

the Clarion



Your official Parish Magazine with news, views, ideas and real-life stories from Bolter End, Cadmore End, Lane End, Moor End and Wheeler End

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From the Editor

So where were you?

You missed a really interesting evening at the Annual Parish Meeting (11 May, synopsis on p2 of *The Clarion*, full details on the website: www.laneendparishcouncil.org). The Councillors gave great presentations about what's been going on in the Parish this last year and what the plans are for the future, not to mention great snacks provided by the Grouse and Ale. I can't berate you too much, as I have to admit that this was *my* first APM, but it will definitely be a fixture in my diary from now on — as it should be for anyone who cares about the place we live.

I think Lane End is brilliant, but I know there's a lot of moaning goes on behind the scenes, and only a few people doing anything about it. I don't think the Parish Councillors get enough credit. They're none of them paid, but they put in so many hours trying to improve things. Unless they get any feedback, though, they don't know if what they're working on is the right thing, so if you feel like having a moan, do it to the people who can make a difference and make some suggestions. Hayley, our Parish Clerk, is lovely, and she's waiting for your call! (email: clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk / 437111)

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Cllr John Nicholson

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Cllr Callum Stewart

Cllr Jane Osborn

Cllr Allan Simmons

Parish Council Meetings

Have your say! Anyone can turn up to Lane End Parish Council meetings to hear what's being discussed. There's some formality to keep things on track, but Graeme, the Chairman, invites questions and anyone can voice their concerns or suggestions. LEPC meets at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month in the Sycamore Room of the village hall. If you can't attend the meeting, but want to know what went on, look up the minutes on the LEPC website: www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council website

Speaking of the website, keep an eye out in the next few months for major changes to make it more lively, more useful and much easier to navigate. There's such a lot of useful stuff on there, but at the moment it needs a bit of clicking around to find it. www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk

Plans for 2010-11

At the APM there was a round-up of LEPC's priorities for the coming year:

Lane End Playing Fields: It is beyond the resources of the PC to give the Playing Fields site the major upgrade it requires (to sort out the playground alone would cost £25k, see Letters page overleaf for more info on this) so it is investing in professional advice for proposals and ways to tap into funding streams such as the lottery.

Village Car Parking: Wycombe District Council doesn't seem to think that there is a problem with car park-

ing in Lane End. The only way to persuade them there is, is with documentary evidence. Therefore the PC is commissioning a parking survey to accurately determine the extent and nature of the problem.

Traffic Calming: Likewise, the powers that be will do nothing without evidence, so the PC is commissioning a traffic survey at entry points to Lane End and then consider the need for traffic-calming measures.

New village links: The PC is very keen to create a pleasant and direct pedestrian link between Edmonds Parade and the village centre. The obstacles and practical difficulties to this are immense but the Parish Council will continue to explore all options and every possible avenue to bring this about.

Bus Shelters: They will be painted, but the Perspex screens will be removed as it costs too much to keep replacing them when vandalised.

Best Kept Village 2011: The Councillors have too much on to consider taking this on themselves, but if anyone wants to volunteer and form a team to take this on, the PC has a sum of money available to support a bid. Could we be a contender?

Grant donations

Thanks to careful spending and a couple of successful legal actions, LEPC finds its coffers in good health this year. Rather than sit on the cash, the PC is donating grants to good causes. Among the recipients are: Lane End Village Hall for replacing the heating system

Lane End Oasis Centre
Lane End Community Safety Forum
Lane End Junior Youth Club
M40 Chilterns Environmental Group to address noise issues from the M40
Lane End Primary School to employ a music teacher for five years
Lane End Day Centre
Lane End Twinning Association
LEYCC Summer Play Scheme

Chilterns Conservation Board to invest in a Heritage Lottery Bid that will return much higher sums to protect and enhance all the Commons and green spaces in the Parish

Wycombe Air Park

LEPC is keeping a close eye on proposals to build a Community Stadium for Wasps and Wycombe Wanderers at Wycombe Air Park along with associated development. It will listen to your views and weigh up the impact on the village, both positive and negative and act accordingly. For info check out these websites: www.wycombewandererstrust.com/breaking-news/faq-stadium-project/ www.wycombe.gov.uk/Core/DownloadDoc.aspx?documentID=2401

What do you think?

The Parish Council works on your behalf. If you have any comments or suggestions, the Parish Council wants to hear them. Contact the Parish Clerk, Hayley Glasgow on:

clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk

Letters

Have your say

Write to the editor:
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NB. Not all letters can be included and some may be shortened or modified



Children's Playgrounds

Dear Editor

As a mother I have become deeply troubled by the state of the parks in Lane End. Of the two parks available, the first in the sports field is overgrown and rusty, has no swings and a dilapidated basketball court full of glass. The 'closed' sign has been there since December with no sign of improvement.

The second between Simmons Way and the alley leading to the high street is really not suitable. My daughter picked up a bullet cartridge and tried to put it in her mouth, I saw two needles on the ground, saw a child no older than 10 smoking, and mothers screaming at their children using foul language. My friends do not use it due to the number of bulldogs off the leash running around and the dog mess lining the alleyway to get there.

It is high time the Parish Council did something about the situation. Lane End has too many children to count but seems not very child friendly at all. Our children deserve a place to exercise and take fresh air free of bullet shells, needles, smoke, and rusty play equipment. We resort to driving into Marlow to use the playground there but that is neither financially or environmentally an option in the long run.

My suggestions are: patrolling the playground off Simmons way by and issuing ASBO's for the behavioral issues and the people who do not clean up after their dogs. Improve lighting in the alleyway, and lock the

playground from dusk till dawn. The old sports field playground could be upgraded, but since this is so far away from view it may quickly end up like the old one. I truly believe that the only option is to open up a third playground near the village high street. There are many areas that are suitable and within people's eyesight to help keep it clean and safe for children.

I know more than enough parents who would happily fundraise for a chance for a better future for their children.

There is a sign on the village green that says "Best kept village in Buckinghamshire". Anyone actually know when that last was? Lane End could do it again, starting with our children.

Thank you,
A concerned Lane End mother.

Thank you very much for your letter, this is exactly the kind of interaction we want to encourage. Let me take your concerns in turn. Because of all the reasons you list, the playground at the playing fields has been closed until further notice. Every time it was repaired it was vandalised and to upgrade it now would cost approx £25k. There is no point investing this money if it is merely going to be vandalised again and, as you suggest, there might be a better, more visible place to site the playground.

With regard to the other playground, unfortunately we can't mitigate the behaviour of other people, but any antisocial activity should be reported

to our neighbourhood police officer Danny O'Driscoll (see p26). On the other hand, visibility in the alleyway to the village centre is being improved by cutting back the trees and upgrading the lighting.

As for re-siting the playground, this has been on the LEPC agenda for some time, but not all the open spaces in Lane End belong to the Parish Council (eg. The area around Holy Trinity church is Common land, but owned by a third party).

There are also health and safety risks to do with siting a playground too near a road, etc. We are awaiting a visit from WDC Open Spaces Officer to advise us on the best course of action, but we would welcome the help and suggestions of any parishioners. Please come to one of the Parish Council meetings to discuss this, or your Parish Clerk.

Regards
Hayley Glasgow, Parish Clerk

Lost silver brooch

Dear Editor

A visitor to my house at the beginning of the year lost a silver brooch from her raincoat and I would be grateful if anyone who found it could give it to me to return to her. It is quite large, a bunch of flowers and leaves in silver and it had belonged to her mother. It may have been dropped somewhere in the vicinity of Park Lane.

Yours in hope,

Stan Ward, Crianlarich, Park Lane

News and Views
from our
Community



The lowdown

Lane End Conservation Group

Report by Jane Osborn

In March, the Group worked on the Harris Garden by cutting back and removing much overgrown vegetation and pruning the roses. After the hard winter, it was lovely to have a sunny morning and to see such a good turnout of volunteers.

In April, we were again lucky with the weather. One volunteer continued tidying the Harris garden, which is looking very good with spring bulbs and the new shoots on the pruned rose bushes bursting out. If you normally rush past this garden between the Pharmacy and Chinese restaurant, do stop for a minute as it really is a breath of spring at the moment.

Three volunteers litter-picked Foundry Pond and the surrounding common and then cleared litter along Four Fields footpath, where another group were cutting back hedges and overhanging trees. Finally, a new ditch was dug to carry the water away from the footpath that had recently been created by the Chiltern Society on Wheeler End common. The May Action Day tidied the areas around the two ponds, Black Well and Botany Brook.

If you would like to learn more about the work of the Group, or better still come and help, we normally meet in the Lane End car park

(between the surgery and Post Office) at 10am on the first Saturday of each month; the next Action Days are: 5 June, 3 July, 7 August and 4 September. Robert Briggs emails a reminder about each Action Day and if you would like to receive details, please contact him on rbbrigg@aol.com or call 882090.

Finally, a plea from the Conservation Group – if we all picked up litter, there would be less around the Parish. An idea – should we all help in a Lane End Litter ‘Pick-up’ Day?

Calling all Walkers

Report by Margaret Adnitt

We are very fortunate in Lane End to have such a wonderful network of



footpaths and
bridleways – a
total of approxi-
mately 25-30 miles
within, and
adjacent to, the
Parish Boundary.
These paths are

checked by me at least twice a year when undergrowth is cleared, way-marking is updated and paths are kept open to all. Any major problems such as broken stiles or fallen trees are, if possible, tackled by the Lane End Conservation Group or alternatively reported to Bucks County Council and a Chiltern Society working party is called to rectify the problem.

However, it's a continuing mission, a bit like the painting the Forth

Bridge and inevitably some new obstructions get missed. To avoid this it would be an enormous help to have additional walkers, each helping to regularly check footpaths in their ‘small patch’ of the Parish and reporting back to me should problems arise. If you would like to assist in this very enjoyable and worthwhile task then please get in touch.

Margaret Adnitt 882609

Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

Report by Janet Collins

We were lucky to have such a lovely day for our plant sale in April. It was a great success again with most of the plants sold within one hour! The homemade tea and cakes also went down well.

Our next visits are fully booked with a visit to Wormsley Park in June and Highgrove House in July. We will also visit the Fawley Vineyard again in October.

October will also see the start of our monthly winter talks held at Skirmett Village Hall. They are much enjoyed and cover a wide range of topics.

The annual fee is £10 and there is a charge of £1 on the door when attending a meeting.

New members are most welcome. Please call 01491 638690 or 01491 638691 for further details.

Lane End Evening WI Report by Christine Jennings

In June we have “Never a Dull Moment” – recalling the speaker’s travels with ENSA during WWII, in July we shall be hearing about “Dogs for the Disabled”, whilst in August we have a members evening.

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.

M40 Chilterns Environmental Group Report by Sylvia Chadwick

Closer to being quieter

The proposal of the M40 Chilterns Environment Group’s (M40CEG) to reduce noise from stretches of the M40 moves a step closer following its meeting with Department for Transport (DfT). The meeting, chaired by Wycombe District Council, is intended to be the first of a series of discussions about the group’s submission under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007.

Separate from the SCA the DfT confirmed that they had adopted a Noise Action Plan but were still developing the guidance for the feasibility and affordability assessments. The DfT welcomed the group’s input which can be fed into the process.

Ken Edwards, chairman of M40CEG, commented: ‘It is with high hopes that a further meeting can be arranged shortly to include all key players, particularly Defra and the LGA. The group’s activity is driven by the long standing desire of local people to improve our quality of life - the outcome will test election promises to increase people power.’ The M40CEG

group now awaits DfT’s initial observations and comments on the group’s 6-step programme to reduce noise along key stretches of the

M40. All parties agreed that the meeting was a useful exchange of information and comment.



Lane End Horticultural Society Report by Trevor Perrin

The long winter is now behind us and our spring flowers look good, lovely snow drops, daffodils preceding the tulips and life in the garden picks up momentum. Good Friday saw us plant the early spuds on a very cold day, but now the sun is warm and we feel industrious, hoping to produce something presentable for our annual show on 14 August in the Village Hall where we hope you too will be a competitive participant. “It’s you that make the show!” From all in the Potting Shed, happy and productive gardening.

Lane End Players

Report by Eve Berry

Judging by the audience reactions as they left after 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime', everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the play. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our Summer Show.

This year the show will be 'Hooray for Hollywood', on Friday 16th and Saturday 17 July at 8pm. It will be the usual lighthearted mixture of songs, dance and sketches, based on the various film genres over the years, from black and white potboilers through fantasy, sci-fi, spy and action — you get the picture? It should be great fun.

This production is rather later than usual this year, as we understand there is a certain football tournament in South Africa that might clash and we would hate you to miss our show if you were forced by your spouses to watch the footie!

Tickets will be on sale from the Village Fete (on our stall in the Village Hall garden during the afternoon) and thereafter from the Village Hall on Saturday mornings; alternatively ring 07852153914 or e-mail boxoffice@laneendplayers.com

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Lane End OPAG

Report by Jane Osborn

Firstly, Lane End Older People's Action Group 50+ would like to thank all those who helped to make Lane End's first Info-Fair such a success — over 30 organisations took part. It was a little disappointing not to have had a greater attendance from members of the public, but all the organisations who took part learnt at great deal more about what is going on within the Parish, and made new contacts which was very encouraging. We hope that another organisation within the Parish will want to host another Info-Fair in a couple of year's time.

If you are 50+ and have not been to one of our monthly meetings, come and see what is on offer. We meet at Lane End Youth & Community Centre at 2pm on the first Thursday of each month, and have a different (and interesting) speaker each month: on 3 June, Sheila Keatinge on travels in Western Canada and the Rockies; 1 July, Margaret Adnitt about travels on three continents; 5 August Bryan Edgley, and 2 September Kelly Gardiner will be talking about affordable warmth (a thought for the autumn). Even better arrive between 12 and 1pm and enjoy a bowl of delicious home-made soup, roll and a pudding, plus tea or coffee — all reasonably priced. Finally, if you missed the Info-Fair and would like to know who took part, details are available at OPAG meetings.

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13.50, 14.50

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16.45, 17.50

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Lane End Twinning Association

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*Presentation of a bowl
made in Lane End to the
Mayor of St Pierre in 2009*

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the official completed signing of the Twinning Charters in 2000.

Lane End Parish Council completed the process of signing the Twinning Charter with the community of St Pierre d'Oléron in June 2000. Copies of the official charters are proudly displayed in the Lane End Community Centre for all to see. Lane End Twinning Association (LETA) has endeavoured to maintain links between our two communities through a range of activities and excursions that have appealed to both young and old alike.

The first signing in 1999 was celebrated last year with a classic car rally to St Pierre, an official dinner plus a range of sporting and cultural activities.

Plans are now well under way to welcome a group of villagers from St Pierre over the weekend of the Lane End village fete. We are expecting approximately 35 visitors from St Pierre including a small group of school children with their teachers and parents. This event will celebrate the second half of the signing of the Twinning Charter whilst giving local people greater insight into our existing links with St Pierre d'Oléron.



*Driving through the streets of
St Pierre last year*

The programme will be as follows;

Friday 11 June

- Joint activities between children from St Pierre and Lane End Primary School
- A welcome ceremony at the Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Saturday 12 June

- A visit by our French guests to Oxford in the morning
- Participation in the Lane End Village Fete in the afternoon
- (Our fete stand theme will be 'A Taste of St Pierre' and there will be plenty of produce available for you to try and buy!)
- A skittles and family games evening

Sunday 13 June

- A classic car rally and steam train ride
- Painting in Lane End
- Walking in the local area
- Petanque at the Chequers - Wheeler End
- A dinner for French guests and home-stay hosts at the Grouse and Ale

Membership of LETA is open to anybody within the local area. We are not an exclusive club and all are welcome to join for a small fee. Twinning activities provide opportunities to broaden horizons into the life and culture of others within Europe. At the stand you will be able to talk to current members of the LETA committee and find out how you can become involved. Please visit the website www.le-ta.co.uk for further details.



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Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Report by Katy Donaghue

After such a beautiful spring, summer is at long last promising more of the same. It will only be a few short weeks before the schools break up, so if you're already wondering about how you're going to keep the kids entertained, don't worry, we have the perfect solution as LEYCC are running our very own Summer Playscheme in August.

However before that we have two not-to-be-missed events for the grown-ups:

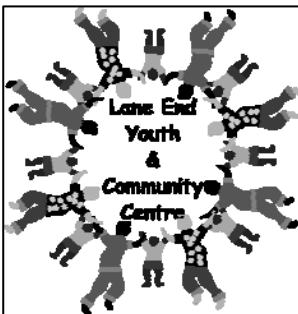
AGM, Wednesday 2 June, 7pm at the Community Centre:

The Annual General meeting for the Lane End Youth and Community Centre Association invites members, other interested parties and members of the local community to attend.

Charity Ball, Friday 4 June, 6.30pm-12.30am:

LEYCC have joined forces with the Lane End Community Safety Forum to hold a special joint fundraising event, the 'Lane End Community Charity Ball'. The evening will start at 6.30pm with a drinks reception and the opportunity to have a flutter

on the tombola, followed by a two-course dinner at 7.30pm in the lovely Pavilion at the Lane End Conference Centre. After dinner there is dancing to the duo INSIDE OUT as well as a raffle (with some very special prizes) which will take us through to 12.30am. Tickets are £35 per head or you can book a table of eight for £280. Dress code is black tie. If you wish to book tickets, please contact the Centre for further information.



Charity Number: 1101360

Summer Play- scheme, 10/11/12 August, 10am-3pm:

LEYCC is hosting a Summer Playscheme for children living in the parish of Lane End or attending either Lane End Primary School or Cadmore End C of E School.

Participants will need to be aged between 5 and 11

and there will be space for up to 30 children on each day.

We will be offering:

Craft activities – glass painting, clay modelling, sewing

Sports activities – team games using school playground

Performing arts – singing and dancing

Art projects – large scale collage and collaborative art

Cooking activities

Contributions are only £1.50 per child per day. If you are interested in registering your child onto the scheme, or are an adult interested in volunteering to help, please contact either Lane End Primary School or Cadmore End C of E School for a registration form. Spaces are restricted and will be allocated on a strict 'first come, first served' basis, so don't miss out!

Remember, if you want to book the Centre for a private party, we offer reduced rates to local residents too! We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Tel: 01494 883878 / 07932 326046
Email: leycc@hotmail.co.uk

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Lane End Youth & Community Centre is looking for an enthusiastic person who is committed to working within their local community.

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Moorend Common

Report by Katy Dunn

It's orchid time! Head down to South Meadow (from Lane End, turn left at Frieth crossroads and South Meadow is down the next track on the left) in the next few weeks and there'll be a wonderful carpet of purple orchids to enjoy.

Our ambition to collect as much information about the Common as possible continues with an upcoming bat survey by the North Bucks Bat Group, and a ponds and water course survey by local specialist Rod D'Ayala. We're particularly interested in the water courses as

Moorend is a notoriously 'wet' common, but not necessarily always in the same places. If the springs are shifting, we want to know why.

Oxford Brookes University Ecology students are monitoring the insects collected from their Malaise traps (the white tents on the Common) and we'll get results from that at the end of the summer.

Eventually all this information will be included on a series of digital maps which are currently being created. The digital format will allow us to update them periodically so we'll have accurate records and be able to track any changes over the years. For more information and any questions contact: Katy on 883883 or katyjdunn@btinternet.com

CURIOSITY



This picture of Fingest (Chequers pub on the right) shows the Great Flood of 17 May 1936. A cloud-burst over Lane End threw down so much water that it tore up the tarmac as it flowed down Church and Fingest Roads. 'The road literally burst like a sausage,' said eye-witness Charles Kimber. The water was so high in Lane End that the people living in this house opposite the village green (no longer existing) had to be rescued from the upper windows. *Courtesy of Betty Twitchen*



CORNER 



Wycombe District Council is trying to get us all back into sport and there is funding available for volunteers willing to take the lead on initiatives.

For instance, you might be a jogger and want to set up a jogging group. Reactivate Bucks can provide training for you to be a leader, help with advertising your group and any additional equipment you may need, such as hi-vis vests etc.

Likewise, anyone wanting to set up a new football or netball team, bowling or tai-chi group, whatever your interest, Reactivate Bucks can help with support and funding.

There are also a number of free Return to Sport courses going on all around Wycombe at the moment - netball, hockey, touch rugby and rounders are currently ongoing, but there will be more and different courses coming up. The website reactivatebucks.org has details.

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Safety and Security

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April saw an increase in the

number of house burglaries in the neighbourhood. There were three in Radnage, two in Beacons Bottom, two in Lane End, one in Stokenchurch and one in West Wycombe. As a result, patrols in these areas have been stepped up.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour have been reported in Lane End and Stokenchurch however they have not been as frequent as previously. Our priority is anti-social behaviour and any offenders will be dealt with promptly. Please report anti-social behaviour on 0845 8505 505. This will give us a clear picture of when and where incidents are taking place in order for us to deal with them successfully and prevent them in the future.

A teenager from Stokenchurch has recently been cautioned for making a hoax 999 call to Police.

Offenders brought to justice

Four men from Flackwell Heath, Windsor and Slough charged with theft from a motor vehicle at the Danesfield House Hotel, Medmenham, Marlow. A Lane End man has been charged with possession of a class A controlled drug. A man from Stokenchurch has been charged with a racially aggravated public order offence.

Speeding and Parking

The team continues to look at parking issues across the neighbourhood. A number of problem locations have been identified and work is being carried out to monitor these locations and deal with offenders appropriately. Lane End High Street is one of the areas that local residents are concerned about. Any vehicles that park on the double yellow lines outside the pharmacy on the bend will receive a ticket.

Speed enforcement patrols have been completed on Park Lane in Lane End. It is clear that there is a problem with speeding motorists at this location both entering and leaving the village. The team will continue to complete speed enforcement patrols at this location.

The Neighbourhood Action Group wants to know what local residents would like the Police to target. The next Neighbourhood Action Group meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 15 June. We'd love to hear feedback, positive and negative.

For more information phone the team on 0845 8505 505 or visit our area of the Thames Valley Police web site:

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What's On?

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

Saturdays

Sundays

Simply Walk—10am Meet Lane End Playing Field's car park. Walk and chat for 1-2 hours
LEOPAG (50+)—10.30-12.30am coffee pop-in Lane End Youth and Community Centre (LEYCC), Edmonds Road, Lane End. Tel: 883878

Gentle Exercise for over 60s—2-3pm LEYCC

Baby Welfare Clinic—2-4pm Lane End Village Hall

Lane End Parish Council Meeting—First Monday of the month, 7.30 in Lane End Village Hall

Lane End Evening WI—Last Monday of the month at 8pm in the Sycamore Room, Village Hall

Mustang Country Linedancers—7.30-9.30pm LEYCC

Bridge Club—7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Bumps, Babies and Toddlers—10-11.45am, Holy Trinity Church, Lane End. Contact Helen Vincent 883647 or email:vincenthelenf@btinternet.com

Lane End Day Centre—Every Tues, Thurs and Fri 10-3 in the Elim Centre, Edmonds Road, Lane End. £7.50 per day including lunch and transport. Contact Carol Hunt 883350

Youth Club—for 13-19 years, 7-9pm LEYCC

Bingo—7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Bridge Club—2.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Junior Club—for 8-12 years, 6-8pm LEYCC

School of Traditional Medieval Fencing—7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Simply Walk—10am Lane End Playing Field's car park. Walk and chat for 1-2 hours

Coffee Stop—Village Hall 10-12noon. Coffee and chat. All welcome, run by Methodist Church

WHS Computers@The Centre—11.30-2pm LEYCC

The Drop-In (Social lunch) - 12-2pm LEYCC

Four Ends Flower Club—Fourth Thursday of the month 2pm in Lane End Village Hall. Visitors £4.50. Contact 01494 883096

Circle Dancing—First Thursday of the month at 2pm in Lane End Village Hall. Contact Mary Williams 01235 520608 marywilliamsox14@yahoo.co.uk

Lane End Day Centre (see Tues entry for details)

LEOPAG—First Thursday of the month 2-4pm LEYCC

Methodist Church Wives group—2nd Thursday of the month 2-4pm LEYCC

Soundforce Big Band rehearsals—8-10pm LEYCC

FSFH Circuit Training—9-10am LEYCC

Lane End Day Centre (see Tues entry for details)

La Jolie Ronde French classes for children—9-11.30am LEYCC

Gelert dog behaviour training—10-11 LEYCC

Coffee Shop—every other weekend, 10-12noon Village Hall, check calendar overleaf for details

Parish Communion—9.30 Holy Trinity Church Lane End

Elim service—10.30 am at Elim Christian Centre, Edmonds Road, Lane End

Sung Eucharist/Family Service—11am St Mary's Church Cadmore End

Morning Service (Methodist)—11.15am Holy Trinity Church Lane End

Evensong—6pm Holy Trinity Church Lane End

To include your club or group meeting (free) email: katyjdunn@btinternet.com
Please also be sure to inform me of any changes

Your calendar of
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March to May



What's On?

June

July

August

Fri 4	Lane End Community Charity Ball , 6.30pm-12.30am, Pavilion at the Lane End Conference Centre Contact LEYCC 883878 / 07932 326046
Sat 5	Royal British Legion Barbecue , 6.30pm, Bessemer's Cottage, Moor Common. Bring your own drinks and picnic chairs. All welcome. Tickets in advance £7.50 from Tom Nixey 881436 or Derek Polwin 881838
Sat 5	Twinning Association Coffee Shop , 10-12am, Lane End Village Hall
Sat 5	Lane End Conservation Group Action Day . Meet Lane End car park 10am. Contact Robert Briggs 882090 rbbigg@aol.com
11-13	Visit from villagers from St Pierre D'Oleron . Contact LETA www.le-ta.co.uk
12-27	Bucks Open Studios , 1-5pm Wycombe Court House, Church Road, Lane End
Sat 12	Lane End Village Fete
Sun 13	Open Farm Sunday Kensham Farm 2.30-5pm www.farmsunday.org
Sat 19	Radnage School Fete 12-3pm, Radnage school
Sat 19	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop , 10am-12pm Lane End Village Hall
Wed 23	Royal British Legion, Rachael's Ladies Lunch at 8 Forgetts Road. Men are invited and most welcome as well ! Bring a chair. Contact Rachael on 881389
Thurs 24	Albanian Heritage Open Day , St Katharines, Parmoor. Contact Neil Rees nwrees@googlemail.com or 776457
Thurs 24	The Orchids of Moorend Common , meet Wycombe Woodland Service at 10am at Lane End car park for a 2-3mile walk to see the orchids
Sat 26	Cadmore End School Summer Fete
Sat 3	Lane End Conservation Group Action Day . Meet Lane End car park 10am
Sun 4	Polish choir concert , St Katharine's Parmoor. Tel 881037
Sat 10	Cadmore End Revels
Wed 14	Royal British Legion Evening Races at Kempton Park. Contact Tom 881436
Fri/Sat 16/17	Lane End Players Summer Production , 8pm, Village Hall 'Hooray for Hollywood'. Tel 07852 153914
26 for 2wks	Lane End Village Hall closed for two weeks for new heating system installation
Sat 7	Lane End Conservation Group Action Day . Meet Lane End car park 10am
10-12	LEYCC Summer Playscheme , LEYCC 07932 326046
Sat 14	Lane End & District Horticultural Show , afternoon. Contact Trevor Perrin trevor@prospecthouse.demon.co.uk
Sat 21	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop 10-12am Lane End Village Hall
Fri 27	Holy Trinity Whist Evening 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

The next Clarion will be coming out at the beginning of Sept—please send your calendar dates for Sept, Oct and Nov by 1 August to: katyjdunn@btinternet.com

St Katharine's Parmoor

Report by Katy Dunn



I used to drive past the sign for St Katharines and wonder what nestled behind that beautiful screen of mature trees at Parmoor. Someone told me it was a convent, someone else said the exotic-sounding King Zog lived there. Most intrigued, I had to find out more.

As it turns out, both reports were true... and neither. I turned to Warden Beth Macleod for elucidation and a history lesson. Parmoor house dates back to the fourteenth century, when the property was reportedly owned by the Knights Templar. The magnificent cedar tree which stands in Parmoor's grounds was reputedly grown from a seed collected from the Lebanon during the Crusades.



In more recent times the house was the birthplace of Sir Stafford Cripps, the post-war Chancellor of the Exchequer, and during WWII the house was occupied by the exiled King Zog of Albania (see right).

After royalty came religion, in the form of The Community of St. Katharine of Alexandria in 1947. The nuns came to Parmoor after their Fulham convent was bombed. The last member of the Community, Mother Christine, died in 1998.

In 1995, The Sue Ryder Prayer Fellowship took over Parmoor. It is the same Sue Ryder who founded the charity, although the two are not linked. Lady Ryder saw the house as being a place of peace and retreat for those in need. These days it is just that, with individuals and groups from all walks of life, religious or not, coming to enjoy the tranquillity of the house and beauty of the countryside. It is also a venue for weddings and private functions, small meetings and larger seminars. They've got an amazing cook there now and even a holistic therapist to massage away the cares.

The house and grounds are impressive, with all the romance of faded glamour. You can see why it is often used for film sets—*Midsomer Murders*, *Lewis*, and *New Tricks* most recently, says Phil Shepherd, St Katharine's finance and facilities manager. She explains that the house is gradually being restored by staff and volunteers, many of whom come from Eastern Europe as Lady Ryder had strong links with the area after her charita-

ble work there after the war.

In line with Lady Ryder's frugal nature, the rooms are cosy and functional rather than sumptuous, but have all been upgraded with ensuite bathrooms, carpets which once graced the QE2 have been donated and in some places there are archive fabrics and wallpaper from the likes of Sanderson and William Morris. It is the huge wood-panelled entrance gallery and the banqueting hall which are most impressive, however, along with the

dramatic galleried staircase overlooked by stained glass windows. The gardens are also slowly being restored by volunteers (more needed—see Volunteer! page 32) and the views are breathtaking.

I recommend any excuse to go and see it: the Open Day (below), the Polish choir concert and buffet on 4 July, and a Murder Mystery evening is planned for the autumn. For more info: 881037 / office @srpf.org.uk / www.srpf.org.uk

Albanian Heritage Open Day 24 June at Parmoor

Report by Neil Rees

When the first Lord Parmoor died in 1941 Parmoor House was put up for lease. From November 1941 and for the duration of WWI, the tenant was King Zog of Albania and his family (pictured below, in front of the house).

King Zog became King of Albania in 1928. He married Queen Geraldine in 1938 and their son Prince Leka was born in April 1939. Two days later, Albania was occupied by fascist Italy under Mussolini and the Albanian royal family went into exile travelling through Europe, and ended up in Parmoor House. They brought around 30 officials, bodyguards and family members with them, many of

whom were billeted to homes in the Lane End area. Queen Geraldine and some of the others attended the Catholic chapel in Wheeler End which was in Buis Cottage. They lived at Parmoor House all through the rest of the war until they left for Egypt in 1946.

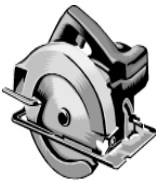
On Thursday 24 June at



Parmoor House, there will be an Albanian Heritage Open Day. Events will include the unveiling of a blue plaque on the house by a member of the Albanian royal family. A new book about the Albanians in Frieth

and Lane End during the war, written by me, Neil Rees, will be launched. No tickets are required for the event.

Contact Neil Rees on 01494 776457 or e-mail nwrees@googlemail.com www.albanians-in-exile.org



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The **Moorend Common** wardens have a register of volunteers for help with clearance work in the autumn, contact katyjdunn@btinternet.com

St Katharine's Parmoor

For £15 become a Friend of St Katharine's and volunteer your services. They need people to: recatalogue the library; sort out the archives; remount and reframe pictures and hang them appropriately; weed out the less attractive ornaments in the house and display the rest attractively; re-upholster furniture; return neglected parts of the garden to their former glory. If you've got the energy and the enthusiasm, contact 881037 or email office@srpf.org uk

Lane End Methodist Children's Art Group

Requires two adult volunteers.

The Children's Art Group has been running for nine years, under the guidance and inspiration of leaders of Lane End Methodist Church. Over the years at least sixty children aged 6 -12 years have enjoyed the benefits of tuition and facilities on alternate Mondays during term-time.

Some communal projects and lots of individual pieces have been produced and while the artwork has been important, the fun and friendship has been more so. The present leaders now feel the need to step back and allow someone new to take over and so we are looking to recruit at least two responsible adult volun-

teers to take this project forward in the Autumn.

The group is a Christian initiative and therefore the applicants need to be in sympathy with Christian ideals even if they are not necessarily regular church-goers. Of course all workers with our children will have CRB checks and should have good references.

Please contact Rosemary Davies on 01491 638201 for more information.

Lane End Day Centre

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On the land

with Bryan Edgley 



Are badgers to blame for tuberculosis in cattle?

Since the last issue of the Clarion we have had a week of disruption of air traffic due to volcanic dust from Iceland, with all air freight and passenger services in Britain grounded for several days. In the same week we have watched the leaders of the main three political parties in debate, from the same platform in television studios, explaining their intended policies for a new Government to follow the General Election.

This is all quite relevant to our farms and food production. Two years ago Professor Patrick Wall, Chairman of the European Food Safety Authority accused EU politicians of “over-reacting to small risks” and of putting politics before science. Was the grounding of all

aircraft in April an over-reaction to a small risk or was it good science and a real risk?

Similarly, are the laws that protect the lives of diseased badgers sensible and based on

good science at the present time when more than 40,000 cattle in England and Wales are being compulsorily slaughtered each year by Ministry officials, because they have failed the Tuberculosis Test?



Forty years ago, before the badger protection laws were passed, tuberculosis was a disease which had been almost eliminated from both the human and cattle populations of Britain. Vets can now analyse the DNA of mycobacteria taken from the lungs of road killed badgers and find that this

corresponds to the same sub-type of mycobacteria found in diseased cattle within the same parish or area. Thus DNA testing, similar to the tests used by the Police to solve crimes, can also prove the connection between infected wild badgers and cattle infected with bovine tuberculosis on farms in the same area.

Last Autumn a retired farmer friend on the border between North Devon and Cornwall told me the sad tale of the farming family who had bought

his farm, less than a mile from the smallholding where he now lives. This farmer's dairy herd had become infected with bovine tuberculosis, almost certainly from infected wild badgers which live in the setts near to his farm. This resulted firstly in Ministry officials from Defra imposing movement restrictions on this Devon farmer whereby he was not allowed to move any cattle on or off his farm, and then secondly his licence to sell

milk was withdrawn. So his cows had to be slaughtered, he and his family were in emotional turmoil, as well as being ruined financially, and no one was allowed to put the diseased badgers out of their misery as they died a slow and painful death.

“More than 40,000
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year because of
tuberculosis”



A further most unfortunate outcome of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 is the destruction of the nests of ground nesting birds such as lapwings, partridges, larks and willow warblers by badgers, and the number of hedge-

hogs killed by them. Inept Government interference with the work of naturalists, farmers, landowners and their gamekeepers has so favoured badgers that they have greatly increased in numbers, some healthy but others suffering from TB, to the detriment of these other wild animals and birds as well as dairy and livestock farming. So the best solution would be a repeal or modification of this Act, and less Government interference in the future. 🐾



Fortunately, on the Chiltern Hills there does not seem to be any disease amongst the badger population yet, even though there are probably three times as many badger setts in the woods and fields nearby than when we started farming at Kensham Farm 55 years ago. The only dairy herd remaining in Clarion territory, Laceys Family Farm at Bolter End, is thriving with clear tests for tuberculosis and providing excellent quality milk and eggs from the family's farm shop.

Open Farm Sunday this year will be on Sunday 13 June 2010, when more than 400 farms will be open to the public to show and explain the work of growing crops and producing food. Here at Kensham Farm,

Cadmore End, HP14 3PR we will be open from 2.30pm to 5pm and hope to welcome some of our Clarion readers.

More information, with a list of all the other farms that will be open may be found on

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Solar power—is it worth it?

Solar power sounds great in theory—free electricity, what's not to like? But aren't they prohibitively expensive to install on houses, and do we even get enough sun in the UK to make them worthwhile?

The answer is yes, even our rainy old island gets enough light but it's also true they are expensive. However, the government has just brought in a new grant system to encourage us to invest—it's call the Feed-in Tariff (FIT). It basically means electricity suppliers will pay you more for the electricity you produce than they do currently. In turn, this means that your solar panels will take less time to pay for themselves, 12 yrs rather than 15 or 20.

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Q How do they work?

A Daylight hits the photovoltaic cells and the inverter converts the electricity from direct to alternating current for home use. When the solar panels are producing more power than is needed it is exported to the grid (for which you are paid). At night, power is imported from the grid in the normal way.



Q How much do they cost?

A The average house needs a 2-3KWp panel and they cost approx £5,000 per KWp to install.

Q What are the benefits?

A No pollution, no noise, they're out of the way on the rooftop, require very little maintenance, and after the 12 year pay-back period on the investment (at today's prices) you'll be saving/earning approx £800-1000 per year.

Q How long do they last?

A 25-40 years

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Schools

What a difference a bit of sun-shine has made, to go from winter to summer in the blink of an eye was great. The children had forgotten what it was like to see the sky without clouds and to be able to go home without getting a soaking.

We have been very busy planting our allotments, KS2 are 'Digging for Victory' as part of their WW2 project and everyone else is 'growing' as part of their science. We hope to have the results of our labours before the end of term. Patience is the main problem as the little ones expect results within the hour!

The thing about the summer term is that there is so much to look forward to. As we write everyone is well and truly into Maypole dancing. Athletics, cricket, golf, not to mention the old favourite—rounders—are in full swing, [no pun intended] with sports day coming up faster than we care to mention. It is quite comforting that in amongst the endless government initiatives, some things remain the same.

At this time of the year we also start to reflect on some of the highlights. Last term was amazing. The

Bedtime Story night will live in our memories for a long time. We did not know whether anyone would come, but as the hour approached we looked down the road and there was a sea of children wearing their pyjamas, clutching teddy bears coming towards school. They sat listening to stories with their mugs of hot chocolate. A great evening! The children also held an African drumming concert. It was fantastic,

children so confident to sing, introducing and leading.

One of the other key highlights will be the Early Years and Founda-

tion Stage. The nursery got great reviews from the Early Years team who came in to assess our learning environment. It is no coincidence that we now have a waiting list for places and are almost full for next year. The feedback is so encouraging. Our reading development has seen record progress and 'every child a reader' is very much the case. The new library has really helped and is constantly in use. What else has happened? Well the list goes on, but we won't! We are now looking forward to our summer production, the art exhibition and prize day. *Denise Starr*

Lane End Primary School

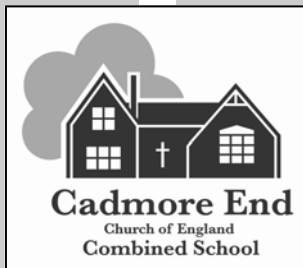
Another varied and busy term

has flown by and there have been so many memorable events it's difficult to know where to start.

Bishop John proved to be both very friendly and very responsive to all at the official opening of our extension. He seemed to have a lovely time with the children both during the assembly and when he was visiting the classrooms. We had many favourable comments from all those who visited the school, amongst them were the school governors, Diocesan Officers, Education Officers, Councillors as well as friends and neighbours of the school. They were all very impressed with the new building and the new resource facilities that were available to the children, as well as the friendly and open way that the staff and children welcomed everybody into their classrooms. It was a wonderful day and the dedication of the building went very well.

In local events the children have held their own against many bigger schools, the gymnastics team won the key stage 2 trophy at a competition which was held by the Schools Sports Partnership.

Also the key stage 1 gymnastics team came fourth place in the Marlow Schools Gym Competition—a fantastic effort as we only had four children entered into the local event!!



Class 4 have also represented our school well in local Tag Rugby and our first netball competition went fantastically well.

We also now have a mum's netball team, aiming to play against other teams in the local area. Our team seems to be growing as more mums are enjoying it and also having great fun too!

Our school summer fete is going to be held on Saturday 26 June in the school grounds from 12pm – 3pm. This will be an afternoon of traditional fun for all the family with various stalls providing fun and games for the children, face painting, plant stall, skittles, BBQ with refreshments and dance performances from the children. It really will be a fun afternoon so please come along and support our school.

Our usual Mayday celebrations went fantastically well. We were also lucky that the weather was kind to us that afternoon! We had traditional maypole dancing performances, which the parents thoroughly enjoyed watching. The children had a great time too, they got to wear pretty floral dresses and shirts and ties for the event which was followed by an outdoor praise assembly enjoyed by all.

Please contact the school office if you have any queries about Cadmore End Church Of England School on 01494 881460.

Emma Spencer, Governor

Our garden is coming into its own with this warm weather, and it's lovely to see the children running around on the grass and playing on the climbing frame. All the children are enjoying the new play equipment bought with our recent grant from Bucks County Council.

This term our theme has been the sky. We've built a rocket ship, been to outer space and

on our way back down to earth we've looked at all things that fly.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our stall at the Lane End Fete on 12 June. There'll be face painting, bric-a-brac, home-made cakes

to buy and lots more.

We're also looking ahead to our end-of-term festivities and we're planning another picnic at Moorend Common. Unfortunately we didn't catch the Gruffalo last time, but we're hoping to have more success

with our bug hunt.

Places are available for September. Children can attend from the age of two and places are FREE in the

term after they turn three.

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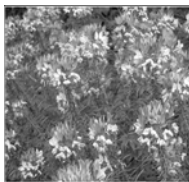
Blooming marvellous! Everything's growing at last, grass is green again, lots springing into flower, and a job keeping on top of it all!

Seasonal Top Tips:

If you want plenty of colour in the garden during the summer through to early Autumn, bedding plants will provide a good show. They are annuals so will only last for one season and will have to be dug up and put on the compost heap by the end of the year. This may seem a costly exercise but prolonged flowering comes at a price. Most bedding plants are good bets. If you use Geraniums remember to dead head them as it promotes more flowers. If you're keen you can take cuttings at the end of the year, keep them indoors and use them the following year. Keep young bedding plants watered in well until they establish or they will be small and weak. Also remember the slugs love young marigolds.

Favourites:

For summer bedding, *Cleome spinosa* (if you can find any) will grow to 2-3ft tall with large



pink and white flower heads. They're very exotic looking planted in a group or dotted throughout the border in between other plants.

Also look out for a purple flowering sprawling plant called *Heliotrope*, it's common name being 'Cherry pie', smell it and see why!

Here's a real beauty for a late Spring flowering shrub, *Cornus kousa* 'Chinensis'. It is a large 10ft shrub so will need a large border, or makes a good specimen if planted alone in a lawn. It gives a fantastic carpet show of 'flat' white flowers covering much of the plant. It will grow in any reasonable soil but dislikes chalk.



Dave's Mystery Plant:

I grow in a rounded shape to around 6ft. I keep my golden leaves all year, although they can sometimes get scorched in the cold winters. I have white scented flowers mostly in Spring, but my main giveaway is my lemon scented leaves when crushed. What's my name?

Answer: 'Sundance' Choisya ternate

Lane End Fete

12 June 2010

1.30-4.30pm



Programme

- 1.30 Church Bells
- 1.45 Katie Cartwheel (from Circus Passion)
- 2.30 Dog Show
- 3.00 Tiptoes dance show
- 3.30 Church Bells
- 3.45 Maypole Dancing – Lane End Primary School
- 4.00 Grand Draw
- 4.30 Fete Closes





The Lane End Fete is always a great day out.

The tradition began in 1973 with stalls, fancy dress floats through the village and a tug-of-war over the duck pond. Apparently, the blacksmiths always used to win, with the rest of the village menfolk getting a dunking for their efforts.

The only dunking this year will be doughnuts into coffee, but there is plenty to get excited about at the 2010 Lane End Fete. There is an international theme to the fete this year with the Lane End Twinning Association welcoming 35 visitors from St Pierre d'Oleron. All the old favourites will be there for visitors to enjoy, including the stalls in the village hall selling produce, the bouncy castle, the coconut shy, the pony rides, the irresistible BBQ and my personal favourite, the Zippy Dipper. The looks on the kids' faces are priceless! The Grand Draw has some great prizes including £100 cash, a flying lesson and John Lewis vouchers. The Dog Show is always a laugh as pampered pooches try and get their heads around the agility course, and the Car Boot Sale is a great opportunity to clear your clutter for cash. As usual the West Wycombe Band will provide a jaunty soundtrack to proceedings.



New for 2010 is Katie Cartwheel and her circus show with an opportunity to try some circus skills for yourself. I can't wait! See you there.





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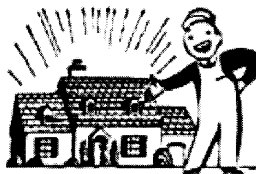
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As the sun comes out and the weather gets warmer again the farm comes to life once more.

During the winter we bring the cows inside to protect them from the harsh weather and freezing temperatures, but they soon tell us when it is warm enough for them to go back out to grass! Grass plays a large part in our cows diets so it is vital that we get it right. To look after our soils and achieve the most from the land, we have to

rotate crops, as what one crop takes from the soil another may replenish. Contrary to what you may think, it takes a lot of time and effort to establish and maintain a field of grass.

First we plough the soil to relieve compaction and get air into the soils, and then work it down to create a fine tilth for the seed bed. We use a power harrow for this, but basically it's the same

effect as raking. The seed is then drilled and rolled to firm the soil around the seed, so once germinated the young plant has support from the soil to hold it up.

As in gardens many weeds will come through with the new crop, so a selective spray is applied to pick out the unwanted growth. Fertilizer can then be applied to provide minerals that are not so abundant in our chalky soils.

Once all this work has been done we have to wait and hope the weather is kind to us; too dry and the seedlings will shrivel up

and die, too cold and it won't grow at all. Providing the weather has been kind, by the spring we should have a field of lush green grass, but there is still plenty of work to do before the cows can graze it.

It is rolled with a flat roll in March, compacting the soil around the roots which have been lifted by frosts, and then the grass is chain harrowed to pull out any weeds and



thatch. This also scratches the soil to break any cap formed during the winter and allow water to be more easily absorbed.

A fertilizer can be applied again and then in June, nine months on from the original work, the grass can be cut and made to silage for winter feed.

We aim for a field of grass to be down for five years, as it loses much of its feed potential after that, and the cows have to work too hard to gain the energy they require.

Grass is just one of the ingredients in the mixed rations that our cows receive, and we grow 95% of their feed on the farm, so May is also the time when we sow our maize (sweetcorn for cows) and nourish our corn crops.

Like the cows, the calves are going out to grass paddocks now, but for many that were born during the winter it is the first time that they have seen grass. This generates

mixed feelings for me as it is great to see the animals outside in the sunshine, but often with the excitement of somewhere new to explore the calves begin to feel invincible, and hedges and fences become just mere obstacles to conquer!

Now is also a great time for you to explore the local countryside using the public footpaths, and

it's great to see so many people using the paths around our farm. All I ask is for you to please stick to the footpaths and keep dogs on leads, after all you wouldn't want to be responsible for calves running through Lane End!



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