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The Layhead Team

Once again, the Layhead team has been wonderful in keeping all the cottages immaculately clean and the grounds looking spick and span. Helen, Heather and Christine have been busy at work in the cottages. The grass mowing is taken care of by Mark, and Geoff mends anything and everything inside and outside the cottages. Mark has also been a great help, he's got my old tractor going and now he uses it for collecting up sticks, ivy and wood around Layhead.

I also have great support from local tradesmen who come to put things right at a moment's notice.

As ever we have a good laugh as there is always something amusing and unlikely happening here. I know many of you have met up with members of the team whilst staying at Layhead.

Welcome to the Layhead Farm Cottages newsletter!

The Christmas decorations and lights are up, mince pies are made and everyone is singing Christmas carols, so I think it must be Christmas!

It has been lovely to welcome back many past guests to Layhead this year, and also many new guests holidaying in the UK possibly for the first time in a while.

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rosemary

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Ishé Update

'Cleaning Team'

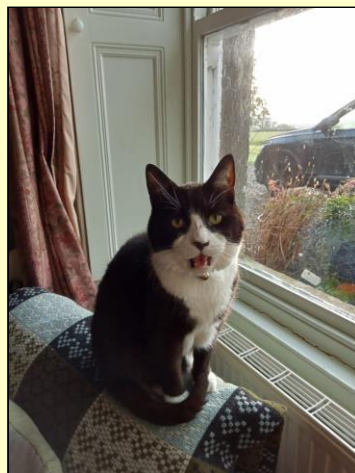
Heather and Helen (the two H's) are busy as always and we have a new recruit!

The latest team member is my grandson Ishé who really enjoys cleaning and helping in the cottages - seen here cleaning in Crabapple. He has another year before he goes to school, so I'm making the most of him being around.

I also had a lovely holiday with him and Niccola in Portugal, we spent a lot of time on the beach - building sandcastles, paddling in the sea and eating ice-cream!



Animal Corner



As usual the animals at Layhead have been up to their tricks.

The sheep have spent quite a bit of time grazing on the football field and verges instead of in their fields, and walking along the tops of the walls to make their escape. And the hens, occasionally missing at bedtime, only to be found 20 foot up the pine tree!

I enjoy watching all the birds that I see around Layhead. The most notable sightings this year have been, a beautiful Barn Owl that was hunting during the day in the field behind the Stables, and a couple of Goldcrests - such tiny birds - which I was able to view out of a cottage window.

Bobo, my black and white cat, is still 'top cat', his favourite pastimes are eating, sleeping and watching the world from the comfort of his armchair! He likes being stroked and tickled too, and is very patient with Ishé.



2023 Photographs

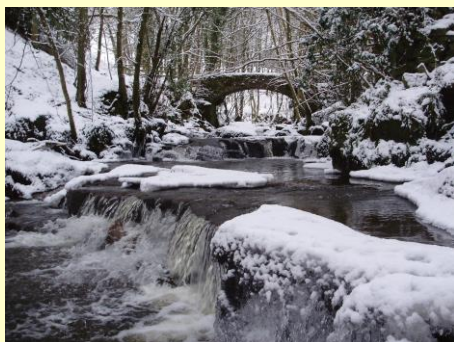
These photographs are all featured on our 2024 calendar.

This year we decided not to hold the photo competition, but we have still produced the calendar which as always, has been fun to do.

2024 calendars can be purchased directly from Rosemary.



Photographs



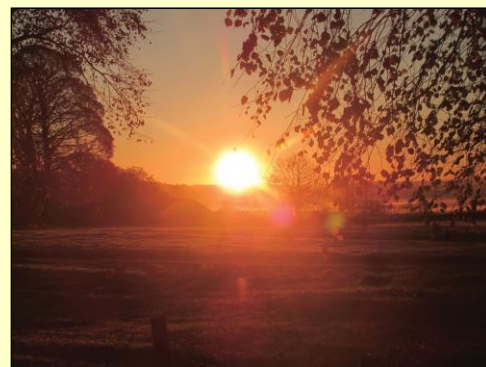
'Snowy Beck'



Spring Lambs



Apple Blossom



Autumn Sunset

News



During this year we have revamped the children's playground. They now have a slide, 'treehouse' and some extra swings which the children have enjoyed playing on. Mark is seen here finishing off spreading the bark.

Don't forget to visit the playground and the games room during your next visit.

As many of you know, I have been working hard over the last few years trying to save the old school in Rathmell which has been closed for several years and now has reopened as a community centre.

This year we have been particularly busy raising money to continue the fight. One particularly wet July weekend we arranged a fund-raising 'gig' and had to resort to using a nearby farm building. Happily, the event was a great success! Seen here are my daughter and son - Niccola and Stuart barbequing.



I think that we are going to be really busy after Christmas in the cottages, as we have a long 'to do' list. I look forward to meeting up with many of you at Layhead in 2024.