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## **FROM THE EDITOR**

I pen this foreword with many mixed feelings, this is the thirteenth edition of Clarion I have edited, and I have enjoyed each and every one of them. Adding little things each time and receiving positive suggestions and feedback from you. However regretfully this is to be my last. Personal circumstances dictate that I am unable to continue to commit the time required on this important community magazine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the regular contributors, advertisers and distributors for their interesting editorials plus vital and varied support. Without your assistance there simply would be no Clarion.

I am uncertain at this stage who will take up the Editorship from me but whomever it is I know you will give them a warm welcome to the role.

There are two new advertisers in this edition, which you will find on pages 30 & 39; their support to Clarion is greatly appreciated too.

The Parish Council also has a new Clerk and you can find all her details on page 3.

Which really only leaves me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

*Keep Well & Kindest Regards*

*Mandy Dunning*

*Retiring Editor*

**B**elow is the current make up of your Parish Council, following on from a recent co-option.

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\*\* wef 2nd November 09 by co-option

**Lane End Parish Council currently has now only one vacant seat  
for a Councillor.**

**If you are interested in becoming that Parish Councillor and want to make a positive active contribution to the Community, please contact the Clerk on 01494 883845 for more details or send your CV to [clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)**

**You only need to be 18 or over, on the electoral register (or live within 3 miles of the Parish boundary) to be possibly eligible.**

## **New Parish Clerk for Lane End Parish**

The Parish Council has asked that you welcome **Mrs Hayley Glasgow** as the new Parish Clerk.

This now makes the Councils' office address: -

74 New Road  
Sands  
HIGH WYCOMBE  
Bucks  
HP12 4LG

The telephone number has ***changed*** to 01494 **437111**, but the email address will remain the same as before: [clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)

Hayley will be taking up the reins from the Acting Clerk Mrs Henson. I am sure that you will join with both Mrs Henson and myself in wishing her all the best in her new role.

Mandy Dunning - Editor

### **WOULD YOU LIKE A FRIEND TO TALK TO?**

If you spend many hours at home alone, and can't get out easily, you may want to give us a call. We run a Befriending Service for lonely older people, and can provide a friendly visitor every week.

Other helpful services include Toe Nail Cutting, in your own home, Handyman, and Painting & Decorating.

Or perhaps you are interested in volunteering? We would value your help for a range of roles. Please contact us.

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Dear Clarion V.

6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

We take pride in our many years of pretty good shows, yet still strive to improve our standards and variety.

At every show the afternoon visitors assemble and review the competing entries and every year we hear my spuds and beans are as good as any of these - or - how do they grow onions as big as these.

There is approximately 3,600 of us in this parish including many allotment holders, if only we could attract 10 percent to participate we would be delighted. We are aware your produce is as good as it gets, but when we talk with you many say "we don't know how to exhibit". To those of you who think and feel that way, please HAVE A GO, enter your produce and we will show you how to do just that, before and on the day, that's our promise. Our show schedule contains plenty of NOVICE and LOCALS ONLY classes plus a wide variety of ARTS and CRAFTS. You are all in with a chance, who knows you could become best in show.

We sincerely hope that you will consider this gentle nudge, and HAVE A GO plus encourage your youngsters likewise, they are the future but for now its you and your efforts that make the show what it is.

See you all in the VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 for our next show.

From everyone here in the POTTING SHED, we raise a glass and wish you all a lovely Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,



Hon. Secretary

## **Lane End Primary School**

Summer seems so far away and now term is in full swing. It was lovely to welcome lots of new children as well as our regular pupils back after the break. They are enjoying an exciting term, linking the curriculum with visits to the model village, the Stanley Spencer Art Gallery and others planned to the Henley Museum, Longridge and a river study in Marlow.

Our KS2 children are thoroughly enjoying their Master Class days in which they receive an enriched and enhanced curriculum, making Fridays very special.

As we get towards Christmas we are looking forward to our productions. We are going to do our own take on Cinderella, as well as two new nativity and carol concerts.

We have been really busy on the 'Homes and Gardens' front. We have relocated, extended and upgraded our library, which we are hoping to share with the wider community in the near future. We have installed an out door stage and a Multi Use Games Area [MUGA for short] which has an all weather surface, goals, targets etc. and the children really love it. Our next plans are for a fitness trail on the field, which is well into the planning phase.

Our nursery goes from strength to strength –Bright Sparks- is part of the first wave of the new nursery provision not available to other nurseries until next year. We are very lucky. This means:-

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For visits, taster days and bookings please phone 01494 881169.

Denise Starr



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**Saturday 12th December 09** – Royal British Legion Christmas Dinner Dance with Live Band. Lane End Village Hall. 7:30 for 8:00p. A lively evening with all Christmas festivities and supper.

BYOB

**Tickets** from Derek Polwin Tel. 881838 or Tom Nixey Tel.881436

### Lane End Village Pre-School

Is at the Village Hall, Lane End, we have vacancies for children from 2-5yrs. It is open each weekday morning from 9.30 pm-12.30 pm in term time. The pre -school is Ofsted registered and offers free funded places for children in the term after they are three. The indoor play area is spacious and has a secure grassy and paved garden, which means outdoor play every day. For more information please ring 07703 926196 for a prospectus or to arrange a visit.

Ring Dorothy 01491 638136

dorothy.harman@tesco.net



# **LANE END JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**

## **(Volunteers needed)**

### **WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?**

Young people become involved with the club out of choice and for many reasons – to meet friends and spend time out of the home in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

The team, of which you will be part, is responsible for ensuring that the club offers a programme of activities and experiences, which are educational and help young people develop their skills, confidence and understanding of issues that affect their lives.

### **HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

The Lane End Junior Youth Club would welcome your interest. You can visit on a Wednesday evening during club hours (6pm – 8pm ) and speak to the Worker or contact Rocky on (07857 948278).

### **WHAT SKILLS DO YOU NEED?**

You will need to be non-judgmental and have a general interest in supporting young people along with lots of enthusiasm. Be able to draw from your own life experiences and recognise that young people have a variety of needs.

**The club operate on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm**

At

Lane End Youth & Community Centre

**Looking forward to meeting with you**

## **Marlow Farmer's Market**

The Marlow farmer's market, which started in June runs every Sunday from 10am-2pm in Dean Street car park. There is a wide range of produce on offer every week including locally produced meats, freshly baked bread, plants, seasonal fruit and vegetables, cakes, pies, and free range eggs.

Food miles are kept to a minimum with as many local producers as possible:

Bruce Garside produces hams, bacon, sausages and pork pies from his traditional Berkshire pigs reared in the Hambleden Valley and has a stall at the farmers market every fortnight.

Boarstall Meats from Brill, near Thame attend every week, with a wide selection of free range chicken, beef, pork and lamb cuts.

Seasonal fruit and vegetables such as carrots, cabbages, swedes and beetroot are available from the Old Farm shop based near Didcot.

There is always a good offering of competitively priced perennial, annuals and herbaceous plants and shrubs from Ray Wingroves nursery at Knowl Hill.

David & Gill Emmett from Rockwell End, located between Frieth & Hambleden started the market and attend every week with their free range eggs, unique range of traditional & speciality potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Many people already enjoy the experience of attending the farmer's market but more importantly tasting the superior flavour of food available- why not try it for yourself - we hope to see you there.

For more information, take a look on the Marlow Farmer's Market website- [www.marlowfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.marlowfarmersmarket.co.uk) or email us- [info@marlowfarmersmarket.co.uk](mailto:info@marlowfarmersmarket.co.uk)

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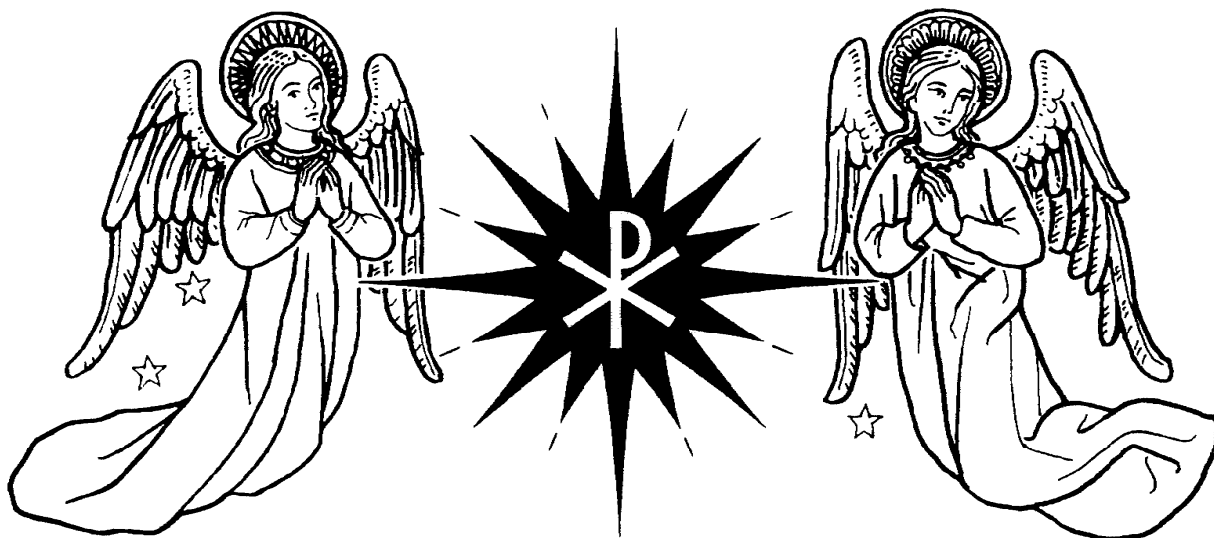
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### Thirty Second Numbercrunch.....

Starting on the left with the number provided work across the three puzzle lines applying the mathematical instructions to get to the answer. The aim is to finish each puzzle in 30 seconds. Don't reach for your calculator, let the brain take the strain!!

1 Easy	4/5 of this	- 20	÷ 4	+ 18	x 3	- 40	÷ 2	+ 52	x 2
<b>45</b>									
2 Medium	squared	- 78	5/6 of this	- 41	x 5	+ 32	50% of this	- 33	x 9
<b>12</b>									
3 Hard	15/26 of this	- 94	x 6	+ 49	÷ 7	- 42	squared	x 2	-267
<b>260</b>									

Your Answers		
1	2	3



# *Christmas Greetings*

*from the Churches in your district*

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANE END**

*The ministers and congregations of the four churches in Lane End  
would like to wish all readers of Clarion Five a very happy  
Christmas.*

*All are very welcome to our Christmas and New Year Services*

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF LANE END**

All are warmly invited to attend any of these services over the season of Christmas:

### **Elim Christian Centre (Edmonds Shopping Centre)**

Sunday 20 December	4.00pm Carol Service
Christmas Day, 25 December	10.00am – 11.00am Morning Service

### **Lane End Methodist Church (meeting in Holy Trinity Church)**

Sunday 20 December	6.00pm Wives' Group Carol Service
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### **Holy Trinity Church**

Christmas Eve 24 December	5.00pm Christingle Carol Service
	11.30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 25 December	9.30am Parish Communion (United Service)
Sunday 27 December	9.30am Parish Communion

### **St Mary-le-Moor, Cadmore End**

Sunday 20 December	6.00pm Carols by Request
Christmas Eve 24 December	11.30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 25 December	11.00am Sung Eucharist

### **Churches Together in Lane End**

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of carol singing around the village on: Thursday 17 December (Please gather at the Lane End Village Hall car park at 7.30pm)

Also an informal group of singers will be singing carols at Framers Court from 7.30pm on: Tuesday 22 December. Please come and join in.

## **ANNOUNCING LANE END'S** **FIRST INFO-FAIR**

**Organised by LEOPAG- 50+\*\* and LEYCC\*\***

**Most of us know something about a few of the parish's clubs and activities but few know everything because we have never had a central info-bank. This is about to change with your help and enthusiasm!**

The INFO-FAIR has FOUR main objectives:

- \* to offer organisers of clubs, societies, classes and special interest groups, and those who want to organise new clubs etc, THE chance to showcase their wares and ideas to the parish at large; excite and attract new members.
- \* to counter a widely held perception that “nothing happens and there is nothing to do” in our parish.
- \* to create a central information bank – for all of us – about ‘what’s on’, who to contact and where it’s happening and not just relying on word of mouth.
- \* To encourage individuals to start new clubs / organisations by offering the chance to gauge potential interest and reaction.

When                      Friday 19 March 2010.

Where                LEYCC, Edmonds Road, Lane End, Bucks HP14 3EJ.

Time                2.30pm – 9.00pm

What next?            If you would like a FREE pitch, or get more information, just contact either LEOPAG on 01494 881641 or **jane.osborn@virgin.net** or LEYCC on **leycc@hotmail.co.uk** for an application form which will set out what we will provide and what you will need to do.

At the event, everyone will be given contact details of all participating ‘organisations’.

**\*\* How many of you know about Lane End OPAG - 50+ (LEOPAG – 50+) or have visited the Land End Youth & Community Centre (LEYCC)? If the answer is ‘Uhm, I’m not sure’ – then the INFO-FAIR is a must for you!**

Judging from initial responses, the INFO-FAIR will be busy so get your requests for application forms in early!

## **Don't be a Victim of the Festive Thief**

'Tis the Season to be jolly', or so the song goes.

But with Christmas fast approaching it is also the season to guard against becoming a victim of a festive thief. Over Christmas, criminals take advantage of the extra shopping we all do, the hustle and bustle of the town center and the value of the goods we buy as presents to line their pockets with ill-gotten gains. But, by following a few common sense steps, you can make sure you have a jolly Christmas time:

### **Out shopping:**

During busy shopping times make sure you stay alert for pickpockets and be extra careful with your wallet or purse. Have your wallet/purse close to your body and don't carry too much money.

If you travel by car, make sure you park in a well-lit area, lock all doors and windows and do not leave presents on view.

Try not to return to your car to leave purchases in the boot before continuing with your shopping as thieves sometimes watch car parks for such a chance.

### **At home:**

Having bought lots of lovely presents, don't make it easy for someone to steal from your house. Keep presents out of sight.

If you 'hide' or store larger items such as bicycles in a garden shed or outbuildings then make sure they are secure.

Check what items you already have (such as TV, DVD player etc.) and what extra items you are getting for Christmas. It may be that you need to check your insurance to make sure you are covered for the full value of the goods in your home.

If you go out for the evening or return home after dark, make sure it looks like there is someone at home by turning on the lights or using a timer switch. Don't leave curtains open and be extra careful about locking windows and doors. Finally as a fire precaution, don't leave Christmas lights on in the house when you are out.

Ed.



**Lane End Youth & Community Centre**  
**01494 883878**  
**Email: leycc@hotmail.co.uk**

I thought I'd let you all know the weekly schedule that we have here and also up coming events to look out for:

- Monday – LEAOPAG coffee pop-in 10.30am-12.30pm  
Extend 2-3pm (gentle exercise for over 60s)  
Mustang Country Linedancers 7.30-9.30pm
- Tuesday – Youth Club (13-19 yrs) 7.00-9.00pm
- Wednesday – Junior Club (8-12 yrs) 6.00-8.00pm
- Thursday – WHS Computers @ The Centre 11.30am-2.00pm  
The Drop-in 12.00-2.00pm (social lunch)  
Lane End OPAG/50 Plus 2.00-4.00pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thur)  
Methodist church wives group 2.30-4.30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thur)  
SoundForce Big Band rehearsals 8.00-10.00pm
- Friday - FSFH circuit training 9.00-10.00am  
*Afternoon/Evening available for hire*
- Saturday - La Jolie Ronde 9.00-11.30am (French classes for children)  
Gelert dog behaviour training 10.00-11.00am  
*Afternoon/Evening available for hire*
- Sunday - *Available for hire*

Look out for the posters around the village advertising our **New Year's Eve party**. Bring your own refreshments and see in the New Year with friends, with music from 50s up to present day. Reasonably priced. Call me here at the Centre or Rachael Cook 01494 881389 for tickets.



Our Parish walks booklets '*10 Walks around the 5 Ends*' is still available to buy locally from the Centre and various locations in and around Lane End e.g. the Post Office and the Pharmacy. It's a great idea for a Christmas gift for someone who enjoys walking!

Also see the larger advert in this edition about the *Lane End Parish Info-Fair*, which will be held here on Friday 19 March 2010. Please contact me for an application form if you're interested in being involved in this exciting showcase of local activities.

Amanda Brackley

Centre Manager



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For further details contact  
The Elim Christian Centre, Lane End  
Tel: 01494 882587

## **LANE END PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT.....**

The popular fairy tale of Cinderella will be brought to new, magical life when Lane End Players take to the stage for their annual pantomime in January. 'Cinderella' by Paul Reakes includes the usual favourites such as the ugly sisters and their cruel stepmother, the nasty Duke of Verruca, and the ever-faithful Buttons. Spectacular effects and a dazzling transformation scene promise to make this a production to remember.

Performances will be in the Lane End Village Hall on Friday 15th, 22nd, 29th January at 8pm and on Saturday 16th, 23rd and 30th January at 2.30pm and 7pm.

The Box Office in the Village Hall will be opening each Saturday from 5th December 9.30am to 12.30pm and the Box Office telephone, 07852 153914, is available for enquiries now and for bookings from 5th December.

Bookings can also be made via email to : [boxoffice@laneendplayers.com](mailto:boxoffice@laneendplayers.com)

Please visit the Players' website [www.laneendplayers.co.uk](http://www.laneendplayers.co.uk) for further information.

This year, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Breast Cancer Care each received £468 from proceeds of the panto raffle. The nominated charities for next year are Age Concern and the Lane End Oasis Centre.

### **LANE END (EVENING) W.I.**

As usual we are looking forward to a varied programme next year, beginning with a talk by a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists on "Driving Today".

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

## **CADMORE END CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWS**

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our harvest festival celebration in St Mary-le-Moor church. All our donated contributions were given to South Bucks Hospice, Lane End Day Centre for the Elderly, Night Shelter For The Homeless and individual boxes went to the elderly in Cadmore End and Wheeler End.

Our ever popular fireworks extravaganza was a huge success again this year, we would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone associated with it, the school PTA, helpers, supporters and a big thank you to Laceys farm. This is always a major fundraiser for our school and benefits the children greatly.

Our recent events have been successful with class 3 winning the Great Marlow gymnastics festival. We have gymnastics after school club, and all the hard work the children have been putting in helped them win the competition.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas performances, which have a traditional Christmas nativity and carol singing. This will be followed by our traditional carol service in the church.

A Very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year from all at Cadmore End School.

The full text of our latest OFSTED report can be found at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) and the full diocesan report is available on the national society website. Alternatively school will be happy to provide you with a copy. Please contact the school office if you have any queries about Cadmore End Church Of England School on (01494) 881460.

Emma Spencer & Lisa Thomson  
Governors

## **Our Local Foods and Farming**

Autumn 2009, in particular October, will be remembered as a pleasant dry and easy month - just right for the arable farms where work on ploughing, cultivations and seeding ready for Harvest 2010 took place in ideal conditions. Ploughing and cultivations started straight after the combine harvester had finished each field.

The preparation of seedbeds on the farms is the same in objective, but different in scale, to work in a vegetable garden. Germination of the new seeds will be disappointing if there are hard clods of earth with cavities in between. On some farms with heavy clay soils the land was ploughed to bury the stubble and trash and then not worked for two or three weeks. On those clay soils some of the clods dried out to become as hard as bricks, and nearly the same size as a half brick, whereas if the ploughed land had been worked with disc harrows or cultivator before it became too dry then a fine and friable seedbed could have been achieved.

Some farms use 'minimal cultivations', where the first implement on the stubble will loosen and stir the soil rather than turning it over. This can only be successful if the stubble is clean and free of weeds, which could subsequently re-grow and choke the next crop.

At Kensham farm we use the plough on some fields and minimal cultivations on others, depending on the soil type and how clean the stubbles are after harvest. But with both methods we try to make the seedbed fine and firm to discourage the movement of slugs, and to make it soon after harvest to give the weed seeds time to chit and start growing. The very young weed plants can then be killed out with a herbicide spray such as Roundup before seeding the wheat or barley in September or October, ready to be harvested during the next August.

On the political side of farming and food production we farmers are pleased that Defra, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs which is responsible to the EU in Brussels for administration of the many regulations affecting British farms, has recently published statistics on food supplies. These statistics show that fifteen years ago we grew 77% of the fresh vegetables that were consumed in Britain, whereas now we only grow 50%, and the proportion of indigenous foods, that is foods which can be grown in the British climate, has dropped from 82% down to 73%.

This comes as no surprise to us farmers, since politicians of both major political parties for the past twenty or more years have favoured imports of cheap food from overseas countries with lower quality standards than our own. However it is really good that Government is now recognizing the importance of food security, and we hope that Defra's future policies will encourage British farms to grow more of our own foods.

Bryan Edgley Kensham Farm.

**ROYAL**  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE**

**LIVE BAND**

**BRITISH**

**Saturday 12th December 2009**

**AT**

**LANE END VILLAGE HALL**

**7.30 p.m. for 8.0 p.m.**

**LEGION**

OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE IS A WELL ESTABLISHED EVENT AND ALWAYS A GREAT SUCCESS AND THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR YEAR. SO WHY NOT MAKE UP A PARTY AND BRING SOME FRIENDS, OR JUST COME ON YOUR OWN.

ALL ARE WELCOME.- MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS

**£24 PER HEAD TO INCLUDE FULL CHRISTMAS DINNER**

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**TOM NIXEY TEL 881436**

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**



## Lane End Bumps, Babies & Toddlers...



Join us for a chance to meet & chat to others & for our children to play (refreshments available for 50p)

**Tuesdays 10am - 11.45am/12noon  
at Holy Trinity Church, Lane End**

Starting **new** in October the last half hour of each session will be either a 'musical' sing song or stories & colouring!

Instruments available or bring your own if you prefer. Bring your favourite story to share with others!

Just turn up, or call Helen Vincent for further information on 01494 883647 or email: [vincenthelenf@btinternet.com](mailto:vincenthelenf@btinternet.com)

# Moorend Common Update

## South Meadow

The clearance work to stop sallow tree encroachment on South Meadow has been continuing apace. At the time of writing, the first week of work is over and it's looking great.

Our tree surgeons have vast experience of working in woodlands and are able to identify which trees are of the highest intrinsic value and should be retained and which can be cleared to allow the meadow to flourish.



You may be wondering why some log lengths are standing vertically? They're not stumps that have been forgotten, nor have our contractors been indulging in a little out-of-hours sculpture – our naturalist advisers asked for them to be left that way to ensure the moths that hole up there for the winter can climb out again in spring.

Even if you're not a particular moth fan – although some of them are really beautiful – they're a valuable part of the ecosystem, pollinating the plants and providing food for birds, bats and hedgehogs etc.

The log piles along the tree line on South Meadow have been left as wildlife habitats. Dead and dying trees provide excellent and essential homes for insects and mammals.





## Volunteer Days on Folly Meadow

The Wycombe Rangers did a great job with their team of volunteers on 12 November. The rain held off long enough for them to clear a huge patch of encroaching snowberry and take their chain saws to an out-of-control blackthorn thicket on the verge by Folly Meadow.

This verge used to be tended and mown, but has been neglected for several years allowing the scrub to grow so high that it is overshadowing gardens and becoming entangled in overhead lines. These particular trees will have to be tackled by the appropriate power companies for safety reasons.

The big clear up at the weekend was hampered on the Saturday by torrential rain and winds, so a huge thank you to those volunteers who turned up. We got soaked to the skin and prickled like pincushions by brambles and blackthorn, but at the same time it was hugely satisfying to get stuck in.

Sunday dawned bright and clear for the clear-up bonfire and our youngest helpers were rewarded with a safe ringside seat.



With the scrub cut back and a professional 'flail' to break up the roots and tussocks, grasses and wildflowers will be encouraged back so that this area of the Common becomes part of Folly Meadow once more.



## Bridleway

By the time of printing, the new bridleway across Moorend Common will be complete. The previous bridleway route was too deep in mud to be usable for much of the year and the new path will enable more riders to enjoy the Common.



The new route links up two existing tracks with a new stretch of path through a copse of trees. The route follows the track opposite the Prince Albert pub up the hill, into the wood, and joins up with another track at the top edge of North Meadow.

Riders can then turn left to join the bridleway past Muzwell farm and up through Finings Wood, or emerge onto Church Road at Colliers Corner. (Contact me for a more detailed description if you're interested).

The route will be over-signed to begin with so that people are aware of the route of the bridleway and the different route of the public footpath if they're not keen on meeting horses or cyclists. These will be removed in due course.

## Guided walks

If anyone is interested in getting a group together for a guided walk around the Common, please get in touch. We can show you what work has been done and what is being planned for the future, along with the best sites for plant and animal spotting.

**Contact me for more info: Moorend Common warden Katy Dunn on [katyjdunn@btinternet.com](mailto:katyjdunn@btinternet.com) or call 01494 883883**

## VILLAGE HALL DIARY

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Morning	Twinning Association Coffee Shop
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> )	Evening	
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> )	Afternoon & Evening	
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> ) January	Evening	
		<b>LEP Pantomime Cinderella”</b>	
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> )	Afternoon & Evening	
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> )	Evening	
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> )	Afternoon & Evening	
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning	Twinning Association Coffee Shop
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> February	2pm	Lane End Charity Group Jumble Sale
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	7.45pm	Holy Trinity Whist Evening
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Evening	Twinning Association Skittles
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Village Hall Quiz Evening
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning	Twinning Association Coffee Shop
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Holy Trinity “Evening with Barbara North”
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	7.45pm	Holy Trinity Whist Evening
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Day	

**The Methodist Church Coffee Stop is held every Thursday morning in the Sycamore Room at the Village Hall 10am – noon. All welcome.**

## ***Lane End Conservation Group***

At the recent AGM photographs showing the activities of our volunteers gave a good impression of work done on Action Days. The main tasks in and around the village are the ponds and their surrounding areas: Mill Pond along the High Street, Foundry Pond (by the bus stop), which was restored in recent years and Botany Brook beyond the car park hedge; each requiring at least two Action Days work. We are very grateful to the Lane End Parish Council for having taken on the grass cutting on the green by Foundry Pond, where due to lack of machinery LECG volunteers could only trim the grass occasionally.

The well-walked Four-Fields footpath, almost one mile long, also requires at least two Action Day's work each year. It soon becomes impassable when the hedge and shrubs start growing in the spring. There are also the almost 40 miles of public footpaths in the parish and some permissible ones, that LECG helpers clear, when required.

The Harris Garden at the cross roads in the center of the village is tenderly taken care of by our oldest volunteer and sometimes alone, sometimes with other helpers.

If more residents of the parish would be interested in giving a hand once a month, much more could be done to enhance the local environment. As it is, we can only spend a couple of Action Days on Cadmore End Common with its beautiful natural woodland ponds and the surrounding areas teeming with wildlife.

Please give some thought to setting aside an hour or two a month to help with the tasks of keeping the green and open spaces of Lane End as a pleasant environment for all to enjoy. Visit our website to learn more:

[www.laneendconservationgroup.co.uk](http://www.laneendconservationgroup.co.uk)

## *Lane **End** Twinning Association*

As the New Year approaches we look forward in anticipation to our planned celebration of Lane End's official twinning with St Pierre. Plans are now being put into place to welcome a group of villagers from St Pierre during June next year. Their visit is timed to coincide with the Lane End village fete. The aims of the weekend are threefold and as follows:

- To celebrate the signing of the second half of the Twinning Charter
- Provide opportunities for the community of Lane End to gain greater insight into the existing links with St Pierre
- Consolidate and further extend the cultural links between the two communities.

The Twinning Association has worked hard over the last two years to raise money for this celebration. Several events are planned to support this effort including a Skittles Evening at the Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Watch out for further details on our website or around the village.

The visitors from St Pierre will all need to be hosted by local households. If you wish to be a host of a guest from St Pierre then we would like to hear from you. Being able to speak French is not essential! You can either contact us at one of our Saturday Cafes or by telephone.

Membership to Lane End Twinning Association is open to anybody within the local area for a small annual fee of £5 per household. In return they will be entitled to participate in any of the LETA activities abroad at St Pierre. Please refer to the website for more details.

For further details of news and events please visit our web site:-

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## Christmas Spiced Cookies

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### Ingredients

3/4 cup sugar  
2/3 cup butter or margarine,  
softened  
1/4 cup orange juice  
1/2 cup dark corn syrup  
1/2 cup dark molasses  
4-1/2 cups plain flour  
3/4 cup whole wheat flour  
2 tsp. ground ginger  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. ground cloves  
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg  
1/2 tsp. ground allspice

### Method

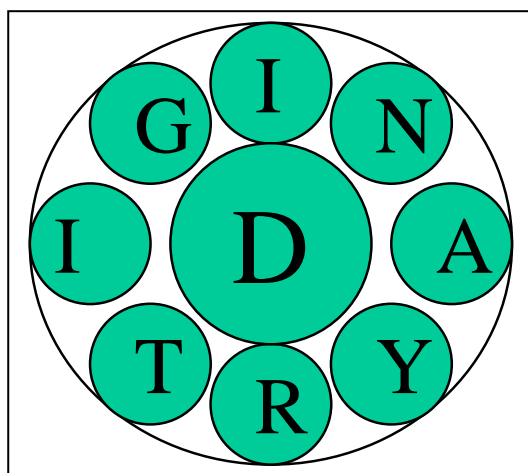
In a mixing bowl, cream sugar and butter.  
Blend in orange juice, corn syrup and molasses.  
Combine flours, ginger, baking soda, salt, cloves, nutmeg and allspice. Add to creamed mixture; mix well. Chill 3-4 hours or overnight. Roll a portion of the dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets.  
Repeat with remaining dough.  
Bake at 350°F for 12-14 minutes.

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How many words of 4 letters or more can you 'dial' using the centre one in each word. Don't use the letters more than once in any word, & one word can be made using all letters.

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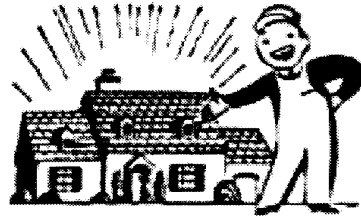
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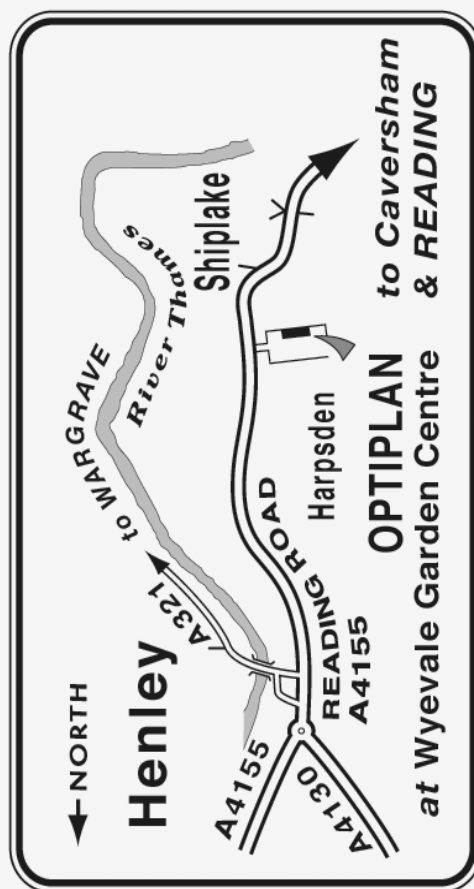
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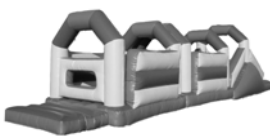
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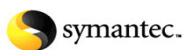
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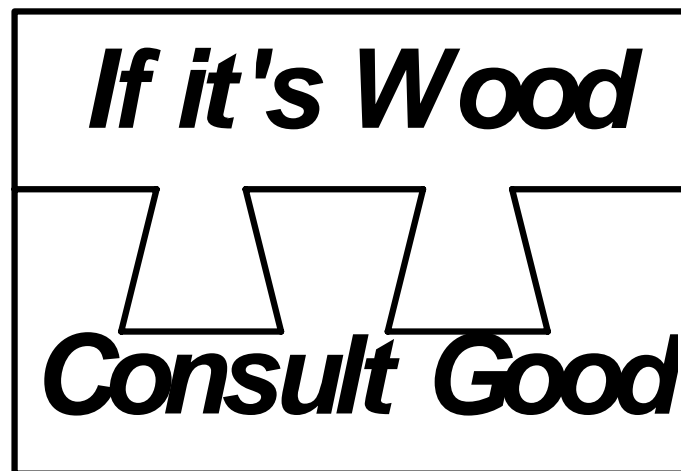
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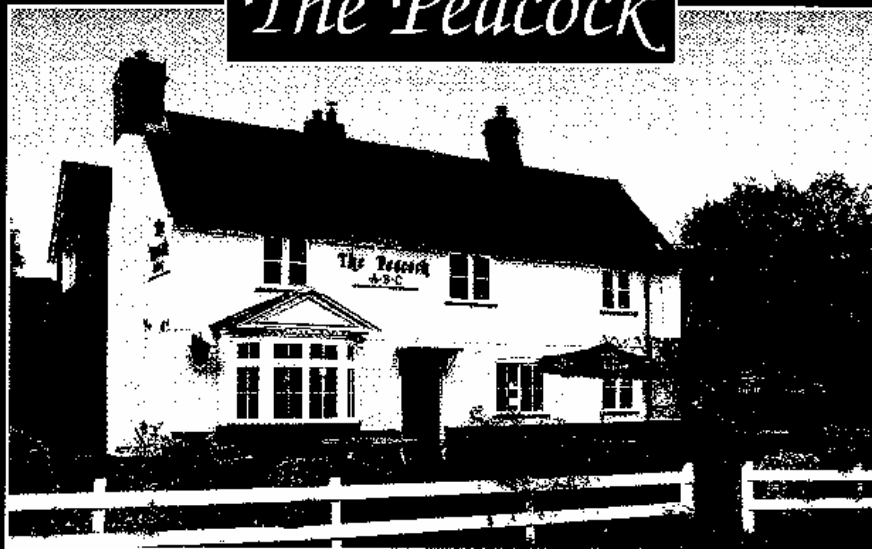
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