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From the Editor

Many thanks to Lane End artist Jan Gaska for the cover image of this issue. It's a classic image of Lane End. Jan can often be seen around the village creating his 'plein air' paintings. You'll be able to view them at his Open Studio event from 9-24 June at Kew Cottage, Finings Road, Lane End (opposite Lammas Way).

Summer in the Chilterns is heavenly. The valleys are lush and green, wild flowers spike the fields and road verges with bright colour and if we're lucky there'll be a few sunny days for picnics and days by the river.

The summer is also always packed with fetes and festivals to keep us busy. Coming up is Lane End fete on 9 June. when the village comes together for traditional games and displays, great food—it's a hog roast this year, dog show, pony rides, flower festival in the church and much liquid refreshment of the alcoholic or tea flavoured variety.

My daft dog Davy will be defending his coveted title of... ahem... third best ears in Lane End. Do come along and cheer him on!

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Parish Council meetings—all welcome

Monday 4 June—Sycamore Room,
Lane End Village Hall

Monday 2 July – Cadmore End Vil-
lage Hall

Monday 13 August—Lane End
Sports Association

The big litter pick

The Parish Council is organising a community litter pick on Saturday 7 July at 10am until 12 noon. We are meeting at Lane End Playing Fields. Please come along – everyone is welcome.

There will be refreshments provided after. Love where you live!

Planning Applications

The Planning Applications relevant to the Lane End Parish Council are updated on the Parish Councils web-site 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.

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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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 to 5pm.

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Remembering Ross Osborn

By Katy Dunn 

My good friend Ross Osborn died in March. I'm missing him and I'll certainly not be the only one. He brightened people's days with his lively banter and wry comments. He was also very kind and extremely generous with his time and expertise.

Ross would hate to be remembered as a do-gooder—it wouldn't fit with his image of himself as an irascible maverick. Yet he did so much good behind the scenes for our community.

He was the type of person that if he saw something in the community that needed fixing, he'd use his unique combination of well-researched argument, charm and persistence to ensure things got done.

Take Moorend Common, for instance, which is how I met him. He recognised that this valuable Site of Scientific Interest was no longer being maintained as it should be. He alerted Natural England and wrote papers, filled out forms and badgered the right people until they agreed to fund its restoration.



He was passionate about the Chilterns landscape and was an invaluable volunteer to the Chilterns Conservation Board, helping drive their Commons and Hillforts projects.

To the parish council, he was likewise a great support, but was never afraid to challenge. In fact I suspect he relished the debate.

About his earlier life, I know little. He was from an army family and shipped off to boarding school at age four.

He blossomed at university and then enjoyed (as his wife Jane would tell you) a successful 'portfolio career' as an architect, advertising copywriter and something in the National Trust.

He loved sailing and hated children. Or so he said, although he was always very good with them. He made beautifully crafted wooden boat cribs for all his great nephews and nieces. My son called him Father Christmas once—he nearly had a fit!

Ross is survived by his wife Jane. We'll all miss the twinkle in his eye and his great, shoulder-shaking chuckle.

The lowdown

Adult learning

Report by Melanie Olu Abiola

I work for Bucks Adult Learning and we put on lots of different courses ranging from French and Italian to patchwork quilting, to stained glass, upholstery, painting, mindfulness, digital photography—the lot really!

I've recently set up a new yoga class for beginners and improvers in Lane End. It's £84 for a 10 week course. It's due to start on 18 May, but people can enrol after the start date and pay pro rata. The yoga class is on Fridays at the Lane End Youth and Community Centre at 5.30-7pm.

You can book on this course or any of the others at the website:

adultlearningbcc.ac.uk

Or call 01296 382403.

I would also be interested to put on more courses at Lane End Youth and Community Centre. If the yoga course goes well, perhaps another yoga class, or possibly some art classes.

If there is anything that Lane End residents are desperate to learn, I would gladly look into putting on a course for them. Please email me with your suggestions on:

moluabiola@buckscc.gov.uk

Footpaths report

Report by Teresa Hehir

Thankfully the mud finally seems to be drying up – I've not known it as bad as it has been this winter! The days of warm weather seem to have shocked spring into finally waking up.

As I write, all the spring flowers are showing well, including the bluebells – I hope you made sure to visit our great collection of bluebell woods in the area as they looked great this year.

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 playing fields 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.

The photo shows the Simply Walk group on a recent walk through Denham Woods enjoying the bluebells.



Lane End WI

Report by Ann Carter

At The Buckinghamshire WI Annual Council Meeting in April, Margaret Scott - one of Lane End WI's Founder Members – received a certificate from the Federation Chairman, Jenny Street. It was to celebrate our 50th anniversary, and we will continue our celebrations in May with prosecco and nibbles at our May meeting followed by an outing in August to Waterperry Gardens including high tea.



On 25 June Teresa Hehir will show us more of her amazing wildlife photographs and on July 30th Mike Payne's talk is 'Nostalgia and why we love it'.

Do come along and join us. We are a very friendly group and always make any visitors or new members very welcome. We meet in the Sycamore Room at Lane End Village Hall at 8pm on the last Monday of the month (unless it is a Bank Holiday).

Please contact Ann Carter 881987 or Ann Spalton 483314 for any information.

Lane End Players

Report by Georgie Brooks

In a change from our usual summer show of songs and sketches, the Lane End Players are presenting A Midsummer Murder evening on [Saturday 23rd June](#) at 7.30pm. The cost will be £15 per person (no concessions) but will include a delicious two-course supper, catered by Crafty Pies (winner of the British St Foods Award 2017). Please advise us of any dietary requirements. There will be a cash bar.

The Box Office is already open online at laneendplayers.com and you can buy by ringing 01494 880662. Those booking early will be allocated the best seats!

Come along and play detective and guess 'Who-dunnit'!

In other news—most of you will know



by now that LEP has more NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) winners this year.

Tom Everitt won the award for our

District for Best Male in a Play (for 'Going Green') and is therefore nominated for the award for the whole of the London Region.

Eve Berry won the award for our District for Best Cameo Play in a Play (for 'It runs in the Family') and is likewise nominated for the London Region finals.

We done to them and we can give ourselves a collective pat on the back as LEP as a group has been nominated to go forward in the 'Inspirational Contribution to the Pursuit of Excellence' category!

Our NODA Rep, Judith Watson says that the standard was high again in District 11A this year, and it has been tough to select the winners. She sends congratulations to the winners and nominees.

Lane End Conservation Group

Report by Margaret Adnitt and Pauline Cavell-Northam

Although we have had a wet and cold early spring, the Conservation Group were able to manage a couple of Action Days on the first Saturday of the month and found that they were really needed as large branches had come down over footpaths.

Due to all the rain, the footpaths have been very muddy but thankful-

ly, because of recent fine weather, are beginning to dry out.

We were able to cut down the fallen branches and those that overhung the footpaths, but without the facility of a chain-saw this has been difficult. Is there anybody in the Village who is a qualified chainsaw user who would be willing to assist us on the occasional time when a large branch needs attention? We would be most grateful. Do contact us on 882609 (Margaret) or 881552 (Pauline) or margaret.adnitt@gmail.com.

The March Action Day was 'snowed off' and the first Saturday in April was our special Village Litter Pick. This is now a Countrywide event following on from the 'Clean for the Queen' for her 90th Birthday and now known as the 'Great British Spring Clean'. →

A few members turned up and we



would like to welcome more. These Action Days are a pleasant way of getting to know other people as well as getting to know Lane End. Of course, if we all used the Litter Bins or took our rubbish home what a beautiful clean village it would be!

The Tree Planting Project at Four Fields (to reinforce the existing tree screen by the Motorway) is still underway and planting will hopefully happen in the autumn.

We hope to have a presence at the Village Fete and would be delighted to talk to anyone who would like to hear more about what we plan to do.

We are very grateful to the few who help at our Action Days and would welcome any more people to join us. We meet at the bottom of the Surgery Car Park at 10am on the first Saturday of each month.

**Help keep our village tidy and
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Lane End Conservation Group



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The best way to improve communication is to start some.

Our Legion branch is three years away from its 100th anni-

versary of formation (27 June 1921) and over that period it has steadfastly raised monies for the Poppy Appeal. Not just in the form of the sale of Poppies leading up to Remembrance Day, but also with local social events such as BBQs, lunches, Christmas events and trips, with all profits being returned to the Poppy Appeal Benevolent Fund to support our veterans and their families when in need.

Over the past five years our Poppy Appeal contribution is as follows;

2013 raised £3784.63

2014 raised £4346.43

2015 raised £4041.45

2016 raised £4407.86

2017 raised £4285.92

That's an impressive £20,866.29 from a small rural branch, backed by the support you give locally.

You may not know this, and how would you find out? That's easy—The Lane End Branch of the Royal British Legion has launched a Facebook page, where this information and other Legion based facts and events are published on a regular basis. This gives us the ability to instantly share our news to as wider audience as possible, raising our profile within the community.

It's beginning to pay dividends with many more people becoming aware of us as a Branch and the public response is very positive. So please take a look at the page and share it far and wide amongst your friends and colleagues.

Our website is also undergoing a redesign and will be relaunched very soon so please keep an eye out.

We'd really like to increase our membership for the branch too - it costs £20.50 per year to be a member of the Royal British Legion, that's just over 39 pence a week! You can join in a number of ways, by calling the Royal British Legion Membership team on 0800 307 7773 and quote Lane End Branch or visit britishlegion.org.uk and join online, or if you prefer contact our Secretary on 01494 881822 for a membership form. It's worth mentioning that you don't need to have served in the armed forces to become a member of the Royal British Legion.

Let's clean up our village

Report by Jan Nangreave

Recently the problem of dog poo in the village seems to be on the increase. It can be found on pavements, verges and play areas. This is unacceptable for a number of reasons and I am sure that all responsible dog owners, and everybody who does not own a dog will be unhappy with the current situation. It is estimated that 40% of dog owners still do not pick up after their dog.

Aside from the fact that you do not want to step in it and then embark on that strange dance we all do when we have something nasty on the bottom of our shoe. You know, the one where you shuffle your foot back and forth in the grass, scrape the edge of it along the curb and keep glancing over your shoulder to check it is all off, whilst wrinkling your nose at the unpleasant odour that has appeared all around you. Yet there are many more reasons for not coming into contact with doggie poo.

If your dog sniffs it whilst on his walk, then later he licks your face, there is a possibil-

ity that the bacteria from the doggy poo could cause intestinal illness, cramps or diarrhoea. If you step in it yourself then walk into your house or get into your car, the chances are that your 'little dance' has not removed it all from your shoe, so you could be transferring it into your home environment.

We all know that young children like to crawl around or lie on the floor,



and they could then come into contact with bacteria.

Astonishingly only 60% of us bother to worm our dog. Not worming means that dog poo contains Roundworm larvae which can cause blindness and disease to the major organs of the human body. Dog poo is an environmental pollutant – 30gms of dog poo contains over 23 million micro organisms of bacteria. If not bagged and binned properly it can contaminate water supplies.

Lane End has many bins all over the village. If you are not close to a proper dog bin, dispose of your bag in a normal litter bin. They are regularly emptied so this is not a problem, but please do not just leave it on the ground to spread infection and disease.

THINK: would you want your children or grandchildren, stepping in it, falling over into it, playing in it, or worst case scenario trying to eat it!

BAG IT: you can buy 200 bags for £1.50 at Pets at Home.

BIN IT: do not hang your bag on a branch or tree because you are too lazy to carry it to a bin. In the rain or wind it will probably end up back on the ground again. Use a dog bin if available, or a litter bin if not, or double bag it and take it home. There are also nifty little zip-up neoprene bags you can buy that you can store spare bags in and transport full bags

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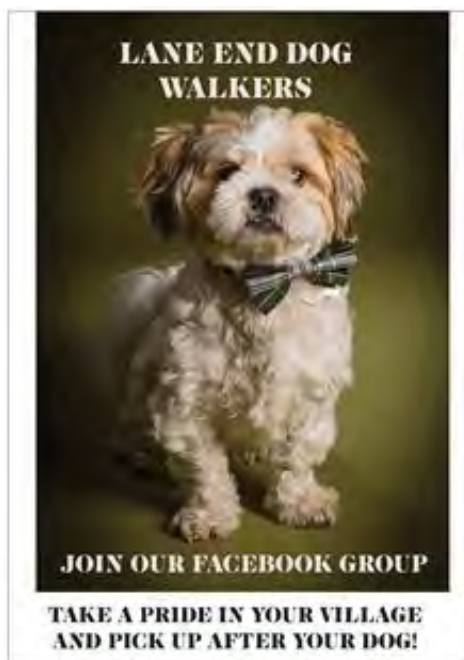
PLEASE: take a pride in your village, think of your neighbours and fellow villagers and let's work together to clean up our village!

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP – LANE END DOG WALKERS

and help to spread the word!

Everybody is welcome, dog owners or not. You can also use the group to post a picture of a lost pet, share favourite walks or problem areas where it is not good to walk. Post a picture of your pet, dogs, cats, rabbits, horses – we love all animals.

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Lane End Horticultural Society

Report by Daniel Lacey

This year the Lane End and District Horticultural show will be held on Saturday 11 August at Lane End village hall. There is a wide range of competitions— flower arranging, best display of vegetables and many many more.

The classes are open to everyone, and the society would like to invite everyone, however green fingered, young or old, to enter!

Show schedules and entry forms will be available from any of the shops around the village from the middle of July as well as on the society website www.ledhs.co.uk.

Exhibitors will be able to submit entry forms at Lane End Village Hall from 7-9pm on Thursday 9 August.

Hambleton Valley Gardening Club

Report by Janet Collins

Our winter season of speakers has come to a close and we look forward to an interesting and varied mix of garden visits through the summer. Look at the Events page to see what's on.

Our last two speakers provided us with some fascinating presentations. In January, Gabriel Hemery spoke with such enthusiasm and knowledge about all things trees. He is chief executive of the Silva Trust whose aim it is to help Britain's trees and woodlands thrive and show how they are relevant to modern society.

Our final speaker in March was Marina Hamilton Baillie, Regional Coordinator for the National Garden Scheme in Oxfordshire who gave us a talk on the history of the NGS. In the late 1800s, Lord Rathbone employed a nurse to look after his wife at their home. When she died he continued to employ the nurse to care for the poor who had no access to this type of care.

This was the start of the District Nursing service which was funded initially by wealthy land owners. In the early 1900s the NGS was formed on the suggestion that money could continue to be raised for the nursing service by asking people to open up their gardens and make a small charge. When the NHS was founded in 1948, it took over the district nursing service. This meant NGS was able to donate to other charities. In 2017, their 90th anniversary year, they raised their largest donations to date—£3million for good causes.

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Our appointment slots are shared to best accommodate the needs of our patients pertaining to routine, follow-up and urgent appointments.

We have carefully considered the needs of patients and found our current offer suits the majority of them and enables us to manage patient demand as effectively as possible.

Marlow Reception staff book appointments at Lane End either on-the-day or up to two weeks in advance. All staff will do their best to accommodate patients as far as possible whether, for example, their needs are to attend the surgery around full-time working hours or arranging transport.

Any patient with an urgent medical need will be seen the same day either in Lane End or in our Rapid Access Clinic in Marlow.

For those patients who have access to the internet, our online service is

popular as it provides 30 different types of facilities, making contact with the surgery easier.

Some appointments can be booked online if you sign up for our online services. This

can be done in the surgery or on the website. There are several online facilities that you can access without having to register for the online service, for example you can 'Ask a Doctor a Question' by submitting your message online.

The website is marlowdoctors.com. All messages are read and responded to by a GP and they can instruct reception to contact you to arrange an appointment if necessary.

Following feedback from patients registered at Lane End that they had found their calls stuck on hold or even cut off after wishing to wait on the line, combined with other contributing factors, we made the decision to make use of the resources we have available at our main site. This would also serve to address other concerns also raised by patients registered at Lane End that they do not have access to the same facilities and services offered at Marlow.

We invested in a sophisticated phone system at Marlow which allows us to better manage the volume of calls we receive. Patients registered at Lane End can now also benefit from the larger team of reception-

ists we employ whilst staff at Lane End can complete the administrative tasks which take place on site.

We have exciting new changes to our complement of clinical staff. Our highly experienced Practice Paramedics undertake home visits for those patients who are housebound. As they work under the supervision of our doctors, each patient contact is discussed with the duty doctor who prescribes treatment appropriately.

Our Practice Nurses and Health Care Assistants fulfil an important role within the practice by seeing patients for routine procedures under the direction of our doctors and conducting annual reviews as part of the

Care and Support Planning Programme. Our Pharmacy Dispensers play an integral part in patient care by processing all prescription requests and dispensing medication to patients at the Lane End surgery and Hambleton.

A new way of caring for patients with long-term conditions has been introduced across Buckinghamshire called Care and Support Planning. The old review systems have now ended and instead, if you have one or more long-term conditions, you will be recalled for a review of all your chronic conditions in one clinic according to your birthday month.

The Marlow Medical Group Facebook page has all up-to-date information.

Open Farm Sunday Event

Celebrate food and farming in the Chiltern Hills
Visit a farm near you to see how your food is produced!

Where: Kensham Farm, Cadmore End, HP14 3PR

When: 2pm till 5pm on Sunday 10th June

Activities

Tractor and trailer rides, display of new and vintage farm machinery, combine harvester, self propelled sprayer, grain dryer and store will all be on show.

Cadmore End School PTA are providing refreshments for donations to the school funds, enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake.

Parking suggested donation of £2 per car to be given to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI).

Laceys' Family Farm will also be at the event with some of their calves and a selection of ice creams.

We will move under cover if it rains so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather!

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Lane End Scouts

Report by Ian Harris



1st Lane End Scout Group
Registered Charity No 308008

Have you ever watched a reality television program and thought, 'They are rubbish, I could do better than that'?



I refer specifically to UK Chief Scout, Bear Gryll's television series 'The Island', where a group of people are cast away for a period of time and left to survive by making fire, building shelters, purifying drinking water and foraging for their food. Some staying the course and flourishing, others throwing the towel in and leaving

alarmingly early on, more often than not, in tears.

As a Scout Leader it can be infuriating to watch from the sofa as shelters topple, fires go out, routines are abandoned and chaos descends in the camp. I and others in our Group have certainly said 'We can do better than that' and now we rather nervously have our chance.

The Royal British Legion have organised a castaway event, where people like us can spend five nights on a remote island undertaking exactly the same kind of challenges the program sets them. Four Leaders from our group have committed to attending the event and in September we will leave by boat, from an undisclosed location and be 'cast away'!

We see it as an opportunity to challenge ourselves, an opportunity to bring back some transferable skills and experiences for our young people within our Group and perhaps most important of all, an opportunity to raise funds via sponsorship for the brilliant work the Royal British Legion perform with veterans and their families in the UK.

We have committed to raising a minimum of £2,200 for the Legion and if

you'd like to maroon me on a remote island (form an orderly queue please) then we have a team-giving web page where you can select a team member to donate whatever you can afford to give, or if you prefer contact me directly and we can facilitate your donation in whatever way is most convenient for you.

www.justgiving.com/teams/LaneEndScouts

Speaking of challenges, every four years the World Wide Scout movement gather for a Jamboree – A meeting of Scouts from every corner of the world. The term Jamboree is derived from the Swahili word for hello 'Jambo' and next year (July 2019) the Jamboree, the 24th such event, will host over 40,000 young people in West Virginia, USA.



Attendance is a hotly contested process of interviews, team challenges, individual performance and spaces are allocated by competitive selec-

tion. Bucks Scouts will send a contingent of 80 young people and Lane End Scout Group are extremely proud to announce that two of our young people have been successful and have been selected to attend.

This is a fantastic achievement by both the young people selected and the enormity of what they have personally achieved must not be underestimated. They are now embarking on a series of fund raising challenges to raise the £3,500 they each need to attend and if you are a Facebook user why not join the Lane End Scout Group Public page and see how they are getting on?

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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Group Scout Leader
1st Lane End Scouts (est 1909)

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Tel 880617



Frieth Cricket Club's season is now well underway, and we hope that we'll be able to boast eight completed league fixtures between the 1st and 2nd teams, in addition to a couple of Sunday fixtures that cater for the more social player. The health of the playing side of the Club is strong, and it looks like we have over 20 players committed to playing regularly, with a group of social players who will be able to fill any gaps at points during the seasons.

The fact that we've been able to play any cricket during May is miraculous, and a huge amount of thanks go to our groundsman, Dennis, who's been repairing the clubhouse roof and fixing leaking pipes, as well as cutting the grass and rolling the square after an incredibly wet March and April.

On a dry weekend in April, we held a working party at the Club, and with many more hands than Dennis usually has, we did get a lot of the time-consuming work completed in record time. The covers were put back to-

gether, sightscreens erected and the extra rolling that is needed at the start of each season was done, and this has meant that Dennis has been able to use his time more ef-

fectively than he'd have planned, to prepare the square and ground for the recent cricket.

It should be noted that Dennis is 70 years old, and he's in the process of easing back on the amount of time that he's working on the ground. If you, or someone you know who enjoys being outside, likes getting involved in

'handyman' style projects, we'd love to hear from you, as we need to be ready to cover the work that Dennis can't get done. We can pay for someone to go on groundsman courses, and there



is of course Dennis' encyclopaedic knowledge that can be absorbed in any overlap period that we can achieve. If you'd like more information, please give me a call on 07879 855353.

As you know, we're raising funds to build a new pavilion. There are lots of ways for people to contribute to the New Pavilion Fund, however we feel that one of the best methods is to provide a varied and engaging programme of social events. Some

of these, such as the Presidents Game (8 July) and Frieth Cup (5 August), are based around cricket, however we recognise that this isn't everyone's cup of tea, therefore we're pleased to invite you, your family and wider social group to other types of event. These include the Village Sports Day, on 10 June, the End of Season Dinner, at the Yew Tree in Frieth, on 27 September and our ever-popular Race Night, on 24 November.

It is important for us to be able to contribute to the local community, and we're pleased to be running our Junior Section again this Summer. Furthermore, we're proud to be in a

position to fund two cricket coaching sessions in Frieth CE School. It is our hope that these sessions will help to raise awareness of the Junior Section coaching, which starts on 3 June, and runs for 8 weeks. That being said, any child between the ages of 5 and 12 is more than welcome to attend these sessions. It will cost £5 per session, or £25 for all eight, and all comers are welcome.

Contact us on 07879 855353, or friethcricket@btinternet.com to find out about forthcoming events, the Junior Section or playing. We look forward to welcoming you, and thank you in advance for your support.



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Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Report by Emma Savory

We can offer a very modern, versatile building to suit your needs, whether it's to run an exercise class, art workshop, coffee/book club or to hire us for a celebration. **Discounts offered to Lane End residents for weekend party hire. **

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings are now available for a regular hirer, maybe you run a fitness class or singing club and need a venue, come and see what we can offer.

Email
leycc@hotmail.co.uk or
telephone 01494
883878 for more details.

We currently have vacancies on our committee and would love to hear from anyone who would like to be a little involved in their community **without** having to commit to hours each week/month. If you would like to be part of the very small team that organise events a couple of times a year or even help with weekly sessions, such as coffee, lunch or computer club (your help can be as little or big as you chose) then please

give Emma a ring on 01494 883878.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

YOUTH CLUB CHANGE OF DAY/

HOURS Since April the Junior Youth Club has been moved from Tuesday evenings to WEDNESDAY teatime, the session runs 3.30 – 5.30pm for Primary School children age 8-11yrs old.

Kings and Queens of pop disco night for the over 50s

Organised by DJ Bruce on SATURDAY 23 JUNE from 7.30pm disco, raffle and party games! Bring your own drinks and nibbles £7 per person. Tickets available from the Community Centre.

Summer holiday Play-scheme

Week one—Monday 6 – Wednesday 8 August 2018

Week two – Monday 13 August – Wednesday 15 August 2018

10am – 3pm for children 6yrs plus, £12 per day (siblings £10) Places are going fast, so book yours in now!



80's fancy dress Karaoke night

Saturday 11 August 2018 kicks off at 7.30pm. Get your fluorescent tutus, shell suits, hair crimpers, and leg warmers ready for our 1980s themed karaoke night! Tickets cost £10 each which includes a light buffet. Bring your own drinks and some money for a raffle. Tickets available from the Centre office and the Gateway Barber Shop in the village.

Don't forget to add 'Lane End Youth & Community Centre' on Facebook.



Lane End Youth & Community Centre,
Edmonds Road, Lane End, HP14 3EJ
Tel: 01494 883878 / 07932 326046
Email: leycc@hotmail.co.uk
Charity Number: 1101360

Mondays:	10.30am–12pm	'Drop In' Coffee morning, all welcome
	2.00pm–3.00pm	Gentle Exercise for the over 50's
	6.00pm–8.00pm	Pilates with Lauren Fois
Tuesdays:	10am–11am	New Zumba class
Wednesdays	Daytime AND evening available for hire	
	3.30–5.30pm	Junior Youth Club
Thursdays:	11.30am–2.00pm	Computers @ the Centre – FREE to everyone
	12.00pm–1.30pm	The Drop-in Lunch
	2.00pm–4pm	1 st Thurs of the month – LEOPAG
	7.30pm–10.00pm	Soundforce Big Band Rehearsal
Fridays:	9.30am–10.30am	Circuit Training
Saturdays	9am–12pm	Bells and Whistles dog training
WEEKENDS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE		

Finally, the weather has turned warmer and drier and the birds can get on with the frantic task of raising their young. It has been a miserable Spring for them and many of our summer visitors delayed their return to Britain because of the cold, wet weather. I saw my first swallow only in late April, when my earliest Buckinghamshire sighting was 17 March one year.

Nevertheless, the instinct to find a mate and produce young is hard to suppress: our garden blackbird started singing for a mate in February, but the poor chap was unrequited until April as the females remained further south until the weather became more conducive to nest-making.

The robins have been noisy too: they are one of the few birds to carry on singing through the short winter days. This is probably because they are seasonal nomads too and need to advertise their presence to each other as they move south: the cheeky chap in your garden in December may not be 'your' robin at all, but a visitor from 'oop North'.

Now, the migrants are back and we can briefly enjoy the scream of the swifts and the chittering of the swallows and house martins while they busy themselves above us. As we convert to smooth, shiny UPVC soffits and bargeboards, they find it increasingly hard to put up nests and similarly, the once familiar house sparrow has been in dramatic decline, in part through the lack of holes in house eaves for them in which to nest; you can buy artificial ones to attach to your eaves to help them all along.

Over the next three months, the birds are raising their young and often starting new clutches of eggs as soon as the young can fly and feed themselves. Enjoy watching them in the summer warmth.



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

Moth night 14-16 June by Katy Dunn

Overlooked and undervalued, moths are the Cinderella of lepidoptera. Seldom seen during the day, when twilight falls, these colourful, intricately patterned insects are ready for the ball.

If your only experience of moths is flapping around the bathroom light, or nibbling your clothes, it's understandable you might not be their number one fan. I'd never given them much thought until I went to a moth-trapping event with a National Trust ranger. It was a revelation.

On this particular morning, in a woodland clearing with the dew just starting to lift from the grass, our random group of the vaguely interested were suddenly poised in anticipation like children around a Christmas pre-

sent. Owen the ranger was about to lift the lid on the moth trap.

He'd explained that the moths were attracted overnight to the UV-rich light bulb, then were funnelled into the box unharmed. And there they were, nestled peacefully in the egg cartons lining the moth trap.

They looked like they were asleep (Owen assured us they were alive, just docile in the daylight). It was the beauty of the colours and patterns which struck me first. There was a lime hawk moth with army-camouflage wings and a beautiful elephant hawk moth clothed in bright pink and mustard-brown (pictured left). My absolute favourite was the ermine moth with its luxurious snowy fur ruff like a royal cloak.



Like butterflies, moths are great plant pollinators and a vital link in the food chain.

Moth Night is 14-16 June this year. It's an annual celebration of moths and a great opportunity to attend moth-trapping events. Head to: nationaltrust.org.uk/marvellous-moths-south-east to find out more.

Your day by day
guide to local
meetings, clubs
and events



What's On?

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

Mondays

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

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

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

Bridge Club—7.30pm Lane End Village Hall

Monday events

Parish Council meetings:

4 June @ Lane End Village Hall

2 July @ Cadmore End Village Hall

13 August @ 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

New Zumba class—10-11am LEYCC

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

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

6 March—7.30pm Hambleden Valley Gardening Club talk Tel 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

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

Junior youth club (7-11 yr olds)—LEYCC, 3.30-5.30pm. Call Rebecca Acres on 07714 866837

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday Events

14 June—Garden party at Lords Wood, Marlow to celebrate Hambleden Valley Gardening Club's 10th anniversary. Tel 638691

14 June—Cup Cake day for Alzheimer's Society at Gracewell Tel 412252

21 June—Fiona Harrison, soprano singer performing Day at the races 2pm at Gracewell Tel 412252

5 July—Flower arranging at Gracewell Tel 412252

26 July—Hambleden Valley Gardening Club visit to Cedar House, Tel 638691

9 August—Book lovers day at Gracewell Tel 412252

Fridays

Regulars

Circuits—9.30-10.30am LEYCC

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

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.
emma_newberry@hotmail.co.uk

Bingo—Lane End Playing Fields clubhouse every fortnight starting 2 Dec. Call Michelle Duffield on 07886 886967

Saturday Events

9 June—Lane End fete at the village hall and church green

23 June—Lane End Players' Midsummer Murder evening, 7.30pm, Lane End village hall. Tel 880662 / laneendplayers.com

23 June—Kings and Queen of pop disco for over 50s at LEYCC. 7.30pm, £7 per person. BYO drinks and nibbles.
leycc@hotmail.co.uk / 883878

30 June—Armed Forces day Anna Nightingale, vintage singer performing 2.30pm at Gracewell Tel 412252

7 July—Great British Litter Pick—meet Lane End Playing Fields at 10am. Refreshments provided afterwards.

21 July—Nick Storter (singer) performing at Gracewell Tel 412252 →

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

→ Saturday Events continued

11 August—Lane End Horticultural show at Lane End village hall. ledhs.co.uk

11 August—80s fancy dress karaoke night at LEYCC. 7.30pm. £10 per ticket.
leycc@hotmail.co.uk / 883878

1 September—Summer fete at Gracewell Tel 412252

Sunday Events

10 June—Open Farm Sunday at Kensham Farm 2-5pm

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Success for M40 barriers group

Report by Ken Edwards

After 12 years of arguing the case, we can see – and some can already hear – the impact of doubling height of the noise barrier between Bullocks Farm Lane and Pusey Way.

This is a substantial reward for the persistence of the committee of M40 Chilterns Environmental Group (M40CEG), working on behalf of 13 communities along the road between Loudwater and Wheatley (Oxfordshire).

Our local committee members, President Lord Parmoor, Treasurer Wendy Kingon, Mike Diggins, Peter Jennings, Peter Grosse, and Cllr Nigel King and our local sponsors, Lane End Parish Council (LEPC) and Wycombe District Council (WDC) deserve great credit for their support over so many years. Without the tenacity of the committee and the faith of our sponsors, we couldn't have done it.

The barrier at Lane End is one of eight being installed between Loudwater and Stokenchurch which in total should improve quality of life for several thousand people. They are among the first of some 125 barriers which will be constructed on the 2,000 mile motorway network.

The project has cost 20% of the annual budget of Highways England for environmental improvement. The remaining 1,100 Noise Important Areas (NIAs) currently listed for action will be treated progressively with installation of Quiet Surface – that has happened already on a stretch of the M40 in S Oxon.

Unlike the previous 2m high wooden barriers, the new 4m barriers use recycled material, designed to absorb noise rather than reflect it across the carriageway. The steel posts are buried 2.2m deep in order to withstand cross winds, and positioned using GPS so that standard width panels fit exactly between them.

The moss green colour was chosen for minimum intrusion and the posts powder coated to achieve the closest possible colour match. The photo (overleaf), taken from Bullocks Farm Lane overbridge, shows the barrier under construction in mid-April.

The old noise barrier has gone, so noise hitting the village then was greater than ever. Posts are visible below Nursery Drive and Handleton Common, while installed panels can be seen in the distance extending

approx. from Denham Rd to Park Close. The picture shows an HGV on the road, hidden from the village by the barrier. The barrier is now of course substantially complete, so the photo is a historic record.

How were these eight locations picked for new barriers?

Basically, it all comes down to population size, density and proximity to the road. Highways England has listed 1,100 locations for action across the country, of which about 1 in 10 will qualify for barriers.

To qualify, the cost of an effective barrier must equate to the benefit in terms of quality of life and improved

health over a 30 year period. To give some idea of the calculations for places in Lane End Parish, we can compare say Wheeler End and Lane End. A metre of barrier installed costs about £800 – £1,000. Wheeler End scored £282 of value per unit length, Cadmore End scored £357, Bolter End scored £603, while Lane End scored £1,512.

What next?

The worn road surface will someday need to be replaced, at which point quiet surface will be installed. We must ensure that, when it is, all lanes within Lane End Parish are treated. That way we will all benefit.



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Milk Men

with Will Lacey 



There's a real danger to cows if you don't pick up after your dog

I often talk about the weather in this column, and that's because it plays such a big part in our daily life, and even the profitability of the farm.

Last winter was long. The weather in March and April was cold and wet, which delayed us in putting the cows out to graze. This has big implications for the farm over a long time period.

Having the cows inside requires a lot of labour and resources. We were very lucky that we had plenty of feed in store from last summer to cover the extended period that we had to keep the cows in. Many farmers around the country were not so lucky and have had to go out and buy in feed from a market place with very little on offer, so prices were high. The milk they are selling is a set price, so farmers have to absorb the extra cost of the bad weather.

Since the weather began to improve

we've managed to catch up a bit. The cows and calves are all out to graze the fields now. We have cows out in up to 20 different fields at once, and keeping checks on them is a big part of our summer work. It's great to see cows, and sheep, horses etc out grazing in the countryside, and helps to manage our lovely landscape.

It does come with a risk though. Over the last few years the number of 'incidents' where dogs have got in a field with sheep has risen dramatically, and this area in particular has seen some horrible attacks. Our cows are a bit bigger and not so scared by dogs, but I do need to tell you about your dog poo!

It's not a particularly exciting topic, but it is very important. Our farm is criss-crossed with footpaths, and it's great to see them used by so many people and dogs throughout the year, and I want to help make sure

the dogs that are walking the footpaths, as well as our cows stay fit and healthy.

Neospora is a infectious parasite that is found in dogs and cattle throughout the world. It was featured on BBC Countryfile last year as they highlighted the risks and responsibilities to dog owners.

'Dog faeces left in farmer's fields aren't just unpleasant - the diseases they carry can also pose a serious risk to livestock and other dogs,' said Laura Higham, veterinary surgeon at [FAI farms](#). 'Neosporosis is an infectious disease of cattle caused by a parasite transmitted in dog faeces, and is the most commonly diagnosed cause of abortion in cattle in the UK.' Dogs can also be affected,

with puppies and old dogs most susceptible.

With up to 75% of our herd of cows pregnant at any one time, the risks neospora poses is very high, but with a few simple steps, we can help reduce these risks and make the countryside safer for all animals. This steps are:

- Always keep your dogs on a leads when walking in areas when there is likely to be animals
- Always collect and remove your dogs' faeces during walks
- Regularly worm your dog with a suitable treatment as recommended by your vet.





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Changing the 'O' ring is the obvious answer and sometimes this is really easy – take out the spout, roll the 'O' ring off and pop a new one on. Job done. Not all spouts are removable, however, and this complicates matters and generally means a new tap. Other taps have special sized 'O' rings that only the manufacturer can supply.

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Creating the perfect outdoor space

by interior designer Samantha Johnson

After spring's unexpected snow and freezing conditions, we can finally delight in the warm weather and start to enjoy our gardens. That first fabulous lunch in the garden with friends and family is always special.

Great outdoor furniture brings comfort and pleasure to your outdoor spaces. A simple table to eat with comfortable chairs brings a sensory rich dining destination and a cosy wicker sofa or hammock stocked with ample cushions becomes a second family space during the warm weather months.

With many of my clients, I have enjoyed creating that perfect outdoor space from city roof-top balconies to country lawns and simple courtyard areas. It has been wonderful to see them using their very own outdoor room – a space where they can eat

and drink in the open air, take a cat-nap in the sun, or simply enjoy their view – be it landscape or simple sculptures and water features!.

As it is the summer season and you too will be looking forward to enjoying your garden, here's my advice for creating an outdoor room.

MAKE A LIST

Begin by thinking about how you would like to use your patio or decking. Would you like it to serve as a dining area on a warm summer evening to host that next dinner party or a child's birthday party? Or is it a peaceful reading nook or a place to enjoy your morning coffee and listen to the birds?

Make a list of the many things you would like to do in the space and use it as a guide to determine what





type of furniture is necessary. If the primary function of your patio is to host casual evening cocktails or a cup of coffee with the Sunday paper then there is no need for a dining table. Opt instead for ample comfortable seating, several side tables, and a fire pit.

TAKE A SEAT

When browsing online it really is important to take a seat and test it out before you make that purchase! Comfortable patio furniture is just like the sofa in your living room or the chairs in your dining room, it will be used often. It may look good in the catalogue or the price may be right, but it is no good if it is uncomfortable. You will end up replacing it or never using it.

GO FOR EASY CARE & MAINTENANCE

Most metal, teak, cedar, and all-weather man made wicker pieces are unfazed by whatever nature throws their way and a simple jet wash and warm soapy water does

the trick or a lick of paint. However, wooden furniture does need to be looked after, cleaned and oiled regularly to keep it in tip top condition. If your space is often in the shade and your furniture is left out during the winter months it can take its toll. So it is something to consider when deciding what to buy. Most recent man-made rattan furniture is much more forgiving and will look wonderful for many years.

CONSIDER STORAGE

Add years to the life of your outdoor furniture by storing it in a protected location, such as a garage or basement during the winter months. Even the toughest furniture, such as teak chairs or a wrought-iron settee, will last longer if it is placed in storage when not in use.

If your storage space is limited, look for patio furniture that can easily fold away or be taken apart and stored as it really does help in the long term. Think about your cushions too, as these are best stored in a dry clean area.

BE COLOUR SMART

Nowadays we are not limited to the neutral or natural tones. Wicker and metal furniture available in colourful finishes are now everywhere. The odd piece in colour is great but for stylish longevity, reserve bold splashes of color for cushions and accent pieces.

INVEST IN QUALITY

The old adage 'you get what you pay for' is true for patio furniture. Plastic resin chairs or side tables look great on the shelf and will keep their good looks for a year or two out in the sun, but in time they will become brittle and lose their vibrant coloring. The same is true for some wood products and wicker pieces.

Shop with care . Sometimes it's worth spending that little bit more, or even waiting for the seasonal sales and offers. A few of my favourite products are produced by Kettal, Hay, Cane-Line, Skagerak, Petit Friture and Dedon.

COMFORT UNDER FOOT

Grounding your furniture by placing it on an all-weather rug looks fabulous. Textile advancements in recent years have brought many quick-drying outdoor rugs to the market. Soft underfoot and rich in texture, an outdoor rug will bring the comforts of indoors to the great outdoors!

DUAL PURPOSE PIECES

Sometimes it is worth considering having pieces that sit well in the home but can be moved to the outdoors during the summer months or simply just for entertaining. For example, an ottoman that doubles as extra seating for your next backyard bash, or a simple bench that will stand alone, or cozy up to an alfresco dining table.

WARMTH

When the sun goes down there are plenty of options to stay warm. A fire pit provides warmth as well as a central focal point and is just perfect for roasting marshmallows. Another simple way to add warmth is draping



bright colourful throws or sheepskins over the furniture. Not only does it look great, but it doubles as an insulating blanket when the weather turns cold and you still want to enjoy sitting outside.

LIGHTING

Lighting creates a more relaxed ambience. You can combine permanent lights in borders and around the patio area, but you can also add temporary lighting to create that special mood. A string of lights, a cluster of storm lanterns or tea lights and jam jar candles add intimate dots of illumination and, if you use citronella or lavender wax, they will keep the bugs away too!

I have also seen great table lamps with LED lights that can be used in the home, but can be taken outside too.

ACCESSORIES

To add the finishing touches to your outdoor space, think as you would if you were decorating your living room. Soften hard surfaces with throws and cushions, add form and interest with sculpture and planters, and introduce colour with dining accessories such as drinks buckets, serving bowls and glassware.

Keep everything relaxed, though, and don't spend too much. Despite our unpredictable climate, be British and enjoy entertaining outside!



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Village school impresses Ofsted across the board

Parents, teachers and children of Lane End Primary School battled the snowy conditions to keep the school open when OFSTED made a two-day visit at the end of February. Despite the weather, the school provided a warm welcome for inspectors who, once again, graded it 'Good' in every area.

Debbie Williams, headteacher of Lane End Primary School was praised by inspectors who said 'The headteacher's determined focus on developing teaching and learning has resulted in secure improvement throughout the school' and that she leads 'with an absolute belief that every pupil can succeed'.

Mrs Williams said 'We are delighted with the outcome of the inspection, we have a very dedicated and talented staff and I am particularly delighted that Ofsted

recognised our 'collaborative team spirit' and the 'extremely positive relationships' between our staff and pupils.

'It was gratifying that the inspectors seemed to quickly understand our strengths; recognising the value of our broad and balanced curriculum and, most im-

portantly, that the school is a 'happy and friendly place to be'.'

Children were recognised for their hard work, willingness to take risks in their learning and striving to do well.

Inspectors found 'A strong work ethic in the school. Pupils are confident to ask if they do not understand, as they know staff will help them.'

The glowing report went on to say: 'Leaders successfully embed the school's values and pupils know them well.' The values of



honesty consideration, endeavour, respect and courage are 'at the heart of the work of the school and help pupils contribute and thrive in this inclusive community. Pupils are proud of their school and have positive attitudes towards their learning' and 'Teachers make learning fun and relevant, which captures pupils' interests and engages them in their learning. Pupils flourish in an atmosphere of mutual respect and the safe and happy environment.'

'Leaders have given thoughtful consideration to the planning of the curriculum to ensure that pupils acquire skills, knowledge and understanding in a wide range of subjects. The curriculum is enhanced though the extra-curricular activities on offer such as archery, gym and fencing.'

The school also has a large Early Years provision which inspectors found to be 'a stimulating environment where children learn well and thrive. Children make good progress.'

During the inspection OFSTED

surveyed parents, children and staff. 100% of staff agreed that the school is well led and managed and that they are proud to be a member of Lane End Primary. This was matched by satisfied parents – everyone who responded said that they would recommend the school to others. One parent's view summed up the

views of many 'I can hand on heart say that this is a fantastic school that cares deeply for each child and the local community.'

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dren from 2 to 11 years old. If you are looking for a nursery or primary school place for your child please contact us to arrange a visit. Phone: 881169 or email office@laneendprimary.co.uk

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Ofsted pay a visit

The snow seems like a long time ago now but it certainly came with extra sprinkles for us! On the penultimate day of February we received a call from Ofsted announcing that our inspection would start the following morning. We were delighted that inspectors found our school to be 'GOOD' across the board and even more delighted with the glowing comments they had to make. You can read more about our report on the previous page

Science week

In March, we celebrated Science Week with a range of activities culminating with a Science Fair in the school hall. All the classes attended to show what they had been investigating that week.

From model boats in Diamond Class,

Opal and Sapphire went further to test different materials for water-proofness.

Emerald Class built some wonderful bridges as part of their work on Forces, whilst children from Amethyst Class enjoyed investigating the effects of static electricity. Ruby Class produced a fantastic display about the Solar System, which included a model telescope!

In Topaz Class, working periscopes were made as part of their Light topic. All the children had a great time sharing the work produced and enjoyed seeing science come alive in the classroom!

Sapphire Class Trip to Odds Farm

In April, Sapphire Class visited Odds Farm as part of their science work on animals and their offspring. We had a packed day, starting with feeding the animals in the animal barn and seeing baby goats born just that morning!

The children enjoyed meeting the rabbits at Bunny Time and feeding baby goats with milk. They also had the chance to meet some of the guinea pigs and goats which have been bred at the farm - Heidi the Golden Guernsey goat was a partic-

ular favourite! In the afternoon we enjoyed feeding the very hungry chickens and collecting their eggs. The children were fascinated to learn that each chicken lays around 300 eggs every year.

Bug Hotels

Amethyst class have been busy making bug hotels in their Science lesson. They then shared them with Coral class (nursery) and explained to them why they made good homes for bugs. Both classes really enjoyed this. Rose said, 'I enjoyed visiting nursery because they looked cute. We pretended to be ants and worms and saw which bug hotels we liked best.' Charlie said, 'I

showed them how we made our house with a balcony and feathers.'

New clubs

The sunshine brings new opportunities and we have a range of new clubs for the summer term including cricket, rounders and tennis for budding Wimbledon finalists.

New starters

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By Class 4

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It is an incredibly friendly school and from your very first day you feel like you are part of the family. We work hard to demonstrate to everyone in our school its six values which are: courage, empathy, respect, faith, honesty and love. The teachers are kind and respectful and make their lessons fun and interesting.

The parents run a PTA which helps to raise money for the school whilst providing us with lots of fun activities. Some of the events they have organised include: sponsored blue-bell walks, hot dog days, Christmas

& Summer fayres, coffee mornings and school discos.

Unlike other schools we are taught Forest School alongside the rest of the primary curriculum. Our woods are a fantastic space in which we are able to learn and play and are a unique feature of our school.

This is what Mrs Hazell (our Forest School teacher) would like to say about this amazing opportunity:



'We are very pleased to be able to provide all Key Stages including EYFS with a weekly Forest School session. Children have been active-

ly involved in helping to set up the site in the woods within the school grounds and have a big 'wish list' of activities that they are eager to experience. Forest school provides child led and leader planned activities that support the independence, self-esteem, confidence and resilience of every child. Typical activities the children have chosen include:

Shelter building
Team games
Fire lighting
Campfire cooking
Sapling planting
Whittling with a pen knife

All sessions are risk assessed and the children learn of the benefits of learning new skills as well as the risks and how to reduce them.'

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Even by Frieth standards, we had an amazingly busy end to the spring term.

Our cross country runners took part in the last meet of the season, running in relays around the field at Bulmershe College in biting winds and mud. A special mention needs to go to the members of Frieth and Holy Trinity school who helped each other to make up teams and gave their all to their new team mates!

Following on from our fantastic cross country event, our year 5 and 6 netball players took part in a friendly tournament held at Danesfield school. Their passing and skill on the court were thrilling to watch and they never gave up, even when faced with more experienced (and much taller) teams. They finished in third place having won two and lost two matches during their afternoon. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who coach and train our runners and netball players.

Over the final weekend before term finished, the PTA ran their Easter Egg hunt and, despite the overcast and muddy conditions, the turnout



was fantastic. Everyone came back from the trail with a healthy glow and there were hot drinks and amazing cakes to warm the walkers up on their return. The decorated Egg competition saw some truly amazing entries and a particularly impressive solar system! The final total raised is equally impressive, so thank you to everyone who supported the event, and especially to those who helped organise. A cracking success!

The last week of term heralded the finals of the Frieth School Spring Term Spelling Champions Competition. The pupils had all taken part in the classroom heats, learning their term's spellings and trying their best. The winners bravely took part in the finals in front of the school with the winners receiving some beautiful books as prizes. Well done to everyone for participating so well.

The new summer term has now begun and we are all looking forward to the visitors, events and competitions that make learning at Frieth so much fun!

10 reasons to come to the LANE END FETE

Saturday 9th June

1



West Wycombe Band

2



3

Bouncy Castle



Dog show

4



5



Beer tent

May pole dancing

6



Hog roast

7



8



Tractor rides

Birds of prey

9



And of course, the one and only...



Weeeeeeeeee!!!!

Zippy Dipper!

10



On the land

with Bryan Edgley 



Kensham Farm's new toy

At Kensham Farms we have a new toy. Charlie entered a competition promoted by one of the large fertiliser companies and won the first prize – a drone, with quite a good lens, worth around £500. It is in the shape of a white cross, enclosing the battery and four small electric motors, measuring 400mm from corner to corner, with a helicopter type blade on each corner.

There is a hand held control panel fitted with a battery that has sufficient power for 20 minutes flying time. Alex has become most proficient at controlling it for crop inspections, for which it has a range of 120 metres (400 ft) altitude and 300 metres from the controller. The photos show the Drone taking off in flight with Alex controlling it, and crop spraying in progress at Grove Farm.

We have kept detailed rainfall records for the past 26 years which showed the 113.5 mm (nearly 4.5



inches) of rain in March to have been the wettest March during all those years. Normally we hope to have completed spring seeding of barley or wheat crops by the second week in March, but this year we were not able to start cultivations for this spring drilling of barley until 6 April, and completed drilling spring wheat on 20 April.

Similarly, our usual treatments for cereal crops seeded in the autumn have been delayed by the wet soil

conditions. This delay has not been quite so serious since those crops, mainly the winter wheat which we grow on around 80% of our fields, are growing well - but they do need spray treatments of fungicide to be applied at the correct growth stage to protect them from foliar diseases.

This is important, since a diseased leaf cannot absorb sunlight properly, and if it fails to absorb this light it will not be able to grow properly through the process of photosynthesis. Photosynthesis from sunlight enables a healthy plant, with its leaves containing green chlorophyll pigments, to absorb water and carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and then convert them into carbohydrates for plant growth – and as a by-product oxygen is released into the air.

Most farmers at the present time are worried about the future of farming

and food production in Britain following the publication of 'Health and Harmony', the 64 page, but strangely titled, Government policy proposals for post-Brexit agriculture in Britain. We are taking this opportunity to comment on the proposals, since we feel that as they stand, the proposals are fundamentally flawed by failing to mention food security for the nation.

The paper sets out five aims of the new British policy:

Environmental Enhancement and Protection

Animal and Plant Health and Welfare

Improved Productivity and Competitiveness

Preserving Rural resilience, Traditional Farming and Landscapes in the Uplands

Public Access to the Countryside



Food Production is not listed in this 'Health and Harmony' paper as being a public good. So the implication is that the growing of food in the UK is not a public benefit, and that the security of food supplies coming from farms in Britain is of no importance, and that the production of farm produce such as milk, eggs, flour for making bread, biscuits and cakes, wheat and oats for breakfast cereals, beef, lamb, pork, ham, bacon and barley for malting to brew beer from our own farms just does not matter.

Just over a year ago, in the Spring 2017 issue of The Clarion, I described the objective of the Agriculture Act 1947, which set out its principles as having been :-

'To promote a healthy and efficient agriculture capable of producing that part of the nation's food which is required from home resources at the lowest price consistent with the provision of adequate remuneration and decent living conditions for farmers and workers, with a reasonable return on capital invested'

That Act had been passed at a time when the danger of food shortages was a real thing, remembered by all those who had lived through World War II when they experienced the food rationing that had successfully eked out food shortages so that no one in this country starved. But now UK Government appears to be set

on ignoring the lessons that were learned in those hard times, and has the intention of overthrowing the 1947 Agriculture Act.

It is to be regretted that the author of 'Health & Harmony' appears never to have seen an empty shelf in a grocer's shop, and appears not to have a full knowledge of the workings of the global food market. Nor has he or she taken note of the implications for the future of UK agriculture as set out in Defra's own statistics published in February 2018, entitled 'The Future Farming and Environment Evidence Compendium' – a competent and thorough report which runs to 68 pages and can be downloaded from the web.

My view, which seems to be shared



most friends who are readers of The Clarion, is that most farmed land in Britain does provide a pleasant landscape. It is often seen by those from the towns who visit the countryside, there is a good system of Public Footpaths (certainly in our Chiltern Hills area), and that folk can roam in all the remoter mountain and moorland areas which are now classified as 'Open Access Land'. I believe that farmers treat their livestock with consideration (and indeed sometimes with affection), and that they take all the steps they can to protect their crops from plant diseases. There have been successful initiatives already introduced in recent years by the EU for environmental enhancement such as water purity in our riv-

ers, air quality, protection of wildlife and maintaining land in good agricultural and environmental condition. It is a pity that the author of 'Health & Harmony' has not acknowledged these good things.

This year we will host Open Farm Sunday at Kensham Farm, and will look forward to seeing many of our readers here between 2 and 5 pm on Sunday 10 June 2018.

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Alliums

with Anya, the garden fairy



Alliums, with their charming purple pompom flowers, are among my favourite plants. They are the highlight of early summer as only a few varieties flower later in the year. They look great in cottage or contemporary gardens, either in a formal or naturalistic style.

You can buy them potted at this time of the year, but they do best when planted as dry bulbs in the autumn. They look great when planted with

ornamental grasses or other early summer flowering plants and I don't know anyone who wouldn't be charmed by their beauty - including bees! They absolutely love them.

There are so many different varieties to choose from and it can be confusing which one to go for. Here are few of my absolute favourites:

Allium 'Purple Sensation'. Best when planted en masse. They grow





in our
herbaceous borders

and also in the wild flower meadow along our path. It's such an easy and inexpensive way of adding a bit of interest and drama to a boring part of your garden.

Another one is **Allium Christophii**. It's a shorter variety, flowering in June. Their large metallic purple flowers are spectacular. They look like hundreds of little stars connected with each other, creating the globe shape. Gorgeous!

I'm very passionate about gardening and I often talk with local friends who share my passion and we visit each other's gardens for inspiration. Sometimes we visit formal gardens – the wildflower meadow at The Royal Gardens at Highgrove was such an inspiration to me. Each time I discover new varieties of plants which I then bring into our garden.

The wildflower meadow at The Royal Gardens at Highgrove was such an inspiration for me. You can learn so much from other people's gardens. This is how I discovered the wonderful **Allium Sphaerocephalon 'Drumsticks'**. Relatively small, egg shaped heads open green and start turning purple from the top. As

with Purple Sensation, they look best when planted in groups.

The last one I would like to mention is the incredible **Allium Ambassador**. It's a later flowering variety (June-July) and they look splendid along red and orange-flowering Dahlias like 'Bishop of Llandaff', 'Jescot Julie' or 'New Baby'. Because they have giant flowers, I only planted few bulbs in one of our main borders, to add height and structure.

Alliums are a great addition to anyone's garden and fabulous plant for beginners. You just need to remember to buy and plant them in autumn. You will be surprised what a difference few bulbs can make.



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