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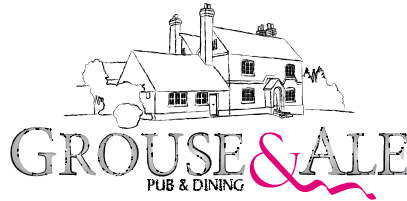


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From the Editor

There's a been a lot of change going on in Lane End recently. Our numbers have swelled as we've embraced a whole new set of residents along Clayton Road and look forward to welcoming more on the old SMR site going out of the village towards Stokenchurch. The industrial estate along The Row has been razed to make way for the new care home and hoardings are up, signalling a start on building works.

But it's not just building developments. Familiar faces along the high street are leaving and new ones coming in. Rex Allott has retired from the pharmacy (see p48) and Lynda Johnston from the butcher is heading north for a new life (see p26), whilst at Bolter End, the Lacey family is about to embark on an exciting new chapter in the life of their farm.

Most of us are naturally averse to change, but change is good, it keeps a village like ours alive and lively. Speaking of 'lively', I'm looking forward to Christmas in the Village at Lane End's village hall on Friday 4 Dec for carols, a cheeky mulled wine and the switching on of Lane End's Christmas tree lights. Have a happy Christmas all!

Katy Dunn, editor

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✂️ Lane End Parish Council report by Hayley Glasgow

Up-coming Meetings

The meetings will start at 7.30pm in the Sycamore Room of Lane End Village Hall on the following dates –

Monday 7 December

Monday 4 January 2016

Monday 1 February 2016

Monday 7 March 2016

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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Planning Applications

Planning Applications relevant to Lane End Parish Council are updated on the Parish Councils website www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk every Monday from the official list of verified applications supplied by WDC. Whilst the Parish Council does not have the power to determine applications, its local knowledge is sought on each and every application.

Street lights

To report a faulty street light please note the column number, the road where the street light is situated and the nearest property and report to the Clerk - Hayley Glasgow 01494 437111 / clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk

Pot Holes / road repairs

You can track and report pot holes/ road repairs through the Buckinghamshire County Council website <http://transportforbucks.net/report-it-pothole.aspx> or you can call them on 01296 395000 / 0845 3708090 Monday to Thursday 9am-5.30pm and Friday 9am-5pm. If you consider a pothole to be dangerous or an emergency, please call BCC on: 01296 382416 (9am-5.30pm Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm Friday) or 01296 486630 (out of hours and weekends).

Allotments

There are three allotments sites in the parish, Chalky Fields, Bunkers and Sandyfields.

If you would like more information about allotments please contact the Parish Clerk.

Christmas in the Village

The Christmas in the Village event has been running for the last few years and has proved more and more successful each year. Please come along for what promises to be a fantastic evening.

Christmas in the Village

Friday 4 December 2015

6.30pm until 8.30pm

Lane End Village Hall

See poster (p8) for further details.

Talk to us?

We would love to hear your comments / suggestions / complaints or compliments. Please contact the Parish Clerk Hayley Glasgow
01494 437111 /
clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk

*Wishing you all a Merry
Christmas and a
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- Financially literate
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- Be interested in the local community
- May have previous trustee experience

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The Clerk, Lane End Parish Council, 74 New Road, Sands, HP12 4LG**

Charity numbers: Mole 202460, Picket 202459



CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Friday 4 December 2015 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Lane End Village Hall

Lane End Parish Council is holding a Christmas in the Village evening. Come along and see the Christmas lights being switched on outside, and then return to the hall to listen to Carols, music and enjoy some light refreshments.

Carols will be sung by the Churches and the children of Lane End Primary & Cadmore End School.

To finish the entertainment the Lane End Players will entertain you with their Mummers play and complimentary refreshments to follow.

All of this is completely free of charge and can be enjoyed by all ages.

*Lane End Youth and Community Centre and Lane End Primary School will also be jointly holding a **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday 5 December from 1pm until 3pm at LEYCC.*

Lacey's Christmas Fayre weekend, will be taking place on 5 & 6 December at the farm. A great selection of local produce, gifts and more. Great deals on Christmas trees and wreaths also! 10am till 4pm.

The lowdown

Smart wheelie bins

Report by Katy Dunn

Rubbish bins out on the roadside once a week are an unsightly, but necessary part of modern community life. In an attempt to make them serve a community purpose, Lane End Parish Council is ordering some speed limit wheelie bin stickers.



Wheelie bin stickers are an effective and cost effective way of reminding drivers to slow down and stick to the speed limit, especially in 30mph residential areas. These stickers are classed as temporary signs and their visual impact is increased as they are only on display once a week.

So far, the parish council is looking to provide wheelie bin '30' stickers to residents in The Row, Park Lane and Church Road. If you think the village would benefit from a speed limit sticker on your bin, do get in touch with the parish clerk, Hayley Glasgow on 437111.

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Royal British Legion

Report by Peter Jennings

Sadly, we have reached an unenviable situation; we are now having to consider whether to wind up the Lane End Branch as of next June.

This is due mainly to declining membership, which also impacts on the support for our committee. An extraordinary meeting is being held on 23 November in Lane End Village Hall Sycamore Room at 8pm. There is only one item on the agenda: 'The Future of the RBL Lane End Branch.'

An option might be to maintain a small group of members to organise the usual poppy collection and Remembrance Parades.

On the brighter side, we are holding a new different version of our usual Christmas Dinner Dance. This year it will be known as the CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS to be held in the Lane End Community Centre on Saturday 12 December at 7.30 for 8pm start.

All villagers are welcome. There will be music, dancing and a festive buffet will be provided.

Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £19 in advance from Bruce James 881079, Clifford Miller 881645, Rachael Cook 881389, or Andrew MacTavish 881948.

Lane End Conservation Group

Report by Jane Osborn



A campaign, Clean for the Queen, has been launched to clear up Britain in time for the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016. Apparently, if every adult picked up just one piece of litter and put it in a bin, then more than 50 million pieces of rubbish would be disposed of! So the Conservation Group is hoping to help rally as many people as possible to clean up all parts of the Parish on the national special clean-up weekend on 4-6 March – do join in and help.

Help is still needed with definitive footpath clearance/maintenance and the Harris Garden. Come on – give us a couple of hours a month - contact either Margaret Adnitt (882609 / margaret.adnitt@gmail.com) or Jane Osborn (881641 / janemosborn3@gmail.com)

Playing field progress

Many of you will have noticed the ugly green shed at the entrance of the playing field has gone. Thanks go to Mark Lockwood (Chairman) and Jeff Collis (Vice Chairman) for dismantling it. Thanks also to parish clerk Hayley Glasgow for organising the removal of the unsightly rubbish.

Walk to get fit

Chrissie Quinn, who lives in the village and is an England Athletics, Run England Leadership in Running Fitness qualified leader, has trialled a 'Walk to Get Fit' course over a six week period recently on a Monday evening.

The response from people taking part in these sessions has been so encouraging that she is planning to start another course in the New Year. The course will start off at a fairly easy level and progress in intensity and distance to burn off plenty of calories and improve people's fitness levels. Lots of chat



and laughter will be encouraged, to make this an enjoyable social occasion whilst you get fitter. If you are interested in taking part in these sessions please email Chrissie at misschristina@talktalk.net

MUGA

Get used to this acronym as there may be a Multi Use Games Area coming to a playing field near you soon. We hope that tennis courts will be one of the uses. Is there an Andy Murray out there who would be willing to help? If so, please contact Jil on jilrunge99@gmail.com.



Clean up for the Queen

For the Queen's 90th Birthday next year, it has been decided to 'Clean up for the

Queen' all over the Country. LEPC has agreed to fund skips at the playing fields so we hope the whole village will get involved in this campaign to clear our streets and green spaces of litter. Diary dates are 4-6 March 2016.

Cash in the attic

Three members of Lane End Action Group cleared out their clutter and held sales at Cadmore End's Attic sale and the Frieth Village Fete. Thank you to all who helped to make a contribution for our coffers. More sales to follow after Christmas so look out for further details.

Football team

The football team goes from strength to strength. Lane End Football Club is a great squad of boys and girls under 15. They'd love to sign more players from years 9 and 10 so do get in touch with the secretary, Anita Hanson on anitahanson11@yahoo.com if you are interested. Training is on Saturday Mornings 11am to 12pm at the playing fields.

Rome wasn't built in a day, but LEAG is building day by day for a better future for our village.



Lane End and District Horticultural Society

Report by Trevor Perrin

The date of the next Lane End and District Horticultural Show has been announced. Celebrate the 125th annual Show Day on 13 August 2016.

From everyone here in The Potting Shed, we wish you all a lovely Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Footpath Report

by Margaret Adnitt

The growing season is over and the footpaths are clear of undergrowth thanks to the help from my dedicated band of volunteers. However, should you come across any debris, such as fallen branches or trees, on the paths during the winter months then please contact me immediately.

Litter is a nationwide problem – not least of all in Lane End. I really am appalled by the rubbish which is dropped just anywhere and everywhere – it is a disgrace. Don't wait until March for 'Clean for the Queen' – let's start now. Either take your rubbish home or find the nearest litter bin so helping to make Lane End into the attractive village that it really is.

margaret.adnitt@gmail.com

Lane End Action Group

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Lane End OPAG

Report by Jane Osborn

Despite being considered the 'grey' generation, we are still interested in what goes on in the world - people, places and life in general. We, the grey generation, now travel more – and have seen much more of life and have stories to share.

So if that describes you, do come along to Lane End OPAG which

meets on the first Thursday of each month (apart from January) at 2pm in Lane End Youth & Community Centre, Edmonds Road - for a talk on a great variety of subjects or a quiz, plus an opportunity to meet interesting people and a cup of tea.

Even better, if you feel you have a talk within you which fellow members of our generation might enjoy.

To find out more about the Lane End OPAG - contact the Hon Sec, Jane Osborn (01494 881641/ janemosborn3@gmail.com).



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The Mummers Play?

Report by Andrew Mactavish

'A room! A room, fur mi and mi broom

And all mi jovial men behind!'

...the opening words of the Wheeler End Mummers Play which the Lane End Players will be performing at the 'Christmas in the Village' evening celebration at the Village Hall on 5 December.

There are well over 150 Mummers Plays and they are found all over the country. They all have a similar plot. The leader, called the Roomer, enters and cries for space for the players to perform. He introduces the hero, usually called King George or St George, who makes a dramatic speech about how brave he is. The villain enters, makes another dramatic speech, and challenges King George. They fight and King George is killed.

The Roomer calls for a Doctor, and he makes a speech saying he can

cure any condition or disease. He performs various medical practices (some of which are quite alarming) and brings King George back to life. The Roomer then stops the fighting and introduces a series of odd characters such as Santa Claus and the Devil. They each say a few verses (with no connection with anything

that has gone before!) and finish with a seasonal carol.



Mummers plays the length and breadth of the kingdom are much the same, with odd variations. In our play, King George is killed twice and is brought back to life the second time by a local wise man.

All these plays must have had some common root, but no one knows what. There is a suggestion that they go back to the Middle Ages, even to the Crusades. The theme of death and rebirth, of the promise of the re-awakening of spring in the depth of winter is certainly one that goes back into the distant past.

Our play was recorded by a retired schoolmaster, Mr H Harman, in the book 'sketches of the Bucks Countryside' that he wrote in 1934. He was given the text of the play by a friend who had met the last surviving member of the Wheeler End Mummers. Abel Collins by name, he had rehearsed in his youth with the others in the old brick kiln on Cadmore End Common, and had performed at the Chequers Inn, Wheeler End, and at various farms around the parish.

He knew the play by heart, and it is his words that are quoted above. Abel said it had not been acted since the late 1880s. In those days, the performers collected money for themselves at Christmas, much as

carol singers used to; today money is collected for Christmas charities. It is also clear that local references were included by the players; in our play, the Doctor says: 'If you can't say 'Doctor', say "Hocctor"... Which makes sense only if the local doctor at the end of the nineteenth century had a stammer!

If it were not for Mr Harman, our play would have been forgotten. The Lane End Players revived it five years ago. As it is, it's a little touch of folk-history, a fleeting echo of the times when entertainment was simple and home-made. It's not exactly Shakespeare, nor is it entirely understandable, but it is fun.

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Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Report by Emma Savory



Friday 20 Nov 7pm start. Teams no bigger than 8 people, Fish and chip supper, £10 pp. We will also play some cash bingo. Don't forget to bring your drinks! Book your tickets now.



Christmas Fayre – LEYCC and Lane End Primary School are working together to create a wonderful Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5 Dec, 1-3pm. You will find lots of traditional stalls, café, and games for the children – please come along all welcome.

Drop in lunch club is still going strong with a regular 20 people attending each week. We are holding our Christmas dinner on Tuesday 22 Dec, for £8 you will enjoy a 3-course dinner, drinks, we will also hold a raffle and some cash bingo!

We are now seeking new volunteers

to help keep the Thursday lunch club running. This involves buying, (for which you will be reimbursed) cooking and serving a lunch one Thursday a month (on a rota) – can you help? Please call for more information – 01494 883878

Looking forward – Events for 2016

*Feb half term children's bingo

*Dinner and dance

*Children's Easter Playscheme

*Easter Egg Bingo

*Coach trip to Chessington World Of Adventures.

*Summer Playscheme



The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Centre in the New Year. Please note, the drop in lunch and computer club will finish on 10 Dec 2014 and will reopen on Thursday 7 Jan 2016.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Centre this year, we are always looking for people to get involved. Please let us know if you can make time to help and continue to support your Community Centre.

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Edmonds Road, Lane End, HP14 3EJ
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Email: leycc@hotmail.co.uk
Charity Number: 1101360

Frieth Cricket Club

Report by Ben Smiley

What do 2,402 runs scored for the loss of 120 wickets and 135 wickets taken at a cost of 2,082 runs conceded make? A superb season for the Frieth Cricket Club Saturday XI, that's what.

We finished second in what turned out to be an extremely competitive league. Plus, only three were called off due to rain, which meant that all of our players got to do what they do best... play cricket! We're waiting on news of a possible promotion, but by the time that you read this we hope to have found out which Division we'll be in next season.

The Sunday team continued to be competitive throughout the Summer, and in what is regarded as the team through which players begin, or restart their cricket playing, we've seen over 25 players represent the Club, which is very positive for next season.

Our season was tinged with sadness, after the passing of two stalwarts of our Club during the 2014 festive period. We miss the support and contribution of both Alan Plumridge and Cliff Pocock hugely, in particularly Cliff's massive efforts behind the scenes as a main driving force behind the Frieth Cricket Club

New Pavilion Fund and Junior Section.

Our Junior Section continued until the end of August and saw regular attendances of 10 to 15 young players. We're taking a break for the winter, and hope to restart the coaching in May 2015. If you'd like to receive some details about our Junior Section, please contact us at friethcricket@btinternet.com.

We're delighted to announce that over £2000 was raised for the New Pavilion Fund with the Frieth Cup and Race Night this autumn. We still have a long way to go, but both events mark invaluable steps forward in our fundraising efforts.

As we see out 2015, on behalf of Frieth Cricket Club, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout this season, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lane End Village Hall

For your Christmas and New Year Celebrations, don't delay, book the Lane End Village Hall.

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Lane End Scouts

Report by Ian Harris



Lane End Scouts operate the oldest (est 1909) and largest local community group in the

Parish from their Scout HQ in Bull-

ocks Farm Lane, on Wheeler End Common. Originally started at Fingest Grove on the Finings Road, the group met in a donated 'Hut' courtesy of Lord Clayton at the back of the Grouse and Ale (then Clayton Arms) before taking the plunge and purchasing the 'Old Village School'.

We're progressing in the development of our building, having fitted a state of the art fire detection system and brand new air source heating pumps, giving us instant and sustainable heat. We've also developed the wasteland at the rear of our land in to a secure activity area and last year our thoughts turned to the interior of the building and we extensively decorated the interior of the main hall and corridor areas. As a

finishing touch we decided we wanted to give the main hall a permanent brand of Scouting identity and began to look at ways of stencilling some appropriate wording.

Along came Nathan Allaway of Enigma Facilities Services Ltd, who in his own free time designed a vinyl wrap to create the look we were imagining for the 'Flag' end of our hall. It looks perfect and we are deeply apprecia-

tive of Nathan's time, efforts and execution in the installation of the Scout Emblem 30 feet above our hall floor!

It has been a busy year in scouting terms, with Scout, Cub and District camps taking place at various locations with more than 100 combined camping nights achieved. At our recent District camp, six of our dedicated leader team were presented with their final training awards in front of 500 people, making Lane



End one of the largest and most formally trained groups within our operating area. It is easy to see with this level of training and experience how Lane End Scouts are the growing group we are and why we are having to operate a waiting list for new members.

We also proudly attended the

Remembrance Day parade in the village on 8 November where our whole group assembled with the British Legion to participate in the act of remembrance. It is one of the events we keenly promote and attend annually as a Scout Group and I know that the Scouts' attendance is warmly welcomed by the organisers. We were pleased to have Andrew MacTavish visiting both the Cub and Scout sections prior to the parade to carry out some drill instruction.

If you have a skill, or a hobby that you could share with the Scouts,



whether it helps us with our building or our program, please pick up the phone or drop me an email. We have been extremely lucky to have support from all walks of our community in the past, why not be part of our communities future and get involved, with the largest youth movement in the world?

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Nature notes

A generation of children is growing up disconnected from nature, with just one in ten ever playing in wild places, according to new research released by The Wildlife Trusts.

Report by Katy Dunn

A recent YouGov poll commissioned by The Wildlife Trusts revealed that more than half of children have never seen a flock of starlings (pictured below). More than a quarter aged 8-15 had never played outside by themselves – and 37% hadn't done this in the past six months.

Sir David Attenborough, President Emeritus of The Wildlife Trusts, said: 'We will be physically, mentally and spiritually impoverished if our children are deprived of contact with the natural world. Contact with nature should not be the preserve of the privileged. It is critical to the personal development of our children.'



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

The results of the YouGov poll highlight the discrepancy between what parents think is best for children and what they actually experience. Most parents (91%) think that having access to nature and wildlife is important for children, yet more than half of British children have never found frogspawn in a pond, looked for wild flowers or listened for bird-song with their parents.

What can we do?

The Bucks, Berks and Oxon Wildlife Trust has a series of family-friendly events: bbowt.org.uk/whatson or visit one of its nature reserves.

The Woodland Trust has some great downloadable materials on its website about how to be a nature detective. (woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives)

The National Trust is also on a mission to reconnect children with nature and has all sorts of activities and places to visit on its website: nationaltrust.org.uk/children-and-nature.

The Chiltern Society also has a great list of local places to go for some fresh air and natural beauty: chilternsociety.org.uk/

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Of course, we are incredibly lucky as we don't even have to get into a car to get out into the countryside.

Even when the weather is rubbish, it's great to put on some wellies and get out in the woods and fields. Once you're out there, even if your breath is clouding in the cool air, you soon get warm. The views around here of

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rolling fields and oak and beech woodland are incredibly uplifting. And when you come back with rosy cheeks and a natural high, that cup of tea tastes so

much better and you really deserve that piece of chocolate cake!

Naturally, I recommend Moorend Common for a winter ramble—there are lots of fallen leaves for kids (and big kids) to swish through and felled trees to use as balance beams. You'll hear the plaintive cry of the kites and often see them in a scuffle with a crow or two. If you're really lucky, at dusk you might see tiny pipistrelle bats flitting or a tawny owl swooping low over the meadow.



**Lots of people have been asking for this facility and
Lane End Parish Council wants to help.**

**Where do you think dog waste bins
should be situated in the village?**

**Tell Hayley Glasgow, the parish clerk on: 01494 437111
clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk
74 New Road, Sands, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4LG**

Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

Report by Janet Collins

We have been so lucky with the weather for all our garden visits this year. The weather generally has been pretty poor but we managed to bring out the sun.

Recently, we visited Crockmore House gardens in September to see a most dramatic garden designed by Chelsea Gold winner, Christopher Bradley Hole. The grasses, which he is so famous for, were at their peak; huge beds swaying in the early autumn sun. We were left to wander around the gardens after an initial introduction by the owner. We finished off this lovely day with a wonderful tea.

Our last visit was to Wittington Estate gardens in Medmenham which was designed in the early

1800s by Lord Davenport but fell into disrepair during the 60s. They are being slowly renovated by the present owners – SAS Company.

The visit was most enjoyable as we were shown around the extensive grounds going down to the Thames to see the Boat House and across the Lock to Hurley.

Our first Talk of the season in October was presented by Timothy Walker, followed in November by a talk presented by Dr Sandy Primrose – Indiana Jones meets Horticulture. This fascinating talk was all about the plant hunters who transformed all our gardens and showed us how much we must be grateful to these intrepid travellers. Our final talk will be our Christmas special about floral arrangement at Christmas time. We will finish off the evening with mulled wine and mince pies.

Do look at the events page for our list of activities.



Holy Trinity Church Lane End

Your church is now open every day during daylight hours.

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Johnstons closes—end of an era

Report by Bill Dunn

When Lynda shuts up shop at Johnston's Butchers in Lane End on Christmas Eve it will be the end of an era for the village. She's moving to Kendal in Cumbria and Will and Ed Lacey (of Lacey's Family Farm) are taking over the butchery business.

'I've grown up with it,' she says. 'My father had a farm with a butcher's shop.' Lynda bought the business from her parents in 1996 and set up in Lane End, although her mother Liz wasn't far away – she was postmistress at the Post Office, which was, as many of you will recall, actually in the shop. You could buy half a pound of smoked bacon and then

move six feet to your right and tax your car.

Lynda studied butchery at Smithfield in London. 'It was quite an uncommon thing for a woman to want to do – it's quite physically demanding. I've got carpal tunnel syndrome now and the wear on your joints is incredible. I've given my heart and soul to the village. We've made it through the recession and it's good to be leaving on a high. I'm so pleased the Lacey boys have taken over the business. The village is thriving – there are lots of new people who really want to be part of it. They are seeking out good, locally sourced



food. Plus with a farm shop, the Lacey's haven't got the parking issues we have in the village.'

She says she'll miss Lane End, and the butchers/post office. 'You used to hear everything!' she says. 'And it'll be strange not having the post office in here this Christmas – people were always rushing in with parcels. But more than anything else, I'll miss the people.'

So why Kendal? 'I've long harboured a desire to do something completely different,' she says. 'It's a vibrant little town with good transport links and independent shops. And it's got

really good schools. I picked the school for my 14-year-old daughter before anything else. I'm going to take six months off and then decide. I'll take up a set of knives just in case. And my new house has an outbuilding so I might try my hand at cheese making, a little cottage industry.'

'I finish trading on New Year's Eve – you couldn't ask for anything better as a butcher.'

So when you go in to Johnston's for your Christmas turkey, wish Lynda good luck. It's a new chapter for her and for Lane End.

Do you own a pump station?

Thames Water is taking over ownership and maintenance of 4,000 pumping stations in October 2016 under new legislation. Thames Water is appealing to customers to help track down 1,800 stations belonging to property owners and managers which are currently off its radar.

The new legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

Jerry White, of Thames Water, said: 'This is really good news for customers. We'd urge anyone who thinks they may have one to get in touch so we can check they are eligible for the transfer of ownership. In some cases, as well as electricity savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so it's an excellent deal for them.'

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt

Doctors in crisis?

Report by Katy Dunn

At a Patient Representative Group meeting in September, Marlow Doctors gave a presentation in which they admitted General Practice is in crisis.

The average person now sees their GP six times a year, that's twice as often as 10 years ago. This is put

down to a rapidly ageing population. Older patients can suffer with one or more chronic illnesses and their care is being transferred from hospital to general

practice. In addition, Marlow Doctors cites the breakdown of the traditional family unit as a cause, leading to 'an increasing number of patients who are reluctant to accept responsibility for their own health needs.'

National figures reflect this. In 2014 34m people were unable to get an appointment with their doctor. For those who do get an appointment, the average wait is predicted to be two weeks by the end of this year.

Marlow Doctors says there are simply not enough GPs. The number of NHS doctors working as GPs has

shrunk from 34% to 25% at a time when more work is transferring from hospitals and social care is breaking down. Their workload has increased and it's putting off newly qualified

doctors. One in three GPs plan to retire in the next five years and one in five trainees plan to go abroad to practice.

Funding is also an issue for Marlow Doctors. The average GP practice receives £136 per patient per year. Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group practices receive around only £110 per patient per year because funding is weighted according to deprivation. Putting this in context - a

The average GP practice receives less money per patient per year than it costs to insure a rabbit

basic Sky subscription is £206, or pet insurance for a rabbit is £175. In addition, Marlow Doctors will lose £114,000 over the next seven years because of a change in funding rules.

The British Medical Association reported in May of this year that 'The general practice funding and recruitment crisis is a 'hurricane' threatening to undermine the fabric of the NHS.

The bottom line, says Marlow Doctors, is that they and their patients have to adapt or they can't continue.

For patients this means a number of changes:

More accessible GP appointments for those who require them but fewer GP appointments overall.

The receptionist will ask the patient if they mind giving a reason why they wish to be seen. They do not have to give a reason if they do not want to but it will help us to determine whether their issue can be dealt with by a minor illness nurse or the pharmacist or indeed a secretary. For instance patients sometimes book an appointment to chase a referral or ask for a letter - these can be dealt with by a secretary without the need for the

patient to be seen.

More minor illness consultations with pharmacies, WebGP or patients directed to the Minor Injuries Unit.

Marlow Doctors has introduced eConsult, available through their website, www.marlowdoctors.co.uk. Here, there is self help information and patients can consult with a doc-



tor on line if they are too busy to get to the surgery. In addition, every household in Bucks will be receiving a Health Help Now booklet over the next few weeks which will help patients find the most appropriate service to help with their ailment. Often problems can be dealt with by asking a pharmacist for advice.

On the day appointments only on a Monday or the day following a bank holiday.

By dealing with urgent appointments on these days the theory is that it will

free up routine appointments later in the week.

Says Ian Barnes, Practice Manager of Marlow Doctors: 'We believe the actions we are taking now to be very positive - by being proactive we are ensuring that patients can be seen quickly by the most appropriate clinician.

'We recognise it will, for the foreseeable future, be increasingly difficult to recruit doctors during a period when many are going to retire, work abroad or seek alternative careers. We are seeking to ensure we can maintain the current level of service as long as possible whilst making the Marlow Medical Group an attractive place to work so that we can retain current staff and attract new clinicians when necessary.'

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answering patient messages
arranging admissions and referrals
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Multi-agency Group meetings
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Mondays

Regulars

French Beginners classes—9.45-11.15 La Cabane at Samedi in Lane End. Tel Denise 881919

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 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

French refresh and extend classes—12.30-2pm La Cabane at Samedi in Lane End. Tel Denise 881919

The Tree—lunch and soft drink offer all week £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 Lane End Village Hall

Pilates with Lauren—5.50 and 7pm LEYCC £50 for 6 week course. Tel 07709 430634

Bridge Club—7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Lane End Action Group—6.30pm Grouse and Ale. jjlrunge99@gmail.com

Events

7 Dec, 4 Jan, 1 Feb 7 March, Lane End Parish Council meeting, Lane End village hall.

Tuesdays

Regulars

Parent & Toddler Group—9.30-11 Lane End Primary School. Tel Sure Start 447110

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

West Wycombe WI—Third Tuesday in the month (except August) 2pm in West Wycombe Village Hall. New members and visitors welcome. Tel Janice 881049

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

Senior youth club— LEYCC, 6.30-8.30, call Emma for info on 883878

Circuits—Frieth village hall, 7pm

Events

Hambleden Gardening Club talks at Skirmett village hall, 7.30 start

1 Dec Talk about running a florists shop in Henley and advice on plants and floral arrangements. Mulled wine and mince pies.

1 Jan Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew Askew's talk traces the story of the iconic glass houses, the development of the Millennium Seed Bank and the Breathing Planet Project.

2 Feb 'Wildflowers' presented by renowned broadcaster Geoff Hawkins.

1 March 'Did we really Dig for Victory?'. Presented by the journalist, award-winning author and historian Ursula Buchan.

Wednesdays

Regulars

Music & Rhymes—9.30-10.15 Lane End Primary School. Tel Sure Start 447110

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

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

Junior youth club—LEYCC, 6-8pm. call Emma for info on 883878

Pilates with Lauren—6.30 and 7.30pm Frieth village hall £50 for 6 week course. Tel 07709 430634

Beginners Jive classes, Frieth Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, class 8pm. Fun & friendly class, no partner required. £5 [the-rockingrebels@gmail.com](mailto:therockingrebels@gmail.com) or 07947 106607

Events

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

Lane End Support Group—second Thursday of the month, 9.30-11.30am, Sure Start Children's Centre at Lane End Primary

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 £5. Flower arranging demonstration, raffle, tea and cake. Contact 482724

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 483359

West Wycombe Guides—7.15pm Piddington Village Hall

French Refresh and Extend—8-9.30pm, La Cabane@Samedi, Lane End. Tel 881919

The Tree, Cadmore End—lunch and soft drink offer £5.99. Indian buffet £8.99 per person, 6-9pm. 881183

Twinning Association—first Thursday of the month at the Grouse & Ale 8pm

Fridays

Regulars

Circuits—9.30-10.30am LEYCC

Craft group—first and third Friday of the month in Lane End Village Hall. Tel 01993 837078 for details

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

Events

4 Dec 6.30-8.30pm Lane End Village Hall Christmas in the Village

25 Dec (Christmas day) 9.30am joint service (Eucharist with carols) at Holy Trinity Lane End, 10am Elim, 11am Sung Eucharist at Cadmore End

← THURSDAY Events

24 Dec (Christmas eve) 5pm Christingle, Holy Trinity Lane End, 11pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Lane End and Cadmore End

7 Jan—Lacey's butchers opens at Bolter End Farm

8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 March 9.30-11.30, Lane End Support Group for parents and carers of children with special needs, Lane End Primary School. Lorrainesmith00@gmail.com or 881147

Saturdays

Regulars

Coffee Shop—Enjoy coffee and cake on the first and third Saturdays of the month, 10am-12noon, Lane End Village Hall.

The Twinning Association runs the first Saturday in the month, Holy Trinity the third.

Lane End Football Club—11am-12noon, Lane End Playing Fields. All welcome, anitahanson11@yahoo.com

Events

5 Dec 1-3pm LEYCC and Lane End Primary Christmas Fayre

5 Dec—Table Top Sale Lane End Village Hall 2-4pm. Tables £8 pre-booked, £10 on the day. Tel Margaret Scott 881298

5/6 Dec 10am-4pm Lacey's Christmas Fayre, Bolter End Farm

12 Dec 7.30 for 8pm, RBL Christmas Celebrations, Lane End Community Centre. £19 in advance. Tel Clifford Miller 881645 / Bruce James 881079

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

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

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

Whistles & Bells dog behaviour school—9-12noon LEYCC, Tel Jenny 07703 020344

Sunday lunch—Grand International Buffet and traditional carvery at The Tree, Cadmore End. £12.95 Book on 881183

Evensong—6pm at Holy Trinity Church Lane End

Lane End Players—7.30pm Village Hall Tel 483359

Events

6 Dec 10am-4pm Lacey's Christmas Fayre, Bolter End Farm

20 December 4pm Methodist carol service, 4pm Elim carol service, 6pm village carol service (Cadmore End)

Milk Men

with Will Lacey 



breaking news—new shop!

Things are really changing on the farm this month. At the start of December our Christmas shop opens! We'll be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, decorations, gifts as well as specially selected local produce. This weekend (5 and 6 Dec) we have our Christmas fayre. Bring the family down to the farm, have a mulled wine and meet some of the animals. We will have some great offers on our Christmas trees this weekend too, it's a great chance to get in the festive spirit early!

The Christmas shop will be open every day up until Christmas (10am till 6pm), and then we will have two weeks to get things sorted so that in the New Year we can open LACEYS FARM SHOP AND BUTCHERS full time! This is a new venture for us and one that I am very excited about. As well as moving the farm shop in to its new, bigger home, we will be opening our butchers shop for the very first time!

You will have seen our business grow over the last few years, and this is the next big step that we have been working hard to achieve. The farm shop and butchers will all be in our yard at Bolter End Farm, and Ed and I have been working hard, with lots of late nights, to get the building works done. We've been painting and decorating and fitting out the new shop and we



can't wait to see what you think.

Through the butchers we aim to offer you the best quality meats that we have carefully selected from our own farm as well as other local farms, cut to how you want them. The butcher shop will be opening on 7 January 2016 and will be open 8am till 5pm Tuesday to Sunday.

Meanwhile on the farm things carry on regardless of what is happening in the yard. The grass seed we planted this autumn has established well and looks promising for next year. All the corn crops have been sown, and the maize was harvested before it got too wet in October.

The cows have come in to the barns at the farm for the winter – we bring them in as the grass won't grow over the winter months, and the ground becomes so wet they would be trudging through mud every day. When they come inside they have a nice clean straw bed every day and have their lunch made and delivered to them, and they don't have to battle against the winter weather. They will be inside now until the grass starts to grow again in late March hopefully, when they can go out to graze again.

I am looking forward to Christmas and the exciting things that 2016 will bring, and to welcoming you all to our new shop!



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with Samantha Johnson 

Every year, we all get excited about making our homes feel festive and cheerful. The holidays can come in a rush and it's easy to get lost in the Christmas noise. Why not take a minute this year to make some simple homemade Christmas ornaments. The children don't have to be the only ones having fun!

Dried twigs can be turned into Christmas decorations by hand painting them into little Santas. You don't have to be perfect about the painting as it adds to the rustic feel.



A simple way of arranging your Christmas cards is on a display of branches picked from the garden and placed in a vase or galvanised bucket filled with stones. Simply punch a hole in the top of the cards and thread them with ribbon and a small decorative craft bead and loop

them over the branches. You can alternate using beads on some cards and a bow or knot on others.



Decorating your tree with homemade dried fruit is a classic way to add rustic flair to your festive celebrations. Cut a large orange into 1/4 inch slices and lay on a baking sheet in your oven on the lowest temperature setting. Leave until completely dried. Poke small holes along the perimeter of the dried orange slices and stuff with cloves. Loop raffia through one hole at the top and tie into a bow. →

Finally, no home should be without a decorative star. Gather branches of equal length and attach the ends with string. To give dark branches a pale look, dilute white paint with water and apply this white wash to the wood. Once dry, wrap it with twine at each end and loosely twist with wired battery lights and place on your mantle (hide the battery pack in foliage or behind a favourite Christmas card. Finally,

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Schools



By Sam Caine:

At Cadmore End School we have had an exciting start to our new term already. All

classes have interesting new topics. Class 1 have been learning about people that help us, Class 2 have been looking into creatures big and small, Class 3 have the topic of space- infinity and beyond! Finally Class 4 are learning about Queen Victoria as well as recently going on a trip to France!

Class 4 got to school at 7.30 for our residential trip to France. On the coach everyone was excited. It was a three-hour journey, but we made it to the ferry which was massive!!

When we got to France we went to a sea life centre called Nausicaa. There were lots of animals including sharks, sea-lions and penguins. Eventually we arrived at the chateau, our tour guide Toby

showed us to our rooms.

Over the next few days we visited lots of places such as the cathedral of Notre Dame, trenches, a monument, a market place, Dieppe, a cheese farm and Rouen. On the last night we had a disco and we danced all night and everyone had a go at being the DJ. It was phenomenal!! Over all I loved the trip and would recommend it to everyone. We would love to go again.

Furthermore we have many new clubs starting such as Author club, Martial Arts and Cross County. It looks like we will be having a lot of fun this term. I hope you enjoyed reading my article.

Sam Caine yr 6 class 4.





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It has been a fantastic start to the academic year here at Frieth. We have made a fabulous start to our creative curriculum

topic and the school has come alive with displays and colour celebrating our pupils' work and achievements.

We have just held two successful open afternoons for pupils who are due to start school in September 2016. If you have, or know of anyone with children of this age, and would like any further information, please contact the school office at office@frieth.bucks.sch.uk

We are also still celebrating the amazing efforts of all the team be-

hind the Frieth Hilly 10K run which took place just before half term. The day was absolutely brilliant from start to finish and a superb way of coming together with our local community.

Together the runners raised a fantastic amount of money which the school will be using to invest in phase 2 of our IT procurement project. Already we have invested in brand new laptops and some classrooms have benefitted from new interactive LED whiteboards. We are now working on installing these in all the remaining classrooms and investing in some more tablet based technology. At times like these we are just so thankful to everyone on the PTA and the Hilly team that made the event such a resounding success!



Safety and security

Burglary

There was an attempted burglary to a property on George Road, Stokenchurch in early October. A ground floor window and back door were forced but nothing was stolen.

Burglaries increase this time of year due to longer dark evenings, people not leaving lights on and the run up to Christmas. Whilst on Hi Visibility foot patrol in the neighbourhood's hot spot areas we will look to identify properties that we believe are vulnerable to a burglary taking place. Attempts will be made to contact the residents or crime prevention advice will be posted through the door.

The team is also using a mobile ANPR camera. This is an automatic number plate recognition camera. It instantly checks number plates against database records of vehicles of interest. Police officers can then intercept and stop the vehicle, check it for evidence and, where necessary, make arrests. A record for all vehicles passing by a camera is stored, including those for vehicles that are not known to be of interest at the time of the read that may in appropriate circumstances be accessed for investigative purposes. The use of ANPR in this way has proved to be

important in the detection of many offences, including locating stolen vehicles, tackling uninsured vehicle use and solving cases of terrorism, major and organised crime. It also allows officers' attention to be drawn to offending vehicles whilst allowing law abiding drivers to go about their business unhindered.

Theft of number plates

The neighbourhood has seen a couple of incidents whereby vehicles' number plates have been stolen over the past month. Stolen index plates may be used to aid secondary crimes such as: theft of fuel from forecourts (bilking); avoidance of congestion charges and parking fines; vehicle cloning and burglary.

If index plate theft is not reported, victims may receive summonses for unpaid parking and speeding tickets, or may even be questioned by police in connection with more serious crimes.

Theft prevention advice

Park your car in a garage at night or in a well-lit spot

Park in a safe public car park.

Use theft resistant number plates which are designed to break apart if

they are forcibly removed from a vehicle.

Fit security screws. Simple anti-theft devices can be easily fitted with a screwdriver in place of existing screws but cannot be removed using standard tools. These are available from high street automotive accessories outlets.

If you notice a car with different number plates on the front and the back or number plate missing, please let police know using the non-emergency number 101.

Anti Social behaviour

Anti social behaviour across the area remains very low. The team are pleased to inform you that over the Halloween period we did not receive many calls at all reporting any Halloween or trick or treating.

Parking

Please can we remind parents to park considerately near schools. Respect yellow lines and do not block access to roads or driveways.

We have also received complaints about vehicles parking on white zig-zag lines at pedestrian crossings. Anyone found will receive a fine and penalty points.

Contact us

Call your neighbourhood team on 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999.

Lane End Players

Report by Georgina Brooks

We are now rehearsing our annual panto – the show that makes January interesting! This year it will be ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’, a show we have done before but this time it’s a new version, written by one of our talented members, Tom Everitt. There will of course be the usual fantastic costumes, effects, gags and enthusiasm!

It will take place on Fridays and Saturdays 15/16, 22/23, 29th/30th January at 8pm on Fridays and twice on Saturdays at 2pm and 7pm.

Now is the time to organise your friends, especially if you want matinee shows, which always sell out quickly!

Tickets are priced at £8 Adults, £6 Concessions for the first Friday only, all the other performances are £10 Adults and £8 Concessions.

The Box Office will be open on Saturdays from 5 December at the Village Hall from 9.30 – 12 noon (tickets will be issued, supermarket-style, from 8.15 for those of you wishing to secure particular seats). After 12 noon that day, not before, you can also buy online at www.laneendplayers.com, ring 01494 880662, or email boxoffice@laneendplayers.com.

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From Rex to Greatorrex

Report by Olivier Picard

Pharmacist proprietor, Lane End Pharmacy

Following Rex Allott's retirement on 30 September 2015 from Lane End Pharmacy, I have great pleasure in formally introducing Peter Greatorrex, who has been appointed as new pharmacist manager of the pharmacy as of 5 October 2015.

It is with enormous regret that I have waved goodbye to Rex who took a well deserved retirement shortly after his 65th birthday. Rex worked so hard for nearly eight years and gave so much to the people of Lane End despite a difficult start as some of

you may remember. It is now time for Rex to enjoy the fruits of his labour and I hope everyone in and around Lane End will join me in wishing Rex a well deserved retirement.

I am delighted to welcome Peter as the new face of Lane End Pharmacy. His wealth of experience acquired whilst working for companies such as Boots in Surrey and more recently for Lloyds Pharmacy in the Channel Island of Guernsey is a great asset to the village. I realise that Peter has big shoes to fill, but I am convinced that the patients living in the area will



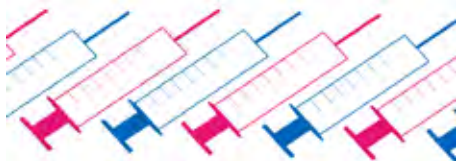
embrace the change and trust Peter in the same way they have trusted Rex since the pharmacy first opened in 2008.

Peter said 'After years of working for companies where all that matters is budgets, targets and profit margins, I am delighted to have joined Lane End Pharmacy where it seems obvious that the aim of this business is to listen to its customers' needs.

He added, 'In addition to the usual dispensing services, the pharmacy now provides services such as free medicines check up, advice on new medicine, emergency contraception and this month, we started to participate in this winter's national flu vaccination campaign, which allows all

adults who are eligible for NHS flu vaccination to have it done, free of charge, from the pharmacy without the need for an appointment. This includes all 18-64 year old patients in certain clinical 'at risk' groups as well as anyone aged 65 years or over.'

The pharmacy has also plans for more services in the future, primarily around travel vaccinations and treatment of minor ailments, which will help ease the burden on local GP surgeries. So if there is something you need, just ask the new Rex... Peter Greatorex!



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On the land

with Bryan Edgley 



A brief history of plant protection

Readers of The Clarion who glance towards the M40 when driving from Lane End to Sands will be familiar with the large field on the right which was formerly part of Grove Farm. A newly planted crop appeared to emerge in September in stripes across the field, and then in October part of the field nearest to Sands was ploughed up and drilled again with fresh seeds. So what happened?

Before World War II the standard method of controlling weeds and

diseases in arable crops was to use a rotation of crops. The 'Norfolk Four -Course Rotation' was the most widely used – it had been developed following the Enclosures of land in the 1800s and was in general use until the introduction of artificial manure and the Agriculture Holdings Act of 1908.

This rotation had been Roots (turnips, swedes or mangolds) in year 1, followed by Barley in year 2, then Seeds (largely red clover) for year 3 followed by Wheat in year 4.

In this way any cereal diseases would have been controlled in the alternate years by the Roots or the Seeds which were not susceptible to such diseases. Likewise, weeds such as thistles or charlock would have chitted and been destroyed in the Root crop, either with a



horse-drawn hoe, or like a gardener would use a long handled hoe in the spring between the rows of the root crops. The folding of sheep within temporary hurdles on the Seeds and Roots, and the winter feeding of bulls in yards, were essential parts of that system of farming.

When artificial fertilisers became more widely used, and during the Second World War, research by scientists both in the UK and USA led to the development of the first modern herbicide, named 2,4-D, a growth stimulant which would kill certain broad leaved weeds by making them out-grow their own strength without harming the cereal crop in which they were growing.

These weed killers were far more effective at controlling broad leaved weeds than the control achieved by hoeing the root crop of the Norfolk Four Course Rotation. In this way it became possible to grow consecutive crops of cereals, yields increased when competition from weeds no longer used up the available plant nutrients, and it was no longer necessary to keep to a rigid system of crop rotation to control weeds and plant diseases.

At this time in the 1940s and 1950s production of home grown food was essential for the nation since there had been a shortage of food in Britain during World War II, which was controlled by Ration Books continuing into the 1950s.

Research scientists continued their work in developing plant protection chemicals. There were improve-



ments in seed dressings and fungicides for controlling such diseases as blight, septoria and eyespot in wheat. These chemicals also controlled mildew on the leaves of other crops, both on the farm and in the garden on susceptible plants such as roses as well as vegetables. Effective insecticides were also developed which could kill pests such as the Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle, and also aphids without killing the ladybirds which feed on the aphids.

In 1974 Glyphosphate (Roundup) was introduced for non-selective

weed control to kill the leaf of any plant. It translocates down the roots, and is neutralised as soon as it touches the earth.



In the 1970s Graminicides were developed. These are herbicides designed to kill grass weeds without harm to broad leaved crops such as oilseed rape in which the grass weeds may be growing. Graminicides also kill 'volunteer' cereals - that is young plants of wheat, barley or oats which are not wanted, having grown from grains which were not harvested properly by the combine harvester.

On most arable fields we like to start cultivations or ploughing as soon as the crop has been harvested. In this way any volunteers or weeds will have time to grow and then be sprayed off with a total weedkiller such as Roundup. Then the field can be seeded with the new crop seeds into a weed-free seedbed.

So with this brief history of plant protection treatments, the troubles on our Motorway field in Autumn 2015 can be explained. Oilseed rape has

to be seeded in August, which leaves no time for chitting and killing off any volunteers or weeds in this way – instead we rely on spraying the young oilseed rape crop with a graminicide for control.

So the green stripes on Motorway field were volunteer plants of wheat, which have been subse-

quently killed off with the graminicide. And the section which has been ploughed, and is shown being re-planted with oats in the photo, was the result of too many partridges – which love to make a meal out of young oil seed rape plants, just as they emerge from the ground.

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

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Ask the: plumber

with Bill Blake 



Bill - any top tips for ensuring my home gets through the winter months without plumbing incidents?

I always try to ensure everyone gets through the winter without plumbing disasters. Here are a few questions for you to answer to make sure your home is winter-ready.

☐ Where is the main stopcock for your house and does it work? If you're not sure then please have a good look around and find it.

☐ If you have outside taps, do they have isolation valves? (An isolation valve is a means of turning off the water just to that tap from inside the house.) If they do, then turn off the isolator and turn on the tap to drain off the water and this will prevent splitting.

☐ Are you going away this winter? If your house is going to be left unoccupied then turn off the water at the main stopcock. You may also want to drain the loft tank (if you have one) by opening the cold tap on the bath when the mains water is off.

☐ If you have a condensing boiler (and you'll know if you have) make sure the condensing pipe is protected from frost if it goes outside the house.

☐ How many of your water pipes are in unheated areas? Make sure these pipes are well insulated.

Do look after yourselves this winter. Most importantly, stay dry!



Gardening

with Dave Dunbar 



Winter jobs in the garden

The nights are surely drawing in and in the mornings many of us don't see the light of day before arriving at work. The weekends are getting chilly and more time is spent inside than out, so as many of my customers say, it's time to put the garden to bed!

Seasonal Top Tips

I'm going to assume all the spring flowering bulbs have been planted for now. Then it's back to basics—raking up those leaves and putting them straight on the compost heap, as they make the best compost. Cut back herbaceous plants, put sticky bands around fruit trees to protect them from winter moths and winter is also the best time to prune those apple trees too.

Keep trimming the lawn until Christmas, perhaps not too short, and during winter if it is mild it will grow and you can cut it, it makes that first spring cut much easier.

Lastly, if you want a bit of winter

show, just plant a few polyanthus or cyclamen, perhaps pansies too, near the front door in a bed or in a couple of pots, just to see a splash of early winter colour...and before you know it, it's Christmas!

Nath's Allotment

With most of the plot now fallow it allows for a good tidy up. If possible add some manure - organic or green, to the plot. Over winter this will help replenish the plot and keep nutrients in the ground ready for all the planting next year and hopefully healthy crops!

White onions will be in the ground now along with the garlic. Garlic needs to have a good frost to kick start it and should be in the ground no later than mid December. This allows the cloves to form good bulbs and allow the best harvest.

Finally, if I have time I plan to prepare a plot for fruit bushes.

Fruit bushes are dormant at this time of year and it is the perfect time to prepare the plot and get them planted. I will keep you up to date in the next issue....all going well weather wise!

Favourites

During the festive season why not add to the decorations with some brightly coloured Euphorbia pulcherrima, or to you and I...Poinsettia!! It's a good old fashioned winter houseplant with colours ranging not only in red, but whites & pinks. The colours are not made from petals but are in fact bracts, (leaves). Basically, as the nights grow longer it causes the plant to prepare to flower

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Lane End and Cadmore End

Sunday 20 December

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4pm Elim Carol Service

6pm Village Carol Service (Cadmore End)

Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve

5pm Christingle Service

11pm Midnight Mass (Holy Trinity Lane End)

11pm Midnight Mass (Cadmore End)

Friday 25 December Christmas Day

9.30am Joint Service (Eucharist with Carols, Lane End)

10am Christmas Day Service (Elim)

11am Sung Eucharist (Cadmore End)

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