

Autumn 2022

1,750 copies distributed



free

# the Clarion

Your parish magazine with news and views from Bolter End,  
Cadmore End, Lane End, Moor End and Wheeler End

# AUTUMN

in all its colours

# Apt Heating Services



Gas Safe Registered Engineers  
Registered No. 209175

## Local Services Offered

- General Plumbing • Installation Work
- Free Estimates • Full Gas Central Heating installations undertaken
- Boilers replaced and your options explained in laymans terms
  - Warm Air Units upgraded or removed
  - Radiators added and sytems updated or altered
- All domestic natural gas appliances installed and serviced including gas fire cookers and hobs
  - Breakdown repairs on all Natural Gas appliances
  - Fast, friendly service at a fair price
- Full references from satisfied local customers available on demand



# Tel: 07941 286747

Apt Heating Services, Lane End  
Best prices, Service and reliability from  
a mature local tradesmen

# Your Pubs, Your Community, Our Pleasure



## Yew Tree

***"Everything was perfect"***

***"Fabulous Sunday Roast  
Travelled 8 miles but worth  
every mile - excellent!!!"***

***"it was so good! Super good  
pricing and tasty food."***

***"...little Buckinghamshire gem."***

***"A lovely pub in beautiful  
countryside."***

Grouse & Ale - Lane End

01494 88 22 99

[grouseandale.com](http://grouseandale.com)



Yew Tree - Frieth

01494 88 00 77

[yewtreefrieth.com](http://yewtreefrieth.com)

## GROUSE & ALE

***"delicious home cooked sunday  
roast with generous portions and  
tasty gravy!"***

***"Already booked for next year."***

***"Excellent food, quick and friendly  
service and a great ambience."***

***"Hospitality at its best!"***

***"Fantastic service and  
the food was brilliant!"***



## NEW TERRACES, NEW MENU, SAME LOVE

*All quotes: Trip Advisor 2019/20*

Hey!  
Broadband

Call Free  
0808 168 1616

# Hey! Lane End

Fast, affordable & reliable full fibre  
broadband for everyone!



✓ 4K Streaming



✓ Gaming



✓ Home Working



✓ VoIP

Rated 'Excellent' on ★ Trustpilot

Check availability  
[heybroadband.co.uk/lane-end/](https://heybroadband.co.uk/lane-end/)



# From the Editor

It's been quite strange writing about autumn for this issue in between popping for a dip in the sea and a read of my book on the lounge whilst on holiday. It's hard to imagine crisp autumn days and open fires when the white heat of a hot sun is blasting from a clear blue sky.

However, after the Mediterranean-style weather we've had in Bucks this summer, we may actually be looking forward to a bit of 'jumper' weather. Turn to page 35 for a round-up of the five best things about autumn that we have to look forward to in our villages.

Elsewhere in the issue, Will Lacey explains how their herd of Guernsey cows has helped our local wildlife through the hot summer and Bryan Edgley talks about their successful local farm barter system—Laceys manure for Kensham Farm barley straw. If only all business could be so simple and gratifying.

Turn to page 39 to find out the latest news on the 'Save Finings Wood' campaign and Anya the Garden Fairy's column on page 60 is all about how to grow cut flowers for displaying in the house. Hope you enjoy the autumn issue,

From Katy Dunn, Editor

## **Advertise in the Clarion**

Connect with your local community,  
reach 1750 households in the area

**£55 half page per issue / £90 full page per issue**


**Discounts for multiple issues**


**Contact Hayley Glasgow on [clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)**








Our specialists carry out a huge range of work from a simple tyre change to a full engine rebuild. If you are unsure about what work your car requires, give us a call on **01494 881258** and we will be happy to take a look for you.

 MOT (including diesel)


 Servicing


 Repairs

 Electronic fault diagnostics

 Cam Belts

 Air Conditioning

 Four wheel laser alignment

 Tyres / Puncture repairs

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Holiday and winter safety checks

Local breakdowns

Customer car collection / Local lifts  
(by prior arrangement)

Arrangements can be made for accident repairs

Visit our website at **[www.northsgarage.co.uk](http://www.northsgarage.co.uk)** and like us on Facebook for your chance to get involved in our competitions!

**North's Garage,**  
High Street, Lane End, HP14 3JF  
Tel: (01494) 881258  
Email: [service@northsgarage.co.uk](mailto:service@northsgarage.co.uk) [sales@northsgarage.co.uk](mailto:sales@northsgarage.co.uk)



# Your Parish Council



[laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](http://laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Parish Clerk**

Hayley Glasgow

Tel: 01494 437111

[clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)

PO Box 1616

High Wycombe

Bucks HP12 9FS

## Councillors

**Chairman:** Cllr Michael Detsiny

**Vice Chairman:**

Cllr Graeme Coulter

Cllr Simeon Achurch

Cllr Mandy Dunning

Cllr Colin Harries

Cllr William Hunt

Cllr John Nicolson

Cllr Jane Osborn

Cllr Callum Stewart

Cllr Keith Wright

Cllr Donna Graham

## Up-coming Meetings for 2022

Parish council meetings take place on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Monday 12 September – Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Monday 3 October – Lane End Sports Pavilion

Monday 7 November – Cadmore End Village Hall

Monday 5 December – Lane End Youth and Community Centre  
(Precept will be set.)

## Christmas in the Village

We are delighted to announce that this years Christmas in the Village will take place on Friday 9 December 2022. Please save the date, more details to follow!

## Can you help deliver The Clarion magazine?

We have a fabulous group of volunteers that help to deliver The Clarion, covering most properties in the Parish. Without the people who deliver it, there would be no Clarion. So thank you to our amazing volunteers.

We are currently on the lookout for extra volunteers to deliver The Clarion. If you can help please contact the Parish Clerk email

[clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)

or phone 01494 437111.

## Update on the sale of Chalky Field site

Lane End Parish Council has decided to sell the Chalky Field site and use the proceeds to benefit the community.

Contracts have been exchanged with a developer, but completion of the sale is subject to receipt of a satisfactory planning consent for housing development. The planning process is proving to be slower than originally thought, therefore it is assumed that the receipt of the money will not be until sometime in 2023.

When the timeline becomes clearer, we will hold a consultation with the Parish. We will ask the community to submit their ideas and proposals. We

will also advise of the Parish Councils recommended suggestions.

We will endeavour to keep the community up to date via the Parish Councils Facebook page, noticeboards, website and The Clarion.

### Parish Council Contact Details :

You can contact us by email, phone or post.

[clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk) -  
phone 01494 437111

Lane End Parish Council  
PO BOX 1616  
High Wycombe  
HP12 9FS

### Facebook

## Shaun Guard TV & WIFI SERVICES

- **Aerials** - supplied, repaired & poor reception solved
- **Satellite** - Sky Q dish upgrades, discreet dish installation
- **Internet / WiFi** - blackspots cured, internal & external data cabling
- **TVs** - hung on your wall or set up and tuned



**OXFORD AERIALS**

[www.oxfordaerials.co.uk](http://www.oxfordaerials.co.uk)

[shaun@oxfordaerials.co.uk](mailto:shaun@oxfordaerials.co.uk)

**Call Marlow 01628 439115**



Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with relevant information about what's going on in the Parish.

<https://www.facebook.com/LaneEndParishCouncil/>

## Website

[www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)

You can read parish council minutes, find archive copies of The Clarion, check on local planning applications and there's even a footpaths map.

## Allotments

We have three allotment sites:  
Chalky Field, Marlow Road. Bunkers,  
Church Road. Sandyfield, Marlow

Road. Prices range from £21-40 per year, depending on size.

We currently have vacant plots at Sandyfields in Cadmore End. If you would like an allotment plot please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Planning Applications

The Planning Applications relevant to the Lane End Parish Council are updated on the Parish Council's website

[www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)

Whilst the Parish Council does not have the power to determine applications its local knowledge is sought on each and every application.

# JHC ELECTRICAL SERVICES Ltd

## James Clark

All types of electrical works undertaken. Rewires, in/outside lights, down lighters, new fuse boards, additional sockets, security lighting, fault-finding and CCTV systems. Electric underfloor heating, storage heater repairs. Experts in all aspects of LED lighting.

**No job is too small, we can do it all. Just ask!!**

**07720 598860   01494 881766**

**[jhcelectrical25@aol.com](mailto:jhcelectrical25@aol.com)   [jhcelectrical.co.uk](http://jhcelectrical.co.uk)**

Fully Insured and all work Guaranteed.

Honest, Local, Reliable Tradesman.

Established 17 years.

**The Dog House, 10 Elwes Road, Lane End, HP14 3DR**

## **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](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)

If a street light is shining directly into your windows, you can apply to Scottish and Southern Electricity for a shield to be put on the light.

## **FixMyStreet.com**

If you want to report anything to the council such as things which are broken, dirty, damaged or dumped, go to [FixMyStreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com). You can also report things that need fixing, cleaning or clearing, like graffiti, dog fouling, potholes or street lights that don't work.

All you have to do is type in a post-code and describe your problem.

## **Various works carried out by the parish council in the last three months**

Groundworks to Church path and grass cutting in readiness for Lane End fete.

Liaised with Bucks County Council regarding the timeliness and quality of bin collections.

Contracted spraying of Japanese Knotweed on Ditchfield Common.

Communicated with tenants regarding allotment etiquette and standards.

Parish Council policies reviewed, drafted and approved, including Environmental, Dignity at Work, Complaints, Communications and Social Media.

Quotations sought for hedge work at Chalky Fields and Lane End Playing Fields.

Moles at the Playing Fields dealt with.

AED units (defibrillators for use in the case of cardiac arrest) checked monthly

Vandalism of new perspex at the bus shelter at Archers Way—decision not to replace perspex.

Streetlight lamps replaced.

Works to football pitches agreed in principle.

**Please get in touch with the  
parish clerk on 01494 437111  
or email  
[clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@laneendparishcouncil.org.uk)**

# GATEWAY BARBERS



## ABOUT US

We are an independent, multi-award winning barber shop in Lane End providing the ultimate in gentlemen's grooming services.

Our barbers are professionally trained experts that are state registered and proud members of the British Master Barber Alliance.

We combine traditional barbering techniques with the latest trends in male hairdressing to bring you a truly bespoke experience.

## OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday

10:00 - 17:30

Saturday

08:00 - 15:00

**WWW.GATEWAYBOOKINGS.CO.UK**

21 HIGH STREET, LANE END, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, HP14 3JF

TELEPHONE: 01494 883 886



@GatewayBarbersLaneEnd



@Gateway\_Barbers

# The lowdown



## Lane End Conservation Group

Report by Paul Thomas

Unprintable are the words to describe the people who ripped out the four newly planted 10ft tall trees next to the children's playground back in May. Red Kite, Lane End Parish Council, John O'Conner Groundworks, Lane End Litter Magnets and the Lane End Conservation Group collaborated to get some young trees established in the area started so well but ended in complete failure due to the actions of a few individuals. We all hope something positive comes out of this act of vandalism.

On a more positive note the Conservation Group always meets regularly every first Saturday of the month at 10am at the Doctor's car park to then go forth with secateurs, scythes and spades to plant, clear and enhance the local environment.

This is two hours of fresh air, exercise and gossip with the added opportunity to do something, however small towards the environmental problems that face us all.

We send newsletters to the membership (£10 pa). Our annual meeting this year is at Cadmore End Village hall on 24 November at 8pm, please

put it in your diary.

We are welcoming Dr Jill Eyers to speak at the meeting. Jill is a professional geologist who also undertakes archaeological work ([www.chilternarchaeology.org](http://www.chilternarchaeology.org)).

She has lived in Lane End since 1975 while travelling the world for her work. She teaches sessions at

schools and universities, runs fun courses and field trips, gives talks, and writes a lot of books. Surveys are part of her normal role and she will explain her findings from her recent work in Finings Wood.

The meeting is open to all, and new members will find a warm welcome in the conservation group.



Members of Lane End Conservation Group planting trees in the children's playground, days before they were vandalised.





# the gardener

When you need a green-fingered hand, get the gardener in.

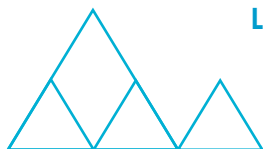
- ✓ Beds and borders groomed and maintained
- ✓ Planting, pruning, weeding and turfing
- ✓ Pots & planters to pondcare & hedges
- ✓ Quality composts and soil delivered

One-off visits and regular arrangements

Warren Detsinyi  
the.gardener@hotmail.com  
M: 07703 342671  
The Willows, Frieth



# Need a Designer?



**YETI DESIGN**  
creativity made easier

Logo Design • Flyers • Brochures  
Print Design & more

[www.theyetis.com](http://www.theyetis.com)

Based in West Wycombe



## Footpath report

Report by Nigel & Anna Bacon

We had a very hot summer and the footpaths are still very dry. The wonderful wildflowers of summer have long died back now; these included the Southern Marsh orchids and Heath Spotted orchids on Moorend Common.



The countryside code can be found at [gov.uk/countryside-code](http://gov.uk/countryside-code) and gives helpful advice on how to make sure walkers enjoy the outdoors. It includes the following advice: do not light fires – extremely important during this very dry spell

take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit

always keep dogs under control and in sight and clear up any mess they leave

follow local signs and keep to

marked paths unless wider access is available (for instance on common land which is Open Access and you can walk where you like.)

If you come across any problems on the paths, please let us know on:

[nbacon@doctors.org](mailto:nbacon@doctors.org) or [annabacon@thamesinternet.com](mailto:annabacon@thamesinternet.com)

We are unable to clear big obstructions, such as fallen trees but we can report such to either the landowners or the Chiltern Society who will endeavour to clear the paths.

Our monitoring role requires us to walk all the Lane End footpaths twice a year. Some people have already adopted a footpath and inform us of any problems. If anyone else would like to do the same for one of their favourite paths, please let us know.

A footpath map is available on the Lane End Parish Council website: [aneendparishcouncil.org.uk/footpaths.php](http://aneendparishcouncil.org.uk/footpaths.php)



# Lane End Players

Report by Ceri Nicolson

The summer has been a series of highs and lows for the Lane End Players. On 15 July our summer pantomime 'Aladdin' opened and a weekend of great performances and rave reviews followed. To our dismay, by the following weekend no fewer than five principal cast members had been struck by the dreaded Covid-19. When the first person became unwell we were all set with volunteer understudies and deter-

mined that the show must go on. But as cast members went down like dominoes in the 48 hours that followed, we realised that we could not offer the quality of performance that our audiences are accustomed to, so regretfully the show was cancelled and ticket money refunded.

We were particularly sad because we had invited a group of 24 Ukrainian refugees and their host families to join us for our final performance which should have taken place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> followed by a celebratory barbecue party. Nevertheless, there were some very positive points. Our generous audiences from the first weekend donated £150



Plumbing ► Heating ► Bathroom

Gas Boiler – Service/Repair

Plumbing – Taps/Leaks

Heating – Radiators/Controls

Bathroom – Taps/Showers

Local Friendly Service Call Paul

M:07883 341496 T:01628 488818

[www.APSandSons.com](http://www.APSandSons.com)



to Hearing Dogs For Deaf people, the chosen charity of panto director, Catherine Everitt, who had featured a song using signing for the deaf in the show. Also we had staged our Charity performance, free of charge, for the disadvantaged in our community on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – for us, this is always a very important part of our pantomime season.

We are moving on and looking to the future again. In September we will host a 'Golden Gala' to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and which will feature a trip down memory lane for our members and honorary members.

Our next production will be in the Autumn and ironically, it's called 'A Breath Of Spring'! Here's what Director Paul Brown says about this

hilarious comedy caper:

'When Dame Beatrice is given a mink stolen by her maid, she is reminded of the maid's shady past and immediately suspects that it was stolen from the next door flat. A former army officer and other lodgers endeavour to return the stole. The plan is devised with care and all of them take such delight in the secretive scheme that they wonder why they don't do this more often...'



Performances dates: Friday 4, Saturday 5, Fri 11 & Sat 12 November.

We always welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us in any capacity – backstage, onstage or front of house - please contact membership secretary, Lannie Staff at [lanniestaff1@gmail.com](mailto:lanniestaff1@gmail.com)



# Londis

## Lane End



**GROCERIES:** this includes gluten free and vegan options. Our confectionery range is now stocked with a wide selection of American sweets.

**DAIRY & CHILLED:** increased range of fresh fruits and vegetables, ready made meals and soups, extended range of meat market products.



**BAKERY:** crusty bread and rolls, baguettes, croissants, pastries, jam doughnuts - baked daily.



**INSTORE POST OFFICE:** offering a wide range of products and services - stationery, packaging products and tapes, helium balloons and party pieces.



**PAY POINT TERMINAL:** re-charge gas and electric, TV licence, rent and council tax, mobile phone top-ups, photocopying.



**FOOD TO GO:**  
Costa Coffee, Fwip (Italian ice cream),  
Freal milkshakes (American style)  
Hot food - pasties, sausage rolls,  
bacon baps and paninis.  
All freshly prepared instore.

### Opening Hours:

**Monday - Saturday 7:00am - 8:30pm    Sunday 8:00am - 6:00pm**

Londis Lane End, Edmonds Shopping Centre, 5-7 Edmonds Road, Lane End,  
High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 3EJ

Londis: 01494 882346    Post Office: 01494 883556



Ask a busy person to do something (legal!) and they'll do it, nine times out of ten. Here in Lane End the willingness to help was clearly demonstrated around Christmastime last year, when a small group of people with connections to the Playing Fields committed to an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday in June 2022.

Fast forward to January/February 2022, and the event began to take shape with a team of volunteers, totally committed to putting on a musical celebration of the Jubilee. it might have looked as though the team had bitten off more than they could chew as the signing up of local artistes moved ahead at pace.

As much as possible the organisers kept the final shape of the event to themselves. As a result, when the event took place in June there was something for everyone, but with a strong musical theme and the chance for local groups and solo artists with connections to Lane End to wow the crowds who were able to enjoy the sights and sounds, because the weather was kind to us.

Oddly perhaps, one of the groups who attracted a lot of support and

interest was a group of wrestlers with connections to Lane End. They brought back images of the early days of sport on TV but all the time having tongue in cheek. Otherwise, we were treated to a wide range of music and sounds – truly there was something for everyone.

Our thanks go all the volunteers and organisers who made sure that everyone had a good day - and those who cleared up afterwards, often one and the same!

Looking back, it was clear that a significant number of visitors were unaware what facilities and events are now available at the Playing Fields and we are committed to publicising events and matches as we move towards the autumn.

Contact us through Facebook!



# Paul Smale

## ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Making a brighter, warmer future.



Local family business providing a friendly and reliable service. Offers domestic and commercial services

Fully qualified  
and insured



All electrical work carried out by Paul Smale Electrical Services Ltd is guaranteed by ELECSA.

**Call us on:** 01494 482668

**Mobile:** 07841 359957

**Email:** [info@paul-smale.co.uk](mailto:info@paul-smale.co.uk)

**[www.paul-smale.co.uk](http://www.paul-smale.co.uk)**



# Returning to Lane End

By Jane Bovey

Proving that once you've been a Lane End resident, it's hard to get the place out of your system, Jane Bovey recalls the first time she and her husband Alistair came to live in the village in the 60s.

Hello! We are Alistair and Jane Bovey and we have just removed back to Lane End. You see, we fell in love over fifty years ago. On 25 August 1968 to be precise. A couple of days before, our eyes had met over a crowded pub and breathless first words were exchanged. It was meant to be – so we set about trying to find a small, cheap house in the country. But it seemed, dear reader, that there was none.

But ... fret not! Our friend Fred, wise and ancient, told us about a cottage in Lane End. Never heard of it, we said. 'You go and see'un,' advised Fred. The asking price in 1969 was £4,500 for the beautiful Lantern Cottage. Surely not – there must be a mistake. A young mum with a babe in arms showed us around. In one corner of the kitchen stood a huge lump of iron that breathed fire.

'What is it?' I asked tentatively. I learned that it was a Rayburn and that you can cook, dry clothes and

keep warm. It also kept our cats warm. No, said the sweet young mum upon my question about gas. Since that day I have never had gas nor could I manage life without a Rayburn. In 1969 it ran on coke and had no temperature control so we ate most of our meals at midnight. Friends soon learned to have a quick snack at about 6, to keep the hunger pangs at bay!

On our gate post a proud white cockerel stood and crowed for us every day. No one seemed to know his owner. Less inviting was the abattoir, joined to our garden wall. Skip this if you are squeamish! The cows were brought in overnight, I lay awake listening their fate. Cows know. The squealing of the pigs was ear-splitting.

The track that ran from the abattoir sheds ran with blood. I rang the Council because I had a new baby and I was worried that the terrible

smell would get into her little lungs and poison her as she lay outside in her pram. There were lots of young mums in Lane End and my two best friends were Pat Taylor (taken far too soon) and Jo Donachie. New mothers didn't usually work in those days.

Then there were the Stallwoods: Eileen and Tony and their wonderful warm family. Eileen is Godmother to our eldest child (the one who sniffed the excrescence from the abattoir and lived to tell the tale: in fact she is now 50!)

Mary Coombs was another lovely friend. I looked after her adorable

little boys Andrew and Paul whilst Mary went to work. Together she and I worked on music for Holy Trinity Church especially for holy occasions.

I have fond memories of singing at Christmas (1977) trying to push down a large bump that became my son. Around that time I witnessed what is commonplace now: secular music with guitars. A 'with-it' priest in fact. There were some dark mumblings but we got a group going that rather split the congregation.

We are so glad to be back.



Picture of Lane End in the 1960s shown courtesy of the Sharing Wycombe's Old Photographs (SWOP) project—[swop.org.uk](http://swop.org.uk)

**HUNT**  
ROOFING  
& PROPERTY  
SERVICES LTD

**LOCAL & RELIABLE**  
ALL ROOFING WORKS

Local, Lane End, Roofer

**WESLEY HUNT**  
HUNT ROOFING & PROPERTY SERVICES LTD

**CONTACT**

M: 07980 798295  
E: OFFICE@HUNTRPS.COM

**WWW.HUNTRPS.COM**



## Playground Update

Report by Linden Porter

Work has continued in the Playground area. The large swing has been replaced and the benches by the softball court area have been painted.

The footpath linking the main way through the playground and Cater Road has also been completely replaced.



## Acorn Building & Construction

Extensions | Refurbishments  
Ground works | Roofing works  
Bathrooms | Kitchens  
Fascias & Soffits | Guttering Services  
plus most Building and Construction Services.



**T: 07888 682 977 - 01494 883322**

[acornconstructionservices@gmail.com](mailto:acornconstructionservices@gmail.com)

Horse Shoe Barn | Bullocks Farm Lane | Wheeler End | Buckinghamshire HP14 3NJ

VAT Reg. 205593611



**Join the Lane End  
Litter Magnets on  
the first Saturday  
of the month at  
10am in the  
doctors' surgery  
car park**



**Reliable and professional service to the local community**

**Established since 2002**

**Free estimates and competitive prices**

**City and Guilds Qualified**

**Fully insured, all work guaranteed**

**Internal/External doors**

**New windows fitted**

**Bedrooms**

**Solid wood and laminate floors**

**Staircase refurbishment**

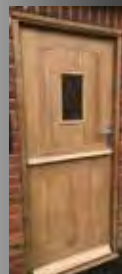
**PVC-U doors and composite doors supplied and fitted**



**Email-  
aspectdf@aol.com**

**Call Duncan Frost  
07811 596304-  
01494 880540**

**Find us on Instagram  
@aspectcarpentry\_**





*Frieth*  
Cricket Club

Report by  
Ben Smiley

By now, our season will be more or less finished, and I think that it's fair to say that we're doing a lot better than last season. Although we're not competing for the league title, or promotion, we're looking up the table as opposed to over our shoulders.

Away from our senior cricketing exploits, there has been a huge amount of growth in our Junior Section where we have been benefiting from being an All Stars and Dynamos cricket centre. This means that we've had access to ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board) funding and resources, and combined with a growing profile of the Club we have seen an average of 12 children between the ages of 5 and 12 attending the Sunday morning coaching sessions throughout the summer.

We are already making plans to run All Stars and Dynamos at Frieth Cricket Club next year, and we're working on putting some Junior fixtures into the calendar too.

One unexpected area of interest in the Club has been from the parents who have attended and supported

the Junior Section. In seeing them pick up a bat or ball, we've come to recognise that there is a group of adults out there who want to play cricket, perhaps for the first time, but who are intimidated by the hard ball, fast bowling and protective equipment that is usually associated with cricket.

It is the realisation that there are these 'anxious' players out there that has prompted us to establish practice evenings for new or returning to cricket adults who want to have a go at cricket without the risk of being hurt by a hard ball or fast delivery. Using the children's equipment that has been supplied to us through All Stars and Dynamos, we've been able to run safe and inclusive cricket evenings for men and women throughout August.

It is our plan to organise these sessions next year as well, so please do keep an eye out for news in The Clarion and on the Frieth Cricket Club Facebook page.

It wouldn't be a note about Frieth Cricket Club without a reference to our fundraising efforts for a new pa-

vilion and the ongoing development of the Club. As ever, please do explore how you can support us financially. A key way for people to support us at no cost to themselves is through [easyfundraising.org.uk/friethcricketclub](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/friethcricketclub).

As usual, to find out more about our Club, to register your interest as a volunteer, future player or official, please drop us an email to [friethcricket@btinternet.com](mailto:friethcricket@btinternet.com), or follow us on Facebook. If you want to play, help us earn bonus league points as a match scorer or umpire or find out how else you can volunteer with us, please get in touch!

On a personal note, my wife, children and I will have moved away from Lane End by the time that you read this, and I'd like to thank those who have supported Frieth Cricket Club since I got involved in 2008. There are many of you, however special thanks must go to Joy, Carlos and the teams at The Grouse and Ale and The Yew Tree, the community of The Prince Albert, and people in the village who have played with and supported Frieth Cricket Club. Grass-roots cricket is struggling, nationally, however with your ongoing support, the future of cricket in this area of the Chilterns is looking positive. Please keep on supporting your cricket club.



We are  
still open!

that  
Slimming  
World  
feeling!

Tuesday evenings  
(Lane End)

Thursday evenings  
(Marlow)

contact Marion on 07881 607987  
for more information about our fabulous  
Slimming world at home service

   [slimmingworld.co.uk](https://slimmingworld.co.uk)



# THE LANE END LITTER MAGNETS



Thank you to Ryan Gibbs for his wonderful logo and for all his work to help us develop the new sticker scheme (see below!).

## Notable moments over the last 3 months

We issued Jubilee Certificates to the two pupils (one from Lane End and one from Stokenchurch Primary School) who litter picked as part of the 'Litter Free for the Jubilee' Campaign.

We also have one young lady who is litter-picking as part of her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme requirement.

## Rewarding the young - The Lane End Litter Magnets Sticker Scheme

Thanks to Anne Bolton's brilliant idea we now have stickers which we are awarding to youngsters who litter pick in Lane End:

Either by litter picking at one of the monthly events,

Or by litter picking as part of a school event (*Lane End School only*).

There are 3 levels of achievement. Each level requires 5 litter picks before moving up to the next level:

Steve Baker (our MP) kicked off the scheme at our July litter pick awarding nine stickers to pupils of Lane End School.

I had assumed adults could manage without one; however we did allow Steve Baker to award himself one!

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3



## Reminder - Clear up after your dog

There is still a small minority of dog owners in Lane End who are not clearing up after their dog. This minority is making life fairly grim for a large number of Lane Enders, and as one who occasionally clears this up on my litter picking rounds this also irritates me!

### If your dog poos:

On a tarmac footpath or on the road, **bag it and bin it**

In the grass on a verge, **bag it and bin it**

In the playground (where incidentally dogs are not allowed!), the sports

field or any area where children play – **bag it and bin it**

In one of Lacey's cow fields—**bag it and carry it to the nearest bin**

On a footpath in the woods then flick it with a stick into the undergrowth

There are bins aplenty in Lane End. PLEASE USE THEM.

**Your dog cannot do it for you!**

By  
Linden Porter



## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SIGNWRITER!

TRADITIONAL HAND-PAINTED SIGNS & GOLD LEAF GILDING



COLOURFUL KAT SIGNS



SHOPS + PUBS + WINDOWS + A-BOARDS + MENUS  
VEHICLES + CANAL BOATS + WEDDINGS

Whether you already have a logo or design or just have a general idea of a sign for your home or business, need a bespoke commission or a gift. Signs of any size painted with care and a creative eye. Get in touch!

• Email: [kat@colourfulkatsigns.co.uk](mailto:kat@colourfulkatsigns.co.uk) • Mobile: 07867517555

# Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Report by Emma Savory

Thank you to all the local families who supported the **Summer Play-scheme**. We continue to entertain the children, and ourselves, with various activities and visiting workshops. This year we learned how to play the African drums with help from Hartbeats, we worked in teams during our mini sports day, created hand print bunting, played traditional party games and the last week we treated ourselves to a big inflatable ball pit for some crazy fun! Due to staff holidays we won't be open this October half term, but look out for details for our Children's Christmas party.

**Do you know what [Bedouin Breathwork](#) is?**

**Find out Friday nights at the Centre at 7.30pm.....**

Stressed? Anxious? Generally feeling a bit overwhelmed with the struggle? Allowing yourself time to pause from the inevitable grind of life is more important now than ever! Pranayama Breathwork has been proven to help reduce stress levels and increase a sense of wellbeing.

Bedouin Breathwork teaches practices that can be used in your day to day life, giving you an immediately accessible set of breathing techniques to help you pause, find peace and connect with your inner guru.

Email [bedouinbreathwork@gmail.com](mailto:bedouinbreathwork@gmail.com) for more details.

## Thursday Lunch Club 12 – 1.30pm

Every Thursday we welcome seniors into the Centre for a two-course cooked dinner with tea or coffee for £6. This lunch club is open to any-

one so please pop in and give us a try. If you would like to volunteer to cook, serve or wash up once a month please get in touch.

## Coffee Shop – Mondays and Thursdays 10.30am

– 12noon

Do you want to meet new local people? Then come along to our coffee morning, every Monday and Thursday 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](mailto: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 be one of the first to find out about all our latest events! Also check out our new website at [www.leycc.co.uk](http://www.leycc.co.uk)



## On at Lane End Youth and Community Centre:

**Monday—Coffee 10am –12noon / Zumba 8pm**

**Tuesday and Sunday—Self Defence with Ultra Krav Maga**

**Wednesday—Junior Youth Club 6 – 8pm**

**Thursday—Zumba Gold 10.30am / Coffee Shop 10am-12noon / Over 50's Lunch Club 12noon**

**Saturday—Dog training with Bells and Whistles**



*Amy, The Travel Counsellor*

amy.powell@travelcounsellors.com  
[www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/amy.powell](http://www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/amy.powell)  
01494 980 056

Your local Travel Agent based in Lane End.

Offering a highly personalised service, which is required more now than ever.

Give me a call to start creating memories again.

Specialising in:

- |              |               |               |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| - Beach      | - Luxury      | - City Breaks |
| - Adventure  | - Multi Trips | - Groups      |
| - Corporate  | - Cruise      | - Weddings    |
| - Honeymoons | - Ski         | - Memories    |

Check out my brand new instagram page @AmyTravelGuru

 @AmyTravelGuru

 AmyTheTravelCounsellor



travel counsellors 

*With us...it's personal*

**Holy Trinity Music Fund**  
offers funding to young people to  
help with a wide range of musical  
ambitions.

**Living in or connected to Lane End  
or Holy Trinity Church?**

**Apply now!**



**Purchasing an instrument?  
Needing music tuition? Run-  
ning a choir? Joining a band?  
Studying music at college?  
Worried by the cost?**

**Applications for funding for a  
wide range of music activities  
is now being taken.**

**For further details contact:**

**Parish Administrator  
South Chilterns Team Ministry**

**01494 854045**

**[parishoffice.sctc@gmail.com](mailto:parishoffice.sctc@gmail.com)**





The October Officer Talk will take place on Friday 7 October this year. It will be on the subject of "Security at the 2012 Olympics" by a retired Lt. Colonel of the Royal Logistics Corps. The place and time are currently being arranged and will be published to members. Non-members are welcome and can find details on the RBL notice board or by contacting HW 881948.



## Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year is on 13 November. As has happened for the last two Covid-affected years, it will be held on Ditchfield Common in front of Holy Trinity Church. While the Branch still has the right to hold the parade in front of the Village Hall Memorial Porch (and block the A482 main road), times have changed.

Royal British Legion HQ has laid down that no Legion member shall be involved in any road closure, and that any such closure and insurance must be arranged by the local authority. This effectively stops all but the biggest town parades, but we are not worried; the move to Ditchfield has proved popular and everyone is able to see and hear the proceedings.

The village will have seen that we continue to fly the Ukrainian flag together with our Union flag on the Legion flagpole. We cannot forget the horrors that are happening in that country.





» Include your  
events here.

Email details to:  
[katyjdunn@btinternet.com](mailto:katyjdunn@btinternet.com)

# What's On?

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

## » Church Services

Sundays 10.30am Elim Hope  
Church

Sundays 9.15am Holy Trinity  
church, Lane End

Sunday 11am St Mary le Moor  
church, Cadmore End



## » Help tidy the village and look after our green spaces

First Saturday of every month—The  
Lane End Conservation Group  
meets in the village (doctor's) car  
park at 10am. No previous experi-  
ence necessary, everyone  
welcome, young and old. Litter-  
pickers also meet here at the same  
time and place.

## » Tai Chi

Tuesday 2pm in Lane End Village  
Hall, £6 per session. Contact Dr  
Sue Stuart, [sastu-  
art@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:sastu-art@globalnet.co.uk) 01494 532088

## » Café at the Community Centre

Mondays 10am – 12noon for coffee

and homemade cakes by Charmain and Thursday 11am – 2pm for toasties, paninis, homemade cakes and hot drinks.

### Junior youth club

Wednesdays 6-8.30pm at the Community Centre.

### Children's role play

Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am and 11-12noon. Role play sessions from birth to 10 years old. £6 per child, £4 per sibling, £3 under 1s. More info at [rolecity.co.uk](http://rolecity.co.uk) / [sc@rolecity.co.uk](mailto:sc@rolecity.co.uk)

### Self defence classes

Self defence classes are Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings with Ultra Krav Maga at the Community Centre. [Ultra-kravmaga.com](http://Ultra-kravmaga.com)

### Puppy classes

Saturday mornings 9am-12noon. [Bellsandwhistlesbehaviour.co.uk](http://Bellsandwhistlesbehaviour.co.uk)

### Socatots

Football for ages 1-4 in Lane End village hall Thursdays 9.30-10.10 am. Tel 07545 148201

### Little Fishes baby group

Baby and toddler group for children aged 0-4 years and their parent/carer at Elim Church Lane End every Wednesday morning in term time. 9-11am. Free, with coffee and snack

provided, songs, bible crafts, toys and stories.

### Lane End Players

'A breath of spring', a hilarious comedy caper staged at the village hall on Fri & Sat, 4/5 & 11/12 Nov.

Tel box office 01494 700262

### Zumba

Zumba fitness on Mondays 8pm-8.45pm and Zumba Gold, low-impact classes, on Thursdays 10.30am-11.15am in Lane End Youth and Community Centre. £6 or buy 5 classes and get 6<sup>th</sup> class free. Contact Jennifer, 07595869012, [jennifer.morais.zumba@outlook.com](mailto:jennifer.morais.zumba@outlook.com)

### Forget me knot café

Last Tuesday of every month 2-4pm, Ridley Manor. Helping people and families living with dementia. There'll be a discussion topic, guest speaker or presentation as well as light refreshments each session. Come along for a chat and meet with others who understand what it means to live or care for someone with memory loss.

### Lane End Conservation Group AGM

Cadmore End village hall 24 Nov, 8pm. Dr Jill Eysers will present the results of the geological and archaeological survey of Finings Wood.

## The pain of motherhood

The trouble with Wood Pigeons (also known as Ring Doves) is that they are too successful for their own good. They flourish both in the countryside (where farmers often despair at large flocks hoovering up their grain) and in urban areas, where they frequent gardens and parks, always on the look-out for some spilled food or pickings from bird-tables. They seem to eat anything and as a result, have not suffered the loss of habitat and specialised diets of other birds.

Therefore, we can be dismissive, even antagonistic towards them: they hang around our houses and fences, droppings besmirching patios and damaging car paintwork. They frighten off the smaller birds in our gardens, flapping in and



out on a loud clatter of wings, and wake us at dawn with their repetitive cooing (to my ears: 'it's my turn, Betty'). We shoo them away and perhaps worry not when an explosion of left-behind feathers on the ground signifies the loss of one to a Sparrowhawk or Peregrine Falcon.

We have a regular procession of them flapping down clumsily to drink at the pond; unlike other birds which have to gather water in their bills then tip their heads back to swallow, pigeons drink by sucking up water in a continuous action. I find them a tad annoying, but recently my heart went out to one.

A female built a rickety nest of small sticks only about ten feet up in a sapling in our front garden. There was an array of sticks scattered underneath on the ground, so clumsily was the nest constructed. Yet, she spent a week on numerous journeys to collect and arrange the twigs and then settled in to lay one or two eggs.

Increasingly fondly, I would look up every time I went in or out, to check her presence on the nest: she became 'my pigeon'; children were wide-eyed when I pointed her out.

Three weeks she sat, awaiting her hatchlings; then today I realised I hadn't seen her on the nest for 24 hours, were there babies? No sign, so fearfully I checked the ground underneath and found two broken eggs: an unknown disaster has struck, and I am now rather sad. I will be less dismissive of the crew around the pond from now on...



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

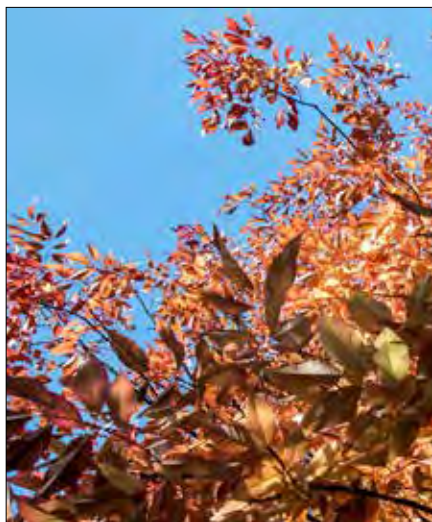
## The 5 best things about autumn in the 'Ends' where we live

Report by Katy Dunn

### 1. Autumn colour

This had to be number 1. Seeing our wooded valleys turn a kaleidoscope of yellows, bronze and burnt orange is a beautiful gift of nature before winter draws in. It would be churlish of us to turn down the opportunity to appreciate it.

The best places to see autumn colour on short strolls in our neck of



the woods are: Finings Wood—From Lane End walk past the church, turn right at the track and just after Meakes, take a right into the woods. Follow the main path, keeping right at the forks and you'll end up at Lacey's for a delicious hot sausage roll before you head back to the village.



At Wheeler End, head to the Chequers pub then, walking away from Lane End, take a right down a public footpath that looks like you're going into someone's drive. Wear wellies to pass through the muddiest yard in the world, then you're rewarded by a wide field with big skies above you and the M40 on your right. Descend onto a path in a tunnel of trees. Take the first left through bronzed beeches and a sheep field before meeting Bullocks Farm Lane again and turning left

back up towards the Chequers for a refreshing drink.

At Cadmore End, if you park by the school and head down towards the M40 underpass, you'll find a wide track taking you through beautiful Chiltern woodland and views of managed farmland. There are various circular walks, but if you're just wanting a quick fix, you can just amble as far as you like along the track and then turn back for a different perspective on the return to the car.

## 2. Back to school

Parents everywhere will be sighing with relief that the juggle of childcare and long holidays is over. But it's a relief tinged with regret that the free-wheeling days of summer are gone and the regimented structure of school runs and homework and after-school activities is back.

Children aside, many of us still feel that new-term need to start something new in September. Why not think about doing something for yourself and starting Zumba or Ultra Krav Maga at the Lane End Youth and Community Centre, or Tai Chi at the village hall?





Alternatively you could make a commitment to join Lane End Conservation Group or the Lane End Litter Magnets on the first Saturday of the month to meet some new people, have a chat and do a lovely thing for our village.

### 3. Halloween

Over the past decade or two, Halloween has become a major date in family calendars. Regardless of what you think of the festival, there's no denying that children adore the whole rigmarole. First, there's the frisson of dabbling in the usually off-limits subjects of death and the supernatural.



Then there's the anticipatory week of debating with friends what to wear, the actual dressing-up, and of course the thrilling experience of roaming the streets in a motley gang of parents and children in the dark. And what's not to like about going house to house picking up sweets and

treats as you go?

A note about the etiquette that's developed in Lane End to protect those who, for whatever valid reasons, don't wish to engage—there's an unwritten rule that if there's a pumpkin outside the house (real, fake, or a picture,) trick-or-treaters are welcome. If there's no pumpkin outside, leave that household in peace.

### 4. Woodsmoke and jumpers

Is it a particularly British thing to relish the annual bringing back of jumpers into wardrobe circulation?

There's something very satisfying about pulling on a favourite woolly jumper, winding a scarf round your neck and heading out into a misty morning where you can see your breath in clouds.



Also, if you're lucky enough to have an open grate or wood-burner in your house, that first fire on a chilly autumn evening is often a cosy coming-together of the household. The glow of the dancing flames is a great

antidote to the nights drawing in and a reminder that autumn has its own unique pleasures.

I also love it when you're on a walk around our villages and you get that whiff of woodsmoke from someone's chimney. It just says autumn to me.

## 5. Comfort food

I don't know about you, but much as I love them, but I'll be glad to not see another Greek salad in a while. I'm looking forward to a creamy squash risotto, a hearty beef or venison casserole and roast chicken with all the veg and hot gravy.

If you can't face the effort of cooking these dishes yourself, it's a good opportunity to support our local businesses. The Chequers at Wheeler End serve a very popular carvery on Sundays. The Grouse and Ale and Yew Tree are passionate about good food and are planning their autumn menus as I write. Not forgetting of course the coffee shops at Strawberry Grove and Haircrafts for a cuppa and some very good cake after your autumn walk.

There's so much to look forward to in autumn in our villages. Enjoy the season!



Have fun playing and learning through role play.

We've various role play stations such as;

A supermarket, builders yard, Café,

Police station, garage, vets and so many more!

Run by an experienced Primary School Teacher.

There is even a different theme each session too.

Every other Tuesday in Lane End village hall.

Great for children from birth to 8 years old.

**[www.rolecity.co.uk](http://www.rolecity.co.uk)**

Email - [sc@rolecity.co.uk](mailto:sc@rolecity.co.uk)

Telephone - 07539080336

# Save Finings Wood—progress

Report by Katy Dunn

There's been a lot of work going on behind the scenes in the bid to save Finings Wood from wood-lotters.

## Background

In the last issue of *The Clarion* we reported that Finings Wood (the woodland to the left of the road between Lane End and Laceys) had been put up for sale. This caused alarm to the people who care about the woodland – these are people who walk their dogs in its cool green shelter whatever the weather, those who occasionally take a stroll there to see the bluebells, or the leaves change in autumn, plus residents who simply care about our general

rights to enjoy the green spaces in our village.

The sale signs caused alarm because a woodland in Stokenchurch owned by this vendor was sold to a wood-lotting company who carved it up into small plots and sold them on to different buyers, many of them from overseas. As fences are going up, access tracks being installed and structures being erected, the ability to wander in that woodland is restricted. It also means there's no way to manage the woodland properly for the health of the trees and woodland plants and wildlife.



## **Action taken so far**

A group of concerned people from Lane End got together to see what could be done to save Finings Wood from this fate. And as nothing these days can be done without getting the proper bureaucracy in place (to be fair, these things are important to ensure everything is being done properly and all above board) the Finings Wood Community Group has been formally set up with a constitution and committee.

The formal aims of the Group are to:

To sustainably protect, manage and restore Fining Wood, increasing biodiversity and conserving the ancient woodland

To provide community access to the woods for enjoyment and recreational activities and to meet the diverse interests of the membership and the local community

To work with the local community and organisations to promote the benefits of woodland conservation and sustainability.

## **We want to buy the wood for the community**

The Group is in the process of building a website, opening a bank account and applying for charity status, and then the hard work begins. By the time the next issue of The Clarion comes out we'll be fundraising to



buy the wood. Yes! Actually buy the wood for the community of Lane End. The Land Agent is aware and supportive of our interest and is keeping the vendor updated with our progress.

The sale price is £600,000, which is a huge amount of money, but along with individual pledges showing the strength of feeling about how important the woodland is to our community, we'll be seeking large-scale donors from corporates and high-net worth individuals.

In addition – along with many other worthy projects in the village – we'll be bidding for a share of the windfall from Lane End Parish Council's sale of the Chalky Fields site if, and hopefully when, this comes through.

You'll hear more in the coming months on social media (follow Lane End, Finings Wood Group on Facebook) and in the next issue of The Clarion about our Crowdfunding campaign.

But in the meantime if you'd like to show your support and make a pledge, or have any suggestions of corporate organisations or high-net worth individuals to approach for their support, please email [finingswoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:finingswoodfriends@gmail.com)

## **More Finings Wood news:**

### **Finings Wood survey results**

Dr Jill Eyers, is conducting a survey of the geology and archaeology of Finings Wood.

As guest speaker at the Lane End Conservation Group AGM at 8pm on 24 November at Cadmore End Village hall, she'll be communicating her findings. All welcome, so please add to your diary and come along.



### **Lane End Horticultural show**

The new Finings Wood Community Group put on an impressive display at the Lane End Horticultural Show on Saturday 5 August. Paul Thomas and Trevor Mansfield spoke to several interested visitors, receiving lots of support for the new Friends group.



A chief attraction at the horticultural show was the wonderful Green Man display, created by Pauline Thomas, entirely from natural materials found in Finings Wood.

Every part of the Green Man was made from the leaves, branches, fruits and grasses that grow in this ancient woodland in the heart of the village.

Oak, beech, holly, hawthorn, ivy, bramble, male fern, acorns, beech masts, grass seed heads, mosses, willow herb, rowan berries, larch cones and twigs, fallen beech twigs and bark, blackberries, yarrow, poppy seed heads, feathers of pheasant, red kite and pigeon.

**Say hello to the Green Man of Finings Wood, Lane End:**



Edward Briscoe MIPW



## LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

**£250\* per person**

Covers Health & Finance 2 home visits, advice and certification

\* OPG charges of £82 per application are extra

## WILLS IN ENGLISH

*In essence you don't have a Will if you die without one*

Wills from £100 if you don't have one  
Compliant with the IPW code of practice

Phone: 07962 157843 / 01491 638075

Email: [edward@willsinenglish.com](mailto:edward@willsinenglish.com)



Supporting  
over 8,000  
families

## Ridley Manor care home, High Wycombe

We champion training and innovation to support our care home teams to deliver outstanding care. Residents' quality of life is at the heart of everything we do, helping individuals to stay active and independent so they can live each day to the full.

Trusted to care.



If you're considering care  
01494 852921  
[paul.hodgson@careuk.com](mailto:paul.hodgson@careuk.com)  
[careuk.com/ridley-manor](http://careuk.com/ridley-manor)



When I wrote last, the French election was in full swing. Emmanuel Macron is President of France again but with his senators arguing non-stop will he be able to govern?

Despite the heat in parliament, St Pierre has just survived real heat similar to the UK; the maximum temperature recorded was 44°C; phew! Another hot period is forecast for mid-August.

The big issue now is no rain. La Cotinière, in its re-furbished harbour setting, has opened for the summer, a history of fishing past and present which has brought praise from all visitors. Elsewhere the Lions Club is celebrating having a new female chair, Mme Arlette Dodin.

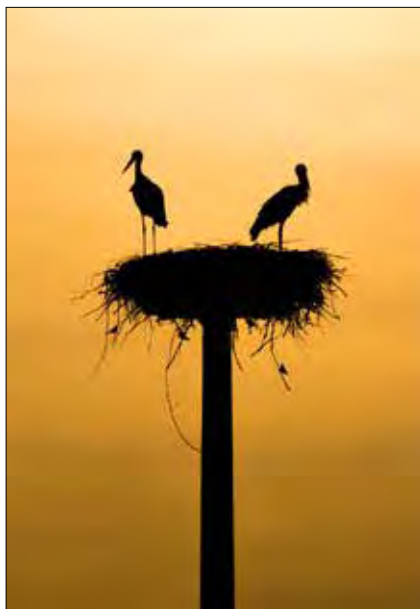
All St Pierre's beaches are now fully manned for the summer with life-guards. The beaches are also being overlooked, amongst the trees, by the biggest ever number of storks nesting, having just migrated to the island from Senegal.

St Pierre has also mirrored Metropolitan France by holding its own 'Tour D'Oléron'. Hundreds of islanders, young and old, took to their bikes to tour the island to visit beaches, the forests and the

countryside in the last week of July.

As school holidays start, together many families have answered the call from the Mayor of St Pierre to weed, clean and generally smarten up all the cemeteries in the area. They are also not using phosphate to kill weeds which have now been banned. I am pleased to say that they have also cleaned and cared for all the Commonwealth War Graves on the island.

Well that is all I have this time. Do have a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer.



© Grégoire Bertaud on Unsplash

## **RADFORD** **RESTORATIONS**



Here at Radford we pride ourselves with the highest quality of workmanship, finishing vehicles to their original form.

Our services include:

- Full & part Restorations
  - Race preparation
- Maintenance & Servicing
  - Vehicle Delivery
- Engine Building & Rebuilding

For all enquiries, please contact Don or Dean

01628 613798 Or 07802213145

[dean@radford-restorations.co.uk](mailto:dean@radford-restorations.co.uk)

[www.radfordracing.co.uk](http://www.radfordracing.co.uk)

# Milk Men

with Will Lacey 



## Lacey's' cows helped wildlife in the summer drought

Unsurprisingly my article this month is dictated by the weather. The start of 2022 has been incredibly dry. Even in the winter last year we had prolonged periods of little rain, so as we came into spring we were hopeful (as always) to get some good regular rain throughout April. Unfortunately the April showers never appeared, and we didn't get a drop of rain for the whole month.

April and May are the prime growing periods for many of our crops, and being on top of a chalk hill any water

quickly drains away, so by the end of the month we were already seeing the impact of this dry period on our crops.

But this is England, so when the rain comes, it won't stop.....or so we thought. May we had enough rain to get crops going and in to June we were hoping we may make up for the slow grass growth by having better growth throughout the summer, but the rains stopped again, and by the 18 July temperatures were hitting 40 degrees.



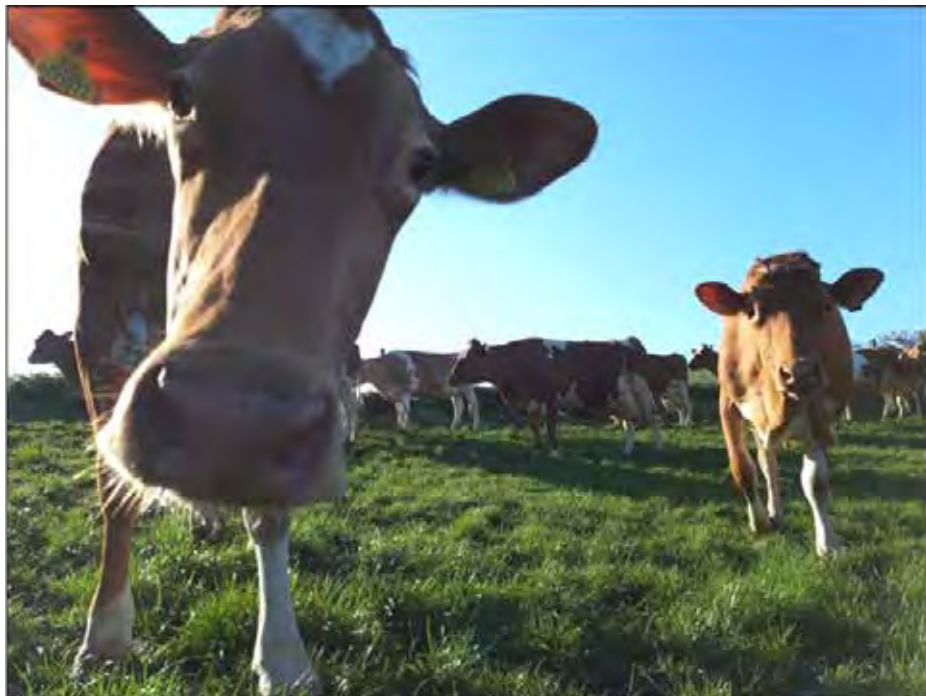


The impact this has had on our crops, particularly grass and maize has been pretty major, but could have been a lot worse. Anyone who walks the footpaths around our farm during the hot weather may have noticed that our grass, although struggling to grow, has still managed to remain green, whilst most fields (and even parks and gardens) are completely burnt off and brown, but why is this?

We put a lot of work into managing our grassland, to grow the best crops we can, but also to help the crop, and soil cope with extreme weather conditions that we are getting. During the spring much of the work we do is aimed at trying to

grow enough grass for our cows all year. We spread organic fertilisers (manure) across the grassland, this feeds nutrients to the soil, which will help crops grow and adds structure to the soils which helps improve water retention, seed establishment and carbon storage abilities.

We go through with a sward lifter and aerator to relieve compaction in the soil and get air back in there. This increases the surface area of the soil particles, giving them more ability to hold on to moisture, as well as nutrients, so in times of stress (drought) the soils have more moisture stored, and the plants are able to benefit from this. Without this work, our fields would also be com-



pletely burnt off and the cows would have nothing to eat.

The hot weather has also had a big impact on wildlife as well. With limited water available, and the ground rock hard, animals have found it hard to get the feed and water they need. We have noticed more animals following our cows around the grazing.

We have had a large number of lapwings, ground nesting birds more commonly found further north, in our grazing fields, as they can forage on the cow muck left behind, as it is rich in bugs and moisture. Swallows, which were low in numbers when they returned in the spring have grouped up for the same reason. They feed on insects and midges,



which generally like it around moisture, again the cow muck making the perfect habitat.

The flying insects being more confined to cow fields has also seen large numbers of bats flying about at night trying to get their fill. Although unplanned, grazing livestock has proven vital to the survival of much of our local wildlife this summer!



Award Winning

# LACEYS



**FARM SHOP & BUTCHERS**



Specialising in  
Home Produced & Locally  
Sourced Produce

Full range of meats, all from our  
own and other local farms

Butchery • Milk • Eggs • Deli

• Fresh Fruit & Vegetables  
Fresh From Market Every Day

• Fresh Bread Every Morning

## Opening Times

Tues - Fri 8.30am - 5 pm

Sat 8.30am - 4pm

Sun 9am - 2pm

Laceys Farm Shop & Butchers  
Lane End, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 3LP

Telephone : 01494 881660





# Martha's baking column

By Martha Foster-Will

## Miraculous meringues

Meringues are a delicious, light summer pudding that can be served in so many ways, and always taste delicious. This recipe is easy!

### Ingredients:

2 large free range egg whites

60g caster sugar

60g icing sugar

### Method:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 110° celsius/100° fan oven/gas mark one quarter.
2. Beat the egg whites with an electric whisk until they resemble a fluffy cloud and form stiff peaks.
3. Add the caster sugar into the egg whites a dessertspoonful at a time. Continue beating for 3-4 seconds between each addition. Do not over beat the mixture. When ready, the mixture should look thick and glossy.
4. Sift one third of the icing sugar over the mixture, then gently fold it in with a rubber spatula. Continue this process until you no longer have any icing sugar left. Again, do not over mix. When ready, the mixture should be smooth and billowy.
5. Line a couple of baking trays with non-stick liner or parchment paper.
6. Scoop up heaped dessert spoons of the mixture, and using another spoon, ease it onto the lined baking tray. Remember to leave a space between each.
7. For a fan oven, bake for 1½-1¾ hours. For conventional or gas ovens, 1¼ hours until the meringues are a pale coffee colour.
8. Leave to cool on a cooling rack for 10-15 minutes. Meringues will stay fresh in an airtight container for up to two weeks or in the freezer for a month.
9. Serve with berries, fresh cream, and any other toppings that you love!





## Are you suffering from a chronic health condition?

Homeopathy offers an alternative way of addressing health issues. By understanding the mind-body connection and looking at underlying causes it can help many conditions including:

- Digestive issues
- Joint problems
- Skin conditions
- Hormonal issues
- Allergies
- Chronic fatigue
- Headaches
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Insomnia

For a no obligation chat to see if homeopathy could help you, contact Lilli May on 07950 005233 or at [lilli.may@zen.co.uk](mailto:lilli.may@zen.co.uk)

**30% OFF FIRST APPOINTMENT, QUOTE 'CLARION'**





# Scouts



Lane End Scouts  
(est 1909)  
Registered Charity  
308008

After a layoff of camping since 2019 we held two camps in July, one for Cubs Scouts and then three weeks later the Scouts.

The general camp theme was back to basics, where traditional camping skills were the order of the day. This included traditional fire lighting, where wood selection, grading of size and the elongation of a fire to provide a cooking base were put into practise after many weeks of training which resulted in the Cubs cooking their own lunches on almost perfect

fires. They even did the washing up themselves!

On Saturday they undertook a pioneering project and built an enormous camp gate using traditional knots and lashings to tie the poles together after which we walked in woodland took in animal tracks, wildlife, and the most fantastic view for miles around.

The weather was not at its best this weekend with rain, a chilly wind and lower than average temperatures for July, but the Cubs coped admirably



and met the challenge head on with the vigour and excitement that only 8-10-year-olds can muster when the contents of the overhead clouds aided by sideways winds appear to be building up inside your tent!

Ironically the Scouts camped later in the month in their own adverse conditions, with one of the hottest camps we have ever held (the weekend before our 40 degree weather event), so theirs was a challenge of a different nature. But it was approached sensibly and gave an opportunity for the obligatory on camp water fight and a visiting Ice Cream Bicycle.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thanks Reg Meakes for his generosity in allowing us to use his land and woods for our camps. Over many decades he has allowed us to create experiences and memories for our young people that will last them a

lifetime. A true Star.

As I write we have just finished for the summer break and our section leaders now begin to hold the planning meetings needed to deliver the most awesome activities we can for our communities' young people, their dedication as volunteers should not be underestimated we're incredibly lucky to have them.

*We welcome support in many ways and in whatever form. You could volunteer 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.*

Contact Ian Harris - Group Scout Leader, Tel 880617

[laneend@chilternvalescouts.org.uk](mailto:laneend@chilternvalescouts.org.uk)



# On the land

with Bryan Edgley 



## Barley Harvest

Winter barley is always the first crop to be ready for harvesting, and this year we started earlier than usual, on 14 July. The first fields that we harvested were our fields known as Bothy and Old Hill at Hill Farm, on the right as you drive from the Peacock crossroads down to Fingest.

Our other field of barley this year was Peppiatts Field at Turville which took two part-days rather than one whole day. The reason for this is that the only safe route to Turville for a machine the size and width of the combine harvester is to use access through the Wormsley Estate, for which the Estate Manager has kindly given consent, but only at times which do not clash with the Garsington Opera at Wormsley. So this year harvesting at Turville had to end by 3pm on each of the two days we were harvesting there.

Barley straw is more useful than wheat straw for livestock, since as bedding in a cattle yard it is more absorbent, and it also has a feed value. Cattle will eat barley straw, whereas wheat straw is harder, more

like narrow sticks, and would not be palatable to cattle. With this in mind, for all our barley fields, and just one or two of our fields of wheat, we disengaged the straw chopper in the back section of the combine harvester, so that the straw comes out in tidy rows suitable for baling.

The Lacey family at Bolter End Farm produce more farmyard manure from their dairy herd of Guernsey cows than they need, whereas the only organic manure that we produce comes from the horses which their owners keep with us, grazing our small grass paddocks near the farm buildings, and using stables in the older converted farm buildings.

So for the past four years we have had an excellent arrangement with the Lacey family whereby we leave the straw from our barley harvest, and from a few wheat fields, in windrows behind the combine. The Lacey family bale it and remove the straw bales straightaway: payment to us is in the form of two loads of farmyard manure, to be heaped in the corner of whichever field we allocate, for every load of straw taken.

## Humus level in Soil

On our arable fields we are always pleased to add more organic material, to maintain or increase the humus level in the soil. We were pleased that recent laboratory tests of samples of soil from our arable fields showed the organic matter as being 3.6% to 9.6%. This compares to the normal range of 1% to 2% organic matter on fields used for continuous arable cropping. These results were much better than we had anticipated, perhaps the result of normally chopping most of the wheat straw, so that it can be incorporated into the soil.

Another source of organic matter that we use is processed sewage sludge, supplied by Thames Water and spread by its contractor.

Thames Water keep records of all

the fields on which they have spread the sludge, which used to be called 'Thamesgrow' but is now referred to as 'Cake'! Spreading this sewage cake is not likely to be more often than once every three years on any given field, since Thames Water will only spread the sewage cake on any field on which the phosphate level is so low as to need extra phosphate.

## Wheat Harvest

Harvesting of milling wheat, grown on around 95% of our arable fields, started on 20 July – around two weeks earlier than the normal starting date for wheat. On most of our wheat fields we use the straw chopper on the back of the combine to chop the straw into short pieces evenly spread out over the full 30 feet width of the cutting head of the





combine. The photos were taken on the Bottom Plain land near Harecramp, Fingest, on which we crop the fields on a contract basis for the owner.

This year we are using our new John Deere S790 combine harvester, delivered to us last winter on a part-exchange deal, on hire purchase terms, for the similar size combine which we had used for the five previous harvests. The main improvement in the new model has been to the electronics, rather than the mechanical aspects of the combine. The photos show the computer screen in the cab, with which the cutting and threshing performance can be continuously monitored and adjusted on the move where necessary. For those readers wondering

why this is important, I could just mention some of the data being continuously monitored and shown on the screen in the photo: - Fan speed, Concave clearance, Automatic Steering Adjustment, Rotor Speed, Straw Chopper offset adjustment, Litres per hour of fuel (on this occasion, 89 litres per hour), Yield in tonnes per hectare, Grain Tank % filled, Moisture Content of the grain, Tonnes per hour (in this case a rate of 48.9 tonnes of harvested crop per hour), Top Sieve setting, Bottom Sieve setting, Crop Variety.

The Edgley family has farmed at  
Kensham Farm, Cadmore End  
since 1955

[kenshamfarms.com](http://kenshamfarms.com)





## Book Launch

The book, *The Changing Pattern of Farming 1912 – 2020* which I have been writing in spare moments over the past three years is complete and about to be published. The fifth chapter includes re-prints of the articles which I have been writing for *The Clarion* over the past fourteen years.

All readers of *The Clarion* are invited to the book launch, which will be in the Cadmore End Village Hall at 6pm on Friday 30 September 2022. Copies of the book, which I can sign if preferred, will be on sale at £25 each. Copies may also be purchased from any book shop or online supplier of books at RRP of £25.99 for the

hardback or £21.99 for softback. It is also available as an ebook. The book has 274 pages and includes 216 photos or diagrams.

All royalties from the sale of the book will be donated in equal share to The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute (RABI), and to the William Scott Abbott Trust, for furthering its objective of 'connecting people of all ages and backgrounds to the science, heritage and practical art of agriculture'. Books bought at the book launch, or direct from us at Kensham Farm for £25, will benefit these two charities most, since no retailer's margin or selling costs would be involved.

Bryan Edgley, Kensham Farms

### Staircases, Doors & Windows, Conservatories From Raymond Good (Joiners) Limited



**Any bespoke joinery work undertaken - Designed, manufactured and installed**



Raymond Good (Joiners) Limited is a specialist provider of joinery solutions catering for the new build, trade and domestic markets. Established in 1962 with over 50 years' experience, we offer an extensive range of products, and can advise on which we feel would best suit the individual's house, style and budget. Plus being a totally independent company, our advice is also completely unbiased!



**Raymond Good (Joiners) Limited** Myze Farm, Oxford Road, West Wycombe, HIGH WYCOMBE. HP14 3BA

**Tel:** 01494 881789 **Fax:** 01494 880789 **Email:** [sales@raymondgood.co.uk](mailto:sales@raymondgood.co.uk)

Call into our showroom – Open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

**Contact us today to discuss your wood, aluminium and PVCu product requirements**

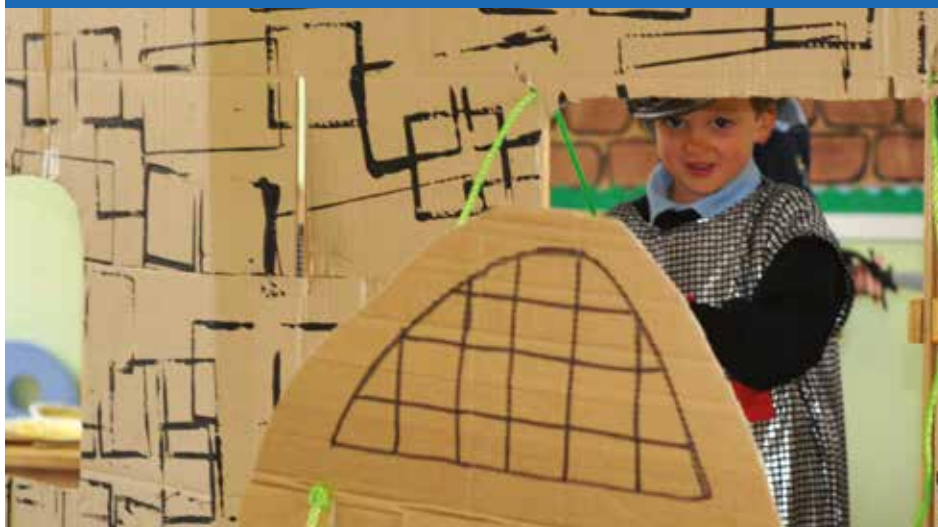
# little explorers nursery

Choosing the right nursery for your child is essential. At Little Explorers Nursery we treat each child as an individual, nurturing their talent, skills and confidence so that they can flourish. We have a bright and spacious setting. Inside, there's sand and water, messy play, painting and crafts, cooking, role play and music. There are quiet areas too for reading, computers and maths. Outside, the Nursery has two play areas: one for riding bikes and scooters and another where we enjoy playing, climbing and digging, growing fruit and vegetables and exploring the log pile for mini beasts!

The Nursery is led by a qualified teacher supported by experienced and qualified staff. Full or part-time places for rising 3 and 4 year olds. Call us to arrange a visit on 01494 881169 or email us at [office@laneendprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@laneendprimary.co.uk)

***"Children make a good start in the Early Years Foundation Stage because of the good provision."*** OFSTED March 2012

Little Explorers Nursery at  
Lane End Primary School  
Edmonds Road, Lane End  
Bucks HP14 3EJ



# Ask the: plumber

with Bill Blake 



## **Bill—Help! My washing machine waste is overflowing.**

This is a common problem. Waste pipes get clogged all the time.

Many washing machines have an outlet that joins the general waste pipe under the kitchen sink. If you have this type of washing machine set-up, then the best thing to try first is a simple plunger to try to unclog the general waste pipe.

However, this washing machine was in the garage and free-standing, so I disconnected the U-bend and used

my 'snake' tool to try and clear the outfall pipe. I cleared three separate blockages and thought I had it. I re-assembled everything...only to find it was still blocked. Hmm. On re-checking the U-bend (by the way, it's 'never' the U-bend) I found a large dead mouse wedged in there. (Note to self, 'sometimes' it actually is the U-bend.)

So - if your machine is overflowing and it is linked to the general waste, try the kitchen sink plunger method. If it doesn't work or it's not linked this way, give me a call.

## **Bill Blake, Plumber**

Your friendly, trustworthy and house-trained' local plumber

Happy to take on all your household plumbing tasks, from mending a dripping-tap to installing your new bathroom.

No callout charge, No VAT



## **Phone: 07762 807767**

Based in Wheeler End

City & Guilds Qualified

# Planting tulips

with Anya the garden fairy

Follow me on Instagram @anya\_thegarden\_fairy



Growing your own cut flowers is one of the most rewarding things we gardeners can do. A few years ago I created a cut flower patch in our garden to just be able to pick and arrange fresh flowers for the table. I started with growing dahlias and few other popular varieties of plants and I recently got into everlasting flowers. There was a lot of interest in everlasting flowers in the 80s and 90s when I was growing up and I remember that we always had some dry

flower bouquets dotted around the house. Everlasting flowers remind me of my childhood and I'm so pleased to see them coming back to fashion.

Dry flowers are available in some lovely colours and shapes. Something for everyone. I love all the gorgeous pinks, whites and blues with a hint of purple and they look fantastic when combined with dry ornamental grasses. Dry flowers create stunning





floral arrangements that can last for years.

For us gardeners and hobby florists, dry flowers can have a dual purpose. They can be used as fresh cut flowers in the summer, but because they retain their colour and shape after drying, they can also be used for various projects beyond one growing season. How brilliant is that!

Dry flowers can be used for wreaths, flower crowns or classic dry flower bouquets. Today I would like to tell you about few of my absolute favourites.

As a busy mum of two boys I always go for easy and fast growing options and those are the ones I would like to highlight and recommend to you.

## STATICE

One of my must have dry flowers is Statice. It's a fascinating plant that comes in many shades of pink, purple and white. It's one of those flow-





ers that will retain their vibrant colours and shapes for years. Statice is very easy to grow from seeds and perfect for beginners. It prefers to grow in full sun and well-drained soil. Once you grow it, you'll always want to have it in your garden.

#### STRAWFLOWERS (*Xerochrysum bracteatum*)

Strawflowers are probably the most common flowers used for dry arrangements. They were very popular in the 80s and 90s, mainly available in orange and yellow. Now we have so much more choice and my favourite variety is *Xerochrysum bracteatum* 'Silvery Rose' in gorgeous light and darker pink.

Strawflowers are very easy to grow from seeds. I always sow them in

early Spring and I also propagate from the seedlings for succession flowering.

Just like statice, strawflowers grow best in full sun and well-drained soil and look lovely in most floral arrangements.

#### CELOSIA SPICATA

Every year I like to try something new and I would like to mention *Celosia spicata* 'Flamingo Feathers', which I'm growing for the first time this year. As the name indicates, this plant produces lovely and quite exotic looking flowers and deserves to be motioned. It's very easy to grow and it'll look lovely when planted with strawflowers and statice. Perfect little combination.



The Clarion is the Parish of Lane End's non profit-making magazine, for the sharing of information about Parish activities. Neither the editor nor the Parish Council, whilst sponsoring the magazine, takes responsibility for the statements and/or views expressed herein.

Any copy submitted to The Clarion may be edited for space, content or style. By sending information or articles to the editor for inclusion, you are accepting these terms.

We welcome any news or diary dates from community organisations and letters from individuals. The next copy deadline is 1 November and the next issue will be delivered in December.

Send copy to [katyjdunn@btinternet.com](mailto:katyjdunn@btinternet.com)

# The Window Doctor

## CARE & REPAIR FOR ALL YOUR UPVC & ALUMINIUM WINDOW & DOOR PROBLEMS

- Replacement of broken down sealed units
  - misting up inside glass
- Adjust front & back doors that do not shut
- New handles, hinges and door locks
- Replacement of patio door wheels
- New security handles with keys
- New door panels and cat flaps
- New Georgian style or leaded style sealed units
- All insurance work • Burglary damage • Servicing

**PLUS INSTALLATIONS OF NEW UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS**



Call us for a **FREE** Survey and Quotation.

**No call out charge**



Friendly Family Established Business  
**Cowling & Co.**

**Tel: 01865 891776**  
**Mob: 07860 435742**

[www.windowdoctor.co.uk](http://www.windowdoctor.co.uk)

email: [cowlingandcothewindowdoctor@gmail.com](mailto:cowlingandcothewindowdoctor@gmail.com)

## Useful Telephone Numbers...

<b>Parish Clerk—Hayley Glasgow</b>	<b>01494 437111</b>
<b>Lane End Surgery</b>	<b>01494 881209</b>
<b>Lane End Pharmacy</b>	<b>01494 880774</b>
<b>NHS Direct</b>	<b>111 / 0845 46 47</b>
<b>Lane End Holy Trinity Church</b>	<b>01494 881000</b>
<b>Lane End Primary School</b>	<b>01494 881169</b>
<b>Lane End Village Hall</b>	<b>01865 400365</b>
<b>Frieth Village Hall</b>	<b>01494 880737</b>
<b>Lane End Youth &amp; Community Centre</b>	<b>883878</b>
<b>Elim Hope Church</b>	<b>01494 882587</b>
<b>Cadmore End Village Hall</b>	<b>01494 881735</b>
<b>Cadmore End C of E Church</b>	<b>01494 882644</b>
<b>Cadmore End Primary School</b>	<b>01494 881460</b>
<b>Bucks County Council</b>	<b>01296 395000</b>
<b>Highways On Call</b>	<b>0845 2302 882</b>
<b>Flytipping</b>	<b>0845 330 156</b>
<b>Police—non emergency</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Wycombe General Hospital</b>	<b>01494 526161</b>

# Osteopathy

Wayne Twitchen

BSc (Hons)



& Ultrasound Therapy

**Horsleys Green Clinic**



Member

*For help & relief with:*  
**Lower Back Pain  
Neck & Shoulder Pain  
Nerve Entrapments  
Stiff, Painful Joints  
Muscular Aches & Tensions  
Sports Injuries**



01494 482615     [www.wtosteo.co.uk](http://www.wtosteo.co.uk)     07807 846 215

## **E & R MEAKES LTD**

- STEEL STOCKISTS •
- WELDERS • FABRICATORS • CRANE HIRE •
- MOBILE WELDING AND CUTTING SERVICE •
- BLACKSMITHS AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS •

Forge Works, Lane End, Bucks. HP14 3HJ

Telephone 01494 881262

Fax 01494 883279

e-mail [info@ermeakes.com](mailto:info@ermeakes.com)

- Ornamental Ironwork • Hardware shop • Tools •

ALL OUR STRUCTURAL STEEL IS CE MARKED TO INDUSTRY STANDARD





**We are a small village practice in the heart of Lane End.  
Our team are passionate about providing you and your  
pet with exceptional, forward-thinking pet healthcare in  
a relaxed and welcoming environment.**

**Check out our website for further information or  
call our Surgery to book an appointment.**

**01494 883443**

**[www.cherrytreevets.com](http://www.cherrytreevets.com)**