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From the Editor

I love summer in Lane End. When we lived in London, summer was characterised by sweaty tube rides, hot and dusty streets and a ghost-town feel as everyone disappeared on holiday anywhere but London. The Chilterns, on the other hand, comes alive in the warmth with barbecues and lazy walks, fetes and picnics, regattas and festivals.

Coming up in June locally we've got Bucks Open Studios offering a chance to play art critic, meet artists and explore their work in their own workspaces. Lane End Fete on 11 June is also a not-to-be-missed occasion with the usual mix of family fun.

On a more serious note, Ditchfield Common in Lane End is up for sale. Turn to pages 7 and 34 to find out why this should (and does!) matter to us as a community.

Enjoy the summer!

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Annual Parish Meeting Chairman's Report

(edited due to space restrictions)

It has once again been a busy year for the Parish Council and as there is no sign of the level of activity reducing, we should perhaps accept that this is the level of work that the Parish Council undertakes on behalf of its community.

Priorities during the year have included careful examination of the proposed development of a stadium with associated enabling development of hundreds of houses, on Booker Airfield. In addition, the Council has been able to make further progress towards achieving key objectives established in our Parish Plan.

Once again, the demands placed on all of those contributing to the work of our Parish Council have been considerable but the enthusiasm and commitment of those engaged in this work has remained undiminished and I thank them all.

Changes to the Parish Council:

Callum Stewart, David Crichton and Paul Mansell did not offer themselves for re-election this year, and we thank them for their valuable efforts and contribution. We welcome two new Councillors; Keith Wright and Mandy Dunning. We have one remaining vacancy, and welcome the approach of any parishioners or ex-councillors. Enthusiasm and a considerable time commitment are required. Please contact the clerk to express an inter-

est: Hayley Glasgow 01494 437111.

Finances

Finances remain healthy. The total budgeted expenditure was broadly in balance with projected income. A conscious decision was made to use reserves to help community projects. £26,000 was donated, a large proportion of which was allocated to urgent renovations at the Village Hall.

In line with many public authorities across the country, the Council took a conscious decision not to raise the precept (rates) for 2011-12.

The Council is entering the new financial year with lower reserves than previous years, but reserves are still robust.

Cadmore End School. In the event, concerns were raised from within the local community of Cadmore End and investigations by Bucks County Council Highways identified technical difficulties in implementing the scheme. As such, this scheme was not progressed.

However, further discussions took place with the local community and the School which have resulted in a revised scheme. This new scheme will incorporate a range of measures, including road markings and signage,

to provide an improved pedestrian crossing facility outside Cadmore End School. The new scheme, now costing £43,000, is expected to be completed during the summer of 2011.



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

Review of 2010-11

In undertaking a review of the work of Council over the last year it is of course difficult to fully capture everything which has happened but a number of achievements do stand out as worthy of mention:

Cadmore End School: Pedestrian Crossing Facility

Last year, it was reported that in competition against six other Town and Parish Councils, the Parish Council had been awarded a sum of £20,000, from a total budget of £35,000, to provide a pelican crossing outside

Improvements to Church Road

Arising from requests from parishioners, the Parish Council has commissioned the installation of four additional street lights along Church Road between the Lane End Conference Centre and Clinkard Place and these will soon be operational.

Lane End Village Hall

The Parish Council supported this important community asset by donating £18,000 towards a new heating system and fire doors.

Lighting Im-

Moorend Common

The Parish Council continues to receive support from Natural England in respect of the work that is being undertaken to reinstate Moorend Common in accordance with the formal Management Agreement.

As the owner of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), the Parish Council will have a continuing responsibility for the upkeep of Moorend Common when the current Management Agreement with Natural England expires in 2012.

Clarion

Following the re-launch of the new look Clarion with the Spring 2010 Edition, the Parish Council continues to support the work of its new Editor in building upon the significant enhancements that have already been achieved.

Miscellaneous

The Parish Council participated with the Lane End Youth & Community Centre and the Twinning Association in organising the inaugural “Christmas in the Village” event. This was well received and supported and plans are already underway to repeat this event in 2011.

The Parish Council commissioned the installation of a water supply at the Bunkers Allotments. This is now operational and all Council Allotments now have a water supply.

The Parish Council commissioned a traffic survey at each of the principal

entry points to the village which measured traffic flows and traffic speeds in both directions over the course of a full week. Full results will soon be available.

Donations : 2010-11

In addition to the exceptional grant that was made to Village Hall, the Parish Council awarded the following donations in 2010-11 to support the work of local community groups :

£1,500 to the Oasis Project

£500 to the work of the Lane End Community Safety Forum

£2,000 to the employment of a Youth Worker at the Lane End Junior Youth Club

£500 to the work of the M40 Chilterns Environmental Group in addressing M40 noise

£1,500 towards the employment of a music teacher and the establishment of a Youth Orchestra at the Lane End Primary School.

£500 to the Lane End Day Centre

£1,250 to Lane End Twinning Association's 10th Anniversary event

£1,000 to a Summer Play Scheme at LEYCC

£4,000 towards employing a full time Youth Worker at Elim Centre

Priorities for 2011-12

Wycombe Air Park

The Parish Council is firmly

opposed to the proposed development of a Community Stadium and Sports Village, with an associated enabling development of hundreds of houses, at Booker Airfield.

It believes that any such development on the Green Belt would be wholly inappropriate and that there are no exceptional grounds to justify it. Moreover, the Parish does not believe that there is any way that a viable business case can be developed to justify this development in financial or any other terms.

The Council will make its opposition to this misconceived proposal its first and highest priority and will use all avenues available to stop it completely.

Ditchfield Common

Ditchfield Common has recently been put up for sale by the Estate of the late owner at a guide price of £75,000. It is also aware that there is widespread community support for action to be taken to ensure that the future of the Common is safeguarded as a community asset. (see article following).

New Right of Way Edmonds Parade to Village centre

The obstacles in establishing this new right of way are immense and largely outside of the Parish Council's control. However, it has secured the full support of the South West Chilterns & Marlow Local Area Forum to progress this project. This means access to the resources and expertise of the County Council.

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In recognition of the major benefits that such a pedestrian link would bring to the local community, the Parish Council has set aside £20,000, to support any work → that may be required if ways can be found to progress this key project.

Lane End Playing Fields

The Parish Council remains acutely aware of the poor condition of the Clubhouse and the Playground at the Lane End Playing Fields and that no real progress has been made in addressing this matter.

The resources required to effectively address these problems are well beyond the Parish Council, however, progressing this issue will be one of its key priorities over the forthcoming year.

Moor End Common

When the current grant from Natural England ends in 2012 the Parish Council will be exploring new funding sources suggested by Natural England for on-going maintenance.

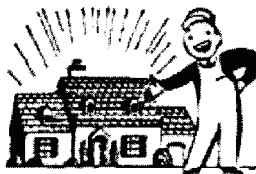
Summary

The Parish Council is conscious of the ambitious agenda it faces in the forthcoming year and the demands that this will place on its limited resources. Initiatives can only be taken forward with the active engagement and support of members of the community.

With this in mind, the Parish Council would welcome further offers of support and assistance from anyone who can help in the initiatives it

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Ditchfield Common is up for sale

Does it matter to us?

Report by Katy Dunn

Ditchfield Common has been in private ownership for many years, does it really matter if another private owner buys it?

Ditchfield Common includes most of the car park by the village hall, the green around the church and stretches down to Clinkard Place. When the owner, London solicitor Thomas Taylor, died recently the Common was put up for sale for £75,000.

A meeting was called by Lane End Parish Council at which the issue was discussed. Local landowner Bryan Edgley (see p34) gave an impassioned speech on behalf of the PCC (church council). He said that the Common stands at the centre of the village and is an invaluable asset for informal recreation, (see photo above).

He also reminded villagers of last year's traveller invasion, warning that this could become a regular or even permanent fixture if the Common were in the hands of an unscrupulous owner who would accept bribes, as it is the responsibility

of the landowner to evict travellers.

Commons are currently protected by laws which prevent any building on them, but there are speculators who may be interested in purchasing the land in the hope that the laws may change in the future.



Residents celebrated the royal wedding this year with a party on Ditchfield Common

Commons have stood for centuries at the heart of local communities, as a haven of green space for wildlife, walking and recreation, but we're all guilty of taking them for granted.

Perhaps this is our

wake-up call here in Lane End.

Fortunately our Parish Council is forward-thinking enough to see that Commons are an asset that should be safeguarded for the community and is looking into buying Ditchfield. At the meeting there was unanimous support for this venture and many offers of donations. There is the suggestion that £50,000 might be an acceptable sum. LEPC proposes paying half from its reserves and is looking to make up the rest from grants and donations. To offer a donation, contact the parish clerk: clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org

The lowdown

Footpath Update

Report by Margaret Adnitt

Walkers in the Finings Wood area will have appreciated the new bench situated on footpath LE11 near the top of Long Copse. Thanks go to Ross Osborn and James Allen who constructed and installed the seat.

There are still a few Lane End walks books available for sale. The booklet entitled 'Ten Walks in the Five Ends' is an excellent introduction to walks in the beautiful Chiltern countryside surrounding our village. The book will be available for sale at the village fete at the GASP stall: also through www.gasp-no.org.



Nettles and brambles are growing apace at the moment. The Conservation Group and several individual helpers (to whom I am very grateful) are endeavouring to keep on top of them – but if you encounter any footpath problems then please contact me, Margaret, on 882609.

Lane End Evening WI

Report by Christine Jennings

In June the W.I. will be enjoying an evening of Chinese Cookery, followed in July by a talk on the "Concept of Pain". In August we shall be having a Fish & Chip Supper and playing Petanque. 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.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Report by Nigel Finn

Every six weeks, a small group of people from Lane End, Stokenchurch, Piddington and West Wycombe meet with our local Police and Community Support Officers to try and help each other tackle any problems that may be occurring in our areas. Myself, Nigel Finn, Jane Osborn and Sue Atkins represent Lane End.

It is an interesting opportunity to meet other people in the area, to get to know our local Police Officers and to help them to deal with local issues. Whilst the Police are well aware of crimes being committed in the area, they do not necessarily know about the other issues which regularly cause frustration and inconvenience to people in the area.

It is often these low-level issues that can have the more long-term debilitating effect on a community and it is important they are sorted out.

On the more positive side NAG would also like to be involved in activities which help to promote the welfare of the community.

One particular success of the Group was an initiative put forward by two 16 year Stokenchurch lads, supported by NAG, which led to the funding and erection of a £50,000 Multi User Games Activity court.

Whilst most of our initiatives do not lead to such a spectacular result, the topics discussed can cover almost any local activity such as road safety, home security issues and the more entertaining side of community involvement such as support for events such as village fetes. The Group can only be as good as the people who are involved and their ideas.

If you would like to come along and see what this is all about, and to contribute in some way, please get in touch with our Chairman Mr Nigel Entwistle.

nigalentwistle@hotmail.com

or look on the Thames Valley Police website for more information
www.thamesvalley.police.uk
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Thank you for your support.

Holy Trinity Pastoral Group

Report by Judy Taylor

A group of people from Holy Trinity Church would like to offer support to anyone in or around Lane End who, because of infirmity and/or loneliness may be unable to meet up with others for companionship.

We come from various backgrounds in teaching, nursing and social care and come to listen and help, not preach. Please call Judy Taylor 881655.



Art Exhibition

Report by Christine Jennings

The first weekend in August brings our sixth Art Exhibition at the Village Hall in Lane End. This display of local talent is a great event and raises money for the Village Hall.

We are looking for new exhibitors – painters, sculptors, embroiderers, wood craftsmen, photographers. Whether a pro or a dabbler, what have you got to lose?

Details from Christine 881913 or cljennings@btinternet.com

Do come along and see the show on the weekend of 6/7 August.

CURIOSITY



Thanks to James Bowley's mum in Devon for sending in this picture of Lane End's high street and duck pond.

CORNER 

Cadmore End Cricket

Report by Peter Jennings

Can you play cricket, or would you like to learn?

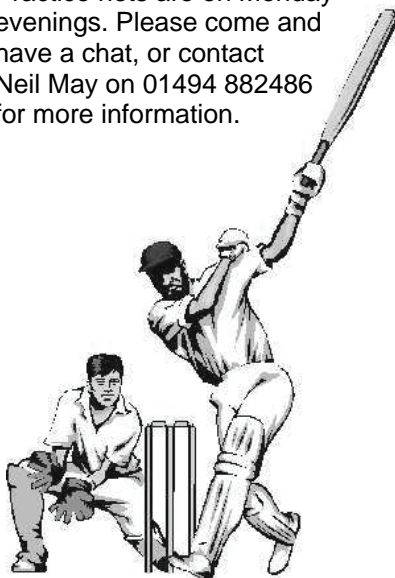
Cadmore End Cricket Club is looking for players from the Lane End area to supplement its successful first and reserve teams. Any age from 14 years upwards are invited. We welcome those who are skilled or unskilled and those wishing to be trained.

The main criterion is to be enthusiastic, a good team person and to enjoy cricket!

Matches are played on Saturday afternoons at Cadmore End throughout the summer and occa-

sional weekday evenings when there's a knockout cup. Matches are always played in a friendly environment.

Practice nets are on Monday evenings. Please come and have a chat, or contact Neil May on 01494 882486 for more information.



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Stadium update

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The proposal:

For those who have somehow managed to miss what's going on—the owner of Wycombe Wanderers and London's Wasps wants to leave Adams Park and build a new 17,500 stadium and 'sports village' up the road at Booker Air Park.

The site is owned by Wycombe District Council (WDC) and they want to support and part-fund the development through 'enabling development' ie. selling off the Green Belt land at the air park for housing (minimum 600 houses).

The effects:

The project will cost tens of millions of pounds, will result in the loss of 240 acres of Green Belt countryside on our doorstep and could pave the way for development sprawl that could join Lane End up with Cressex and Sands as an extension of High Wycombe.

Thousands more cars will be using our roads, particularly the B482 through Lane End and Cadmore End. The roads will be affected not just on match days, but for rock concerts and other money-making events. The new housing development of several hundred houses with a couple of cars each will also

impact on our already overstretched road system and services.

Light and noise pollution from matches and rock concerts will carry for miles as the air park is on a hill-top plateau.

The view from Lane End towards Booker will be of houses, stadium and hotel, rather than green fields.

Some air park jobs will be lost, but not the noise from aeroplanes and helicopters, in fact helicopters are likely to increase.

The Sports Village aspect of the development is nothing like a new Sports Centre. Existing sports clubs will simply be given the option to rent space there.

More info: www.gasp-no.org

The latest news:

It's not over yet, but there is some good news for those who don't want the stadium. Following the local elections on 5 May, the Leader of the Council, Lesley Clarke decided to step down. This allowed for the election of Cllr Alex Collingwood as Leader.

Cllr Collingwood was head of the Independent Review Commission that wanted deeper scrutiny of the

case for building on the Green Belt and the business case for the stadium. We can be cautiously optimistic that this at least means the stadium proposals will be properly looked at instead of being hastily pushed through.

One would hope that he would flag up all the flaws in the project that have been so glaringly obvious to the rest of us all this time.

However, we can't break open the champagne just yet. It's one thing saying all these things when it's someone else's responsibility, now he's in the hotseat, things are a lot more complicated for him. In the BFP recently Cllr Collingwood said:

'For the environment we'll be working to protect the greenbelt.... We need to develop the local area with a new sports centre at Handy Cross. In addition we will explore the alternatives and choices on key issues such as the stadium development. Here is a fantastic opportunity for the community, but we know that the current plans are not popular.'

That statement 'Here is a fantastic opportunity for the community' is concerning, but we must watch and wait with interest to see the direction Cllr Collingwood will take.

There's a Wycombe District Council Cabinet Review on 13 June and that should give us some more information.

There's no harm in reiterating our concerns to the new people at the top, as they may not have been

privy to all the letters and emails that were sent before. Be courteous, tell them who you are, where you live, that you are opposed to the stadium, list your reasons and say what you would like them to do. Contact:

alex.collingwood@wycombe.gov.uk

Find out more:

Anti-stadium campaigners GASP are certainly not giving up the fight until the stadium plans are well and truly squashed. Lane End Parish Council is equally opposed the stadium plans and is continuing to do all it can to stop the development both behind the scenes and in its official capacity.

If you want to find out more about the stadium debate, GASP is taking a stall at the Lane End Fete and people will be there to give away balloons and leaflets, sell T-shirts and run a raffle with amazing prizes including a glider flight and radio-controlled rally car.

GASP also produces a weekly update on all things stadium—if you'd like to be on the mailing list for this, send an email to: contact@gasp-no.org

Demo

There's a family demo planned for Sat 18 June 2.30pm with a march through Wycombe centre ending up at the Rye. GASP aims to get 1000 people there to show WDC that we're still here and the opposition to the new stadium hasn't gone away. Watch out for posters.

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. Here at Lane End Youth & Community Centre, we are busy with private party bookings and planning some more fundraising events. If you would like to book the Centre for your own private party or event, just call and we will be happy to show you around - remember, we offer reduced rates for local residents too.

The Drop-In at LEYCC

Every Thursday between 12-2pm, LEYCC holds a drop-in lunch where fresh summer salads, tasty filled rolls and desserts are available to buy at reasonable prices. However, we are now in *desperate* need of volunteers to help by either doing a shop (for which you will be fully reimbursed), or helping on the day.

We need a minimum of two volunteers to help serve the food and clear away dirty crockery into the dishwasher. The helpers are entitled to a free lunch as a thank you for their time. If you would like to get more involved with your commu-

nity and make some new friends, we would be delighted to see you.

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LEYCC Association Vacancy

Lane End Youth & Community Centre was officially opened in January 2004. It is an integral part of the community and is run by committed and dedicated local volunteers. There is currently a vacancy on the Management Committee - the important role of Secretary. We are looking for someone with basic administration skills, who is willing to attend one evening monthly

meeting, take and distribute minutes and occasionally volunteer to assist with some of the fund-raising events. It is not a time consuming or labour intensive role, so if you are interested in exploring this post further and wish to become more involved with your local community, please get in touch.

Come and visit our stall at Lane End Village Fête on 11 June.

Lane End Players

Report by Eve Berry

Thanks to all who came to 'Under Milk Wood'. It was a very exciting

and challenging play to offer you, so we hope you all enjoyed it.

Our next production is 'Switchover', our usual Summer Show mix of songs and sketches - lighthearted and full of fun.

It will be later in the Summer, although still part of the Village Fete festivities.

Dates are Friday 23 and Saturday 24 July at 8pm.

The Box Office opens on 18 June, selling tickets on Saturday mornings at the Village Hall.

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Lane End fete Saturday 11 June

Report by Peter Rose

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

The regular highlights will be there: the Zippy Dipper for kids, beer tent, brass band, bell-ringing demonstrations, horse riding, BBQ, plus the chance to try your hand at circus skills with Katy Kartwheel!

Most of our village organisations will be represented and the ever popular dog show will also be running. Why not enter your dog in this fun event? Just come along on the day and join in!



As in previous years we will be running a car boot sale on the day. If you would like to reserve a pitch please contact Tanya Sims using the details below.

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 fêete was a great success with nearly £3700 raised for the village hall alone. With our fingers crossed for fine weather, let's hope that this year's will be even better!

Contact: Tanya Sims
01494 882336

tanya.sims@virginmedia.com

Lane End OPAG

Report by Jane Osborn

50+ with time to fill during the day? Come along to one of our monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of each month at the Lane End Youth & Community Centre.

We meet at 2pm and usually have a speaker or some other social event. For example, later in the year the ever-popular Mike Dewey of the SWOP project will be showing slides on aspects of 'old' Wycombe.

Before the meeting, between 12 and 1pm, you can enjoy a bowl of delicious home-made soup, a roll and a pudding plus tea or coffee - all reasonably priced. As the weather gets warmer lighter options such as a salad is offered instead of soup.

Royal British Legion

Report by Peter Jennings

It's a big year for the Royal British Legion as it is celebrating the 90th anniversary of its founding.

The Lane End Branch will be having its own celebrations at the Lane End fete on Sat 11 June, with balloon racing and goodies for the children. We will also be holding our popular tombola so please come along and give us your support.

Before this, on Saturday 4 June,

we'll be holding our annual Royal British Legion BBQ at Bessemer's Cottage, Moor Common. The festivities begin at 6.30 pm. Bring your own drinks and picnic chairs. All are welcome. It's a wonderful event and a great venue - not to be missed!



The Ladies branch of the RBL are holding their annual lunch at Rachael Cook's house, on Wednesday 29 June in Lane End. The event is open to all - including men! Bring your own chair. Contact Rachael on 881389

Finally, don't miss the Royal British Legion Armed Forces Day Service on Sunday 3 July at Holy Trinity Church, 9.30am.



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Art for all

Bucks Open Studios 18 June–3 July

By Katy Dunn

It's Bucks Open Studios time again. During the last two weeks of June each year, artists and makers from all over Buckinghamshire open up their studios to visitors free of charge. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet artists, find out about their work and even try your hand at something new yourself.

It's a special feeling to own an original work of art and there are works on sale at the studios. There's something for every budget from £5 to £1,000, but there's absolutely no obligation to buy. Bucks Open Studios is more about artists sharing their work and getting people interested and excited about art. I'm certainly no expert, but it's fun to feel like one when you go to the studios with your family and friends and bicker amiably about which works you like best.

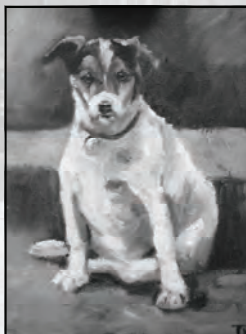
We're particularly lucky in this area as we're spoilt for choice of venues to visit. Who knew our parish was such a hotbed of creative talent!

Wycombe Court House (pictured behind) is the beautiful home of artist Julie Wetenhall and also home to

Wycombe Court Artists.

Visiting here is a double treat as you can not only enjoy the work of

painters, ceramicists, sculptors and jewellers, but also see the amazing gardens created by Julie's husband, Richard. Among the artists on show are:



Julie Wetenhall (paintings of local scenes, ceramics and sculpture. Julie often paints animals and this is 'Jack')

Sue Fawthrop (abstract land-

scape paintings, red kites feature)

Caroline Selvey (ceramic, metal and glass sculpture for indoors and out)

John Ashton (figurative, abstract, sometimes cartoon-like paintings)

Tim Robinson (large, compelling, semi-abstract cityscapes)

Adele Gowrie (animal / bird sculptures in willow, wire and bronze)

Sarah Jane Bennett (unique, original silversmith and jewellery)

James Sansome (elegant metal-work bird sculpture)

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Lane End. HP14 3HJ*

Also in Lane End and exhibiting for
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is artist **Jan Gaska**. Jan is a print-
maker and painter. His most recent
work is figurative, featuring vibrant,
yet fleeting moments in time of his
family at play.



*Open Wed and Fri 3-5pm, Sat 11-6pm,
Sun 12-7pm 18 June-3 July
Kew Cottage, Finings Road, Lane End.
HP14 3EY (last house on left as you go
out of the village towards Stokenchurch)
www.jangaska.co.uk*

Along the road in Cadmore End, the
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Artists included are:

Lis Smith
(painter and
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and texture;
this is her
study of a
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Lauretta
Milligan
(painter of Chiltern and South Afri-
can landscapes)

Olive Dancer (painter using oils,
acrylic and mixed media)

Peter Hopgood (eclectic works in
acrylic, pastel and watercolour)

Claire Esberger (semi-precious and
pearl contemporary jeweller)

Sara Brown (eclectic mix of graph-
ite/ pencil studies and photography)

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3UP (the road to Horsley's Green).
Resident artists will be working on cur-
rent projects in the Working Studio.
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Also participating in Bucks Open
Studios are artists in West Wy-
combe, Stokenchurch, Saunderton
and Bledlow Ridge.

**For more information check out
www.bucksopenstudios.co.uk**

Lane End Conservation Group

Report by Robert Briggs

The Harris Memorial Garden is located on the site of a long-lost tavern called the New Inn, near the centre of the village.



The site is owned by the Bucks County Council and is named after Herbert Harris, a hard-working member of the Lane End Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and the Methodist Church. The benches commemorate the life and work of the Conservation Group's long-serving work organiser and Chairman, Tony Davis, who died in 2000.

In 1992 an oak tree in Finings Wood was felled after a gale and the timber used for a semi-pergola, constructed and installed in the garden under the direction of Tony in 1993. In that same year a brick and flint raised flower bed was placed in the garden, assisted by a grant from Wycombe District Council. The flower bed was built by I & C Meakes, then planted-up by the Group who now maintain this area.

Over the years the raised bed suffered from constant vandalism and theft of many newly planted plants; hopefully this issue has now passed and today we now have a garden that is full of colour during the year.



The Lane End Conservation Group has spent a number of action days over the last six months working on improving the area at the back of the garden, after a large tree had to be removed as it had died and was dangerous. All the old shrubs and ivy that covered the wall were removed to open up this area and has now been sown with grass seed and in the future additional plants will be added to make this area a focal point of the village.

laneendconservationgroup.co.uk

Letter from Oléron

Report by Tim Cherry

We are glad to be into summer after a very cold winter. At least it wasn't the violent weather we had last year. Being in the middle of the Bay of Biscay we get some very strong winds in winter and last year's storm

"*Xanthia*" was devastating. The sea invaded several houses and some people inside were killed. Particularly hard-hit was Boyardville, just 5 miles from St Pierre.

However, nature has clearly decided to make up for it by being early with summer this year. Our cherry tree produced the first ripe fruit about a month early.

Oleron is looking beautiful – the seascapes across to Fort Boyard are misty, powder blue and gold and the *ostreiculuristes* (oyster-

farmers) are busy with their flat-bottomed boats. Easter brought a fair number of visitors; the viaduct across to Oleron was full of camper vans and will be so now until late September. Oleron receives two million visitors in summer, and sometimes they need to endure long waits on the access roads from Rochefort and Saintes towards the viaduct. Be warned!

We hope that many of you in Lane End will come and visit us this year; the wonderful seafood and beaches here await you!



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Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

Report by Janet Collins

We have now finished our winter monthly talks and have a list of interesting visits to gardens in the area for the summer months to look forward to. Andrew Ingram presented a most interesting final talk in March on his creation of wildlife meadows on his farm.

We have already had our first garden visit this April to Blewbury Manor on the edge of the Berkshire Downs. The garden was most stimulating and interesting with a



lively guide from the Head Gardener.

Events coming up include a visit to Greenfield Farm wildlife meadow on 22 June and on 19 August we'll have our summer party. Looking ahead to September we'll be visiting Bourton House in Gloucestershire.

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Ashill development on former Elga site

Report by Katy Dunn

Ashill Developments has submitted proposals (shown below and right) to the Planning Department for the redundant Elga site on Marlow Road in Lane End.

When no commercial buyer could be found for the site, Ashill asked Wycombe District Council Planning Dept if they could put in a residential development. WDC wanted to retain a percentage of employment use on the site, although the developers are finding it hard to find any interest for the light industrial and office buildings that WDC has des-

ignated, so the 70% residential will be built first and the 30% commercial remainder later.

There is some concern about this, as this piece of land will remain closed-off, redundant and essentially wasted, until the developers can sell the commercial units or the Planning designation changes. Many people in the village would like to see a nursing and elderly person's home on the site, but this is classed as 'residential' rather than 'commercial' use in Planning terms, even though it would poten-





tially be a valuable employer for the village. *(If you feel strongly about this, why not write to the Planning Department, Wycombe District Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BB / planning@wycombe.gov.uk)*

The new development will be accessed by car from Marlow Road and Simmons Way and the footpath down the alley by the school (Footpath 25) will be re-routed through the development. There is some concern that this will further exacerbate the disconnection between the estate and the high street and make the walk to school more difficult and dangerous for school-children going to Lane End Primary.

However, if the footpath were to re-

main where it is, there is the potential for security issues for the new houses. The footpath is raised at a higher level than the development site. The likelihood is that residents would build high fences and hedges for privacy and security, meaning that Footpath 25 would be even darker and more enclosed than it is at present.

The developers say that a new route through the development will only add 109m (2mins) onto the walk from the estate to the high street. The Parish Council is continuing to investigate the best solution.

The style of the new development is designed to be in keeping with the character of Lane End in terms of

materials and scale. The iconic → main building on Marlow road (next to Grouse and Ale) will be knocked down and replaced because of the levels of asbestos present. However, the replacement is designed to be of a similar style.

A decision from the Planning Department is expected in the next 3-4 months and, if favourable, the developers would like to clear the site before Christmas. The 18-month construction period would then start in the new year.

If you have any questions or comments, contact:

Ashill Developments

0800 298 7040

The proposal for the former Elga site includes

- 42 residences including 11 one- and two-bed apartments and 31 three- and four-bed family homes.
- 1,114 sq m commercial buildings
- Revised vehicle access to Marlow road and Simmons Way
- 95 car park spaces for the residences, including 10 visitor spaces and 39 spaces for the commercial element
- A new pedestrian footpath link
- New landscaping featuring private and shared amenity space



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Lane End Day Centre

Report by Chairman Ann Carter

Regrettably, I have to inform you that Lane End Day Centre will close its doors on 1 July 2011. Our Co-ordinator, Carole Hunt, is retiring after 19 years at the helm and we are more than grateful for all the sterling work she has put in to make the Day Centre such a happy place for the members.

Our finances do not allow us to offer a position to a new Co-ordinator. Although we have worked hard to try and bring the Centre back onto a more secure financial position over the last two years, this has become harder and harder and our many sponsors and donators over the years are now having to tighten their

belts. For this reason we do not have the necessary funds to maintain the Day Centre.

Several members of our committee have been with us from the start and we are not able to fundraise like we used to, (jumble sales, picnics, silent auctions, summer balls etc.). It has also become increasingly difficult to recruit new members and especially volunteer helpers. Without a strong nucleus the whole position becomes untenable.

Maybe in the future someone with enthusiasm and vigour will come along to take up the task and “reinvent” the Day Centre in a different format and we certainly wish them well.

We will try to ensure that all our present members are well catered for before we close.

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The Horticultural Show

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But for blooms and display, in aura and light

The centre's for greenstuff, the carrots and cabbage
There's leeks lying there, all white and then green
They're so firm and hard, yet tall as a hedge-row
This veg is as good as any I've seen

Potatoes, four coloured, then four of the white
The onions are next, all glossy and bright
Courgettes come in threes, like soldiers a-marching
Broad-beans are quite different, all lumpy and arching.

Now come the flowers, sweet-peas and roses
asters and dahlias and gladioli
Table arrangements, spectacular posies
Herbaceous and Annuals bloom up to the sky.

There's Apples for cooking and some for desserts
Strawberries and Goosegogs—the pears look alert
The quality is good and the Judge is upright
With care, his verdict is bound to be right

There's hens' eggs and duck eggs, six any colour
Jam in a glass jar, soft and stone fruit
A flan, nice and savoury, alongside the chutney
Fruitpie with top-crust and shortbread taboot.


All the cups now presented, the auction complete
It's out with the brooms, debris all round our feet.
Dismantle the show-stands, once more pack away
Then lock up the front door, bid each other good-day.


Trevor Perrin

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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
Speech drop in—9.30-11am first Monday of month, Lane End Primary. Tel Sure Start 447110
Dinky Dancers—10.30-11.15, Lane End Primary School Tel Sure Start 477110
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
Parent & Toddler Group—9.30-11 Lane End Primary School. Tel Sure Start 447110
Bingo—7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Music & Rhymes—9.30-10.15 Lane End Primary School. Tel Sure Start 447110
Lunch Bunch—parent and toddler group, 11.30am-1.30pm, Elim Centre, Tel 882587
Antenatal/Postnatal Dance. 10.45-11.45 (antenatal), 11.45-12.45 (postnatal). Frieth Village Hall Tel 07957955462
JUMP—children's club, 3.45-5.30pm, Elim Centre Tel 882587 (from 11 May)
Bridge Club—2.30pm Lane End Village Hall
Junior Youth 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
Physical Fun—9.30-10.30 Lane End Primary School. Tel Sure Start 447110
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
LEOPAG—First Thursday of the month 2-4pm LEYCC
Methodist Church Wives group—2nd Thursday of the month 2-4pm LEYCC
Citizens Advice Bureau—12-3pm, Lane End Primary School. Tel 07717 652302
Line Dancing for Beginners. 7.30-9.30 Frieth Village Hall
Lane End Players—8pm Village Hall Tel 07706 426320

Baby Sign & Rhyme —9.30-10.30, Lane End Primary School, Tel Sure Start 447110
FSFH Circuit Training—9-10am LEYCC

Coffee Shop—every other weekend, 10-12noon Village Hall, check calendar overleaf for details
Lane End Conservation Group Action Day—10am First Saturday of the month (4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec) meet Car Park by the surgery

Parish Communion—9.30 Holy Trinity Church Lane End (crèche first Sunday of the month)
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
Lane End Players—7.30pm Village Hall Tel 07706 426320

Your calendar of
one-off events in
June to August



What's On?

June

July

August


Wed 1	Antenatal/Postnatal Dance. 10.45-11.45 (antenatal), 11.45-12.45 (postnatal). Frieth Village Hall Tel 07957 955462
Sat 4	Twinning Association Coffee Shop. 10-12noon Lane End Village Hall
Sat 4	Real Craft Fair. 10.30-4.30 Youth & Community Centre, Edmonds Road, Lane End. All items designed and made by local Crafters. 01494 883583
Sat 4	Lane End Conservation Group Action Day, meet in Lane End car park (by Doctors surgery) at 10am. Tel 882090
Sat 4	Royal British Legion BBQ. 6.30pm Bessemers Cottage, Moor Common. Tel 881436
Sat 11	Village Fete. 1.30pm Ditchfield Common
Sat 18	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop, 10-11.30 Lane End Village Hall
Wed 22	Hambleden Garden Club. Visit to Greenfield Farm wildlife meadow. 01491 638690
Fri 24	Holy Trinity Whist Evening, 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall, Tel 881913

Sat 2	Twinning Association Coffee Shop. 10-12noon Lane End Village Hall
Sat 2	Lane End Conservation Group Action Day, meet in Lane End car park (by Doctors surgery) at 10am. Tel 882090
Sun 3	Royal British Legion Service. Armed Forces Day service, Holy Trinity Church
Sat 9	Real Craft Fair. 10.30-4.30 Youth & Community Centre, Edmonds Road, Lane End. All items designed and made by local Crafters. 01494 883583
Sat 16	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop, 10-11.30 Lane End Village Hall
Fri 23 Sat 24	Lane End Players' Summer Production, 'Switchover' Lane End Village Hall. Tel 07706 426320
Fri 29	Holy Trinity Whist Evening, 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall, Tel 881913

Sat 6	Twinning Association Coffee Shop. 10-12noon Lane End Village Hall
Sat 6	Lane End Conservation Group Action Day, meet in Lane End car park (by Doctors surgery) at 10am. Tel 882090
Sat 6/ Sun 7	Art Exhibition. 11am-5pm, Lane End Village Hall. Tel 881913
Sat 6	Real Craft Fair. 10.30-4.30 Youth & Community Centre, Edmonds Road, Lane End. All items designed and made by local Crafters. 01494 883583
Sat 13	Horticultural Show. 2pm Lane End Village Hall. Tel. 881414
Sat 20	Holy Trinity Coffee Shop, 10-11.30 Lane End Village Hall
Fri 26	Holy Trinity Whist Evening, 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall, Tel 881913

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

On the land

with Bryan Edgley 



Commons and Woods

Forestry Commission Woodland

The report in February this year that the Minister for Defra (the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) has decided against selling off the nation's woodland owned by the Forestry Commission was good news to most of us who live in the rural areas.

There had been widespread criticism at the suggestion that the State could no longer afford to own or manage its own forests.

The Forestry Commission had been formed in 1919 after the demands of trench warfare in World War I had used up so much timber that there were no remaining reserves of wood either in store or growing in Britain's forests. The aim of the new Forestry Commission was to promote forestry and the production of timber. It was the timber thus grown

that became invaluable for the needs of World War II. The Commission clear-felled 29,530 acres of its forests to use the timber for construction and fuel at a time when imports were not possible.

In the 1950s and 1960s most of this forestry land was replanted with softwood, fast growing coniferous species such as Larch, Pines, Norway Spruce, Douglas Fir or Western Hemlock from which the timber is used in



building construction for roof trusses, doors and window frames.

Many did not like the view of these new plantations, some of which were planted in rectangular blocks which were out of harmony with the natural contours and valleys of the hills on which they were planted. This area of forest land owned by

the Forestry Commission was enormous, nearly 4 million acres by the start of the 1970s.

However from the 1970s up to the present time the Commission has changed its policy objective away from commercial production of softwood timber on a big scale in all of its forests towards conservation and amenity in some areas like our own Chiltern Hills.

Here most of the woods are privately owned with the Commission only owning about one tenth of this woodland. The Commission now tries to maintain woodland character and recognises the importance of broad-leaved trees, such

as oak, ash or cherry which grow slowly but naturally to produce hard, good-looking timber suitable for making furniture.

The beech trees which grow naturally in our local Chiltern Hills woodland, on which the High Wycombe furniture making trade was based in earlier years, come into this category of broadleaved deciduous trees, shedding their leaves every Autumn and growing slowly to produce quality trees which are likely to take up to 120 years to mature, before they are ready to fell for the furniture making industry.

Chilterns Commons

In and around Lane End we are lucky to have eight different Commons which, just like all Forestry Commission woodland, can be enjoyed and walked over by the general public. These are described in more detail in the guide book which the late Peter Philp prepared in the Millennium Year 2000, entitled "Four Pubs and Two Duck Ponds - Lane

End, The Birth and Growth of a Chiltern Village".

Many people do not realise that Common land is not owned by the State as public land, although some commons (like Wimbledon Common or Burnham Beeches) are owned by

public authorities or by boards of conservators or trustees for the benefit of the general public. Other commons such as Ashridge Common in Hertfordshire are owned by the National Trust, but the freehold of common land in rural areas is normally owned privately, and often the grazing rights are still important to livestock farms.

In Lane End the Parish Council already owns most of Moor Common, Moorend Common and the small Oakshaw Common off Simmons Way. These Commons, and the five commons in private ownership, are all registered in the Commons Register held by the Buckinghamshire

“Ditchfield
Common is so
important for the
village of Lane
End”



County Council and all of the owners have permitted the general public to walk over their commons at all times within living memory.

During the 19th Century the commons in Lane End would have been used for local industry rather than recreation, or as open downland grazed by cattle and sheep, at a time before the motor car had been invented.

Cadmore End Common was owned by Lord Parmoor until the 1940s, and right up until 1938 was used for quarrying the materials from

which the local bricks were made. Clay was dug from open pits on the common, chalk was quarried from deep shafts below adjoining parts of the common, and the brick moulds were filled by hand and wheeled on small rail tracks right into the kiln, which still stands to this day. Fuel for baking the bricks was straw from adjoining farms and firewood grown on the common.

Ditchfield Common is in private ownership at the present time, but the Executors of the late owner, Tom Taylor, have offered it for sale in recent weeks. The Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, which stands in the middle of Ditchfield Common, feels that Ditchfield Common is so important

for the village of Lane End that the freehold of this common land should be owned and controlled as a community asset, by Lane End Parish Council.

The Parish Council agrees and has approached the land agent regarding potential purchase. The Parish Council are proposing to fund up to 50% of the purchase price from its

reserves and fund the rest through donations from villagers and through grant schemes. The Parish Council will be pleased to receive direct donations, either from individuals or from associa-

tions, towards its proposed purchase of the freehold of Ditchfield Common so that it will be able to own and control Ditchfield Common as a community asset for the benefit of all the people of Lane End at all future times.



Ditchfield Common looking toward Lane End with the church to the left. (photo: Rachel Wallace)

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.

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Safety and Security

with PC 2272 Danny O'Driscoll

There have been no house burglaries this month and only one from a car at West Wycombe Garden Centre in April.

The neighbourhood team continue to collect information on drug activity in the area. Call 0845 8 505 505 anonymously.

Teenager arrested after crash in Stokenchurch

Thames Valley Police was called to Slade Road in Stokenchurch on Monday (11/4) after a car crashed into another vehicle parked in a driveway. A white BMW left the road and crashed through a fence and hedge and into a parked Honda CRV, pushing the vehicle into a garage, at about 6pm. The driver got out of the car but was restrained at the scene by residents until officers arrived, following which a man was arrested and a BB gun was recovered.

The 18-yr-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession of a firearm as well as multiple driving offences, including dangerous driving, aggravated taking of a vehicle without consent, driving while under the influence of alcohol and driving without a licence. The man has been released on bail until 27 May for further enquiries to take place.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB remains a priority, but there does not seem to be major problems in the neighbourhood at the moment. Please report any incidents and they will be dealt with robustly.

Offenders brought to justice

High Wycombe man charged with assaulting a Lane End woman

Stokenchurch man charged with Harassment of local woman

Stokenchurch 16 year old male charged with three counts of assault

High Wycombe man charged with Theft from a motor vehicle after the number plates from a vehicle in Stokenchurch were stolen

Lane End man arrested and charged with Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis

Neighbourhood priorities

PARKING: Reports of vehicles blocking the path next to the pond on Lane End High Street requiring pedestrians to step into the road to get by. If vehicles are seen parked like this then they will be issued a ticket for obstruction.

SPEEDING: Speeding is an area priority and the team will continue

enforcement patrols. More speed enforcement patrols will take place in May on the Marlow Road, Stokenchurch so please bear this in mind.

Partnership Activity

It was the official opening of the new scout headquarters on Saturday 23rd April at Longborrow Hall, Stokenchurch. This also coincided with the community fun day organised by PCSO Penny Ling. The day was a huge success with many people in attendance. PCSO Ling ensured that this was a free event with various activities including a bungee run, other inflatables and a football tournament.

The team would like to increase the

number of neighbourhood watch schemes across the area. If you would be interested in working together with the team, Wycombe district council and neighbourhood watch in starting up a scheme in your area please contact us.

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Elim Christian Centre

Report by Pastor Nick



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volunteers between 3.45 and 5.30pm. It costs just 20p, and gives your child an opportunity to enjoy a high-energy mix of mad games, dancing and crazy fun mixed with biblical teaching linked to children's film releases on DVD. This term we'll be looking at Toy Story 3!

The Oasis Centre charity continues to provide skills training for employment. Please do give Oasis a call

on 881112 if you would like to enrol on one of the many courses, and get yourself trained up.

Our lunchtime club **Lunch Bunch** is a free, fun and friendly group for parents & carers of pre-schoolers open term-time on Wednesdays between 11.30am and 1.30pm. Just turn up! Coffee and cake are provided for carers!

Our drop-in youth club **Static** will be temporarily closing. We are taking the summer to bring together a new team of helpers and volunteers for Static. We're really sorry to have to close it, as we know you like Static – but it will open again in the autumn.

Our **Sunday services** are from 10.30am, and they are relaxed and welcoming – do join us! We are also on Facebook as 'Elim Christian Centre Lane End.'



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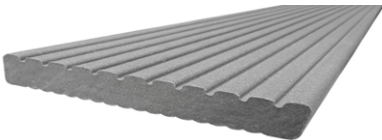
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Schools

Lane End Primary School

Hello! My name is Debbie Williams and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Lane End Primary School.

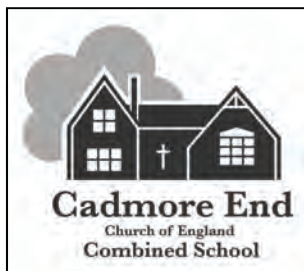
I have taught in Buckinghamshire throughout my career and, through my role as an Advanced Skills Teacher for Literacy and ICT, I have worked in a wide range of schools. Before taking the post as Headteacher at Lane End Primary School, I was Deputy Headteacher at Burford School in Marlow Bottom since September 2007.

When I first came to visit Lane End Primary School, there was something very special that I felt as soon as I walked through the doors. It wasn't something I could put my finger on, but it just felt right. As I spoke to the children, they talked confidently and proudly about their school and the work they were doing.

Since starting after the Easter holidays, the children, staff, parents and governors have been extremely

friendly and welcoming. I look forward to meeting you and being part of the community of Lane End as the school continues to evolve and move forward in many new and exciting ways.

(Debbie Williams, Head)



We welcomed everyone back to the summer term in the glorious sunshine. All the classes enjoyed preparing for the royal wedding and celebrated it in true British style with a fantastic school party. The PTA as usual did us very proud. There were bunting, balloons and flags in every corner you turned, and at the end of the day each of the children were given a gift of a royal wedding mug to commemorate the day.

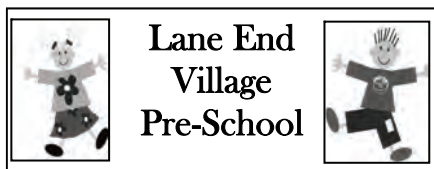
Our traditional Mayday celebrations went extremely well with a great turnout to watch our traditional country dancing & maypole dancing. The children always love dressing up for this school event!

Last term saw many varied sports competitions take place, from gymnastics and rugby to netball matches, Cadmore End pupils really are true stars bringing back medals from each competition. They all work so hard practising for these events, it's so nice to see them rewarded at the end. All the staff work tremendously hard so that the children can be proud of their academic and sporting achievements.

Class 4 are all excited about their residential trip to Hayling island this month, and the whole school too will get to visit Kensham Farm for a picnic and a day on the farm just before we break up in July.

This too is a time to say goodbye to our present Year 6 pupils, and we wish them all the best in their secondary schools.

Please contact the school office if you have any queries about Cadmore End Church of England School on 01494 881460. (*Emma Spencer, School Governor.*)



Lane End Village Pre-School has just had its latest Ofsted report and is delighted to announce that it received 'Good' in every aspect of its assessment. To see the report go to:
www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxcare_reports/display/%28id%29/299835

The children have been loving the early advent of summer and there has been lots of outdoor play—you only have to walk past the village hall on a weekday morning to hear the extent of the fun from the children's laughter.

In amongst the fun there has been plenty of learning too. Sand and water are used in the garden to promote sensory exploration, motor skills, measuring and counting.

Minibeasts are also on the educational menu this term. After one bug hunt, my daughter announced that she had spotted: 'ladybirds, ants and a very tiny reindeer'. I'm not sure whether the latter is really resident in the village hall garden, but fair play to her imagination!

The children were very excited about their 'school trip' to Notcutts garden centre when the village hall was unavailable due to local elections. Most of the children are familiar with its many delights, but you'd have thought it was Disneyland, their enthusiasm was so great. The children had a worksheet with pictures of garden implements and animals to spot, they learnt about the various animals and enjoyed a snack at the café.

Lane End Village Pre-school's numbers are very healthy at the moment, but when the bigger ones leave in summer to go on to school there will be vacancies for September. Please call now to get on the waiting list. LEVP welcomes children from two years of age. Call:
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Moorend Common

Report by Katy Dunn and Alan Gudge

Moorend Common comes into its own at this time of year. The woods and meadows have burst into beautiful lush, green life.

Bracken

Unfortunately that also means the dreaded bracken is making a comeback. Bracken has limited wildlife value and is very invasive, quickly taking over and driving out other plant species. Bracken is the iceberg of the plant world - 90% of it is under the ground, which is why it is able to spread so quickly.

We want to avoid the use of chemical controls wherever possible on the Common, but until we can get a grazing regime in place, we have to rely on our limited human resources. Trampling, cutting and digging up all help.

Help please!

I've taken to roaming the meadows and swiping the bracken with a big stick, which is actually an extremely satisfying activity and my backhand tennis shots have improved immeasurably as a result!

Do have a go yourself whenever you're on the Common. All you need is a stick and some energy. Small children find it great fun, although please be sure to show them what they're meant to be



whacking!

This is bracken, with its fern-like fronds. There are also some 'male' ferns growing on the new clearance on North Meadow—you can tell them from bracken as they have brown hairy stems rather than smooth green ones. We need to keep the bracken-bashing up until the end of June, as before then they'll just send out more fronds.

What to look out for:

It's **orchids** time again! We are incredibly lucky to have such a healthy crop of orchids on Moorend Common, enthusiasts come from miles around to see them, and they're right on our doorstep.

The Southern Marsh Orchids will be out on South Meadow (near the Freith-Marlow Road) at the end of May and the Heath-spotted Orchids will come into bloom on North Meadow (to the right of Church Road going down the hill) in June.

There are also many other **flowers** to look out for on Moorend Common, especially on South Meadow. These include Betony, Sneezewort,

Ragged Robin, Tormentil, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Lousewort and many more. Please report your findings to me: katyjdunn@btinternet.com and I'll pass the information on to the nature recorders.

Summer **butterflies** will be gathering nectar on the abundance of flowers. We hope to see the Common Blue, Meadow Brown and Marbled White.

In July look out for the rare **Purple Emperor**. The male butterfly is one of the most beautiful in Britain. From certain angles it looks to have black wings intersected with white bands. However, when the wings are at a certain angle to the sun, you get the most beautiful purple sheen, a result of light being refracted from the structures of the wing scales. The females don't

have the purple and are just dark brown.

They usually hang out in the tops of the trees so are quite tricky to spot, but they are partial to a pile of poo or a smelly dead animal, so you



may be lucky enough to see one feeding on the ground.

Finally, Marion Gill whose house is adjacent to the Common, gets the prize for hearing the first cuckoo on

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The Drop-In at LEYCC

Every Thursday between 12-2pm we offer a lunch drop-in where fresh home made soup, filled rolls and desserts are available to buy at very reasonable prices. However the Drop-In is now looking for volunteers who are willing to help with making soup and/or serving on the day. If you would like to do something for the community and make some new friends, we would love to hear from you. Please call 01494 883878 or 07932 326046 for more details.

Conservation Work

This could include anything from litter picking to laying a footpath. You get hot and sweaty and often muddy, but it's such fun and you learn new skills. It's very sociable and extremely satisfying 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 on 882090 / rbrigg@aol.com

Lane End Parish Council

The Parish Councillors are all volunteers themselves and they do a great job, but they could always do with some help with managing specific projects. If there's any cause you'd like to champion, or could lend your skills to the community, contact the parish clerk on 437111.

Volunteers of the month:




Tanya Sims and Peter Rose bring us the Lane End Fete every year. They source the sponsors, book the participants, organise the schedule, run the raffle and find the prizes. They're amazing! But they could do with some help. If you can lend a hand, either in preparation or on the day, call Tanya: 882336 tanya.sims@virginmedia.com

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Bramble, Will and the cows are film stars!

Spring Fever

Spring is definitely my favourite time of the year on the farm. After a long winter it is always pleasing to see the grass start to grow, and for me there is nothing better than watching young calves running about and exploring when we let them out to graze for the first time. The downside to this is when they get a little too enthusiastic and fail to acknowledge any fences. They have ended up in our neighbours corn crop in the past, but touch wood they managed to contain their excitement this year!

Fatigued grass!

Spring is also a time when hopefully all our hard work in the autumn starts to show. You may remember me explaining about what a long

and expensive project it is to establish a field of grass (June 2010), from ploughing, cultivation, sowing, spraying and fertilising it takes a great deal of time and money to

grow grass successfully. In September we planted 52 acres of new grass seed at Muswell Farm (behind Ditchfield Common) and the grass had a perfect start.

The seed was sown into a warm moist seed bed and then we had

regular showers in the following weeks so the grass got away well. During the winter James Jackson from Fingest brought his sheep up to graze the new grass, we do this so that in the spring we get all new growth that is full of energy and fresh, ideal for our cows.

By mid March we had done every-



thing we could for our new → grass fields, and were pretty pleased with our achievements. Unfortunately as is the way in farming we can do everything perfectly but we are still dependent on the weather, and with record breaking dry months of March and April the grass has struggled as it has had to put all its energy in to searching for moisture in the soil. Now what we thought was a very promising crop in March, is looking fatigued and decreased yields are unavoidable. But, ever the optimist, I'm still hoping for a few decent warm showers to push the grass on before harvest.

Cows like their routine

You may have noticed that the milking cows are out to graze again as well. They come inside in the Autumn when the weather gets poor and there is little feed value in the grass left in the fields, and then will be back out again as soon as the weather and grass is good enough for them.

The cows still come back to the yard twice a day for milking, in the morning and afternoons, and this is when you may see them 'wandering around' after they have been milked. Cows like routine! Milking starts at the same time, every day of the year, so as it getting close to milking time the cows will start to get up or finish grazing, so by the time Gideon, or whoever is milking that day goes to get them in they are normally waiting at the gate. They will walk to the parlour to be milked, then they are free to walk back to the fields at their own pace

so you may see them ambling along having a peek at a hedge or a passer-by. We change where the cows are grazing after every feed (twice a day) so that they always have plenty for fresh grass available to fill them up. The cows know where it is they are going to graze because they walk along the cow track until they find the first open gate (this is why it is very important to close gates behind you on the footpaths!) and hopefully a field of new grass.

Film stars for the day

As well as working to produce milk, our cows have had another job this month, being film stars! The cows, Bramble and myself have been the centre of a day's filming by a 3D film crew for a short documentary on the Discovery channel, this makes an interesting change from our normal routine, but I think the cow and dog took to it more easily than me!

Will Lacey

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