

A tribute to Lis Greet

When Lis died on 10th May it was a very sad shock for many. Lis had been active taking part and helping to organise many interests in the village.

Of Scottish ancestry her grandparents and parents lived in the village. Lis moved away following her marriage and lived in Harpenden and brought up two daughters. When her parents died she moved into the family home in Heath Road Lis's interests were many and she joined many groups, she had a keen interest in gardening and joined the Garden Club, was a member of the book club and got exercise with the table tennis group.

I came to know Lis through the Breachwood Green Society a group embracing many aspects of village life and its environs with teams willing to take on work involved. Residents all belonged and it was run by a committee. Lis was appointed chairman on 27th November 1997 a position she still held until her death, and I was the existing secretary.

The conservation group included the cleaning of ponds at the Heath and top of Lye Hill, the planting of trees in the area arranging walks and checking the state of the foot path, stiles and sign posts etc. Work was also carried out to clear the verges around the recreation ground.

The Best Kept Village competition was entered and appraisals were made of the general state of the village. Open meetings were held with interesting speakers and were well attended.

On behalf of the Parish Council the society facilitated teams to carry out Highway cleaning and rotas for litter picking the Society acquired pickup sticks which the uses approved of.

The Breachwood Times was launched in 1981 and a copy of the first issue arrived at the AGM on 27th November 1997.

With the expansion of Luton Airport LADACAN was formed by an amalgamation of all the local groups. The Society was invited to send a representative to the meetings intended to try to diminish the ill-effects. The government also set Airport Consultative committees with the idea of bringing airport personnel and objectors together to try to bring some control over operations. After Roger Wood left Lis took over as the representative and attended regular meetings the difficulties in allaying the effects are frustrating. The meetings involve people from a wide area so affected.

In addition to all this work Lis was chair of the School Governors at Breachwood school.

The Breachwood Green Society would like to honour Lis and we have planned to for a bench seat to be placed possibly on the recreation ground (but not under the flight path).

Due to aging etc the Society is now drawing to a close.

(tribute by Jonni Heath)

Merry Christmas



Owl carving - Breachwood Green

Having discovered an ability to carve large lumps of wood into objects that people desire, and then get paid for it, I feel so privileged to call it my job.

I retired from the police in May 2005 having been with Herts Constabulary for 33yrs. Upon leaving, I found a need to replace a large winter bill for coal and get my own supply of 'free wood'. I stumbled on the idea of becoming a tree surgeon, and took courses, that was the first time I ever handled a chainsaw.

Around 3 years into my career of climbing trees and chopping off limbs I was lucky enough to be put in contact with Dennis Heath of Stevenage, who guided me towards 'chainsaw carving'. Dennis became my mentor and I've been with him over 12 years.

In that time I've organised, and taken part in carving competitions, demonstrated at

country shows, art and craft events and have travelled to America several times to an event known as 'Ridgeway Rendezvous' set in Pennsylvania. It has been a wonderful career that I love to do and something that I'm lucky enough to continue doing during this current pandemic.

So in May of this year I was approached and asked to see if I could carve a tree stump, formally a maple tree outside the Breachwood Green Village Hall.

After several meetings it was agreed that an 'Owl carving' would be best to suit the village and the available wood in the stump. I started the carve in the last week of June, a very hot week in the blazing sunshine.

By the end of June it was finished with an additional couple of creatures. I specifically oiled the owl only and not the surrounding stump to give it a greater illusion that the owl had landed on the stump. I hope you like the effect.

It feels very satisfying to be able to leave a carving in an area where I live and get to see it often. I've received many compliments that has made me proud to have been able to leave my mark on the village.

Dave Flemons
Knebworth Carvings



Obituary

Elisabeth Mary Greet (nee McCall) died 10.5.2020

Lis was born at Brownings Cottage in Breachwood Green, the only child of John and Madeline (Madge) McCall.

She attended the Village School and then The Girls Grammar School (Now Hitchin Girls' School).

Whilst working at Rothamsted Experimental Station in Harpenden she met Noel Greet. They married at King's Walden church in 1954.

Their first home was Brownings Cottage, which in those days was semi-detached, and where their first daughter Caroline was born. They stayed in the village for a while before moving to Harpenden, where Helen was born.

While the girls were still at school, Lis trained as an English teacher at Balls Park College in Hertford and started her teaching career at Stockwood Park School in Luton.

She then taught at Westfield Girls School (Watford) where she became Head of Sixth Form. During this time she gained her Masters Degree in English.

Lis's first Granddaughter, Julia (Caroline's daughter) was born in 1980, the eight years later Kirsty was born to Helen.

Five years ago, Great-Granddaughter Lexi was born and on November 10th a second

great-granddaughter arrived, named Nancy Elizabeth.

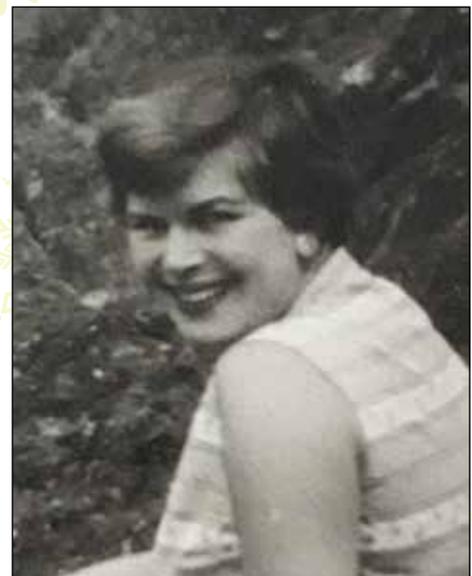
In 1986 both of Lis's parents died and their house was rented out before she made the decision to move back into the village in the mid 1990's, becoming very involved with many aspects of village life, including:

- King's Walden and District Gardeners Club – usually coming away from shows with a clutch of prizes.
- The Breachwood Green Society – Organising the Village Fetes and Litter Picking amongst other things.
- Serving as Parish Councillor
- Village Hall Committee
- School Governor – 1996-2018, including as Chair for many years
- The History Society
- Table Tennis
- The Book Club
- Ladacan – Committed to the end. She sent emails the day before she died!
- Our Breachwood Times for which she was a key member of the editorial committee and a keen contributor

There is a lovely bench dedicated to Lis on the footpath that runs between Brownings Lane and Darley Road. It was made and placed by Ollie Bertie who didn't know Lis so was unaware of the significance of its location, looking towards Brownings Cottage and Barns, and the Airport.

The Family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards, messages and support. It was hard not to be able to provide a fitting send off due to the lockdown restrictions.

Hopefully a Memorial Service will be possible at some point.



Amanda King

Chairman, King's Walden Parish Council.

Parish Council News

Can you help us change our community for the better?

We still have two vacancies for Parish Councillors; one for Breachwood Green ward and one for Ley Green/Kings Walden ward. Please talk to us if you are interested. You will find all our contact details on the website, www.kwpc.org.uk

Who we are: Amanda King (Chairman) has two children at Breachwood Green School and works part-time as a counsellor. Jon Chamberlin has a child at Breachwood Green School and runs a family agricultural business. David Bennett is a retired accountant. Liz Thurlby is a retired teacher. Joe Graziano works in the charity sector. Paul Harman is a full-time policeman.

What we do: We make decisions on behalf of the people who live in the parish. We are responsible for managing and spending the money the Parish Council receives, the bulk of which comes out of the Council Tax you pay to North Herts District Council. In the last financial year, our income from this precept was £27,975, which works out at about £70 per year per Band D house. The money is largely spent on maintaining community facilities such as the recreation grounds and play areas in Ley Green and Breachwood Green, the Youth Club in Breachwood Green, benches and bus stops. We also give grants to community groups. The Parish Council's powers are limited. However, we can influence and negotiate with organisations who do make decisions, such as the District and County Councils and the airport (discussions with the airport resulted in them reducing light pollution).

Parish Council Meetings usually take place on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm. We have been holding meetings on Zoom since June. These meetings are held in public so you are most welcome to attend. The Zoom details are posted on the agendas which we post on notice

boards, the village Facebook pages and on our website. There are no meetings in August or December.

Planning

North Herts Local Plan 2011-2031:

The Government Planning Inspector will recommence the Examination In Public on 23rd November. One aspect the inspector is questioning is why land east of Luton, in North Hertfordshire, is preferable to land to the west of Luton, in Mid Beds.

Crime

Sergeant Guy Westwood attended the November Parish Council meeting and gave an update on rural police organization and crime.

Organisation: Inspector James Lant leads the senior management team and, locally, rural policing is led by Sgt Westwood and Sgt Alan Clarke. Police Constable Jonny Streeter's patch includes Kings Walden, along with PC Gary Pugsley. They are soon to be joined by PC Clare Wallace. The police team is supported by PCSOs Heather Burrows and Stuart Stone.

Crime: speeding: He said officers were keen to attend local DriveSafe schemes which would mean offenders could be prosecuted, fly tipping: Sgt Westwood said he had recently supported NHDC in a successful prosecution, abandoned vehicles: he advised that it would be helpful if a number plate or a note of any sign writing on the transporter could be recorded, property damage from catapults fired from a moving vehicle: the police believe these are linked to pheasant poaching, cat thefts: there has been an increase, burglaries: he was aware of a break in at Lilley Bottom, antisocial behaviour: PCSO Heather Burrows has increased patrols but has not seen anything. Anyone seeing anything should call it through to the police who will try to attend.

Play Areas and Recreation Grounds Breachwood Green

- **CCTV:** The Clerk is investigating upgrading the existing system which only covers the MUGA and is not accessible remotely.

- **Play Equipment:** A new ramp and seat for the zip wire is due to be installed in November, the basketball nets and back boards have been replaced and the surface under the swings has been changed to grass and rubber matting. Repairs have been made to a piece of exercise equipment and grass sown in between the play area and the MUGA.
- **Container:** The Clerk is investigating replacing the container which is structurally unsound.

Ley Green

- **Barbecue and marquee:** Money has been set aside for these projects which are deferred to 2021.
- **Kissing gate:** Quotes are being sought to reconfigure the kissing gate to the adjacent field to allow pushchairs through.
- **New bark under play equipment:** The Council's contractor will install new bark by December.
- **Repairs to play equipment:** The Council would like to thank Mike English for the repairs he has made.

Kings Walden Sign

The Kings Walden sign has been removed for repair or replacement.

Assets of Community Value

The Parish Council has nominated The Plough be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Luton Airport

Airport Working Party: We have set up an airport working party to maximise the Parish Council's resources, increase knowledge and ensure a cohesive and streamlined response to airport issues. This consists of Cllr Joe Graziano, Tom Brindley the Parish Clerk, and Andrew Mills-Baker.

London Luton Airport Consultative Committee (LLACC):

The Parish Council has just been granted a seat on LLAC, ensuring the community closest to the airport continues to be represented now that Lis Greet is sadly no longer with us. The aim of the Committee is to ensure that as wide a range of views as possible is made available to the London Luton Airport management team so that they can take

account of the issues which are of concern to those using the airport, working at it or living around it.

Noise Monitoring: The Parish Council is in the process of purchasing its own independent noise monitoring equipment. We would like to thank North Herts District Council's Southern Rural Committee for their grant of £1,500 and Cllr David Barnard who has donated £500 from his County Locality Budget. The remainder of the money has been allocated from Council funds.

Expansion to 19m passengers per annum: The Parish Council has written to Luton Airport objecting to the expansion of the airport from 18m to 19m and the relaxation of noise limits, and also on the Parish Council not being formally consulted on this.

Noise contour consultation: Joe Graziano and Liz Thurlby attended a meeting with airport officials Alice Green (Community Noise Executive) and Nicole Morris (Community Noise Officer). Ms Green and Ms Morris were invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting but had another engagement.

Airspace modernisation consultation, Future Airspace Strategy Implementation - South (FASI-S) the Parish Council has prepared a response that would decrease Breachwood Green's exposure to aircraft noise on take-off.

Independent Commission for Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) were to present at March's Parish Council meeting but the meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Highways

Speeding: We are part of the Police Commissioner's Community DriveSafe scheme. This means that registered volunteers can monitor the speed of passing cars and pass the information on to the police who can send a warning letter to speeding drivers. Two stints in October in Breachwood Green recorded 21 offending vehicles, including one at 55mph and one at 49mph. Some volunteers have dropped out and two have joined but more

are needed. If you'd like to be part of this, please contact Joe Graziano or the Clerk. We have sites registered in Ley Green and Kings Walden as well as in Breachwood Green, but as yet, no volunteers from these areas.

Road Safety: We continue to follow-up on measures to improve local road safety, such as bend warning signs at the junction of Darley Road/Windmill Road and getting the speed limit between Darley Hall and Breachwood reduced.

Tree Work

All the trees on Parish Council land have been surveyed and most of the remedial work has now been carried out apart from an ash tree on Breachwood recreation ground which needs the power cables to be turned off.

The Breachwood Owl

The Council commissioned local artist Dave Flemons to carve the Breachwood Owl on the stump of an old maple tree in front of the Village Hall in Chapel Road.

Bus Shelter on Oxford Road

A local contractor, Paul Cullen, has been engaged to replace the roof.

Christmas Trees

The three trees decorated in Breachwood were well received and we plan to do the same this year. Thank you to our sponsors from last year: Lithium Tattoos, Fringeline, The Red Lion, Switchshop, Chiltern Hall Foods and JC Agriculture. If you'd like to sponsor the decorations and lights this year, please contact one of the Parish Councillors or the Clerk.

Youth Club, Youth Hut, Breachwood Green

Thank you to all those who gave up their time during the February half-term to give the Youth Hut a thorough clear out and deep clean. We have also replaced all the windows, re-hung the doors so that they don't clash with the play area gate and even installed broadband! It was due to reopen on Tuesday 24th March, however has remained closed because of the pandemic

We hope to be able to reopen in the spring on Tuesdays 6-8pm for children aged 7 plus (younger children can also attend if accompanied by a parent.) Entry costs £2. The children have an opportunity to meet up with their friends, play games, and to buy tuck. If you have some free time on Tuesdays, please think about volunteering to help the Youth Leader, Andrew Spyrou.

New Parish Council Website, www.kwpc.org.uk

Please check out our new website and if you'd like to list your business or event, please contact the clerk. If you have an interest in the history of the parish, please have a look at the history pages; we'd welcome your comments, additions or photos.

Grants

The council has a grants budget which is available for community groups for future projects and events. The forms are on the website (www.kwpc.org.uk). The process is not difficult, and we can help you with the forms if needed. We also encourage applicants to come along to a Parish Council meeting to tell us about their project. We do want to help and we are quite friendly. A grant of £380 was awarded to Breachwood Green School to enable to them to purchase new books for the school library.

Gateway Features

The Clerk has approached the Hertfordshire Highways for permission to install a village gateway feature at the entrance to the village on Darley Road.

Parish Council Logo

The Council has new owl logo which was designed by Cllr Joe Graziano.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk, Tom Brindley, email: clerk@kwpc.org.uk, mobile: 07956 381764, landline: 01438 829098; or the Chairman, Amanda King, mobile: 07989 382321.

by Michelle Cooper

Baileys farm update

It has been a lovely long Summer on the farm and due to Covid very few visitors. We were hoping to do our Annual Xmas Fair but it's just not to be.

As soon as we are able we would love to host you on the farm and we will do an Open day as soon as we can.

Dolly & Daisy (baby camels) are doing amazingly they have become easy to handle living and kind. The pygmy goats and miniature horses continue to be terribly mischievous, the emus and alpacas have been joined by Nelly a pet sheep who outgrew his home and Gruffallo our kune kune now has a couple of pink piggy friends.

The meerkats/owls/doggies/peacocks/geese, chickens/ducks/cats and everything else seem all very happy. We love chatting to you over our gate and look forward to welcoming you on the farm as soon as government guidelines allow.

by Roma Crosby

Kings Walden and District Garden Club

Because of the outbreak of Coronavirus, it has not been possible to hold any events this year but we hope, next year, to be able to resume activities. In order to do so, however, the club needs 2 volunteers to serve on the committee. If you are interested please get in touch with Rosemary Long whose email address is geofflong@btinternet.com. If no volunteers are forthcoming, the club will be in danger of folding which would be a great shame after all these years.

Christmas at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Christmas services will be a bit different this year. Please regularly check our website (www.kingswaldenoffleyley.com) and our Church Facebook Page for details of services at Christmas.

COVID-19 safety measures will be in place for our Christmas celebrations to ensure the safety of all.

by Amanda Thompson

Kings Walden Stores

Hello everyone

I hope you are all keeping well in these very challenging times. I am writing this as we go into the 2nd lockdown.

As the post office is classed as an essential service the shop has remained open during both lockdowns.

We have installed a traffic light system on the garage door. When the light is green your free to walk in. We continue to operate a one person only in the shop.

During November and December we are offering appointments of around 15 mins to come in and look around at our Christmas gifts, treats and hampers, or just to do a bit of shopping without the worry of queues outside. Appointments available on some afternoons, evenings & a few weekends in December. Two people from the same household can come in for an appointment.

Unfortunately our coffee shop remains closed but we can cater for takeaway teas and coffees. St.Marys Church Christmas Raffle is now on at the Stores.

We offer daily newspaper collection boxes. We have a newspaper group in Breachwood Green. Please see me if you are interested in joining and I can pass on your details or if you are interested in setting up your own group 8 or more members per group is advisable

The shop opening hours are Monday 7.30 - 1pm Tuesday 7.30 - 12 noon and Thursday 7.30am - 12 noon Saturday 8.00am - 10.30am

Post Office Opening Times are Monday 8am - 1 pm Tuesday 8am - 12 noon and Thursday's 8am - 12 noon.

I hope you all have a Happy Christmas & Peaceful New Year.
Stay safe everyone

Dog fouling - THE LAW

Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Our research tells us that dog fouling is the issue the public are most concerned about

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis - a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge up to £1,000

The Law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

It should not be the responsibility of the council to clear up mess. The Parish do provide dog-fouling bins around the Parish.

There is no excuse to leave it!!

For events at The Plough please check out their Facebook page

by David Barnard

Luton 19mppa consultation notice

Luton airport is "slipping under the radar" with a "consultation", ...not advertised at all in our area, so that they can increase the passenger numbers up by a million per annum, as an interim to the massive plans that they have for future expansion. Luton already exceeds the permitted noise levels, and there are plans to Re-route the take off and approaches. All this will erode our right to a peaceful existence,....for a profit making neighbour!

See <http://www.luton19mppa.info/> for more detail



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Breachwood Green Pre-school

Places Available

We are a small community run Pre-school providing excellent childcare for children aged 2 to rising 5.

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Feel free to pop in any time to meet the team and have a look around or join us for a cuppa on Friday mornings.

Give us a call if you have any questions or visit our website.



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Breachwood Green JMI School PTFA Update November 2020

(Parents, Teachers, Friends
Association)

The PTFA runs regular fundraising and social events for the whole school community. Our objective is to raise funds to enhance the children's education & the experience of all the children at the school.

Our PTFA is about much more than simply fundraising, it exists to provide closer links between home & school, and is an excellent way to bring staff, parents, villagers and friends together socially in support of the school all working towards a common goal.

2020 has been challenging for all of us, and like many charities we have been

unable to hold many of our planned events and will be constrained on future events in the short to long term.

Even though we have not been able to fund raise normally this year the PTFA has been able to finance the items below in the last 12 months

- 21 New Laptops for the ICT Suite
- Skateboard & Scooting Workshop for the entire school
- Visiting Christmas Panto
- Christmas Gifts for all Children, delivered by our Special Visitor & his elves
- Leavers Jumper for all Children in Year 6 heading to Secondary school
- Transport for Classes on trips
- & so much more

We are continuing to organise COVID compliant fundraising events. So far since returning to school in September, we have organised a very successful Eco Kids clothing collection which raised an amazing £276.65, collecting over 500Kg

of unwanted clothes! Our children have designed Christmas cards & gifts, the PTFA then receive a proportion of each order placed, this year we have raised £209.70, almost 3 times that raised in previous years. We have also had some very generous cash donations from villagers & local businesses. This has allowed us to raise over £600 so far. A fantastic achievement for a small rural school. We would like to thank everyone for their support during these unprecedented times.

We will be organising further events in the coming months so please look at the village notice boards & the village Facebook page for more information; we can also be contacted by email; breachwoodgreenptfa@gmail.com.

We are hoping that by next July we will be able to go ahead with our Annual Summer Fete on Saturday 3rd July 2021 – Please save the date.

by **The Headteacher**

School report

Well, the year 2020 has been a strange year for all and has seen many of us make adaptations to our everyday lives. The children and staff at Breachwood Green school are no exception to this.

I vividly remember hearing the news that there was going to be a National lockdown but at that point, I couldn't quite fathom what it would mean. The following day, there was a flurry of calls from parents asking me what this meant for the school and the only response I had was, 'I know no more than you!' Headteachers across the country were being given the news at the same time as the public and it was all a bit of a guessing game.

Anyway, as a staff we prepared for lockdown. Teachers and teaching assistants worked together to agree what

home learning would look like and how we would communicate this with the parents. Throughout lockdown, we had a handful of key worker children who attended the school and the rest worked hard from home. Spending time with our key worker children added enjoyment to the strange times we were all going through. The staff kept in touch with the children through phone calls and then the modern world got the better of us and we moved to virtual meetings - whilst the technology often proved challenging, it was lovely seeing the children's bubbly faces.

As the government announced plans that schools should offer wider opening, the staff, governing body and I began our preparations. Gradually more and more children returned, and school began to feel and sound how it should. We were incredibly lucky to welcome approximately 70% of the children back by the end of the Summer Term. What impressed us the most was how well the families did, juggling working from home at the same time as home schooling the children - definitely not an easy task!

Since September, we have welcomed the whole school back and everyone has adapted well to our new life of bubbles and virtual assemblies! The children have been amazing and returned with such drive, the work in books is beautifully presented and of a high quality, and there are happy children and staff all around the school.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our governors and parents who have shown us great support throughout these difficult times. I would also like to thank our staff who have continued with smiles on their faces, making sure learning was and continues to be, as fun as possible. And of course, the biggest thank you must go to our children for working so incredibly hard and adjusting to this new way of life. As a headteacher, I feel incredibly lucky to have such an amazing community of people around and I am excited to see what the rest of this year brings.

For regular updates about the school, you can follow us on Twitter @BWGjmi

Who are we and what do we do?

JC Agriculture Limited is a family run business that features a small scale, mixed farm; complimenting this we sell hay and straw and have provided agricultural contracting and grounds maintenance services for over 25 years & registered as a Limited Company in 2012.

Jon's family is mainly involved in farming and grocery retail, both the Chamberlin and Robarts sides of the family having had stores in the parish of Kings Walden in the past. The Taylor and Tooley side of the family farmed in this Parish & the Chamberlin farming side of the family reside in Lincolnshire. My speciality is food production & I provide part time technical consultancy services in the food industry in addition to the day to day farm duties.

After meeting at Agricultural college, we were able to begin farming in Breachwood Green in 2004 using sheep to improve the land that had been set aside as uneconomic to farm. In 2015 we moved our farming activities from Breachwood Green to Chiltern Hall. This allowed us to rear cattle, keep pigs and grow arable crops. Chiltern Hall is located on Dane Street, just outside Breachwood Green, some of you will know the location as a prime spot for watching aeroplanes as the farm is adjacent to Luton Airport Runway.

In November 2019 we launched Chiltern Hall Produce, and are now proud to be supplying quality meats and fresh free-range eggs.

Chiltern Hall

Produce

Farming in a traditional way, having animals and crops on a small scale, we aim for quality instead of quantity. We minimise the use of artificial fertilisers, chemicals & medications and aim to source our feedstuffs and materials locally where possible. We feed our animals almost entirely with crops produced on the farm & brewers' grains from a local brewery (a by-product of brewing) which are enjoyed by all the animals. We also sell some of the crops such as hay, straw, haylage & barley.

We have a large free-range flock of Lohmann Brown chickens that lay lovely rich eggs. These are available from our honesty collection point outside 21 The Heath, Breachwood Green. £1.50 per half dozen. We also offer a weekly delivery service to the local villages.

We focus on the Southdown breed of sheep which is a British breed originally from the English Downland; they are known for a docile nature and for being good mothers producing high quality lean lamb with wonderful flavour. We have a registered pedigree flock 'Breachwood Green Southdowns'. Our lambs are born between March & May, normally indoors but the lambs are soon out on the spring grass (weather depending). We keep some female lambs every year to improve our breeding stock & also to sell to other breeders. We also fatten some animals for meat as lamb and the remaining as 'Hogget' (a juvenile sheep) which has an increased flavour.



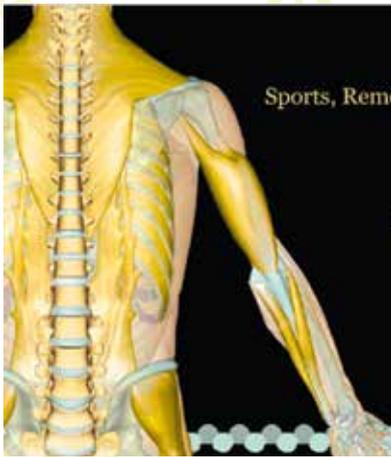
Our cattle are predominantly the Dexter breed which is a small cattle breed that originated from Ireland but have been in the UK since 1882 & were almost lost several decades ago. We cross the Dexter's with our Miniature Hereford bull called Chester. Once weaned we sell the female calves on for breeding and the boys remain with us. This cross of breeds allows us to produce an excellent marbled meat that tastes as beef used to taste!



We source British breeds of pig from local farms. Once weaned in the Spring they join us for the Summer & Autumn on the farm. We produce traditional & flavoured sausages & pork roasting joints using the quality lean meat.

We transport our own animals to a small local slaughterhouse & butcher who packs the meats to our requirements. Produced & processed locally this minimises food miles and freezing quickly seals in the quality & enables us to supply all year round. Fresh meat is also available at various times of the year and can be pre booked. All meat is fully labelled and stored in our recently inspected storage facility which has a hygiene rating of 5. Price list & availability can be obtained by contacting Victoria on 07989 524885 or via email victoria.chamberlin@jcagriculture.com. You can follow us on Facebook too for our availability & special offers.

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Thank you Amanda

A Big thank you to Amanda (and Shaun) at King's Walden Stores for keeping our cupboards and fridges full, especially during the first Lockdown.

They have worked extremely hard to keep their shelves stocked, going to the suppliers on a daily basis on the hunt for toilet rolls, pasta and paracetamol.

Amanda offered shopping slots to people who wished to spend a few minutes browsing and has a policy of one person in the shop at a time for the safety of both her and the customer. Shaun has recently installed a Red and Green light system, so visitors know when they are allowed to enter.

Amanda is sadly unable to host her shopping evenings this year, which have proved to be so popular previously, so will operate an appointment system to make sure nobody is disappointed. Please contact the shop on 01462 768511 for further details.

Thank you, Amanda, – We do appreciate you.

Kings Walden Parish Great Litter Pick 25/10/20

Thank you to the Kings Walden Parish volunteers, Lesley, Feroza, Laura & Christina for the Big Litter Pick on Darley Road.

We completed over 1 mile of road, bushes & scrubland. We collected 15 bags of rubbish weighing in at 102 KG! (224.8 pounds or 16 stones!).

If you would like to take part or know somebody that would, please email us at contact@breachwood.green.

We send our condolences to the families of:

Sue Barnard, Lis Greet, Dorothy Jenkins
Tom Tate (formerly of Windmill Road)
Marilyn Warminger (formerly of Colemans Road)
Greta Johnson (formerly of Chapel Road)

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The editors of the Breachwood Times would like to wish all of our readers a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and successful 2020