

# **HALLMARK**

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# Welcome to the Summer Edition of Hallmark



## HS2

The threat of HS2 will continue to hang over us for months or years to come. Mel Foster from Speen has written a very cogent article on page 26. It is good to see some sensible arguments against the scheme rather than some of the initial emotional responses.

Many people have complained that nobody in Lacey Green and Loosley Row has come forward to lead our own action group. If you feel strongly on this subject then step forward and form a local pressure group. We have a list of names of interested people from the first public meeting, but it now needs someone to start a group of like minded people.

In the meantime, please do follow the steps that Mel recommends, make your views known and make a fuss!

Thanks again to Norman Tyler for all his photographs in this issue and for the write-ups that he and Bette have contributed. Norman may have retired as editor but his contribution is keeping Hallmark going.

**Mike Piercy: Editor**

The village seems full of life outdoors this summer with Strawberry Tea and Open Gardens. It's lovely to have some decent weather for these events, even if our lawns have all died off.

I do feel a sense of loss when I see the success of the Speen and Naphill fetes. I don't suppose we will see another Village Day in the near future

## In Memoriam

As we went to press we learnt with sadness of the death of John West of Stocken Farm.

John had been seriously ill in Stoke Mandeville for some weeks.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday 24th August followed by a reception at the Village Hall.

Our thoughts and sympathies go to Joan and to the rest of the family.

# Risborough Community Bus Service

The Risborough Area Community Bus commenced regular services on Monday 19 July 2010.

Service no. 4 runs from Princes Risborough Market Square to Loosely Row via the Station on Thursdays and Saturdays, departing at 09.00am and 11.30am only.

Fares cost £1.00 (£2.00 for Loosely Row); most Bus Passes are accepted. The Bus is 'wheel chair friendly' but intending passengers who are wheelchair users need to book on 07941 963097 by 4.00pm the day before.

Private hiring will also be available. Organisations will need to provide their own driver. He/she will have to be trained but RACB will meet the cost provided that the driver is available to help with regular

2 services (say, one or two half-days a month).



Otherwise organisations will have to hire a 'RACB' driver as well as the bus. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask him/her to contact Malcolm Maultby on 01844 345300.

Otherwise, there should be no problem in finding a 'RACB' driver.

**Chris Hart**

**01844 345511**

# What's On

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
Saturday Sept 4. Entries at 1.30. Show at 4 pm	Horticultural Society Annual Show Terry Fendom 01844 342636
Saturday September 4 7.30 pm At the Sports Club	Sports Club Summer Celebrations with Live Music and Pig Roast
Saturday September 4 At West Wycombe House	Iain Rennie 25th Anniversary concert Abba Forever & Beverley Craven
Sunday September 12	Autumn Tennis Tournament Ian Ward 01844 345567
Wednesday Sept 15 8 pm	Talk on David Austin roses Terry Fendom 01844 342636
Sunday September 19 Starting from Princes Risborough	IRHH Chiltern 3 Peaks Challenge www.C3peaks.com or 01442 890222
Sunday 3rd October At the school	Lacey Green 5K Fun Run email laceygreen5k@live.co.uk
Saturday 16 October	WI Jumble sale. Doors open 2 pm Deliver jumble between 10 & 12
Saturday November 6. 10 am to 4 pm	Windmill Artists Art Show with All-Day Bistro
November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	LGP Dinner Theatre 01844 344207
Tues Sept 7, and every first Tuesday of the month	Pub Lunch at the Black Horse Bette Tyler 01844 344606
Monday Sept 6 and Nov 1 at Speen Village Hall; Monday Oct 4 at Lacey Green Village Hall	Parish Council meetings at 7.30. Open to the public
All events will take place at the Millennium Hall except where stated	

## Don't forget:

Magical Mystery Maze

Open every day until Sun Sept 5.  
10.30 am to 6 pm.

Also: Polo matches at Widmer farm every weekend

## Windmill Artists Art Show

Lacey Green Village Hall

Saturday November 6th

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

This popular annual event is now in its 8th year, and as usual there will be an all-day Bistro for morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

## Past Times Exhibition

Naphill Village Hall October 9

10 am to 5 pm.

Admission £3.00.

To be opened by Cllr Jane White Mayor of High Wycombe

## French Lessons

I am starting a small group in Lacey Green to learn conversational French.

Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9.30 .

£10 per evening payable in advance per term. First evening, come along to see if this is for you for £10. Starts September 16th.

We are a small false beginners/intermediate group with a qualified French teacher.

jill-gosling@tiscali.co.uk

## LACEY GREEN WINDMILL

There are only a few more days to view the interior of the mill, as our last opening day this year is 26th September.

To remind you, the opening hours are 2.30 to 5.30 on Sundays and Bank Holiday Monday 30 August. Admission is £1.50 for adults, & 75p for children.

A booklet about the history and the restoration of the mill is available for £1.50, and postcards, pencils,

mugs and books about mills are also for sale.

Please contact me if you require any further information, or look at our website

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

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Lacey Green Windmill Restoration Committee.

Telephone: 01844 275871

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[contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk](mailto:contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk)



## Chairman's report



Despite our concerns that the commercial bookings may struggle during 2010 we have been pleasantly surprised. The Hall is still very popular and we have many recommendations and repeat users.

We receive lots of positive feedback relating to the condition of the hall and continue to work hard towards ongoing maintenance. During the summer months the meeting room is due to be re-painted and all the floors are to be deep cleaned and re-polished. The kitchen is also having a 'steam' clean.

As I write this article we have been experiencing glorious sunshine and long warm evenings. I hope this has still been the case when you read this!

The new storage area is now in use. Like all extra space it has been filled very quickly. The cupboards allow all our regular users to keep their belongings safe and secure. We have recently purchased some second hand chairs with padded seats. These were requested long ago but as new they were way out of our budget. We can now look forward to a little comfort during our times at the hall!

### Youth Club and Bowls

The Youth Club has just celebrated its first year and is incredibly popular with the local ten to fourteen year olds. The organisers should be congratulated as they have worked tirelessly to provide themed nights and outdoor activities during the good weather.

The Village Hall has added a new activity on a Monday afternoon, Short Mat Bowls. If you are interested in joining please contact Leigh Axe (01844-345216) and he will be happy to provide all the necessary information.

### Village Shop

Please continue to support the shop trial in the Hall and I must say a huge thank you to the committee and all the volunteers that staff it every weekday morning. I heard rumours that if they get some more volunteers the shop may open into the afternoons too..... Which of course would be fantastic!

So, if you are looking to get involved in something local and worthwhile, now is the time! Please see the shop section in Hallmark for contact details as I'm sure they will be only too glad of more help!

For such a small set of villages the Hall offers so much variety for a vast age range. Please support all the activities and organisations where you can. They are all happy to have new members and meeting new faces is always a good tonic.

Anyway enough from me, please enjoy the summer and see you in the Hall soon.

**Clive Hodghton**

**Millennium Hall Chairman**

## Village History Group

We thank the editor for giving us so much space in the last Hallmark. You will find our work on land usage in the area on the website. New articles are always appearing, so please have look.

We are still receiving e-mails from people with an interest in the villages, and these often provide useful information for the archives. Please continue to contact us on [history@laceygreen.com](mailto:history@laceygreen.com).

We are planning a HISTORY EXHIBITION in the school on the first weekend in March 2011. As well as photos and documents, we hope to display objects from the past, ranging from woodworking and agricultural tools to costumes and domestic items.

If you have anything of interest which we could use (we will take great care of them!), or if you are prepared to help us to staff or set up the exhibition, please let me know. Further details of this event will appear in the next Hallmark.

A new edition of the small book written and illustrated by Mosh (Maurice) Saunders, entitled "Children in a Bodger's World" will be available soon, and will be for sale at the exhibition. This will contain an appendix with extra information about the bodgers, provided mainly by Douglas Tilbury. If you wish to reserve a copy, you can e-mail our website, or contact me on 01844 345863.

**Rosemary Mortham**

**Hon. Sec. Village History Group**

# Strawberry Tea



## Sunday 13th June

Yet again, I wish to thank Brian & Judy Wicks for inviting us to use their lovely garden for our Strawberry Tea event.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed the delightful setting, eating their

strawberries & home-made cakes whilst listening to the West Wycombe Brass Band.

I would also like to thank all those who very kindly make & donate the cakes each year. Very much appreciated.

I am very grateful to the band of helpers who willingly give up their time to shop, help prepare everything and then serve the teas in the afternoon. Thanks also to Margaret Gray & Bunny Durham, who take on the huge task of washing up.

This is the third year running that Brian & Judy have kindly opened their garden to us, so hopefully next year someone else will come forward to offer theirs!

This is an enjoyable event in the village calendar – may long it continue.

**Betty Tyler**

# Black Horse

Summer is upon us and the weather has started with some really hot weather, let's hope this lasts for a few weeks.

I know times are hard now for everybody and monies are tight, maybe this year will be harder than last year but we must all think positive. It is harder for the public houses and restaurants as it is so much cheaper to buy your drink at the supermarket. You have to understand that we have many overheads and also we are tied to our prices.

But it must be better to come out with the family, sit in the garden or inside, have a drink and a bite to eat, and just chill. Why don't you try it, we would like to see more locals in our pubs, if you don't use us we will close. Pubs are closing at a record rate at the moment. It's okay for all those signatures on a petition to save the pub but you have to use us to keep us.

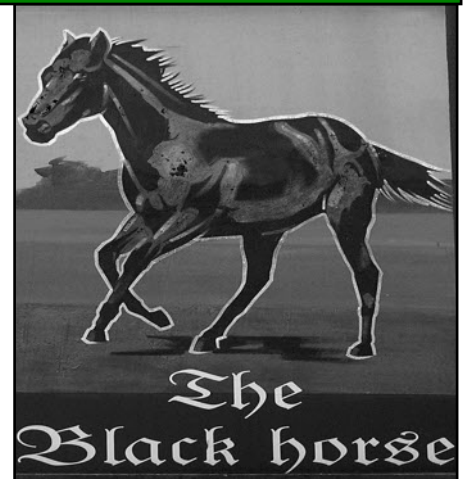
Just to remind you that I am unable to do the village hall outside bars. The village hall has arranged its own bar arrangements and I am not

allowed to do them. Thank you anyway for all the phone calls I get asking me to do them, I can do other village halls in the local area.

## Pub Lunch Club

We started a pub lunch club in July for the over 50s to meet and have a meal, this was really successful. 34 people turned up and many booked for next month. If you would like to come to the next one give me a ring and I will pass your name on to Bette Tyler. The meal is two courses and a cup of tea or coffee for £5.95 and it is held on the first Tuesday of the month. Bookings only.

Congratulations on the two new arrivals: Beatrice daughter to Steph and Johnny Dell and Kyron son to Becky and Garry. We also have a new arrival to the pub, a new dog, Rossco. We obtained him from the dog rescue, he is great, really friendly, loves children and other dogs, but he can clear a six foot fence so hence has to be watched. Very carefully, as the chef has found out when lost at 1 am in the



morning chasing him down Kiln Lane.

Darts, Aunt Sally and Quiz are still going on through the summer months. We could really do with some more teams for the quiz or we will just have to cancel it. It does not cost you any money and it is good fun; come and try us last Sunday of the month at 8 to 8.30 start.

Breakfasts Tuesday to Saturday 9 am till 11 am. Hope you all have a good summer.

**Lynne and Ian**



## Theatre at home

Our last production in May in a private house, used as its stage area the lounge, the kitchen, the dining room, the snug, two staircases, the balcony, three bedrooms, the bathroom and (incredibly) the airing cupboard! We just managed to fit in the audience in half the lounge and part of the balcony – but the actors were nearly in their laps! Take a look at the pictures, taken in both rehearsal and performance.

The play was the latest in our series of Theatre at Home and was Alan Ayckbourn's "A Small Family Business". Once again we were very well supported by you, dear audience. The production raised a magnificent £832 for our latest charity, The Oasis Partnership.

The Oasis Partnership works to reduce the effects of alcohol and drug abuse in the local areas of Aylesbury and High Wycombe.

LGP's total gifts to charities, since we started, have now topped £40,000. Our charities for our November production will be Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

## Peter Brookhouse

## What's next

We are just starting to read plays to decide on our next production, which will be a dinner theatre at the end of November. You may rest assured that you will be thoroughly entertained. If you are interested in being involved, now is a very good time to come along. For details please phone 01844 344207.

The dates for the dinner theatre are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall.



*The audience was this close*



*Don't get too near to the nasty man*



*Directors notes after rehearsal*

## Village Newcomers

Do you know of someone who has just moved into Lacey Green, Loosley Row or Speen?

The Lacey Green Community Planning Group would be pleased to welcome them to our community by delivering a Welcome Pack. It contains a lot of relevant information about local services and features.

Please contact Christine Oliver (Speen) at 01494 488570; or

Angela Agate (LG & LR) at 01844 273916 or

[angelaagate@btinternet.com](mailto:angelaagate@btinternet.com)



# The Windmill WI



## Fashion Show

Towards the end of April we held a very successful Fashion Show in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Florence Nightingale Hospice and we were able to donate £574 to each of the Charities. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who attended this event and to everyone who, with their enthusiasm and hard work helped to make the evening such a success. Our choice of charities was made because one of our members Sheila Dickinson had this most horrible disease and we were very pleased that she was able to attend the Fashion Show. Sadly, however Sheila passed away on June 30<sup>th</sup>. She is now at peace, but we will all miss her so very much.

## Trips and outings

We have had some excellent outings and events in the past 3 months including a trip to Westfield Shopping Centre where we shopped until we dropped, and a visit to the Royal Albert Hall to hear the fantastic Royal Philharmonic Orchestra play music from the films.

In June six of our members attended a 'Henry VIII and All That' day at Cheddington Village Hall where we learnt about the Mary Rose and Tudor costumes.

Two days later we visited the BBC Good Food Show and BBC Gardeners World at the NEC in Birmingham where the weather was perfect and the show was fantastic.

The weather was also very kind to us on our Summer Ramble, where on the hill above Smalldean we



*Summer Supper*



*Fashion Show*



*Bread henge*

came across a miniature 'Stonehenge' - the stones were made of bread! We would be very interested if anyone could throw any light on this mysterious structure.

## Entertaining at home

Unfortunately the weather wasn't so good for our recent Summer Supper - it's a good job our President, Pat Richards has a large conservatory! However, in spite of the inclement weather everyone had an excellent evening. Thanks must go to Pat and Colin for letting us have the run of their home!

At the beginning of June we held a very successful coffee morning at the home of Linda Rostron in Church Lane to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bucks Federation of Women's Institutes.

Half the money raised went to the BFWI for a bursary and the other half went into our Institute's funds. Thank you Linda for the use of your home.

## Local speakers

We have had excellent speakers in the last two months and both have been local. In May the village's own Horse Whisperer, Sandra Williams, gave us a most enthusiastic and fascinating talk on her work.

In June, Makyla Greaves talked about her work with the Red Cross as Coordinator of the Fire and Emergency Support Service. Makyla came complete with the specially adapted vehicle which attends incidents at the request of the Fire Service where there has been a domestic fire, explosion or similar.

We would recommend both of these ladies to organisations looking for competent and interesting speakers.

## Jumble Sale

A date for your diary

SATURDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2010  
our next JUMBLE SALE.

If you have any jumble you wish to donate please bring it along to the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon and then come back again at 2pm and buy it all back again!

Don't forget we meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45 in the Village Hall - do come and join us.

**Daphne Williams**

# Lacey Green and Loosely Row WI



During our July meeting we learnt that our delegate to the National AGM at Cardiff had something in common with the man-servants of Henry VIII; they all jump up and down on the bed! The man servants were testing for lumps in the mattress whereas our delegate Sue just likes to test the bed in hotels!

Seriously though, July's meeting gave us double measure with a very full report of the Cardiff gathering where the motion on food labelling was approved, and Mrs Edwards our speaker gave a fascinating illustrated talk on Chenies Manor and Gardens.

The WI College (Denman College) awards bursaries to members to participate in the many courses it offers. We held a special open meeting in June where

we were entertained by Miss P. Batchelor (ex E.N.S.A.) and enjoyed a delicious cream tea prepared by the committee. All the money raised (£70) was donated to the Bursaries Fund.

We have been delighted to welcome three new members this year and are hoping that more will join them.

## Pub Lunch Club

We are most grateful to Lynne, the landlady of the Black Horse for supporting the latest WI initiative:-

THE MONTHLY TUESDAY  
PUB LUNCH CLUB.

Rosemary Mortham our secretary contacted Bucks Community Action Group and on 6<sup>th</sup> July the first meeting of the PUB LUNCH CLUB was held. For £5.95 a delicious main course, pudding and coffee were served to those attending.

The PUB LUNCH CLUB is intended for anyone over 50

especially if you are feeling rather house bound and wish to enjoy the company of others from your village.

Contact Yvonne Axe or Bette Tyler (see page 17 for details)

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, Rosemary and John Mortham are hosting a garden party for members and husbands particularly to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of five of our members.

On going to press I can report that 15 of our members are looking forward to an August trip to the Swan Theatre to see this year's Youth Project: a performance of the musical 'Fame'.

Finally we await the long promised installation of the LOOP HEARING SYSTEM in the Millennium Hall in preparation for our September meeting.

**Jean Gabbittas**



# On The Farm

It was with a huge sigh of relief that we greeted the test results on the inconclusive TB tests, when they came back “All Clear”.

We keep hearing on the news cases ever nearer to home – so there is increasing cause for concern.

## Drought conditions

It is mid July as I write. Everywhere extremely dry and crops are turning colour ready for harvest. We do need rain urgently – preferably not thunderstorms, although a hot spell often ends that way. The oil seed rape is particularly vulnerable as the little seeds can just be lost if the brittle pods are shattered. Some good steady rain would do the world of good right now and then the grass would get a chance to grow back, plus the arable crops would ripen, not just die off. If this perfect scenario takes place it would then stop raining so we could get on with harvest, bringing in the corn in sunshine without having to dry it.

## Silage harvest

The first thing we harvest is grass. A great many people fail to realise that this is cultivated crop grown to feed the animals. The indigenous grass here which can sometimes be found under fences, grows up to a couple of inches high, and has little or no nutritional value. We conserve our grass for silage to feed the animals in the winter, these fields are not grazed. Taking the first and heaviest cut at the end of May, then it will depend on the weather how much and how quickly it will re-grow to take a second. This year that was not great and too soon to know about a third and unlikely to get a fourth.

It is our policy, because the winter conservation is so important, to cut some of our wheat just before it is fully ripe, chopping up the whole plant, putting it in a silage clamp for winter feed the same as we do for the maize, but that is our last harvest in October when it is thoroughly dried out.

## First Prize Wheat

As usual we have entered the farm in the Chiltern Hills Agricultural Society Competitions. It was a pleasure to learn that our wheat crop entered had won first prize. This beautiful crop was one ear-marked for cutting for “whole crop silage” – which has now been done. One of life’s ironies!

But of course our world is governed by the weather; we have to work to the best of our ability within what we are given. By the time this edition comes out we shall have an idea of what sort of summer it will be. For everybody’s sake I hope it’s a good one, obviously for the farm, but after all this hot weather while the children have been at school, some good weather in the holidays would make a difference for them too and their parents. I’m keeping everything crossed for us all. Here’s hoping for a Great Summer!

**Joan West**

# 5K Fun Run

## Sunday 3rd October

We’re delighted to announce the fifth Lacey Green 5k Fun Run will take place on Sunday, 3rd October, in aid of St John’s School Parents Association. In previous years, the run has attracted over 100 runners, including many school parents and villagers, and it has raised hundreds of pounds towards school projects.

The 2010 course will follow the cross-country route that we used last year, taking runners down

into Speen before climbing back up to Lacey Green through Highwood Bottom and Kiln Lane. The Lacey Green 5k is about getting out there into the beautiful Chiltern countryside and making the most of your health and fitness, whilst supporting your local school.

We welcome all standards of runner – fast and slow, highly trained athletes or those just starting out. The emphasis is on the FUN and not necessarily the run! We hope that many of you will use this event either as a

training goal, or perhaps a reason to take up jogging.

Places are limited so mark your diary and reserve your race slot by emailing us at [laceygreen5k@live.co.uk](mailto:laceygreen5k@live.co.uk). If you would rather not run, but would like to be help in some way then please let us know, using the same email address. We are always in need of marshals and judges.

Hope to see you there on the day!

**Matt Insley**



## HS2

As Hallmark goes to press, the sun is shining and all appears to be going well in our villages, apart from the cloud that appears to be overhead, casting a shadow over our quiet hamlets.

We have had notice of a large looming threat imposed upon us by the government, as I hope you are all aware, in that, it has been proposed that the villages of Speen, Lacey Green and Loosley Row have been placed in the alternate route for the HS2 rail link between the North and Heathrow

Leaflets have been produced and we hope that all villagers will express their concerns through the various links highlighted either on the leaflet or on the Speen website that has taken the lead for our area.

We, as the Parish Council, have communicated our objections to the various bodies concerned, as a result of the village meetings held in Speen and Lacey Green when this was first announced.

## Garden of Rest

We are still communicating with Thames Water concerning the supply of water to the Garden of Rest. This appears to be nearing a conclusion, and we hope to be able to provide parishioners with water for tributes in the near future. We are also looking at erecting a memorial within the grounds, to exhibit the names of those members of the congregation of the Methodist Chapel who fell in both World Wars. We hope to incorporate a seat and make the area a true resting place.

The Parish Council is pleased to see that the village playground in the Lacey Green and Loosley Row Sports Field is being used. It is rewarding to see that our efforts in supplying new play equipment and tables is appreciated and we would like any feedback on any further improvements we could make.

Villagers in Loosley Row, now have the option of catching a bus into Princes Risborough station or town on Thursdays and Saturdays, courtesy of the Risborough Area

Community Bus. The bus is equipped to take wheelchairs, although, I believe there is a requirement for prior booking. There is a notice in each of the village notice boards with a timetable and a contact number is 07941 963097. There has been a huge amount of work done to make this project work, so please use this service and they may be able to purchase more of these smaller buses to visit other outlying villages.

The only other distressing news that may effect some of our villagers is the proposed closing of the Risborough Day Centre. We hope that the outcry from both this parish and others that use this centre will halt the closure by Bucks County Council. Please, as many residents as possible, contact Bucks County Council and air your views.

For further information on the Parish Council, please visit our website or come to any of our meetings, your presence at either is greatly appreciated

**Cathryn Davies**

## Lacey Green Stores update

Lacey Green Stores, which is run by the Community Planning Group, has been operational for over one year. Originally open only for two days a week, coinciding with the Post Office, it has been open every weekday morning since November.

Following the transfer by Wycombe District Council of the  
10 community obligation from the

Methodist Chapel to the Millennium Hall, and the survey by the Plunkett Foundation into the needs of the village, it was agreed that a shop should be set up as a pilot, for an initial operating period of six months. In the event the Stores has continued operating for twice this time, and is now set to run for at least another six months. The equipment, minor building works, and initial stock for

the shop were paid for using the section 106 monies available via Wycombe District Council.

We are indebted to the Village Hall Committee and the Chairman of the Parish Council for their support during the past year. I would also express my thanks to the volunteers, without whom the whole exercise would be quite impossible.



## Not for Profit

The Stores is not intended to be profit making in the usual business sense, although it is obviously important not to make a loss. What it does do is provide a valuable service to the village. In the event, there has been a small net profit, although there is an unavoidable degree of imprecision inherent in the calculation method. The Steering Group intends to use any profit to contribute to other village facilities and services whenever this becomes practicable.

The small size of the shop restricts the amount of stock that can be accommodated. At the moment about 180 items of stock are held, primarily basic foodstuffs and non-food household materials. But we are open to suggestions, preferably repeatable.

## A valuable asset

The general view amongst those involved in running the store is that the facility has functioned effectively, with no major problems.

Customers have been highly complimentary, and there is regular and building trade.

This reflects the Plunkett survey results, which suggested that, despite the view expressed by some that the store was unnecessary and would not work, it has been welcomed by many and is regarded as a valuable asset providing a genuine community facility.

It has also been a benefit to the Post Office, providing extra security to the postmaster.

The cold weather period at the start of January demonstrated the benefit to residents of having a local village store, when movement in or out of the village was very difficult.

## Volunteers needed

There is quite a challenge for the future. For a start, we would like to extend the opening hours to include weekday afternoons, so that we can offer a better service to the village.

In order to do this, we need a few more volunteers. So if you can spare a little of your time and energy, please do let us know. Even a couple of hours once a month helps.

Contact Angela Roberts (347603) or Tony Molesworth (344975).

**Tony Molesworth**

# Chiltern 3 Peaks Challenge - Sun Sept 19

The **Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge** is back for its second year and is set to be a fantastic day out!

We are offering 5, 9 or 18 mile routes along the beautiful Chilterns Ridgeway, taking in Whiteleaf Cross, Coombe Hill and Ivinghoe Beacon.

All walkers will complete the scenic 5 mile route from Princes Risborough to Wendover (two peaks: Whiteleaf Cross & Coombe Hill). There will then be an opportunity to stop for lunch in Wendover where IRHH will be running a scrumptious BBQ for you to buy something to eat.

You will then have the option of free transport to Tring to complete the third peak in a 4 mile walk to Ivinghoe Beacon or free transport back to Princes Risborough to collect your car. Arriva buses are on board again for 2010, providing free transport to all walkers on the day.

**New for 2010:** you can walk the entire 18 mile route from Princes Risborough to Ivinghoe Beacon if you are feeling energetic enough,

without the bus transfer in the middle! Return transport will be provided from Ivinghoe Beacon back to your car in Princes Risborough.

Everyone is welcome to take part - even the dog! - so please join us and "walk the chalk" with IRHH.

Sign up early to avoid disappointment as 2009 was a sell out!

If you have any questions about the event please contact us on [c3peaks@irhh.org](mailto:c3peaks@irhh.org) or 01442 890222.

Entry costs £15 for adults and £7.50 for children which includes a t-shirt, transport on the day, a fundraising pack and a medal!

Pick up an Entry Form from your nearest IRHH Shop or visit [www.c3peaks.com](http://www.c3peaks.com).



# Ian Rennie Hospice 25th Anniversary



## Hospice commemorates 25 years of caring in the Chilterns

Iain Rennie Hospice at Home (IRHH) is hosting a Music and Fireworks Extravaganza in West Wycombe Park on 4<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate 25 years of 24-hour nursing care across the Chilterns.

The local charity provides specialist nursing care and emotional support for terminally-ill patients and their

families. Working closely with other healthcare specialists such as GPs, district nurses and consultants, Iain Rennie nurses and the charity's family support team ensure patients have the choice to be cared for and to die at home.



*Abba Forever*

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations begin at 4 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> September with stalls from each of IRHH charity shops selling a variety of goods - and a place to commemorate the people for whom Iain Rennie nurses have cared over the past 25 years.

From 7pm there will be music from *Abba Forever*; Brit Award-winner Beverley Craven and rock classics from the Pepper Show. Guests can bring their own picnic (but not alcohol!) – or purchase refreshments from the tea tent, bar, hog roast and BBQ. There is also an area for pre-booked gazebos, call us on 01442 89022 for more info.

IRHH President Moira Rennie says: "I am honoured and privileged to have been involved with this cause since **1985**, when five hospice-trained nurses helped care for my late husband Iain in our home when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer.



## Short Mat Bowls

Well we weren't sure what to expect as 90% of us have never played before. Don't let anyone tell you its easy, we had one injury and several near smashed radiators. Some of the action was so fast the photo is blurred.

People came from as far a field as Naphill and Loosley Row for this first session at the Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

We were grateful to a Chinnor Club organizer, Bob Hine, who showed us the rudiments of the game and after several practice rolls we split into four teams and started playing. Competition was fierce with one warning issued for excessive rolling. Person of the match was Norman Tyler who's last two bowls both hit the jack and scored, despite all his previous ones rolling off the mat.

It was frustrating getting the hang of it but by the end everyone had improved - it is a game of skill and requires lots of practice.

We had managed to get two second hand mats and Les Hazel made some of the equipment required - so well in fact that they are better than bought ones. We begged and

borrowed the bowls but now have a few second hand sets.

We meet every Monday from 2pm so if your interested just turn up. You can stay and see if you like it for £5 or join for £20 with a £2 fee per session.

**Leigh Axe**





# Pictures from Speen Fete





# Happy Wanderers Walking Club

## Sunday April 25

After a beautiful week weather wise we woke to pouring rain. However by the time 19 of us had assembled at "The Squirrel" at Penn Street it had stopped and we set off across the common opposite. The walk took us through woods, where the bluebells were beautiful, around the grounds of Penn House where we stopped to admire the alpacas, and up to Winchmore Hill, and back to the pub. 4.5 miles of stile free easy walking, which from the comments of other walkers was most enjoyable.

9 of us stopped for a good Sunday lunch at the pub, where we were joined by 4 more members who thought the ground might be too slippery for them to walk.

**R.G. Roger and Ann Walker**



Happy Wanderers Mid Summer Stroll 16.06.2010

## Wednesday 16 June

We had great weather to enhance our annual Mid Summer stroll starting from the Bull and Butcher Inn in Turville.

Twenty six went on the stroll organised by Liz Southon and Sue

Phillips which went through the pretty village then over meadows, through the woods to Skirmett, and back along Watery Lane to the Pub Here we were joined by four more members for our enjoyable supper.

**R.G.**

## Sunday 30 May

Twenty Happy Wanderers met in the Old Road at Stoke Mandeville on a slightly overcast morning.

The walk crossed the main A4010 road towards the Manor House where we turned south and shortly passed the site of the original Norman Stoke Mandeville church which was finally demolished in 1966 having fallen into a serious state of disrepair. The site is referred to on the ordinance map as "earthworks."

At about this time the sun came out to welcome us, as did the three very friendly horses in the next paddock.

Through the next fields of growing crops we were pleased to find the footpaths had been properly reinstated.

Just before Ellesborough golf course we turned south west continuing for about 5/8 of

a mile to a footpath which took us to North Lee. Passing on the way a radio direction finding mast which I wondered if it had been there since World War 2?

Turning behind the derelict B.O.C.M. site, we skirted a couple of fields. Along the edge of one

were several varieties of butterflies. Soon we passed behind the Goat Centre to return to where we had parked our vehicles.

Thanks to Rita and Thornley Bryant for providing us with an interesting walk.

**R.G.**



Happy Wanderers and friendly horses 30.05.2010



# HS2



provision of a high speed rail network would form a key plank in a low-carbon transport strategy.

## To need HS2

the growth in demand would have to be 267% through to 2033. This is more than twice any forecast that can be derived from population growth, travel patterns or any other 'reasonable' measure.

It also assumes no impact from Internet communications or business cost constraints, both of which are known to create downward pressure on business travel demand – the mainstay of the case.

## To justify HS2

capacity on the existing railway network could not be expanded sufficiently to meet demand – which it can be, at cost levels significantly lower than HS2, and with minimal impact to the environment.

## To afford HS2

the business case must deliver an adequate return on investment which, as proposed, it does – just. If the demand doesn't materialise (and no recent equivalent infrastructure project has come close to forecast) and if the costs exceed estimates (please identify a major project like this that has come in on time and on budget), then the business case falls apart.

That means you and I and every other taxpayer in the land ends up paying more tax to cover the deficit – for as long as the trains run and possibly beyond.

Affordability also depends on the availability of funds – difficult when the country is almost £150 billion in debt and virtually all Government departments are facing up to 25% cuts.

## High Speed 2 Affects You.

There is a plan to run a high speed railway, initially from London to Birmingham, through the Chilterns – one of the possible routes passing through Hughenden, North Dean and under Lacey Green and Speen.

You should recently have seen a flyer through your letterbox with some details of this project.

You may be wondering what all the fuss is about. You may think that since we now have a Conservative-led coalition Government, the previous plans drawn up under Labour have been forgotten.

Sadly, this is not the case. Government has not only embraced this project but stated that it is even more committed to HS2 than Labour were. They want to go further, faster and seemingly with less concern for the justification, as they think this is a core political policy.

It is unfortunate that several local MPs (Lidington, Gillan and Grieve) are all now Ministers, so cannot speak publicly against HS2.

You may think that this won't affect you because if HS2 goes ahead, it will run up the A413 through Missenden and Wendover without coming near us at all.

## We are on the route

However, Lacey Green lies on route 2.5, which is the 'alternative preferred route' and if the 'preferred' route is rejected for any reason following public consultation in the New Year, HS2 Ltd can use the alternative route with no further questions being asked.

That would come very near us, especially the ventilation and evacuation shafts from the tunnel, with associated access roads, which pop up every mile or so of the route.

It is also possible that you think that HS2 is a great idea and anyone who opposes it is either a Luddite or that it's OK for this lovely Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to be spoiled, if it is in the National Interest.

This is probably the most important issue about which there should be a fuss, irrespective of where the route eventually goes, because the overall case for HS2 does not make sense on business or environmental grounds – it isn't in the National Interest at all.

HS2 proposals were developed based on the theory that there would be dramatic growth in demand for travel, that there would be no alternative way to satisfy demand, that the financial justification was sound, and that the

## To support a low-carbon transport infrastructure

it must be shown to reduce carbon emissions and transfer massive amounts of traffic from other methods of transport – which it doesn't. By HS2's own account, the effect is between plus and minus 25 million tons of carbon emissions – in other words – neutral. In all probability, HS2 will be more polluting.

There are many other national arguments against HS2, perhaps the most significant being that none of

the “dis-benefits”, such as the value of destroying an Area of Outstanding National Beauty, or the estimated loss of property values along (any) high speed route - of between an estimated 10 and 30% - are not counted at all.

So what can be done? Firstly, the Treasury is running an on-line consultation which runs until **the end of August 2010** to influence the Comprehensive Spending Review. This can be accessed at <http://spendingchallenge.hm-treasury.gov.uk> Tell the Government how they should be spending our

money – instead of the billions (£1.15bn in this Parliament alone) they plan to waste on HS2.

Secondly, write to MPs and Government ministers responsible for policy to let them know what you think.

Full details of HS2, who to contact, latest news and action updates can be found on our local website which can be accessed at [www.speenbucks.org.uk/hs2](http://www.speenbucks.org.uk/hs2)

Please, make a fuss.

**Mel Foster.**

Chair Speen Area Action Group

## Local Police update for July

### Speeding

Speed enforcement operation have been carried out involving the local Neighbourhood Policing team, the Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership and Aylesbury roads policing team. The operation was carried out in the following areas:

Ellesborough, Princes Risborough and Longwick which resulted in 47 motorists being dealt with for exceeding the speed limit or other offences. The fastest speed recorded was 49mph.

The criteria for permanent speed indication devices or traffic calming measures to be fitted in villages is based on a priority basis using injury collision statistics to ensure the funds are spent where they are most needed. Concerned residents from Bledlow Ridge, Longwick and Butlers Cross have contacted us asking for more to be done to prevent speeding in their villages.

### Parking

We are continuing to monitor parking near the schools in the areas where it can be problematic. The commendable attitude of most residents is that this problem is inevitable at certain times of the day and can lead to a positive

factor such as reducing speeding traffic.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB): Anti-social behaviour covers such a wide range of incidents for example, erratic driving, noisy groups gathering, public order offences and arson. In general the area is very low on reports of ASB which is a credit to the local parents and schools. If you witness anything that you deem to cause alarm, harassment or distress please contact the police enquiry centre on 08458 505 505.

### Area crime

There have been 17 reported crimes in the month of June, which is a slight decrease on last month's figures.

As the weather gets better and we go out to enjoy the countryside, unfortunately so do opportunist criminals. Please remember to hide valuables from view in cars and keep sheds/garages locked. For up to date crime reduction advice please visit [www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk)

### Offenders brought to justice

Thanks to some proactive Policing three persons have been found to be in possession of Cannabis during the last month, two in Saunderton and another in Longwick during our speed enforcement operation. All received official Police cautions.

An owner of a dog in Gt Kimble was given a restorative justice caution for allowing it to be dangerously out of control in a public place.

A male was arrested for attempting to steal metal piping from an EDF substation in Longwick. Enquiries are continuing to identify the other suspect.

A written S59 warning was issued to the driver of a van from Aylesbury involved in tailgating another driver on Ellesborough Road.

### Partnership activity

The neighbourhood team have been working alongside a number of agencies over the past month; including Thames Valley safer roads partnership and the Roads Policing team highlighted in the successful speeding operation. We have also been working with the local schools taking part in the Cop card project



# Lacey Green Singers at the Albert Hall

## The Singer's report

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 20 members of the Lacey Green Singers participated in the first ever performance of Karl Jenkins new work Gloria, in the Royal Albert Hall. The conductor Brian Kay (ex-King singers) had just one day of rehearsal to pull together 2,500 singers who had never sung together before - including some who had not rehearsed the piece for long at all - to be ready for an evening performance by 7.30 pm that night. No mean feat!!

Intense rehearsals for over five hours included the Royal Festival

Orchestra and soloists. By 7.30 pm we were all ready and waiting to fulfil our dream of performing in the Albert Hall.

Representatives of the audience praised the performance and were surprised by the quality of the singing, particularly bearing in mind there was only one day of rehearsal!

From a participant point of view the experience was so exhilarating. At the end of the evening we were absolutely exhausted from the heat, and mental fatigue, but it was a day I know none of us will forget.

**Helen Collins**

## The Audient's report

Lacey Green Singers formed part of the 2,550 singers from 16 countries including the USA and other parts of Europe (mainly the UK) who made up *The Really Big Chorus* performing at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

It was a really memorable day for all concerned! My wife Bette and I enjoyed visiting a museum while the Singers were perspiring in the heat of their morning and afternoon rehearsals at the Hall. Then we dined with our Singers at a well-chosen Italian Restaurant a healthy stroll away. It was clear they had had a testing time in the heat of that day.

Starting at 7.30pm, the Chorus, accompanied by The English Festival Orchestra conducted by Brian Kay, first sang Fauré's *Requiem*.

Everyone's first "first" experience came immediately after the interval, when Don Monro (a Canadian who settled in England and founded *The Really Big Chorus*) interviewed the world-famous

Welsh composer Karl Jenkins. We had never experienced such an event. It was very impressive, unpretentious, interesting and informative.

This was followed by the next "first" experience, the World Première itself. We had never been to one live before. Its five movements were The Proclamation, The Prayer, the Psalm, The Song and The Exaltation. The Chorus, including our Singers, sang in all but the fourth, which was a baritone solo.

There were also readings of excerpts from the Hindu *Bhagavadgita*, the Buddhist *Diamond Sutra* (the world's oldest dated printed book), Taoist *Tao Te Ching* and Islam *Qur'an*.

Karl Jenkins had scored the work for choir and orchestra with the addition of ethnic percussion instruments indigenous to these cultures.

What a marvellous, memorable experience!

**Norman Tyler**



Conductor Brian Kay  
congratulating Karl Jenkins

# Horticultural Society: Over The Garden Fence



Propagated Fuschias



Hanging Baskets



David Austin Roses

## Annual Show

The Annual Show takes place on Saturday, 4th September, in the Village Hall. Bring exhibits along between 1.30 and 2.30, at which time the Hall is closed for judging, and come back between 4.00 and 4.45 to see the results, during which time the Hall is open also to non exhibitors. We usually get a good number of people in to see the exhibits. Please do come along, the floral section is particularly attractive.

If you have not entered before you will be welcomed with open arms and assistance will be on hand setting out your exhibit, if required. We are not at all stuffy or formal, very often newcomers are among the winners and I hope that there will be at least a handful of new faces, as most years. Schedules have been widely distributed, but I can supply one if required. The entry fee is 20p per exhibit. For under 17 year olds there is no charge and there will be a special prize for best entry by this age group. If you are not a Member you can join on the day, the Annual Membership fee is £3.

## Past events

In May, we had an interesting talk on the propagation of fuchsias. If you can take, or otherwise acquire, appropriate cuttings, you need never buy a plant again!

We held our third annual  
18 Plant Stall at the Windmill, on

National Mills Day in May, and were again lucky with the weather. An excellent range of plants had been donated, and we raised approximately £250.

On a beautiful June evening, 25 members enjoyed a private visit to the 3 acre gardens at Chesham Bois House.

## Future events

In the next edition I will report on the Hanging Basket competition to be judged at the end of July. We have a good number of entries.

The next talk will be on Wednesday, 15th September at 8.00 in the Village Hall by Mr Edwin Rye on the subject of David Austen Roses. Marcia and I visited his garden recently under the Yellow Book scheme, and his collection of roses was superb. Mr Rye is a trained horticulturist and an excellent speaker. This is an evening not to be missed.

Non Members are welcome at all of our Meetings. The admission for non Members is £2, or you could join the Society for £3 a year and then Meetings are free. Whichever way, just turn up on the night. We have talks on alternate months and a number of other events throughout the year.

On Wednesday 17th November, we have our annual Supper Social and Pumpkin Competition. It seems a long way off, but the next edition of Hallmark may not be out by then.

Entry by ticket at £5, for an excellent hot, or cold if you prefer, main course, and puddings to die for with a glass of wine and entertainment. This is a Members and guests event, but as mentioned, it is easy to join the Society.

## Terry Fendom: Chairman Home Farm Trust

HFT is a well established charity that looks after people with learning difficulties. They specialize in providing homes for children with Down's Syndrome and assisting them to live in society through their childhood and then adult lives. They give continuous support and assistance to the people in their care enabling them to live as normal a life as possible. This takes the strain off the parents who cannot cope with the stress of providing for their special needs and lets the individual live to the full of their capabilities.

We have a local group in Princes Risborough who hold a series of fund raising social events throughout the year. These include ladies lunches, bridge afternoons, evening dinner talks, Xmas coffee mornings and Burns Night suppers. They currently have 16 committee members organizing and catering the events.

If you know someone with Down's Syndrome you may be interested in joining in. Contact Maggie Jones on 01844 346323 or maisey1950@hotmail.com.



# Sports Club - Cricket Section



## Results so far

Where do the teams stand? The 1st XI are sixth in the first Division with 176 points. They have won 3, lost 4, 1 winning draw and 1 losing draw. Two matches were rained off. I've seen some very good batting - albeit mostly against modest attacks. Our bowling, too, without the fire of Jack Hedgeland and James Shrimpton bowling at their best is more a case of trolling the ball up the pitch and hoping the batsmen will get themselves out.

The 2nd XI too are sixth in Division Two having won 2, lost 6, with 2 winning and 1 losing draw. Their 157 includes 44 points for having the best umpire and scorer attendance in either Division. What I've said about the 1st XI batting and bowling applies also to the 2nds - although to be fair, they don't have first pick of players.

In the Mid-Bucks K.O. Cup both teams failed to make it past the first round.

I hope our committee will at least think about some of the things I've suggested. As this Club was the instigator of the Mid Bucks League - with good intentions to play on decent grounds with good facilities - I'd like to think they would exert themselves at the next Annual General Meeting and put our point of view instead of allowing Clubs, most of whom have only played in this area for a few years and only played friendly cricket to boot, to dictate the agenda for the few old Clubs like our own.

**Geoff Gomme**

## Structure of the game

A crisis looms for our Club, I fear. The reason: the length of matches. It is putting young players off playing the game.

To field for three or more hours without the possibility of having a chance to bowl - or to bat when the side is at the crease - most youngsters find boring. That is turning them away from the game. If we continue in this vein soon we will have no 2nd XI and if that happens inevitably eventually our 1st XI will go the same way as so many village sides and we will be left with a lovely ground and facilities and no cricket.

Most of the teams that our 2nd XI play at present are far too strong for the side that our Club can muster - that's when they can muster a full team. While we have some very good youngsters with potential, they need time to mature. Which is why I would like to make some suggestions:

Is it not possible for our Club to approach the League Management Committee and ask if the 2nd XI could be placed in the 3rd Division to give them a chance to build from there and give the younger players a chance to learn the game at a lower level? That is not defeatist, I believe it makes sense.

What I'd really like to see is a shorter game. Starting at 2pm, the batting side bat until 4.30 pm. Bails off. Tea, 30 minutes. The fielding side then bat until 7.30 pm. Bails off. At five minutes per over that would give each side 30 overs. But if they moved briskly in the field they could bowl more.

Wouldn't that make the game more exciting?

## Any other ideas?

I doubt anyone will agree with me on this but I'd like to hear the ideas of others. Something needs to be done to improve the standard of local cricket. At the moment most of it is like rather leisurely friendly matches - apart from a few teams who seem to think anything justifies winning.

If only someone could send a plea to villages like Booker, Naphill, Speen, Radnage, Gt Kingshill and other nearby villages to reform their teams, then we might revive the rivalry that kept the standard high.

But, none of that solves our present problem. We need people willing to commit to playing regularly. I wonder if some of the lads who did so well at football last season could be the answer?

# Heavenly Bodies

## The Perseids

The best shooting star display of the year, a rare comet and the King of the Planets grace our night skies over the coming weeks.

First up is the Perseid Meteor Shower. Every year, it puts on a sizzling spectacle of 'shooting stars' – on the Glorious Twelfth, aptly enough. The evening of this **August 12** will have great conditions as there will be no moonlight to wash out the sky (if the clouds stay away too!).

Astronomers predict that there should be about 100 meteors each hour whizzing overhead, many accompanied by the faint visible trails that they leave behind. Grab a sun-lounger, face south and look as high as possible, as late as possible (11pm +). What you'll actually be witnessing are dust particles left over from Comet Swift-Tuttle colliding at enormous speeds with the Earth's atmosphere 60 miles above you, and vaporising on impact. Although the 12<sup>th</sup> is the best night, do keep a look out from now, and especially on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you want to take photos of the display using a DSLR camera, put it on a tripod, focus on a star beforehand so that it appears pin-prick small in the view finder, set the ISO to 200 or 400, leave the shutter open for 30 seconds to a minute and see if you are lucky enough to capture these 'bullets in the sky'. Try this a few times.

## Comet Hartley

A 'live' comet will be on view from October, and it is predicted that this one should be visible with the naked eye. It's called Comet Hartley 2 and flies closest to Earth on October 19 and 20 as it hurtles towards the Sun. See the diagram for location. It may be helpful to have binoculars handy to spot it initially. The comet should look like an elongated smudge, brightest at one end where the one-mile wide nucleus' ice is thawing from the Sun's heat. At its closest to us, the comet will be about 11 million miles away. That sounds a lot, but is less than a tenth of the distance between the Earth and the Sun.

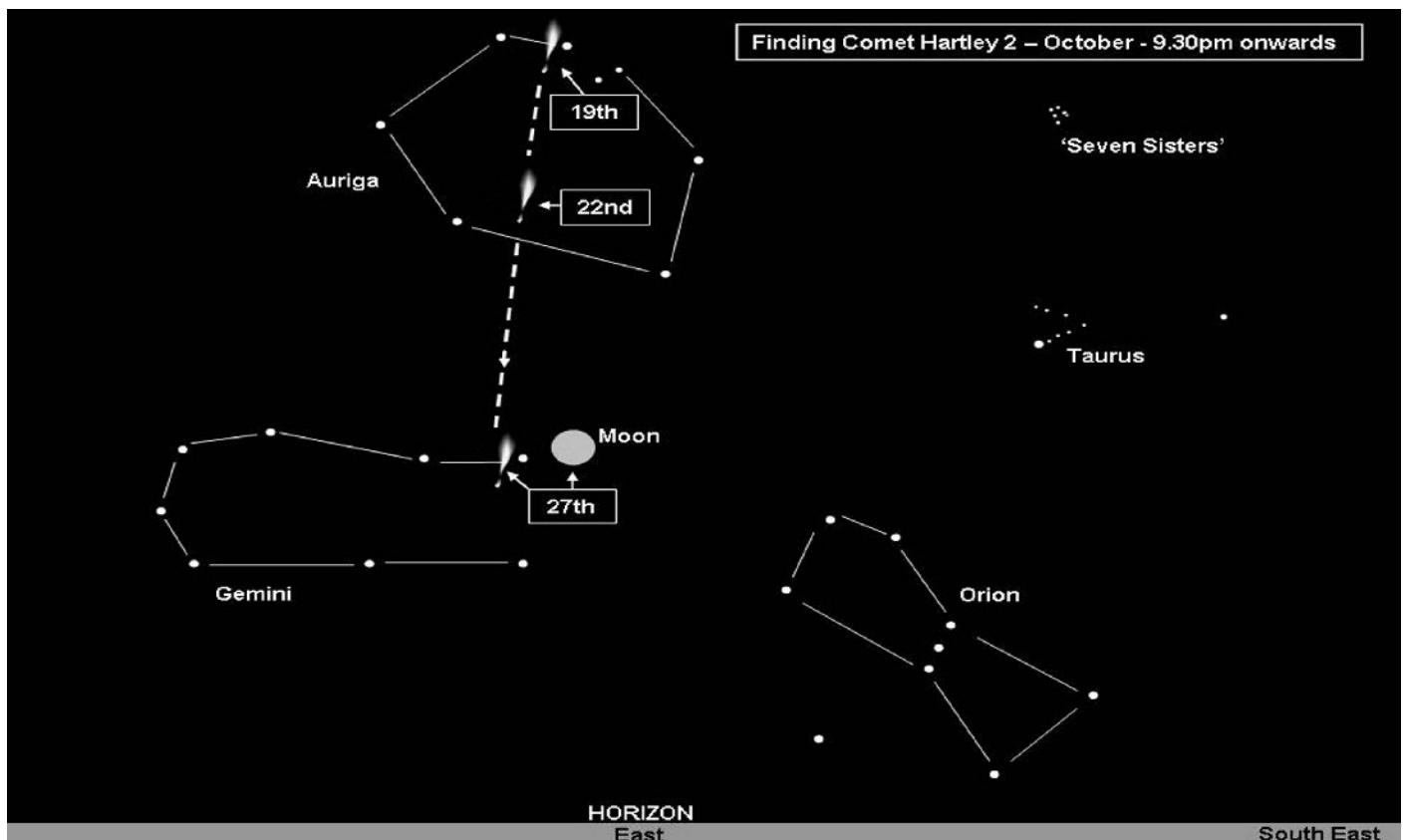
Comet Hartley 2 stays in our skies for several weeks, and will be visited by a space probe called Deep Impact in November which will perform a fly-by to get a closer look.

There is keen interest in comets because it is thought that the ice and dust they contain have been unchanged since the formation of the Solar System and so can provide more clues to exactly how Earth and the other planets were created.

## Jupiter

Another celestial visitor will be staying with us for much longer from mid-September as Jupiter shines brilliantly into view. Look south east at about 10 pm and you'll see a very bright looking 'star' – Jupiter. To help, peer out on September 22 and October 19, find the Moon, and Jupiter will be glowing to its lower left. Use binoculars to see its four largest moons.

**Chris Dignan**





# Sports Club - Football Section

## Promotion!

Greetings to everyone on this summer edition of the football article. SAY WE ARE GOING UP SAY WE ARE GOING UP! With that outburst done away with, I can now write with a certain calmness and comfort. After leaving you on a cliffhanger in the last commentary, I can proudly say that our last game ended in victory, thus promotion into the higher leagues. I would like to say personally that it was a pleasure to see such a cool, commanding and admiral performance by all the lads that day to beat our promotion rivals The Hour Glass, to ensure the prize that has been deserved throughout the season. You should all be very proud.

I would also like to share my salutations with all the supporters and the members of the Sports Club who helped on our end of season barbeque which I feel everyone enjoyed.

Done and dusted. Our first season has been a huge success. All I can say is I am hoping this trend will carry on. The summer break has come to give the players and management a rest. All of a sudden, the fees have been paid, the meetings have all been conducted and now we're setting out on another adventure into the second season. Pre-season training has already started to see a hardcore 16 arrive. It is heart-warming to see the enthusiasm that still runs through the club.

Lacey Green FC held their annual general meeting at The Pink and Lily. As always it was well attended, and once again a good time was had by all. We have sorted out our particulars for next season to assure a more economical and 'free flowing' running of the club, and to make sure that everyone's experience here at Lacey Green is an enjoyable one.

## Get ready for next season

Also attended was the High Wycombe Football Combination AGM to sort all the problems that may have arisen over the past year, and what changes and improvements will be commencing for next season.

Unfortunately, the league has seen a record 9 teams drop out or fold over the past season, meaning that the set-up has been changed.

We will now be playing in Division 3, up against some very strong opponents. Chinnor, Longwick, Wellesbourne and Marlow being my pick of the games, a slight difference than playing reserve sides and 'pub teams'. I hope everyone is ready for the challenges that will arise.

## More Awards

We were also graced with a big surprise at the AGM, being that another 3 awards were presented to us. This included Runners Up Division 5 2009-2010, Top Goal Scorer in Division 5 (Thanks Matty!) and The Fair Play Award Runners Up Trophy, which was against the other 63 sides in the league. Another reason to be proud.

We have been scheduled to play a few friendlies in August to get us ready before our first fixture on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Our first will be against our Main Road rivals Naphill FC, which last year saw a 2-1 victory on a blistering hot summer's morning. I'm sure they'll be looking for revenge this time round. Our second arrangement is at the hands of Hazlemere FC, whose last season performances nearly halted our promotion chase, so another solid game to get the team motivated.

## Social events

I would also like to mention the up and coming 'Lacey Green and Loosley Row Sports Club Bash' that will be taking place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Similar to last years 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, there will be a licensed bar, pig roast, live music with dance floor and all the locals coming together to have a really good time. Some of the lads and myself from the football team attended last year, and were very impressed with the organization and effort that created a classic evening. Tickets will be on sale shortly, I hope to see you there.

My congratulations to Matty Gayler and Charlie Bull who finally tied the knot at Lacey Green Church on



# Sports Club - Tennis Section

By the time you read this, the tennis club will have probably completed all its 2010 league fixtures and held two of friendly club tournaments. Within the league, the Mixed doubles has excelled as they did last year in winning all their matches to-date. The Ladies team has been consistent against stiff opposition and the Men's team has shown some promising results including a much sought after victory. The club needs to build on this and will continue to develop younger players to compete in the district league

The Spring tournament on Sunday 16 May saw a good turn out of junior players who completed 3 rounds before 2 outright winners emerged. Unfortunately, the rain showers started soon after the senior matches had started. Despite the rain, everyone played 2 sets of doubles without any clear victor. We have a history of our tennis tournaments attracting the odd shower. Thank goodness for all weather courts!

The tennis club has welcomed several new members this season in particular a growing band of juniors.



A tennis evening organized for the village youth club on Friday 26 June was well attended and enthusiastically supported by young people some of whom were quite new to the sport. The club has 2 coaches available for individual and group lessons and it is expected that there will be tennis courses during the school holidays.

The Autumn tournament will be held on Sunday 12 September 2010. Finally, don't forget the Sports & Social Club Pig Roast and Dance on Saturday 4th September.

**Ian Ward**

For more information and membership forms, please contact:

Ian Ward on PR 345567 or Linda Malden on PR 275296

## Football continued

Saturday 3rd July. I heard it was a lovely day and everyone had a cracking time at the evening reception. All of us at Lacey Green FC would like to offer their best wishes for the future and little Megan.

I would also like to send my best wishes out to Johnny and Stephanie Dell on the birth of their beautiful healthy baby daughter Beatrice.

An ecstatic thanks to our continued team sponsors for next year. Duncan and Shakira at The Pink and Lily, and Lynne, Ian and Tony at The Black Horse in Lacey Green have been phenomenal in their support for Lacey

Green FC. We cannot be more appreciative of their financial, kind will and gestures for last season, and am delighted of your sustained support for next season.

If you require information regarding Lacey Green FC, please email us at

[laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk). We need trainers, coaches; whatever you can bring to the team will be more than appreciated. We are also on Facebook under Lacey Green FC, so you can have regular updates on the scores and players' news.

**Ben Foster**

## Campaign awards

*Player's Player of the Season – Nick Fisher*

*Manager's Player of the Season – Ed Suggate*

*Golden Boot 2009-2010 – Matty Gayler (27)*

*Most Improved Player of the Year – James Taylor*

*Best Goal of the Season – Luke Garvey*

*Donkey of The Year – Steve Evans (I would rather not explain...)*

*First Goal Scorer for Lacey Green FC – Jamie Blackburn*



# Windmill under 5s



It has been a busy term – the new starters settled in well and the older children gained responsibility by being 'Helper of the Day', tidying-up as well as assisting at snack and lunch times. Our particular focus was on positive behaviour, the field of kindness and Cookie the dog.

The colour/letter of the week still causes great discussions and outside play and key group time continued to feature as part of the daily routine and with the nicer weather, trips around the field and to the park have been more plentiful too!

## Summertime theme

The theme for this half term was Summertime which included talking about different holidays and role play as travel agents. The children have also had lots of themed weeks including Messy Week, Under the Sea Week, Being Healthy Week and one of the children suggested, Superhero Week.

Starting with Messy Week you can imagine just how much the children loved that one! There was loads of painting, sticking, playdough, shaving foam, spaghetti, sand and water all week.

During Being Healthy Week the children were talking about their bodies and looking after them with good food, lots to drink and plenty of exercise. There has been some wonderful art work and craft activities, including hairy grass

caterpillars, which are displayed all over the pre-school and not forgetting all the culinary delights too. St George's Day and May Day were both celebrated and the children made some wonderful cards for Father's Day.

## World Cup crafts

With the World Cup having such a huge influence, a World Cup themed craft morning was arranged at St John's School where the children, including those who had camped at St John's on Camp Night had the opportunity to make some wonderful crafts. There were door hangers, notice boards, footballers and fans for a stadium, painting and playdough to name a few. Lunch was provided too. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who helped that day especially the Collett-Fenson family.

The annual family barbeque took place at the end of June and was enjoyed by nearly 100 people – the sun shone; the food was great and the raffle a big success. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this event especially Paula for sorting out the prizes, Heather for doing the face-painting, Giles and Duncan who manned the barbeque all day, and to Clive at the Entertainment House for sorting us with a PA system. And of course to everyone who attended and bought raffle tickets. We were delighted to raise over £400 towards

a new library and some new, easily manoeuvrable and stored tables and thank you to the local businesses who kindly donated most of the prizes.

Children and parents/carers enjoyed a trip to Wendover Woods on the Inset day earlier this month and a fun time was had by all!

Sports Day too was a great event with the children (and parents!) showing off their sporting talents before sitting down to a teddy bear's picnic.

The term will finish on a high on Friday with a visit from entertainer Kiddley Divvelly and the children will then enjoy party food. I think we'll then all just about be ready for six weeks off!

Finally I would just like to wish good luck to all the children who are moving up to big school in September and to say a huge 'thank you' to the Windmill staff who have done an outstanding job this year.

From September all three and four year old children are eligible to "flexible free entitlement", also known as "early education funding" at the start of the term following their 3rd birthday. For children who are receiving funding this will mean that the first 15 hours of child care at Windmill's will be free, any additional hours over will then be charged.

**Michelle Whiting - Chair**



# St John's Church



## Future dates for your diary.

It is proposed to hold Coffee Mornings in Church on Mondays beginning September. A good way to start the week and meet with friends.

## Harvest

will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. When we hope all is safely gathered in !

A Harvest Supper will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – a delicious meal with friends and music, all for a donation of your choice. I remember last year's was entertaining and very enjoyable. Visiting friends and relations are made very welcome.

There is always an update of any events on the Church notice board, both in and outside the Church.

## Messy cleanup

One Saturday, a working group clad in their oldest gear turned up to clear the huge rubbish pile behind the Church. Wheelbarrows were wheeled, shovels and spades were hoisting debris, and two skips were full to overflowing, and removed before lunchtime. And that was good too as hungry workers devoured bacon butties to illustrate 'fast food'.

There is a need for anyone interested in gardening and maintaining this area of outstanding natural beauty to come along and join in the comradeship of working together. The site that was cleared is a joy to behold and we would like to keep it that way. So.... Please contact our Wardens if you would like to be included.

## Vicarage Picnic

Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>. We all enjoyed the Vicarage Garden picnic, the ambiance and fellowship in a beautiful peaceful garden, with games and face painting for children and adults alike !

Later in the day (after Wimbledon finals) the Choir gave a superb concert in church, with the theme 'Weddings', again well attended. Some were brave enough to sing solos, even among junior choir, we had duets. Vicar Denise sang solo and led a hymn, organ recitals were uplifting, and the congregation gave full voice too. A CD was apparently recorded; we look forward to buying and hearing the lovely music again very soon.

done all those who worked hard providing teas, manning stalls, and developing such wonderful gardens. Good weather too. (see the pictures below)

## End of term

July 21<sup>st</sup> for the last day of term Services in St. John's. All those leaving were presented with Bibles and many good wishes for their future in Secondary Education.

Presentations and great thanks were made to Jenny King and Jo and Keith Niven who have retired after 10 years running and helping with Junior Church. Sarah Ryder will be leading a new team.

## June Brazier

## Open Gardens

On June 20<sup>th</sup> we held Open gardens in Lacey Green, with Teas and stalls at the Village Hall. This was well attended with many oohs and aarhs at the beauty of the gardens and the allotments. Well





# Who do you think you are?



Man has always had a fascination to learn about his Ancestors!

Up until about 15 years ago this had presented many problems to a researcher as very few of the masses of records from over the centuries had been easily accessible. The early genealogists spent most of their time in records offices, graveyards or ploughing through dusty parish archives.

## Online databases

Now thanks to the computer & the ingenuity of those involved in the Information Technology industry there are now huge databases accessible online. The UK censuses from 1841 to 1911 are all open for us to seek those elusive ancestors!

Not only are there census records available, but also birth, death, baptism & marriage records. We have access to immigration data, military records & even passenger lists from the great days of Atlantic liners. We can also seek those who went to Australia, New Zealand & Canada.

Recently I was given a “hint” from the search engine about my American elder sister. I found her listed on the passenger list from the “Queen Elizabeth” crossing from New York to Southampton in October 1957! I even remember going to collect her.

There has been a “mini boom” over this fifteen year period in ancestor seeking led by our America cousins across the pond. Understandably so, as apart from the indigenous tribe, all Americans descend from the hordes of migrants that crossed the seas to settle there. They are very keen to learn of their roots. The Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah has aided this by amassing the largest database of people in the world. We owe them a great debt for such fortitude. Or is it, perhaps, that they make a great deal of money out of it?

## My own family tree

I started my tree some years back as I was very much aware that I only ever met one grandparent, the others having had the temerity to pass away before I arrived! I knew so little about anyone on both paternal & maternal lines.

It was a hard uphill battle & I didn't get far in those early days. After a fairly long time of inactivity I went back to try again. This time I decided to look at my dear wife's family. It had long been rumoured that she descended from Austrian stock & perhaps, even the family of a nasty little man who had been born in Linz!

She had up until this time been rather sceptic about ancestry research! During my absence from “tree-ing it” things had altered dramatically in technological advancement! I whizzed through her family at great pace much to her excitement. I exploded the myth [thankfully] on the Austrian connection and she now knows a lot about her family.

I now have over 5,000 ancestors in my own tree, some lines going back to the 3rd century. My Paternal DNA R1a shows my ancestors belonged to tribes dating 40,000 years BC located in Asia Minor & spreading across

Europe to become Vikings in Scandinavia.

I have some minor royalty [like the stepson of Charlemagne who is a 38<sup>th</sup> great grandparent], the odd crusader & even a pope! They must have been allowed to marry in those days. This certainly is a numbers game! Just think, that to the 10<sup>th</sup> generation, apart from your 4 grandparents, you have a potential of over 2,000 great grandparents to find. It's mind boggling stuff. I now have little time to attend my tree as I am always working on other people's. It is great each morning to wake & wonder what exciting trails I am going to find following my research that day.

## An example search

To exemplify the joy one can derive from Ancestry research I give you the following example.

I met an old friend of mine, **Peter Willard of Salisbury** just before last Christmas at a re-union. Talk moved to his family & he said he had never met his mother & he wasn't sure whether her surname was Clapham or whether she had been borne there! I told him I would find out for him. I asked him to get me all the details he could. I received a few days later his father's birth certificate & that was it. From this rather meagre information in a few days I had found his 4 grandparents, his 8 great-grandparents & some of his great greats. I found out his mother's surname was Clapham & most of her close relatives & he now had over 250 people in his tree. Peter at the age of 86 had found out things he had long pondered on over his many years. He was delighted!

To discuss any of this, call Colin Wells, Family Researcher, Member of the Society for Genealogists on 01494 463223.

## Village organisations meeting schedule and contact list - meetings at the Millenium Hall unless specified

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email address</u>
<b>Associations</b>				
Happy Wanderers (Walking Club)	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed. 10.30am,	Ronnie Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm	Terry Fendom	342636	terry.fendom@btinternet.com
Jingle Tots & Kinder Gym	Baby to 5 years. Music, play & gym. Fridays during term	Jenny Stothard	344441	jennystothard@btinternet.com
L&L G (W) (afternoon)	2nd Thursday except August. 2pm	Jean Gabbitts	346469	
LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time	Fran Hall	01494562240	fran.hall865@mod.uk
Lacey Green Productions	Theatre, drama, and sometimes food	Val Brookhouse	344207	valbrookhouse@btinternet.com
Windmill Under 5s	Mon- Fri 9.00-12.00 or 1.30 if your child stays for lunch	Paula Cunningham	07502 198405	admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill (W) (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm	Stella Boll	347268	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High (W) yombe & District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Roger Smith	01494562554	
Youth Club	Alternate Fridays Aug 20, Sep 10, 24, Oct 8, 22, Nov 5, 19	Joan Smith	342322	joan.smith38@googlemail.com
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Short Mat Bowls Club	Monday 2pm	Leigh Axe	345216	leigh@laceygreen.com
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LG Sports Club - Football		Ben Foster	344906	laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk
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Karate	Monday evenings	Richard Peace	07768 896078	
Whiteleaf Bowmen	Wed, Thu & Fri evenings, Apr to Sep	Brenda Cordwell, Sec	01494 465037	www.whiteleafbowmen.org.uk
DART Self Defence	Tues 7-9pm in Hall. Sat 10am-12 in the School	John Titchen	07810 568656	john.titchen@gmail.com
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LG Windmill	Sundays & Bank holidays 2.30 to 5.30 during the summer	Michael Hardy	343560	contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk
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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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## COFFEE MORNINGS

Held in Village Hall 10am-12 noon Thursdays.  
Friendly chatting with tea or coffee & biscuit

## THE FOOT CLINIC

Chiropody services with Cathy Maynard. Tel 274521.  
Tuesdays at the Village Hall by appointment

From June 1 the **MOBILE LIBRARY** will be at the Village Hall alternate Wednesdays from 12 noon

## LACEY GREEN WINDMILL

In 2010 the windmill will be open from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from Sunday 2nd May to Sunday 26th September. Last admission is at 5 pm, and admission is £1.50 per adult, 75p per child under 16. 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.

## CHURCH SERVICES: SUNDAYS

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

10.00 am: All age Worship - Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of month

10.00 am: Parish Communion All Sundays except 1<sup>st</sup>

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month

Tues 9.30am: Communion Service -St Johns Lady Chapel

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

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

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