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## From the Editor

I always feel slightly wistful at this time of year. The nights are drawing in and I fear that every sunny day when it's warm enough to go without a jumper could be our last for a while.

Perhaps that's why we chose the beautiful, late-summer picture of wildflowers at Moor Common by Julie Wetenhall of *Wycombe Court Artists* for this issue's cover. You've missed the summer show of Wycombe Court Artists in Lane End, but your next opportunity to see their artwork, including painting, sculpture, ceramics and felted forms is at Hughenden on 22,23 and 24 November. If you send me an email, I'll send you an invite that will give you free access to the property to see the show. katyjdunn@btinternet.com

September is also a time for new beginnings, with the start of the new school year. If you're thinking you should try something new yourself, there's: new Senior Circuits on Wednesdays to get fit; you could pledge your support once a month to help cook or serve at the Thursday lunch club at the Community Centre; or join the Lane End Conservation Group on the first Saturday of each month in their convivial quest to keep Lane End's public spaces tidy and green.

Do take a walk in our lovely woodlands to enjoy the autumn colours.

Katy Dunn, editor. katyjdunn@btinternet.com

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**Report by Hayley Glasgow** 

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# Lane End Playing Fields

#### **Report by Stewart George**

The facilities at the playing fields on The Row have been extensively modernised over the past two years. With the support of the Parish Council, the green space and buildings have been transformed.

With the imminent start to the soccer season, the pitches will be in regular use at weekends and the separate all weather 3G surface has been well used over the winter, spring and summer. The soccer pitches are in tip top condition, thanks to Simon Tickner of Polaris Groundcare who has freely given the benefit of his

time and machinery.

Sky TV is also available to view televised soccer and other sports and there's a new patio on which to enjoy the revised range of drinks when weather permits.

The facilities can be hired for private parties. In addition to the new patio, the management team have just purchased a large marquee with money that the now defunct Lane End Action Group raised from local residents. That new marquee is also available for hire.

To find out more about hiring the facilities and 'what's on?' see the Facebook page Lane End Playing Fields/Sports Association or phone 07775 535542. Messages can also be sent via Facebook.

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## Why you should have an allotment

Report by Katy Dunn and Emma Horan

There are three allotment sites in Lane End parish, Chalky Fields, Bunkers and Sandyfields. Chalky Field and Bunkers are full, but there are 10 vacant plots at Sandyfield just waiting for your love and attention.

Emma Horan, Wheeler End resident and new allotment holder, explains why an allotment has been great for her family:



Our allotment isn't very developed so we decided to keep it simple and not over-commit so it doesn't become a chore. We don't have a perfect plot and don't stress about he weeds too much. It hasn't cost a fortune as a kind neighbour gave us a few plants and we've grown from seed as well.

In today's age of technology it's great to get the kids out in the fresh

air and getting mucky. We spend time together and chat about our week which is really valuable, especially with our young teens. I'm sure that being out in the fresh air is good for their soul too!

The children are so excited to see the vegetables grow. It's really helped them to understand the connection between nature and the food we eat. It's a good thing we all like courgettes as we've got far too many of them.

We also gave the girls their own corner and they've decided to grow wild flowers to help the bees. They've also learnt how to mattock,



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dig the soil and recognise a weed.

The first time we ate something we had grown from seed was brilliant—it's the perfect incentive for the kids to eat their greens when they know the work that's gone into it.



Sandyfields is in Cadmore End. The plots are quite large and some people can find that overwhelming, but the parish council would be very happy to offer a half-plot for those people wanting to have a go and see how they get on. Each plot is £36 per year or £18 for Seniors.

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# New bus service to Marlow starts 4 November

Report by Katy Dunn

A bus service to Marlow is something that Lane End Parish Council have been working hard to achieve for some time.

It's not an easy process, as first, the public transport manager at Bucking-hamshire County Council needs to be persuaded of the need. Then any changes to local bus services need registering with the Traffic Commissioner and then there is a statutory notice period before a variation in service will be accepted. After all this—of course—there are the funds to be found by an increasingly cash-

strapped local council.

However, the enthusiasm of Lane End residents in sending their support for a service to the parish clerk has provided much evidence that a bus service to Marlow would be a valued asset to the community. The parish council also gathered testimonies from Marlow Doctors and other authorities to strengthen the case.

Due to the constraints outlined above, BucksCC are unable to fund a completely new service, but they said they can review the current



Service 28 route which runs via Lane End to High Wycombe.

The result is a proposal to provide a shopping/hospital link between Lane End and Marlow for a trial period on Mondays to Fridays.

It's likely that the bus will arrive in Lane End in the morning after 9am, take 10 mins to get to Marlow and then there'll be a return bus at lunchtime.

The bus will stop at the village hall, Simmons Way and The Row in Lane End and Seymour Court Road, Dean Street and Foxes Piece in Marlow. (The latter to allow ambulant patients to access Marlow Doctors and the Community Hospital with only 3-4mins walk).

Incidentally, the bus will carry straight on to High Wycombe after Marlow and take 35 mins.

BucksCC proposes a start date at the beginning of November. A representative from BucksCC says: 'We would hope this proposal would indicate the appetite for such a link and usage may indicate a preference of operating days.' The implication being, use it or lose it!

It may be a disappointment for those hoping for a weekend link, particularly for teens, but it's a start and we must try to support the trial where we can in order to help the parish council push for the extension.



# Have your say in plans to invest in our community

Report by Graeme Coulter on behalf of Lane End Parish Council

#### **New Local Plan**

As many of you will be aware, Wycombe District Council has been working on the adoption of a new Local Plan that will set out detailed policies and specific proposals for the development and use of land across the whole of the Wycombe District. In particular it will set out future plans for housing, employment and infrastructure and will guide most day-to-day planning choices and decisions by determining what will be built and where.

After a process of public consultation and an independent examination by an Inspector appointed from the national Planning Inspectorate, the Local Plan is now approaching the point at which it will be formally adopted by the District Council. This is likely to happen during the course of August/September and thereafter sites designated as suitable for housing development will have a presumption of approval in principle for such development to take place.

There are three sites in Lane End in the Local Plan which are designated, and now confirmed by the Planning Inspector, as being allocated for housing development. These are:

#### Golden Guff

A site of 0.86 hectares situated in the AONB to the western fringe of Lane End village. The site is set off Finings Road and known locally as the Golden Guff.

#### **Chalky Field**

A site of 1.27 hectares situated in the AONB to the southeast of Lane End village. The site is set off the Marlow Road and lies immediately adjacent to Chalky Field.

#### **Sidney House**

A site of 1.14 hectares to the north of Lane End village, part of which is occupied by derelict flats, and known locally as Sidney House, and part of which is situated immediately adjacent to Sidney House and is in both the Green Belt and the AONB.

Lane End Parish Council is the owner of the second of these three sites and has been aware for many months that Wycombe District Council is likely to allocate the site for housing development. The Parish Council has at no stage ever promoted this site to Wycombe District

Council and the decision to allocate it as suitable for housing development is entirely that of the District Council.

Through a chain of events over which it had no control, the Parish Council is in a position whereby it is the owner of a site on which housing development is now going to be permitted. This presents the parish council with a massive opportunity to sell this site and receive a very large capital receipt which can be invested for the benefit of our community. As such, the Council has decided that it will seek to dispose of this site.

There are restrictions on what the money received can be spent on and broadly it cannot be used to subsidise or support the general spending typically undertaken by the Parish Council each year. So, for example, the money cannot be used to pay for such things as the costs of the electricity for our street lighting, grass cutting, the maintenance and running costs of our allotments or the printing and distribution of the Clarion In essence, the money either has to be used for 'capital' projects, which means investing in our community infrastructure, or for ad-hoc projects which provide tangible benefits to members of our community.

Whilst there are inevitably likely to be some restrictions on what exactly the Council can invest in, the definition of community infrastructure is sufficiently broad as to give the Council significant scope for interpretation when looking at the possibilities to extend or make noticeable improvements to the facilities and amenities that are available to our community as a whole.

It is clear therefore that the disposal of the Chalky Fields site and the anticipated receipt of a large capital sum gives your Council a unique opportunity to invest in a number of projects which will make a real difference to our community. The question, of course, is what? Inevitably everyone will have their own list of ideas and priorities.

## Have your say

It is for this reason that the Parish Council is planning to undertake a comprehensive exercise to canvass views across our whole community and give everyone a chance to put forward their own ideas and priorities. It is hoped that this consultation will take place later in the year and the results will be available for all to see.

When the consultation is conducted, we would therefore encourage as many people as possible to participate and express their views. We can assure you that all of these views will be taken into account in determining the priorities for how any future capital receipts are to be spent.

### Footpaths report

#### Report by Julie Wetenhall

Early summer saw the greatest explosion of growth I have seen in recent years. This included both welcome growth (the profusion of wild flowers everywhere) and less welcome growth (paths becoming hard to walk due to bramble, nettle and fern).

#### Thanks to the footpath clearers

It is hard to keep paths clear so can I give my thanks to those who give of their own time to clear some of our pathways - for example, Karen and Adam who cleared the footpath by the Osborne recently.

Personally, I try to take a pair of secateurs out with me every time I go out; little and often seems to help keep paths walkable.

#### Gate and stile repairs

We are trying to get the Chiltern Society to repair some of the gates and stiles that have broken in recent years. It appears that a few years ago, they were supplied with a batch of wood that turned out to be of inferior quality, which is why quite a few of them have rotted through below ground.

This means there are a lot of maintenance repairs to be carried out, and there is only a limited number of Chiltern Society volunteers to get to grips with the backlog! So, we may be waiting a little longer to get these repaired.

#### Cyclists on footpaths

We are aware there are some problems with cyclists using footpaths (cyclists are permitted to use the bridleways, but not the footpaths).

While this doesn't cause undue problems in the summer months, allowing it to continue into autumn and winter could lead to impassable footpaths in a wet season.

We are investigating options to address the issue, but clearly physical barriers don't make things easy for walkers either. Continuing to remind cyclists, when you see them, that footpaths are only for walkers, will be helpful.

#### Path diversions

Finally, I am investigating a couple of comments about inappropriate diversion of a couple of our footpaths. Paths cannot simply be diverted by a landowner; there is a consultation and permission process that must be followed. If you think a path has been incorrectly diverted, do take it up with me in the first place.

### Lane End Players

#### **Report by Georgie Brooks**

For our Autumn production, LEP will present *Ladies Day* by Amanda Whittington. This is a comedy about a group of Yorkshire lassies who go to the races for the day. If you enjoyed *Calendar Girls*, you will enjoy this one!

It will be performed on Fridays 11 and 18 October at 8pm and Saturdays 12 and 19 October at 7.30pm. The tickets are priced at £10 Adults / £8 Concessions for the first night only, and £12 Adults / £10 Concessions for the other three nights. They can be bought online

at <a href="www.laneendplayers.com">www.laneendplayers.com</a>, at the hall on Saturdays from Sat 7 September, by ringing 01494 880662 or by emailing <a href="lepboxoffice@gmail.com">lepboxoffice@gmail.com</a>

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### Lane End **Evening WI**

#### **Report by Ann Carter**

In August we held a Bring & Share Supper. This is always a popular event and a good time to catch up with everyone in a relaxed atmosphere. On 30 September we will welcome Elizabeth Webster to our meeting. She is an Ambassador for Denman College which is the WI College near Abingdon where WI members, and non-members alike, can attend innumerable and varied courses (hubby can go along as well!)

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In October, members of the Four Ends Flower Club will show us how to make seasonal table arrangements. Do come along and join us in the Sycamore Room at the Village Hall on the last Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays). Please contact Ann Carter 01494 881987

## --- Hambleden Valley Gardening Club

**Report by Janet Collins** 

We were lucky again with our first garden visit of this season to Englefield Estate gardens near Theale. The gardens are terraced and set on the side of a hill with magnificent farreaching views. The house and garden can be dated back to 1600s but most of the present garden was established in the late 1800s. The head gardener showed us how they were constantly renewing and updating planting to continue to enable the garden to develop and grow.

Our next visit in June was to Asthall Manor in the Cotswolds. (Below)



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What a pretty garden this was with stunning roses everywhere, their fragrance filled the air. The garden was large and again set on the side of a hill with pretty meadows and a river below. We all thoroughly enjoyed the garden and brought our own tea and cakes which we enjoyed in the lovely setting of the potting shed.

The last visit was to the wonderful nursery at Great Missenden – The Plant Specialist. The nursery was set up about 15 years ago and one of the owners, Sean, gave us a guided tour sharing with us his huge enthusiasm and knowledge of the types of plants they sell.

They specialise in hardy and half

hardy perennials and grasses. The nursery is split between the sales area and a planted garden area where it is possible to see all the plants in their full glory giving you ideas of plant combinations. We had a 'behind the scenes' tour and were able to see where the plants are grown. All the plants are grown in the nursery and they are simply quite stunning. We had tea and biscuits to end the tour but we were all far too busy buying plants!

We have one more garden visit planned. Please visit the events page to see what we have coming up as our new season of talks start in October. New members are most welcome. Please contact Celia Warren on 01491 638691



### Royal British Legion

#### Report by Andrew MacTavish

For Lane End fete we organised our Legion display tent, but you've got to throw horseshoes at a proper village fete, so we ran that too. We had splendid help from our affiliated scouts and it was all a huge success. And we found some new members.

In June, a large number of us went to the Armed Forces Day at Booker

Airfield. We notified all our members that it was taking place, and how to get their free tickets - and what a show that was, as many other people in the village found out.

The flying displays with stunt aircraft, first World War replicas and helicopters were especially remarkable, and we met up with our friends, the local Army reservists from the Booker base - the Army Logistics Corps and the Rifles.

In July, the Legion and the scouts together ran a quiz night at the Grouse and Ale, taking over most of the pub. A great evening! This was a first for us, everyone enjoyed themselves and, judging by the happy comments we have had, it will not be the last.

The annual barbecue was another high spot. There can be fewer better

settings than our Chairman's garden on a summer evening with views over the rolling Chiltern countryside. The barbecues were tended by our excellent team and Dave Dunbar sang songs from the shows. We were so lucky with the weather! The gloom of the morning had turned to brilliant sunshine for the event and it was only in the deepening twilight as couples danced to the final tune that pullovers were needed.

And now? We look forward to the Officer's Talk on Friday 11 October. This year it will be held at the Lane

End Community Centre, with a welcoming drink and nibbles. Members will receive further details and it will be publicised as usual on the Royal British Legion notice board at the Village Hall.

If you are interested in joining us, ring 881948. We are supportive of the Armed Services and we could do with a couple more helpers on our large Poppy Day team.

Few of us have had actual military experience - only about as many as the fingers on one hand - and we could do with dynamic youth. As an older committee member said while struggling for 30 minutes to get a charcoal barbecue to light, we need a young sensible pyromaniac for a start.





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### Garsington Opera

#### Report by Andrew MacTavish

Lane Enders and other locals in the Garsington Community choir performed the operetta 'Fool's Paradise' on the opera house stage at Wormsley in August.

As part of their work in the community, the company open their doors to anyone in the local area who is interested. There's no audition. There's no need to have any experience or to read music. Amazingly, there's no subscription...it's free.

If you want to try part singing and to learn stage movement, the dynamic, happy, world-class teachers with massive experience will teach you. Clarion readers are lucky to have Wormsley so close on one side, and the practice venue at Millbrook School so close on the other....

Garsington works with local schools, including Lane End Primary, and also run a Youth Company in two sections, junior and senior. Our latest production involved over 100 local people and two professional opera singers singing the main arias. The adult performers ranged from those still working, to those very much retired.

Intrigued? Do an internet search for garsingtonopera.org and click on

'Learning' and then 'Adult Company' to find out more.

There's a contact email address and you can ask to be told when the next event is planned.



# Poetry Please Report by Mary Simmons

After seeing the increase in numbers of poetry submissions to the Horticultural Show, I have approached the Chequers. They would be willing to have poetry readings in the front room, say once a month? On a Wednesday evening?

If you're interested, contact me, Mary Simmons on 881 609 or allanpsimmons@btinternet.com

# → Lane End Horticultural Show

Report by Daniel Lacey and Pauline Thomas

Daniel (President of Lane End and District Horticultural Society):

On Saturday 10 July, The Lane End and District Horticultural Society hosted their annual show at Lane End village hall. The day was very well attended with a great show of produce. It was so nice to see so many new entrants in the competitions, as well as our many regular attenders.

Many thanks to all the committee and volunteers on the day who helped to put the show together. Without their help it would not be possible.

Here are the winners:

Alison Pitcher—Sir John Hall Challenge Cup, HE Philp Challenge Cup, Col. SW Green Callenge Cup, Own Carr Callenge Shield

Marcia Denney—Allotment Champion Cup

Ros Hilborne—Aubrey Irvine Challenge Cup Mr & Mrs Brown Challenge Cup, Harold Seymour Trophy, Bristow Trophy

Anna Bacon—Prince Rose Bowl
Madeleine Newitt—Barnett Rose

Bowl, Tyzack Challenge Cup

Faith Cubbage (8) - Katherine Cup

Jessica Dale (9) - Year of the Child Cup

John Coombs (6) - Victoria Trophy

Roger Flavell—Eric Wells Cup

Ann Carter—Chalky Allotment Trophy, Bunkers Allotment Trophy

John Young—Ken Dean Cup

Reta Stone—Lady Runge Cup

#### Lane End Calendar

Look out this autumn for a Lane End calendar featuring the work of local artists. It's a joint fundraiser for Lane End Twinning Association, Lane End Community Centre, the Playing Fields and the village hall.

Calendars will be cost £8 each and be on sale at local shops and events such as Christmas in the Village and the pantomime. It's a great community project for us to support.

#### Pauline:

I've never entered the horticultural show before, so was very chuffed to get two prizes. My 'Tiny Clanger' for the hand-knit category was a also a great hit with the youngsters.

I would like to get even more people interested in entering the show. It is not all gardening and flowers, though it has to be said that the dahlia show pieces were amazing and the perfume of the sweet peas and roses were very special. There's something for everyone and even kids' classes.

Come and see for yourself next year and look out for the show schedules to pick up in all the local shops and online in July 2020.





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Margaret Scott has kept the village hall running in Lane End for years. She heads up the committee which looks after the finances, cleaning and maintenance. She cares about the village hall and its community and carries out her duties with both determination and humour. She's as competent as she is modest.

Recognising this extraordinary service to her community, Seddon Parmoor and Andrew MacTavish nominated Margaret for an invitation to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, hosted by the Queen.

### Margaret's report...

At the end of January, I received a phone call. A pleasant voice asked: 'Is that Margaret?' He went on to say that Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire would like me to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

My immediate reaction was: 'You must be joking!' and I almost put the phone down. I thought it was one of these funny phone calls that one gets these days. He assured me it wasn't and that I would receive an

invitation in due course.

I discovered that my name had been submitted by Lord Parmoor and Andrew MacTavish for work in the village community. My thanks to them for enabling us to experience such a memorable occasion.

I was delighted when Judy Taylor, who is doing so much for Community Matters and Church, agreed to be my guest.

Our next problem was getting there. I would not dream of driving into London now so was eternally grateful to Bob and Ann Nix who immediately offered a door-to-door service. It was brilliant!

My third problem was a hat. I don't 'do' hats! Once again, wherever would we be without friends. Especially those in high places with a hat collection to rival Harrods. Alison Edgley lent me a magnificent creation and my insurance against bad weather (and instability) was a long umbrella.

The 21st of May 2019 was a beautiful day. We were dropped off at the Gate and joined a queue containing



The refreshments were served from a very long tent and included precision-cut finger sandwiches, profiterales, cake and ice cream—all delicious. The band played and the magnificent Beefeaters heralded the departure of the Queen.

It was a wonderful and memorable day. The Queen, speaking later, said that she was greatly relieved that

the weather had been so good—providing shelter for 8000 guests would have caused her something of a problem.

every dress, hat and shoe combination possible. One lady had managed to lose her heel before getting to the gates! Two guards checked our tickets and two more held very business-like rifles.

The path in was bordered by beautiful trees, rhododendrons and the lake. It then opened out into gardens in front of the Palace, where we were welcomed with a cold drink.

From then on, we 'people-watched'. Some were beyond description, others very beautiful. We joined two columns of guests to wait for the Queen. The chosen few who were to be presented were standing at intervals down the centre. We had a superb view and she spoke at length to each person.





Report by
Ben Smiley

## We are the Champions!

At the end of July, Frieth CC seconds won the Mid Bucks Knock-out Cup for second teams, beating local rivals Cadmore End CC 2s in a close final. We hope that it proves a stepping-stone for the Club to finish the season in style.

The firsts have moved to the top of Premier Division 2, and are currently on a run of 8-matches unbeaten in the league. After a strong start, at the time of writing, the seconds sit 6<sup>th</sup> in Division 2. The main challenge for them is the lack of volunteers to score and umpire, meaning we've been unable to earn bonus points.

Due to a number of factors that are outside of our control, the Sunday side have been able to play just the one match; but what a game it was!

Since the last issue of The Clarion, we've also played in a 20/20 Match against Marlow Rebellions, and enjoyed some social cricket, a barbecue and some drinks at our ground in Parmoor. The match helped us to

raise some money towards the New Pavilion Fund.

This year the Chairman's XI competed against a President's XI for the Pocock Cup, named after Cliff Pocock, who was a champion for grassroots cricket in Bucks, and an integral member of Frieth Cricket Club until his passing in 2014. The President's XI retained their grasp on the Pocock Cup. Over 70 spectators attended, and thanks to the funding from the Cricket World Cup Fund, all our guests were protected from the sun in our temporary covered grandstand. (Gazebo and chairs!)

Just about everyone who I've spoken to seems to have been transfixed by the Cricket World Cup, particularly the spectacular final in which England scraped a victory. It was through England and Wales' hosting of the Finals that Frieth Cricket Club were able to access funding for new gazebos and a barbecue. The funding also enabled us to support the

Frieth Village Society's Family Sports Day as a part of our World Cup Family Fun Day. Over 60 people attended, and the day was deemed a fantastic success.

We've been working hard to increase the Club's profile. We have offered cricket coaching at Frieth CE School and the Frieth Cricket Club Junior Section in June and July was the most popular ever. The vision for next year is that we'll be able to form a team of children to play in some friendly games against other children's teams in the area. Keep your eyes peeled in The Clarion, on Facebook (@friethcricketclub) or in local businesses for details for our 2020 Junior Section.

Another way that we are looking to improve our community links is by hosting the annual Frieth Cup, which

this year will be competed for by the Prince Albert (Frieth) and Grouse and Ale (Lane End).

It's a great opportunity to engage with potential new players, members or volunteers. This is important, as with a couple of volunteers each weekend, we can gain additional league points by having umpires and scorers.

There are other voluntary positions available at Frieth Cricket Club too, so if you would like to get involved, at any level of the Club, please do let us know. You can contact us via Facebook, at <a href="mailto:friethcrick-et@btinternet.com">friethcrick-et@btinternet.com</a> or on 07879 855353.

It would be great to hear from you, and we'd love to welcome you to our Race Night on 5 October and Awards Dinner on 21 November.



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### Lane End Twinning Association

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So Much More Than Just a Sign

#### From Oleron

Report by Terry Dennett

Our friends on Oléron are enjoying a very hot and dry summer. Furthermore, they have just enjoyed the revels on the French National Day (Bastille Day) on 14 July with parties, street parades, fireworks and the military parade in Paris. They will now be concentrating on the Tour de France which sadly is coming nowhere near the Charente Maritime this year.

I can now confirm following on from my last few words to you that the building of the McDonalds on the island is well underway. Other work underway on the Island is the new channel being excavated for the entrance to the harbour at La Cotinière which will help the fishermen, the oyster growers as well as the pleasure boat owners. Also being planned for the island in the future is Europe's biggest windfarm but this is only at the planning stage.

For those Lane Enders that have visited Oléron, you will recall offshore Fort Boyard and the lighthouse Cordouan. The Fort is now celebrating its 30th year as a venue for the TV game on French television. I seem to remember that it was once on UK TV as well. However, the Cordouan lighthouse is hoped to be declared a UNESCO Site for its future preservation as a monument.

The final issue that you may have



seen on BBC TV is Maurice, the cockerel from St Pierre!

Some Parisienne visitors to St Pierre have taken Maurice's owner to court in Rochefort because of his incessant and loud crowing. They want him either relocated or destroyed. Over 40 other cockerel owners turned up with their own cockerels in Rochefort on the day of the hearing to support Maurice and his owner.

The Magistrate has delayed his decision until September. I will let you know the outcome. My picture shows Maurice with the President of the Charente Maritime Department Monsieur Dominique Bussereau who is also supporting his cause.

Senior Circuits

Report by Vicki Nuthall

Come and join us every Wednesday at 11am at Lane End Village Hall from September.

My name is Vicki Nuthall, I'm a Personal Trainer from Stokenchurch who will be taking over the senior circuits class from Sarah Fountain from September.

There are many benefits of exercise as we get older including maintaining flexibility, balance and overall physical fitness. Regular exercise can

help to reduce blood pressure in addition helping to lower the risk of developing other conditions and can help with some existing medical conditions.

Strength training helps with better bone density reducing the risk of osteoporosis and fractures. Exercise can improve our mood and our mental health with the release of feel good endorphins.

The sessions are structured to focus on different muscle groups that replicate daily movements through strength exercises, together with flexibility, balance and co-ordination.

Everyone takes it at their own pace, whilst alternatives are given to less active clients. The next round commences in September. Interested? drop me a line at

info@nutsfitness.co.uk for more info.



# Lane End Youth and Community Centre

**Report by Emma Savory** 

#### **Summer Play scheme**

Thank you to all the local families who supported the **Summer Playscheme**, we had an absolute blast and the children especially enjoyed the visit from Quirks Animal Roadshow, the street dance workshop, decorating cakes, mini sports day and the fun and games throughout the two weeks.

We love being able to provide child focussed activities to so many children and really appreciate our families loyalty, support, and grants/funding that we work so hard to achieve enabling us to provide such a varied enriched programme of activities at affordable prices.

#### Coffee morning

Please join us at the Centre on Friday 27 September 2019, 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.

#### Needed—COOK/SERVER -Thursday Lunch Club 12 - 1.30pm

We are currently looking for people who can help, cook/serve at our lunch club. Do 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. 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.

## Find somewhere cheaper, we will match it!

Are you thinking of having a party or starting up a weekly class? We offer very versatile facilities, perfect for any occasion. If you can find similar facilities for cheaper elsewhere, we will match it, in fact we may even BEAT IT! Email leycc@hotmail.co.uk to check availability and prices for private hire.

Please add 'Lane End Youth & Community Centre' on **Facebook**, ask to join the group and you will become one of the first to find out about all our latest events! Also check out our new website at <a href="https://www.leycc.co.uk">www.leycc.co.uk</a>

# Have you visited Lane End Youth and Community Centre? Have you seen our great facilities?

## Birthday party

Exercise/fitness

## Coffee with friends

# Christening Wedding

Mondays:	10.30am-12pm	'Drop In' Coffee morning, all welcome
	2pm–3pm	Gentle Exercise for the over 50's 07702 498924
	6pm–8pm	Pilates with Lauren Fois 07709 430634
Tuesdays	Free all day	Daytime available for hire
	6.30—8.30pm	Pilates fusion 07378 338803
Wednesdays	Free all day	Daytime available for hire
	6-8pm	Youth club
Thursdays:	12pm-1.30pm	The Drop-in Lunch
	2pm–4pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month – LEOPAG
	7.30pm-10pm	Soundforce Big Band Rehearsal
Fridays:	9.30am–10.30am	Circuit Training 07884 154081
Saturdays	9am-12pm	Bells and Whistles dog training 07703 020344
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Your day by day guide to local meetings, clubs and events



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

## **M**ondays

#### Regulars

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

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

**Pilates**—6-8pm with Lauren Fois at LEYCC. Tel 07709 430634

**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

4 November—9am bus to Marlow starts

# **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

**Tai Chi**—2-3pm Lane End village hall. £4 per session. Tel 532088

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

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**

- 1 October—Talk—Wild flowers of the Mediterranean by Dr Chris Thorogood. Skirmett Village Hall. Tel 01491 638690
- 5 November—talk—Piet Oudolf and the perennial movement by Ana Coggan. Skirmett Village Hall. Tel 01491 638690
- 3 December—talk—the Capable Mr Brown by Russell Bowles. Skirmett Village Hall. Tel 01491 638690

# Wednesdays

#### Regulars

Pop in and play—(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

Senior Circuits—11am-12noon. Lane End Village Hall, £4 per session. Tel 07940 358371

**Junior Youth Club**—6-8pm LEYCC Tel 07787 402636

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

#### Wednesday events

6 November—2.30pm at Gracewell. 'Oh Carol' , a show of sixties and seventies hits.

## **Thursdays**

#### Regulars

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

**Coffee Stop**—Village Hall 10-12noon. Coffee and chat. All welcome.

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 01628 476971

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

**Lane End Players**—8pm Village Hall Tel 483359

#### **Thursday Events**

- 26 September—6.15pm Chris the Piano Man
- 4 November—Lane End Conservation Group AGM with speaker from Wycombe Wildlife Group.
- 21 November—Frieth Cricket Club awards dinner friethcricket@btinternet.com or Tel 07879 855353

# Fridays

#### Regulars

**Morning Prayer**—9.15am Holy Trinity Church Lane End

Circuits—9.30-10.30am LEYCC 883878

Pop in and play—9.30am-11am, Lane End Childrens Centre, (Lane End Primary School). Just turn up. £1 suggested donation.

Café Forever Friday—2-4pm at Gracewell care home on The Row. Tea, coffee and cake. Bring puzzles and books to donate, buy or just socialise. All proceeds to Alzheimer's Society. All ages welcome.

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

#### **Friday Events**

- 20 September—2.30pm at Gracewell. Singer, Jean-Claude.
- 27 September—9-11am Macmillan coffee morning Lane End Community Centre
- 11 Oct—Officer's Talk, Lane End Community Centre, Royal British Legion. Tel 881948
- 11 & 18 Oct—8pm Lane End Players' Ladies Day. lepboxoffice@gmail or Tel 880662

## **Saturdays**

#### Regulars

Vinyasa flow yoga with Matthew Huy— 8.30-9.30am Frieth Village Hall. £10 for 6 classes. 07861 465691

**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

#### **Saturday Events**

7 Sept, 5 Oct, 2 Nov & 7 Dec—10am Lane End Conservation Group Action Days. Meet in the doctors' car park

21 September—10am-4pm at Gracewell. World Alzheimers Day. Chef demo in the morning and presentation at 2pm of how to reduce the symptoms of dementia.

5 October—Race Night friethcrickt@btinternet.com or Tel 07879 855353

12 &19 Oct—7.30pm Lane End Players' Ladies Day. lepboxoffice@gmail or Tel 880662

30 November—12-3pm Frieth school Christmas Fair

## Sundays

#### Regulars

**Holy Eucharist**—8am fourth Sunday of the month

Parish Communion—9.15 Holy Trinity Church Lane End (1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month)

**Jump 4Joy**—10am Holy Trinity Church Lane End (2nd Sunday of the month) This service is designed for young families, but everyone is welcome.

**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

#### **Sunday Events**

20 October—10am Frieth Hilly 10k race.

## Birdlife by Jerry Gray

## Watch the birdie!

I happened to be out walking with Alfie last week as the combine harvesters were busy taking down the barley in the fields towards Frieth and Fingest. To my amazement, there were around thirty red kites wheeling low and following the machines, waiting to pounce on any small mammals killed or maimed by the cutting machinery.

In France, six crows have been trained to pick up litter in an urban park



It set me thinking on how important adaptability is to the chances of bird species surviving amidst creeping urbanisation and climate change. Just as gulls learned to follow the plough, now the kites follow the harvester and I have even seen a kite sitting on a branch eating a jam doughnut!

The corvids (members of the crow family) are amazingly adaptable and clever birds, which is why they thrive, even in close proximity to humans. Rooks used to be quite wary and were birds of the open fields, but you now see them in parks happily strutting amongst people. Carrion crows are common on golf-courses; jays and magpies regularly visit gardens; jackdaws

have learned how to cling onto suspended nut-feeders.

Puffins are more particular feeders and have been in serious decline as have the sand-eels which make up much of their diet. So it was good to read from the RSPB that seabird numbers have trebled on Lundy Island, following the elimination of its rat population.

The rats were not native, but arrived on boats or from shipwrecks. In 1939 Lundy homed 3,500 pairs of puffins but by 2000, there were just ten pairs left. Declared rat-free in 2004 after the successful RSPB-led project, the puffin population has grown to 375 (and manx shearwaters have risen from 297 to 5,504).

If you are off on your holidays, why not pack a pair of binoculars and look out for the varied feeding antics of birds?



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

#### Conservation Group

Report by Pauline Cavell-Northam

I am writing this in a dry and hot spell and so I am concerned for the welfare of all the trees we have planted near the Motorway in Four Fields. One of our competitions at our stall at the Lane End Fete was to guess the number of trees we had planted. Guesses ranged from 700 to 2,000, and the winner was Cherry Swann. We need a good, long, gentle rain for them! [And we got it! Ed]

The Footpaths we care for need frequent attention as brambles and nettles grow apace.

The Harris Garden has looked particularly lovely, with roses seemingly in full flower all summer.

Our Action Group mornings on the first Saturday or the month have gone well and we have welcomed new members to come and join us.

Our next AGM will be on 4 November. We hope to have a Speaker from the Wycombe Wildlife Group on that evening, and to welcome all our members.



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# Six things to see on an autumn woodland walk

#### By Katy Dunn, photography by Hugh Mothersole

Autumn casts a new light on familiar landscapes. When the trees start to blaze orange, red and gold, a shady woodland walk is transformed into a dappled golden path, fluttering with falling leaves. It's nature's last hurrah before the long sleep of winter. It feels rude not to

go out and enjoy the show.

I'm lucky enough to work for an organisation that loves and looks after woodlands. The National Trust cares for more than ten million trees across the country and last year we funded 38 different tree and woodland

projects across the South East.

Visiting a woodland is great for both body and soul. An autumn woodland glowing with colour and rich with the smell of damp earth is a wonderful, uplifting place to be and I encourage you all to head to the woods this autumn. Here are some things our National Trust Trees and Woodland Adviser suggested to look out for whilst you're out there:

#### Falling leaves

Leaves are the powerhouses of trees. A mature oak tree has around 700,000 leaves, providing food for the tree and enough oxygen for 10 people for a year.



As leaves start to die in autumn, the tree takes back reusable proteins and green chlorophyll. This reveals the yellow and red pigments produced by sugars remaining in the leaf. The best and most long-lasting colours develop with warm, bright days and cold nights, slowing the transport of sugar from the leaf.

Try and catch a falling leaf on your autumn walk, it's trickier than you think.

#### Fungi

As the leaves disappear, you start to notice everything else that lives in the woodland - mosses, lichens and fungi.

Fungi don't have chlorophyll, so they can't make their own food like trees. They break down plant matter into simple substances they can feed on. Without fungi, the world would choke on its own waste

Oak and birch trees are good places to look for fungi. The classic red and white spotted toadstool (Fly Agaric) is often spotted near a birch.

Bracket fungi gain height to spread their spores wider

by attaching to the trunk of a tree. Cup fungi such as the orange peel fungus shoot spores out like bullets from microscopic guns - you can sometimes hear the pop. Puff balls (like soft footballs on the ground) release spores like puffs of smoke when rain drops hit them.

#### Seeds and fruit

Autumn is a great time to forage in woodland as seeds are ripening. Heavier fruits such as hazelnuts, acorns, beechnuts and conkers rely on squirrels or jays to spread them around the woodland.

Other trees use their height to distribute their seeds. Ash keys can travel up to 50m in the wind. Sycamore and maples also have wings like helicopter blades to whizz them away from the parent tree.

Some trees, such as hawthorn or yew, use fruit to attract birds to eat them and poo out the whole seeds,



distributing them around the area. Clever things, trees.

#### Nibbled nuts

A good way to tell what wildlife you've got in your woods is to look at the nibbled nuts. They're an excellent high protein food source and important for fattening up for winter.

Dormice gnaw neat, smooth, round holes. Bank voles take off the narrow end and Hawfinches split them in two. Bashed open nuts with shattered pieces are probably the work

of birds like woodpeckers and magpies, or squirrels. A pile of broken beech husks is a sign of the wood mouse.

#### **Feathers**

It's a good time to pick up feathers in autumn. Birds moult at this time of year as they've finished nesting so don't need to be looking their best to find a mate. It's hard working growing new feathers, and the abundance of fruit and seeds around helps keep up their energy levels. Birds shed the worn feathers and grow strong new ones to keep them warm in winter.

Individuals can look a bit odd - particularly juveniles as their new feathers come through. Often the head is that last to change so you might see a sleek dark blackbird with a spotty brown head or a white-spotted winter-plumaged starling with the pale brown head of a youngster.

#### Wildlife

There are lots of animals feeding up in the woods before winter. Badgers feed on berries, nuts and fungi. Foxes will stock up on well-fed small mammals to grow their thick winter coat. Deer will also eat acorns and fruit to supplement their diet.

As the weather gets rainier and the ground wetter, you can spot tracks in the mud. Badgers have a wide footprint with five toes in a curve and claw marks, fox tracks are similar to small dogs' but more long and narrow with two prominent toes at the front and clear claw marks.

Deer have a cloven hoof made of two elongated tear shapes. Rabbits have five toes and an elongated pad.

Try taking a photo of tracks you find for easier ID when you get home.



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Nurtured Beauty by Erin

I have been a beauty and holistic therapist for 20 years working in prestigious salons, spas and hotels.

Most of my career has been spent in Marlow but now I've made the decision to branch out in my own

I'm keen to bring together my family life and work in consideration of the environment. As a therapist it pains me to see the waste and use of plastics within my industry and I would like to see that reduce.

To open Nurtured Beauty, I used reclaimed, recycled, upcycled furniture, clay paints and stocked my salon with local natural products, using UK suppliers whenever possible.

I am still learning and I look forward to hearing about any suggestions from my clients to help me on my

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## Suit the City

With Carol Rawson

## Do you live locally? If yes, for how long?

My family has lived in the area for 16 years, having happily 'escaped' the stress of living in London when our daughter was six.

## How long have you had the business?

Suit the City was established in 2007 and our country wear line in 2012.

## What's the idea behind the business? What services do you offer?

I worked in London after university and found it difficult to get clothes that fitted me and were appropriate for my career.

The High Street offered poor quality, poor fabrics and the sizing was impossible. The solution was to set up a company to provide professional women with business clothes. A year later we realised that men had the same problems, so we started to offer a men's service in addition to the women's wear.



The service now offers made-tomeasure business and weekend wear for both men and women. We use Savile Row quality cloth and manufacture in Europe. We like to say that we make real clothes for real people. We aim to be affordable to the majority of people.

The news (finally) is the move towards slow fashion and reducing waste. Suit the City has always put the environment and ethics at the centre of its business (I have a degree in Environmental Science).

We produce almost no waste as we don't hold stock – everything is made to order and all our cloth and manufacturing processes cause minimal damage to the environment. The product is built to last, not to throw away after a couple of outings, so it also represents great value for money.

## How many other outlets do you have?

We have a base in London's Savile Row and have franchisees in a couple of locations in the home counties. We visit Bath and Bristol regularly and offer home visits to elderly and disabled clients.

## Why did you decide to locate an outlet in Lane End?

Originally we had a studio in our barn and the business grew by word of mouth – provide a great product and offer great service and the rewards come to you! When the shop became available in Lane End, it seemed ideal for our needs, it offered a shop window and more space so we decided to take the plunge.

#### Are you happy to be here?

The local High Street is thriving, unlike many towns which are slowly dying, all the shops are occupied and the rents are reasonable. The community is supportive and we have made many new friends. All fittings are by appointment so that we can dedicate time to understand our clients and make sure that they leave happy and return in due course. We love it when people pop in for a chat and we have received a warm welcome in the village.



## Milk Men

with Will Lacey



#### A good summer for grass

We started the summer with our Open farm Sunday back in June. This was a very well attended event with nearly 1600 people coming to visit the farm. The rain in the morning put a few people off, but puddles seem to be a popular attraction particularly with the toddlers!

We were very fortunate to have Annabel Shackleton, the lady in charge of organising Open Farm Sunday for the whole country visit our farm this year. She was very impressed at the number of visitors and the time and interest they spent learning about all the different activities on our farm. She did plenty of filming, and took numerous interviews on the day, so you may well see us in some of the national marketing for Open Farm Sunday next year.

The cows are doing very well this summer. Compared to last summer when it was so dry and hot they are a lot more comfortable with the cooler temperatures, and we have had green grass growth nearly all of the summer, where as last year it died off early and we had to start winter feed stores in July.

The young calves also prefer the cooler conditions, but are not so keen on the heavy showers! We are fortunate that a lot of our fields border on to woodlands, or have big hedges, so when the heavy rain comes they have some shelter.

Harvest work has gone fairly well for us so far this summer. Yields have not been record breaking, but the crops have come in well and at the right time, which makes life easier for us.

We grew winter barley this year. This is a corn crop we grow for the grain. We harvest it when it is ripe and dry in July, and sell it on to go for animal feeds. Some of the 300t we produce

is kept back to feed to our cattle as well.

This crop is harvested in July, and the next crop we are planting out there is maize, which is not planted until next April, so rather than leaving the field empty over the winter, we are working with our Neighbouring farmers - the Jacksons. They have come in and planted stubble turnips.

This is a crop grown to feed sheep during the winter. This is good for both us and them, as the turnips will grow between July and November, when the Jacksons can bring their sheep up to graze them. The field will then be ready in March/April for us to prepare it for planting the maize.



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## A Letter to the Laceys

#### From David Lacey of Fingest Farm Partnership, Taitapu, Christchurch, New Zealand

Is there a chance, that within the pages of the Clarion, there may be space for me to voice (from afar) my congratulations to Daniel and Gideon Lacev & Co of Bolter End Farm? This

remarkable achievement, amongst such competition in winning 'the best tasting dairy product in the British dairy cream awards', must surely be written into the annals of Lane End and Bolter End Farm history books.

News of their success may not feature widely

in New Zealand farming publications, however, learning of their well contested acclaim was to me of great interest and pride. After farming here for over 60 years, I shall never tire of learning from informants those attributable accolades which are frequently part of the UK farming scene, or in special cases, of the locals and even family.

Whilst visiting 'home' in the early 1960s I worked briefly for my cousins at Bolter End Farm, my Uncle Percy, Daniel's grandfather, seemed very much the traditionalist when even I was in my early 20s.

The perception of change on the three adjoining Lacey Farms

between Lane End and Cadmore End was shortly to become a reality, especially at Bolter End. The families there should be proud of exemplary growth in taking advantage over recent years of new systems and technology. In fact such progress as displayed worldwide indicates acceptable prosperity for

those willing to make the change in their farming practice.

Although my move to NZ was 10 years after the war, many war-time traditions were still practiced here. In general the UK (and Commonwealth) were appreciative of our reliable contributions in dairy products.

Early settlors, dating back to well before the turn of the century, delivered their cans (churns) of milk by horse and cart to the local dairy factory for butter production. Later cream, processed on farm by manu-





The Tai Tapu Co-op Dairy factory - Established in 1889

Lacey was quite passionate about the production from his cows. He too would have felt the elation as those have at Bolter End Farm. 'Let's be truthful – the Laceys toil is emblematic with the production of cream'.

al or electric separators, was on the stand each day ready for truck collection.

65 years later the Canterbury plains and parts of the North Island are host to no less than 6 million dairy cows to satisfy the capacity of the world's largest milk factories. Strong competition for sales of dairy products to a ubiquitous market prompts revision of methods, to maintain a financial contribution representing 30% of NZ exports.

Cream, then, is surely an incredible treat, in spite of warnings from the dieticians, cream has all the connotations of luxury. Cream enhances kitchen fare and enriches every dessert. Cream makes butter and my sister, Elizabeth Wright (née Lacey), was in advertisements for it as a three year old it during the depression years.

The poster, displayed over much of Britain, showed Sidney and Monica's daughter salivating as cream covers strawberries in front of her. Sidney

## Who is David Lacey? Bryan Edgley explains:

When David left school he worked for his father Sidney Lacey at Hill Farm, Cadmore End. When Sidney proved uninterested in his new management ideas, David applied for a Government-assisted passage to New Zealand.

He worked at Kensham Farm for a couple of months in 1956 until he received notice of the ship leaving. His mother, Monica, took him to the bus stop at the Peacock, where the bus conductor asked him if he wanted to go to High Wycombe. He replied: 'No, to New Zealand.'

David arrived in New Zealand with nothing 63 years ago, but he met and married Phyl and together they established a successful farm and brought up a large family.

Now the three generations are true New Zealanders—but David is always mindful of the Laceys still in Lane End and of Hill Farm where he grew up.

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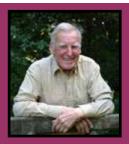


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## On the land

with Bryan Edgley



#### **Harvest**

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We started harvest on 22 July this year with our crops of Winter Barley – this is always the first crop to ripen. We have been pleased with the yields which have averaged 3.49 tonnes of barley per acre, with our best field yielding 4 tonnes per acre. Since the advent of 'hybrid' barley varieties approximately six years ago, yields have increased tremendously – in the early 1960s we would have been pleased with yields exceeding 1.5 tonnes per acre.

The photos taken with our drone were at Kernals field on the West Wycombe Estate, at the side of the old A40 road between West Wycombe and Piddington. Growing conditions this season have been satisfactory, with a good start in October 2018 when these crops were seeded into a firm dry seedbed. In a wet autumn, when the fields are sticky from rain which has fallen but

not dried off, the crop is generally off to a bad start since the tractor and seed drill wheels are apt to press down on the wet soil, leaving a crust which inhibits growth of the young emerging plants.

A typical summary of the work that goes into an Autumn sown crop of wheat or barley is:-

September – Spreading farm yard manure (FYM) or treated sewage sludge on the stubble will be the first job for the new crop. Since May 2018 we have had a good arrangement with Laceys' Family Farm whereby we supply Laceys with straw in swathe from our cereal crops for them to bale and use for their dairy herd. In exchange Laceys supply the FYM that is surplus to their own requirements for use on our arable fields.

The stubble from the previous crop is then cultivated to encourage ger-

mination of any weed seeds, before killing out these young weeds with Glyphosate.

**October** - Sowing the seed with an 8m wide seed drill. This seed will have been treated with a seed dressing to protect the young plant as it emerges from the soil from various fungal diseases.

Neonicotinoid insecticide used to be included in the seed dressing, to protect the emerging crop from attack by aphids. The use of neonicotinoids has now been made illegal by the EU, so autumn 2019 will be the first season without this protection. This means that autumn spraying with insecticide will be necessary if the

growing crop should suffer from attack by aphids.

The seed bed will then be sprayed after seeding with pre-emergence selective herbicide. This will kill young weed seedlings, without harming the cereal seedlings, as they poke through the soil crust. The field must then be watched for signs of damage by slugs, to be treated by an application of slug pellets.

**March** – Spreading nitrogen + sulphur fertilizer. (Potash is normally only spread in alternate years, whereas the phosphate necessary for the crop is generally provided by a dressing of sewage sludge once every four or five years).



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**April** - The crop is likely to be sprayed firstly with a mixture of growth regulator and fungicide, then later in the month with a further spray treatment of growth regulator mixed with a different type of fungicide.

May - A spray treatment of herbicide with a third type of fungicide. These fungicides are necessary to keep the leaf in healthy condition, without damage from fungal diseases such as mildew or Septoria. A healthy plant leaf can then use the summer sunlight for photosynthesis, the process whereby carbon dioxide from the air plus sunlight on the leaf forms the glucose from which the growing plant builds itself and the following year's seeds within it.

**June** – A further treatment of fungicide, designed for use late in the season

**Late July or August** – Harvest time

## Brexit and the Future of British Farming

National news has been dominated by Brexit, with the election of Boris Johnson as Prime Minister. For farmers, the important appointment is that of the new Minister for Defra, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs who will be Theresa Villiers, assisted by George Eustice who will be returning to Defra as Farming Minister.

The attitude of these new Ministers



will be more crucial to us farmers than in the past. This is because while we were within the European Union, farm policy was formulated in Brussels, so that the English Defra Minister was compelled to follow those overall EU policies.

If we do leave the EU, which is highly probable but not a total certainty when this issue of The Clarion goes to press, it will be the first time since 1972 that British farming policy will be set out in Westminster rather than in Brussels. Farmers continue to be worried that there could be an influx of low quality imported food in the event of a 'No Deal' Brexit.

## The RSA Food Farming and Countryside Commission

The RSA, an abbreviation for the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce was founded in 1754 – so one could say that it is now well established. Its mission is to address today's most pressing social challenges – such as the economy, employment, education, health service and prisons.

The RSA transferred its interests in agriculture to the Royal Agricultural Society of England in 1840, but in 2017 the RSA set up its *Food, Farming and Countryside Commission* to look at the farming industry itself, the ecosystems within which it operates, climate change, and matters such as diet related ill-health.

In October 2018 we hosted a meeting with one of the RSA's bike tour reporters, this was part of a nationwide tour to meet farmers and rural food businesses using pedal power. Some findings of this RSA report are:

- 72% of UK land is farmed, but only
  1% of the UK workforce is employed in agriculture
- By 2030 there will be 9 billion people in the world, many of them in India and China, all of whom will need food
- Healthy foods must be at the heart of the future of the UK food system
- The production of good healthy food should become good business
- There should be a 10 year transition to 'agroecology' with measures such as planting trees and restoring natural grassland, with less reliance on modern crop protection chemical treatments.

Some of us who have the day-to-day task of producing healthy food from our farms will watch with interest to see how future regulation from Defra follows up these RSA recommendations in the context of the world's global food system.

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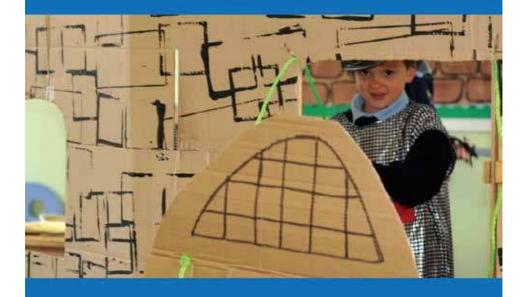
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## For the love of dahlias

#### with Anya the garden fairy

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Dahlias. I used to think how old fashioned they were. Well, that was long time ago! Now I simply adore them and I'm sure that I'm not the only one. How much pleasure can a plant give you? You can only understand when you start growing dahlias. I don't know of any other plant that offers such a variation of colour and shape.



Dahlias are very easy to grow and there are varieties suitable for both your garden and your pots. I started with just a few dahlia plants a few years ago and now I grow about 40 different varieties, adding more plants every year. Yes! I simply cannot stop myself, because I keep

discovering new fabulous varieties.

Dahlias grow from tender tubers and need to be protected over winter. I know that some people in milder areas are leaving them in the ground over winter and just covering them with compost and plant pots on top of them, but I've always stored them in a frost free place.

There is an advantage if you do that, especially if you wish to propagate your dahlias by division and if you like to plant them in different areas of your garden, which I always do.

I absolutely love them all, but there are few of my favourites varieties I'll tell you about today. After years of trying different dahlias I can officially say that Cafe Au Lait is definitely my number one.

These gorgeous and most sophisticated flowers are putting a big smile on my face for months. I don't know anyone who wouldn't be charmed by their beauty. It's one of the most fashionable varieties at the moment also loved and used by florists as much as gardeners. It really is a

stunner. Another one is 'American Dawn'. One of the largest and most reliable dahlias in our garden.

It all depends what your favourite colour scheme is, but if you like pink, Thomas A Edison is another dahlia I can recommend to you all. Named after one of the greatest inventors and so, so gorgeous!

I grow all our dahlias as part of our herbaceous borders, which gives me both colour in the garden and hundreds of cut flowers.

I'm thinking about creating a cutting garden and also growing them in a dedicated area just for my flower arrangements. I love fresh flowers from the garden and there is no other plant like dahlias that will give you masses of flowers for months.

I just love walking around the garden in the morning and making my own posies. So rewarding! My herbaceous borders are giving us colour for months.

Now is a great time to visit gardens and make notes of your favourite dahlias. They'll be available from early spring and this is when you should order your tubers. I hope I can inspire you. If you get into growing dahlias and are on Instagram, please connect with me. I also share lots of practical advice and post pictures of my favourites plants throughout the year.



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