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# From the Editor

Back to school in September and what could be more appropriate than meeting Lane End Primary's new headteacher, Debbie Williams. For once, being sent to the Head's Office was a pleasure—although I would not fancy facing her as a miscreant. Beneath the attractive exterior is a very determined lady. Lane End Primary is lucky to have her on-side.

You'll all know by now that the stadium proposal for Booker has been dismissed by Wycombe District Council and the threat of jammed roads and blighted village views has been averted (more info on p12). On a personal note, I'm so happy to get my life back!

There is good news too about Ditchfield Common as Lane End Parish Council has agreed to buy the land. We all need to dip our hands in our pockets, though, to help secure this community asset (See p36). A fundraiser, hopefully the first of many, is taking place on 11 Sept, 2-4.30pm on lower Ditchfield Common—bring and buy some home-made produce and enjoy a cup of tea all in a good cause.

Enjoy the autumn and make the most of all our lovely commons (see p32). There's a map of all the major footpaths in our area on the Parish Council website: [www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk/footpaths-map.pdf](http://www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk/footpaths-map.pdf)

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**What is your Parish Council responsible for?**

**Street Lights**—The Parish Council owns 230 street lights, we pay for the lighting, maintenance and repairs. There are more than 230 lights around the village, the rest are owned by Bucks County Council.

If you see any lights that appear to be faulty or aren't working please do not hesitate to contact me, Hayley Glasgow, the parish clerk, on 01494 437111. Most street lights will have a number on, quote this number and I will arrange for an engineer to take a look at the problem.

**Allotments**—Lane End Parish Council is responsible for three allotment sites: The Bunkers on Church Road, Chalky Fields off Marlow Road and Sandy Fields at Cadmore End. The allotment holders take pride in their allotments and grow some amazing produce. The Parish Council has a waiting list for allotments as they are very popular but if you would like more information or would like to be added to the waiting list please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Bus shelters**—the Parish Council owns six bus shelters around the village. Every time a shelter is vandalised, money from your precept (the portion of your council tax which goes to the parish council) has to go towards correcting the damage.

**Land**—The parish council is also responsible for maintaining and preserving lots of land around the

village. This includes large tracts of land such as Moorend Common and the recently acquired Ditchfield Common (see p36). The Parish Council invests money into conservation to preserve these valuable natural habitats and make sure everyone can enjoy our beautiful natural places.

We also own smaller parcels of land around the village, such as the village green and even some grass verges. With all this land comes the expense of grass

cutting. We contract the job out to a grass cutter who maintains the grassy areas throughout the year. We also contract a woodlands maintenance team to ensure trees and hedges are kept to a reasonable size.

Of course, the parish council doesn't own all the land in Lane End, some is owned by Wycombe District Council (WDC) and some by the Dashwood Estate, but if you notice a problem please contact me and if I can't help, I'll find out who can!

## Latest news

Residents of Cadmore End will be pleased to hear they will soon have a Parish Council notice board, so there is now no excuse not to pop along to a Parish Council meeting.

WDC has refused the Planning ap-

plication to develop Springbank House (former Elga Site), information can be found on the planning section of the WDC website. Ashill Developments will look to re-submit an application.

Planning applications are all listed on the WDC website -

<http://www.wycombe.gov.uk>

Click on to Planning, then planning applications - you can easily search by the property address or the application reference number.

## 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](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Serious Stuff

Thames Valley police has received complaints that motorcycles including mini motos and off-road dirt bikes are being used on the roads. These vehicles are being

used illegally, to use these vehicles on the road here is a list of some of the things you need:

- Number plates
- Conforming lights
- Registration with the DVLA
- The driver must have a Full UK driving license or a provisional with L plates displayed
- Insurance
- Motorcycle helmet

See p42 , the safety and security page by PC Danny O'Driscoll for more information.

# Letters



*Dear Editor*

On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee may I clarify the grant made by the Parish Council to Lane End Village Hall. (See last Clarion)

In the Parish Council Chairman's report under finances a sentence read "£26,000 was donated, a large proportion of which was allocated to *urgent renovations* at the Village Hall". This is misleading. In a later paragraph headed "Lane End Village Hall", it says £18,000 was donated towards a new heating system and fire doors, These were not in any way urgent renovations.

The Village Hall Management Committee gratefully acknowledges this latter but some readers may think that it received other monies for urgent renovations that it has not done.

Yours faithfully,  
Christine Jennings

(Chairman Lane End Village Hall Committee)

*Dear Editor*

It's distressing seeing empty shop-fronts and properties in the village, it makes Lane End look run-down and forgotten. I know there's nothing that the parish council can do directly, but is there any way of encouraging businesses back to the village?

Yours,  
Alison Fishlock

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# The lowdown

## Footpath Update

**Report by Margaret Adnitt**

My goodness, how the undergrowth has grown this summer! No sooner have the footpaths been cleared than a mere two weeks later the brambles and nettles are rampant once more. However there is a plus side because the fruit and nuts will be in abundant supply.

There are two matters which concern me greatly:



1. Small motorbikes are being ridden in Widdenton Park Woods and the tyre marks are making the paths very muddy and rutted. Not only are the bikes a danger to children and walkers but they are illegal on all footpaths and bridleways. Be warned – the police have been notified of this problem. Please **DO NOT** ride your bikes illegally in our woodland.
2. There are several footpaths on Cadmore End Common which are being used by riders on horseback. Once again this is illegal – riders must stick to bridleways. The problem is particularly bad on 'LE42', the path running beside Head and Body



Pond towards Bolter End Lane. This is a 'damp' path at the best of times and during wet weather is extremely muddy and almost impassable due to the imprints of horse's hooves. Once again, please adhere to the rules of the countryside.

Should anybody encounter any problems relating to these two matters I would be very grateful to hear from you. My telephone number is 882609 (Margaret Adnitt).

## Lane End Evening WI

**Report by Christine Jennings**

We shall be having a talk about Mercy Ships in September and seeing some postcards from WWI in October. November brings the Annual Meeting.

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.

## Lane End Players

**Report by Eve Berry**

Thanks to everyone who supported our stall at the Village Fete and those who came to enjoy 'Switchover!', our Summer Show. We haven't had time to do all the sums, but we are sure that the Fete Committee will soon be receiving a welcome cheque from us.

We have already started rehearsals for our Autumn production. This will be 'Oh What A Lovely War', a wonderful musical play depicting the struggles, laughs and of course tragedies of the First World War.

Telling the history of the conflict through the eyes of The Common Soldier, The Politicians, The Army Bigwigs and The Girls Left Behind, it weaves many old time great songs into the story - 'It's A Long Way To Tipparary'; 'Goodbye Dolly Grey' etc - well, you know the songs, so come along and enjoy this award winning classic of the modern theatre.

Performance dates are 14<sup>th</sup> October, (tickets £7 and £5 concessions) and 15, 21, 22 October (tickets £10 and £7 concessions) all starting at 8pm.

The Box Office opens on 10 September and tickets can be purchased from that date by e-mailing:

[boxoffice@laneendplayers.com](mailto:boxoffice@laneendplayers.com)

Also phone 077064 26320 or call into the Village Hall on Saturday mornings, 9-30am til 12 noon.

The production is only a few weeks ahead of Remembrance Sunday, so do come along to enjoy this musical and remember why 11 November must always be honoured.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to let you know that the 2012 panto will be 'Dick Whittington'. Box Office for this opens as usual on the first Saturday in December - the 3rd, so put this date in your diaries. More details in the December issue.

# Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

Report by Janet Collins

Our Plant sale in May went well and was well attended. Our visit in June, to the wildlife meadows at Greenfield Farm, Christmas Common, was extremely interesting and informative. We were fortunate to have a perfect summer's evening and spent a leisurely two hours being shown around the meadows.

We had our annual Summer party at a member's house on Friday, 19 August. Our next garden visit will be

to Bourton House gardens in the Cotswolds. This will be on 8 September and we will be departing from Skirmett at 10am.

The first talk of the season will be held as usual at Skirmett Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 which will be 4 October. This will be on Creating a Garden Pond.

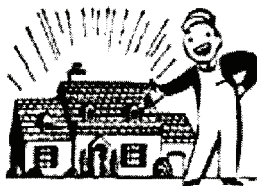
Please see the What's On Page for a list of our events.

The annual fee to join our club is £10 and there is a door charge of £1 when attending a meeting.

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## Lane End Twinning Association

Uniting Lane End in Buckinghamshire, UK with Saint-Pierre d'Oleron in Charente-Maritime, France



LETA is determined to maintain Lane End's strong links with the community of St Pierre d'Oleron despite the financial constraints being experienced within all countries in Europe. The promotion of cultural understanding between our two communities is at the heart of the original charters signed over ten years ago. These are now hand-somely displayed in the entrance hall of the Lane End Youth and Community centre for all to see.

### Café

The LETA French café is a key element of our drive to keep twinning alive within the context of a rapidly changing and increasingly volatile world. It is held every first Saturday in the month at the Village Hall. Opening times are 9.30am – 12.30pm.

It is a good place to meet friends while enjoying a good cup of coffee with a croissant or two at a very reasonable price. The café also provides a good venue for local producers and artisans to display and sell their wares.

### Join us!

Many of us who were involved at the beginning of the twinning process are not getting any

younger! What's now needed, are new ideas and the energy to ensure that what has been established, is further developed for the benefit of our local community. Would you like to be part of this? If the answer is yes - then why not call in at the next café and have a chat with us about how you can get involved or contact Phil on 07881 605121.

### Dates for your diary

**LETA Skittles evening:** This fun evening is always a popular event and will be held at the Lane End Youth and Community Centre on Saturday 12 November at 7.30pm.

**LETA Christmas in the Village Market:** (See p16 for more details) 9am – 1pm Saturday 3 December 2011

**St Pierre Christmas Market:** Why not get into the Christmas spirit and join us on a trip to the wonderful Christmas markets in St Pierre D'Oleron? We'll be going the week-end of 10-11 December 2011

Photographs of our activities are featured on our website. Just go to [www.le-ta.co.uk](http://www.le-ta.co.uk) to see more.

## 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.



## Lane End OPAG

**Report by Jane Osborn**

Over 50 with time to spare during the day - why not come along to a Lane End OPAG monthly meeting? These are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Lane End Youth & Community Centre. We meet at 2pm and either have a speaker or some other social activity; for example, this autumn we have talks by both Bryan Edgley and Will Lacey.

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 for a very reasonable price.

## CURIOSITY



*This MKIa Spitfire was restored over six years at Booker airfield and is the only MKIa flying in the world at this time.*

*The picture was taken by Tom Woodhouse, who worked on the plane's restoration. The image is looking towards Lane End and shows the Spitfire on its second flight as it returns safely to land at Booker Airfield.*

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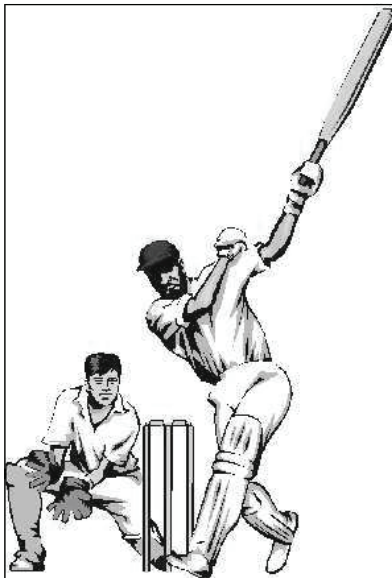
# Cadmore End Cricket

Report by Peter Jennings

Last year the Village elders (and others in the Parish) challenged the Cricket Club to a match and a fun day was experienced by both spectators and players - some were well into their seventies!

We are repeating the challenge this year and if anyone would like to join the Village team, do some umpiring, or come along for a laugh with tea followed by a BBQ please contact David Crichton on 881976

Date: Sat 10 Sept at 1.30pm



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# Lane End 1 : Stadium 0

You'll probably all have heard by now—the stadium plans at Booker have been 'kicked into touch'.

the local community through leafletting events, demonstrations and video sketches posted on Youtube.

At a Wycombe District Council meeting on Monday 18 July, councillors spoke for and against the stadium proposals, then the Leader of the Cabinet, Alex Collingwood, said in order to build the stadium: 'WDC would have to provide £31m with the public having to make up the £10m shortfall.. Hand on heart I don't think we can afford it... and I don't think it meets the special circumstances for building on the Green Belt.'

It came down to a vote (anyone who had expressed an opinion against the stadium was excluded) but still the vote was unanimous to scrap the stadium plans. WDC came good in the end.

GASP (Groups Against the Stadium Proposals) was instrumental in pointing out the shortcomings of the scheme by analysing the business and traffic plans and communicating their findings in a considered way to Councillors. GASP also did a lot of work to raise awareness of the stadium proposals and the effects on



*Thanks to glider pilot William Parker for the cartoon*

In the end, however, it was a community effort and special thanks to Lane End Parish Council and Booker Commons and Woods Protection Society who provided GASP's biggest donations, everyone who put their hand in the pocket, everyone who delivered leaflets, came to the demonstrations and generally supported the cause—we did it together, the com-

## Does the thought of your next heating bill leave you cold?

A **free phone helpline** has been set up to advise residents in Buckinghamshire how to cut their energy bills.

The service is offered by the United Sustainable Energy Agency in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council, the four Buckinghamshire District Councils and Buckinghamshire Primary Care Trust.

**0800 107 00 44**

If you are finding your energy bills unmanageable, you are not alone. Currently over 5 million people in the UK cannot afford to pay for the heat they need. Any resident in Buckinghamshire who is struggling with their energy bills can call **0800 107 00 44** for free, impartial advice on cavity wall and loft insulation, government and energy company payments, grants and loans to help with heating system replacements, advice on fuel debt and how to switch energy suppliers to get the best deal.

Some of these improvements can take a few months to install; so don't wait until it gets cold to phone.

The helpline is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.



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# Christmas in the Village - 2011

It's hard to believe with the children newly back at school after the summer holidays, but Christmas is just around the corner!

Lane End Parish Council, Lane End Youth & Community Centre and Lane End Twinning Association have joined forces once again to bring you: Christmas in the Village 2011.

To build on the success of last year's event, we are going bigger and better this year and instead of offering one venue for one afternoon, we are going to spread the event over:

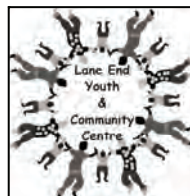
**Friday 2 December** (evening)

all day on:

**Saturday 3 December** (all day)

and across three different venues in Lane End.

More details will be revealed in the local press and on posters around Lane End village in the next few weeks, so keep a look out and remember to:



**Save the date!**





## Lane End Youth and Community Centre

**Report by Emma Savory**

LEYCC has joined forces with the Soundforce Big Band to host a child-friendly late summer concert, food and refreshments (a licensed bar) will be available to purchase and there will also be a raffle to raise some much needed funds for both LEYCC and the band.

There will be **FREE ENTRY** but all donations will be gratefully received, especially as LEYCC are hoping to install an automatic disabled door opening system to the front door at the Centre, and need to raise in excess of £2,000!

Sunday 18th September 2011  
3pm-6pm

Tickets in advance from Emma:

01494 883878 / 07932 326046 /  
[leycc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leycc@hotmail.co.uk)).

## Lane End Day Centre

**Report by Ann Carter**

We are very saddened by the closure of the Lane End Day Centre after 19 years, but we celebrated those years at our postponed Christmas party on 3 March.

Carol and myself feel privileged to have worked at the Day Centre and met the most fantastic people and shared their joys and sadnesses.

We have numerous photograph albums portraying our happy times together.

We have made the most of the short time left by taking members on trips to lunch at the paper Mill, al fresco lunches and afternoon teas at Studley Green Garden centre and a fish and chip lunch by the river at Harleyford. The raffle for the quilt was won by Sue Monro of Frieth.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to all our volunteers, drivers, escorts and anyone who has helped or contributed over the years. Thank you, Carol and Maggie.

PS. As members were so upset at losing contact with friends made at the Day Centre, it was decided with the help of volunteers to start a Tuesday Luncheon Club at the Elim Centre, commencing 12 July 11am-2pm. Transport can be provided if needed and the total cost will be £5.

Anyone interested in either being a volunteer or attending this informal luncheon please phone Maggie on 881261.

## Tiptoes Show Report

**Report by Elaine Jones**

Shelley Theatre Marlow, June 2011  
'Evacuate the Dance Floor'

The cast of Tiptoes 2011 show 'Evacuate the Dance Floor' have not been resting since the successful show in June 2011. They've →

had local fetes, school fun days to perform at and some exams.

Our cast, made up of local pupils aged 14yrs to 60+ had a fab time dancing tap, ballet, jazz and street jazz. With a kick routine from Burlesque to a finale of Pirates of the Caribbean. We asked for donations for souvenir programmes for the charity Help4Heroes and that money will go towards our finale donation after two more concerts for our younger pupils in December.

## M40 CEG

**Report by Sylvia Chadwick**

At a recent meeting between the Highways Agency and the M40CEG on the implementations of the Sustainable Communities Act these were the findings:

Highways Agency (HA) declared they have no idea how to implement the Sustainable Communities Act.

- Maintenance is outsourced for 30 years.
- HA has no power to put down a quiet surface.
- UK Highways is patching the surface over the next two years.
- It will be sprayed with chemicals locking in the noise.
- DEFRA, unlike the noise, is silent on these issues!!

### **Questions to consider asking your MP:**

Is the Government:-

- Incompetent in negotiation of their contracts?
  - Impotent to fulfil the SCA findings?
  - Insensitive to communities?
- Write to your MP to raise these questions and together we may make a difference.

## **Royal British Legion**

**Report by Peter Jennings**

Come to the **British Legion Quiz** with legendary quiz masters Mike and Phil Shepherd at the LEYCC. Sat 17 Sept at 7.30pm. Tables of six to eight. Light buffet. Bring your own drinks. Tickets: Tom Nixey 881436

**Invitation to a talk by a serving Army Officer** at Cadmore End Village Hall on Fri 28 October at 8pm (followed by drinks). A serving Army Officer will give a talk on his career in the Forces, his experiences in a war zone and his current assignment with the Joint Medical Command which includes the welfare of the wounded. Please reserve tickets in advance from Clifford Miller 881645 or Peter Jennings 882750

Royal British Legion **Brass Band Concert** in aid of the Poppy Appeal in the Lane End Village Hall Sat 12 Nov at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks. Tickets: Tom Nixey 881436.

Sat 17 Dec 7.30 pm Royal British Legion **Annual Christmas Dinner Dance** in the Village Hall with live band. Bring your own drinks. Tickets from Tom Nixey 881436

## Lane End and District Horticultural Show

**Report by Trevor Perrin**

Our annual show on Saturday 13 August held in Lane End Village Hall saw the exhibitors increase in numbers, yet classes entered slightly down. One explanation is the confusing weather for both gardeners and plants alike. This, our 120<sup>th</sup> year, started with a very long cold winter followed by an exceptionally hot and dry spring, and was in turn followed by a inclement summer containing many cold nights. This resulted in fewer entries in our floral sections - hence entries were down.

Despite these unmanageable elements the day was successful with the Hall becoming packed with visitors, including Cllr. Ian McEnnis, Chairman of Wycombe District

Council, who opened the show, accompanied by his wife. They confirmed that the day and event is a great place to meet up with friends and family alike, and have a chat and a chat. What could be nicer?

A proper rural village event which we, the show's current administrators, trust will continue way into the future but are aware this will only be achieved by young blood, so we ask: 'Would you like to join us?', your participation will be most welcome.

We now wish to thank those who sponsor us year after year. We also thank those who assist on each show day, without your loyal support the show would never take place and it goes without saying the exhibitors are irreplaceable. To our visitors, thank you for your attendance, lovely to see you all and trust we will all meet again in Au-

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# Early Years Education special

Report by Katy Dunn

Ah, the scratchy new uniform, slightly too big so that it lasts all year; the thrill of the new pencil case; the nervous excitement of seeing old friends and meeting a new teacher — we all remember back-to-school September. It is seared on our childhood memories like the smell of chalk dust and new-mown grass.

September seems an appropriate time to take a look at the education opportunities available to the children in our area. Even for those who don't have children or whose chicks flew the nest a long time ago, local schools play a vital role in our community as they're turning out the citizens of tomorrow.

The mini Education Special in the following pages kicks off with an interview with Debbie Williams, the new Head at Lane End Primary. She's had a term to get her feet under the table—has it turned out to be all that she expected?



Debbie Williams,

Head, Lane End Primary  
Tel 01494 881169

Debbie Williams, knew Lane End Primary was the school for her when she was introduced to the school by a group of Year 6 children. 'Children speak volumes,' she says. 'There was a great welcome when I walked through the door and the children were happy to show me around, speaking confidently and proudly about the school.'

Lane End Primary is certainly a pleasant space to be in. There's a light, airy feel as flower-filled courtyards punctuate the building. It feels friendly and busy in a happy, bustling way when I visit after school. Debbie leads me to her office, which is ordered and calm, like the lady herself, but there's the hint of a lighter side with a signed picture of the Stereophonics on the bookcase.

The thing that most strikes me about Debbie, however, is her determination. She's someone who

knows what she wants and will do all she can to get there.

From Essex originally, Debbie began her career in Aylesbury, working at a first school with children from very mixed—I get the impression it's a euphemism for 'difficult'—home lives. It was there that, 'I learnt my craft,' she says, 'I realised that unless you understood the children, you couldn't take the teaching any further.'

She then became an Advanced Skills teacher, meaning that she was able to prove that she had been able to raise standards over a period of time.

This meant she was able to go into other schools and support them with their literacy and ICT and got to see how other schools worked.

Her first leadership role was as Deputy Head at Burford school in Marlow Bottom. 'It is a large, busy school in a leafy area of South Bucks, so a different context than I had been used to,' she says.

It was there that she began studying for the Headship exams. They normally take a year, but she fast-tracked through it when she discovered she was pregnant with her son. Back to work after maternity leave,

she then began looking for a role as Headteacher.

Debbie came into the job at Lane End Primary with her eyes wide open. 'You do your research,' she says, 'As much as you want to be a Head, it's got to be the right school

for you and one that you know that you can lead well and put your mark on.'

'Having worked in so many different schools I knew what type I suited best. You've got to know that it's a school that you can do something with and help improve.'

It's been a busy first term learning how things run

and getting to know the people.

However, Debbie has already started work on new initiatives such as the family forum where issues such as homework and behaviour are reviewed and families can have an input. For September there are already plans in place for specialist music tuition, a new school choir and hot dinners.

'It's not an easy job being a headteacher, but it's the challenge of it that I enjoy,' she says. 'I'm very lucky to have a job where I can come in and look forward to the day and then look back and feel I have achieved something.' 🌸

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Other primaries in our area:

### **Cadmore End CEC School**

Tel: 01494 881460

Small village church school in a woodland setting.

**Ofsted Report** Sept 2010: Satisfactory. Strengths: excellent pupil behaviour; happy, secure children, good opportunities for after school activities. Weaknesses: inconsistent quality of teaching, children are not consistently challenged.

**The school says:** Our children are very happy and this is reflected in their attitude to learning. The environment is fantastic and encourages a love of outdoors. Our strong links to the local church, St. Mary-le-Moor, lays the foundation for a very inclusive school that welcome families from all faiths and cultures.

We strive towards academic excellence but we also recognise that every child is unique and needs encouraging in whatever strengths they discover whilst with us.

### **Frieth CEC School**

Tel: 01494 881554

Small village church school in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**Ofsted Report** June 2011: Satisfactory. Strengths: warm, welcoming and stimulating environment, happy children. Weaknesses: inconsistency amongst teaching standards, maths could be improved, teachers can talk too much.

**The school says:** The school is a

lively and thriving environment and the values we teach are fully reflected in the comments made by the children, such as: "We are just one happy family school where everyone is respected," and "Everyone here takes responsibility by looking after one another."

We work hard to develop not only the children's educational achievement but also consider the wider aspects of life so that our children become confident, caring citizens, valued for their contribution to their community and the wider world.

### **Stokenchurch Primary School**

Tel: 01494 482112

Large primary in village residential setting

**Ofsted Report** Oct 2008: Outstanding. Strengths: clear-thinking, aspirational leadership and high quality teaching result in above-average academic achievement. Weaknesses: communication with parents could be better

**The school says:** Stokenchurch is a very happy school where we all work as a team to enable the pupils to achieve their potential and to create within each child a feeling for Stokenchurch Primary School whereby he/she will attend eagerly, leave with regret and remember with pride. I am delighted that our Ofsted inspection has endorsed this aim and judged us to be an outstanding school.

We provide a quality education to all our pupils. Our curriculum is broad

and balanced. It is enriched with trips, visits, productions, specialist equipment and it offers opportunities for children to excel in a variety of ways.

### **Radnage CofE Infant School**

Tel: 01494 482167

Small village church infant school in rural surroundings.

**Ofsted Report** Sept 2010: Outstanding. Strengths: excellent range of teaching strategies, good communication between staff and parents, excellent special needs teaching. Weaknesses: assessments could be planned more effectively.

**The school says:** We have excellent resources and provide small

classes with additional classroom support in each class. The caring ethos of the school permeates all aspects of school life. One of our strengths is a high standard of reading which is achieved by daily reading, guided reading, shared reading and encouragement to read at home. Reading challenges are held regularly. We are not complacent and realise that we need to keep working hard to maintain and increase our high standards.

### **The Mary Towerton School**

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Small village infant school in rural surroundings

**Ofsted Report** Nov 2009: Good. Strengths: Friendly, fun-loving



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school, pupils lively and enthusiastic, teaching is good. Weaknesses: more able pupils aren't challenged enough, better records need to be kept on children's progress.

**The school says:** We have a very dedicated and cheerful staff who believe that kindness and good manners are important to create a happy place to learn and achieve.

Our school enjoys a beautiful setting and has a unique quality with a lively learning environment that nurtures and cares for every child as an individual. We believe in giving children the maximum opportunity to learn the skills they need for today and the future.

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### Lane End Primary pre-school

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### First Steps First

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# The Old Sun planning application submitted

Report by Katy Dunn

A planning application has been lodged for The Old Sun for the demolition of its 'unsightly additions' and the renovation and conversion of the former pub to a 3-bedroomed house. Planning has also gone in for the erection of two pairs of semi detached 3-bedroom cottages (4 units in total) on the site.

The planning application also includes improvements to the access design, provision of car parking and internal private access drive and comprehensive new land-

scaping scheme to reflect the changed form and use of the site.

The new cottages have been designed to have brick elevations, steep clay-tiled roof pitches and windows that are in proportion with the character of the area.

For more information, view the planning application document by going to the WDC planning website:

<http://publicaccess.wycombe.gov.uk>  
and keying in reference no.

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View of new development from Church Road



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## Lizzie falls foul of the Chinese Lantern trend

I am pleased to report that we now have all the grass silage for winter feed cut and clamped. As predicted the first cut of grass taken in May was lower in yield than a normal year due to the dry March and April, but as soon as it was cut we fertilised again and then when the rain came it grew well so we got very pleasing result from the second cut to make up the difference. All this grass is stored in one air tight clamp in the yard so it can be fed to the cows throughout the winter when the cows are housed indoors.

We have also done all our hay making and bale silage, the late 'spring rain' improved grass yields so we got fairly good results from these harvests as well. We've been harvesting the barley and wheat in July and August, and the

maize will be the last to ripen at the end of September.

We are also at a busy time on the farm for competitions. The local agricultural association; Royal South Bucks, annually hosts a ploughing match every October along with a range of farming activities.



Last year was an amazing year for Laceys Farm, we won: 'Best Stock Farm' for the farm with the best cows of any breeds and age, 'Best Small Farm' for the farm judged to be best in the under 500 acre category, the winner of this goes in

to the 'Kings Cup' to compete for the 'Best Overall Farm' where we were runners up, and we even beat the Queens Herd at Windsor to win the 'Best Dairy Farm' in Royal South Bucks and East Berkshire Agricul-

tural Associations! This was a fantastic achievement and judging for this years competitions is taking place over the summer, so fingers crossed!!

I must add that not only was it a great year for us, but for farming in Lane End generally as Bryan and Charlie Edgley also won numerous awards, including Best Large Farm.

Another competition that Ed and I entered was the Weetabix Straw Sculpture Competition, for the best sculpture made of straw bales.

You may have noticed our entry, The Flower (although it has been called a windmill or a turbine), perched on the top of Roundhill, looking down towards Fingest. We erected this last October for the competition, but it proved such a popular talking point for locals and walkers that we decided to keep it up for longer.

This one will be coming down in the coming weeks as we start to think about what we can do for this years entry. Although we didn't get placed in the competition, we did get sent a big box of Weetabix for entering, which has worked as a good incentive for us to enter again!

Finally I just want to explain the

dangers of Chinese Lanterns to cows. They may look nice but their consequences for cows are far from pretty. Once the lanterns have burnt out, the empty frame falls to the

ground. If the thin metal wire lands in a standing crop it is almost impossible to spot and will pass through a mower and baler and into our cows' feed. The cows will then eat the feed, wire and all.

Once the wire is inside the cow, the wire will work its way into the animals guts where the sharp ends will stab through the stomach walls and possibly into the

cow's heart.

This is a brutal and excruciating start to what is ultimately a slow and painful death. Lizzie, one of my favourite cows ate some of this wire and our vet, Evan David had to perform surgery to try and find the wire before it caused fatal damage. This involved giving the cow an anaesthetic and cutting into her stomach to try and get the wire out.

This was our only option to prevent an otherwise strong and healthy cow die a painful and untimely death. What is even more distressing is that we have already lost three cows because of wires this year. Please think first before using Chinese Lanterns.

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# What's On?

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

**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  
**Tuesday Luncheon Club**—11am-2pm Elim Centre. £5 Tel Maggie 881261  
**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  
**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. Flower arranging demonstration, raffle, tea and cake. Contact 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  
September to  
December



# What's On?

September

October

November

The next Clarion will be coming out at  
the beginning of December. Please send  
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Sat 3	<b>Twinning Association Coffee Shop.</b> 10-12noon Lane End Village Hall
Sat 3	<b>Lane End Conservation Group Action Day</b> , meet in Lane End car park (by Doctors surgery) at 10am. Tel 882090
Mon 5	<b>Parish Council meeting</b> 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall
Thurs 8	<b>Hambleden Garden Club</b> Visit to Bourton House Gloucestershire. Tel 01491 638690
Sat 10	<b>Cadmore End Cricket Day &amp; BBQ</b> 1.30pm Cadmore End village hall
Sun 11	<b>Cake &amp; Produce sale</b> Lower Ditchfield Common 2-4.30pm. Tel 882716
Sun 11	<b>Chiltern Marathon.</b> All day. Tel Lynne Gabrielson 01753 674707
Sat 17	<b>Holy Trinity Coffee Shop</b> , 10-11.30 Lane End Village Hall
Sat 17	<b>RBL Quiz</b> 7.30pm LEYCC Tel 881436
Sun 18	<b>Soundforce Big Band Summer concert</b> 3-6pm LEYCC 883878
Fri 30	<b>Holy Trinity Whist Evening</b> , 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall, Tel 881913

Sat 1	<b>Twinning Association Coffee Shop.</b> 10-12noon Lane End Village Hall
Sat 1	<b>Lane End Conservation Group Action Day</b> , meet in Lane End car park (by Doctors surgery) at 10am. Tel 882090
Mon 3	<b>Parish Council meeting</b> 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall
Tues 4	<b>Hambleden Garden Club</b> Garden Pond Talk Tel 01491 638690
Sat 8	<b>Tabletop sale</b> by Methodist church. Lane End Village Hall Tel 883436
Sat 15	<b>Holy Trinity Coffee Shop</b> , 10-11.30 Lane End Village Hall
15 /16 22 /23	<b>Lane End Players' Autumn Production</b> , 'Oh What a Lovely War' Lane End Village Hall. Tel 07706 426320
Fri 28	<b>Holy Trinity Whist Evening</b> , 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall, Tel 881913
Fri 28	<b>RBL Talk by Army Officer</b> 8pm Cadmore End Village Hall Tel 881645

Tue 1	<b>Hambleden Garden Club</b> Talk on fruit growing Tel 01491 638690
Fri 4	<b>Holy Trinity Skittles Evening</b> , 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall, Tel 881913
Sat 5	<b>Twinning Association Coffee Shop.</b> 10-12noon Lane End Village Hall
Mon 7	<b>Parish Council meeting</b> 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall
Fri 11	<b>Conservation Group AGM</b> 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall
Sat 12	<b>LETA Skittles evening</b> LEYCC Tel 07881 605121
Sat 12	<b>RBL Brass Band Concert</b> 7.30pm Tel 881436
Sat 19	<b>Holy Trinity Coffee Shop</b> , 10-11.30 Lane End Village Hall
Fri 25	<b>Holy Trinity Whist Evening</b> , 7.30pm Lane End Village Hall, Tel 881913

# Chiltern Commons Project

**Report by Katy Dunn**

The Chilterns Commons Project is launching at the end of this month. An initiative of the Chilterns Conservation Board, supported with Heritage Lottery Funding, the Commons Project is about preserving the natural heritage of our commons and reminding people that they are there to enjoy.

Commons are a much-overlooked part of our natural and cultural heritage. They're incredibly valuable wildlife habitats, brilliant natural playgrounds and contain centuries of local history within them.

They've been at the heart of our communities since the Middle Ages, but these days we take them for granted as a handy green space to walk the dog or more often, ignore them because we don't even know they're there to be used. We've lost that vital connection with common land since we stopped grazing our animals on them and relying on them to supplement our livelihoods.

The Chilterns Commons Project wants to reconnect people with their local commons. The Chilterns Conservation Board has been awarded £400,000 of Heritage Lottery Funding to make this happen.

On one level the Project is simply about people recognising that commons are there for us all to walk and play on and use. On another, it's about

getting people more involved in caring for them and studying them, because if we don't take action, we're going to lose these vital habitats for good. Without maintenance, the scrub takes over and we lose the grassland habitat that is so valuable for wild flowers and insects.

We're lucky to have many commons around here: Moorend, Cadmore End, Wheeler, Handleton, etc, and it's important to preserve them and the history contained within them so that they're not lost to future generations.

The Chilterns Commons Project aims to equip people with the resources and skills to study and maintain our commons. There will be different ways to get involved as the Chilterns Commons Project progresses, but in the first instance, just registering your interest will help with getting the project off the ground. Email the Chilterns Commons Project Officer Rachel Sanderson on: [rsanderson@chilternsaonb.org](mailto:rsanderson@chilternsaonb.org)

There are also many ways to get involved at a local level. The Lane End Conservation Group does an amazing behind-the-scenes job keeping our village tidy and our open spaces green. Join or support them for a mere £5 on p35.

# Moorend Common

Report by Katy Dunn

## North Meadow

We're really pleased with the progress of the copse area cleared in March. We flailed in July to knock back the opportunist brambles and bracken and encourage the wild flowers and grasses to colonise and it's amazing how quickly the grass has come back. It's great to be able to include this area in the annual mow.

All the meadows are mown and the arisings taken away in late summer to mimic the grazing that originally created and maintained the Common. It helps prevent the hardier, coarser grasses driving out the more delicate flowers and grasses. The regime seems to be working as the Heath-spotted orchids on North Meadow were better than ever this year - at least 5000 - and they are spreading down the hill in areas we've not seen them before.

## Middle Meadow

The wood pasture between the main footpath and Middle Meadow was a no-go area as it was so over-run with brambles. The original plan was to try to encourage the grass to continue into that wood pasture area. However, brambles and scrub do provide a good habitat for nest-

ing birds and mammals, so the compromise was to flail a meandering path through the wood pasture. This allows people access to enjoy the lovely dappled light and mature trees in that area, and encourage a grassy avenue through the wood pasture to see if any interesting species colonise.

## South Meadow

The Green Gym has been hard at work this summer. The sallows on South Meadow are a constantly

advancing army and the Green Gym has been invaluable in keeping them at bay. I'm constantly amazed at how hard these conservation volunteers work and we're hugely grateful

for how much they achieve.

It was another good year for the Southern Marsh orchids on South Meadow. There are also some Common-Spotted orchids and many hybrids of the two. Moorend has also been full of yellow Common Rattle this year and it's been a beautiful sight with the purple of the orchids set against the backdrop of yellow Buttercups and Rattle.

If you'd like to be kept in touch with emailed updates about Moorend Common, email: [katyjdunn@btinternet.com](mailto:katyjdunn@btinternet.com)



## Lane End Conservation Group

Report by Clive Lumbers

After the Lane End Conservation Group was formed in 1983, an early project and the brainchild of group founder Herbert (Nobby) Clark (right), was to locate and restore Blackwell, a keyhole-shaped well circa 1850. It was named after a prominent 19th century village family. Situated next to Foundry Pond and the old iron foundry, it was much used before the provision of mains water and had been lost from view since World War II, having been capped with concrete and covered with turf.



Permission to open-up Blackwell was given by the Dashwood Estate in September 1984; an abortive



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attempt to locate the well took place on 1 December and it was finally located on 8 December 1984, only to discover that the public pavement was partially over the site. Work began in 1985 with the use of an excavator to remove the pavement and lift the concrete cover.

The well was finally 'opened' by Sir Francis Dashwood at a public ceremony in 1988.

**Join us!**

LECG takes great pride in our village with between 10-20 members taking part in our Action Days each month. However, only 96 households within the parish are members and it would be great to get more people involved. Local government cuts mean funding is no longer available and our income is greatly reduced.

Senior citizens, the 'newly retired', families and teenagers would all be welcome - and even if not an active member your small subscription of only £5 per household would be much appreciated.

Help us to keep our village tidy and attractive, and the footpaths, commons and woodland inviting and usable by all.

Our AGM is on Friday 11 November at 7.30pm in Lane End Village Hall and after a brief agenda there will be a speaker followed by light refreshments; why not come along and join us?

Please contact Jane Osborn 881641 or Margaret Adnitt 882609.

I care about Lane End. I would like to contribute to keeping our village tidy and maintaining our green open spaces for all to enjoy by joining the Lane End Conservation Group.

I would like to support only ☐ I might be interested in becoming an active member ☐

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# Ditchfield Common's future

**Report by Katy Dunn**

Lane End Parish Council is taking the ultimate step to secure the future of open green space at the centre of Lane End. The Parish Council has agreed to purchase Ditchfield Common (subject to contract) which came on the market earlier this year.

Ditchfield Common is 9.73 acres of grassland and scrub on the south-west side of Lane End and has Holy Trinity Church at its centre. The Common is regularly used by

villagers for leisure activities such as dog-walking and is the site of Lane End's annual fete.

The Common was put up for sale in April of this year with an asking price of £75,000 as part of the estate of the late Thomas Taylor, a London solicitor. Lane End Parish Council called an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to discuss the issue. The meeting was very

well-attended and passions ran high, with villagers stressing the historic importance of the Common at the heart of the local community as a haven of green space for wildlife, walking and recreation.

The local strength of feeling about

the Common, coupled with immediate pledges of financial assistance persuaded the Parish Council to seek to purchase the land.

Lane End Parish Council is contributing £30,000 from its own reserves, has received substantial grants

and donations from bodies such as the Chiltern Conservation Board and Lane End Conference Centre, and is seeking to raise a further £21,000 through contributions from parishioners and fund-raising activities. If anyone would like to suggest or arrange any fund-raisers, or would like to make a donation to this important cause, please contact the parish clerk. See details in the notice following:



*© Rachel Wallace. Ditchfield Common looking towards Lane End with the church on the left.*

# Lane End Parish Council needs your help to buy Ditchfield Common

**Cost: £70,000**

The parish council has set aside £30,000 from its reserves.  
Generous pledges of grants and donations  
totalling £19,000 have already been made.

**A further £21,000 is needed**

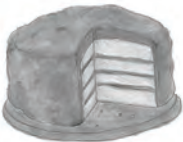
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Your keyboard will then be squeaky clean and ready to use, although some of the characters on the keys may have faded slightly. (Alternatively you can always buy a new keyboard – you should be able to pick one up online for about £7) If you need any help or advice, don't hesitate to get in touch (see details below).

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# On the land

with Bryan Edgley 



## MP visits local farms

I was asked this morning how the harvest work is progressing, and what effect the early heat-wave and lack of rain in the Spring has had on the yield on our wheat crops. The answer is that the excessive rain in June was a real benefit to the cereal crops, even though it caused immense difficulty to live-stock farmers attempting to make silage or hay at that time.

In the three months of March, April and May total rainfall was only 91mm so we were expecting the crops to ripen too early with very poor yields. But then rain in June was 98mm, similar rainfall to a wet winter month, which came just in time for the wheat to resume growth. We started harvest on 28 July, only a few days earlier than usual, and yields so far have averaged at about 3 tonnes per acre. This is slightly less than most years, but still satisfactory, whereas in the eastern counties such as Kent

the June rainfall came too late to improve those crops which had suffered from the early season drought.

The farm's gross sales from the arable fields depend as much on market value of grain as on the yield per acre. And market value is not controlled locally, since wheat is an international commodity. It can be shipped at fairly low cost from one country to another, and so wheat yields in America or Russia will be just as important



as yields in South Bucks when the world's grain traders balance the likely world stocks against anticipated worldwide demand. And worldwide demand will include wheat that is distilled to make bio-ethanol as a source of energy, as well as wheat used by the human race for bread, biscuits and breakfast cereals and also wheat used to make livestock feeds for pigs, poultry and cattle.

There are then further difficulties with this international commodity trade in that some poor countries have insufficient funds to buy enough grain to avoid its peoples starving, and at the other end of the scale some grain trading companies, such as Cargill and Associated British Foods in developed countries have become so large that they can now manipulate the market to their shareholders' advantage.

On the farm we have to accept the going rate for the grain, most of which we sell through a farmers' co-operative called Openfield. For the year

2009/10 world-wide consumption of wheat was more than estimated production, so worldwide reserves were depleted.

Thus the market reacted to this shortage between demand and supply with an increase in the world-wide market value. This was good news for those of us who grow wheat, but bad news for farmers who have to buy feeding stuffs for their livestock. For the household budget there should be no further increase in the price of bread, since the ingredient cost of farm-grown wheat is only a small proportion of the retail cost of a loaf of bread, generally between 12% and 25% dependent on brand, and shop

prices have already increased in recent months to take account of this higher market value of wheat.

Will Lacey writes on p25 about the real menace and danger to the health of cattle from 'Chinese Lanterns' which have landed on pasture fields. Farmers hope that these Chinese Lanterns will be made illegal, since they are a fire risk to ripe

cereal crops and to buildings as well as causing the death of cattle. Our Member of Parliament, Steve Baker, visited Lacey's Family Farm in June (see photo) where we were able to discuss with him the need

for better contracts and prices for milk producers and the need to control badgers infected with tuberculosis as well as our hope that Chinese Lanterns will be made illegal.



*©Nick Spurling. Local MP Steve Baker with local farmers at Lacey's Farm*

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# Safety and Security

with PC 2272 Danny O'Driscoll

## Anti-Social Behaviour

**Mini motos**—There has been an increase in calls reporting the anti social use of miniature motorbikes (mini Motos), quad bikes and off road motorcycles (MBs) again in Lane End. We will be targeting this problem over the next month.

MB users are often confused about where they are lawfully entitled to ride and wrongfully assume that they can ride them on roads or footpaths, common land, woodland or recreational parks. The only place they can be ridden is on privately owned land where the permission of the land owner has been given and where the general public do not have access, or at an authorised race or off road track/course. The nearest location for off-road bikes is on Daws Hill Lane, Flackwell Heath, which is run by Z-Racing.

If MBs are used at unauthorised locations then the rider could face prosecution or the MB could be seized by the police if the rider has been previously issued with a warning.

The police urge anyone who may own or is looking to purchase a MB that they conduct thorough research about the relevant laws, legislation and where MBs can be lawfully

used. This approach will hopefully reduce ASB complaints and prevent you from being prosecuted.

## Offenders brought to justice

- Wooburn Green male charged with 'Making off without payment' after filling up at the Tower Garage in Stokenchurch and driving away without paying.

- High Wycombe man on Lane End High Street charged with Possession of cocaine.

- Local male charged with Possession of Cannabis.

## Neighbourhood priorities

### Speeding:

PCSO Seston and PCSO Ling have been utilising the Speed Indication Device (SID) to provide a visible presence and speed deterrent within the community.

### Partnership Activity:

Neighbour disputes—often petty matters become blown out of all proportion and lead to unnecessary conflict and an irreparable breakdown of neighbourly relationships.

Avoid potential conflict with the following tips:

**Building work** – Are you planning building work? If yes then consider keeping your neighbours informed of your schedule. Include information about deliveries, how long a skip will be in place, how contact can be made with you if a neighbour has any concerns, etc.

This approach may help to you prevent any disruption being caused to your neighbours daily activities and to their peace and quiet.

**Fence or Boundary Disputes** – speak with your neighbour before taking any action. The next step is to seek the advice of a chartered surveyor or a solicitor. Boundary disputes are not a police matter and will have to be sorted out via the civil court.

**Noise** – visit [www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/environment/pollution/noise-pollution.aspx](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/environment/pollution/noise-pollution.aspx) (opens new window) for advice.

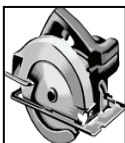
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## Elim Christian Centre

Report by Pastor Nick



Our event **God In The Car Park** on Fri 17 June was a success, despite the rain, with around 120 people coming out to hear great live music

in the car park outside the church.

Our after-school children's club **JUMP** has also taken off incredibly well, with 63 local children registered, and 14 youths helping us out. JUMP resumes on Wed 14 September with a new series based on the film Monsters Inc. JUMP is led by CRB-cleared volunteers and supervised youths, and it runs between 3.45pm and 5.30pm, costs just 20p,

and gives your child an opportunity to enjoy a high-energy mix of mad games, dancing and crazy fun mixed with solid biblical teaching.

**The Oasis Centre** charity provides skills training for local people to help them get employment. Please do give Oasis a call on 01494 881112 if you would like to enrol on one of the many courses, and get yourself trained up. We provide skills training in areas like plumbing, landscape gardening, painting & decorating, car mechanics and more.

Our **Sunday Services** are from 10.30am, and they are relaxed and welcoming – do join us! Come casually dressed, enjoy worshipping with our live band and expect relevant punchy messages from God that are really useful to your life. We are also on Facebook as 'Elim Christian Centre Lane End.'



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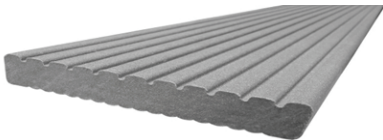


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# Volunteer!

## **Lane End Youth & Community Centre**

LEYCC is a registered charity, entirely self-funded through private hire and fund-raising by volunteers. If you want to get more involved with your local community then why not volunteer to join our enthusiastic and energetic Management Committee? There are several vacancies available, please call 01494 883878 or 07932 326046 for more details.

## **The Drop-In at LEYCC**

Every Thursday between 12-2pm we offer a lunch drop-in where fresh home made soup, crisp summer salads, 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 / rbbrigg@aol.com

## **Lane End Parish Council**

Lane End Parish Council could 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.

### **Volunteer of the month:**




The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Yvonne Hanson for her wonderful 24 years' service as Village Hall Treasurer. She became involved through another of her volunteer roles on the Baby Welfare Committee, and retired as Treasurer in March. With 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren to keep her busy, somehow we don't think she'll be short of things to do!




# Ask the: plumber

with Bill Blake 



**Question**  *I'm getting a bad smell from the en-suite bathroom in the guest bedroom. It's hardly ever used but it's very embarrassing when visitors do stay with us. What can I do?*

**Answer**  It sounds like you're suffering from a loss of 'trap seal'.

The U-bends under the sink and bath aren't just there to make nice gurgling noises – the water in the U-bend is there to stop sewer gases coming back up the pipe and into the room. When the weather is hot or if the bathroom is left unused for long periods then the water in the trap can evaporate, allowing bad odours back into the room.

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# Gardening

with Dave Dunbar 



## Keep your garden looking good in Autumn

The hottest part of our summer should be drifting away, (if we had one) but there are still more colourful delights left in the garden to take us through into autumn.

### **Seasonal Top Tips:**

The grass cutting should be slowing down now, and come the autumn the garden centres will be supplying bags of lawn feed that is different from the spring feed. The difference is that it contains very low amounts of Nitrogen, and as we know, Nitrogen promotes leaf growth which is not wanted this time of year. So, don't use your spring feed in the autumn! The autumn feed also contains high levels of Phosphorus and Potash, which is good for building strong roots and healthy plants, thus preparing them for the winter, so all in all a good idea.

Autumn is a very good time for dividing herbaceous perennials, and there are two good reasons for this. Firstly if plants have become too dense and are outgrowing their space they can be dug up, split up and the smaller plants re-planted.

Secondly, the rest of the plant can be used to increase stock and be planted in other areas of the garden. It is sometimes nice to have the same plants repeated in two or three areas as when they flower your eyes are drawn consecutively from one to the next as it provides continuity throughout the garden.

### **Favourites:**

Something for the rock garden or front of a border or even naturalised in grass for this time of year is the Autumn Crocus. Don't get this mixed up with the Spring flowering Crocus (Iris family). This species is known as *Colchicum autumnale*, and actually belongs to another family altogether, the Lily family, and will flower in autumn. That should confuse the neighbours!



Another good late flowerer is a shrub also with blue flowers that will give a real show, called the hardy Plumbago. (*Ceratostigma willmotianum*). The flowers are small but the abundance of them make up for it. The shrub itself only grows from 2-4ft high, but beware, although this is called a 'Hardy' Plumbago, in cold winters the stems get knocked back with the frost. So after this happens cut the stems hard back and the plant re-grows from the bottom.



### **Dave's Mystery Plant:**

I am a deciduous midsized bush that is usually found growing quite small and unshapely in a number of peoples gardens. I do need a bit of protection from the cold winter so like being beside a house or wall, or I may lose a few branches.

What gives me away is that after my leaves have turned red and dropped, I produce clusters of little violet/purple polished berries that look like small pearls.

What's my name?

*Answer: Beauty Berry. (*Calliocalpa giraldii* 'Profusion')*

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14.52, 16.24

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