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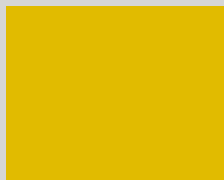
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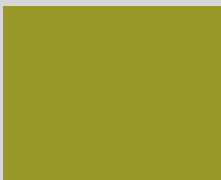
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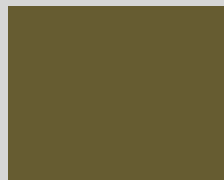
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From the Editor

I always greet autumn with an almost painful pang of nostalgia for sunny picnics, warm evenings in the garden with friends, and dusty paths. Yes, you read right.

I get a disproportionate amount of pleasure from taking the dog for a walk in the morning in flip-flops on dry paths instead of having to don wellies and wade through mud. Some people judge a good summer by the number of BBQs they've had. I judge them by dusty-path days. This year has been gloriously dusty. It's been a good summer.

That's not to say autumn is without its own pleasures. The blackberries have come early this year, but there's still the sloe-picking to come. The ritual of plucking the blue-black berries, pricking them with a toothpick and plunging them with sugar into a bath of gin to marinate until Christmas is hugely satisfying.

And the wondrous flaming colours of the trees, the old-favourite jumpers, the first real fire. Ah yes, I'm feeling better already. Happy autumn.

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Parish Council meetings—all welcome

Monday 3 September – Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall

Monday 1 October – Cadmore End Village Hall

Monday 12 November – (proposed Budgets for 2018 -19 will be reviewed) – Lane End Sports Association

Monday 3 December – (Precept will be set) – Sycamore Room, Lane End Village Hall.

Planning Applications

The Planning Applications relevant to the Lane End Parish Council are updated on the Parish Councils website 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.

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.

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

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The big litter pick

The Parish Council organised a community litter pick on Saturday 7 July. It was very well attended by young and not so young. It was lovely to see so many people turn up on such a hot day and go out in force. A massive thank you for making our village look better.



The Golden Gough

Lane End Parish Council is totally opposed to any residential development on this site and, having taken extensive soundings, are certain this view is shared by the community at large.

Other potential development sites in the village have a logic to them in as much as they are, de facto, extensions of existing housing and, as such, do not too greatly impair the local environment. The Gough is different. It would be a stand-alone development in a beautiful field. It would undoubtedly be the thin edge of the wedge in as much as developers or WDC would soon argue that development should be permitted in the other half of the field. This 'Other

half' abuts Ditchfield Common which LEPC has recently purchased for £70,000 so as to ensure it remained free of any development. Half of that money was raised by public subscription.

The entrance and egress to this site from the B482 are hazardous in the extreme. Not only because of very poor visibility but speed tests conducted by BCC for LEPC approximately two years ago confirmed a very significant percentage of drivers exceeded the speed limit.

Finally, we believe that access is over common land, so will require the permission of The Secretary of State in order to change its use.

For more information, see the report by Jerry Gray on page 14.



Let's face it, this isn't going to happen. Cleaning up after your dog is your responsibility.

The situation is getting worse on the common around the church, on the playing fields and even on our walkways and pavements.

If you wouldn't want to step in it, don't leave it for others to.

Please clean up after your dog

The lowdown



Footpaths report

Report by Teresa Hehir

Wow, what a summer! We've gone from too wet to think about going out, to too hot to do anything. The paths dried up nicely and walking became a pleasure – until it got too hot anyway. Walking through the woods was a cool respite from the heat, but it was nice to see all the cereal crops ripening in the fields. We currently have a couple of trees/ signposts down – they are on the list to be fixed.

As always, many thanks to my helpers and those who have worked to keep the paths clear for everyone. If, when you are out walking our paths you notice a broken gate/stile, or damaged/ missing signage please let me know on 881170 or hehirt@hotmail.com.

If you would like to join us and take on a footpath (you just need to report any problems and occasionally cut back the brambles) please get in touch.

One great way to get to know our footpaths is to join the Simply Walks groups on Mondays and Thursdays. We go from the sports field at 10am for a walk around the area – the walk is free and open to all. It is a great way to meet local people and join our community.

Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

Report by Janet Collins

Our visit in May to the Chelsea Physic garden (pictured below) in London and then on to the Garden Museum was a really enjoyable day out.

On arrival at the Physic garden we were taken on a tour by two of the many excellent garden guides who informed us of the history of the garden which has been present on this site since 1673. We walked through the various 'rooms' of plants, each of these rooms relating to the plants which Apothecaries had developed over the centuries to treat various bodily ailments.

This really beautiful garden of about four acres runs by the river Thames in the heart of Chelsea and is a perfect oasis of calm in the city – no wonder it's called London's secret garden

As we went by coach, we were able to sit back and relax and be driven on to the Garden Museum which is located nearby next to Lambeth Palace. Again we were welcomed to this Museum which was set up to save an abandoned church and knot garden where gardener John Tradescant was buried.

It has recently been renovated and reopened and there was a wonderful exhibition of paintings by the British artist Cedric Morris who became famous during his life time as being both an accomplished painter and also a knowledgeable plantsman.



It was our 10th anniversary this year and we celebrated in style at the lovely Lordswood gardens near Marlow. We have visited this garden before but in late summer and how different and lovely the garden looked in June. We shared the day with previous Speakers to the Club as well as our members and we were graced by a beautiful day.

We have two more visits this season before our talks start again in October. Please look at the Events page for further details. New members are always welcome. Please contact 01491 638691 for further details.

Welcome news

Report by Sheila Keatinge

After over two years with no priest at Holy Trinity Church, we are delighted to welcome Revd Mark Ackford to our newly formed South Chilterns Team of churches.

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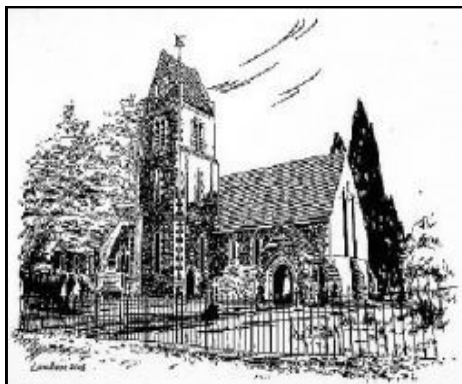


in the Stokenchurch Rectory but is keen to get to know all four areas of the Team and we expect him to be with us at the end of October or early November.

One of Mark's first jobs will be setting about appointing a part time priest (House for Duty) who will live in the Lane End Rectory and will assist Mark throughout the Team.

Mark has experience of leading a Team and his expertise will be of enormous help in developing the new South Chilterns Team.

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A decade after the end of WW1, the British Legion (as it was then known) organised for veterans and war widows to visit the

battlefields of the Somme and Ypres before marching to the Menin Gate in Ypres (pictured below) on 8 August 1928.

Exactly 90 years later, thousands of Legion representatives will recreate the 1928 Battlefields Pilgrimage and visit the same battlefields. On 8 August 2018, they will parade their branch standards and wreaths along the same route to the Menin Gate for the One Hundred Days ceremony to commemorate the last 100 days of

WW1. They'll be representing an entire generation that served while defending their country.

Meanwhile, back in Lane End...

Village Day. The Branch ran a 'Throw a horseshoe around the pin' stall and told the public about the Legion. We were helped by the local scouts who ran up and down the pitch returning thrown shoes to the base. We raised nearly £100 for the Poppy Appeal.

BBQ. The Branch held the Annual BBQ at Moor Common. The food was cooked and served by the ladies. The BBQing was done by males as was the Raffle with many prizes. The weather was fine and Billy was in good voice to entertain us all. We raised nearly £400 for the Poppy Appeal.

Visit to Bletchley Park. Bletchley



Park, once the top-secret home of the WWII Code breakers is now a vibrant heritage attraction. The Branch has organised a visit there on **Sunday 2 September 11am to 3.30pm**. It will be a wonderful day out including a new exhibition telling the story of the Bombe machines. Contact Rick Fisher 07739 401230 for details.

Officer's Talk. We are finalising details for our popular autumn officer's talk that we hold in Cadmore End Village Hall in early October. We will advertise this on Village notice-boards closer to the event.

November. We will organise the

Poppy Collection during the first part of November. We are always in need of collectors. If you can spare a few hours visiting local residents to provide them with Poppies, please get in touch with Andrew MacTavish 01494 881948 who will provide all necessary details. All money raised goes to the Poppy Appeal to support those who fought for our freedom.

11 November. Remembrance Day is on a Sunday this year. We will organise the parade and wreath laying at Wheeler End War memorial at 10am, and the parade and wreath laying at Lane End Village Hall at 11am before the Church Service.



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Save Golden Gough

Report by Jerry Gray

Many of you will not have heard of **Golden Gough**. It is a greenbelt field in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural beauty, separating the Oakwood Place development on the edge of Lane End from the ancient woodland of Finings Wood, which leads down to Lacey's Farm. Indeed, it is leased to Lacey's Farm for cattle grazing.

If Wycombe District Council's Local Development Plan is approved, **Golden Gough** will be turned into a new housing estate. In WDC's defence, it is under pressure from central Gov-

ernment to find space to build more houses. (Whether or not central Government should be encouraging population growth in the overcrowded South East of England is another, yet surely relevant, debate). However, there are reasons why the destruction of **Golden Gough** is a bad idea for the residents of Lane End.

Firstly, why it is a bad idea for the many:

1. WDC's own preface to its Local Plan, published in October 2017 states:

'The Council will shape development in rural areas to cherish the Chilterns...protect and enhance the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and other environmental assets including their historic, landscape and biodiversity value; respect the particular character and sense of place of villages and hamlets; avoid damaging works within the Area of Outstanding Natural beauty; support rural enterprise...by allowing farms; manage local traffic to protect local character and prevent rat runs; enable safer walking, cycling and horse riding on country lanes; aim for our rural areas to stay rural.'



The revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states:

'Development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are exceptional reasons and a suitable compensation strategy exists.'

WDC has received national and local media coverage for being the first council in the country to place the requirement of twenty-five per cent tree coverage on new developments. This development will require the felling of trees in Finings Wood to facilitate an access road to **Golden Gough**.

Clearly, the WDC is acting hypocritically if it supports destroying a greenbelt field and some ancient woodland, within an AONB, and it should be challenged.

2. The edge of the village should be protected against creeping urbanisation. Oakwood Place was built on polluted 'brownfield', an old printing works, and being small and with mixed dwellings of brick and flint, enhances and 'book-ends' the village. **Golden Gough** should serve as a natural and complementary buffer before the ancient woodland.

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road has to be built. This would entail another junction being constructed, probably opposite Lammas Way, on a bend and on a hill of the B482. This should not be allowed on safety grounds as the B482 is already a dangerous rat-run, particularly when there are problems on the M40.

Secondly, we should be aware of how this field and access to it has been made available to WDC. Land agents are people who scout for land for potential development. They may knock on farmers' doors and suggest that if a parcel of land were made available to them to promote for development, then they would handle the tiresome, bureaucratic legwork of processing the application through to the granting of planning permission for the site.

Once developers have been appointed and a have paid the landowner for the land, the land agent gains a commission of 10-20%.

In this case, Land and Partners Ltd is acting for the owner of **Golden Gough**. The access road sits on a strip of land currently designated common land but owned by another landowner. As far as we are aware, nobody else has been consulted. Interestingly, Land and Partners

also acts as a developer, so it has a vested interest in winning the contract to build on **Golden Gough**.

Thirdly, the Lane End Parish Council is against this part of WDC's Local Plan, for the reasons given in my first three points above. It would, however, support limited development elsewhere which it considers more appropriate. Further, The Chilterns Conservation Board, has made a formal objection to WDC. The Open Spaces Society will need to be consulted on any change to common land use.

It may already be too late, but the purpose of this article is to bring **Golden Gough** to the attention of all in Lane End and to ask for support in lobbying Wycombe District Council against this proposal. The final hearing for objections is on Thursday 6 September at WDC's offices.

If you care about protecting our village, greenbelt, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and ancient woodland, please join our petition.

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🌿 Lane End Players

Report by Georgie Brooks

This autumn, The Lane End Players will present 'Glorious!' by Peter Quilter. It's a very funny comedy about the atrocious singing of the American soprano Florence Foster Jenkins, on Fridays 12 and 19 October at 8pm, and Saturdays 13 and 20 at 7.30pm.

After several years at the same prices, we are now putting up the ticket price to £10 Adults/£8 Concessions for the first show and £12 Adults/£10 Concessions for the other performances.

Tickets can be bought at the Village Hall on Saturdays 9.30 - 12noon, by phone 01494 880662, or through the website laneendplayers.com.

LEP won awards at the annual NODA London Region conference recently, Eve Berry and Tom Everitt for their acting of specific roles during the last year, and LEP in general for the prestigious Flame Award for 'Inspirational Contribution to the Pursuit of Excellence'!

'Glorious!' will surely live up to this high standard, so we hope to see you there!

🌿 Elim Hope Church

Report by Jenny Pash

It's now just over one year since Rev Scott Pash was appointed as the Minister at Elim Hope Church Lane End and the Church has seen huge growth and change in this period.

Approximately 50 people are coming to the 10.30am Sunday service each week, and the children are enjoying a thriving Sunday School. Services are lively, with modern music and relevant preaching and a warm welcome to all.



Various events have been held and in the summer the Church ran a hugely successful Sweet Tombola at the Lane End Village Fete.

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Old pubs of Lane End

By Andrew MacTavish 

The spring edition of *The Clarion* carried a lively description of Lane End's pubs and noted that four have sadly closed down in recent times. The article has stirred the memories of older residents, some of whom are now living in what were old pubs, and others who remember hearing of pubs that passed into history years ago.

It is only 20 years or so since The Jolly Blacksmith on Ditchfield Common closed its doors. This pub was the subject of a whole chapter in H Harman's book *Sketches of the*

Bucks Countryside. He visited the cosy pub on Boxing Night 1931. The landlord was Will Meakes, the tap room was crowded, the fire blazing.

As he arrived, the company chose a chairman to run the evening's entertainment, for the company came to sing heartily. People were called on, and they led 'modern and ancient' songs. The rest joined in the choruses with most knowing the tenor and bass parts. One old gentleman sang the first two lines of the choruses in the treble, the third in the tenor part and the last in the bass.



No 5.6.7. The Square. Lane End c1912

In

some songs, another man played a set of handbells hanging from the ceiling with a wooden hammer. Harman remembered some of the titles *The Old Rustic Bridge by the Mill* and *The Pricky-lie Bush*, and noted that various people had their special song that the rest expected them to lead. He

had a splendid evening and left later than he intended to stumble back in the pitch dark across the common.

There were many other pubs and beerhouses too, though possibly not as noisy as the Blacksmith's. It is not long ago that The Chairmaker's in The Row was closed, a pub which is said to have been a 'bit loud though not so musical'. It still keeps its old name.

Long before that, Bottom House served its last pint. It is the last of the old village buildings on the right side of Marlow Road and still has the bracket for the sign. The splendidly named Old Armchair, opposite the Mill Pond shut about 1951, is well known from the old photograph in the Village Hall. The centre cottage in the row on Ditchfield Common, the one with the bay window, was built as a pub and is the only cottage with a beer cellar. And Lacey's farmhouse was once a pub in its time.



All the above six are now private dwelling houses but there were two more that have disappeared completely. Old pictures showing the view towards Sands show the Prince Albert standing where Pusey Way now joins the road. This pub was said to be the haunt of poachers 'who conducted a running battle with the West Wycombe Estate gamekeepers'. And right in the middle of the village, the Harris Garden is the site of three tiny cottages, one of which was the New Inn, the last landlady being the grandmother of a present resident.

Harman gives us an insight into the pub comradeship that existed before the car, the television and other distractions that have broken up close village life. We may be better informed and have wider horizons, but we have lost a certain togetherness. And a singing pub evening must have been really fun.

Village Hall news

Report by Andrew MacTavish

The Village Hall rear storage rooms and the Sycamore room are being re-roofed. The committee, composed of representatives of all the village users of the Hall, have a continual programme for upgrading of the building and its facilities. Last year the backstage area was improved.

The Hall is self-funding. There is no cash support from outside. The many organisations and people who hire the Hall pay their very reasonable contributions and it is these monies that keep the Hall in such good order.

So whether you are the WI or the Bridge Club, or you keep in trim at Slimming World, or practise swordsmanship, or sing with the U3A, or have a reception or a dinner - you are playing your part.

Our main support comes from the Lane End Players whose excellent productions draw in audiences from far afield; and from the annual Village Day festivities. So, thank you if you entered the Grand Draw, Dog Show or Coconut Shy, or any of the other activities like the Shot Putting (or 'Shot Hurling' as some of our more athletic young men did it). Come to that, if you are called Monty and won the junior competition but didn't leave your 'phone number, you could ring 881948 and collect six tins of J20!



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Report by Ian Harris



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You might have had to rub your eyes, or take a second look had you been driving through Frieth one weekend in the middle of July. Yes there really were 50 Cowboys and Cowgirls, six guns a blazing riding through the village on their trusty steeds heading off to the 'OK Spurgrove Corral' for a weekend of

rooting tooting, Wild, Wild West camping fun.

There was a shooting range, lassoing, horse races, archery, branding line dancing, panning for gold and a whole host of other activities creating our very own mini jamboree, we even made a totem pole. All this in a setting not too far removed from a Western Desert scene, especially given the awesome weather we had.

A massive Hog Roast later on in the day kept us all topped up with energy and many thanks to Neil Edwards for creating the most awesome crackling. A traditional camp fire was held on Saturday with lots of noise and singing, before the Beaver Scouts departed for home and the

Cub Scouts went out rustling!

We also had our Group AGM in July which clashed horribly with England's Word Cup quarter final match against Sweden, however ingenious planning and a large TV set up in the Cub room meant we could all watch the first half,





carry out a very swift AGM at halftime, then resume the second half without missing any of the action. The win was celebrated with our annual BBQ, during which our donation pot raised £417 toward our two young people who are attending the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. Thank you all who attended and gave so generously.

The summer break is always welcomed by the Leader Team, but we won't be resting for too long. Equipment needs to be checked, building maintenance undertaken, the stores have to be tidied and planning meetings scheduled for the next terms activities to occupy and challenge the 90 young people we have

through our doors every week.

Scouting is alive and very well in Lane End, teaching young people skills for life and enabling them to 'Do More, See More and Be More'.

We welcome support in many ways and in whatever form not just volunteering to be a leader, you might be a plumber, electrician or carpenter who could help us with some maintenance on our Victorian Headquarters, you might even be a generous millionaire! If you'd like to get involved in any way with this long running and priceless youth community asset, then please give me a call.



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pleted fixtures and the number of players who enter the Club via this route.

Our plan to reduce the number of fixtures on Sundays over the

We're approaching the end of our season, and although I'm writing this in early August, I am pleased to report that both first and second elevens can boast successful seasons. Given that the firsts gained promotion last season, and the seconds have stepped from a 7-team league to an eleven team-format, the step up in competition has been taken in all of the player's strides. Shuayb Karim has been one who has shone this season, and it is unlikely that anyone will better his Division 3 bowling record of 7 wickets for 5 runs in a single match, this season.

The Sunday team has had a successful season too. We measure success differently for this social side, and look favourably upon com-

pleted fixtures and the number of players who enter the Club via this route.

Our plan to reduce the number of fixtures on Sundays over the last few seasons is now paying dividends. Having fewer fixtures on a Sunday, with regular 'free' weekends, we've actually been able to play more matches than we did a couple of seasons ago, when we had 15 or 16 Sunday matches in a year.

Those with families have been better able to balance family and cricketing Sundays, and with a greater player base, we've not yet scratched a fixture this year.

Sunday 5 August saw our hosting of the Annual Frieth Cup, which this year pitted teams from The Grouse and Ale (Lane End) and The Prince Albert (Frieth) against each other. The game was a hybrid of T20 and

Test Match cricket, with the main aim being to give everyone the chance to bat, and bowl, with plenty of gaps in the game play for players to enjoy a drink and have a bite to eat.

Once again, both sides will claim victory, but the main winner has to be Frieth Cricket Club, since we were able to



raise over £500 for our New Pavilion Fund. Massive thanks go to Carlos and Joy, from The Grouse and Ale, for the donation and preparation of the delicious food that was served on the day. Further huge thanks go to Mike, from The Prince Albert, for donating a barrel of beer for the day. This generosity, plus the ball throwing challenges, enabled us to raise a large amount of money.

With our season drawing to a close, I'd like to invite you to join our End of Season celebrations. We'll be hosting these at The Yew Tree in Frieth on 27 September. Tickets cost £30 each, with this including a 3-course meal and, hopefully, some casino-based entertainment. Later in the

closed season, our Race Night is taking place once again at Frieth Village Hall on 24 November, and all members of the community are invited to enjoy this evening of (sensible) betting, supplemented with food and drink, and most likely, a ridiculously dressed host. To find out about either event, please email friethcricket@btinternet.com, or like our Facebook page – just search for 'Frieth Cricket Club'.

As ever, if you have any skills or experience, and most importantly time, that you might be able to offer Frieth Cricket Club, we'd love to hear from you; you can email us, or I can be contacted on 07879 855353.

Ben Smiley



Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Report by Emma Savory



Summer Play Scheme

Thank you to all the local families who supported the Summer Play-scheme, we had an absolute blast and the children especially enjoyed the visit from Mr Reptile Man, How to be a Spy workshop and the fun and games provided by Wayne Wonder.

We love being able to provide child focussed activities to so many children and really appreciate our families' loyalty and support.

We're also very appreciative of the grants/funding that we work so hard to achieve which enable us to provide such a varied enriched programme of activities at affordable prices.

Coffee morning

Please join us at the Centre on Friday 28 September 2018, for the BIGGEST coffee morning! Come between 9am and 11am for tea/coffee and cake with your friends. Help us raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. PLUS any cake donations would be greatly received.



Cook/Server

Thursday Lunch Club 12 – 1.30pm

We are currently looking for people who can help, cook/serve at our lunch club, maybe you have two hours a month you can spare to help out? Every Thursday we welcome our older regulars into the Centre for a two-course cooked dinner with tea or coffee for £5.50. If you would like to volunteer once a month please get in touch.



Coffee Shop

Mondays 10.30am – 12noon

Do you want to meet new local people? Then come along to our coffee morning, every Monday at 10am. All ages welcome.

Having a party?

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



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Charity Number: 1101360*

Mondays:	10.30am–12pm	'Drop In' Coffee morning, all welcome
	2pm–3pm	Gentle Exercise for the over 50's
	6pm–8pm	Pilates with Lauren Fois
Tuesdays	7pm–9pm	French: Refresh and practice
Wednesdays	10am–12pm	Drawing and watercolour for beginners
Thursdays:	11.30am–2pm	Computers @ the Centre – FREE to everyone
	12pm–1.30pm	The Drop-in Lunch
	2pm–4pm	1 st Thurs of the month – LEOPAG
	7.30pm–10pm	Soundforce Big Band Rehearsal
Fridays:	9.30am–10.30am	Circuit Training
	5.30–7pm	Iyengar yoga for beginners/improvers
Saturdays	9am–12pm	Bells and Whistles dog training
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Monday

Regulars

PIYO (pilatest/yoga)—9.30-10.30 Frieth Village Hall. Tel 07801 268303

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

Drop-in coffee morning—10.30-12.30am, LEYCC, Edmonds Road, Lane End. Tel: 883878

Gentle exercise for the over 50s—2-3pm LEYCC Tel 883878

Gracewell of High Wycombe Tea dance—first Monday of the month from 3pm. Tel 412252

Rainbows and Brownies—4.30-7.30 Frieth Village Hall. Rainbows tel Lesley 882665, Brownies tel Katherine 07545 549910

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

Bridge Club—7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Monday events

Parish Council meetings:

3 September @ Lane End Village Hall

1 October @ Cadmore End Village Hall

12 November @ Lane End Village Hall

Tuesdays

Regulars

Child Health Clinic—First and third of the month, 9.30-11am, Lane End Childrens Centre, (Lane End Primary School). Tel 01628 475456 Just turn up

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

French: Refresh and practice—7-9pm LEYCC Tel 883878

Bingo — 7.30pm Sycamore Room Lane End Village Hall

Slimming World—5.30pm and 7.30pm at Lane End village hall. Call Marion on 07887 607987

Circuit Training—7-8pm Frieth Village Hall. Tel Fraser 07884 154081

Tuesday Events

2 October—7.30pm Hambleden Valley Gardening Club talk at Skirmett village hall Tel 01491 638691

6 November—7.30pm Hambleden Valley Gardening Club talk at Skirmett village hall Tel 01491 638691

4 December—7.30pm Hambleden Valley Gardening Club talk followed by mince pies and mulled wine Tel 01491 638691

Wednesdays

Regulars

Pacey—(for childminders and nannies) 9.30-11am, Lane End Childrens Centre, (Lane End Primary School). Tel 01628 472121 Just turn up

Drawing and watercolour for beginners—10am-12noon LEYCC Tel 883878

Gracewell open day—10am-4pm. Tel 412252

Bridge Club—1.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Sticky Kids—2-2.45pm, Lane End Childrens Centre, (Lane End Primary School). Tel 01628 475456 Just turn up

Rocking Rebels Jive group—7-9pm Frieth Village Hall. Tel Clive 07947 106607

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

Wednesday events

19 September—Hambleden gardening club visit to Pettifers, Banbury. Tel 01491638691

Thursdays

Regulars

PIYO—9.30-10.30 Frieth Village Hall. Tel Alison 07801 268303

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

Computers@The Centre—11.30-2pm LEYCC 883878

The Drop-In (Social lunch) - 12-1.30pm LEYCC 883878

Four Ends Flower Club—Fourth Thursday of the month 1.45pm in Lane End Village Hall. Visitors £6. Flower arranging demonstration, raffle, tea and cake. Tel 482724

LEOPAG—First Thursday of the month 2-4pm LEYCC 883878

Pilates—6-8pm Frieth Village Hall. Tel Lauren 07709 430634

Thursday Events

27 September—Frieth Cricket Club end of season celebrations at the Yew Tree, Frieth. Tickets £30 each inc 3-course meal and entertainment. friethcricket@btinternet.com

Fridays

Regulars

Circuits—9.30-10.30am LEYCC 883878

Pop in and play—10am-3pm, Lane End Childrens Centre, (Lane End Primary School). Tel 01628 475456 Just turn up. £1 suggested donation.

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

Gracewell Forget Me Knot Café— 2-4pm, last Friday of every month Tel 412252

Yoga—5.30-7pm LEYCC. Tel 01296 382403.

Friday Events

12 and 19 October—Lane End Players' 'Glorious', 8pm, Lane End village hall. Tel 880662 / laneendplayers.com

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 Conservation Group—First Saturday of the month, 10 am 'doctors' car park

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

Wycombe Ladies—Saturday afternoon at Lane End Playing Fields.
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Bingo—Lane End Playing Fields clubhouse every fortnight starting 2 Dec. Call Michelle Duffield on 07886 886967

Saturday Events

13 and 20 October—Lane End Players' 'Glorious', 7.30pm, Lane End village hall. Tel 880662 / laneendplayers.com

24 November—Race Night at Frieth village hall with Frieth Cricket Club. Email friethcricket@btinternet.com

Sundays

Regulars

Holy Eucharist—8am fourth Sunday of the month

Parish Communion—9.30 Holy Trinity Church Lane End

Elim service—10.30 am at Elim Hope Church, Edmonds Road, Lane End

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

Lane End Players—7.30pm Village Hall Tel 483359

Frieth Cricket Club junior coaching—starts 3 June for eight weeks. £5 per session or £25 for all eight. Tel 07879 855353 or email friethcricket@btinternet.com

Sunday Events

11 November—Remembrance Day. Wreath-laying and parade at Lane End Village Hall at 11am, followed by Church Service at Holy Trinity and coffee and cakes in the village hall courtesy of Elim Hope Church.

The wren

Troglodytes troglodytes. Is there a more apt Latin name for one of our sweetest little birds; the wren? Jenny Wren misses out on being our smallest European bird by a quarter of an inch to the even tinier Goldcrest, measuring about three and three quarters of an inch from beak to the end of its invariably cocked tail.

What it lacks in size, it makes up for in its powerful, explosive voice: it is one of the few birds which sings all year round and in the depths of winter, its liquid trills sustain us with the thought of spring to look forward to. Its alarm note is a rapid 'churring'.

Its private life is complicated: the male will usually build several nests, domed, lined beautifully with moss, hair and feathers, covered with lichen, and then entice a female to take up residence in one. If food is abundant, the male is less likely to be monogamous, and may attract another female to one of the empty nests to start another family.



Often, he will father a second brood with the first wife, and whilst she is sitting on the second clutch of eggs, he may look after the first brood, roosting with them in one of the other rejected nests.

Another trait is its direct flight. A wren will always fly into and through a hedge, rather than up and over it like other birds, making a safety feature of its tiny size.

Being small, however, means it is difficult to stay warm in winter and ten wrens have been found sheltering together in a coconut shell! Unfortunately, their numbers plummet in icy winters, but they replenish quickly given a usual brood of a dozen chicks squeezed into one of those nests.

This summer, we are enjoying a noisy abundance of wrens; long may these little folk entertain us.



Lane End resident Jerry Gray is author of a darkly humorous satirical novel set in the recruitment industry. He's also a keen birdwatcher.

Moorend Common

Report by Katy Dunn

Visitors to Moorend Common (the wooded areas either side of the road as you approach Frieth crossroads from Lane End) may have seen the noticeboard with my summer update. In it, I lamented my frustrated attempts to lure the purple emperor butterfly down from the top of the oaks so I could see one up close.

Purple emperors are our flagship species on Moorend Common as they're relatively rare, but more significantly, are very elusive to spot. Even the most eminent of lepidopterist will go ga-ga for a purple emperor. They have this cult following of loyal and obsessive spotters who will travel miles for a potential glimpse.

After years of helping the parish council look after the common as volunteer warden and only seeing them at the tops of trees where they spend most of their time, I decided that this was my year.

Over the course of the flying season (mid June to July) I visited the common at all different times of day hoping for a sighting. I took the dog for

walks there, enticed friends and family down for picnics and created vile-smelling concoctions of purple emperors' favourite foods (dead stuff and poo) to attract them. Not a flap of black-brown wing did I spy.

I gave up and went back to normal duties, taking out my frustration on the invasive bracken which is becoming such a problem on the common. Bracken-bashing is as it sounds, beating the growing shoots down is supposed to weaken it for the following year. I can recommend it for mental health and a great workout!

Anyway, on our way down there one day at the edge of the common, I froze. 'Purple emperor!' I squeaked. My kids, like the 21st century children they are, immediately whipped out their phones to record the moment.

The purple emperor was resplendent in large brown wings that shimmered royal purple when they caught the sunlight. He flapped a lap of honour around our heads and paused obligingly on a leaf before fluttering back to the top of the tree.

I can't tell you the disproportionate excitement it brought to our day, week... year! There's no hope of redemption, it's clear we are now fully-fledged followers of the cult of the purple emperor. Roll on next summer and another chance to his imperial highness at Moorend Common.

Lane End Horticultural Society

Report by Will Lacey

On Saturday 11 August the annual Lane End and District Horticultural show was held at the village hall. This is a really popular village event with a good number of entries across all the classes.

The selection of vegetables on show was very impressive considering the tough time this summer has been for the garden and the flower classes offered still competition for the judges. Congratulations to all the prize winners, and look forward to seeing you all again next year!





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Back to school—top tips

By Katy Dunn

Going back to school after six weeks of family holiday highs and lows of boredom (kids) and childcare stress (parents), is a big deal for everyone. I've trawled the internet for advice about how to handle it and distilled it down into a few top tips:



Children—first days

Arrange meet-ups with their school-friends before term starts to reaffirm friendships.

Read the literature the school gave you and talk about what to expect with your child.

Find out if anything in particular is worrying your child eg. not knowing where to go, not knowing anyone in their class etc.

Tell them about what happened to you and how you overcame your difficulties.

Give them a special small object (key ring, pebble, tiny toy) so they can make a connection with you during their school day.

Children—first weeks

Remembering everything they need to take is a stress for everyone.

Encourage responsibility, but help them along the way. Just saying 'have you got everything?' of a morning is a recipe for disaster.

Print out their timetable and a list of what's needed everyday, or encourage them to do it, and pin it on a noticeboard in their bedroom.

Have a really structured routine in the morning—if you do the same thing in the same order each day, it's easier to see what you've forgotten.

Time for homework vs after-school activities and hobbies can be a source of conflict. Sit down with your child in the first couple of weeks and ask them what they think a good balance would be. Get them to write a list of their hobbies in terms of priority, so if one has to go, it's not their favourite. This will help them feel like they've got some control over the situation.



Establish rules for lunch box / school dinners, bedtimes and homework at the beginning of term. It's easy to let slide, but hard to rein in if you start out on the wrong foot.

Parents

It's a truth universally acknowledged, that children get more out of school if their parents are involved.

That doesn't mean you have to be chair of the PTA, but would it really kill you to attend a meeting now and again, or volunteer to sell a few cakes at a school event? You get to know other parents so have allies to talk to if you have any issues at school. Plus, you get closer to teachers so you know what's going on and feel more comfortable discussing

your child with them.

School gate cliques put the fear into even the most confident people. Just remember what side of the play-ground you're on. You don't have to be best friends with these people but you will be seeing them for a good few years. Force yourself to smile and say 'hi', it might lead on to small talk, but it doesn't matter if it doesn't. You've done your bit and been friendly.

Be interested. Kids hate it when you ask 'what did you do today?' And the most you'll often get is a grunted 'nothing'. But they'd hate it more if you didn't ask.

Good times to talk are when you're side by side in the car or walking somewhere. It's less confrontational than 'sitting down to talk about things.'

Whether you're weeping on 5/6 September because it's your little one's first day at school or your big one's last year there, take heart. They'll be home again by 4pm and driving you crazy as usual.



Milk Men

with Will Lacey 



 Long hot summer...



This year, the weather really has dictated what is happening on the farm more than ever. After a long wet winter we were delayed in getting the cows out to graze the fields as the ground and crop conditions were a good two weeks behind compared to a normal year.

Late spring and early summer has been the opposite! With no rain in June and just a shower at the end of July we have gone from being very wet in April, to being like a desert in July. The crops have really struggled with the extreme changes, the grass in the fields has struggled so much it now looks dead and burnt off, with nothing for the cows to eat, we are having to feed the food we have made for the winter, in mid July.

The danger with this is that we run out of feed before winter is over. Luckily, we have good stores of feed currently, and should be okay even if we have to keep feeding extra

throughout the summer and autumn. Many farmers across the country are not so lucky. As the heatwave has hit the whole country, less winter feed has been made, and as with any market, if demand exceeds supply then the price of feed will rise, which may be catastrophic for many farmers.

In early July we hosted Milking Live! at the farm for the first time. We have been trying to plan a way of getting more people on to the farm to learn about farming and been experimenting with different ideas. Milking Live! gave us the opportunity to give short guided tours of the farm, and a chance to see the cows in the milking parlour. Small guided tours mean we can talk to groups about the things they want to know and it proved to be a really successful day. With some really positive feedback it something we will be looking to do again soon.

The hot sun has been good for the Farm Shop with BBQ weather all

summer! Since opening the shop two and a half years ago, it has gone from strength to strength, and we are really pleased to welcome Tom to the team this month.

Tom has just finished his GCSEs and is doing an apprenticeship in Butchery with us. It is a two-year course, where he will work with and learn from Dave all the skills to become a Top Butcher and gain a level 2 award in butchery.

Tom is the second apprentice we have welcomed to the farm. Sam did a two-year apprenticeship on the farm with us which she completed last summer and is now a full-time member of the farm team.

We really like the apprenticeship programs. When working with a college, it gives a young person a great opportunity to continue their learning at the same time as starting work and earning some money. We wish Tom all the best of luck and look forward to working with him.



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In this edition, I'm making a couple of key observations – one of them is a nuisance but the first is a public safety announcement.

Shaving / beauty mirrors! Eight times over the course of this summer I've seen near disasters thanks to angled mirrors being left facing windows and reflecting strong sunlight. These have a disturbing tendency to start fires. I've seen scorched and burned curtains, backs of doors, boxes on shelves and window frames, all due to magnifying mirrors. Please do be careful where you leave them and certainly keep them away from your window.

What do a slow running basin mixer tap and a toilet that won't stop running have in common? Answer: wasps! I went to look at the problem and removed the filter off the spout of the tap to find about twenty dead wasps stuck behind it. The toilet valve had a bit of wasp carapace stuck in it that was stopping the valve from closing. A quick fishing expedition in the loft tank to remove the rest of the wasps' nest, and the problem is solved. It's always interesting what you find in lofts!

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Talking tiles

By interior designer Samantha Johnson

Over the past few years as an interior designer I've noticed that we are adopting a more eclectic approach to the use of tiles in our homes.

Whether you opt for the traditional encaustic tiles (an inlaid tile of two or more colours that were popular in Victorian entrance ways), Moroccan inspired tiles, geometric, floral or other patterned tiles.

The key to pulling off this fresh new look is to let the tiles be the 'hero' of the room and incorporate simple, architectural furniture and lighting pieces into the space. This creates a modern look with character and artistic flair, with the patterned tiles adding a sense of nostalgia and craftsmanship to the design.

Recently, working on a number of projects I have not only taken into consideration the tile colour, shape

and pattern but also the way it is laid on either the floor or wall. It isn't until you experiment that you realise that there are a number of different ways you can achieve a unique look to your scheme by adopting one of these popular tile patterns

1. The Straight Lay Pattern

This is the most commonly used tile pattern of all, and the easiest to do. It's probably the best choice if you have never tiled before. The tiles are simply laid side by side in a straight line, to give an overall even grid pattern. It's a good choice of pattern for rooms where you don't want the tiles to distract from other design features. Recently I have tiled a couple of bathrooms where I have laid a rectangular tile portrait and it gives a sense of height to the room and is just a little bit different. (below)





2. The Diagonal Lay Pattern

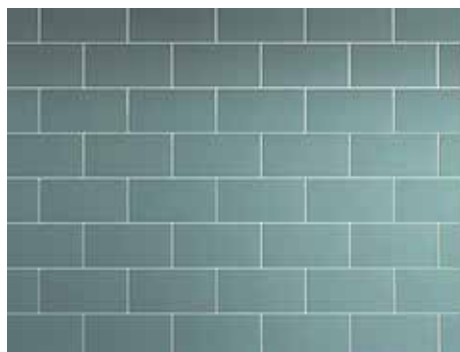
This pattern is very similar to the straight lay, except that it's done at a 45 degree angle, turning the square tiles into diamond shapes. It's a good pattern to move onto if you've done straight lay before. In terms of design, it's a good choice for small areas such as the floor of an en-suite bathroom, as it fools the eye into thinking the space is much bigger.

(above)

3. The Brick Pattern

Also calling the running bond, this pattern is reminiscent of a brick wall, where each rectangular tile aligns with the centre of the one above and below it. This is a good pattern to choose for an uneven wall or an imperfect surface. Because the tiles don't line up with one another exactly, the eye is fooled into seeing a cohesive whole. Another way of laying this is one third to two thirds as shown here.

(below)





4. The Chessboard Pattern

Usually done with alternating black and white tiles in either straight lay or diagonal lay to give a chessboard effect. This is an elegant design, but take care not to spoil the effect by being overly fussy or intricate with other designs in the room. This also works really well with patterned tiles too.

(above)

5. The Herringbone Pattern

This is a tricky tiling pattern, with a column of tiles at a 45 degree angle matched in mirror image by the next column, to form a V shape. It gives an excellent illusion of width and depth, and is popular on driveways and patios as well as for splash-backs. Recently I have used it in a couple of bathrooms using rows of different colour tiles.

(below)





6. The Basket Weave Pattern

This tiling pattern looks intricate but isn't too hard to do. The illusion of weaving is created by a square of horizontal rectangular tiles next to one of vertically aligned tiles. Because the pattern looks busy, it's recommended for small spaces.

(above)

7. The Hexagon Pattern

This beautiful Eastern style will create a wonderful mosaic effect in your space. You will need to measure your room and find the most central point and tile outwards leaving all the cuts to the edges of the room. Patterned hexagons create stunning feature walls or floors, mixed with plain hexagon tiles for the ultimate effect.

(below)





8. The Versailles Pattern

This elegant pattern uses four different sizes of tiles, and is among the hardest to create. It gives a pleasing appearance of randomness, but in

fact, it needs careful planning. Best left to expert installers, it's typically used on floors, but could be used on walls in small, feature areas.

(above)



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New adult learning courses in Lane End

Report by Melanie Olu Abiola

We would love to hear from you regarding any ideas for courses you would like to see offered in the High Wycombe area.

Maybe you would like to learn how to use acrylics, frame pictures, cook delicious meals on a budget, speak a language or test your skills with creative writing?

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Even if you can't find a course that you're looking for inside, take a look at our brochure or website as we hold these kinds of courses at Highcrest and Millbrook Adult Learning Centres in Wycombe, the Oasis Partnership and Wycombe Arts Centre in Desborough, Hughenden Village Hall, Princes Risborough library and a variety of other locations.

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Lane End Dog Walkers

By Jan Nangreave

After a red hot summer, hopefully the weather is becoming more pleasant for walking both for owners and dogs. Benji and I have been doing the One Million Steps Challenge to raise money for Diabetes UK and it started on 1 July just as the temperatures soared. Benji wasn't able to walk so much.

I don't know about you all, but I feel strange walking without a dog; in fact as he goes to work with me, I feel strange going anywhere without a dog. I ended up dancing most of the steps in my living room instead whilst somebody had a nap!

I wanted to talk about how lucky we are to be able to walk our dogs in this lovely village. I don't just mean the scenery and open spaces, although they are wonderful, but also the pleasure of it being so sociable.

Even before we started our group I rarely went for a walk without exchanging greetings with somebody, but now I know so many more people, and even if I don't know their names I usually know the names of their dogs.

People call across to ask if that is Benji! This is a friendly and lovely way to live. Some people live alone

and may not speak to many people, so an exchange of greetings and a few words can mean a lot!.

As I said, Benji comes to work with me everyday and I work in Greenford, West London, so we do some of our walks there. The difference is astonishing as everybody bustles about firmly attached to iPods and mobiles and often not looking where they are going as they hurry down the pavement to the tube station.

Fortunately, we are able to walk by the canal, and as you turn the corner to the canal path it is like stepping



out of one world and into another.

I am always so happy to be home and I know Benji loves walking here more than anywhere else. The sniffs are the best!

Our Facebook Group Lane End Dog Walkers was only formed in March, and at the time of writing has 72 members already. The group was started to promote responsible dog ownership and to try to improve the state of our village by encouraging people to pick up after their dogs.

We put up signs to raise awareness of this and I believe there has been an improvement, although sadly there is still a way to go. The Parish Council has provided some additional dog waste bins which helps, but more would be useful.

We also keep an eye on footpaths and report if they have become overgrown, and look out for any reported lost pets. New members are invited to post a photo and introduce their pets.

As this is a local group there is potential for us to organise social activities and meet-ups in the future if this is what the members would like.

JOIN LANE END DOG WALKERS ON FACEBOOK.

Share your favourite walks or advise places to avoid. Share pictures of your pets— dogs, cats, rabbits, horses! We love all pets here!

Here's a picture of Benji, do say hello if you see us out walking in the village.





So here we are in the middle of Summer, and what a summer it has been so far! The weather has been hot and sunny since May, with the occasional welcome thunderstorm and downpour – often at night – we have basked in sunshine in this beautiful place. The wonderful pastel blue and gold in the early morning is superb.

The programme of fun and games is well established, with *fetes de mer* and celebrations ongoing. This past weekend (14 and 15 July) has been particularly busy, with Bastille Day (France's National day) on Saturday, and *Le coupe de monde* on Sunday. There were uproarious celebrations on Sunday evening, all the traffic wearing their horns out as they drove past, and other celebrations. There was one where a van managed to cross an extensive ditch and turned upside down into the back garden of a local home! The sale of alcohol must have almost exhausted the local *brasseries*. Opinion on the outcome is clearly not a good idea, so I will desist. But *Les Bleus* did well.

Still no word about the proposed toll on the viaduct across to Oleron. I will advise as soon as I can when and if it happens.

Locally, the harvest of barley and cereals is now complete, and the work turns to the fields of sunflowers (*tourne sol*) and then the maize, all well on in growth now.

Personally in my small plot I have grown *haricots vert* – French beans, needing about 30 seconds boiling to become *al dente* and delicious. The other comment is about the fruit trees, where our Bramley tree (a Christmas present seven years ago) has this year produced a super amount of lovely green apples. The plums, pears, and figs also doing well. My missus will make some jam this year for sure!

In our small Anglican community of St Ignatious here, we are planning to hold services in the outdoor chapel in La Palmyre on the last Sunday in July and August. With our selection of retired ministers, and our superb organist, who was the Director of Music at a public school before retirement, we should enjoy a couple of great services.

And so the Summer has been superb so far. We look forward to August then the wine festivals. We also hope that some from Lane End are planning to come. All for now!
Tim Cherry

On the land

with Bryan Edgley 



How has the drought affected the farms?

The most common question that I have been asked in recent weeks is 'how has the drought affected the farms?' The lack of rainfall this Summer has been astonishing. Our own records, over the 20 years from 1998 to 2017, show:

	average rainfall	2018
June	62 mm	4 mm
July	60 mm	16 mm

The July rainfall fell entirely during the last weekend of the month, so that we had nearly six weeks of the Summer growing season without any rain at all.

At Kensham Farms all of our large fields are used for arable cropping, with Winter Wheat being our main crop. Our smaller paddocks close to the farm buildings are all used for DIY Horse Livery. If we look at the impact of an exceptionally dry summer on these enterprises under different headings we can summarise

the different crop characteristics, and the effect of the summer drought on them, as being:-

Winter Wheat

There are 41 different varieties of wheat recommended by the UK Agriculture and Development Board (ADHB) in the 2017/18 recommended list that are suitable for seeding in the autumn, normally in September or October.

Of these varieties, only six are classified as 'Group 1', meaning that they will be suitable for milling to provide the best kind of flour for bread making. At Kensham Farms we like to grow mainly these varieties of Group 1 milling wheat that are recommended by Warburtons as meeting its high standards for bread. Warburtons buys all of its UK wheat through Openfield Agriculture Ltd, which is a large farmer co-operative based in Lincolnshire with an annual

turnover of £700 million, and blend it with imported high protein Canadian red wheat.

We have been members of Openfield, or of the earlier farmer co-operatives which merged to form the large Openfield Co-operative, since the 1996. Currently we have entered into a five year contract with Openfield to supply 2,400 tonnes of wheat each year for Warburtons, subject to meeting its strict quality standards.

These quality standards include the protein level, ideally around 12.5% protein, and good 'bushel weight'. The 'bushel' was an old imperial measure of 8 gallons, used for grain and other animal feeds. A bushel of good quality wheat weighs more than the same measure of poor quality wheat containing shriveled grains

and husk. In modern metric terms, the good sample of milling wheat should weigh not less than 76 kg per hectalitre, whereas the poor-quality sample, only suitable for animal feeds, might weigh 69 kg/hl. Additionally, the moisture content must be correct, not more than 15% moisture. In a wet season, grain sometimes has to be harvested when it is as wet as 20% or even more, and then it has to be dried with warm dry air in the Grain Drier. But this year we are not having that problem and expense - some of the grain is as low as 11% moisture content.

The colour of the crops at harvest time is also important, the ideal being a golden yellow colour shining in the sunlight of the harvest field. This year's sunshine has been good in



that respect, with no trouble from moulds or mycotoxins which can affect the straw and the seed head in a wet season. Furthermore, pre-sprouting of grain while still in the ear before harvest can reduce the important gluten content, and this sometimes happens in other years when it is wet in July or August.

The gluten content of the grain can be tested with a clever test of the tenacity of the dough measuring the 'Hagberg Falling Number'. If the gluten content is low then the loaf of bread will not rise properly when it is baked, and in extreme cases might result in a stodgy loaf.

For our main winter wheat crop, this year's summer drought has not reduced yields significantly below yields in an average year, since the seeds were sown last September and so the young cereal plants had established well before the winter.

Then the crop was able to use the excess rainfall which fell in March, although it was difficult to apply the several necessary treatments of crop protection spray until April.

Those treatments included herbicides for weed control, fungicides to prevent diseases like mildew, and growth regulator which makes the straw grow shorter but stronger, with a stronger root system. We were pleasantly surprised with our harvest results after the drought to find how little damage had been caused by

the lack of summer rainfall, although on gravelly areas of the fields yields have been poor.

Spring Wheat

All of the varieties of winter wheat described above require a period of vernalization, that is a cold spell in the early stages of growth of the plant. This enables the plant to recognise that the winter has happened, and that the season for reproduction, by forming a new seed head, has started. However, many varieties of wheat have been developed which do not require a period of vernalization, and so can be seeded as spring wheat generally in late February or March. If winter wheat were to be planted in March it might not form ears of grain until the following year, since it would still be waiting for a spell of cold winter weather.

We only have a few fields of spring wheat and do not expect such good results as for the winter wheat, since more of their actively growing season will have been during the period of drought.

Other Crops

We also grow some fields of winter barley which matured early and have yielded well, and other fields of spring barley. The best quality barley is used for malting for brewing beer, with the lower quality samples being used for pig and other animal

feeds. Oilseed Rape is another crop for which there are both winter and spring varieties – this year we started harvesting the oilseed rape on Top Plain, the large field on the left of the B482 road to Stokenchurch, on 16 July – much earlier than most seasons. The small black oilseed rape seeds will be crushed to extract the oil for making margarine, mayonnaise, cooking oil and similar uses, as well as for biodiesel fuel.

Grass Paddocks

Our grass paddocks are used for DIY livery for horsekeepers – and the grass, just like everyone's lawn at home, and Hyde Park in London, stopped growing and turned brown during the drought, so the horse-

keepers have had to supplement the grazing with extra fodder.

So in summary, this summer for us, growing mainly winter cereal crops, has not been too different from normal summers. But for vegetable growers, and for dairy farmers and others with grazing livestock the drought has been exceedingly serious – and foods such as hay and silage saved for next winter have already had to be used to feed the animals during the summer.

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🌿 How to make apple trees flower twice in one season

with Anya, the garden fairy



When we bought our house about six years ago, we didn't have many mature trees in our garden - just one old apple tree. Initially, we thought about chopping it down and replacing it with a new one, but then I came up with an idea of planting a rambling rose into it. This tree is over 50 years old and still bears crops of wonderful and delicious fruit.

I was looking for a reliable and strong variety of rose which was going to create a wow effect in the early summer. It is important to see a rose in full bloom before deciding about the right plant, to see its shape and be aware of its mature size.



After months of research I found it! Adelaide d'Orleans. For me, the queen of rambling roses and it was the love at first sight! I absolutely loved its delicate flowers and the fact that it is a winner of the prestigious Award of Garden Merit of the Royal Horticulture Society made my decision even easier.

There are many rambling roses that can be grown up an apple tree, Snow Goose, Little Rambler or the very iconic Rambling Rector, just to name few. Well known rose growers have a wide selection of roses and you can shop by type or colour, to find the right plant.

You need to start researching now, as roses can be planted in late autumn when using bare rooted plants (which are cheaper) or all year round if they are container-grown. Bare rooted plants should be planted as soon as they arrive. I always recommend buying them from well known companies offering the high-

est quality plants. A cup symbol means that your plant will be reliable and disease resistant. Your rose will last for years and it really makes sense to go for the best.

To give your roses a good start in life, add at least one bucket of well-rotted manure and mix it with the soil in the area where the rose will be planted. It's important to water new planted roses for two summers, especially in the dry spells.

A rose growing up an apple tree will look fantastic and it'll reward you with flowers after the apple blossoms in spring fade away.

I can definitely say that the Adelaide d' Orleans is the highlight of the

summer season in our garden. It's like making an apple tree flower twice and giving it a second chance to shine.

Some time ago I found a post card describing all the simple things that can make you happy. Things like watching clouds, having an adventure, gathering your friends together, lying down in the long grass and few more. If I could add another thing to that list, it would definitely be to plant a rose up an apple tree. Happy planting!

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