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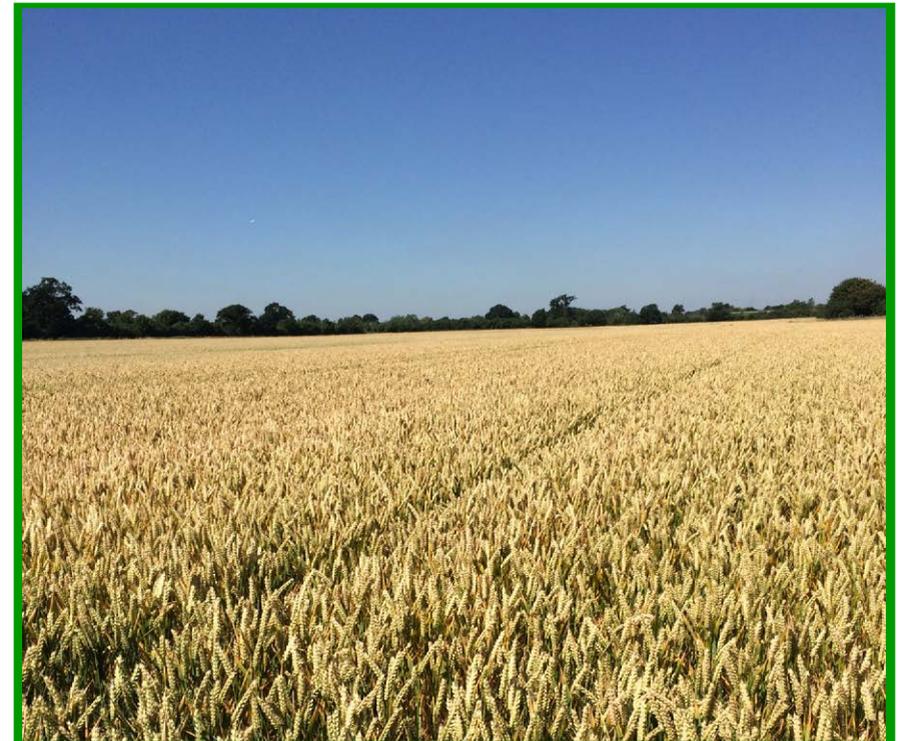
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July 2017



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From the Chairman

OGAFCA is soldiering on - working on local challenges in the areas of Drainage, Environment, Planning, Roads & Transport, Community Safety as well as organising the occasional event Recreational. We are always looking for volunteers to help out and share the load.

We had a good turnout at our General Meeting in Braywood Memorial Hall on Thursday May 18. The next General Meeting is our AGM which will take place this year on **Thursday September 21 at 7.30pm in Braywood Memorial Hall**. A Notice is included on pages 16 and 17 of this edition. Everyone is welcome, including non members of the Association.

The response to our reminders for membership renewal with effect from April 1 has been good - for which we thank you. But if you have yet to renew or are joining for the first time, membership forms are available on our website. Its costs just £3 per year or £5 for two years per household or business. Not only does it help our funds, but probably more importantly, a healthy membership does demonstrate that we have a true mandate to represent the community when we approach various local agencies to help us tackle important issues.

Looking forward, the increasingly popular annual Fifield Fun Day will take place this year on Saturday August 5. If you would like to help out - even if just for a couple of hours - please contact the organisers. I will be serving in the Beer and Wines tent as usual.

The next stage of Consultation (Regulation 19) on the Borough Local Plan runs from June 30 to August 25. And the Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan is out for Public Consultation from July 7 to September 1. Please make your views known on these very important documents and proposals.

This is probably my last article as Chairman as I plan to stand down at the AGM. I have served as a Parish Councillor for a full 4 year term from my election in May 2007 until May 2011. And then after leading the development of the Oakley Green, Fifield and District Community Plan (2008-2010), I have served as Chairman of OGAFCA for over 7 years since its formation in March 2010. So I think it is time for someone else to step forward and take over the reins.

Make I take this opportunity to thank members of the committee - past and present - over these past 7 years for their encouragement and support.

Grenville Annetts

FIFIELD FUN DAY 2017 - Saturday August 5 !!!



Last year the Fifiel Fun Day was a roaring success, due in part to the fantastic weather, but mainly to the residents of Fifiel and Oakley Green who rallied to support the event.

We raised an immense £7,500 for our chosen charities, the main beneficiaries being Taplow Traffic Charity Trust and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

We had all the old favourites, plus a number of new attractions, which proved to be very popular.

Mr Muddle caused magical mayhem throughout the day and Anna Nightingale serenaded us in between Mr Chris' Punch & Judy Shows.

And the good news is that we are expecting most of them all to be with us again this year - the Fair Ground, our unique Steam Train rides, Bouncy Castle, Kiddies Corner, Plant Stall, Craft Stalls, Animal Roadshow, Coconut Shy, Novelty Dog Show, Punch & Judy, Tombola, Raffle, Auction, Beer and Wine Tent, Tea Tent, Hog Roast and BBQ and many more Fun for all the family!

If you feel you can contribute please contact us. We need donations (raffle and auction prizes), sponsorship of stalls and supplies and more importantly, volunteers. If you can spare a few hours before, after, or on the day, we would be very grateful as the Fun Day would not be possible without the generosity of the local Residents and Organisations. And all in aid of local Charities.

Please call Louise Shenston on 01628 783448, or email me at louise.challis@btinternet.com

We really look forward to seeing you on Saturday 5 August for more FUN! Gates open at 1.30pm and Entry is FREE!

Local artists exhibit work at FIFIELD FUN DAY

The art classes will breakup for the summer on July 24 & 25 and will resume again on September 4 & 5.

We will be having a display of your local artists work at the Fifiel Fun Day on August 5 where some paintings will be for sale.

In September we are still running 4 classes, two on Mondays 10am till Noon and 3pm till 5pm also on Tuesdays 3pm till 5pm and 7pm till 9pm. Anyone wishing to join can do so at the fun day or contact me anytime at fifielartgroup@gmail.com

Bill Collier

Bake a Cake for the FIFIELD FUN DAY



Are you prepared to bake a cake and donate it to the Fifiel Fun Day?

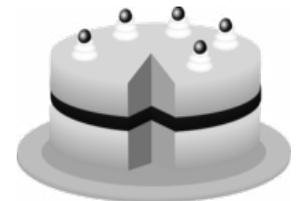
I am inviting donations of cakes, cup cakes or scones - plain or fancy - to be available at the tea tent at this year's Fifiel Fun Day.

Just let me know - 01628 782003 or howardhj@btinternet.com if you are able to make such a donation by July 31, 2017.

Cakes can be delivered to my home on Thursday or Friday before the Fun Day – this year **Saturday August 5** or the morning of the show at the show site. So even if you can't make it to the Fun Day you can still make a contribution.

Looking forward to lots of smashing cakes.

Helen Howard



Welcome Pack

If you are new to the area and have not received a "Welcome Pack" please contact us at www.ogafcap.co.uk

RBWM Local Plan Consultation

Introduction / Re-Cap

The Borough Local Plan will define development policy for housing, retail, employment and leisure across the whole of the Royal Borough from 2013 until 2033. It included the identification of proposed sites to accommodate a target of building 14,240 homes over the 20 year period - about 712 a year on average.

Six of the sites were in the Parish of Bray and would have provided about 1375 or nearly 10% of the new homes target - about 70 a year on average. This would represent about a 32% increase in the number of homes in our Parish over the Plan period.

The Public Consultation (Regulation 18) ran from December 2, 2016 to January 13, 2017 - a period of just six weeks and most unfortunately - over Christmas and New Year. OGAFCA along with many other associations, organisations and residents tried to persuade RBWM to extend the time for us all to respond, but this was denied.

RBWM Planning Department have reviewed the comments made by residents and organisations and have made some adjustments to the Draft Plan. They have also been working on an "Infrastructure Plan" needed to support all the Development proposed in their Plan for the 20 year period.

Outcome of Regulation 18 Consultation

The comments and representations have now been published on the RBWM Consultation Portal <http://consult.rbwm.gov.uk/portal/blp/blp/blp>

Below are extracts from the Officers Report presented at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead held in Maidenhead Town Hall on Monday, June 19 2017 at 7.30 pm.

- The response rate was circa 1% of residents (1,682 individuals). Approximately 6,000 representations to the draft BLP consultation were received from 2,148 different respondents, including members of the public, landowners, developers, infrastructure providers and other stakeholders, including statutory consultees and neighbouring Councils. Local community and interest groups also made representations regarding specific aspects of the BLP and all responses are collated on the Council's consultation database and available to view.

- A small number of Neighbourhood Plan groups raised concern that the plan did not take account sufficiently of Neighbourhood Plans.
- One site allocation has been amended in response to the Regulation 18 consultation representations made. The first change relates to site HA11, land west of Windsor, north and south of the A308, where land is no longer being made available by landowners, thereby reducing the site area available to be allocated. As a result, the capacity of the site has been reduced from 650 units to 450 units, using the pattern book density approach taking account of the representations made by the developer/landowners of the parcels remaining within the allocation.
- The second change to proposed site allocations relates to the Triangle Site HA9. The site was allocated for mixed-use in the Regulation 18 consultation draft and the representations made by the landowner supported that approach or, alternatively, for employment development. Following further work on employment needs due to the representations made by neighbouring authorities in response to the Regulation 18, the Triangle Site no longer is proposed as a site allocation; rather, it is protected for potential future long-term Employment Uses, and will remain within the Green Belt.
- Individual respondents, some parish councils, and local organisations commented that, in their view, existing infrastructure for highways; education; and health would be insufficient to serve the level of new development proposed. Notable examples included highways capacity, community infrastructure, health care and education provision. However, it should be noted that healthcare provision is beyond the remit of the Council; but discussions with the Clinical Commissioning Group will continue in order to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure to deliver appropriate healthcare solutions.

Next Steps

At a very lively and well attended Public Extraordinary Meeting, held on June 19, the Council AGREED to

- i) adopt the latest version of the Draft Plan

ii) proceed to the next stage of the process (called a Regulation 19 Consultation on what RBWM describe as “ the legal and technical soundness” of the latest version of the Local Plan) and

iii) adopt the following timetable:-.

- 30 June – 25 August 2017 - Regulation 19 Publication and eight-week period for making representations under Regulation 20.
- 26 August - 1 October 2017 - Collate Regulation 20 representations. Regulation 22(1)(c)(v) requires the Council to prepare and submit with the BLP a statement which, inter alia, sets out the number of regulation 20 representations made and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations.
- October 2017 - Submission of the draft BLP and supporting documents to the Secretary of State for Examination, together with Regulation 20 representations and any proposed changes to the BLP.
- 2018 - Examination hearings - Receipt of Inspector’s report - Adoption of BLP

For the full minutes of the meeting and to see who voted which way go to <http://rbwm.moderngov.co.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=6429#mgDocuments>

What can you do now?

The latest version of the Borough Local Plan (230 pages!) can be seen under the link above.

At the Bray Parish Annual Electors Meeting on Monday April 10, a representative from the well respected Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) encouraged Residents to not limit any comments they may have during the upcoming Regulation 19 Consultation to matters of “legal and technical soundness”. They encouraged Residents to continue to make their thoughts known - for the first time or if they wish - reiterate their responses to the Regulation 18 Consultation - because for the Regulation 19 Consultation, the Planning Inspector will actually see all the comments made.

Please make your views known!

Application 15/02107 Relocation of the Phoenix Gym

First a re-cap of this saga. It is now about 2 years since this Application was first registered on July 10, 2015. By January 2016, many details of the Application changed and against the recommendation of Planning Officers, it was approved by the Maidenhead Development Control Panel on March 16, 2016 - subject to 31 Conditions and 2 Informatives - one of which was to do with flood risk.

Under Application 16/02637/CONDIT submitted on August 11, 2016 the Applicant applied to discharge Condition 6 (sustainable drainage solution). A number of different solutions were presented and subsequently rejected by the RBWM and their Drainage Consultant WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff between August and September 2016. Most worryingly, the later proposals involved the collection of rain water run off from the roof of the Gym and potentially contaminated hard surface car park water run off, storage of all this in underground tankage onsite and in a man made swale (pond) - and then discharge from the site into the already overflowing Fifield Road ditch. Something Phoenix Gym trustees said they would never do - pre Application approval in March 2016. On November 15, this Application was formally withdrawn.

Just after the last edition of our newsletter had gone to press at the end of March, a new Application to discharge Condition 6 (sustainable drainage solution) was submitted by the applicant under Application 17/00997/CONDIT. Still most worryingly, these latest proposals are substantially the same as before and propose discharge from the Site into the already overflowing Fifield Road ditch. OGAFCA has made further written representations AGAINST the latest proposals and these are being considered.

In the meantime, we have learned that RBWM has outsourced their Drainage Service to a Consultant called Project Centre effective June 1.

We still urge the Phoenix to move to the RBWM owned Braywick Park site which is much more suitable.

Local Planning Work Group

Cricket Club News...Mid Season update

When we last commented about the Cricket Club in April the season was about to start and suddenly we find ourselves bathed in glorious sunshine....only 1 or 2 matches cancelled due to rain so far (fingers crossed) and in the middle of the playing season.

For those of you who walk, cycle or drive past the clubhouse you may notice the new sight screens at each end of the boundary and a new boundary rope in situ. The outfield is looking fabulous due to the hard work and commitment of the Ground staff and our newly painted interior of the clubhouse looks much smarter.

We have managed to run 4 Junior teams in the league this season albeit that the U17s have yet to play their first match due to opposition teams not being able to get a team together and one being rained off. However the U9s have WON their league this season with an unbeaten track record at present! The U11s and U13s have 'won some and lost some' but continue to develop a wonderful team spirit and enthusiasm for the game. A big thank you to ALL our volunteer Coaches, Coach Support Workers, kitchen helpers and of course the Parents who continue to help make this such a happy, family friendly club for our 62 signed up playing Juniors this year.

The Club hosted a sponsored walk just at the end of May for Braywood School and this turned out to be a well supported event on a very hot afternoon. All the children walked, ran or jogged a mile and the cake sale and BBQ that followed made the afternoon a warm and sociable event and whilst the final fundraising figure is still to be announced it was a great success.

Our 3 Senior teams continue to play most Saturday and Sunday afternoons and all our neighbours and locals are welcome to pop by and watch a few overs.

Our Club Day, on Sunday July 16 this year, is always a popular social event. We run the Juniors Coaching on the Sunday morning as usual followed by a BBQ, waffle making van, raffle, bar AND an afternoon of Senior cricket. It is our intention that funds raised from Club Day be put towards purchasing a defibrillator for the club.

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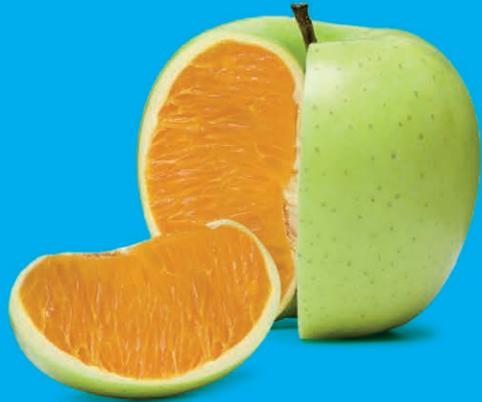


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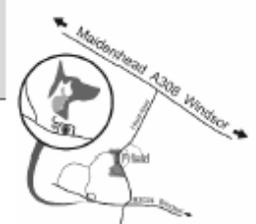
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If you would like to become more involved and help make improvements in our local area, please contact us via the Website or if you prefer just call me on 01628 784441.

Grenville Annetts

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hereinafter referred to as “the Association”

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of
the Association will be held at

Braywood Memorial Hall, Fifield Road, Fifield

on Thursday 21 September 2017 at 7.30 pm

AGENDA

To receive the Directors' Report and a full statement of accounts
showing the receipts and expenditure for the period ending 31 March
2017 and a balance sheet as at that date.

To receive from the Committee a report of the activities of the
Association.

To elect the required number of Directors which have been duly
nominated in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

To decide on any resolution that has been duly submitted to the
meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

Forms for the nomination of a candidate as a Director are available
from the Secretary at the address below or from the Association's
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Only Members of the Association are entitled to vote at this Meeting.
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Bray Parish Neighbourhood Plan (BPNP)

After more than 5 years of hard work, the Plan was formally submitted to RBWM Planning on November 16, 2016. There has been some delay by RBWM but they have now finally triggered the next stage – a Public Consultation on the Plan – taking place over 8 weeks between July 7 and September 1, 2017.

The Plan aims to manage Developments coming forward in the Neighbourhood area to better reflect the wishes of the community and to take greater account of what makes the area special to the community. It also sets out a number of Objectives and Planning Policies to guide development and to help determine planning applications in the future.

The consultation may be viewed at: <https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/consultations> . Paper Copies are available to see in Maidenhead, Windsor and Dedworth Libraries and Bray Parish Council Office.

Responses may be sent to: BrayParishNPConsultation@rbwm.gov.uk or planning.policy@rbwm.gov.uk or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1RF.

OGAFCA Membership

Membership of OGAFCA runs from April 1 to March 31 each year and costs just £3 per household or business for 1 year or a discounted £5 for two years.

A BIG THANK YOU to those of you who just renewed your subscription and welcome aboard to those who joined for the first time. For those still wishing to renew/join - Membership Forms are available online here:-

http://www.ogafcap.co.uk/PDF/Application_form.pdf or please call me on 01628 784441.

Grenville Annetts

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Broadband Service update

Poor Broadband Service in our area is something which has plagued us for a long time. All the local Landline Network is currently owned by BT Openreach. There is no other provider of Commercial Cable as there is in parts of Windsor and Maidenhead Towns (like Sky and Virgin for example). On Internet Service Providers (ISPs), the last time we checked we had over 30 different ones serving our Community. They all promise wonderful Broadband Service to get you to sign up. But in some areas – called Broadband “Not Spots” - the reality is much different when their Engineers arrive to connect Subscribers. Much frustration ensues as they are unable to achieve the Speeds included in their Advertising because the existing Network is outdated and/or you are located too far away from a Fibre Enabled Cabinet. Some Properties have abandoned Landlines all together and rely on very expensive and unstable Mobile and Satellite Services instead.

OGAFCA lobbied hard to solve this important issue from 2009 onwards, involving our Local MP Theresa May. Broadband Service was significantly improved for a majority of Residents and Local Businesses when Fibre Enabled Cabinets were installed by BT Openreach in Dedworth (on 01753 Windsor Exchange in 2012) and on the A308 near Fifield Road turn (on 01628 Maidenhead Exchange in 2013). But we then began to realise that we still had 4 Broadband “Not Spots” in our area (Described in detail below). And despite more lobbying, we were told that BT Openreach had no plans to extend the Fibre Network into these areas “for commercial reasons”.

Then out of the blue, at the end of 2016, BT contacted Braywood First School about their **BT Fibre Community Partnership Scheme**. BT say that the Scheme “ .. enables communities not covered by Fibre Broadband roll-out plans to apply for a match-funded grant of up to £20,000 toward the cost of new fibre infrastructure if it serves their local school.”

Mrs Calvert, Headmistress of Braywood First School contacted OGAFCA and told us that the School suffers from low Broadband Speeds and asked us if we wanted to explore potential solutions to our local Broadband challenges via this BT initiative. We met up and discussed the Scheme and said we would. We then engaged with some Residents and undertook some detailed work to document the scale of the problem we face locally. Our 4 Broadband “Not Spots” are here:-

- **Oakley Green Road** (Western Part) – served by the 01628 Maidenhead Exchange – Connected to the Fibre Enabled Cabinet (32) on the A308 at the Northern end of Fifield Road. We estimate there are about 48 Residential and Commercial Properties involved - from the Braywood Memorial Hall Crossroads – East past **Braywood First School** - up to the end of the row of Cottages on the left hand side (North Side).
- **Forest Green Road** – served by the 01628 Maidenhead Exchange – Some connected to the Fibre Enabled Cabinet (32) on the A308 at the Northern end of Fifield Road and some connected to Fibre enabled Cabinet (30) in Holyport. We estimate there are about 64 Residential and Commercial Properties involved – from just West of the Braywood Memorial Hall Crossroads along to Blackbird Lane, just before The Jolly Gardener Public House.
- **Down Place and Water Oakley area** – served by the 01628 Exchange – most Connected to the Fibre Enabled Cabinet (32) on the A308 at the Northern end of Fifield Road. We estimate there are about 31 Residential and Commercial Properties involved - mainly on the North Side of the A308 – between Monkey Island Lane to the West and the Oakley Court Hotel to the East. (In addition, Planning Permission has been granted for an additional 60 Houses to be built in Water Oakley – not included in our numbers total).
- **Fifield Lane and Drift Road** (part) – some served by the 01628 Maidenhead Exchange and some by the 01344 Bracknell Exchange. We estimate there are about 62 Residential and Commercial Properties involved - from Nobbs Crook Cottages to the East all along Drift Road to just before Birdhills Golf Club to the West.

So in total, we estimate there are about 205 Residential and Commercial Properties or about 35% of our local Residents and Businesses suffering from being in Broadband “Not Spots”. In addition, a large number of other Properties located a long way from Fibre Enabled Cabinets suffer poor Broadband Speeds of under 10 Mb/sec.

We met up again at the end of May and it was agreed that Braywood

First School kicked off the process and formally apply to explore the potential options available under the BT Fibre Community Partnership Scheme.

BT Openreach came back to the School and suggested a meeting. This took place on July 13th. The upshot was that BT Openreach agreed to undertake a detailed Survey of our area and provide Technical Solutions (including number of new Fibre Enabled Cabinets and locations) and costings to solve our Internet problems. We hope to receive these back in about 3 months and may have more news ready for our AGM on September 21.

Communications Work Group

Looming Crisis in OGAFCA!

Under our "Rules of the Association" OGAFCA should have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 Directors. The Directors are on the Committee along with Spokespersons from the Work Groups and they all meet about 5 times a year.

At the moment we have 3 Directors – Grenville Annetts, Bill Collier and Louise Shenston. Louise is due to stand down at the next AGM by Rotation but says she will not be seeking re-election. Grenville Annetts has said he would like to stand down as well after serving as a Director and Chairman for over 7 years.

So that means **OGAFCA will be between 2 and 3 Directors short. Also the Roads & Transport, Local Planning and Social & Recreational Work Groups will all need new Spokespersons as well.**

So OGAFCA can continue to do what we hope you will agree is good work on behalf of our local Community, please give serious consideration to volunteering and contact us on 01628 784441.

Under the Rules, Nominations of Candidates for Election as a Director must be received by the Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. As our AGM this year is on Thursday September 21, this means **Nominations should be in by Wednesday August 23, 2017.** Formal Notices etc. will be sent out well in advance as usual, but the Committee wanted to give you plenty of notice about the Looming Crisis.

OGAFCA Committee

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One woman (and her dog) went to mow a meadow!



As the summer sun reaches it's peak the Mortimers are preparing for their busiest time of year – harvest time. Time to gather in the crops that they have been nurturing all year, and working against the heat, the hard dry ground and time itself, sometimes working late into the night to get things done. They make an effort not to move the Combine Harvester when the

roads are busy but if you do see them, don't get impatient, give them a wave!

Having been responsible for much of the spraying on the crops this year, Jenny was very keen to point out that they do not use neonicotinoid seed dressing on flowering crops as recent trials have proved that their use can have a detrimental effect on bees. The down side to this is that pests, in particular the cabbage stem flea beetle, can devastate a crop. Because they like to come out at night to feed the best way to attack them is to spray in the hours of darkness, struggling hard to stay awake and avoiding the telegraph poles!

Unfortunately, this is still not fully effective and Oil seed rape is particularly vulnerable, making it very difficult to produce a cost-effective yield. This is a pity, as not only does this look stunning in the fields but it is promoted as the healthiest of cooking oils – and can even run your car!

The summer season is also the time that we see travellers on the move, looking for opportunities to make a settlement. We can all help by ensuring that if we use the footpaths we always secure any gates. Also, we need to be mindful of rogue 'tradesmen' that will offer to tidy your garden or remove your rubbish for you – and then dump it in a field 200yards up the road! If you have waste to get rid of contact the council, they will remove it safely for a small fee. Farmers can face massive bills to remove waste that has been dumped illegally on their land.

You may also have noticed that concrete barriers have been put up at the entrance to the Hog Oak bridleways on the Drift Road. A group of 4x4 enthusiasts used winches and chainsaws to cut a track through the ancient bluebell wood so that they could drive their vehicles through. Thankfully, swift action by the Police and our local Rights of Way Officer put paid to this vandalism, the barriers should prevent any further incidents but what a shame that these measures have to be taken.

And while we are talking of countryside crime, there have been incidents of deer poaching recently. This is a crime, so if you hear shots late at night, or witness any unusual activities, please dial 999 straight away. The Police **are** interested and will respond.

And finally, BREXIT! A period of great uncertainty for all farmers. The demand for crops suitable to our British climate has dropped to 60%, according to the NFU (National Farmers Union) and is likely to drop still further. Our farming methods with small fields and hedgerows cannot compete with the vast prairie farms of America and Canada so please support your local farmer and buy British whenever possible. Look out for the red tractor label that confirms that the produce has been supplied by farmers, like the Mortimers, who farm responsibly and get inspected for assurance and compliance every year.

Barbara Frame - Environment Work Group

You might be interested to know there will be a Ploughing Match on Sunday 24 September at Frogmoor Farm (you may well get to see the Mortimer's competing) and all are welcome including dogs. There is a dog show and country fair.

Dates for your Dairy 2017

- **Fifield Fun Day - Saturday August 5**
- **OGAFCA AGM - Thursday September 21 at 7.30pm**
- **Ploughing Match - Sunday 24 September Frogmoor Farm Littlewick Green**
- **Editor's deadline– Friday September 29**

(Please note all OGAFCA meetings are held at Braywood Memorial Hall)

MACAW BLIMEY!

An old colleague of mine was the proud owner of a parrot named Joe. He was a handsome bird, with magnificent plumage, but a famously bad temper. He adored Jackie and would always greet her with a friendly "Good Morning" and converse with her with his limited vocabulary. Her husband, however, he would not tolerate. He refused to speak to him and when he entered the room, Joe would turn his back on him – only turning around to give him a nip if he got too close.



One day, while the family were out, burglars broke into their home. They ransacked the bedrooms and then entered the family room where they came face to face with Joe. Realising that parrots could be very valuable they made the reckless decision to try to catch him. Joe began screaming and flapping his wings in a wild frenzy, finally lunging forward and taking a chunk out of the burglar's arm. They fled, dropping some of their booty in their rush for the door.

When the police came they took a DNA sample from Joe's beak and used it as evidence to arrest the felons. So, you could say, that the parrot caught the burglars!

Animal Tales

Do you have a story to tell? Please send it in to www.ogafcap.co.uk

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