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An aerial photograph showing a village, likely Marlow, completely surrounded by floodwater. The water has inundated the fields and streets, leaving only the rooftops and upper floors of the buildings visible. A church with a tall spire is prominent on the left side of the village. The background shows rolling hills under a cloudy sky.

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From the Editor

Welcome to our new, full-colour Clarion! I'm gradually gathering more colour images and my aim is for the design to get better and more inspiring with each issue.

You'll notice that there are no bus times in The Clarion this time. We're currently working on a way to show the timetables so that they're easier to read and understand. In the meantime, check times on the Arriva website for the number 48: arrivabus.co.uk or carouselbuses.co.uk for the number 28.

Isn't it a fascinating picture of Marlow on the cover? It was taken on 12 Feb by **vision2video** with a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) while they were recording the progression of the floods for the Environment Agency. Thanks very much to vision2video for letting us use the image.

Let's hope we get some better weather and respite for those suffering from flooding along the river. Roll on spring!

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🦋 Lane End Parish Council report by Hayley Glasgow

Dates of upcoming meetings

Anyone is welcome to attend a Parish Council Meeting, here is a list of upcoming meetings:

Monday 7 April – Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 6 May – Main Hall, Lane End Village Hall. We would be delighted if you attended the APM, enjoy some drinks and nibbles, hear about the past year and future plans for the village.

Wednesday 14 May – **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** and normal meeting – Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall.

Lane End Post Office

Please see a note from Elizabeth Connell:

‘It is with great regret that I am retiring from the Post Office after over 18 years but times move on and the business is changing. Post Office Ltd. is changing the image of post offices to keep up with the times. They want a ‘local’ model in Lane End which means an open counter

shared with the shop counter. Our shop is obviously not able to do this as we sell fresh meat and sandwiches etc. Johnstons will continue as usual but without a post office. Before I offered my resignation I made sure that other shops in the village were interested in taking on the post office and it is now being advertised on the Internet. Two shops in the village have confirmed that they will be applying for the licence. Please be assured that I shall not leave until this is all finalised which may not be until September'.

The Parish Council is sad to see Elizabeth leave our post office, but

wish her all the best and hope she fully enjoys her retirement. (Look out for Liz's memoirs in a future issue of The Clarion!—Ed)

Lane End Action Group

As most of you probably know the Lane End Action Group was formed last year, predominately the PC has asked them to regenerate the Playing Fields but the group will look at other things around the village.

The group has been doing some fantastic work, having been to meetings myself I know just how much time and effort they have put in. The

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Parish Council sincerely thanks them for their work. (There is more information about their plans on p20 Do get in touch and give them help and support if you are able. Ed)

Keeping up to date with Lane End Parish Council is easy!
Visit the website for the latest planning applications, news and events
laneendparishcouncil.org.uk

Or, check out one of three noticeboards located in the villages. Locations are outside the village hall, Finings Road, near the shops at Edmonds Parade and near the village hall in Cadmore End.

Don't forget you can always contact the Parish Clerk on 01494 437111 or clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting - High Barns Site - Cadmore End

The Parish Council held an extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Monday 20 January 2014 in Cadmore End Village Hall. The meeting was called due to the high level of

public interest and due to the lack of time the Parish Council had to submit comments.

The meeting was very well attended. The Parish Council agreed to oppose this planning application on a number of grounds and will instruct our nominated planning advisor to draft comments to be submitted to WDC. The comments are available to read on the WDC website. (More information on this story on p44 Ed)

Christmas in the Village

Although this must seem like a distant memory, the Parish Council's Christmas in the Village event was extremely well attended. The Twinning Association invited guests from St Pierre d'Oléron who presented the Parish Council with a lovely gift of two bottles of wine and wine glasses. The Parish Council asked Paul Thomas to make a bird house as a gift from us which was well received. (Similar to those pictured below).



Street lights

Some street lights are owned by Buckinghamshire County Council, some are owned by the Parish Council. Please report any faulty street lights to either of the following

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The street lights on the Marlow Road have been out since before Christmas, I have reported these several times to Buckinghamshire County Council as have many parishioners. I am afraid at the moment I have not been informed when they will be fixed. I understand this is extremely frustrating as the area is so dark, please do keep reporting this to BCC until the problem has been resolved.

Street lights should not take any longer than 28 days to repair if they are Parish Council owned lights, occasionally if there is a larger fault this may take longer. BCC usually

also repair their street lights within 28 days.

Allotments at Sandyfields Site, Cadmore End

The Parish Council received a request for a gate to be installed at the Sandyfield Allotments entrance.

Council wrote to all allotment holders to gauge their opinion and the majority of tenants said they would like a gate to be installed, therefore we have commissioned Meakes to install the gate shortly.

The Council will not be providing a lock for the gate but would ask that tenants close the gate when leaving the site.

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The lowdown



Footpaths update

Report by Margaret Adnitt

'Mud, mud, glorious mud!' Certainly not so glorious on the footpaths around Lane End at the beginning of this year after the torrential rains we have endured. Unfortunately some paths have been made considerably worse by horse riders using them. Cadmore End Common has suffered greatly as have Handleton and Wheeler End Commons. Horse riders – please, please, please keep to bridleways, gravel tracks or minor roads and leave footpaths for the walkers.

With the high winds in December, the footpaths have suffered greatly from fallen branches and trees. Some of these are yet to be cleared but I am grateful to Sam and Cherry Swann who helped to clear a fallen tree which was blocking a footpath on Cadmore End Common. I am also delighted that Teresa Hehir has agreed to help me in my task as the Chiltern Society footpath rep. for Lane End so do, please, report any problems you encounter when out on your walks. Meanwhile enjoy your walks in our beautiful countryside - and remember spring is just around the corner!

Margaret Adnitt 01494 882609

Lane End Conservation Group

Report by Jane Osborn

Along with our regularly monthly working mornings, we have been involved in two very different new initiatives both of which will benefit our community.

On Moored Common, a team of volunteers spent the summer months regularly collecting information on the invertebrates found in four sites there; this information has now been analysed by experts and a report produced. The study, which was part funded by the Chilterns Commons Project and the Conservation Group, will help to inform what changes may be necessary to the Common's Management Plan not only to safeguard existing habitats but also to ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy the diversity of this important asset within the Parish.

On one of our regular monthly working mornings, the

Group helped Lane End Primary School pupils, Governors and parents to tidy up the garden - a well loved feature but one that was looking a bit 'tired' - in the middle of the school. The Conservation Group is also supporting the School's Wild Garden Project to enable children to actively learn more about nature. This is a project we hope to revisit during 2014.

As you can see, the Group is not just about clearing paths, picking up litter etc though they are important.

Equally important to the future of our open spaces is learning about what lives there - birds, butterflies, moths, plants and much more. If you have knowledge or interest in any of these, come and talk to us, we would be delighted to hear from you and age is no limiter!

Further information about the Group can be found at laneendconservationgroup.co.uk



Lane End Scouts

Report by Ian Harris

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It

ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Not since 2002 has Lane End Scouts attracted such numbers to its weekly meetings. We have just completed our annual census return to the National Scout Association and are very pleased to report that we have increased our young person Membership by 18% year on year. Testament indeed to the dedication of our leader team in delivering the ethos of Scouting in 2014, when there are far more 'other' activities available to our young people than ever before.



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In a progressive way, starting with the Beaver Colony we teach the basic skills required to light a fire, pitch a tent, tie a knot, recognise symbols on a map and use a knife correctly and safely. Moving through Cubs where these skills are used more freely and with less direct supervision as the young person's ability and confidence grows, into Scouts where the progressive training continues to a point where competent young people independently use the skills we have provided to have the adventure we all as children probably experienced in one way or another. Adventure that is now sadly lost to many people outside of Scouting.

We are very lucky that we have a great team of Somebodies to do the important job that Everybody should be involved in. Scouting, whether you are a child or an adult, is open

and available to Anybody, regardless of race, religion, background or ability. It goes without saying though, that our team of fantastic Somebodies who are all individually responsible for growing our numbers, are in need of some support to maintain our growth and richness of activities. Don't be a Nobody, don't

leave it to everybody else, step up to the plate, volunteer some time, join our ranks and become a Somebody.

You may have a special-

ist skill we can use in our activities programming or have a hobby or links to an organisation that could help enhance the group's offering. Again please feel free to email me or give me a call about being part of our adventure, supporting young people from our Parish in the worlds largest youth movement.

We always welcome new entrants to the Scout Group at all age levels, so if your child is six or above and wants to be part of the adventure please use the contact details below to contact me with your enquiry

Ian Harris
Group Scout Leader 880617

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Lane End Older Persons Action Group

Report by Jane Osborn

It's said that life begins at 50 - we are the 'grey' generation and we do things! Anyone remember gadding about in Wycombe in the last century; ever thought about going to Papua New Guinea? Well, you can by coming to Lane End OPAG which meets on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in Lane End Youth & Community Centre, Edmonds Road - for a talk or entertainment, followed by a cup of tea.

Village Hall

**Report by Margaret Scott and
Bob Nix**

Due to a change in circumstances, the Village Hall now has two vacancies for hirers. It was with the greatest regret and sadness that the Infant Welfare Clinic moved from the hall to Lane End Primary School at the end of last year. They had been with us since their inception 70+ years ago when it was begun by the Hon. Mrs James. The Zumba Dance had only been with us for a relatively short time, but was very popular and is missed in the village.

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Lane End Fete

As usual, Lane End Fete will be held on the second Saturday in June—this year it is the 14th.

We'd love your input if you'd like to be involved in the planning, or if you'd just like to help out for a couple of hours on the day, please do get in touch now—it will put our minds at ease! Contact Bob Nix on nix682@btinternet.com, tel 881000.

We are also considering a commemoration of the First World War, so if you're interested in curating an exhibition, have any general First World War memorabilia, or any information about life in Lane End at that time, please do get in touch—Bob Nix, tel 881000.

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Lane End Surgery update

Report by Helen Butterfield

At The Lane End Surgery we have had changes in personnel over the New Year. Dr Margaret Sprott has moved on from her work at the surgery and Dr Maneeza Siddiqui has started her maternity leave. Dr Anabel Menzies and Dr Stefan Kuetter have joined the practice.

They join an excellent clinical team who are supported and encouraged by The Marlow Medical Group. Dr Menzies is a keen triathlete and we are expecting great things from her over the coming season. She has been working with us in Marlow for the past 18 months as well as, on occasion, in Lane End and will already be known to many of our patients. Dr Kuetter is a Partner in The Marlow Medical Group and in his spare time combines looking after his young family with long relaxing walks in the local countryside.

Liz Edwards has retired and is now travelling around Australia and New Zealand. She will be returning to work part-time for us in Marlow later in the year.

Lane End Surgery is now fully involved in training qualified doctors

and we have had excellent feedback about the care our two trainee doctors, Dr Sri and Dr Milliken have provided. They work under the supervision of Dr Byfleet and the rest of the GP team. Lane End Surgery will have its first Training Practice Assessment Visit in March from Oxford Deanery GP School where the quality of training that we provide for doctors is assessed.

We have recently had good feedback from the local Clinical Commissioning Group about the services at The Lane End Surgery and we are of course committed to improving them still further. We continue to try and press for funding to extend the premises but this past year has been one of great change in the NHS and the new organisations are only just now beginning to look at improvements to GP premises.

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Marlow Wolves

Report by Sam McKee

The Wolves have restarted training but rain has cancelled many of the practices. We begin preseason friendlies this week, including playing our first International against the Irish champions this week at a showcase game at Great Marlow School.

We are averaging over 50 players a practice now. Some people are driving from North London, Staines, Maidenhead, Henley and Reading to find us. We train every Saturday on the pitch at the Playing Fields from 9:30am-12:30 and welcome anyone



from 8 years old to 16 regardless of experience.

It costs £125 for a year (which includes kit, jersey, playbook, insurance and registration). The first game of the regular season is on 10 May. Contact me at

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As I write it is still January, and everything is wet and 'orrible. The micro-climate in which the Charente Maritime sits benefits from the coastal location and the Gulf Stream, so winters are wet and stormy. However, we've not had the awful floods from which UK is suffering.

In fact, we have had some blue sky days - the views across the sea towards Fort Boyard from my village of Bourcefranc le Chapus are stunning. This is the Viaduct to the Ile d'Oleron, taken recently from my boat.



This year, the mild winter has been exploited by the storks which come in the Summer to over-winter here. Already there are heads sticking up on the nests they make on the line of electricity pylons which stretch across the *Marais* towards Rochefort. It looks as if some in fact may

have two sets of chicks this year.

Christmas, just past, brought its share of fun and games. The Christmas market went very well, and was attended, as you will know, by Lane



End. You brought not just a very welcome stall with Christmas goodies, but an English pub, the 'Prince of Wales' where yours truly enjoyed a lovely pint of your excellent local brew. It disappeared very quickly - you need to bring a couple more barrels next year!

So we look forward to the annual *Festival de Mimosa* any time now, and the Spring and Summer to follow. Hopefully we shall also see some of you here to enjoy this lovely part of the world with us. Meantime, take care and we hope to see you soon! *Tim Cherry*

Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Report by Emma Savory

A couple of months of cold and wet weather, and now the sunshine is on the horizon, hopefully you're thinking of getting out and about a bit more. Why not check out what's going on right on your doorstep?

Exercise

Gail is now running an exercise class for the over 50s on Monday afternoons, 2-3pm. During Monday evening Lauren holds a Pilates class 7-8pm, all welcome but booking is required.

Youth Clubs

Youth Clubs are back at the Centre, Junior and Senior nights, pop up on a Tuesday evening to find out more.

Lunch and Computer club

Thursdays are bursting with laughter from all our loyal customers who return to lunch club each week. Each person receives a lunch, pudding and tea/coffee for £5.50.

The Computer Facilitator runs a FREE computer club in the room

next door. Come along with your laptop or use one of ours and find out what the internet has to offer you. Computer club runs 11.30-2pm every Thursday.

Forthcoming events

Dinner, disco and comedy night,
Sat 1 March, 7.30pm – Midnight. Hot food – Chilli, or veg lasagne, live singer, comedy act from Miss Ava Du Paris, disco and licensed bar - £15 per ticket.



Car Boot/Jumble, Saturday 22 March, 10 – 12noon, £8 per table. Please call to book a table.

Easter Play-scheme, Wed 9 and 16 April, 10-3pm, £8.50 per day.

Easter Egg Bingo, Tuesday 22 April, 1.30-3.30pm.

Ladies Bare All night, Friday 25 April.

Pamper Night, Friday 6 June.

Summer Play-scheme, Mon 18 August – Fri 22 August, 10-3pm.

The Centre is so versatile and can be used for many different events and celebrations, we are very competitively priced, offering discounts to Lane End residents. Pop into the Centre or call any time to check

availability and prices for private hire.

Facebook

Please add 'Lane End Youth & Community Centre' on Facebook, just ask to join the group and you will become one of the first to find out about all our latest events!

Art classes at the Centre?

Are you a local artist? Would you like to run an art workshop for adults at the Centre? If so please call Emma on 01494 883878 to discuss.

Lane End Youth and Community Centre

**Call Emma on 883878
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Report by Jil Runge

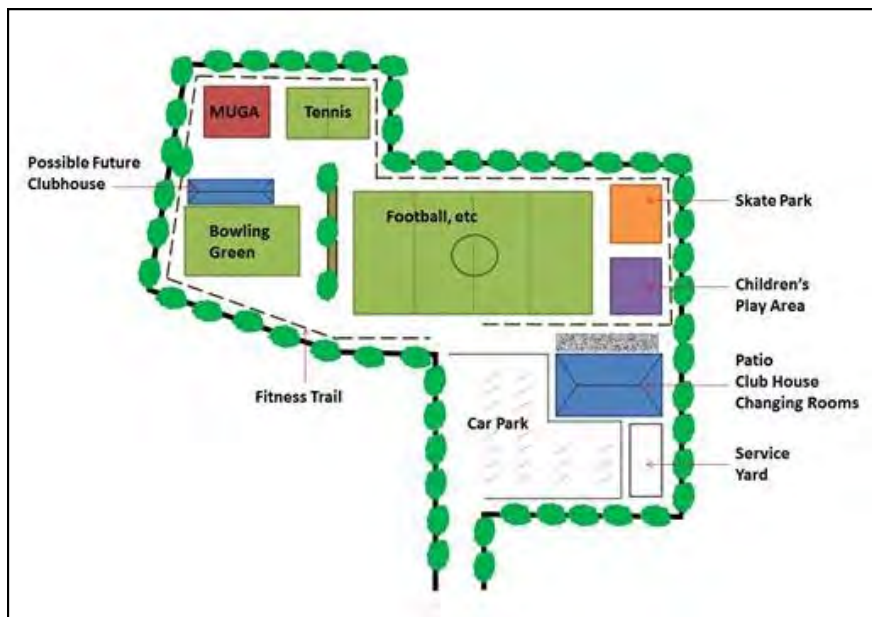
Many villagers felt that our playing fields were a mess, uncared for and forgotten. In fact, some people didn't even know that we had a playing field! So... we formed the Lane End Action Group to correct this and to publicise its existence.

In this we are being assisted by David Lett of New Meaning, a social business helping organisations capitalise on their strengths and achieve their goals, funded by Lane End Parish Council, Bucks County Council and Red Kite. Community Impact

Bucks are guiding us through the 'landmine' of help we need in setting up this project.

We started the ball rolling last summer when we held a very successful and well attended Fun Day. A questionnaire was used to establish what villagers actually wanted from our playing fields. The same questionnaire appeared in Clarion and the results were illuminating.

We have a short term plan, being implemented at the moment, which includes designing a new sign adver-





tising the existence of, and offering a welcome to, the playing fields - you can hardly see the existing one! We will also be holding events on the Fields to stimulate interest in them and to raise their profile.

At the same time, we are looking at the longer term sustainability and use of the playing fields. We have a detailed plan of all the activities we hope to provide - skate park, new tennis courts, bowling green, children's play area, new clubhouse, and much more. Contractors have already visited the site.

We are preparing a Constitution, and many Action Group members are visiting other playing fields to learn best practice and avoid reinventing the wheel, attending courses on a variety of subjects such as fundraising and how to apply for grants.

We are still in our infancy, but have

very high hopes that, given time, all our planning and hard work will provide an environment of fun, safety and pleasure for all the village, both young and old.

We have a working committee with Mark Lockwood as Chairman, Jeff Colis as Vice-Chairman and Jil Runge as Secretary. We will always benefit from new faces and new ideas so, if you are interested in helping any way, call me on 01494 881329, email jilrunge@talktalk.net or look us up on Facebook.



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A year in the life of our church

Report by churchwarden David Shufflebotham

I've heard the role of churchwarden described as 'the drains and gutters department' of the church. Of course, we are charged to ensure that the fabric of the church, internally and externally, is well maintained. However, the requirements of a churchwarden go rather wider than caring for the bricks and mortar.

2013 saw the church make a significant contribution toward the Lane End Parish Council's purchase of Ditchfield Common, an area of just over nine acres that almost completely surrounds the church and churchyard. We were pleased to have been able to make this donation and glad that the Council succeeded in its purchase of this land. So now we are close neighbours with the Council and we believe that our relationship will continue to develop well.

Fortunately, a windfall came the way of the church at the beginning of the year when the Lane End Business Forum was wound up. Lane End Business Forum was a group of business-to-business companies which met monthly for ten years. The Chairman of the Forum just hap-

pened to be me, and in the absence of a willing volunteer to take over the reins, the Forum ceased.

Under its Constitution, in the event of winding up, any surplus funds in its account would be handed over to the PCC of Holy Trinity Church. These funds more than paid for new floodlighting for the church. In addition, we were able to modify the switchability of the lantern over the church gate, allowing us to light the church pathway independently of the floodlighting – especially useful at events such as Midnight Mass.

During last year's rainy Springtime, one of our bellringers had climbed to the top of the inside of the tower, above the six bells. He noticed water trickling from the point at the roof underneath the weathervane. 'Oh no!' we thought, a scaffolding job with a heavy cost implication. We discussed the problem with our excellent architect, Anthony Mealing of GMTW and he suggested that E&R Meakes' crane – you know, the one that holds up the Christmas star – might be used to take up a repairman in its bucket.

Unfortunately there seemed to be no

takers to travel up in said bucket. However, during some tree work at my home I talked this problem over with Chris MacBeth of South Bucks Tree Surgeons who proposed using their own giant cherry-picker to provide a safe platform for the repair work. Which is exactly what we did in the dry period of July.

Access to the church was by means of the funeral or gravedigger's gate, and with the enormous assistance of Roger Meakes we finally manoeuvred Chris' lorry alongside the south wall. Roger went up with Chris and repaired the leak around the base of the weathervane.

I then popped up and looked at his handywork. As it happened, I glanced down into the tiled roof of the church. Horror! A slice of masonry had fallen from quite a height into the roof, leaving a gap where tiles had been smashed. You can see in the photo the point from which this piece of stone had come adrift. A pale shape just below and to the right of the clock face.

Lane End tiler, Roger Caine, very ably repaired the damage and made the roof sound before any rains



came, for which we are enormously grateful.

Looking back on 2013, these were some of the highlights from this churchwarden's perspective. Quinquennial inspection, boiler malfunction, disposal of grass cuttings, the church sound system, amongst many other items, all were managed in 2013.

And now, this churchwarden proposes stepping down after fifteen years in the role, and I wish my successor all best wishes for the future care of our lovely Victorian church.

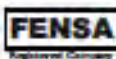
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Lane End Fete

Volunteers needed to help plan the event on 14 June and practical help on the day. Helping to set up, manning stalls such as the donut stall, Zippy dipper, etc, clearing up afterwards. It's great to be involved!

Contact Bob Nix:

nix682@btinternet.com, tel 881000



Lane End Conservation Group

Learn about our natural environment and help us keep the beautiful open spaces of Lane End healthy.

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Lane End Playing Fields

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Lane End Youth and Community Centre needs your support. See previous page for details. Call Emma 883878

If you're a local group looking for volunteers and you'd like to post a request here, contact Katy on 883883 / katyjdunn@btinternet.com

Lane End Scouts

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Ian Harris, Group Scout Leader 880617

iphco@btopenworld.com

Milk Men

with Will Lacey 



Countryfile comes to Lacey's

I am hoping by the time that this article goes out that the weather will have improved a bit and the fields stated to dry out. The very wet winter that we have had is more of an inconvenience for us than a disaster, with the majority of the cows being indoors and undercover they aren't out in the cold getting wet, and I don't have to trudge through fields to go and find them each day.

It does make some jobs harder or even impossible to complete though. Hedge cutting is a January job, we have miles of hedges over the 450 acres that we farm, with the majority in an environmental management programme to help us manage them to support the local wildlife and biodiversity. They also help to define our landscape and add a lot of character to the views we all know and love.

With the weather so wet we have been unable to get in to the fields to

finish the hedge cutting. Even in a tractor, if the ground is wet we are going to make a lot of mess and cause damage to the crop that is in the fields and risk getting stuck! For now we will hold off on cutting the hedges inside the fields and hope it dries out in the next few days.



With the drab weather this week it was nice to have a bit of excitement in the form of BBC 1's Countryfile coming out to the farm to film on Thursday. I have done quite a few interviews for radio, papers and small scale TV shows in the past but

this is in a different league – a national TV show with weekly viewing figures in excess of 5 million people!

Thankfully the team were are very professional and friendly and filming was fairly swift. They came to see us because they were doing a piece about Chinese lanterns and have filmed clips from all over the country, talking to farmers, county councils, fire and police services and many more people who have all had problems as result of these lanterns.

Our problems came when one of the lantern frames landed in one of our crops and then got into the cows ration. Once inside a cows stomach

you can imagine the damage a two inch piece of wire with very sharp points can do. Inevitably, the cow will get an infection from the damage caused which could ultimately lead to her death.

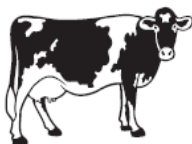
This is a very sad outcome from what people think is just a bit of fun. It's a preventable problem, but it's only if people that have had a problem like ours speak out and help educate as to the risk of these lanterns that something may be done to reduce the risks. I am very grateful to the BBC team for giving me the platform to tell our story. The piece went out on 16 February.

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Please also be sure to inform me of any changes

Mondays

Regulars

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

LEOPAG (50+)—10.30-12.30am coffee pop-in Lane End Youth and Community Centre (LEYCC), Edmonds Road, Lane End. Tel: 883878

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

Baby Welfare Clinic—2-4pm, SureStart Centre, Lane End Primary School

The Tree—lunch and soft drink offer £5.99 per person, 12-5pm

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

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

Pilates with Lauren—7-8pm LEYCC £50 for 6 week course. Tel 07709 430634

Bridge Club—7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Events

7 April—Garden visit to Inholmes with Hambleton Valley Garden Club 01491 638690

7 April—parish council meeting, Sycamore Room, Village Hall 7.30pm

Tuesdays

Regulars

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

The Tree—lunch and soft drink offer £5.99 per person, 12-5pm

Hambleden Valley Gardening Club—7.30pm, First Tuesday of the month, Skirmett Village Hall. Tel 01491 638690

Bingo — 7.30pm Sycamore Room Lane End Village Hall

Junior youth club— LEYCC call Emma for info on 883878

Events

4 March Hambleden Valley Garden Club talk by Frank Parge, Head Gardener at Hughenden Manor. 7pm Skirmett Village Hall

22 April—Easter Egg Bingo, LEYCC 1.30-3.30pm. Tel 883878

6 May—Annual Parish Meeting, main hall, Lane End village hall, inc drinks and nibbles

Wednesdays

Regulars

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

The Tree—lunch and soft drink offer £5.99 per person, 12-5pm

JUMP—children's club, 3.45-5.30pm, Elim Centre Tel 882587

Bridge Club—1.30pm Lane End Village Hall

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

Quiz Night—8.30-pm at The Tree in Cadmore End

Senior youth club—LEYCC call Emma for info on 883878

Events

14 May—Annual meeting of parish council and normal meeting, Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall

19 and 16 April—Easter Play scheme, LEYCC. 10-3pm, £8.50 per day

Thursdays

Regulars

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

The Tree—lunch and soft drink offer £5.99 per person, 12-5pm

Four Ends Flower Club—Fourth Thursday of the month 2pm in Lane End Village Hall. Visitors £5. Flower arranging demonstration, raffle, tea and cake. Contact 482724

Circle Dancing—First Thursday of the month, 2pm Lane End Village Hall. Contact Mary Williams 01235 520608

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

Line Dancing for Beginners. 7.30-9.30 Frieth Village Hall

Lane End Players—8pm Village Hall Tel 07706 426320

West Wycombe Guides—7.15pm Piddington Village Hall

Fridays

Regulars

FSFH Circuit Training—9.30-10.30am LEYCC

The Tree—lunch and soft drink offer £5.99 per person, 12-5pm

Live Jazz—last Friday of the month in the evening at The Tree, Cadmore End Tel 881183

Events

21 March—Village Hall quiz evening at 7.30pm. Tel 881913 for tickets

28 March, 25 April, 30 May—Whist evening at 7.30pm. Tel 881913 for details

11 April—skittles evening at 7.30pm. Tel 881913 for details

25 April—Ladies Bar All Night LEYCC. Tel 883878

9 May—Holy Trinity quiz evening at 7.30pm. Tel 881913 for tickets

16/23 May Lane End Players (see p36)

← THURSDAY Events

Saturdays

Regulars

Coffee Shop—first and third Saturdays of the month, 10-12noon, Lane End Village Hall

Marlow Wolves—American football 9.30-12.30am Lane End Playing Fields, all welcome. Email sam_mckee@hotmail.co.uk

Lane End Conservation Group Action Day—10am First Saturday of the month meet in the Car Park by Lane End Surgery

Events

1 March, 5 April and 3 May—Twinning Association coffee shop in the morning at Lane End Village Hall

1 March—dinner dance LEYCC Tel 883878

8 March—An Evening with Barbara North, Lane End Village Hall 7.30pm

15 March, 3 May, 17 May—Holy Trinity coffee shop, morning, Lane End Village Hall

15 March—volunteer open day, National Trust at Hughenden Manor 10am-1pm. Tel 755573

22 March—Jumble sale, 10-12noon, LEYCC

19 April—Messy Church morning at Lane End Village Hall, no tickets required

10 May—Plant sale at Skirmett Village Hall. 10.30-12.30. Plants, tea, coffee, cake

17,24 May Lane End Players (see p36)

Sundays

Regulars

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

Whistles & Bells dog behaviour school—9-12noon LEYCC, Tel Jenny 07703020344

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

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

Sunday lunch—Grand International Buffet and traditional carvery at The Tree, Cadmore End. Book on 881183

Evensong—6pm at Holy Trinity Church Lane End

Lane End Players—7.30pm Village Hall Tel 07706 426320

Events

Nature notes

Effects of the floods on wildlife

The floods have had a devastating effect on the lives of many of our friends in Marlow and Henley, but they could also spell disaster for the wildlife and ecosystems in our area.

Hibernating hedgehogs are at risk of drowning along with burrowing animals such as badgers, moles, shrews, field voles and wood mice. Lack of food is another problem for herbivores as few plants can survive being waterlogged for prolonged periods as they develop yellow leaves and root rot.



Furthermore, after weeks under water, plants start to decompose and, with oxygen in short supply, give off noxious hydrogen sulphide fumes.



Populations of earthworms, caterpillars, snails and beetles could be decimated, which causes problems down the line of the food chain, reducing the food supply of birds such as song thrushes and blackbirds in the spring and summer.

Neither is the danger just from the immediate physical effects of the water. Floodwater contamination is another issue for farm animals as well as wildlife. Many animals could be poisoned by floodwater redistributing pesticides and toxic chemicals from industrial sites and sewers.

At the time of writing, flood warnings are still in place in our area and the rain keeps on coming.

Email: katyjdunn@btinternet.com and **share** here any local photos, wildlife stories or interesting nature encounters...

Moorend Common

Report by Katy Dunn

The duty of care works by the roadside and felling of our dead oaks has been carried out over the winter months. My makeshift signs asking people to refrain from taking the wood away have not fared well in these last few rainy months, but people have been very good about leaving the timber in situ.

The reason we asked that the felled trees remain where they are is that moving the wood could spread the AOD (acute oak decline) disease to surrounding areas and we want to contain the disease as much as we possibly can.

Another reason is that local craftsmen are purchasing the parts of the timber that are useful to them for making signs, floorboards etc. We're getting around the AOD spread issue by bringing a mobile sawmill to site to remove the 'infectious' parts, which are the bark and sapwood.

The bark and sapwood will be burnt on site and the 'safe' heartwood taken away for further processing. All

the equipment will be disinfected after use, and any funds raised from the sale of the timber will be ring-fenced for future measures to help protect Moorend's oaks from further disease.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Green Gym who very kindly come four times a year from Sonning Common to help with practical works on the Common. I've said it before and I'll say it again—they're fantastic! The amount of sawing, snipping, carrying and clearing they get done in one morning never ceases to amaze.

With the help of Lane End Conservation Group, we're planning a children's afternoon on Moorend Common later in the year. It will involve a short, signposted walk around the common with four or five activity stations where children can get involved in nature identification, art or crafts using the materials they can find in the woods.

We'll be looking for volunteers to help out on the activity stations later in the year, but contact me in the meantime if you've any ideas or would like to be involved. Email: katyjdunn@btinternet.com

Lane End Players

Report by Eve Berry

After a very successful pantomime, *Mother Goose*, in January, we now look forward to our Spring Production. This will be *Entertaining Angels*, by Richard Everett, a new, sharp-edged comedy set in a vicarage garden. It ran professionally with Penelope Keith as the vicar's wife. The production dates are 16, 17, 23 and 24 May all at 8pm. Tickets are £7 and £5 for the first performance and £10 and £7 for the others. Box Office opens on 12 April, when tickets can be bought from the Village Hall on Saturday mornings, by ringing 077064 26320 or emailing boxoffice@laneendplayers.com

We look forward to welcoming you.

Hambleton Valley Gardening Club

Report by Janet Collins

We continue with our monthly evening meetings through the winter months. We've had a most informative talk from an RHS speaker on encouraging wildlife into the garden, an entertaining talk from Martyn Sheldrake of Toad Hall Garden

Centre with mulled wine and mince pies and an unusual and entertaining talk from John Negus on *Twelve Months of Colour* – he certainly kept us on our toes! We are greatly looking forward to our next speaker, Helen Yemm and expect a full house.

Our first visit of the year will be in April to Inholmes, a garden near Lambourn which was brought to its glory by the former owners, the Williams of Formula 1 Racing Team fame. This will be followed in May by members demand return visit to Babylon Nurseries near Watlington. Do not miss our Plant Sale! It's a marvellous chance to stock your garden with good plants at even better prices. See our listings in the events page.

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Showers can be tricky beasts – all sorts of things can go wrong with them.

The shower making the strange noise and then stopping completely had a more unusual cause. When I inspected the cold water storage tank in the loft, there was a bag of white crystals hanging in the water. Some kind of primitive water softener? Anyway, the bag got sucked into the supply pipe to the shower and burst, which meant that in turn the crystals got sucked into the shower pump and jammed it. Very messy.

Another shower I've seen wouldn't turn off unless you moved it to full hot and even then it dripped constantly. This particular type of shower uses two quarter-turn valves connected by cogs to a single lever. The cold valve had seized open, so the only way to stop the flow was to turn it off and adjust to hot. Once the cold valve was replaced, all was fine.

As I've said before, sometimes it's just the shower head that's blocked with limescale. Simple to cure and very common so always check that first if you have a problem.

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End Primary and provide a seamless start for children from Nursery through to Reception.

Over the next few months we will be refurbishing our Early Years unit with a revamp of the Nursery Garden including the installation of new play equipment. We will also be improving facilities indoors as we will be registered to take two year olds from September.

This week Diamond class (rising 4s and Reception) made gingerbread

men – the trouble was they ran away and only left a note in the classroom saying ‘run, run as fast as you can, you can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread man’. Diamond class searched all over, making posters and putting them up around the school in case anyone had seen anything. Finally, they were found in the library reading, you guessed it....The Gingerbread Man!

The children from Amethyst class (Year 5/6) had an exciting trip to the Black Country Living Museum where they got a taste of what life would have been like for a child in Victorian Britain. As well as visiting a mine, they took part in a lesson in the Victorian school complete with a very ferocious school mistress!

Emerald class (Year 3/4) have been to Hughenden Manor - country home of the Victorian Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli. They are also planning a trip to the Ashmolean museum in Oxford as part of their work on the Ancient Egyptians.

We have an exciting few months ahead too: in March,

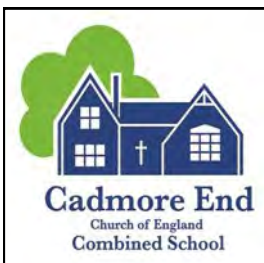




we are anticipating a visit from Image Theatre who will be visiting us during reading week to perform *The Sword in the Stone* for the whole school - there will also be opportunities for some of the children to dress up and take part and in June, Amethyst Class are planning a trip to Garsington Opera where they will have a 'behind the scenes' look at a dress rehearsal.



Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to the Lane End Conservation Group who came along to the school one wet Saturday morning to transform our courtyard garden ready for our Open Day for prospective parents. *Debbie Williams, Head*



Since September we have been running an outdoor learning programme for all of the chil-

dren at our school. We are very lucky at Cadmore End School because we are surrounded by beautiful woods. Having learnt about the benefits of children learning in the outdoor environment and the new curriculum which includes far more outdoor activities, we decided it was time to utilise these more.

We have undertaken some great activities with children and they are always very keen even when it's cold and rainy! In the Autumn term we made stick towers - children had to work in groups to search for sticks that were roughly the same size and build a square based tower.



They soon realised that they had to take turns and that the sticks had to be layered to make the tower stable.

Lots of measuring has taken place during our outdoor maths. The children had to build a house for Sam-my snake and had to estimate how big the house had to be using their knowledge of working out area to help them.

We celebrated world mud day, explored the woods for different types of fungi and learnt how to whittle sticks which we used to cook marsh mallows on the fire. then the children made the sticks smaller and we explored how charcoal is made by putting the small



sticks in a sealed treacle tin and placing it in the fire.

At Christmas time we thought it would be nice to have a small decorated area where the children could sit to read or write Christmas stories.

We started by wrapping some chicken wire around the trees and then we found twigs and leaves and wove them in, we decorated fir cones and leaves and then added a bit of tinsel.

We also decided to have a whole school session of singing carols around the campfire. To showcase our wood-



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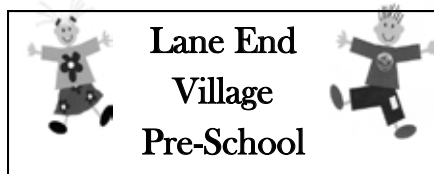
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land area and work children had done we invited local residents and parents to join us. The children took it in turns to toast marshmallows on the fire and afterwards we returned to the school playground for hot chocolate and cakes. It was a lovely way to end the term.

Overall it has been a great success, we have built dens in the woods, created story maps out of sticks and then recited our stories to the rest of the class, we have built bug hotels and set up an eco-area where we are learning how long it takes for certain household products and food waste to decompose. We have dug over the garden and planted some bulbs which we can just see peeping out of the earth.

In the Spring the children will be planting vegetables which we will be able to cook a school. It is all very exciting and lots more adventures to come. *Sharon Dombey, Learning Outdoors Co-ordinator.*



The autumn term ended with exciting preparations for Christmas. A competition to create a tree decoration was kindly judged by the ladies in the Methodist Church Coffee Shop.

The children were invited to meet everyone at the Coffee Morning and sang the songs they were practising for the end of term party. All children who took part were given a little gift. On 19 Dec the Christmas Sing Along and Party was attended by families and friends and the children were in their festive costumes on the stage.

Thanks to Peter Rose of Lane End Players for lending us a microphone, their little voices came over loud and clear. The children are so young and this simple concert worked well—everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The Pre-School is taking part in the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award. The aim of this is to involve staff and parents to help children learn about their place in their immediate environment and the bigger world too. It also encourages good manners along with taking care of the environment and the people in it. Consideration is given to the age and stage of development. Some of the

topics have been My Home, planting tree saplings donated by the Woodland Trust in Tree Week and Chinese New Year. We thank Bucks CC Early Years advisor Helen Smith for her support and guidance.

After a long wait, everyone is pleased that the surfacing under the climbing frame has been replaced. The frame was put in the Village Hall garden in 2004 and the base was beginning to get dangerous. Thanks to donations from villagers, a grant of £2500 from Bucks County Council Early Years, £290 from Waitrose Marlow, ASDA tokens and other fund raising, we achieved the £3,331 required for this project. Thanks too to Mr Piggott of S&C Maintenance for taking up the old surface for a fraction of the cost we were quoted.

A big thank you to the people who contributed bags of clothes and other items for our Bags 2 School—we raised the best ever total of £250. The surface is not only for the safety and enjoyment of our children, it is for all the small children who use the Village Hall Garden.

There are vacancies for children from 2-5 years. Places are free for children in the term they are three. Some people may be eligible for two year old funding. For information, to arrange a visit, or a Stay and Play session please ring 07703 926196.



Happy New Year! It is always exciting to start a new year and term, but even more so when you join a

new school. As the new headteacher I am especially excited about joining Frieth and becoming part of this fantastic school.



I have been warmly welcomed by all the pupils, parents, staff and governors and already feel part of the 'family'! I am also very much looking forward to meeting you all in the wider community at future school and community events.

Talking of events; this term promises to be a fabulous learning adventure including a whole school focus on Art for our topic 'Take a Picture'. This will culminate in a very special event towards the end of term - watch this space!

Jo Reid, Head

Lane End and District Horticultural Society

Report by Trevor Perrin

During the past twelve weeks of continuous rain we have become very aware of the comforts of the Potting Shed and are now very reluctant to give it up. How can you sow on waterlogged ground? Deterred before we start!

So, we resort to alternatives and fill as many containers as we can lay our hands on with compost to take our spring onions, radishes, carrots, parsnips etc, but the spuds will wait

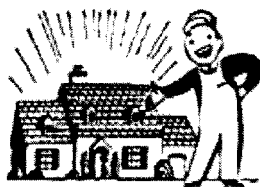
for drier sowing.

Every day lost in the garden brings this year's annual show that much nearer. It will be held on Saturday 16 August in the Village Hall and despite these current monsoon conditions we hope you will participate with your produce and person and enjoy the day. It can only get better.



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Building Developments latest

Report by Katy Dunn

Building development consultation

Wycombe District Council says it needs to build 500-700 new homes each year in the Wycombe district until 2031. Where? I hear you ask. In fact, that is their question to us. They've identified some sites for development and want our opinion on these and future options such as building on greenfield reserve sites, reviewing the Green Belt and expanding villages in rural areas such as ours.

I'm certainly going to have my say. Whether you feel our villages need to expand to accommodate all the people who want to live here, or whether you feel the green space around our villages needs protecting, you need to actually tell the people who are making the decisions, or your opinion will count for nothing.

Go to wycombe.gov.uk/newlocalplan to look at the plans and fill in the response form. You can see an exhibition about the plans at High Wycombe Library until 15 March and the website lists various evening meetings where you can ask questions and voice your opinions.

Traveller site planning application at Cadmore End

When it comes to specific planning applications we're quick enough to act. A planning application for the 'High Barns' site between the Peacock pub and Cadmore End has received around 150 objections.

It relates to a planning application made for change of use of land to a gypsy caravan site comprising five transit pitches, three permanent residential pitches, one warden's pitch along with ancillary shower block, stables building, parking, access road, utilities and paddock.

A group of locals have formed the CELEBaction Group which opposes the plans. 'Membership is open to all who object to inappropriate development in the Green Belt and AONB in the area of Cadmore End, Lane End and Bolter End,' says Clifford Miller. (celebaction@hotmail.co.uk)

Lane End Parish Council held an emergency general meeting about the issue on 20 January as the next scheduled parish council meeting would have been after the window for making comments had closed.

LEPC Chairman Mike Detsiny stated that the parish council would be objecting to this proposal as it had to every other proposal which involved building on the Green Belt.

The well-mannered meeting at Cadmore End Village Hall saw objections raised about building on Green Belt land, noise levels by the motorway being unsuitable for human habitation, contaminated soil due to hazardous waste being buried there by a previous owner and poor access and visibility for more traffic on an already busy and fast road and the disruption to local schools of a transient population.

The planning applicant, David Curtis, gave a measured and eloquent de-

fence of the application, urging people to put aside their prejudices. He argued that there is a proven need for a traveller site in the area, he had gone through all the correct channels, the area of land is essentially waste ground close to the motorway which had been tested for contamination and none had been found. Finally, he said that as warden of the site he would be committed to running it in a responsible way to a high standard.

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Green Belt protection from both housing schemes and Traveller developments. Local Government Minister Brandon Lewis told MPs: 'We want to consider the case for changes to the planning definition of 'travellers'... (to) refer to those who actually travel.' He went on to say that 'both temporary and permanent traveller sites are inappropriate development in the green belt.'

Old Temperance Hotel (former Golden Palace)

There is no confirmation as yet as to what is to become of the Old Temperance Hotel. However, I have been told by the estate agent that a retired couple from Lane End has purchased the property and plan to keep the ground floor as a commercial unit and lease it to a restaurant owner. The floors above are intended as residential apartments, either two one-bedrooms or a split-level two bedroom.

If the owners would like to confirm, please do get in touch—anonymity guaranteed! Tel. 883883.

Care Home on The Row

As you know, planning permission has been granted for the 72 bed care home and new doctor's surgery. Architects Archadia give more information: 'The main entrance opens into a bistro café with views

through to the garden. Day rooms have access to gardens or terraces with views to the open land. The gardens provide shady and sunny areas, sensory gardens and raised beds. There are five house groups, each with its own lounge and dining space. There are also physiotherapy, hairdressing and activity rooms which open onto the garden.'

Work starts on site in April.

Former Culver Graphics/ Essex works site on Finings Road

The planning application for the demolition of existing Essex Works, conversion of the redundant barn to 1 x 2 bed house and erection of 16 houses (4 x 2 bed, 4 x 3 bed and 8 x 4 bed) with associated access, turning, garaging, car parking and landscaping, has been roundly refused by Wycombe District Council

They said the design 'lacked a clear and robust structure of public and private space, and is composed of building types and architectural and architectural details which do not reflect or respect the character and quality of the area.'

Other objections were to bedrooms of different houses looking into each other, and insufficient parking due to garages too small to adequately park a car in.

However, some villagers around Holy Trinity church are extremely upset at the guidance by a WDC planning officer which could lead to the removal of a hedgeline to establish pedestrian links between housing on the former Culver Graphics site and the common to the side of the church. WDC's own Character Survey of Lane End says the retention of rough hedges and trees should be regarded as essential to maintaining the village character.

'The hedgeline is highly visible to anyone visiting the church, there has never been any pedestrian access from the site, and the trees and bushes provide a haven for birds

and a wildlife corridor to the centre of the village,' says local resident Tim Grout-Smith, 'Moreover if pedestrian access is given, it will inevitably lead to people parking on the common, destroying an amenity for the whole village.'

There is some question as to whether the hedge line even belongs to the site, as it appears to be on the common land owned by the Parish Council. 'We've yet to hear their voice,' says Tim, 'but they can be assured we residents are not going to accept this utterly inappropriate advice, and will be watching closely any proposals from the site developers, Shanly Homes.'



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Farm foreman retires after 52 years

What is special about the date 18 February 1962? Many will recognise it as being fifty two years ago, but for us at Kensham Farms it just happens to be the date when our farm foreman, Nigel Rogers, started working here.



Nigel and Paul Rogers, August 2013

At the time of writing, I have nearly completed a powerpoint presentation showing developments such as the change from milk and egg production on our farms to arable crop production, and the increased size and complexity of the tractors and farm

machinery, over those years. We hope to show this to Nigel and his family, including his son Paul who is taking on Nigel's duties as foreman, at a supper to celebrate his 52 years of work for Kensham Farms - and to hand over a commemorative medal

presented to him by the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Many changes have taken place in the farming industry since 1962, one of the most significant being the advance of science leading to plant protection chemicals. These include fungicides to protect the young growing cereal plants

from diseases such as mildew or septoria, growth regulators which reduce the length of straw and increase both the strength of the stems and the root structure of growing cereal plants. This avoids the difficulties which we used to get from lodged crops - crops which had laid

down flat on the ground before harvest because they had outgrown their own strength.

Research scientists have also developed effective selective herbicides, which target broad leaved weeds like docks and stinging nettles but cause no damage to the growing cereal plant. A further development of these weed killers has been in the formulation of 'pre-emergence' sprays - herbicides which are sprayed on the bare earth immediately after seeding, so that seedlings of weeds will be killed as they poke up out of the ground, yet the cereal plants can grow up through the crust of weedkiller without harm.

At a later stage of growth cereal plants can now be sprayed with an insecticide to control pests such as aphids or saddle gall midge, which could otherwise cause immense damage to the developing plants.



Vigorous young seedlings of winter wheat, drilled in September 2013

However these insecticides will not be necessary in every season, and will only be used if routine inspections have revealed a real threat to the growing crop.

Further major changes, prompted by improved crop protection chemicals, by farm economics and by the change to a global food market, have led to more specialised farm production. Nowadays there are very few mixed farms of one or two hundred acres, the size of the average farm which existed in this part of the Chiltern Hills fifty years ago.

Farm size of the majority of serious food producing farms has greatly increased, while other smaller farms with insufficient production to provide a living wage for a farmer have become part-time farms. These small holdings are owned and run by those who have farming and livestock husbandry in their blood, and are able to supplement their farm income with diversified interests such as a farm shop, providing bed and breakfast or holiday accommodation, or even having additional income from sources away from the farm.

Turning now to the excessive rainfall over the past winter months, our sympathy has to go to farmers and others in the rural areas such as the flat and low lying areas like the Somerset levels, where flooding has

been compounded by failure to carry out sufficient dredging and maintenance of the main waterways.

We are fortunate in this area in living on hills overlying chalk, with good drainage that lets the rainfall percolates through the chalk into the underground aquifers from which our water supplies are pumped up.

Our crops this season were mainly seeded into excellent dry and friable seed beds in the dry months of September and October, and the seed was plump and with good vigour following Summer 2013 with plenty of sunshine, so that our crops are now

well established with strong green young plants which will not have been harmed by the heavy rain in December and January.

Bryan and Alison Edgley started farming Kensham Farm at Cadmore End in 1955.

Their son, Charlie Edgley, manages the arable crops for the family partnership—around 2,300 acres, mainly of milling wheat, centred on Kensham Farm but including rented fields between West Wycombe, Sands, Booker, Fingest and Lane End.

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What does 'Elim' mean? Elim was the name of an oasis in the Old Testament with palm trees and springs where people were replenished. We think church should replenish people.

Anything exciting happening this year at the church? There is! We are joining with churches around the nation for an initiative called 'Hope 2014.' This is a movement that brings churches together to achieve transformation, and we want to find ways to meet needs in the community in sustainable and supportive ways.



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Safety and Security

Burglary down 75 per cent

The priority of the Neighbourhood police team over the Christmas period was to reduce the number of dwelling burglary offences in our area. We dropped letters through people's doors advising them to take preventative measures, including not leaving their homes in darkness and reporting suspicious activity.

We began to notice a difference with the result that there was a 75 per cent decrease in dwelling burglaries. A total of five offences were reported, including:

Attempted Burglary Marcourt Road, Stokenchurch 16-20 November 2013

Burglary, Queen Street Piddington 19 December 2013

Burglary, Bolter End Lane, Bolter End 4 January 2014

Attempted Burglary, Bowling Green, Stokenchurch 20 January 2014

Burglary, Old School Close, Stokenchurch 25 January 2014

Anti social behaviour

We're pleased that there have been very few reports. However if you feel

that there is an issue that you would like us to help with please give us a call on 101.

Offenders brought to justice

A 26 year old female from Lane End has been charged for the offence of assault occasioning actual body harm following the offence which took place in December. An 18 year old male from Penn has been charged for the offence of criminal damage to vehicles following the offence in September. A 29 year old female from Bolter End has received a penalty notice disorder following the offence in December. A 24 year old male from Booker has been charged for the offence of a theft in a dwelling following the offence in November. A 28 year old female from Slough has been cautioned for the offence of drug possession – Cannabis following the offence in December.

Have Your Say meetings

Every month the team holds 'have your say meetings'. Find out where these are on the Thames Valley Police website (just key in your post-code to get to your Team).

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Spring is in the air and it is not just baby rabbits and lambs that appear, puppies and kittens do too!

Beware if you buy a pair of young male and female rabbits and house them together, as you could have baby rabbits (kits) within a month! Rabbits reach sexual maturity at 4-8 months of age (often earlier in the doe than the buck) and the duration of pregnancy is 28-32 days. Better to spay, castrate or separate to prevent unwanted litters.

Dogs can start to breed when they are a little older and generally adolescent female dogs (bitches) have their first season around 7 months of age and at any time of year. There can be huge variation in the onset of the first season dependent upon the breed of the dog. The bitch will then cycle approximately every 6 months thereafter. During this first season it is certainly possible for the female dog to become pregnant. If this were to happen she may not be mature



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enough to give birth and would require a caesarian section.

To prevent unwanted litters of puppies it is advisable to have your dog spayed at 6 months of age before she has had her first season. This operation will also prevent problems later in life such as infections in the womb and greatly reduces the risk of mammary tumours. Male dogs can be castrated from 6 months of age and cats can be neutered from 5-6 months of age, again to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

The duration of pregnancy in the dog is 63 days. On average dogs will have approximately 6 puppies but can have as many as 12 or 13! Most dogs have 10 nipples so large litters of puppies usually require supple-

mentary feeding by the owner. Puppies and kittens are born with their eyes closed and are dependent on milk from the bitch for the first weeks of life.

Guinea pig pups are far less dependent. Guinea pigs are born with their eyes open, are completely mobile and are virtually miniature adults. Guinea pig pups start to eat solid food immediately after birth but will also continue to suckle milk from the female. Interestingly, if a female guinea pig has not bred before 10 months of age her pelvis can permanently change. This change can prevent pelvic separation during birth. So if the older guinea pig suddenly becomes pregnant she may also require a caesarian section.



Patient of the month: Desmond

Desmond is a 4 month old Main Coon kitten with an adventurous appetite! He decided to eat his collar, complete with bell, which became lodged in his stomach and had to be surgically removed at Cherry Tree Vets. Desmond is recovering well and all collars have been removed from his household! Can you spot the bell on Desmond's x-ray?



Gardening

with Dave Dunbar 



lift and store bulbs for next year

So far, we have been spared the cold in exchange for continuous rain, to the detriment of those living near the river. However, we may not avoid a cold snap in March or even April as this has happened in recent years. Is it too early to be getting excited about spring?

Seasonal Top Tips:

Most bulbs can be left in the ground to return each year, but tulips will not last many years. If the ground is wet they will rot off quickly. To prevent this, they can be lifted and hung up to dry out, stored through the summer and re-planted in autumn.

Snowdrops, daffodils, tulips, crocus, iris and leucothoe....as you see them flourishing now, make a note to remember where they are as by the autumn when they need to be replanted, you'll have forgotten.

While we are looking forward to spring, don't forget that if you put your bedding plants out before the

end of May you are risking damage or death from late frosts. That's not to say you can't buy them from garden centres before then, but it will be advised to grow them on in a glasshouse prior to planting.

Lastly, over the years our wet winters have taken their toll on our lawns, which are forever being overrun by moss. Where there is more moss than lawn, any treatment could leave large unsightly areas with little or no grass at all, creating further work still. More treatable areas that can be improved should have a moss killer applied on a regular basis, say every six weeks or so throughout the growing season, rather than a one off application. This will improve effectiveness and prevent the speedy regenerative process of the moss. Garden centres supply a range of products or there are specialist companies that deal in this field.

Favourites:

Clematis montana 'Rubens' is a vigorous climbing plant, good for hiding sheds and fences or climbing through old trees etc. However it will need to be cut back to prevent over-running and causing damage. Its abundance of pink flowers in spring provides a stunning display. It can take over small spaces, but can be treated harshly to maintain. Whack it back hard after flowering and let it start all over again.



Dave's mystery plant:

I am a tough plant closely related to the snake plant that does not like the cold and you will only find me outdoors in hot countries, so here I like to be inside in the warm. I have many thick fleshy single stems growing twisting up from the ground, strong and vertical to about 1m in some cases with sharp ends. Along both sides of my green stem like leaves is a very distinctive yellow edge..... What's my name?

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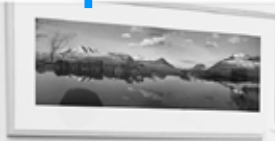
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