example in the playground or as monitors. The range of extracurricular activities, unusual in such a small school, is the strength of the curriculum.....

The headteacher operates without a leadership team, but is supported well by a governing body that is becoming more knowledgeable, involved and challenging. Together they deserve considerable credit for the improvements......the headteacher has brought about improvements in assessment, whilst provision in the Foundation Stage, mathematics and science has improved since the previous inspection......the school has a realistic prospect of raising achievement still further,

Provision in the Foundation Stage is good. The small numbers of Nursery and Reception children make good progress in an attractive and well-resourced learning environment. Teachers motivate the children... children develop good social skills and are well prepared for the transition to Year 1. The Foundation Stage is well led. Thorough assessment procedures enable staff to plan an appropriate range of managed and independent learning activities, which ensure good progress.

Pupils enjoy school, and talk enthusiastically about their teachers and activities both inside and out of lessons. Pupils behave well, and show pride in their school. They appreciate the opportunity to serve on the school council, raise funds for the school

The diocese report included:

'Established strengths

- The commitment of the headteacher, governors and staff to provide the best possible education in a Christian context
- The commitment of parents to the school through fundraising, support at special events and improving the outside environment
- The happy and productive atmosphere throughout the school

All that has been done at school has taken just a year, so this really is quite an achievement. Everyone associated with our school has contributed to the improvements that have now been confirmed in the OFSTED and Diocesan reports, reflecting the huge effort put in over the past year for the children.

The full text of our latest OFSTED report can be found at www.ofsted.gov.uk and the full Diocesan report will be available on the National Society website shortly alternatively school will be happy to provide you with a copies. Our school profile can be viewed at http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/ and our open day will be held on Friday 3 October for anyone considering applying for a place. Our Yearbook reviewing the 2006-7 academic year is still available – please contact the school office for a copy or if you have any queries about Cadmore End Church of England School on (01494) 881460.

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Lane End Twinning Association

"Parlez vous français?" a delightful young lady said to me during one of our recent first Saturday of the month coffee mornings held at the Village Hall.... "Do you speak French?" "No", I replied, "why, are you surprised?", "But you are twinned with the French village of St Pierre d'Oléron are you not?", came the response wrapped in a wonderful, typically French accent.

Then I got to thinking. How many people must there be in the village of Lane End who would have nothing to do with the Twinning Association simply because of the dread of not being able to speak French?

Of the 40 or so members, I know a couple who speak French reasonably, about a half a dozen who can babble in Franglais (a broken mixture of English and French.....more English than French!!) and several who humorously practice their very best 'Allo, Allo', complete with whatever accent comes to mind as regularly as the mood provides.

But twinning is about so much more than back to school with classes twice a week until a GCSE level of fluency has been achieved before you can even view a membership form, let alone think about joining us all on the first Thursday of each month, quaffing a drink or two at the Grouse & Ale.

Twinning is about fun, as everyone discovered in early May at our Skittles Evening held at the village hall which was open to twinners and non-twinners alike; it is about community with coffee mornings and social gatherings, it is about the village of Lane End and our relationship with the corking little village of St Pierre on the smashing island of Oléron, off the west coast of France.

Why not drop by and talk to us at the Village Fete on 14th June, try a little of what's on offer...you never know you just might like it!

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Many of you will have seen the Chelsea Flower Show on TV or in your daily paper reflecting a professional product.

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As always there are sections for the youngsters where we hope all parents will encourage them to have a go, enjoy the fun of competition.

This annual event is also a village reunion, all of us meeting up with folk we have not seen for quite a while, then with refreshments available we hope you will take a seat, have a good natter and enjoy yourselves, plus keep a eye on who has won what trophy, and maybe stay to make a bid or two in our auction of produce at the finale of the show.

On the lawn we hope to have two entermaining attractions for your enjoyment, all dependant on the weather leading up to and on Showday. All things being equal it should be a good day, --- hopefully, with many of of you choosing to participate in the variety of sections, then it will be a GREAT DAY.

All of us here in The Potting Shed raise our glass to all of you, and look forward to seeing you on SHOW DAY AUGUST the SIXTEENTH.

Hon Secretary.

The Parish Council wishes to take this opportunity to publicly thank Carlos Maidana, proprietor of the Grouse & Ale, for the donation of the buffet at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Lane End Parish Council - Activities Update

** At the <u>AGM</u> of The Parish Council on 5th May Councillors Wright and Atkins were unanimously re-elected Chairman and Vice Chairman for the coming year. All Councillors give their time voluntarily but the roles of Chair and Vice Chair are particularly demanding and time consuming. There are not many evenings during the week when they can put their feet up in front of the TV. Rather they will be out supporting local groups or launching fresh initiatives to improve life in the parish.

** The Annual Parish Meeting was held at The Youth & Community Centre on May 14^{th.} A number of presentations were made on key local issues:

* FINANCE

Councillor Detsiny reported that the Parish Council have managed to hold the precept for 2008/09 at the same level as 2007/08, the precept being the funding the Parish Council request of The District Council. He also demonstrated that The Parish Council deliver good value to local residents. It costs the average household just over one pound per week to pay for all the Parish Council's work on their behalf.

* M40

Ken Edwards, Chairman of The M40 Action Group, was able to report positive and pleasing progress in the long campaign to reduce the noise levels that affect so many people. He and some of his colleagues had managed to present their case to a Junior Minister who had demanded of his officials that they take the matter seriously and report back to him expeditiously.

* PARISH PLAN.

Councillor Graham Coulter gave a very comprehensive update on the status of The Parish Plan. He reported on the five key opportunity areas that had been identified and then detailed all the key objectives within each area. The thrust of The Plan is to make The Parish an increasingly attractive place to live in and raise families and, it was with this in mind, that Councillor Coulter called for volunteers to work alongside Councillors to deliver these objectives.

** We have now completed the transfer of land at Chalky Fields Allotments to <u>The Rural Housing Trust</u>. The RHT have already received a large number of applications from Lane End residents who wish to acquire a part share of these affordable housing units and they will of course consider all legitimate applications with strong local connections. The final decision about allocation does lies with the RHT; however your Parish Council is consulted and asked for input on the local knowledge element as part of the verification of the application process. Initial ground works have commenced with the re-allocation of the new allotment plots and building work proper should commence over the next few months.

**Your Council have decided that they will enter Lane End for the 2010 <u>"Best Kept Village in Bucks"</u> competition. The village currently looks very smart but a great deal of work will need to be done at the appropriate time to give us a chance of winning. Needless to say a big effort will be required by everyone!!

Prepared on behalf of the Parish Council by Councillor Detsiny

WAPAG (Wycombe Airpark Action Group)

A group of local residents has formed an Action Group.....WAPAG.

Its purpose is to try and reduce the ever increasing noise levels emanating from aircraft using Wycombe Air Park. The noise is caused either by planes flying too low or off track whose pilots seem to have little or no regard for the welfare of local residents. WAPAG believes the enjoyment of the few seems to have priority over the basic rights of the majority.

A web site has been developed –www.wapag.org.uk- that provides an extremely easy to use facility to complain via a prescribed form and email address required by Wycombe Air Park. A copy of every complaint a resident sends to WAP is also automatically sent to Wycombe District Council.

Hundreds of complaints have already been registered and the depth of feeling of local residents is becoming ever clearer.

Name & Address supplied.

The Wonderful Story of Ackhampstead, Lane End's hidden history.

It is an awe-inspiring experience to stand on the site of the old Ackhampstead chapel and to realize that services were held there for over 600 years! The earliest reference date is 1242.

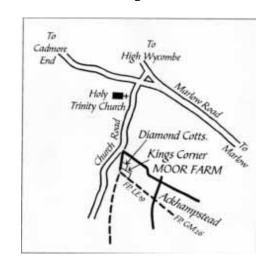
Many of our new residents, and maybe some of the older residents, are unaware of its existence. Situated in what is now a remote part of the Parish it is identifiable only by the overgrown remains of a flint wall and a broken wooden cross, amongst the trees behind Moor Farm.

A whole community existed in the area. It consisted mainly of stockmen who brought their livestock to graze the hill-top pastures, having spent the winter in the lowlands around Lewknor. The chapel was built to provide for their spiritual needs. Reference is made to congregations of 80-90!

But after many years numbers dwindled, and by 1849 many of the worshippers had joined the congregation of the new church at Frieth. With a final fascinating twist to the story, it was decided to "remove" the church to the growing community at Cadmore End. Dismantled, transported by horse and cart many of the ancient stones of Ackhampstead found a new home at St. Mary–le-Moor.

Peter Philp.

Much of this information is the result of research by Dr Colin Bell, and is reproduced with his permission.
The full story of Ackhampstead appears in "4 Pubs & 2 duck ponds" published in 2000. Copies are available from 01494 881253 for £4.00. All proceeds go to local charities



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Our Local Foods and Farming

I write these thoughts during an exceptionally wet Spring Bank Holiday, not the right weather at all for folk who are camping. But for those of us who grow wheat the weather this season so far has been favourable, with a strong plant established in good soil conditions last September and October followed by sufficient rainfall and good sunny days to keep the crop growing. So at this stage the crops, as well as lawns in private gardens and the foliage on woodland trees, are all looking luxuriant and healthy.

But the livestock farmers are trying to make silage on which to feed their livestock next winter, and for that job fine weather is needed. Silage is pickled grass, preserved in naturally formed lactic acid when conditions are right, but this natural fermentation goes wrong if the grass is too wet and then foul smelling butyric acid would be formed and the silage would be unpalatable and of low nutritional value. Next winter may seem a long way ahead, but the fodder which the cattle will eat during the winter months, whether it is silage or hay, all has to be grown during the Summer, especially in the months of May and June.

I will now mention the controversial subject of genetically modified (GM) crops. Some folk regard GM foods as being too unnatural and a health risk, but 500 million hectares of GM crops are grown worldwide and no personal injury or ill health nor any disruption of ecosystems has ever been detected from their growing or use. Benefits can result in higher crop yields with low inputs of crop protection chemicals. Most of the foods we eat, such as bread, milk and meat have been modified by selective breeding and it is only a few hunter gatherer foods such as fish and wild mushrooms or berries that have not been made more plentiful by selective breeding.

Genetically Modified crops are developed by taking genes from one organism, such as the genes in peas or beans or clover that enable the plant to use atmospheric nitrogen as a fertilizer, and then transferring those desirable genes by means of an agrobacterium into another type of plant such as wheat. Thus GM wheat which could grow well without using a lot of nitrogen fertilizer could be developed by using this new technology. Other examples are the American varieties of soya beans and maize which have already been developed with GM technology to be immune to certain weed killers, so that weeds in those growing crops of soya or maize can be effectively controlled by using that specific weed killer.

UK Government does not allow the growing of GM foods in Britain at the present time but there are now worries about the world supply of food. It seems unfortunate that so much basic food research, such as GM technology, is now carried out by multinational corporations with vested interests, rather than by impartial Government research stations or University departments.

Bryan Edgley, Kensham Farm

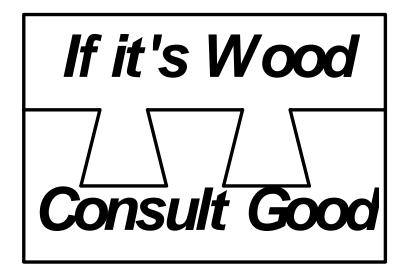
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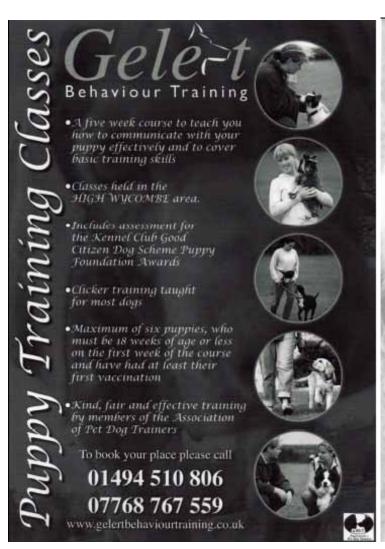
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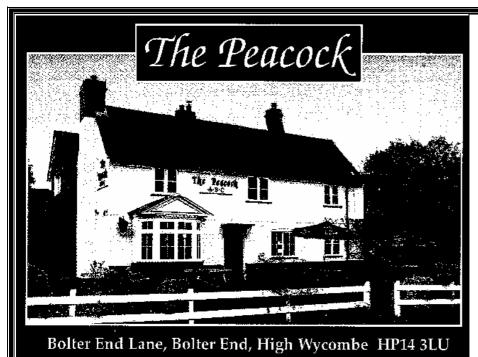
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