

From the Editor

Welcome to your new Clarion!

There are all the usual reports from our community groups, plus news from the Parish Council and new eco- and volunteering pages. We have regular columnists Bryan Edgley and Will Lacey bringing the latest from the farming communities and Dave Dunbar on gardening. New 'What's On?' pages help you get the most from this great Parish, and just show how extremely lucky we are around here to have so much going on.

Pastor John Richards' Oasis project is our lead story this issue. Turn to page 37 to see the difference the Oasis Centre is making to young people's lives in our area. Pastor John retires this month, so it's a fitting tribute to all his hard work at the Elim Christian Centre.

Our advertisers are working hard for their space in the magazine and the experts are answering your questions on plumbing, osteopathy and technology. If you want to know how to fix a leaky tap, you've got a 'clicky' knee or a tricky PC, write to me with your questions and I'll send them on. From next issue the letters page will be a core part of this magazine, so do write in to air your views. They could be about the magazine or anything that's going on in the Parish. Good or bad, we want to know what you think.

Finally, a few thanks. To Mandy Dunning for generously passing on her invaluable information and advice about producing The Clarion; to our advertisers, without whom there would be no magazine; and to the Lane End Parish Council for its support.

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Parish Council Meetings

Lane End Parish Council meets at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month in the Sycamore room of the Village Hall. The public is welcome at these formal meetings and questions are taken from the floor.

If you are not able to attend, Parish Council meeting minutes are posted on the website:

www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council.

This is an unpaid position which involves working for the local community as one of a team of Councillors.

Parish Councillor is an important role and a significant responsibility. It requires time and commitment to do the job properly, but can be immensely rewarding in helping shape our community for the better.

The Parish Council meets on the evening of the first Monday of each month except bank holidays or unless otherwise stated.

Any resident over the age of 18 who is able to make a regular commitment is eligible to join the council.

If you would like more information, or to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council please send written confirmation of your interest to the Parish Clerk (her details are in the column to the left).

Your expression of interest should

contain a few lines about yourself, your interests and what you feel you can contribute to the parish council's work within the community.

Lighting improvements

Recently, the Council has made a major effort to try and improve the situation with regard to lighting along Footpath 25 that runs from Simmons Way to the village centre by the Grouse & Ale. Just before Christmas and early into the New Year, contractors were hard at work cutting back most of the overhanging branches and vegetation that were obscuring the street lights along the footpath. This has already had a noticeable effect on the lighting along the footpath but the full benefits will be much more visible in summer when the trees are all in full leaf.

The Council has also arranged for some additional street lights to be installed towards the end of this footpath as it nears the Marlow Road. This should address two or three specific areas where there is currently inadequate lighting. Unfortunately, the footpath will have to be closed for a few days while this work takes place but we hope the short term inconvenience this causes will be significantly outweighed by the long term benefits of improved lighting along this stretch of the footpath.

New Pedestrian crossing

The Parish Council has been working closely with Bucks County Council Transport to create a new pedestrian crossing on Church Road. It is hoped these improved measures will help

pedestrians with a disability and will be a great help to mothers with prams and toddlers crossing the road to get to the shops and playgroup.

Lane End Primary School

The Parish Council has budgeted to grant Lane End Primary School £1500 a year for the next five years to allow the school to employ a music teacher.

Five years ago the school purchased a set of brass instruments and lessons were provided with the help of The City of London Symphonia Orchestra. This proved highly popular and the children even formed a small brass orchestra which participated in a concert at The Wycombe Swan.

Sadly the teacher retired and the cost of appointing another teacher has escalated. The school budget can no longer meet the cost of the lessons. The Parish Council believes that it is important that all children enjoy equality of opportunity and we are delighted to be able provide the funding to re-establish music in The Primary School and we look forward to hearing about a new children's orchestra we can all take pride in.

Planning

Every month the Parish Council looks at planning applications at a local level, we look at the plans in detail and send our comments to Wycombe District Council. We also consider the community as a whole when any new application is put forward.



Potholes

The roads have suffered greatly from the cold winter, but unfortunately it's not something the Parish Council can rectify. Please report potholes to Transport for Buckinghamshire, on 0845 230 2882.

Cadmore End Common

Last summer, the Parish Council arranged for some major drainage works to be undertaken on Cadmore End Common. These works were designed to address the long-standing problem of poor drainage along the verge which runs adjacent to the path leading to Cadmore End Church. This area is used for parking by parents taking their children to the School and also by walkers and ramblers as a meeting point.

The works undertaken involved the creation of a large soak-away on the common with drainage connecting to this from the verge that runs virtually the full length of the Common. Although it may never be possible to achieve a perfect solution to this drainage problem, initial reports suggest that the situation has been much improved over what has been a very wet winter.

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

News and Views From our Community



The lowdown

Lane End Conservation Group

Report by Jane Osborn

It's amazing what a group of enthusiastic volunteers can achieve in a two-hour work period!



After the 'snow-off' of the January working party, the February Action Day turned out bright and sunny though by no means warm. Over a dozen volunteers met in the Lane End car park and split into three small work parties. One went to the Harris Garden (between the Chinese and the Pharmacy) to clear the ground around where a dead tree was recently removed.

A second party went to Cadmore End - opposite the entrance to Cadmore End School - to clear undergrowth, holly and saplings which were encroaching on the Cadmore Oak. This Oak used to be at the centre of village life with maypole dancing taking place under its boughs and for generations it was a favourite haunt of local teenagers. Remnants of the brackets that supported an old seat round the tree can still be seen if you look hard enough!



That was not all! Other members carried out a much needed litter pick along Church Road - between the Old Sun and the Lane End Conference Centre before going to help on Ditchfield. It's not a glamorous task but, nonetheless, essential.



To use the vernacular - 'job done'. After all that effort, we retired to the Village Hall to enjoy croissants, bacon sarnies, tea and coffee – the second cup is free, too!

These work days are as much about having fun with convivial people as achieving work on the ground. Come and see for yourselves, join us on:

**Saturday 3 April , 10am at
Lane End car park**

Email Robert Brigg on
robrigg@aol.com or call 882090

Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

Report by Janet Collins

This is the second year of our garden club. We are at present a group of about 20 to 30 gardeners and welcome new members.

We meet through the winter months for talks and presentations at Skirmett Village Hall. Topics range from how to grow your own vegetables to designing your garden. We have even had our own Gardeners' Question Time! Through the summer months we arrange visits to gardens of interest and arrange social events.

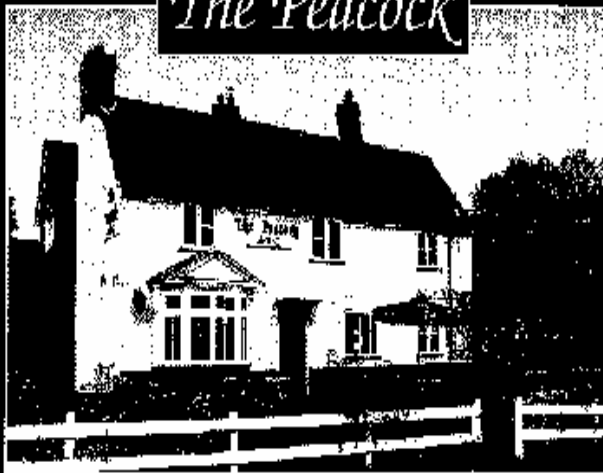
The annual fee is £10 and there is a door charge of £1 when attending a meeting. This charge enters you into a raffle for a small prize.

We will be having our Plant Sale on Saturday 24 April to be held at Skirmett Village Hall between 10.30 and 12.30. We also have plans to visit Wormsley Park Estate in June and Highgrove Park later on.

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



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Lane End Day Centre

**Report by Carol Hunt
and Maggie Turner**

Christmas has been and gone and we hope 2010 will be a good one for us all. Sadly we were unable to hold our annual Christmas lunch at Parmoor (for members and helpers) due to the inclement weather conditions but this has now be rescheduled for 10 April.

A jumble sale in aid of the Day Centre was held on 6 February and raised the impressive sum of £800. Many thanks to Bess Hopkins and her team.

A big thank you also to The Peacock for their ongoing support and generous contributions to us.

Lane End Twinning Association

Report by Phil Mann

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the official completion of the Twinning Charters.

Plans are under way to welcome a group of villagers from St Pierre in June to coincide with the Lane End village fete. We'll be celebrating the signing of the second half of the Twinning Charter, and consolidating and further extending the cultural links between the two communities.

We are expecting between 20-30 visitors from St Pierre and all of

Our other planned forthcoming events include afternoon tea at Parmoor on Sunday 25 April with Neil Reece (the author of a soon-to-be-published book on King Zog of Albania). Reserve your tickets early as we expect a huge response to Neil's very interesting illustrated talk on King Zog's stay at Parmoor whilst in exile during WWII. Tickets will be £7.50

This will be followed in June by our annual summer picnic which last year was a great success and was much enjoyed by all who attended. We hope you will support us at these events – we look forward to seeing you!

Lane End Day Centre is on Tues, Thurs and Fri in the Elim Centre. Tel: 01494 883350

them will need to be hosted by local households. If you wish to host a guest/s 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 Cafés or by telephone.

Membership of LETA is open to anybody within the local area for a small annual fee of £5 per household.

The LETA Café is held every first Saturday morning of the month in the Village Hall. It provides a great opportunity to meet, talk and find out about our twinning activities. For further details of news and events please visit our website www.le-ta.co.uk or phone Phil on 07881605121.



The Old Ship

Report by the Proprietor

The Old Ship at Cadmore End is closed for building and redecoration works. The proprietors are sorry for the inconvenience and look forward to welcoming you at the reopening during the latter stages of 2010.



Lane End

Evening WI

Report by Christine Jennings

Our talk in April is entitled: 'Edwardian London—An Age of Elegance'. In May there will be a resolution meeting and in June 'Never a Dull Moment' will recall the speaker's travels with ENSA during WWII.

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

After years of campaigning, members of M40 Chilterns Environment Group (M40CEG) received with delight the news that the proposal to quieten stretches of the M40 had moved a step closer to

becoming a reality.

After considering over 300 proposals submitted by councils on behalf of their local action groups, the Local Government Association (LGA) short-listed 172 schemes. From that short-list the Secretary of State will evaluate and select the proposals it wants to implement.

Working in partnership with Wycombe District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council, M40CEG proposed that the Highways Agency take action to reduce road noise permanently through re-surfacing, improving sound barriers and implementing speed and night time restrictions between junctions 3 and 8.

The proposal, if agreed, could significantly improve the quality of life for the local residents along the stretch of the M40 at Loudwater, Wycombe and Lane End through to Wheatley in Oxfordshire.

As yet a timeline has not been confirmed by Government, but the LGA is pushing to discuss these proposals in the coming weeks and are hopeful that the process will be completed before the Easter recess.

The M40CEG group was formed in response to long standing concerns of residents that border this long stretch of motorway to the growing noise pollution.

Residents interested in supporting the proposal can write to the local MP. Letter templates are available from the M40CEG website, www.m40-chilterns.org.uk.



About M40CEG

The aims of the M40CEG are to enhance the natural and built environment for communities and

public spaces bordering the 'old' part of the M40 Motorway ie between Junction 3 at Loudwater (Bucks) and Junction 8 at Wheatley (Oxon) through reductions in noise and other pollution caused by motorway traffic. In brief:

- To help reduce the impact of intolerable noise on daily life
- To improve the quality of life for local residents.
- To enhance the experience of visitors to the Chiltern Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve (NNR).

To enhance the enjoyment of walkers and cyclists on our local and long distance path networks.

Lane End Players

Report by Alan Rimmer

Cinderella played to packed houses during January and was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of our audiences in buying raffle tickets the Players were able to donate £410 each to the Lane End Oasis Project and Help The Aged.



Join the Lane End Players for our next production: Lord Arthur Savile's Crime – a joyous and witty lampoon of the Victorian upper classes. Lord Arthur is a well-bred gentlemen 'not overburdened with brains'. When his engagement is threatened by a clairvoyant's prediction, he turns to murder.

He enlists the help of his faithful butler, Baines, and decides to poison his great aunt. Suffice to say, things go drastically awry with the first murder attempt, so another victim is selected, and another! Things then go from bad to worse, until an important revelation about the identity of the clairvoyant puts an end to the whole fiasco... or does it? The mystery deepens.

Performances will be on Friday and Saturday evenings, 16 & 17 and 23 & 24 April.

The Box Office will open every Saturday from 13 March 9.30am-12pm at the Lane End Village Hall. The Box Office telephone 07852 153914, will also be open from 13 March.

Visit our website for further details: www.laneendplayers.com

Bus times

2A Lane End—High Wycombe (via Cressex)

Monday to Friday only

Lane End (Simmons Way) 7.49, 8.55, 9.31, 10.31, 11.31, 12.31, 13.31, 14.31, 15.31, 16.31, 17.42, 18.08.

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(For Cadmore End, catch the bus outside the school and minus 5mins off the times listed)

2C Lane End—High Wycombe (via Stokenchurch)

Monday to Friday only

Lane End (Simmons Way) 7.29, 8.43, 9.50, 10.50, 11.50, 12.50, 13.50, 14.50

Takes approx 30 mins to reach Eden Centre bus station in High Wycombe
(For Cadmore End, catch the bus outside the school and add 5mins onto the times listed)

32 Lane End—High Wycombe (via Booker and ASDA)

Monday to Friday only

Lane End (Simmons Way) 6.50, 7.15, 9.05, 9.35, then at 05 and 35 til 15.05, 17.10, 17.42, 18.14, 19.04, 20.04, 21.04, 22.04, 23.04

Takes approx 25 mins to Asda, 45mins to Eden Centre bus station)

Saturdays

32 Lane End (Simmons Way) 8.15, 9.15 then at 05 and 35 til 15.35, 16.05, 17.08, 18.06, 19.04, then at 04 til 23.04

Sundays

32 Lane End (Simmons Way) 10.06, then at 06 til 20.06

2C High Wycombe—Lane End (via Cressex)

Monday to Friday only

High Wycombe (Bus station) 7.10, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 13.30, 14.30

Takes about 20mins

2A High Wycombe—Lane End (via Stokenchurch)

Monday to Friday only

High Wycombe (bus station) 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00, 17.10, 17.35

Takes about half an hour—45mins in rush hour

32 High Wycombe—Lane End (via Booker)

Monday to Friday only

High Wycombe (bus station) 6.45, 8.35, 9.07, 9.37, 10.07, 10.37, then at 07 and 37 til 14.37, 16.40, 17.12, 17.44, 18.40, then at 40 til 22.40

Takes about 35mins, more in rush hour

Saturdays

High Wycombe (bus station) 7.50, 8.50, 9.35, 10.07, 10.37 then at 07 and 37 til 15.37, 16.40, 17.40, then at 40 til 22.40

Sundays

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Lane End Village Fete

Report by Tanya Sims

Lane End Village Fête Needs You!

Lane End Village Fete will be taking place on Saturday 12 June. This year we are aiming to make this important village event even bigger and better. The regular highlights will be there: the Zippy Dipper for kids, beer tent, dog show, horse riding, BBQ, plus many new and exciting attractions!

As well as giving local village organisations the opportunity to promote and raise money for themselves, the fête raises funds for the upkeep of Lane End Village Hall.

Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Report by Katy Donoghue

At long last, spring has sprung and we are all looking forward to the warmer weather. However here at LEYCC we have decided to FREEZE our hire charges for the next twelve months, so if you are looking for a **venue** to hold a party, function or meeting, look no further than the Lane End Youth & Community Centre.

We have two **events** this quarter to note in your diary:

Friday 19 March, 2.30-9pm is the long awaited Parish Info-Fair.

Did you know, for example, that the Village Hall receives no public money and is entirely self-financing?

An event such as this requires a great deal of organisation both beforehand and on the day. Our small organising committee would be delighted to receive any offers of help- the more the merrier!

Last year's fête was a great success. With our fingers crossed for fine weather, let's hope that this year's will be even better!

As in previous years we will be running a car boot sale on the day. If you would like to reserve a pitch, run a stall or help out at the fete please contact Tanya Sims 882336 family.sims@virgin.net

Come along to explore this showcase of local activities and find out what is on offer in our area.

Saturday 8 May, back by popular demand we have another Country & Western Music night featuring the 'Silver Bullet Road show disco', 8pm 'til late including light refreshments for only £5 per ticket. Please contact the Centre for further information and to purchase tickets.

Computers@The Centre is a free service to local people interested in learning more about computers, from the basic beginner through the more experienced. It is an informal and supportive environment in which to get the practical help you need—and it won't cost you a penny.

Lane End Horticultural Society

Report by Trevor Perrin

These first couple of months of 2010 find us stuck fast in our cosy potting shed with no inclination to move, yet garden we must and venture out we do, albeit reluctantly.

The ground remains saturated and unmanageable so forks and spades remain hanging from their hooks. The mower has had its annual service, but the lawns look sorry for themselves, so every thing including ourselves remain in limbo.

We are planning our Annual Show which takes place Saturday 14 August in Lane End village hall. Please have a go, its your produce we want to see on the display tables and we are happy to help you with your display if you are uncertain.

January of this year we prematurely lost stalwart committee member Ken Stone of Piddington. A gardener's gardener and good family man. Our sincere condolences to Rita and family.

From a snowbound potting shed, we raise a glass, and wish you all a happy and productive gardening.

For information call the Secretary Trevor Perrin on: 01494 881414

It runs every Thursday from 11.30am – 2pm. The service is fully funded by Wycombe High School and has been running since early March 2006. Drop in and discover how Computers @ The Centre can help you – and remember it is completely free of charge!

Situated in the heart of Lane End village, the Lane End Youth & Community Centre provides an array of **activities** to suit the whole community. At the moment we have two youth clubs with ages ranging from 8–19yrs and even Puppy Training classes. Other activities include fitness classes, French conversation classes for




children, line dancing, big band music and a weekly Thursday lunch drop-in between 12 and 2pm where you can have a bowl of delicious home-made soup, filled roll and a dessert; all at reasonable prices and with a friendly atmosphere.

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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Ask the: Osteopath

with Ian Luxton 



Question

'I've got a lump behind my knee the size of a small egg. It doesn't hurt, but it appeared after I had knee pain following a bit of DIY. It's not hard like bone, but it's a definite lump.' *Anthony Barrett, Lane End*

 A non-traumatic swelling behind the knee is often associated with a Baker's cyst, also known as a popliteal cyst, caused by fluid leaking from the joint. It can be related to osteoarthritis, but sometimes a trauma to the knee causing a herniation of the joint capsule may also be a cause. Baker's cysts are usually soft to palpate and can cause no symptoms at all. However, there may be a tightness when the knee is flexed or extended. Treatment includes draining the fluid and reducing the swelling with a cortisone injection or minor surgery to remove the sac. For an accurate diagnosis however, contact your physiotherapist or osteopath.



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Moorend Common

Report by Katy Dunn

As Moorend Common becomes increasingly well-known as an ecological treasure trove, more and more people want to study it.

Oxford Brookes University is using Moorend Common as a case study for ecology surveys.

You may have seen these 'tents' on the Common—they're actually Malaise traps for catching invertebrates.

They work by catching flying insects which meet the vertical 'wall' of the



trap, instinctively fly upwards and get trapped in the bottle. There are also 'pitfall' traps - which sound a lot scarier than they are. They're essentially cups sunk into ground that crawling insects fall into. The traps will be checked and emptied every week and will be in place until September to allow the ecologists to get an accurate picture of invertebrate life on Moorend Common.

We've also got ground surveys ongoing at Moorend Common at the moment. GPS is being used to record the position, as precisely as possible, of the major ground features. These include paths, unique trees, electricity pylons, woodbanks and stream beds etc.

For more info contact Katy Dunn: katyjdunn@btinternet.com



CURIOSITY

CORNER

Lane Ender James Bowley sent in a picture of this poster advertising the Lane End Village Hall Glamour Ball. He found it on eBay and the poster now hangs in his porch. It promises a late bus to Piddington, unidentified 'Novelties' and a 'jolly crowd'!

We're intrigued as to the identity of Miss Lane End 1956—does anyone know?

If you attended the Ball, tell us your memories of this marvellous-sounding event. Write to the editor (address on p1). Do send in your pics or interesting nuggets of info from your village for the next issue of Curiosity Corner.



Marlow Farmers Market

Report by David Emmett

Marlow Farmer's Market runs every Sunday in Dean St Car park with the revised opening times of 10am - 1pm. On offer is a range of meat, vegetables, cheeses, free range eggs, potatoes, cakes bread plants etc.

We welcome back Wild Flour Bakery (Formerly Bakerstreet) who produce superb pies, pastries and breads, made from fresh, local ingredients.



Another new producer is Heath House Nursery who produce organic chicken and herbs and attend once a fortnight.

Every week there is a free raffle (drawn at midday) whereby customers receive a free raffle ticket with every purchase made, to get the chance to win one of two prizes of farmers market produce, kindly donated by the farmers market stall holders.

As Spring gets under way there will be seasonal vegetables on offer such as asparagus which should be peeping through the ground in late March/ early April. This is grown here in the Chiltern hills at Rockwell End, Hambleden. For more information please take a look at:

www.marlowfarmersmarket.co.uk

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Ask the: PC man

with Paul Rubens 



Question

A message keeps popping up on my screen saying that my computer has a virus and that I need to buy a particular anti-virus program to remove it. But I already have an anti-virus program – do I really need to buy another? *Emily Davis, Lane End*

 No. Your computer has been infected by malicious software. It is trying to convince you to spend money on this anti-virus program - which was almost certainly written by the virus's author! If you buy the software it will do nothing to remove the infection, and will almost certainly make it worse.

As your existing anti-virus program failed to protect you, I recommend that you uninstall it, then install and run Microsoft's Security Essentials program instead. You can download it free from <http://www.microsoft.com/security/products/mse.aspx>. If this is unable to remove the malicious software then get expert help.

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Safety and Security

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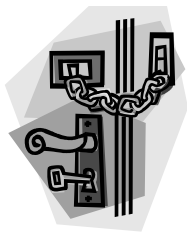
'It tells you all about our local Neighbourhood policing team, along with an overview of the recent crimes that have taken place in our area,' says Danny.

Free security upgrades for over 60s

Age UK formally known as Help the Aged will upgrade security on residents properties who are over 60 and have less than £20,000 in personal savings.

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If you would like to put yourself, a family member, friend or neighbour forward please contact - Age UK on 0845 026 1055 or alternatively email handyvan@hta.org.uk

Save your reg plates

A FREE pair of tamper-proof screws for your car registration plates are available from the front desk of your local Police Station.

The Wycombe Community Safety Partnership are offering these to highlight the current issue of theft of number plates. Tamper resistant screws make it much more difficult to remove a registration plate, which can then be used for other crimes.

For further advice, please visit www.wycombe.gov.uk/communitysafety or call 0845 8 505 505

Free fire safety checks

Report by Bucks Fire & Rescue

Free safety checks to help reduce the risk of a fire in your home are available from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service.

The checks take about 30 minutes each, depending on the size of the house, and are usually carried out by firefighters. The householder needs to be present to answer a few questions. Free smoke alarms are fitted where required and Firefighters will offer fire safety advice.

They will then fit as many smoke alarms as they think necessary for normal use. Batteries last 10 years.

To book one of these free checks, ring 01296 744477 or email cs@bucksfire.gov.uk

Community safety manager Terry Ridgley's top tips for staying safe from fire are:

Fit and maintain a smoke alarm: You should have one on each level of your home and test it weekly.



Plan your escape route:

Make sure your family knows the quickest way out in the event of fire. Plan an alternative route in case your

usual one is blocked.

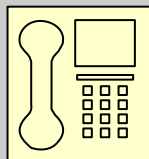
In the event of a fire, get out, stay out and call 999:

Don't delay for valuables, and don't try and investigate. Use a mobile, a neighbour's phone or a phone box to call 999. Wait outside for help.



unsolicited mail/calls

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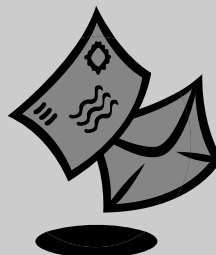
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What's On?

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

Keep Moving, seated exercise to music—11.45-12.45 Liston Hall Marlow

Gentle Exercise to music—(60s+) 1.15-2.15 Liston Hall Marlow

Exercise to music—(50s+) 2.30-3.30 Liston Hall Marlow

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

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

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

Ladies who Latte—free businesswomen's networking every second Wednesday 10-12noon at Crown Plaza Marlow

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

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

Parent Coaching Course—parents of 3-9 year olds 7.45-9.45 Marlow starting 29 April—1 July

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

I know I've missed loads! So to include your club or group meeting (free)
email: katyjdunn@btinternet.com

Your calendar of
one-off events in
March to May



What's On?

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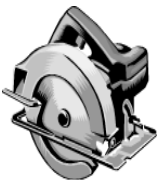
May

Thur 25	Four Ends Flower Club, Village Hall 2pm
Sun 28	Pastor John's last service, 4pm Elim Centre, Lane End

Sat 3	10-12 Twinning Association Coffee Shop, Village Hall
Fri/Sat 16/17 23/24	Lane End Players Production of <i>Lord Savile's Crime</i> . Village Hall, 7.30. For info: www.laneendplayers.com
Sat 17	10-12 Holy Trinity Coffee Shop, Village Hall
Thur 22	Four Ends Flower Club, Village Hall 2pm
Sat 24	Hambleden Valley Gardening Club plant sale. Skirmett Village Hall between 10.30 and 12.30
Sat 24	Royal British Legion Quiz Night. 7pm for 7.30 start at LEYCC. Tickets from Tom Nixey 881436 or Derek Polwin 881838
Sun 25	Afternoon tea at Parmoor and talk with Neil Reece about King Zog's stay in Parmoor in WWII. Tickets £7.50 Contact Carol Hunt on 883350
Wed 28	Royal British Legion Coffee Morning at Rachael Cook's 881389. All are most welcome
Fri 30	Holy Trinity Whist evening , Village Hall 7.30pm

Fri 1	10-12 Twinning Association Coffee Shop, Village Hall
Mon 3	Longridge Open Day, Marlow. Family day to trial activities
Fri 7	Holy Trinity Skittles Evening, Village Hall 7.30pm
Sat 8	Country & Western Music night, 8-til late, £5, LEYCC
Sat 15	10-12 Holy Trinity Coffee Shop, Village Hall
Thur 22	Four Ends Flower Club, Village Hall 2pm
Fri 28	Holy Trinity Whist Evening 7.30

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-  Looks great on your CV
-  Helps combat depression and stress
-  You can learn new skills
-  Feel good about yourself and gain respect from others
-  It can help health and fitness
-  It allows you to indulge your hobbies and interests and your family won't dare complain!

eg. Gardeners could help rejuvenate local grot-spots, shopoholics could help disabled people with their retail needs, walkers could take the dogs of elderly or disabled people out for a walk, elderly or disabled people could look after someone's dog while they're at work, footballers could coach a youth team, anyone can pick up litter!


The possibilities are endless!



Volunteers of the month

Moira Binns (left) and Barbara Ewing. Among many other volunteering roles, Moira and Barbara are members of the Lane End Conservation Group and regularly pick up litter in the village. Thanks Ladies!

Those individuals or groups who benefit from volunteer help can say thanks by naming and praising them in *The Clarion*. Write in with your volunteer of the month to: katyjdunn@btinternet.com

Why not write in with your genuine volunteering offers and needs and we'll do our best to fix you up 

☞ Here are a few for starters:

Clarion distributors

We have a brilliant army of volunteer distributors, but from time-to-time we need fresh legs. The commitment is only four times a year, delivering to houses in your locality. At the moment we need someone to take on Marlow Road—the section from Simmons Way to Chalky Fields. Please contact Katy Dunn on 01494 883883 or katyjdunn@btinternet.com

Lane End Junior Youth Club

The Junior Youth Club is for 8-13 year olds and runs on a Wednesday evening from 6-8pm. At the moment they offer pool, table tennis, board games, indoor and outdoor football, arts and crafts etc, but anyone with a skill or interest to pass on to the kids would be of great value. For instance, a football or cricket coach, musicians, dancers, artists etc. Offer your support to Rocky on 07857 948278.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Victoria Martin, community fundraiser for Marie Curie Cancer Care is asking volunteers to give a few hours of their time by being a co-ordinator for a day, tin collecting for a couple of hours or being a driver and delivering the appeal equipment around Bucks. Please give her a call on 01869 325309 or email on victoriamartin@mariecurie.org.uk

Conservation work

This could include anything from digging out a pond, to laying a hedge or footpath, to Indiana Jones style undergrowth clearance. You get hot and sweaty and often muddy, but you learn new skills, it's very sociable and extremely satisfying at the end to see what a difference you've made. The

Lane End Conservation Group

meets monthly on the first Saturday of the month. Contact Robert Briggs about monthly action days on 01494 882090 / robrigg@aol.com

The **Moorend Common** wardens are also putting together a register of volunteers for help with clearance work in the autumn, contact Katy Dunn on katyjdunn@btinternet.com

The **National Trust** also always needs volunteers for varied tasks from room guides to gardeners. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteers


Lane End Village Fete

Help make this year's fete one of the best ever, and have fun at the same time. Call Tanya Sims on 882336 or email family.sims@virgin.net

Lane End Day Centre

The Lane End Day Centre always needs volunteers—general helpers, drivers, cooks one day a week or more. Come and make new friends and do something for the community. (Tues, Thurs and Fri and the Elim Centre.) Call Carol Hunt on 883350

On the land

with Bryan Edgley 



After a winter under snow, young crops need a little TLC

Many neighbours have asked me

how the crops fared in the recent hard winter when heavy snow and freezing conditions started in December and continued with some roads closed and other interruptions of the daily routine of life until mid

January. But this did not harm any of the winter wheat or other crops, which had all been seeded in good and dry conditions in September or October 2009.

The crops were really quite snug under the snow, and looked good after the snow had melted. However if the weather had been dry with biting cold winds from the north east for such a long period then the crops could have

suffered damage from wind chill.

As we approach the Spring we have to ensure that the young crops have sufficient plant nutrients to draw on for good growth. When soil temperatures rise and the length of daylight increases it is a signal to

the young plants that the dormant winter period has ended and the main growing period of the year from April to June has started.

These main plant nutrients are often shown

on a bag of fertilizer as N, P and K. These letters are abbreviations for Nitrogen for leaf growth, Phosphorous for a vigorous healthy and fibrous root system and Potash (denoted by the letter K) for general



plant health and the production of starch and sugars in the leaf as it grows. All of these nutrients only work well when the soil is at the correct pH level, neither too acid nor too alkaline. By adding lime in the form of ground chalk we can correct acidity when necessary.

Another nutrient which the plant needs, especially in crops such as oil seed rape (bright yellow fields in early Summer) is

Sulphur. It is interesting that when there was more manufacturing industry in Britain there used to be sufficient sulphur in the air for the growing crops, but following the decline of industry there has been less air pollution so that now we have to buy fertilizer that contains sulphur.

At a recent farmers meeting in Oxfordshire the Chairman of the Government Agency 'Natural England' introduced the latest Defra initiative, the 'Campaign for the Farmed Environment' to encourage measures aimed to protect the countryside, its wildlife, soils and water quality. At that meeting we were reminded of the alarming fact that there are only sufficient natural resources of Phosphorous in the whole world to last for the next sixty years. After that the next generations will have to grow food without the present resources of phosphate

fertilizer, and also without the present natural resources of oil both to power tractors, and as the base ingredient of many of the crop protection chemicals.

On the farm we use large amounts of artificial fertilizer, but we also aim to use sufficient digested sewage sludge, processed at the sewage works near Twickenham which serves the heavily populated

London suburbs, to maintain the Phosphate status of the soil at the best level. We use a dressing of eight tonnes per acre of this treated sewage sludge every second or third year on many of our fields. Gardeners on their vegetable

“The next generation will have to grow food without the natural resources we have”



plots are similarly well advised to make and use compost, both to return plant nutrients to the soil, and also to add humus to keep the soil open and make it easier to work.

Bryan and Alison Edgley moved to the 102-acre Kensham Farm in 1955. Since then the land farmed has grown to around 2,300 acres on which Bryan still manages the diversified enterprises of craft and light industrial workshops, let cottages and flats. There are also DIY livery, private riding trails and manege facilities for horse owners. Their son, Charlie Edgley manages the farming side of the Partnership in which the main crop is wheat.
www.kenshamfarms-horseriding.co.uk/

Eco-page

Love food, hate waste?

UK households throw away 8.3million tonnes of food a year, most of which is perfectly edible. A typical family with kids bins £680 worth of food waste.

Equally unsettling is the environmental cost - the wasted water and energy in growing and transporting uneaten food and the methane it produces in landfill. So, how can we do better?

1) Send less food to landfill

WRAP, the UK authority on waste & recycling, recommends that we plan meals, manage portions, keep an eye on 'use by' dates, and freeze surplus (See www.lovefoodhatewaste.com).

2) Compost food waste

Over 30% of average household waste could be composted. Fruit and vegetable peelings and tea bags can be converted into rich food for your garden. Home composting doesn't starve waste of oxygen so it releases very little of the potent greenhouse gas methane. For more



information on composting look up: www.recyclenow.com/home_composting/index.html

3) Recycle food containers

On average the UK resident sends 2000kg of waste to landfill every year. Why not recycle? Aluminium cans are one of the most cost effective materials to recycle. Compared to manufacturing from scratch around 95% of energy can be saved. 80% of all glass sent to recycling reappears in the UK, mostly as new bottles and jars.

For more green, money saving tips, call the Energy Saving Trust on **0800 512 012**.

Local recycling



Recycling is changing in Wycombe. A new style of calendar is currently being delivered to every property which sets out the recycling collection calendar for the whole year, rather than the three different calendars we currently receive.

New recycling collection rounds have been developed which means that for most people, from 15 March our Black and Green boxes will be collected on the same day, once a fortnight.

There are also new collection vehicles which have split compartments inside the vehicle body so

that the materials we've so meticulously separated, stay separated in the lorry.

The GROW Scheme like that in Stokenchurch—where they have green wheelie bins for food and garden waste—cannot be expanded to our area at the moment. The facility where the organic waste is delivered is currently working at full capacity and until they expand, we'll have to continue composting our own. To get hold of a subsidised compost bin call 0845 130 6090.

To dispose of other waste, High Heavens recycling centre at Clay Lane, Booker is a great resource on our doorstep. It has recently been upgraded and is much more convenient to use. For more local info on recycling look up: www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/waste

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Schools

We never thought that the novelty of snow days would wear off, but they certainly exceeded their ration this year. The first casualty of the was our traditional Lane End Christmas. The last day of term was supposed to be the highlight—carol service and Christmas dinner. The white landscape looked lovely but that was the end of the celebration. The beginning of this term had the same difficulties. A stuttering start has left us trying valiantly to catch up. It did give us an opportunity to try our website out and many children were able to access work on-line.

Lane End Primary School

We did however manage to have a great time putting on our pantomime - Cinderella Rockafella. This went down really well and the discovery of hidden talent in the school was just amazing. The ugly sisters were a great hit and brought the house down with their outrageous fashion style. It was a lot of hard work but enjoyed by everyone. We are now very excited at the prospect of Wind in the Willows in the summer.

We have had a really successful term with much admiration for our Stanley Spencer project. A trip to the local gallery produced some

amazing work. The written work has been earmarked to be shared at the next meeting of the county's literacy coordinators. The artwork and some of our leaflets are going to be displayed in the gallery in Cookham. Another endorsement for the talent within the school.

We are very lucky to have been invited to join the Great Brain project funded by the Healthy Schools Project from BucksCC,

based on the work of Will Ord, who will be visiting the school later in the year. It is early days yet but the effects are already being felt.

The end of this term will be celebrated with our poetry speaking competition and a concert with some of the songs from WWII and an exhibition of drumming which has been a huge hit with the children. They are always the 'tops'. Whatever we challenge them with they rise to the occasion. They are actors, musicians, eco-warriors, school councillors, practice restorative justice and philosophers—whoever said that standards are slipping should watch these fantastic children during any school day to know that they are truly amazing.
Denise Starr

We have all been very busy settling back into the school routine and have lots of exciting events planned.

We are putting on a school production on Tuesday 23 and Thursday 25 March, the theme 'surprisingly' will be Climate Change!

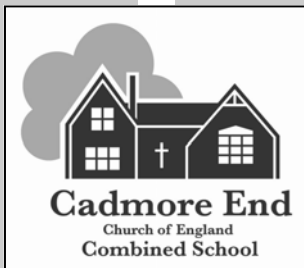
Our building work is almost finished. We are so excited and can't wait to get to grips with the all new extended library & larger resource areas, this is a tremendously important development for the whole school.

To mark our new extension with an official opening on 2 March, we had a day of celebration, and the

pleasure of the Bishop of Oxford blessing the new building and spending some time in classes meeting the children.

The school PTA is busy organising our traditional Easter Egg Hunt (such a perfect woodland setting for the children to enjoy this activity!) Our Easter church service is on Thursday 1 April and prizes are awarded for the Easter Egg and Bonnet competitions.

This term will be an important chapter in the development of the school and we all look forward to continued success in 2010. Contact the school office for info on 881460.



Like most people, the snow meant we had a slow start to the year at Lane End Village Pre-School. At least it helped to put in context the concert they performed at Christmas: 'Four Seasons in one Morning'. The more reticent children always end up having as much fun as the natural performers and everyone comes away proud and happy.



In January we took part in the RSPB School Bird Watch week. The posters and ideas sent by the RSPB helped us to identify garden birds and make them interesting. The children made bird cake – a delicious (to birds!) concoction of lard and seeds. They also made 'binoculars' to help spot the birds,

and we recorded them to send off to add to the national tally. Unfortunately, the birds hadn't spotted the food we'd put out on recording day and were a little thin on the ground, but we saw a blackbird and crow and a kite came over too.

To celebrate Chinese New Year the pre-school children, staff and some parents/carers

visited George Uong at the Golden Palace Chinese restaurant across the road from the Village Hall. We all enjoyed vegetarian noodles and banana fritters to celebrate the Year of the Tiger. For info contact Stephanie: 01494 445027 Steph.Blunt@hotmail.co.uk



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Oasis project

with Pastor John Richards 

of the Elim Christian Centre in Lane End



We don't often read about good news stories from our communities. The Lane End Oasis Centre (LEOC) is one that started in Lane End and is set to roll out to other communities in Wycombe.

In 2007, Sam McKee and I discussed the teenage youth group (Static) which had become difficult to run as several older members had 'outgrown' the group, and were ready for something different. We decided to limit the youth group age to 16. When I told my wife, Marion, she said, 'We can't just abandon these young people!' Her suggestion was to ask members of our church to become role models and provide practical training in life skills and help them to obtain employment. Skilled tradesmen in our fellowship were approached and were keen to be involved.

However, things are never as simple as we think. Venues had to be found, equipment obtained and syllabuses prepared. In addition, adequate insurance, detailed health

and safety and risk assessment manuals had to be in place.

A number of people came on board: Dave Furze, at the time Community Development Team Leader at Wycombe DC helped get the project off the ground along with Richard Victory. We visited a similar project in Liverpool and with their help and permission used their

name and logo for the project.

In providing informal training in a variety of trades, the aim is to get young people into further training and employment. Working within Equal Opportunities guidelines we aim to serve the entire community around Lane End, irre-

spective of age, race, ethnicity, beliefs, disability, sex, marital status or sexual orientation. LEOC is however primarily focused on those aged between 16 and 25.

LEOC is a Christian organisation and management and staff are expected to uphold Christian values and standards at all times.

Many people and 



Michael Edmonds and Sam Barnes take apart an engine on the car mechanics course

organisations have given their help and time freely. Brian Edgley of Kensham Farm kindly donated the use of a barn for a car mechanics workshop. Bucks Learning Skills gave us a grant to prepare the workshop and buy equipment and further funding has been provided for a second workshop for plumbing and painting and decorating courses.

In July 2008 the first car mechanics and Literacy course started. Courses consist of two hours per week over 14 weeks and upon completion students receive Achievement Certificates'. This set-up is great for people like mechanics student Robert Bradshaw whose building work dried up in the recession. 'I was begging for some training, but the Job Centre said I'd have to pay, and if I studied at College I'd lose my benefits, which I need to live on.' Robert drives to the Oasis Centre every week from Milton Keynes. 'I can't thank Steve

(Jessop, his car mechanics tutor) enough. When it comes to 12 o'clock I wish I could stay longer.'

The garden maintenance and landscape course links up with St

Katharine's at Parmoor, a Christian retreat run by the Sue Ryder Fellowship. Young people on this course have been restoring a Victorian rose garden as a sensory garden for the blind. We thank the management staff of

St Katharine's for all their help.

The LEOC project continues to both improve and expand, we have recently started a debt counselling service and intend to introduce electrical, cooking and housekeeping courses in the near future.

There is growing interest in the Oasis Centre, donations have been pledged from organisations such as the Lane End Business Forum, and a part-time project co-ordinator, Dave Furze, has been employed to extend the scheme into other areas of High Wycombe, namely Micklefield, Disraeli and Castlefield.

We want to thank all who have helped to make this a reality, especially our sponsors, which include Bucks County Council, Comic Relief, Thames Valley Police, Bucks Strategic Partnership, Kensham Farm, LSC, Wycombe DC Lane End PC and the Buckinghamshire Community Foundation.

Elim Centre Tel: 01494 882587

"I can't thank my tutor enough"

Robert Bradshaw,
car mechanics student



Craig Carroll and Robert Bradshaw study the workings of a Ford Transit van

Who is Pastor John?

Report by Katy Dunn

Pastor John is not what you imagine a minister to be. We meet at the workshops at Kensham Farm where his Oasis project is in full swing. Four young men are taking the engine of a van to pieces with a tutor to learn how it works. At the end of the course, which is costing them nothing, they'll have the skills and certificates to help them get a job as a mechanic.

Pastor John breezes in, reminding me of Dick van Dyke in his later years, all white hair and wide smile. I ask him a bit about himself while Rachel the photographer clicks away, but soon she can't resist being drawn in by his words and his presence. He's as far away from the traditional image of religion as you can get. Pastor John is all about application and action – practising what you preach. He speaks with incredible energy and enthusiasm and it is clear that he gets results.

Pastor John came to Lane End in 1972. Before his conversion he had a top job in retail, big house, big car, the works. The story of his conversion to Christianity is a fascinating one. This is reducing and simplifying, but in a nutshell, he was in a traffic jam in Bisham on the way to a meeting when he began thinking about life – the big 'is this it?' question. His wife was a believer, but he had always 'rudely' (his words) rejected faith.

However, on this morning he challenged God to show him a sign. As he drove past The Bull at Bisham he looked up and ahead of him was a large stone crucifix. He'd never noticed it before, though he presumed it had always been there. In that instant, as he describes it, 'I called on Jesus Christ for Salvation.' His whole life changed and it was so manifest that at his meeting they asked: 'What's happened to you?'

Pastor John joined the Elim church, which at that time was on the Frieth road, an idyllic position, but the building needed work. The options were to upgrade or move. They decided to move to the estate in Lane End where they saw the need was greater. At first the County Council wouldn't sell the land, but Pastor John was not one to give up. Eventually they asked for £100k. Pastor John came back with an offer of a quarter of that and the Council acquiesced.

That was 20 years ago and Pastor John has been here ever since, working tirelessly with and for the community that he has made his home. Pastor John retires at the end of the month – his last service is on 28 March at 4pm at the Elim Church. His successor, Nick Whittome will have his induction service on 10 April.

And what will John Richards do with his retirement? 'I'm going to write a book about the experiences of a village Pastor,' he says, 'Many miracles have happened in this village, and not enough people know about them.' I'm certainly intrigued!



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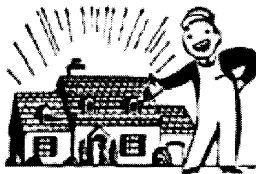
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My washing machine has started to smell and I've run descaler through it but it hasn't helped. What should I do? *Kathryn Jenkins, Lane End*

 Various things cause smells in washing machines. The most common is a build-up of grease in the drum. This is more usual in machines that predominantly use a 30° or 40° wash with colour-friendly washing powder (bleach-free). At these temperatures, the grease and bacteria are not removed.

I suggest that you run an empty, very hot (90°) wash cycle, ideally with a detergent containing a bleaching agent or a biological stain removing powder (Note: DON'T put bleach in your machine!). Do this a couple of times and then about twice a month after that and that should solve the problem. If this doesn't work, however, it may be a problem with the way the washing machine drain connects to the outside drains... and that's when you ring your friendly local plumber.

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At last, spring is finally on its way, or did someone mention more snow!? We've had our fair share this winter as well as wet weather and cold temperatures. Our winters over the past few years have been relatively mild, with daffodil bulbs and the like flowering way earlier than expected, so this year's cold winter might correct their 'body clocks' a little.

Apart from the Daffs, one flowering shrub always tells me warmer weather is not far away—the Forsythia. It's a popular plant, but can be scruffy if allowed to grow too big for its space. If pruned properly, Forsythia gives a big full spray of yellow flowers to brighten any garden saying goodbye to winter.

For something a little more special my favourite is the winter Daphne, Daphne odora 'Aureomarginata', a 3-4ft high evergreen shrub with yellow edged leaves, pink flowers between February and April, and has a wonderful perfumed scent.

Seasonal Top Tips

Too early to cut grass? No such thing! On a mild day if the ground's not too soft I'd get out there as soon as possible and give the lawn a light trim, not as short as you usually

would in summer, but enough to tidy it up. If you leave it until the warm weather hits the grass will shoot up and that first cut will be a nightmare!

Want to cut down on weeding this summer? Now is a good time to put a mulch on the borders. A layer of bark or composted manure spread over beds and not dug in. A good 2-3 inches thick will help stop weed seeds germinating that are already waiting. It won't stop nasties like dandelions though so dig them up first.

Dave's Mystery Plant:



I am a large 12ft specimen rather than rounded, and I like to keep my leaves on all year round, as long as the winter winds are not too cold. That's why many people very kindly put me up against a wall, but I have to be trained against it correctly because I'm not one for climbing. My silky flowers are silvery-grey, a bit dull maybe, so they are draped down in long 6-8 inch tassels all over, in the middle of winter. What's my name?

Answer: Garrya elliptica (Silk Tassel Bush)

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