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*Patchwork quilt for double bed* made by Jill Baker over decades, finished with WI

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Our aim is to mirror the mark that the Village Hall makes upon our community, to publish the activities of all Village organisations, and to provide a forum so that the rights, the wrongs, the well-being of village life can be aired.

News from all the Village clubs, societies, church and school, stories of local interest and entries for the Village Diary are always welcome. In addition, any suggestions for improving Hallmark.

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## Chairman's Report



Welcome to the latest edition of Hallmark. The summer months are bringing new activities to the hall. The new youth club has had it's open evening and the response so far is very promising. A Singing group will open in June on a Thursday morning and our usual groups and organisations continue to keep very busy. Please look at the list at the back of Hallmark as we are sure you will find something for everyone young, old and everyone in between! As always if you would like to start

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up a new group please get in touch and we will try to help.

Our storage extension to the rear of the hall is now complete. Over the next few weeks we hope to decorate and build cupboards and finally allocate space to all the organisations and keep everything neat and tidy.

Our Village website is now fully open at: [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com). There are already many pages containing community events, places of interest, club news, full Village Hall booking details, even a history page, and so much more. Please visit it, make use of it and support it, after all it is yours to make use of in any

way you can. If you have any input, or items you would like to share with everyone, please contact the relevant person on the "contact us" page on the site. Why not get involved with what can only be described as a great asset for the whole of our community.

We are all feeling the pressure with the current economic climate and it is more important than ever to support all

our local businesses around us and all that our villages have to offer.

Enjoy the summer and keep smiling, nobody can tax you for that!

**Clive Hodghton, Chairman, Village Hall**

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## From the Editor



**D**o you enjoy Hallmark? Find it interesting? Helpful? Informative? Useful? I am worried about its future. And thus also its contribution to our new website. Why? Because I'm 80 and haven't

found anyone **with the time available** to start taking over. It's a very interesting and rewarding pastime. You meet a lot of interesting and lovely people you wouldn't otherwise meet. Unfortunately, the increasing workload on the volunteers who produce our growing website is resulting in less time available to help me edit Hallmark. In fact, for the present and some previous editions I have had little or no help at all. If you feel interested – **and have time available** (2 weeks starting each 17th Jan, Apr, July & Oct) why not contact me for an exploratory chat? My contact details are on page 1.

The picture on our cover shows a remarkable **cotton patchwork quilt for a double bed**, all hand sewn and measuring 240 cm (94½") long x 225 cm (88½") wide. This work by Jill Baker has taken many years (several decades, in fact) and has recently been completed with the help of Loosley Row and Lacey Green WI members. The photo can be seen in colour on our village website, [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com). It is now available for sale and the proceeds will be donated by Jill to our village hall! The quilt is first being offered only to local people. If this does not bring a satisfactory result by the end of June, it will then be offered on the internet. For more information, to see the quilt or to make an offer for consideration, please 'phone Jill Baker on 01844 275442 or email her at [cjwoodpeckers@onetel.com](mailto:cjwoodpeckers@onetel.com).

Our new **Local History Group** is very keenly working on a wide variety of aspects of past life in our area. They meet every few weeks to exchange news on their progress – Leigh Axe attends to help get their articles on the website. I also attend to see what there is space for in Hallmark. Pages 11 & 12 are only the first fruits of their

efforts – plenty more will be ready for future Hallmarks. There is much more space on [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com) for articles that Hallmark can't include.

An unusual collection of memories is on pages 29-31 by **Brian Cullum**, whose story and old photos show **his memories of Loosley Row of the 1950s** - he chose to return to this area after living in Australia for 43 years!

An article on the start of a link building connecting the front and rear parts of **our School** is on page 22. News and photos of the work on the new Outside Classroom for wildlife is on page 23.

Page 24 gives the latest as we go to press about the **"travellers' development"** starting one crossroad beyond the Woodway/A4010 junction.

For some years, I have been particularly concerned for our young and future generations about **what some of our supermarkets are doing to our British farmers** – see Kathleen Turner's remarks in Jean Gabbitas's WI report on page 16 and use your conscience accordingly.

**Paul Rogerson's usual article** as County Councillor cannot appear this time because of the *Purdah* restrictions leading up to the County elections on June 4.

### STOP PRESS

**Well done Lacey Green, Loosley Row & Speen. You now have a YOUTH CLUB, following a very successful information evening!**

**The Youth Club will have its first meeting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7.30-9.00pm at the village hall, then run alternate Fridays throughout the year.**

**If you haven't yet joined, bring your parent along to a meeting to sign up. Regular updates will appear in Hallmark and on the [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com) website.**

## WATER PRE-1934

**W**ater was an important consideration in the past.

It had to be conserved as much as possible and probably used very economically. Most cottages would have had an underground tank to collect the rainwater off the roof for domestic purposes. This would usually have provided enough water for the family. These tanks were beautifully made, lined with brickwork which was skimmed over with a thin layer of "cement". Above it would be a pump and the bigger houses would probably have had one into the kitchen and another in the washhouse. The farms would have had a considerable number, mainly because they had a lot of roofs, not because there were a lot of animals kept. There were no dairy cows unless a few families might have a house cow. Milk was not something to drink but to cook with - a pudding perhaps. Butter springs to mind but dripping was more likely the order of the day. Many people kept a pig. They got them extremely fat so there must have been vast quantities of dripping. Sheep were kept on the commonland but they need virtually no water; they get fluid from grazing. By far the most important animals were the horses. A very few were riding horses but the farmhorses were special. Most of the farms up here produced hay and straw and the horses were essential to work the fields. The water for animals came from ponds. These "dew" ponds were capped with clay, which could be puddled-in so they held water. When the enclosures were made in 1823 they were listed for public use.

You may wonder why produce hay and straw when there are so few animals to eat it. Both products are notoriously difficult to produce in England, even more difficult before the advent of modern machinery. Both rely on good weather particularly the hay. However there

was a ready market for both in London. There were a great number of horses kept there for riding and commercial purposes and hundreds of herds of dairy cows. These were probably of less than half a dozen animals and they were kept inside all the time. The Lacey Green farmers delivered their goods and brought back the manure for their own land, without which this land would grow very little indeed. A good bit of recycling, you could say.

A good farmer had to be very good at predicting the weather, for hay takes about four days of hot weather to dry. Also he had to call in as many extra hands as possible, for it involved much labour, tossing and turning, carting and stacking into ricks when it was dry. It must not go mouldy or overheat. A great many people were glad of extra work so a ride through the village shouting for all hands to the fields was all that was needed.

Many children skived off school to the despair of the teachers, but the parents would rather have them working.

Barley, wheat and oats could be grown up here. Either sold or used for the horses. Once more lots of labour, but getting it dry enough was not quite so critical. It could be reaped and stooked (stood up in sheaves) until dry enough to bring into ricks. It would then be threshed at a convenient time. Then the straw was available to sell.

It was a long journey by horse and cart to London and dangerous. William Saunders from Stocken Farm was particularly distressed when he was stopped during the first world war at Holtspur and his best horses taken for the army. And to make matters worse he was left up the A40 with a wagonload and nothing to pull it with.

## Collecting annual donations to Hallmark

**Our voluntary deliverers of Hallmark will be inviting you to make a donation with this edition.**

**As a guide, printing & other expenses cost about £5pa per household  
All other work is done by unpaid volunteers.**



# Lacey Green Singers concerts

SAT 20 JUNE AT PIGGOTTS, NORTH DEAN and  
SUN 21 JUNE AT NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL

The musical *Below Stairs* by Chesham writer Trevor Pilling and Naphill composer Alan Lewis, was premiered at the Elgiva Theatre, Chesham in 2002 and has since had a further five productions to great acclaim. The show, set in 1914 at the start of World War 1, tells the tale of ladies maid Lucy Ambleside whose objective is either to marry into money or to make a name on the stage. At the same time, local bobby Tom, who has set his cap at Lucy, volunteers for the army and ends up at Ypres during the worst of the fighting.

Now, Lacey Green Singers are busy rehearsing the songs for a concert performance of the show (ie a static singing of the songs accompanied by a narrator) on Saturday 20 June at Piggotts, North Dean with a repeat performance the following day in Naphill Village Hall.

Both evenings begin at 7.30pm and the £5 admission charge includes refreshments. The aim of the concert – apart from introducing more people to the toe-tapping tunes and to encourage further productions – is to raise money for Cancer Research UK, as composing the show helped keep Alan sane through successive cancers of the colon, liver and lung. During the rehearsals, Alan has been occasionally deputising for regular accompanist Thelma and is now looking forward to sitting anonymously in the audience.

Tickets may be booked either with Helen on 01494 562240 or Maureen on 01844 346823.

Alan Lewis



## STRAWBERRY TEA & BRASS BAND

Sunday 28 June 2009 3pm

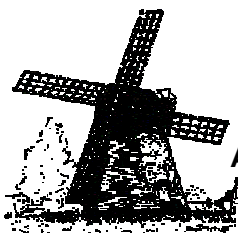
### *West Wycombe Brass Band*

At "Gracefield", Main Road, Lacey Green  
(on corner of Church Lane nearest to  
Black Horse).

Brian & Judy Wicks have very kindly offered again to hold the Strawberry Tea in their lovely garden. Please come & relax while enjoying strawberries & cream, scones & home-made cake, being entertained by the brass band.

Starts at 3pm but welcome later.

Tickets £4 - buy at the gate



## Lacey Green Windmill

The windmill will be open until 27th September on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 2.30 to 5.30pm (last admission at 5pm). Admission is £1.50 for adults, and 75p for children. Please park in Pink Road and walk up path to the mill.

Michael G Hardy

Honorary Secretary, Lacey Green Windmill Restoration Committee, The Chiltern Society

Email: [laceygreenmill@btinternet.com](mailto:laceygreenmill@btinternet.com)

Website: [www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk](http://www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk)

Tel No for Windmill Enquiries: 01844 275871

Postal Address: Torridon, 10 Woodfield, Lacey Green, near Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 0QQ

# Happy Memories of Our Local Winter

SOME ENJOYED MAKING SNOWMEN FOR THE FUN OF IT – and were thanked by smiling villagers



John Burnett & Laura Chapman's two snowmen (Dad, with baby on the car's bonnet) could be seen in the front of their house in Main Road (near Woodfield), Lacey Green ...



... while Mum was in their back garden!

SNOW WEIGHED BRANCHES DOWN INTO ARCHWAYS OVER ROADS



▲ These two photos being near Redland End



▲ ADULTS AS WELL AS CHILDREN HAD FUN SLEDGING – this photo off Little Lane in Loosley Row

# Lacey Green Productions

## THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

January 31



The centenary of the writing of *The Wind in the Willows* was celebrated at Lacey Green Village Hall on January 31<sup>st</sup>, when Lacey Green Productions presented one of their themed evenings to raise money for charity.

The hall was decorated to represent Toad Hall after the weasels had staged their coup d'état. The audience were there to celebrate, with the Chief Weasel and his boisterous family, the renaming of the hall as "Weasel World". A multi course banquet was served by Rachel Panter, of The Good Cook Co, and this included such culinary delights as Tadpole Treat and Steaming Mole Hills.



The audience, many of whom appeared with furry ears and tails, were invited to join in with the dressing up the Toad competition, a dance to ward off the attack by badgers, moles, rats and toads, and some racing for ferrets. If they failed to join in they stood the chance of being subjected to the Punishment Pole, kindly lent for



the evening by some local polecats. There was also a quiz and some toad baiting and the evening finished with a rousing song, dedicated to the Chief Weasel, and entitled "Land of stoat and

gory".

The evening raised over £700 for charity. In 2008 LGP sent over £2,000 to WaterAid and Samaritans.

## THEATRE AT HOME - TOP GIRLS

by Caryl Churchill

March 13 & 14

The production of "Top Girls" at "Chipko" proved to be a great success. After many weeks of rehearsals, the performances were well received by our audiences, who were most generous with their donations to our charity. The charity was "The Mary Dolly Foundation" and we are pleased to announce that we have been able to send to them a total of £795. This brings the total for all LGP charitable donations to over £35,000.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

We are currently in lengthy discussions about our next dinner theatre productions but you won't have to wait long for our decision. Whatever it is we can promise good entertainment and excellent food in the Village Hall at the end of November. As soon as we have decided we'll publish the details.

As always, we are keen to attract new people to our group and would love to hear from any who is interested in taking part in any capacity. Please phone either **01844 347518** or **01844 344207**.

**Peter Brookhouse**



# The Local History Group

## A MOST INTERESTING PROGRAMME OF 1911 - ALL AGES HAVING FUN TOGETHER

with old shillings and pence converted into decimal currency by Norman Tyler, eg one shilling or 1/- = 5p:

### PROGRAMME OF FESTIVITIES HELD IN HOME FIELD AT STOCKEN FARM, LACEY GREEN TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION OF KING GEORGE V - 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 1911

12.30pm	Cricket Match. Winner Cricket Ball value of 5 shillings (25p)
12.45pm	Assembly of Children of Lacey Green School. Procession to "The Mill" headed by the Naphill Band. "Flag of Britain" sung by Lacey Green School. "Three cheers" for the King. Return to Stocken Farm. Band will play GOD SAVE THE KING
2.30pm	Morris Dances and Maypole Dances by Children of Speen, Loosley Row and Lacey Green schools
3.00pm	Children's tea - Free to Parishioners, Visitors 6d (2½p)
4.00pm	Adult's tea - Free to Parishioners, Visitors 1/3d (6¼p)

<u>Sports</u>	<u>1.30pm</u>	<u>Children's Races</u>	<u>Prizes</u>		
		Three Legged Race, boys under 14	1/6d (7½p)	1/- (5p)	6d (2½p)
		Three Legged Race, girls under 14	1/6d (7½p)	1/- (5p)	6d (2½p)
		Egg and Spoon Race, women	2/- (10p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Egg and Spoon Race, boys under 14	1/- (5p)	9d (3¾p)	6d (2½p)
		Egg and Spoon Race, girls under 14	1/- (5p)	9d (3¾p)	6d (2½p)
	3.00pm	Half mile Handicap, Men	4/- (20p)	2/6 (12½p)	1/6 (7½p)
		Old Folk's Race, Men 60-70	2/6 (12½p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Old Folk's Race, Women 60-70	2/6 (12½p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Stone Picking Race, Men	2/- (10p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Stone Picking Race, Women	2/- (10p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Slow Cycle Race, Women	3/- (15p)	2/- (10p)	1/- (5p)
		Slow Cycle Race, Men	3/- (15p)	2/- (10p)	1/- (5p)
		High Jump, Open	3/- (15p)	2/- (10p)	1/- (5p)
		Needle Race, Girls under 14	1/- (5p)	9d (3¾p)	6d (2½p)
		Boot and Coat Race, Boys under 14	1/- (5p)	9d (3¾p)	6d (2½p)
		Skipping Race, Girls under 14	1/- (5p)	9d (3¾p)	6d (2½p)
		Sack Race, Boys under 16	2/- (10p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Hurdle Race 150 yards Men	3/- (15p)	2/- (10p)	1/- (5p)
		Stilt Race, Boys under 16	3/- (15p)	2/- (10p)	1/- (5p)
		Old Folk's Race, over 70 men	First in 1/6d (7½p), last in 1/- (5p)		
		Old Folk's Race, over 70 women	First in 1/6d (7½p), last in 1/- (5p)		
		100 yards Handicap, Women	2/- (10p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Hat Trimming Competition, Men	2/- (10p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Obstacle Race, Men	3/- (15p)	2/- (10p)	1/- (5p)
		Obstacle Race, Boys under 16	2/- (10p)	1/6 (7½p)	1/- (5p)
		Tug of War, team of 11 a side	Winners 1/- (5p) each		
		Cock Fighting	3/- (15p)	2/- (10p)	1/- (5p)

No competitor may win more than two 1<sup>st</sup> prizes and one more (this will be a third prize).

6.00pm	Speeches from Waggon
7.30pm	Distribution of prizes, medals and mugs by Mrs W. Robson. The Naphill Band will play at intervals
9.00pm	GOD SAVE THE KING



## WEBSITE APPEAL

The Local History Group is made up of friends who have researched the past centuries for the development of this area. We now have archive boxes stacked with facts which we will endeavour to put on our website. We had been asked to make a book, but didn't want it to be dull and couldn't think how to do it. Now we have the means.

**You hold the key. Every single one of you.** Please send items for –

**THE MEETERS AND GREETERS.** If you moved into the area, who made you welcome? We need to build a picture of the community at work. Or were you not made welcome? It all counts. We will cover Loosely Row and Lacey Green, Flowers Bottom, Turnip End to Parslow's Hillock, Junipers to Amen Corner, Smalldean and Hollybush.

**THE ORGANISATIONS.** Which have you enjoyed, joined, worked for?

**NOMINATIONS** Which people do you think have quietly worked for organisations or independently and largely gone unsung.

**AUTOBIOGRAPHIES** Everyone seems to write their life story these days. Remember to include the changes that have happened here.

**BIOGRAPHIES** If an older relative or friend lived here write their biography, still remembering to talk about village developments.

Your contributions are needed and all input will help to paint a picture of this community and make the website not a museum piece but a living history. You all have your tale to tell, please get thinking, talking and most of all **writing**. **Send to –**

**Rosemary Mortham, Kiln Lane, Lacey Green.**  
[www.history@laceygreen.com](mailto:www.history@laceygreen.com) For more information ring Rosemary on 01844 345863

or Joan West, Arcadia, Main Rd, Lacey Green on 01844 275591

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## REQUESTS FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We are anxious to get help from anyone who knows anything about a book of photographs displayed at the **Sheaf to Loaf Day**. We believe they were mostly taken in Loosely Row. Contact with the owner of this book would be very much appreciated.

A fireproof file or cupboard is needed for storage of archive material. If anyone could donate a second-hand one we would be very grateful. We have been allocated a spot in the village hall to keep it.

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## Risboro' Lacemakers

LACE DAY Saturday 28th March

Risboro' Lacemakers held their fourth Lace Day in our Millennium Hall.

The day was well attended and everyone enjoyed the day, as usual. There was an exhibition of lace bookmarks and lace less than 6" in diameter, a sales table consisting of lace and other craft books, lace equipment etc and three traders were present selling many craft requisites.

One member had made a beaded scissor case which was held by a Thames Valley Air Ambulance teddy pilot, and this was the prize for guessing how many beads were used to make the scissor case.

There was also a large Raffle. A volunteer from the Air Ambulance was also present during the morning, and proceeds from the Raffle and Teddy Competition totaling approx £350 were donated to the Air Ambulance.

Nearly all the tickets for Lace Day 2010 to be held on 27th March were sold - tells its own story!



Rosemary Mortham lacemaking. The decorations on the table were also of lace

# Ploughmans Lunch

by Brian Panter



Watching the Hairy Bikers on TV it occurred to me that the average ploughman of my boyhood in north Bucks could have lived well for a week on the amount of meat & cheese in the fantasy meal we now call Ploughman's Lunch.

The real thing was taken around 11 o'clock, only the gentry had lunch in the middle of the day, the rest of us had dinner. The ploughman took his lunch while he and

his horses rested after their first stint. Bread was the main ingredient, usually the top of a cottage loaf. Cheese on fat bacon formed the protein content with onion, raw or pickled. An alternative was the bacon and onion dumpling known locally as a clanger. Sometimes it had bacon one end and jam the other, all boiled in the same pudding cloth. An apple might follow, salad would be noticeably absent.

To drink, apart from beer or cider, more usually, was cold sweet tea in a beer bottle. These refreshments might be contained in a FRAIL made of plaited straw and bound with webbing. This was hung on the hames of the nearside horse, although by the late thirties frails were all but extinct.

The ploughman's task in those days was hard and demanding and woe betide he who did not plough a straight furrow for this was all too public for other ploughmen to see and pour scorn.

Watching horse ploughing now gives no idea of the drudgery of those days when the ploughman might, on heavy land, be carrying several pounds of soil on each boot and would, in the course of a day's ploughing, cover several miles.

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# Tastes, Smells and Memories

by Ted Janes

As a boy living in Speen, I think it was about the first week in June, the local nursery used to open and my mother would send me for a pound of tomatoes and a cucumber. I waited in the greenhouse while they were picked. The smell and the sweet taste I have not experienced since, not even from people who grow their own. The strain and the seed must have been lost.

Then Saturday Tea with one of those tomatoes, lettuce and spring onions from the garden with a little home boiled ham – exquisite. You have got to remember these were the first fresh tomatoes for about 9 months.

Then after such a tea we must all be quiet while father "took down" the football results from the radio.

Getting up at 6am to walk 1 or 2 miles to one of the many fields where mushrooms grew, in less than an hour one could pick a carrier bag full, then home for a big fry-up with proper cured bacon. The smell, the taste – delicious. In a good season of just a few weeks, we lived on mushrooms, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Christmas is now traditionally turkey, but in my childhood it was cockerel. In each Spring, dad would buy a dozen newly hatched chicks in, which was always a few males to fatten up for Xmas. As they grew older they were caponised – something to do with the sex organs, that I know little about, which had the effect of making them grow larger, almost as large as a small turkey, and very aggressive. Mother was afraid to feed them, so she was only too pleased to have them killed for the table. Chicken wasn't available daily as it is today, so it was a great luxury.

In the village we had another feast day. A Mr Gibbons in the village bred the big white Aylesbury ducks, which were always on our menu for the Baptist Chapel Sunday School Anniversary, the second Sunday in July. Duck with new potatoes and peas from the garden – beautiful. Anniversary Sunday was the day the boys had new suits and the girls new dresses, to sit up on the platform to sing and recite, a tradition that was always celebrated in non-conformist churches, certainly in both Lacey Green and Loosley Row chapels, alas both no more.

In those days parents made their children go to Sunday School in order to have a bit of peace, quiet and privacy on a Sunday. While not very religious today, I still treasure my bible and hymn book – prizes for full marks in 1935-36 that is 104 marks, 2 on every Sunday for 2 years, always going on my own free will. About the only record I have ever achieved. But if anyone asked me of any prowess I have, I think it is “stickability”, something that must have matured in those 1935-36 Sunday School days.

This is not something I can vouch for personally, only hearsay from my father saying “his dandelion wine was better than whiskey”. His indeed? Mother always made it 2x4½ gallon barrels – and had to help pick the dandelions, which were always at their best the week in which St George’s Day fell, back-aching and not such fun as picking mushrooms – and Oh how it stained my hands!

Mrs Armstrong, née Pam Janes, writing in the magazine recently, reminded me of another delicious tea. Her

father, Sidney (affectionately known as Crusty) baked the bread – but it was her mother who made the hardy cakes, a small number made to order that you fetched hot for Saturday afternoons tea, all oozing with lard and fruit. In the days before the dreaded word cholesterol was in common use.

Coming home from a hard day’s work, with the smell of a traditional Buckingham “Bacon Badger” wafting from the kitchen – marvellous.

One of my fondest memories, when the village entertained itself much more than it does today, was of a themed “Dinner Dance” (we held one every month) with the late Molly Hickman boiling a dozen or so Bacon Badgers in an electric copper in the village hall kitchen for 100 guests at the “Bacon Badgers Ball”. Such hard work, but such fun.

Tastes, smells that have gone forever, but memories I shall treasure forever.

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## Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI

February’s meeting was held in the Committee Room and was attended by the few noble souls who had just at last been able to get out of their driveways – many had been snowed in! The roads were not safe enough for the speaker to make the journey so members present had a pleasant meeting planning the future and enjoying a sociable time together.

We had a very successful Pancake Day event at Sally Pilkington’s.

In complete contrast to our February meeting, our Birthday Party in March was well attended. The ice and snow had disappeared and everyone was able to enjoy a delicious tea and entertainment from Mrs Purdy, a very colourful theatrical lady who had us all remembering *Life before Television*. She was extremely versatile demonstrating several amazing magical acts for, amongst other things, she turned out to be one of the rare female members of the Magic Circle!

When April arrived we journeyed passing green hedges and gardens full of daffodils and the first blossom. Two of our members provided the talks. Firstly Kathleen Turner from Promised Land Farm gave a salutary talk which she entitled *Food Security*, meaning ensuring that we have enough to eat. She began by reminding us of the war and post war days of rationing and eating seasonal

foods, how over the years we have come to enjoy both plenty and variety. Now, however, a change is taking place which is gaining momentum and must be addressed.

The current signs of shortages and rising prices are due to the supermarkets squeezing farmers until it becomes impossible to make a profit and so many farms are giving up or their children refuse to face the hard work for little or no return.

We now cannot provide sufficient dairy products and 500,000 breeding cows have gone, therefore fewer calves have been born. There are also 13% fewer sheep now in Britain. Those facts are not given sufficient coverage in the media but another factor affecting food production is climate change - droughts, flood etc affecting grain production.

On a lighter note, Rosemary Mortham explained how to make flowers to decorate Easter cakes. Showing us various examples of her beautiful work, which she managed to make sound easy, and displaying photographs of the many cakes she has made with the church choir members, which they in turn have under her direction decorated both beautifully and sometimes amusingly.

**Jean Gabbitas**

# The Windmill WI

by Daphne Williams



Our year started quietly – we don't meet in January and unfortunately, due to very wintry weather, we had to cancel our February meeting. However, things were able to get under way in March when our speaker, Mrs Maureen Dennis, talked to us about *What is Health and How to Keep It*.

During March we held our Spring Jumble Sale which once again was very successful and we would like to thank everyone who supported us by bringing jumble or by coming to buy and a big thank you to all our members who helped, especially a couple of husbands who make our 'Jumble Days' so much easier!

Several members recently attended the Spring Group Meeting held in Liston Hall, Marlow. It was an enjoyable meeting; the speaker was local man **Ken Brazier** talking about his climb of Mount Kilimanjaro. It was a most interesting talk and Ken managed, through sponsorship, to raise a fantastic £16,000 for Mercy Ships, the charity he works so hard for.

In April we had a good laugh with Mr Fryer, who told us about *The Humorous Side of Being an Actor*. In his career as an actor, Mr Fryer met many interesting people and he recalled lots of amusing anecdotes about them.

We have again welcomed new members this spring but always have room for more – so don't forget, we meet on the first Wednesday in the month, in the Village Hall at 7.45pm. Talks we are looking forward to in the next few months are *Colour in the Garden*, *Life and Death at The Tower*, *The History of Pantomime* and a travel talk.

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## Windmill Under 5s

The Spring Term has proved to be a very busy one here at Windmills. Despite the snow at the start of February causing an unprecedented period of closure, Liz and her team worked incredibly hard to settle in the new children, whilst creating a focus of activities around festivals and events from different cultures. Nature walks, trips to the park, as well as delightful gifts for Mother's day and Easter, also featured strongly this term!

Congratulations to our supervisor Sue who gave birth to a little baby boy, James, in February. Also to our assistant Kim who is expecting in August.

Due to the increase in numbers this term, we have been most grateful to staff for doing additional sessions and it has been great to have a new volunteer, Kay, to help on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

With five new starters in the Summer term, Windmills is full. However there is a waiting list and there may be some slight movement if anyone is interested. We are taking registrations for next Spring Term and Summer Terms (January & April 2010). Our numbers are a proud reflection of staff's commitment to creating a happy and positive learning environment for our children: Free-flow play indoors and out, rolling snack time and key group time all form part of the morning routine. Children are encouraged to bring in an item relating to the letter or colour of the week and there are plenty of opportunities

for children's numeracy and literacy to be developed. Not only does outdoor play encourage healthy children but it is one of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. We are fortunate at Windmills to have a good-sized play area which the children enjoy on a daily basis; however we are currently raising money to build a roof over part of it to allow children to take their learning outdoors come rain or shine! The car boot sale in February was a big success and raised £350. Similarly, mums enjoyed a 'night off' at the Sports Club last month - thank you Jane for organising a lovely evening. The proceeds from both events will go towards the new roof.... we now just need to keep the ball rolling!

The highlight this term had to be the last day of term, when Windmills was visited by menagerie of animals for their Spring Party! Children, younger siblings and parents enjoyed petting rabbits, guinea pigs, baby chicks and goats while hearing a lively and educational presentation from one of the helpers all about the animals. The children could not believe their eyes as they watched lambs frolic out of the trailer, shortly followed by a Shetland pony which they could ride afterwards! A big thank you to parent Claire Drury for organising such a fantastic morning. Sadly that day we





also bid farewell to Oliver Wilson and his mum Helen, who has done a fantastic job of Vice Chair this year. Thank you Helen and we wish you, Oliver & family all the best for your new start in Wittering.

Hopefully the current spell of good weather will hold into the Summer term as there are lots of outdoor activities planned. The annual barbecue will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Children will enjoy a day out with parents on the staff Inset day on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Sports Day the following Friday is a date not to be missed! Our four year olds will be preparing to go to BIG school this term and parents will be left wondering where their time at pre-school has gone!

If you are considering a pre-school for your child, come to our next Open Morning on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June (9.30-10.30am) or call our administrator Paula Cunningham on 07502 198 405 / email [admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk](mailto:admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk) to arrange a convenient time to visit. The pre-school hours are 9.15-11.45 with lunch-club operating daily from 11.45-1.15pm. Children are eligible to start the term they turn 2.5 with funded places from 3 years. Windmills is down at the Sports Club (see big red sign near St John's school!) or take a look at our website [www.windmillunder5s.co.uk](http://www.windmillunder5s.co.uk) to find out more.

Look forward to your visit!

Zoe Glenister, Co-Chair

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You catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too.  
I passed around the corner  
And someone saw my grin,  
When he smiled I realised  
I'd passed it on to him.



I thought about my smile  
And then I realised its worth,  
A single smile like mine  
Could travel right around the earth.  
If you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected,  
Let's start an epidemic quick  
And get the world infected

# Horticultural Society

## OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

The AGM was disposed of in quick time, the Society remains solvent, although subs were increased to £3 per year, and the Committee were re-elected by popular acclaim. We then moved on to a fascinating talk by John Tyler on *The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns*. He covered 50 million years in not much more than 50 minutes.

By the time you read this, we will have just held a Plant Sale at the Windmill on 10 May, National Mills Day. I am not going to tempt fate by expressing hope that the weather was good!

With luck, you should receive Hallmark in time for our talk on Wednesday 20 May at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, which will be a demonstration and advice on making up hanging baskets. The speaker, Christine Townsend, will donate the basket that she makes up as a raffle prize. Pumpkin seedlings will be distributed, free, at this meeting and we hope to see loads of resulting pumpkins at the November Pumpkin Competition Supper.

Following on from the talk, we will have a Hanging Basket competition in July. The baskets will be judged in situ, judging will be spread over the second half of the month, with committee members visiting to view the entries and draw up a shortlist for Mrs Townsend to inspect and decide the winner. We will be asking for prospective entrants at the May meeting, but after that you can let me or any of the Committee members know that you are interested, and we will phone you in July to ask when we can call. There is no entry fee, and non members are welcome to enter, but we would expect them to join the Society, from which they will subsequently gain enormous pleasure and benefit.

On Wednesday 15 July, we have a talk in the Village Hall at 8.00pm, on *Growing and Showing Vegetables*, which is a topical subject now that we are all encouraged to grow our own, if only on a modest scale. The speaker, Mr Bernard Stopps, will certainly include advice on how vegetables and salad stuff can be grown in a limited space and with even less effort. His tips on showing will be useful, with our own Show coming on 5 September,

and most of our regular entrants looking for guidance on the finer points.

On Wednesday 22 July at 7.00pm we are visiting Mrs Sarah Nicholson's garden at Wendover. The price is £5, which includes a glass of wine and nibbles. Own transport (car share can be arranged), but we have to go as a group, so please let me know a week before if you wish to go.

The Society came a very commendable third place in the Bucks Association of Horticultural Societies Spring Show. The entry comprised Laura Chapman's Apricot and Cointreau cake, which was judged the best domestic entry in the Show, John Burnett's Cheese Scone ring, a collection of Rhubarb put together from Pam Lidgely's and Chris Boll's gardens, and Daffodils, mainly from Adam Heeley. Although the Judges praised the innovation and artistry in Alison Shreeve's Table Decoration, they gave the rosette to traditional roses and candles. We will enlighten them eventually!



Alison Shreeve's Table Decoration

Membership is £3 per year, thereafter our Meetings are free to Members. If you are interested contact me, or just come along to one of our Meetings, and you will be made very welcome.

**Terry Fendom, Chairman**  
01844 342636

**Storeroom:** The distance required between the supermarket aisles so that children in shopping trolleys can't quite reach anything.

**Question:** What has many keys but can't open any doors?

**Answer:** A piano.





**Question:** What do you call a deer with no eyes?

**Answer:** No idea (No-eye deer)

**Teacher:** Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

**Winnie:** Me!

The best way to keep an idiot engaged is to give him a piece of paper with "PTO" written on both sides!

## Building the New Link Part of St John's CofE Combined School

The programme has started in earnest to extend the school by building a new section (or "link") to join the original front building to the newer main rear building.

The main contractor, Lindum Construction Services, has appointed Norman Herridge Ltd to do the groundwork and these are some of the photographs of them working – more are on our village website [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com).

The **Buy a Brick** project has started in order to help raise funds towards this historic step. At the time of writing this, 303 bricks have been sold so far, for which everyone concerned would like to thank all donors.

The Parents Association has now arranged that Gift Aid can be applied to donations by taxpayers. The school office can provide information by visiting them, phoning **01844 343521** or emailing [office@stjohn.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjohn.bucks.sch.uk)

You can also visit their website [www.stjohn.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.stjohn.bucks.sch.uk) for a wide variety of information, photos and links, including to the Parents Association.



Norman Herridge scooping up the soil under the original tarmac & concrete to reach the depth of the new building's foundations, whilst Kevin uses the percussion hammer on more concrete.



The original space between the two buildings



Emptying the shovel onto the pile

More photos can be seen on [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com)



# St John's School's New "Outside Classroom"



Welcome to St. John's School's new 'Outside Classroom'. What you see now is the end result of much clearing, dredging and rebuilding of our former swimming pool area. At the moment it's a bit of a blank canvas, but we hope with some careful planting our new pond and bog garden will be humming, buzzing and possibly quacking with life by the summer!

We are hoping to establish as many native plants and shrubs as possible...but we are also happy to consider other plants which can offer colour and variety to the overall project, especially those tough enough to thrive in our rather flinty, clay-rich soil.

So if you are a keen gardener or pond expert and have any ideas, top tips or even a few surplus plants to donate, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Our school phone number is **01844 343521** or e-mail [office@stjohn.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjohn.bucks.sch.uk).

Photos taken April 8 by Norman Tyler

Jac Osman-Allu

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In proportion to its size, the ant has the largest brain in the animal kingdom.

Alexander Graham Bell was trying to devise a hearing aid for his wife when he accidentally invented the telephone





# Travellers' Site at Upper Icknield Way OR HEMLEY HILL ENCAMPMENT – some consider a possible source of crime

## MEETING AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL in Princes Risborough on 23 April

A meeting to discuss the arrival of the gypsies at Hemley Hill, off Shootacre Lane, was so well attended that around 150 could not get in. The 200 people who did manage to cram into The Royal British Legion Hall heard from police, councillors, planning officers and the secretary of the Gypsy Council.

Residents were angry that the gypsies had not asked for planning permission before starting development on the site, which they have bought.

## REPORT FROM PAUL ROGERSON, Wycombe District Councillor

The meeting was attended by officers of WDC and BCC, together with a member of the Gypsy Council and the local police inspector responsible for Community Policing. It was chaired by David Carol deputy leader of WDC.

David Lidington addressed the meeting and advised residents to concentrate on the planning issues which are central to the action being taken, ie the rules which apply to the Green Belt and AONB. He also suggested that if residents had evidence of any criminal or antisocial behaviour happening in their area, coming from whatever source, that they report them to the police in the normal way. The inspector advised that since Easter figures for crime and antisocial behaviour had not risen.

In responses to questions from the floor, the officers of WDC advised that they were awaiting a formal application for development from the travellers, which they had been advised would be for 9 individual plots for permanent dwellings. They also advised that a temporary stop notice had been placed on the site on Easter Sunday which would expire on the 7th May. They

were at present gathering and evaluating evidence of the harm and special circumstances which would inform the action that they would take prior to the expiry of the temporary stop notice. They also advised that instructions had been given to a leading counsel to help with the case.

I did ask the member from the Gypsy Council, "Where did this group of travellers come from and under what circumstances did they leave their previous site?" His response was that he did not know but then added that if WDC were able to provide a site that they would leave immediately as clearly they were unwanted where they were. He then left the meeting.

The position of site allocation was addressed by the meeting. WDC advised that a need for 15 sites had been agreed through work carried out by SEERA, a regional organisation with responsibility for planning for the South East. As draft proposals, these figures will be tested at Public Examination between 2-5 February 2010 and covers the requirement for gypsies, travellers and showpeople.

A **Hemley Hill Action Group** has been formed and has an email address of [hemleyhill@googlemail.com](mailto:hemleyhill@googlemail.com) should residents wish to know more. It was agreed that contact could be coordinated through the action group should residents wish.

Should residents wish to contact the council about this matter, then they can also do this through the telephone **01494 461000** or the Web Site [www.wycombe.gov.uk](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk). The contact officer dealing with the case is Alastair Nicholson ([alastair.nicholson@wdc.gov.uk](mailto:alastair.nicholson@wdc.gov.uk)).

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**FOOTNOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** The postal address of the **Hemley Hill Action Group** is **PO Box 136, Princes Risborough, HP27 7AH**, should you prefer this to emailing.

## More Alternative Definitions



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| Taffeta  | A Welsh goats cheese                   |
| Custard  | To swear after stepping into something |
| Doughnut | Eccentric millionaire                  |

# Letter to the Editor

## RE EXCREMENT ON OUR ROADS

John Dexter Jones's public spirited letter on horse dung reminds me of a seaside comic postcard of long ago.

A man is depicted scooping up horse dung in the street. A passing simpleton asks him what he is picking it up for. "To put it on me rhubarb" he says. "I have custard on mine" comes the reply.

Plagued as he is by horses, I suggest Mr Dexter Jones makes the most of it and grows rhubarb.

B.T.J.P.

## TRANQUIL Project – WORKS GO AHEAD

As part of the final stage of works in the TRANQUIL project, and following surveying of the signing in the area, Buckinghamshire County Council, with Wycombe District funding, will shortly be replacing over 40 conventional directional signs with traditional style fingerpost signs. This will help restore these attractive features to the Chilterns whilst providing appropriate directions on minor routes.

Due to signing regulations, these will only be used on C and unclassified roads. However, on the A and B road network there will be some updating of the conventional signs, removing signing of longer distance destinations via minor roads and encouraging traffic to keep to main roads. The work will be carried out in three phases during April and May.

Since the new year, work has also taken place on improving the signing for both weight restrictions and low bridges to ensure vehicles are using the appropriate routes for their journeys, and work is shortly planned for improving the point where the Ridgeway National Trail crosses the road in Lower Cadesden.

There remains some outstanding work to complete this implementation phase of the TRANQUIL project, notably on gateways; this work is progressing and should be completed by summer. Individual parishes will be updated further as progress is made in their area.

Temporary Speed Indicator Devices remain in use throughout the area, rotated between different locations to maintain their effectiveness. Research has indicated that these are effective in reminding drivers to travel at an appropriate speed for the road conditions.

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## Bucks CC Adult Social Care

### DROP IN SURGERY Thursday 11 June

Buckinghamshire County Council Adult Social Care department are holding a series of 'drop in surgeries' across the county. The surgeries are for members of the public to come and ask the department for advice and guidance and what is currently available to them, a family member or a member of their community. Also present is the local Police Community Support Officer offering crime prevention and reduction advice, and the Local Area Technician from the transportation department enable to discuss issues relating to the Counties highways. If you are interested, please pop along to the next surgery being held outside **The Royal British Legion in Princes Risborough** in conjunction with Bucks Fire and Rescue on Thursday 11 June 2009 from 10am -1pm. If you would like to have more information please contact **Karen Adamson** on **0845 3 70 80 90** or [kadamson@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:kadamson@buckscc.gov.uk) or [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk)

If you have ten thousand regulations you destroy all respect for the law.  
Winston Churchill



**Jumble sale** - where you buy stuff from other people's attics to put in your own.

**Friend** - someone who knows you well and still likes you.

## Want to Beat the Cowboys? - Buy With Confidence

The *Buy With Confidence* scheme provides Buckinghamshire residents with a list of local businesses that have been vetted and approved by Trading Standards. Consumers can have peace of mind when using an approved member because they have all been individually checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws. In the unlikely event of a problem arising, approved members abide with the Scheme's Code of Practice, which defines the minimum standards required to deliver good customer service.

To find a tradesman you can trust, visit [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk) or phone **08454 04 05 06**.

If you think your business could make the grade and would like more information contact Gina Green at [ggreen@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:ggreen@buckscc.gov.uk) or call **01296 383919**.

## Saving energy when driving

### HOW SMART IS YOUR DRIVING?

Most car drivers could be travelling a lot further on a tank of fuel. No new car is required - just a change to smarter driving. Try these tips:

- ☺ Shift up the gears earlier (between 2000 and 2500rpm). Cruising comfortably in 5<sup>th</sup> gear is the best.
- ☺ Cut your top speed. Wind resistance increases significantly with speed. The optimum speed for fuel efficiency is 45 – 50mph.
- ☺ Avoid unnecessary braking by anticipating the traffic ahead. Fluid motion is better than stop start.
- ☺ When slowing down, stay in gear and take your foot off the accelerator as early as possible. This reduces fuel consumption to near zero.
- ☺ Plan your route to avoid congestion or getting lost.

Smarter driving could save you the equal of about one month's worth of fuel each year. For more money saving tips, contact the **Energy Saving Trust** on **0800 512 012**

## Raise money for Hearing Dogs by shopping online

**EasyFundraising** is a free service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at no extra cost raise funds for **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply logging into [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and selecting your chosen retailer each purchase you make will generate a cashback donation to Hearing Dogs.

For example, spend £25 with WH Smith and 3.5% will be donated. If you already shop online, why not help good causes at no extra cost from purchases you would make anyway.

## Hearing Dogs Summer Fayre



Why not take your family & friends to the annual Hearing Dogs Summer Fayre at their headquarters in Saunderton 11am to 5pm on Sunday 7 June 2009? Fun activities for all the family, dog **demonstrations**, **Scruffts heat** (fun dog show), sponsored bungee jumping, **racing pigs**, Eagle and Vulture display team, K9 freestyle and **circus activities**.

Tickets available in advance or on the day. Adults £4 advance (£5 on the day). Concessions (60+, under 14s, registered disables) £2 advance (£3 on the day). Contact: **Ruth Dunkin** on **01844 348136** or email [ruth.dunkin@hearingdogs.org.uk](mailto:ruth.dunkin@hearingdogs.org.uk)

# Remembering Loosley Row in the 1950s

by Brian Cullum, who lived there & recently returned after 43 years in Australia,

now at "Mapledurham" (on right hand side opposite 1st building on left), Bryants Bottom. 01494 488305

In the 1950's the A4010 road from High Wycombe to Princes Risborough and beyond was comparatively free of traffic. Early in 1950, on my Lambretta scooter, I was travelling that way from London, en route to Lacey Green. My destination was the windmill there. Equipped with a 2¼ sq. Zeiss Nettar camera and a 1" to the mile O.S. map of the Chilterns (4/6d), I had, over the months, searched for these interesting structures in order that I might complete an historical research on them for my architectural studies and final examinations.

Passing through Saunderton, I turned right at the *Rose and Crown*, a plain unpretentious little public house (now greatly enlarged). My map reading took me up Little Lane and to a modest group of cottages that I was to learn comprised the village of Loosley Row near to Lacey Green and Naphill. Eventually I was to live in this very lane.

There are many more picturesque places than this hamlet, comprising as it did, a few cottages known as *The Stret*. Fronting the approaching lanes were newer houses dating from the turn of the century and some brand new bungalows built on narrow ribbons of land set between acreage declared to be Green Belt. Most of these dwellings were built using hand-made bricks from Naphill.

*The Stret* consisted of 6 or 7 terraced cottages, some with rendered walls, some built of flint with brick quoins. Clay tiled roofs were pulled down over casement windows, some with lead lights. All had gardens filled with lupins, hollyhocks, roses, daisies and delphiniums etc in the summer.

*The Stret*, by English standards, could be described as 'ordinary' but it held a charm and beauty which lingered in my recollection of this Buckinghamshire backwater while I lived in Australia for 43 years, but all taken for granted at the time when I was there.

On the opposite side of the road passing the Stret cottages were the premises of Gomme's, the local blacksmith. His forge was founded in 1850, I believe. I regarded his front yard as a nettle-bedded eyesore, littered as it was with rusty scrap iron, agricultural machinery and general materials of his trade. Inside the gloom of his forge, Mr Fred Baker conducted a thriving business producing the most desirable examples of wrought and cast iron work. For example, he had

retained all his grandfather's moulds and he cast me a Victorian door knocker for 10/-. Other products consisted of fire dogs and fire-backs, some of them replicas of those in nearby Hampden House, which he sold for £8 10s each. Nowadays the yard is neat and tidy, displaying some examples of his craft.



Gomme's Forge frontage in 1950s



The Stret, facing Gomme's Forge

In the hedgerow, whilst I was exploring Loosley Row further, I spied a hand-written sign reading 'Land for Sale'. On making enquiries, I met Mr Lacey who owned the land; he was asking £350 but would accept £300, so I gave him £325 and the site was ours. My wife and I soon owned a modest house featuring an upstairs living space so that we could enjoy the extensive views over the top of the existing apple trees towards Lodge Hill at Bledlow. It was later featured in a national magazine as



'the upside down house'. Fred Baker made the balcony railings and door knocker for this house, which Mr Hickman built for us.

In the 1950's, our bread was delivered to the front door by Mr Sidney Janes, whose freshly baked loaves were carried in a large wicker basket. His pony, which was called Polly, pulled a cart lit with oil lamps and did the rounds of the district. It was said that the fire in the bakery oven had been first lit in 1876 and had never been extinguished. Flour ground by the windmill was used in those earlier days. When it came time for me to leave Loosley Row, Polly had gone into retirement and Mr Janes delivered the bread by Vespa scooter.

We only had one shop, Harvey's. It was the social centre where we all shopped and in the winter lingered around the cosy pot-bellied stove.



**Harvey's village shop in Loosley Row**

There was no school or church, save a Baptist Chapel half way up the hill to Lacey Green. There must have been a church in the district as I recall that one Christmas a large choir with lanterns sang carols outside every individual house, apparently oblivious to the frosty conditions.

At the crossroads atop the hill behind the *Whip* public house (which dispensed Wethered's Ales) stood the windmill. This mill of the smock type, was in a derelict and dangerous state. It was first built at Chesham in the early 17th C and was moved from there in 1821 under the instruction of the Earl of Buckingham. It last worked in 1916 and, after a period when it was used as a dwelling, was occupied as an outpost by the Home Guard during WW2. Only chickens and pigeons occupied the unstable structure when I attempted to enter it.

*The Whip* was a simple building set behind a painted picket fence. I recall that one Sunday, when the pub was very busy, I had to park my Austin A40 Farina behind

those cars already parked. Mr Baker's daughter complained that she was unable to get her car out. It was a little Morris 8 and she was on 'L' plates. I assured her that she had enough room to reverse and, in directing her to 'left hand down' she caught her front bumper in the fence. No worries! I proceeded to lift the whole car clear and in doing so pulled off the bumper, headlights and number plate; I suggested that her dad could mend the damage easily. Recently this summer (2008), while watching the Morris men at Gt. Hampden, I met Jenny again and on recalling the incident she said that I owed her 3/6d for the cost of the repair.



***The Whip Inn*  
- and the windmill before it was restored**

The Pink Road alongside the *Whip* took me to my sister's house in Bryant's Bottom on New Year's Eve (1963?) when we were going to a seasonal party there. It was snowing and, by the time we reached the *Pink and Lily*, the wind was blowing the snow into drifts higher than the hedges, closing the road rapidly. A relief search party came from Bryant's Bottom to dig us out.

Eventually the snow laid for nine weeks, during which time we resolved to go to Australia!

Some pleasant memories of that dreadful winter included meeting by moonlight other friends with their children's sledges and re-living the fun and tumble of our own younger days as we plummeted down the slopes. Notwithstanding the snow memories, it seemed in those days to seldom rain. Our house faced south overlooking the Vale of Aylesbury and caught all the sun and balmy breezes of seemingly endless summers. I used to count my blessings, having found this rural spot where the friendly villagers still spoke with a soft local dialect. Where else could a neighbour have rested his Romany caravan?

In those busy days of work, study and homemaking, I regret that I was not able to get to know those who lived in late Victorian houses set behind brick walls and shaded by horse chestnut trees up the lane.

Mr Hickman had his own lorry and tradesmen as did 'Mosh' Saunders, another builder, who also doubled as an undertaker, making coffins as required. Another neighbour was elderly Mr Adams, a special constable, who made himself scarce when there was fisticuffs outside the village hall dances after the youths had been evicted from the nearby pub. Other residents were Mr Tong, the local Council Planning officer and Mrs Carpenter who lived in a rambling cottage called, for some reason, *The Fish*. She went shopping in her 3.4 Jaguar, bought 'because it was the only car she felt comfortable in'. I remember Mr Jourdain, who lived in a lovely mansion. He was the boss of the Parker Knoll furniture factory and president of the local branch of the Conservative Association. During Lent he used to give up smoking cigarettes but would offer cigars to all at our very sociable party meetings.

The dances that the branch used to organise in the village hall were tremendous fun and everybody, whatever their politics, took part in the arrangements - and tickets were always a sell-out. I remember the last dance with which I was involved in 1960. 'Mosh' and I,

with his lorry, went off to some distant place and cut a load of bamboo, while my brother-in-law, David from Bledlow Ridge, a commercial artist, painted a huge canvas depicting a tropical scene. The bamboo completely lined the walls of the hall, which in those days was built of wood. The fire brigade would have had a fit had they known how we had transformed the place! A friend of mine, who was a part time flunkey, stood at the door in his silk costume and powdered wig and no one got in that year without a ticket. Needless to say, we made a big profit! John Hall who was our popular MP and his wife, Nancy, attended. His non-political speech was well received. The music was provided by an excellent band from Molins at Saunderton.

All in all, there was a marvellous community spirit in the area and my wife and I were rapidly becoming part of it. But fate decreed it was to be otherwise and after all those years in Australia I have returned to resume my love affair with the Chilterns. I am particularly thrilled to see that the windmill has been completely restored, and the village hall rebuilt but otherwise most things remain as I remember them.

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## Around Our Local Pubs



Once again it is the time to put pen to paper and write a little ditty in the Hallmark. Things as for everybody are getting harder, so we are all trying to do more to get people into our doors. So many times I have said in the Hallmark about village pubs, to keep them going you have to use them,

whether it's once a week, once a month or even once a year.

Burns Night was a great success, thanks to all that came and to Hugh and Graham for their speeches.

We are now doing breakfasts and coffee mornings from Tuesdays to Saturdays from 9am till 11am. We offer anything from just coffee to toasted teacakes to a full blown breakfast. We have papers to read and a nice garden just to sit and chill out. Come and give it a go.

We have two new real ales a month. We have joined Cellarman's Reserve and we have two regional and seasonal cask beers a month. So we now have four cask ales on all the time. Come and see what we have.

Also we now have Wi-Fi, so you are able to come in and work on your laptop while you have your lunch or just a drink.

Well done to the Black Horse crib and dominoes teams for all their games during the winter season and their support. Also to my darts team - well done, gang. We did better than last year. Next year maybe we can come in the top three.

It is now Aunt Sally season. We have two teams so we will have a match here every Friday night during the summer. Come and watch - you might get the bug and join one of our teams or just have a throw in the beer leg.

We now have a bin outside the pub from Planet Earth. If you have any old shoes or clothes, please bag them up and pop them in. It is all for a very good cause.

The village shop, I think, is struggling to find a space in the village to set up. All I can offer is the small piece at the front of the pub by the Planet Earth bin. I expect this will be too small but if it is of any help to you, let me know. Or if there is anything else you would like me to do to help, give me a ring.

We cater for any outside functions, outside bars and all other types of catering.

**Lynne Comley**

# Sole of the Village - Vanishing Feature of English Life

## INTRODUCTION BY TONY MOLESWORTH:

Whilst on holiday a few years ago, I happened to read a book about Rivington, a tiny village in Lancashire – really no more than a hamlet – just to one side of the M61 between Manchester and Preston. I used to go past it regularly on a British made motor bike, travelling to the unmentionable place on the far side of the Lake District, and it always seemed to be the middle of winter. The following was included as a preface to the book, and struck quite a chord. Are we better off?

## RIVINGTON – The Story of a Village (Phoebe Hesketh) 1972

There are few villages within easy travelling distance of an industrial or administrative centre where the population type has not radically changed during the past forty years, and particularly since the last war. The essence of village life lies in the fact that the roadman

and rector, shepherd and squire, live cheek by jowl, each knowing something of the other's way of life, thus building mutual respect for one another.

Few villages exist within fifty miles of London where the former cottagers have not been driven into council housing estates, while the villages themselves have become cliques of middle-class commuters living segregated lives and entirely destroying the ideal of communal life of the village as it has existed for perhaps 400 years.

This I feel is possibly the greater tragedy as no legislation can stop it, and once the village spirit has gone the bricks and mortar are merely a museum piece, as interesting as Stephenson's 'Rocket' and of as little practical use today. Thomas Hardy knew that the heart of England lay in her countrymen and in her villages. Within a few years these will have ceased to exist.

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## Financial Planning

by Steve Wilkinson

I get confused with all this name changing going on.

Tale for example Tomorrow Life, which is now the name under which G E Life is now known, which was itself the new name of National Mutual Life. LV is another change which is not luncheon vouchers, but stands for Liverpool Victoria.

Arriva? No that's the bus company, not to be confused with Aviva. It's the new name for Norwich Union. This new name is apparently known internationally rather than Norwich Union, which is widely known in the UK only.

Changing a company name, of course, can be for many reasons – distancing themselves from a troubled past or too many names associated with one company or whatever. But the important thing is to let everybody body know of the name change.

This could be done by post but when you have a huge customer base running into millions, like Norwich Union, they decided a more radical approach and therefore launched a huge advertising campaign. No doubt you have seen in this respect the movie stars mentioning

how they changed their name to getting international success.

The thing is, though, how much does all this cost? I don't think in Norwich Unions case it will be a few hundred pounds but more like millions and apparently market research told Norwich Union that customers would not read letters as thoroughly as they might read an advert or watch it on TV.

But do policyholders really care about a name change? Probably not, as long as the company delivers the goods. The trouble is when you have policyholders investing in the companies' funds and the return or the growth of the fund is low, then questions are raised, especially if an awful lot of money has been spent on a name change.

Besides regarding those TV ads, all the stars featured changed their names *before* they became internationally famous. For any of them to change their names now would be a bit silly.

**Steve Wilkinson**



The man who gives in when he is wrong is wise. The man who gives in when he is right is married.

Marriage is an institution in which a man loses his Bachelor's Degree and the woman gets her Masters.

The theory used to be you marry an older man because they are more mature. The new theory is that men don't mature. So you might as well marry a younger one.

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# Lacey Green & Loosley Row Sports & Social Club

## TENNIS CLUB

By the time you read this, the make over at the Lacey Green tennis courts should be complete – for this year anyway. The following is by way of a prediction, as the work described is all arranged to be carried out during the week after the Hallmark submission deadline. Fingers crossed I don't jinx anything.

If you came to our tennis tournament on the 10<sup>th</sup> May (everyone welcome) you might have noticed the pleasant seating area to the south of the courts, created by the execution of the leylandii. They were found guilty of shading the courts, aiding and abetting an invasion of moss which damaged the surfaces – so they had to go. If there was no actual seating there, then we are still looking for donations of a garden bench.

You will also have appreciated the efforts of club members who turned out in force on 19<sup>th</sup> April to tackle the weeds around the edges and tidy the netting. But the best thing will have been the surface works to two of the courts which have been treated, re-painted and re-lined and now look pristine in green and red.

Whilst I am in a positive frame of mind, I also imagine that we will have whitewashed the competition in our opening league match. Ah well, we can but dream...

Family membership is amazing value at £65 for the year (or £15 for juniors, £40 for adults) and you can use the courts whenever you like. What better way to spend a summer evening than getting a bit of fun, fresh air and exercise with your family or friends?

Speak to club secretary **Linda Malden** on **275296** for more details.

**Anonymous (in case of the jinx!)**

## CRICKET SECTION

By the time you read this several matches will have been played - weather permitting. Let's hope it is a better summer this year with a warm sun and blue skies. Perhaps, if that is the case, more folks will come down to our pleasant sports ground to watch the lads in action and to cheer them on. Honest! It's a nice way to spend an afternoon.

I'm putting in a request to our Editor, Norman, to publish the fixture lists again this year - kindly typed out by Mr Les Rixon for us. I know it all went wrong last time but this time I'm sure you will all be able to see who and where the teams are playing. Do come along.

At the cricket AGM the following were elected: Wing Commander Martin Exley (I hope that spelling is correct) 1st XI Captain, Mr Duncan Palmer, Vice Captain. For the 2nd's, Mr Simon Williams, Captain, Mr David Sanders, Vice Captain. Martin Exley is a very useful left-arm bowler and dogged batsman, while Duncan we know is equally determined with the bat or in the field. As for Simon and David - no worries!

Some may have wondered why I didn't mention Lady Bateman in the last issue. That was because I guessed there would be several wanting to pay tribute to her - and I was right. But I believe I can now add a little to the story. I very much doubt if it would have been worth spending all the time and money on the ground and its facilities if she had not purchased it for the village.

When I first played there the pavilion was a small wooden hut with hardly room to turn round; the toilet facility was primitive to say the least, and the sheep had grazed the field the day before a match. Now it is a large, airy place with everything needed for players and supporters alike.

Thanks Lady Bateman - and let's not forget Sir Geoffrey, who I'm sure played a big part.

Apart from that, I've learned over the years of many other kindnesses the lady dispensed - not only in Lacey Green but in the surrounding villages as well. I'm not going to name any of them - I couldn't name them all, anyway - and I'm sure she wouldn't want that. She did it because she saw a need. Rest in peace.

I've received an article about the wartime airfield that lay behind the school. In it, it states that the cricket ground was taken by Bomber Command (at that time) as part of the airfield. That was not the case. The field was used all during the war by children for cricket and other games. I've checked with (even) older colleagues and we all agree. Just thought I'd set that right. Newcomers to the village - that's less than thirty years residence - take note.

Finally, we wish Phylis Dell, widow of Bill, top-notch wicket-keeper and former President of the Mid Bucks League a speedy recovery from her operation.

## MID BUCKS CRICKET FIXTURES 2009

| DIVISION 1 |                | 1st XI |                |
|------------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| 2 May      | Bradenham      | v      | Lacey Green    |
| 9 "        | Lacey Green    | v      | Chesham Bois   |
| 16 "       | Lacey Green    | v      | Haddenhan      |
| 23 "       | Lt. Gaddesden  | v      | Lacey Green    |
| 30 "       | Lacey Green    | v      | Nomadic Medics |
|            |                |        |                |
| 6 Jun      | Ley Hill       | v      | Lacey Green    |
| 13 "       | Lacey Green    | v      | Aylesbury      |
| 20 "       | Potten End     | v      | Lacey Green    |
| 27 "       | Lacey Green    | v      | Cadmore End    |
|            |                |        |                |
| 4 July     | Lacey Green    | v      | Bradenham      |
| 11 "       | Chesham Bois   | v      | Lacey Green    |
| 18 "       | Haddenham      | v      | Lacey Green    |
| 25 "       | Lacey Green    | v      | Lt. Gaddesden  |
|            |                |        |                |
| 1 Aug      | Nomadic Medics | v      | Lacey Green    |
| 8 "        | Lacey Green    | v      | Ley Hill       |
| 15 "       | Aylesbury      | v      | Lacey Green    |
| 22 "       | Lacey Green    | v      | Potten End     |
| 29 "       | Gadmore End    | v      | Lacey Green    |

| DIVISION 2 |                  | 2nd XI |                  |
|------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| 2 May      | Lacey Green      | v      | Downley          |
| 9 "        | Challoners       | v      | Lacey Green      |
| 16 "       | Prestwood        | v      | Lacey Green      |
| 23 "       | Lacey Green      | v      | Ley Hill         |
| 30 "       | Phoenix Old Boys | v      | Lacey Green      |
|            |                  |        |                  |
| 6 Jun      | Lacey Green      | v      | Hampden          |
| 13 "       | Holmer Green     | v      | Lacey Green      |
| 20 "       | Lacey Green      | v      | Potten End       |
| 27 "       | Widmer End S.M.  | v      | Lacey Green      |
|            |                  |        |                  |
| 4 Jul      | Downley          | v      | Lacey Green      |
| 11 "       | Lacey Green      | v      | Challoners       |
| 18 "       | Lacey Green      | v      | Prestwood        |
| 25 "       | Ley Hill (3)     | v      | Lacey Green      |
|            |                  |        |                  |
| 1 Aug      | Lacey Green      | v      | Phoenix Old Boys |
| 8 "        | Hampden          | v      | Lacey Green      |
| 15 "       | Lacey Green      | v      | Holmer Green     |
| 22 "       | Potten End       | v      | Lacey Green      |
| 29 "       | Lacey Green      | v      | Widmer End S.M.  |

**Geoff Gomme**

## Happy Wanderers Walking Club

### LOCAL SHORT WALK AFTER THE AGM

22 February



Very popular because so many come to our AGMs!

### FROM & TO THE FROG AT SKIRMETT

Led by Tony Molesworth

29 March



25 of us came on the walk



A pub lunch together at the end of the walk is always very welcome!

Photographs by Ron Goodearl



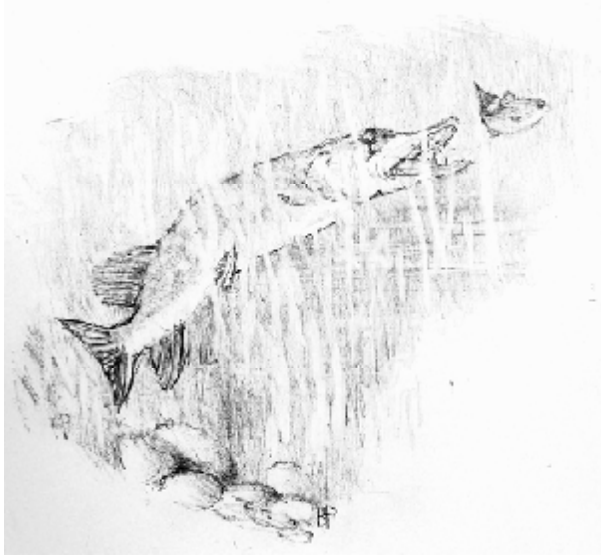
If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.  
Bob Hope

All men make mistakes, but married men find out about them sooner.  
Red Skelton

# Hungry Pike

- a pencil study

by Brian Panter



FOR PAGE 38 to replace Age Concern's  
New Service



# News from St John's Church

Rector – the Reverend Denise Critchell

Serving the village communities of Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen.

The **Alpha Course** began enthusiastically on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and continued in a trusting, comfortable way until April 28<sup>th</sup>, ending with a final celebratory cake, shared by group members. It is a 10 week course and if you missed this opportunity, another will be starting later in the year.

The **LENT** studies were well received, and it was appreciated that all the Team Ministry Churches were involved. This developed a sense of Church Community and encouraged everyone to meet with like-minded participants.

**EASTER SERVICES** at St John's were very well attended. The Church looked beautiful decorated with spring flowers in every nook and cranny – a special thank you to our Flower Ladies for their skills in completing such attractive flower arrangements. The 10am Service began as always with singing beside the be-decked cross on the main road – a wonderful sight for passing motorists. Our superb Choir led the congregation in uplifting hymns to celebrate the Joy of Easter, and many chocolate eggs were shared out after the service.

## REGULAR SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

### SUNDAY

8.00am **Holy Communion** (1662) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Sundays

10.00am **All age Worship – Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

10.00am **Parish Communion** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, (&5<sup>th</sup>)  
Sundays

6.00pm **Choral Evensong** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

**Junior Church** at 10.00am – all services, other than 1<sup>st</sup>, held in upper room.

Details from **Jenny King 01844-343910**

**Youth group** meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at Collins' Farm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, service in Church. Both Sundays for fun, friendship, and interesting activities. Meet at 5.15pm – both groups are well attended and new members are very welcome. **01844-342173**.

### TUESDAY

9.30am Communion Service in Lady Chapel

2.00pm **Toddler Praise** – 21 toddlers meet Tuesday afternoons during term time. Dads and Grandparents are also very welcome.

### WEDNESDAY

10.30am **Team Communion Service** at St Mary's church, Princes Risborough.

Full details of services and more information about St John's church are published in the monthly Parish Magazine *Viewpoint* and displayed on the notice board outside church. Please check those reference points for any further details.

This year Mary Mines has stood down from the PCC and from the duties of laying the Communion Table. We are very grateful for all the good work that Mary and Ted have contributed to St. John's over the years and we do thank them most sincerely.

Pat and Marjorie have been re-elected as Church Wardens and continue to work hard in performing their own duties, and many inspired acts when needed. We do offer you both heartfelt thanks. We welcome two new members to the PCC – Ann Eden and Pam Thomas – we hope you enjoy serving the Church in this way, and we do thank those departing members for all their contributions and friendship.

Grateful thanks are offered to all who prayed for the recovery of Katy Richards – Pat's daughter in law – she is now making admirable progress.

Please remember in your prayers – Phyllis Dell, recovering from major heart surgery. Ken Templeman, Connie Roe, and Mrs Oliver. All are receiving Home Communion, and if you know of anyone who would also like to receive the Sacrament at home, or would like a home visit, please contact **Rev Denise on 347741**.

### FUTURE DATES

A joyous occasion- a family wedding for Anne Gosling on June 13<sup>th</sup> – many blessing for you and your future husband, Donald Phipps.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm. Team Confirmation.

Looking forward to Summer time – the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>



and 5<sup>th</sup> July will be a time of special celebration. We really need your prayers for extremely good weather at this time. It is the **Anniversary of the Dedication of St. John's Church dated from 1826**. The Church will once again be decked out with flowers, open all weekend. There will be choir singing and cream teas. Rev Ian Ogilvy will speak (always inspiring) at the 10am Sunday Service of Dedication, after which there will be a Barbeque and Picnic in the Vicarage Garden. This will also be a gift day for the Church.

ALL Villagers are welcome – if you have never been inside our beautiful Church, please remedy the situation

by wandering in this weekend to appreciate the beauty of the building and enjoy the serene atmosphere to be found there. The ceiling and stained glass windows (do not miss the one to the right of the Alter) are especially admirable. Please check the notice board for final times and events.

Please also add in your prayers that the right person is chosen for the Team Rector's Appointment at St Mary's Church.

Come and join us at St John's, enjoy our Church life and be Blessed.

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## Parish Council Comments

The Parish Council is complete again. John Sherlock has just been co-opted to fill the vacancy that has been with us for some time. John lives in Westlands Road, having moved into Lacey Green in 2007, and is a television cameraman by profession.

Whilst we welcome our newest councillor, it would make a nice change to have an election for the Council when this next comes up, so consider putting your name forward. We haven't actually had an election for many years.

The recently completed speed limit review has produced some changes within the Parish. The main one is probably in Loosley Row, where the lower section of Loosley Hill together with Foundry Lane down to a point just before College Farm, have both been made 30 mph. So you can no longer drive past my house at 60, at least not legally. A slightly annoying consequence of the change (which everyone seemed to want) is that we now have two additional 'repeater' signs, one of which can only be described as obtrusive. Whether there will be any effect on drivers' behaviour is open to question.

It was interesting to read in a national paper that a Parish Council elsewhere has decided not to support repair of potholes except on the main road through the village - sounds like Lacey Green doesn't it? The reasoning is understandable. Firstly it saves money (albeit indirectly), and secondly it makes for effective traffic calming. It is one idea that hasn't been asked of Lacey Green residents in any of the opinion surveys, so I would be curious to know what you think about the idea.

The not quite finished Parish Plan has already been sent to the main external organisations of relevance, to obtain their feedback before the Plan is finalised. As soon as

the Parish website is operational, we expect to include the Parish Plan, and would like to have comments from those Parish residents that have access to the internet. This is perhaps better than yet another public meeting where attendance may be poor. It is important that residents who can do so, do look at the website and respond as appropriate with regard to all Parish matters.

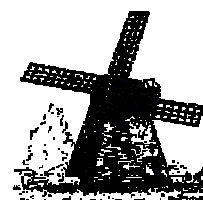
In the matter of communications, that always seem to need improvement. We have three notice boards, one in Lacey Green and two in Loosley Row (why is LR favoured? – answer, don't know). The boards are intended for use by the Council and by 'village organisations'. The Council takes a fairly flexible view of 'village organisation' but will not allow commercial or private advertising. However, it would allow a community sponsored facility such as a shop. Quite apart from anything else, there is only limited space available. I was rather annoyed recently because someone stuck an organic food advert inside one of the boards in Loosley Row, without asking permission.

The thorny topic of Planning Applications is always present. The Parish Council sees all applications within the Parish, and as a statutory consultee, sends its comments and recommendations to the Planning Authority at Wycombe. We would also encourage any resident affected by any application to communicate directly with the Planning Authority. Neighbours are supposed to be consulted but the definition of 'neighbour' seems to be a little vague and you may need to ask for details if you have been overlooked. There is some further information in Hallmark for November 2004, if you can get hold of a copy.

**Councillor Tony Molesworth**

# What's Happening in Lacey Green & Loosley Row ?

A LIST OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES to which you are welcome. Others take place but are subject, for example, to membership for which there is a waiting list



All events at Lacey Green & Loosley Row Millennium Hall unless otherwise specified

| WHO in alphabetical order                          | WHEN, WHERE if not in Millennium Hall, and OTHER DETAILS                                                      | CONTACT          | 01844 *        |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Adult Learning – Furniture Restoration             | Thu mornings, term time                                                                                       | Bucks office     | 0845 - 0454040 |
| DART (Defence Attack Resolution Tactics)           | Self Protection Classes<br>Mons 7-9pm at St John's CE School                                                  | Dr John Titchen  | 07810 - 568656 |
| Happy Wanderers' Walking Club                      |                                                                                                               | Ronnie Lewin     | 274961         |
| - normal walk (5-6 miles)                          | 10.30am. Starting place informed on previous walk                                                             |                  |                |
| - short walk (2-3 miles)                           | 2nd Wed. 10.30am, Millennium Hall car park                                                                    |                  |                |
| Horticultural Society                              | 3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm                                                                  | Terry Fendom     | 342636         |
| Jazzercise – exercises with lively music & company | Tue evenings                                                                                                  | Sue Morris       | 01494 - 813968 |
| Jingle Tots                                        | Baby to 5 years. Songs, action rhymes, musical instruments, refreshments, playtime. Fridays during term time. | Jenny Stothard   | 344441         |
| Karate                                             | Mon evenings                                                                                                  | Richard Peace    | 07768 – 896078 |
| Kinder Gym                                         | Pre-school Gym Classes. Fridays during term time                                                              | Jenny Stothard   | 344441         |
| Lacey Green Productions                            | Various kinds of theatre, some with delicious food                                                            | Val Brookhouse   | 344207         |
| Lacey Green & Loosley Row Sports & Social Club     | Various activities                                                                                            | Jane Oakford     | 346295         |
| Lacey Green Singers                                | Thu evenings, term time                                                                                       | Jane Brown       | 346071         |
| Lacey Green Windmill                               | See bottom of this page for details                                                                           | Michael Hardy    | 275871         |
| Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI                       | 2nd Thu, except Aug. 2pm                                                                                      | Jean Gabbitas    | 346469         |
| Pilates Classes                                    | Tue mornings                                                                                                  | Sue Croxford     | 346656         |
| U3A                                                | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed afternoon of month                                                                        | Roger Smith      | 01494 - 484182 |
| Whiteleaf Bowmen                                   | Wed, Thu & Fri evenings, Apr to Sep                                                                           | Dave Evans       | 01494 - 538235 |
| Windmill Under 5's Playgroup                       | Mon-Fri 9.15-11.45am, lunch club 11.45am – 1.15pm<br>At Sports & Social Club (next to St John's School).      | Paula Cunningham | 07502 198 405  |
| Windmill WI                                        | 1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm                                                                           | Stella Boll      | 347268         |
| Yoga Group                                         | Mon mornings during term time                                                                                 | Annie Silverman  | 343643         |
| 81st Over 60's Club                                | 1st Thu of month except Jan & Aug (was 1 <sup>st</sup> Tue) 2pm                                               | Carole Knight    | 01296 – 614113 |

\* Except where shown otherwise

See page 44 re Lacey Green Maize Maze (when in season), Post Office, coffee mornings and mobile library

**LACEY GREEN WINDMILL** will be open until 27<sup>th</sup> September on Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays from 2.30 to 5.30pm (last admission at 5pm). Admission is £1.50 for adults and 75p for children. It is the oldest smock mill in the country and still has its original wooden machinery from the mid 17th century. Since 1971 it has been restored to working order by members of The Chiltern Society. Please park in Pink Road and walk up path to the mill. For further information, contact Michael Hardy on 01844 275871. Email: [laceygreenmill@btinternet.com](mailto:laceygreenmill@btinternet.com) Website: [www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk](http://www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk)

