

# **HALLMARK**



**Gracefield by Dennis Syrett**

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# Welcome to the Summer Edition of Hallmark



I was a bit pessimistic when we put an appeal into the Spring edition for someone to take over Bette Tyler's role as Hallmark Delivery Organiser. So I was delighted to then hear that four people had come forward to

offer to help. It's nice to know that we still have enthusiastic people who are prepared to do a bit to support the village.

We are also looking for an auditor to audit the Village Hall accounts. See the advert below and respond if you can spare us a few hours. Thanks to Brian Lunn for his assistance with the auditing over the past years.

This is the time of year when we ask you to make a contribution to the cost of printing Hallmark. It costs us £6.60 per household per year to print Hallmark. All donations are voluntary but much appreciated. Any profit goes to supporting the Village Hall (and helping sort out the car park!)

Can I take the opportunity of thanking all the distributors who deliver Hallmark and collect the donations - Thank You.

I am pleased to include some information about the Scouts - there is an article on page 29. It is strange that there is a thriving Scout presence in Naphill and Hughenden, but none in Lacey Green.

Readers with small children will already know that we are to have a new head teacher at St John's; we have a short introduction to Gill Grimsey on page 19.

**Mike Piercy**  
**Editor**

Dear Editor,

Through the pages of your excellent village magazine, may I thank everyone who attended or helped at the recent History Exhibition. The Local History Group has been delighted by the success of the event. This would not have been

possible without the support of a great many people, too numerous to mention individually.

Group members are still feeling exhausted, but very satisfied with the results of their efforts. They hope to be able to share the results of their future researches with you

in the fullness of time. In the meantime, keep watching the web site! There are photographs of the Exhibition in the Lacey Green web site, under "events", but we would be happy to receive any others which you may have taken.

**Rosemary Mortham**

## *We need an Auditor To audit the Village Hall accounts*

*The Village Hall is in need of a retired accountant or similar who is willing to prepare an audit report of the Village Hall Accounts once a year. Our hitherto honorary auditor to whom we are greatly indebted has finally hung up his calculator.*

*Is anyone willing, or able to suggest someone willing, to undertake the job?*

*The accounts are maintained on sophisticated fully automated Excel spreadsheets (viewable on request) with cross references to organised paper transactions.*

*Any fees would be subject to Committee approval.*

*Email or telephone Yvonne on 345216 / [leigh@laceygreen.com](mailto:leigh@laceygreen.com)*

# What's On

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
Sunday May 15 from 11am	National Mills Day - Windmill operating and Horts club stalls
Sunday May 15 1.00pm	Church Choir lunch at St John's School
Sunday June 5 11am to 4pm	Hearing Dogs Summer Fayre Saunderton
Friday June 17	Church Quiz and meal At St John's School
Sunday June 19 3pm	Strawberry Tea at St John's School see details on page 3
Saturday July 9	Horticultural Society Pig Roast 4pm onwards. See details on page 9
Saturday July 9	School Ball - "Night at the Oscars"
June 6 & August 1 - Speen May 9 & July 4 - Lacey Green	Parish Council meetings. All at 7.30pm
May 18, June 29, July 20	Horts Club lectures See page 9 for details
May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22	Youth Club. Age 10 to 14ish Fridays at 7.30pm
First Tuesday of the month at the Black Horse	Over 50s Pub lunch. Book with Yvonne Axe on 345216
All events will take place at the Millennium Hall except where stated. See page 32 for the schedule of events at the Church	

## Ballroom Dancing Classes



At Lacey Green Village Hall, one off introduction session on 24/05, followed by a 4 week course running from 07/06 through until 28/06. Classes £10 pp, or £35 if paying up front for the 4 weeks.

7.30 - 8.30pm - Beginners Solo Latin Class (non-partnered).  
Aerobics-style class suitable for beginners and more advanced.  
Perfect for those who want to learn the moves but don't want to come to classes without a partner or have to dance with people they don't know.

8.30 - 9.30pm - Beginners Ballroom and Latin Class. Partnered class covering one Ballroom and one Latin Dance.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR

Invite you to a  
3 COURSE SUNDAY LUNCH  
On Sunday 15th. May at 1.00.p.m.  
In St. John's school hall.  
Ticket prices £10 for adults, £5 for children under 12.  
Please book tickets in advance  
From Kate - 0797 0547999  
(Kate@astonhearing .co.uk)  
Everyone is welcome.

## MAIZE MAZE

Will open in July with a brand new design/theme for the 2011 season. Design "yet to be revealed" - all details will be posted on our web site

[www.laceygreenmaze.co.uk](http://www.laceygreenmaze.co.uk)

Opening for School Summer holidays as normal

## Polo

Every weekend at Widmer Farm

## HS2 Consultation

The 'Flyer' delivered with Hallmark should state that the consultation period for HS2 closes on July 29 not June 29.

Learn the basics steps of each dance in a relaxed informal manner. Have fun and get fit in the process! All ages welcome (16+)

Classes taken by Scott Cole - former New Zealand Champion, UK no.3 and brother of Strictly Come Dancing's Brendan Cole

Please contact Scott on 07912362235 or email [scottcole01@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:scottcole01@yahoo.co.uk)

# Chairman's report



Band in the school playing field. Please make sure you come along as it is always a lovely relaxing afternoon and I'm told Bette and the girls have booked the sunshine as usual!

Sadly our car park surface issues are still "ongoing" as until recently we couldn't find any contractors willing to even give us a quotation for the work. This week however some quotes have finally materialised, so now the process of getting it sorted can finally begin. I know we all look forward to that!

The general bookings for The Village Hall have been in great demand for 2011, more than likely due to the economic advantages of a do it yourself party. As always if you know that you have an event coming up please book early to avoid any disappointment, dates are filling up very fast indeed!

Have a great Summer and we look forward to seeing you at the hall very soon.

**Clive Hodghton**

**Millennium Hall Chairman**

Welcome to the "Summer" edition of Hallmark for 2011. Hopefully you've all had a thoroughly enjoyable time out in the garden, my boys have even had their paddling pool out already! As I sit here writing this, Easter is upon us and we are in the grip of what can only be described as a beautiful Spring, let's hope it continues!

This year is certainly flying by very fast indeed and we are planning the Strawberry Tea already. June 19 will see us enjoying tea and the Brass

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## **STRAWBERRY TEA & BRASS BAND**

### ***West Wycombe Brass Band***

**At St John's School (indoors if wet)**

**Parking available at the school**

**Paul de Wolf has kindly agreed that we can hold the annual Strawberry Tea in the School field .**

**Please come & relax while enjoying strawberries & cream, scones & home-made cake, being entertained by the brass band.**

***Sunday 19 June 2010***

***3 pm***

**Starts at 3 pm but welcome later.**

# Horticultural Society: Over The Garden Fence

It's my first article for Hallmark and I'm sitting with my laptop, a gin and tonic to hand, on one of the most glorious April evenings imaginable. This might not sound like an auspicious start as incoming Chairman for the horticultural society, and you would be right to question whether I am worthy of the post! However, I feel I have earned a few minutes to put my feet up after a long day shovelling manure.

After lunch I planted four bare root climbing roses from David Austin, inspired by our talk last year from Edwin Rye, plus a few clematis to scramble through them. These are to clamber up a new pergola replacing a dead laburnum, host to a wonderful honeysuckle, originating from High Wycombe via a colleague of my mother back in the 1970s.

## New Chairman

I took over from Terry Fendom as chairman in March this year. Terry has served the society with enthusiasm for far longer than his allotted duty demanded. Under Terry's guidance the society was saved as the previous committee stood down, and due to his leadership it has flourished and grown.

His understated support and gentle persuasion to get newcomers to join in is masterful. He has the knack of quietly making you believe that you are essential to the smooth running of the society and indeed, all the committee members work as a fantastic complementary team, so I am looking forward to my stint as chairman knowing that I can call on their experience and support.

Thank you Terry for being such a rock solid part of the society and for the vision to create all the new activities that are now part of our annual events.

## Join Us

If you are not a member, please do think about joining. We are a great bunch, not that obsessive about gardening, but we do have a lot of fun. At our AGM in March we had a fascinating insight into two National Trust properties where Victorian bedding schemes had been recreated, along with carpet bedding designed and produced using computer programmes.

Being shown how the watering systems and soil retention methods sustained the amazing displays at these properties showed how gardeners are updating traditional, labour intensive methods.

We were so impressed by the three-dimensional planting of a huge crown for the Golden Jubilee that some members were already planning their new hanging baskets for the competition. This will be judged in July and if you would like to enter please let one of the committee know. It remains to be seen whether some of the more adventurous and engineering minded members come up with novel designs for their baskets. The gauntlet is down...!

As well as our hanging basket competition we have a garden visit to Red Kites in Bledlow Ridge on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. If you would like to attend please contact one of the committee. This costs £5.00 and includes refreshments.

## Pig Roast

Our next event celebrates our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We will be having a Pig Roast at the village hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The party will start at 4.00pm, food at 6.00 and will include a number of entertainments, including snail racing (bring your own snail), a monologue, quiz and games as well as plenty of opportunity to catch up with friends.

We would like people to bring along interesting finds from their gardens, along with information relating to your 'treasure' if you have it. The whole event will cost £5.00 for members and £7.00 for guests. It is essential to buy your ticket before the event so that we can organise catering. These are available from John Burnett, 01844 345750. **DON'T FORGET TO BOOK!** We look forward to seeing you on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, our annual show is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and do enter something, you never know if you are going to win and it's often worth a try. Put the date in your diary and let's see if we can make this year a record one for entries.

**Alison Shreeve**

**Chairman**

## Coming Events

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
National Mills Day & Plant Stall  
10am The Windmill, Main Road/Pink Road

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
Old Tools  
by Mr Gordon Dempster of Waterperry  
8pm Lacey Green Millennium Hall

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jun 2011  
Garden Visit  
7pm at Red Kites, Bledlow Ridge  
£3 + £2 for tea and cake

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Jul 2011  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
with Pig Roast -Village Hall

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Jul 2011  
Water lilies  
by Rev Charles Overton  
8pm Lacey Green  
Millennium Hall

# On The Farm

## The cows come out

In the spring we are looking for the grass to get growing in earnest. We cannot let the animals out of their winter housing until there is sufficient to keep them satisfied. It was good last week to see the first ones out in the fields. These are heifers and should be expecting their first calves this summer. The heifers are reared from calves born to cows in our dairy herd which are all Holsteins. Last season, as a first time experiment some of them were mated with another breed, - Norwegian Reds. The resulting females were kept for the herd and will come into milk when their expected calves are born. We will be watching them closely to see how they perform. It is thought that they may have easier husbandry needs but this remains to be seen.

The Holsteins have a proven track record as milk producers and we are used to them. These new young animals do look quite “beefy”, there will be a lot of pros and cons to weigh up. Most of the cows are expecting too. Today one of the Hereford bulls was put with them. His job is to identify any that are not in-calf and put matters right. We have two bulls, this one was ‘Edmund’ the other is called ‘Frank’. They have posh pedigree names but we don’t use those.

## The importance of grass

It was great to get the sunshine and we were delighted, but now the ground is like rock and some rain would do a lot of good just to keep the grass growing. Trouble is, once it starts after such a long dry spell will it know how to stop? Grass doesn’t just happen, it is our most important crop. It is very important for us to continue with the grass growth because not only do the animals need to graze, but in

shut up for that purpose. Silage is the main component of all the animals winter feed. Preferably we would make three cuts for silage during the summer, but it hinges on the amount of grass that has grown, which of course depends on the weather. This last winter we have not had enough grass silage to see us through due to last year’s dry spring. It is starting to look similar this year. If it stays dry we will probably end up cutting the growing wheat and making that into silage (whole crop wheat silage), which is what we had to do last summer. Food for the herd has to be given preference over corn to sell.

## Crops

Having said all that, it goes without saying that it’s never perfect. We walk a very thin line. We need warmth and moisture to make things germinate and grow. Essential for the maize fields which will be planted at the end of April. Also the corn fields which were planted last autumn and are up, but now need to be growing fast if they are to reach harvest in the

summer—fine weather at that time please.

The oil seed rape is looking okay, not too many pigeons so far, keeping our fingers crossed. It has taken a long time coming into flower. At the bud stage pollen beetle is an increasing problem. With no flowers to satisfy it, it burrows into the stem causing untold damage. We can spray against that. The flowers are just coming now and they will do no harm to them. Very soon the fields should be a sea of yellow.

## Summer weather?

The one thing that is always true is that we can do nothing about the weather. We have to do the best we can with what we get. We always try to improve management and husbandry but juggling with the day to day weather is probably the greatest challenge of all. What will this summer have in store for us? We shall have to wait and see. Whatever it is, have a good one everybody.

**Joan West**



*Edmund*

# Lacey Green Windmill



## Celebration of 40 years since start of Windmill

On April 3rd our village hall saw the results of many weeks' work and planning by Michael Hardy to have a reunion of people who were involved in one way or another in the windmill restoration, subsequent maintenance, or wardening of the windmill. Many people have died since the restoration work began in 1971, of course.

Michael and the rest of the committee realised that many of us have not seen each other for years or even decades and he

thought this celebration could provide the opportunity for people to meet up again, or for the first time.

Rosemarie Smith of Windmill Farm and her son, Nick, the owners of the windmill, together with some members of The Chiltern Society and the Windmill Restoration Committee were also guests.

For that reason, Michael introduced everyone by name to the rest of us in the audience and

explained briefly what we all did in support of our windmill.

He also explained the many new displays in the exhibition, some of which will be on show in the windmill when it opens on 1st May. He has certainly done a lot of researching and preparation of durable displays, including many newspaper cuttings. Certainly not all were from the Bucks Free Press or Bucks Herald, but other local and national newspapers.

The restoration of the 350-year-old windmill actually started on 9th October 1971, when a crane removed the cap roof, wind shaft with brake wheel and the cap frame.



The ladies of LG & LR WI served their usual welcome tea, sandwiches & cakes.

Michael introduced Barbara Wallis, widow of Christopher who had very competently master-minded and supervised the restoration right until its completion - he died in 2006. Barbara cut the celebratory cake, which was made by Julie Oldroyd, Jill and Chris Baker's daughter - very worthy of the occasion.

No-one had time to take full advantage of the comprehensive and really interesting collection of displays about the windmill.



**Norman Tyler**

# Lacey Green Productions



Over the weekend before Easter LGP performed their 2011 production of "Theatre at Home" at Chipko, Parslows Hillock. The play was "I Thought I Heard a Rustling" by Alan Plater, a scriptwriter for Z Cars, Lewis and many other TV series of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Once again we were able to use both levels of "Chipko" in this play. This venue has proved to be amazingly adaptable to all sorts of plays in the 6 years since we started our "Theatre at Home" and we are indebted to the Clarks and the Taylors for their hospitality.

When we chose "I thought I heard a Rustling", we didn't quite realise how appropriate it was for the present day. Although Alan Plater wrote it in the early 1990's, the play included problems with library closures, voting reform and Liberal Democrats in a coalition! Over the 3 months that we rehearsed the play, these topics have become hot news and some of our audience thought that we had altered the play's script to suit the present day. These photos of the characters, taken in rehearsal, give a flavour of how it all looked.

Over the 3 performances, we entertained an audience of over 100 people and, although the  
8 final figure is not available at

the time of writing, we hope to have raised several hundred pounds for our charity. Thanks to the theme of the play, Book Aid International was our chosen charity this time. Book Aid International increases access to books and supports literacy, education and development in sub-Saharan Africa. This well established charity provided 507,787 new books to over 2,000 libraries last year alone and has sent more than 30 million books to partner libraries since 1954. Book Aid International firmly believes that books can change lives. If you would like more information about them go to [www.bookaid.org](http://www.bookaid.org).

LGP's next venture is a performance of our murder mystery comedy entertainment "Bound to Die", in Steeple Claydon Village Hall in mid May. When first performed in Winslow last October, this home grown drama was based around the imaginary arrival of the High Speed Railway later this decade. However, due to local sensibilities in Steeple Claydon, we have rewritten it to be about the fictitious reopening of the "University Line" which ran through Steeple Claydon. This was the railway that used to run from

Oxford to Cambridge before the Beeching axe. And guess what has now happened? It is being suggested that perhaps a new motorway should be built from Oxford to Cambridge (via Steeple Claydon of course) as the first step in creating an English Silicon Valley. LGP clearly has a truly worrying crystal ball.

Over the next few weeks, we shall be selecting our play for performing at our dinner theatre in the Village Hall at the end of November. As usual, we shall try to select a play that uses as many of our members as possible who want to perform this time around.

So, if you want to come and have a go at performing, or working backstage in any capacity with LGP, now is the time to contact us. Just talk to any LGP member or telephone 01844 344207.

Stop Press - the LGP web site is nearly there – we have a holding page at: <http://www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk/> and there will soon be a link to it via the Hallmark web site.

**Peter Brookhouse**





# District and County Council News



To begin with some personal news, I have decided to stand down from Wycombe District Council this year after 12 years. I have enjoyed my time as District Councillor but feel it is time to for somebody else to carry on. I would like to thank everybody who gave me their support and I wish the new councillor well in the next four years. It has been a great experience to work with the Parish Council and local organisations to bring about some change during this time. There are some important challenges for the new District Council to address when it takes office:

**Firstly** the Stadium project which brings together Wycombe Wanderers, Wasps and the Council to explore whether or not to build a new Community Stadium. The chosen site is at Booker Air Park which brings the Green Belt issue into play. So far no commitment has been made by the Council to proceed and investigations are on going. The Council Scrutiny process, of which I was part, made several recommendations which include a further hold point to check whether or not the tests needed to be satisfied for Business, Environment and Sport are met. These were accepted by Cabinet so no final decisions will be made until the new council meets after the elections.

**Secondly** the transfer of housing from the Council to Red Kite will need to be implemented following the ballot of tenants. This will need careful handling but I am sure it will bring many benefits to those whose homes are affected. Importantly all the revenue gained from rents will now be kept for improvements by the new organisation without some 50% being lost to central government.

**Thirdly** the planning issues relating to gypsy sites will need to be progressed. The successful action at the Hemley Hill appeal showed that the council does take seriously any inappropriate development within the Green Belt and AONB and will take early and decisive action if early evidence is available. With other sites being developed without permission the resources for the council will be stretched.

For the County Council the recent severe **winter conditions** have again brought the Council's ability to react into sharp focus not only with the way gritting and snow clearance is carried out but also to deal with the aftermath of pot holes and drainage problems on country roads. With regard to snow clearance I would like to thank the farmers who, due to a change in council policy, made plant available to help those areas not on ploughing routes. Their actions made conditions much easier for those normally left out. With temperatures falling to record lows the aftermath has been to leave Council resources stretched to make timely repairs. However the surprise inclusion of some £30M of government capital funding for the County has meant more can now be done on local roads. I have again highlighted the condition of New Road/Main Road, Lacey Green and have asked that this be included into the new works programme. If you see any road defect please

report it through the Transport for Buckinghamshire (formerly Highways on Call) number 0845 230 2882 or email address [tfb@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:tfb@buckscc.gov.uk).

**High Speed 2** remains a major concern. With the announcement of the preferred route through Wendover and Ellesborough Parishes the threat to our protected countryside remains high. The County and District Council's view remains that without compelling evidence to explain the reasons why the proposals are in the National Interest supported by a convincing Business Case, consultation on any part of the route carries very little credibility. Arguments about the damage being caused to protected countryside and rural communities are equally important as it is only when all the 'high level' tests have been satisfied and all 'alternatives' have been considered, should placing the line through the Chilterns be considered at all. It is really important that everybody responds to the Consultation and attends the advertised meetings along the route. Included in these are two day exhibitions on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May in Stoke Mandeville, Olympic Lodge Hotel, in Wendover on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Memorial Hall with a one day 'trailer exhibition' in Great Missenden on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please put these in your diaries but check to see if any changes are made.

If you have a concern about Council services my email address is [progerson@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:progerson@buckscc.gov.uk) and my telephone number 01494 488315. So if you would like to contact me, I will do what I can to help.

**Paul Rogerson**

District and County Councillor

# Lacey Green Stores Update



Included with the last issue of Hallmark was a questionnaire that sought to obtain your views on the availability of local food, with particular reference to Lacey Green Stores. There was a small incentive in the form of a local food parcel for one respondent, and this was won by Mrs Patricia Syrett.

Because of the small number of returned questionnaires (see below) we can only draw limited conclusions from these returns.

It is evident that 'local food' is popular, and we will try to provide more of it in the Stores. However,

space is tight and this makes it hard for us to have a good range for display.

The most demand would be for fresh vegetables and fruit - good healthy products. Third choice was for cakes – less healthy, but very enjoyable!

Most people used the Stores for top ups, about once a fortnight on average. You did give the encouraging message that you would use the Stores to obtain 'local food' if it were stocked.

As we have said previously, we would like to extend our opening hours, certainly to include at least some afternoons. This would enable us to increase stock levels and to offer you greater choice.

However, to do this we need some more volunteers to help run the shop. If you have any spare time at all do please think about offering to do an hour or two – every little helps. And think of the advantages

– you get to meet more people including visitors to the village, and you can also add 'retail experience' to your CV.

## BE A SHOP VOLUNTEER

The response by residents to the questionnaire was poor. Hallmark is delivered to every household in Lacey Green and Loosley Row, and with a few exceptions, each copy had the questionnaire included. We plead guilty to not providing a deadline date for return of the questionnaire, and we did ask that they be delivered to the Stores. So why did less than 10 percent of you respond?

**Tony Molesworth**

**01844 344975**

## Hemley Hill Site

Last December the Secretary of State dismissed appeals concerning the Hemley Hill travellers site and gave an 18-month compliance period (up to June 2012) to vacate the site.

The Council has now been advised that solicitors acting for the occupant(s) of Hemley Hill have lodged a legal challenge in respect of the Secretary of State's decision. Government lawyers are currently considering whether to defend the decision; presuming they do so, it is likely to take up to six months

before a final judgment is delivered. If the challenge is successful, the decision will have to be re-taken (which may necessitate a further Public Inquiry). In the meantime, the period for compliance is in abeyance until a final decision is made.

Our web site has a page <http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/planning-and-buildings/planning-news/travellers-hemley-hill.aspx> and this has been updated with this information

**Wycombe Council**

## PRINTING ERRORS IN SOME COPIES OF NEW BOOK "CHILDREN IN A BODGERS' WORLD"

Unfortunately, some books sold at the recent exhibition had some blanks where some of the headings should have been. The quickest way to see whether your copy is faulty is to check whether on page 3 the heading "My Grandfather" is missing before the words "Owen Smith". If so, please return it for replacement by Norman Tyler at 5 Woodfield, Lacey Green or phone 01844 344606 or email [normantylers31@gmail.com](mailto:normantylers31@gmail.com) so he can deliver one to you at your chosen address. Most sincere apologies if you had a faulty copy.

## Thank you

To all the people who were looking out for our lost cat Sweep. She was eventually found in Loosley Row over 2 weeks after going missing.

**Sara & Chris. Plantation Cottage**

# St John's School

## New Head Teacher

As many of you will know, Paul de Wolf is stepping down from his role as Head Teacher of St John's at the end of the Summer term. The Governors have appointed Gill Grimsey to be the new Head Teacher starting in the Autumn term. Gill kindly wrote a small introduction to herself which we publish here:

My name is Gill Grimsey and from this September I am taking up the position of Head Teacher at St John's.

I have lived in the Wycombe area since the age of 6 moving to Loosley Row as a teenager so am familiar with the Lacey Green area and feel as if I'm coming home. I come from a family of teachers;

As we head into the Summer Term, it's amazing to think how much has been going on over the last three months. The Spring Term at St John's was full of fun and successful PA fundraising events, such as the Salsa and Latin night in February, a Ladies Indulgence evening in March and the family Barn Dance in April.

The major project for this year "The refurbishment of the middle school playground" is now underway.

both my mother and grandmother were teachers.

I started my teaching career in London working in Neasden and Hackney as well as other areas in London before moving back to Buckinghamshire to work at West Wycombe Combined School.

After 3 years here I had the opportunity to live in the Sultanate of Oman for two years, an experience I very much enjoyed. I returned to High Wycombe and resumed my teaching career in Hillingdon.

However I soon decided that with 3 small children at home the journey was not for me. I once again moved back to Bucks to work at a school in High Wycombe before taking up my current position in Flackwell Heath.

The Pupil Council are to be congratulated for their own fantastic fundraising achievements this term, put towards their chosen international charity "Street Child Africa". Throughout this year, each class at St. John's have also chosen their own charity to support, organising fund-raisers from Fun and sponsored Runs, an Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle to a Pyjama day! Thank you to all the children and families who have made generous

I'm looking forward to finding out more about St John's and working with the staff, parents and community to build on the sound foundations that Paul de Wolf has created. Together I am sure we can make this an even better school and prepare our children for life's challenges.

I am quite an active person. I enjoy walking and one day hope to walk the Thames path. I play badminton on a weekly basis and in the summer I enjoy running. I have a love of music and am currently learning the flute and hope to be able to play in St John's school orchestra!!! If there are ever any spare moments I can be found curled up with my cats and a good book.

**Gill Grimsey**

contributions to all these worthwhile causes.

When we return after the long Easter break, the children will be looking forward to the family Camp Night in June, and for the adults our eagerly awaited "Night at the Oscars" Summer Ball on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Good wishes for a "sunny" summer to come.

**Sharon Wilkes**  
(Parents Association secretary)

## Astronomy vs Astrology

On March 20th about 50 people were entertained by Chris Dignan's latest multi-media presentation. £170 was raised for Comic Relief.

We heard how astronomy grew out of astrology as science matured. I was fascinated to hear that the constellations of the Zodiac have all changed due to the movement of the Earth over the years. We should now have 13 not 12 signs. Ed.



# Sports Club: Tennis section



At last we have had some lovely spring weather to break out the rackets, get back on the courts and play some tennis. If you are reading this thinking about taking up tennis for sport, leisure, exercise or social purpose then read on because the club will be offering opportunities to participate in organized tournaments, local competitions and informal practice sessions.

Membership of the club also entitles free access via the Lawn Tennis Association to the Wimbledon ticket ballot allocated to the club along with other exclusive news and benefits for British Tennis Members. So what else are we planning for the forthcoming season?

## Coaching

We have an active junior coaching programme organized by the Head Coach, Steve Bell. The LTA is working very hard to help tennis

develop at the grass roots of the sport by encouraging as many children as possible to have a go. Many schools have been given equipment and tuition aids by the Sports for Schools partnership to generate interest through structured in-school activity. Children wishing to continue in tennis will then find clubs such as ours offering further coaching and access to facilities. Leaflets for junior coaching are available in the office at St Johns C of E School or from Steve Bell.

## Doubles practice

will continue on Sunday mornings starting at 11am. Anyone interested in playing should come along and see what is on offer.

## Competitions

Last year the club won the Aylesbury and District Tennis League Div 6 Mixed Doubles. This was quite an

achievement given the team had been promoted only the previous year. Well done. We have entered Mixed, Ladies and Mens in the 2011 league with fixtures commencing in May.

## Tournaments

will be arranged during the summer for juniors to compete with players of similar standard around once a month (dates to be confirmed). These tournaments will be followed in the afternoon by informal adult doubles competition (of any standard), which should encourage players to socialize as well. We are also planning a box league (adult singles) to run throughout the season.

**Contacts us for more info** via email

[LGLR\\_TennisClub@btinternet.com](mailto:LGLR_TennisClub@btinternet.com)

or phone Ian on 01844 345567 or Linda Membership Sec on 01844 275296.

**Ian Ward**

(My apologies that we did not have enough room to publish the list of summer fixtures.....Ed)

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## LOCAL HISTORIC BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

### CHILDREN IN A BODGERS' WORLD

#### By M.J. Saunders

Maurice ("Mosh") James Saunders was born in 1923 in Lacey Green, a small village in the Chiltern Hills of England. He died in 2006.

He painted in oils and pastels, holding his own exhibitions. Some of his paintings have been used to illustrate this book.

He had been writing poetry and prose since his return from the armed forces in 1945.

This book records his early life with his twin sister, Millicent, in the world of the bodgers, craftsmen who made chair legs in beech woodlands by hand, using pole lathes. This craft continued until the early 1940s.

**Price £10 from Norman, Betty or John Tyler at 5 Woodfield, Lacey Green, HP27 0QQ**

**Tel 01844 344606**

or [history@laceygreen.com](mailto:history@laceygreen.com)





## Annual General Meeting Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February



On a bright Sunday morning the members of the walking club assembled for one of the highlights of the year.

Unlike most AGMs we always have a large gathering but this is to be expected because of how the business is conducted. Firstly it is a time to meet old friends, to look at the Club Archives and to offer a prize for the raffle later in the morning before people take their

seats for the formal part of the proceedings.

The Chairman needs to balance the length of the meeting against the anticipated glass of wine and picnic lunch. Our Chairman, Ian Goodearl conducted the meeting at an unprecedented pace and set a warm tone that produced harmonious agreement that the Club was in good shape and looking forward to celebrating its twentieth Anniversary in May.

With the sandwiches eaten and the wine drunk we prepared ourselves for the post AGM walk: sadly heavy rain prevented us from going so we returned home looking forward to the AGM next year

**Ronnie Lewin**

# rs Walking Club

## rn Society Donate a Gate Scheme

around the Parish. We wished to have a gate near to the centre of the Parish which all the people of the village would find useful.

The chosen site was adjacent to the bus stop next to the Whip public house and on the Chiltern Way; the current stile was damaged and restricted easy access to the footpath and fields to walkers and villagers exercising their dogs.

We submitted our proposal to Mr Gulliman who confirmed this would be acceptable and to our surprise were told that Bucks County Council will provide us with a second gate free of charge. In due course the two gates were carefully selected and installed by Chiltern Society volunteers.

In August a group of Happy Wanderers met to celebrate their installation and watch Mr Gulliman attach a plaque to the first gate - 'HAPPY WANDERERS 1991 TO 2011'. On the 20th Anniversary of our club we will have a Midsummer walk and supper, part of which will take our members through the new gates.

The Happy Wanderers are delighted to have taken this initiative to benefit our village community and hope it will provide an easier access to the Chiltern Way.

**Ronnie Lewin**

## Sunday 30th January Great Hampden

After so much bad weather in December and early January we were very relieved to find that the sunshine was out at last for our walk on the last Sunday of the month when we had an excellent turnout of 31 members.

Our walk took us on a loop of about 4 miles to and from Great Hampden through woods and fields with only one long steep incline which resulted in slightly reduced conversation! We are a very garrulous bunch!

Afterwards half of the walkers decided on lunch at the Hampden Arms which was very jolly. We now look forward to our AGM at the end of February when we will discuss our ever popular weekend away at the beginning of October.

**Roger Brudenell**



rare ducks on route, Black East Indies being one). Continued into the town passed the windmill, towards the station across three fields to Kings Farm Butchers (purchases were made!), along Nash Lee Road and back to vehicles. The Village Gate pub fed and watered us afterwards.

It was probably about fifteen years ago that a few of us "Happy Wanderers" found the Sunday walks too long. We decided to start a mid-week shorter and slower ramble. We meet at the Village Hall, but often drive a short distance from there and then enjoy a leisurely

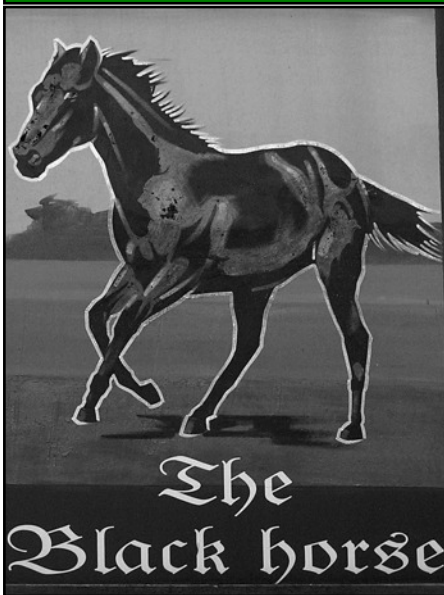
stroll, with pauses to absorb the beauty of the countryside and, of course, the pleasure of others' company.

We are a small group and are always pleased to see new faces.

**Ursula Glyn Jones**



# The Black Horse



It's so nice to see some sun coming out, it makes everybody feel a little better. The tables, chairs and umbrellas are now in the garden and the pub has had a lick of paint inside all ready for the summer.

Not much has happened since the last issue of Hallmark. I have been so lucky to have a new granddaughter, Lilly, she was born

on the 7th March, congratulations Gemma and Carl.

I have just renewed a new tenancy for 3 years with Ian as landlord, this is a good move on my behalf as I can hopefully have a rest and let someone else have the worry !!!! I wish Duncan and Shakira all the best for their future and I will miss them being up at the Pink and Lily. I also wish Jack Hedgland all the best at his new venture at the Black Lion.

Congratulations to my Black Horse A team for winning the doms and crib league this year , well done to Phil, Gordon, Tink, Tony, Mark, Keith, Graham and Graham. Also well done to the darts team, you did really well this season.

Aunt Sally starts at the beginning of May, this happens on a Friday night in the garden. If you have never seen Aunt Sally being played, come along and watch. We hope to do some BBQs this year, watch out for the sign boards.

We also have 4 real ales on and a new cider every month - come and try them. We are in the Good Beer Guide 2011 and the Good Food Guide 2011 this year so we are really pleased.

The over 50s club is still going strong first Tuesday of the month two course meal and a coffee and a good chat with your friends.

Have a great summer

**Lynne and Ian**

## Pink and Lily

You will have read that Duncan and Shakira have moved on from the Pink. At the time we went to press the pub is closed for refurbishment and the web site is down - presumably also being refreshed.

Welcome and Good Luck to the new owners.

**Ed**

# Loosley Row and Lacey Green WI

I'm very proud to report that our team:

- Kathleen Turner
- Doreen de Grey
- Sally Pilkington

were the clear winners by five points of the Three Counties Quiz, Bucks South Heat on the 24th March. (Kathleen has fantastic knowledge of theme tunes from films: 19 out of 20).

They will be entering the finals on June 22nd together with contestants from North Bucks, Bedfordshire and Herts.

Although we were pleased to have three new members last year, sadly two of our older members have moved into residential care and Jean

Munro and Phyllis Dell have passed away.

If you are free on the second Tuesday of each month do pop into the Hall at 2pm and give us a trial. You will be most welcome.

Our speakers on 10th February were Mr & Mrs J Brewster who delivered a really excellent talk with slides illustrating the 'Life and Works of Christopher Wren'.

A delicious Birthday Tea was arranged by members on March 10th with our own entertainments of poetry and stories.

Mrs Riley will be leading us with a study of handwriting in April.

Future subjects for speakers include:

- The Life of a Policeman
- Making the most of your money
- The Bayeux Tapestry
- Bucks properties in the National Trust

We have received most appreciative comments from the History Group and the Windmill supporters for the refreshments which we were pleased to provide.

As reported in the previous Hallmark, we celebrated the ROYAL WEDDING with

A HEN PARTY on Thurs 28 April  
LECTURE AND LUNCH at  
HARTWELL HOUSE

**Jean Gabbitas**

# Windmill WI

Our first meeting for 2011 was in February when the speaker, Mr J Cornwall talked about 'Photography – an Art'. Mr Cornwall was very passionate about his subject and he certainly showed us some beautiful slides.

We were entertained in March by Rusty Goffe with his talk, 'Lights, Camera, Action'. Rusty is a British dwarf actor and entertainer. He has featured in a number of high-profile roles including an Oompa-Loompa in Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory, and as a Jawa in Star Wars Episode IV. He has also had small parts in several Harry Potter films. Rusty is a most engaging speaker.

Our speaker for our April meeting was Mr O'Neill who gave us an interesting account of his career in the C.I.D.

In March we held a very successful Coffee Morning at the home of one of our members, Doreen Lett and we were able to send £200 to the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

Also in March we held our Spring Jumble Sale which once again was very successful. 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!

March was a very busy month for us! Towards the end of the month we hosted the spring meeting of the Disraeli Group. At this meeting members of the seven WI's in our group get together for the evening.

The speaker was Mrs Susan Howe who is an Historian and who has had an extraordinary, colourful life and her talk reflected these exceptional experiences. We then put on a light supper for about 100 members.

We have lots of interesting speakers, events and trips to look forward to in the coming months, including a visit to Kingston Bagpuize House, near Abingdon, Highclere Castle, near Newbury and Windsor Castle.

If you think you might like to join us we meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 7.45. We shall make you very welcome.

**Daphne Williams**

# Risboro' Lacemakers

Lace returned to Lacey Green at the end of March when the Risboro' Lacemakers held their Annual Lace Day in the Village Hall. There were about 90 Lace and Craft workers from surrounding villages all busy doing their particular craft whilst chatting to old friends and making new friends. There were three traders attending, a general lace and craft supplier, bobbin maker and a quilting lady with some very lovely materials.

There was also a lovely exhibition of bead work including a wide selection of methods incorporating beads in lace, knitting with beads, beads in embroidery, and general beadwork.

During the day there was a large Raffle, and £350.00 was raised which will be sent to the Chiltern Air Ambulance, this being the Charity supported by Risboro' Lacemakers.



Risboro' Lacemakers meet once a month for their evening meeting and usually once a month on a Saturday for a 'Do' day when members take any craft they want to pursue and work on it during the day. If there are any lacemakers out

there we are always very happy to have new members, although we are not a teaching group, support and advice is always available.

**Jill Baker**



## Windmill under 5s



Another term has just begun at Windmills with six new children attending and our morning sessions are full. At the end of last term we welcomed two more members of staff; Jo and Annie and they are already an essential part of our close knit team.

The preschool is looking wonderful, with lots of artwork up on the

walls and an excellent variety of activities for the children to do each day.

This term the children are starting off with some Royal Wedding inspired crafts and play based learning, followed by a healthy living theme. The summer term gives lots of opportunities for playing outside and exploring the natural world.

The children will be taking part in a sponsored obstacle course race in May to raise funds for large outdoor building blocks and story sacks. They will also be planting and growing flowers in the garden and discovering mini beasts!

The summer term is very important for the older children who need to prepare for starting school in September. The staff will be

working with them in groups and individually to ensure they are well equipped for this next big step.

The preschool has arranged a trip to Legoland on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May with special discounted tickets and places are still available should you be interested. Please call Lauren Palmer for further details on 07740 623767. Friends, family and children of any age welcome.

Windmills Summer BBQ takes place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June and the term concludes with the annual Sports Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, which is always entertaining! Let's hope the wonderful weather continues for a term of fun in the sun..

**Sarah Uhart**  
**Co-Chair**

## Scouts



On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January Viper Explorer Scout Unit held a fundraising quiz night at the Naphill Scout Hut. The night started at 7:30 with raffle tickets being sold and the questions started at 7:45.

63 paying members of the public attended and with the Viper Explorers made up 10 teams who took part in the quiz.

The supper of Chilli Con Carne, was prepared and cooked by the

### Viper Explorer Scout Unit's Fundraising Quiz

Explorers, was served in the interval and desserts of chocolate cake and cheese cake followed.

After the guests had finished their meals, a raffle was drawn with prizes including a bottle of Bucks Fizz and a Hydration pack which was donated by Blacks.

Two of the Explorers, Jack Tebb and Tom Adamson have been selected to attend the World Jamboree to Sweden and they raised £70 to fund their trip by asking the guests to take part in a game of human heads or tails.

The evening finished with everyone in high spirits and a total of £600 was raised and split between the Scout HQ and Viper ESU.



**Billy Stott**

The local scout activities are centred at Naphill and Hughenden. There are Beavers and Cubs at both locations, whilst the Scouts and Explorers are run from Naphill. The Group Scout Master covering both locations is Peter Byerley on 01494 565955

# Sports Club: Cricket Section

'Now that cricket's here, can rain be far behind?' to paraphrase a line from a poem we were taught at school. Well, we hope not. Last season we only lost a couple of games due to the weather. And, I did read a forecast promising a scorcher of a summer this year. Let us hope it's not like last year's "barbeque" summer.

But, to business. At the cricket meeting Luke Weston was - with the minimum of arm twisting - elected to captain the 1st XI again this season. Luke is popular with his teammates and considering the ever-changing team he had to skipper did a good job. Let's hope we have a more settled team this year and we can finish higher than sixth - say first!

For the 2nd XI, Mark Janes has taken on the arduous task of captain. Mark is very young and inexperienced for such a job but, being a sensible lad, has already asked for help on the field from a more experienced player. We wish him well.

It should help this year that we hope to have more players available, some returning from travelling, some from injury and possibly two former Downley players rumour has it. All are welcome if it means more settled sides.

The 1st XI will again play in the Mid Bucks 1st Division. This year they have entered only the League K.O. Cup after failing for the last two years to turn out a team for the Village K.O. Cup. The 2nd XI have had a reprieve and stay in Division Two despite finishing bottom last season. With more players available hopefully they will do much better. We need a strong 2nd XI and I hope younger players will be given the chance to gain experience.

The 2nds will, of course, be entering the Reserve K.O. Cup Competition. They have performed well in it in the past, winning the cup several times. It would be nice to see them lift it again. With more players available it's on the cards.

I say we will have more players available but we shall be missing one very valuable member of the 1st XI. James Shrimpton is off to try his luck with High Wycombe C.C. James is a good forceful opening batsman with a wide range of strokes able to pierce the field - the mark of a class batsman. In the out-field I've seen him chase and take catches most players wouldn't get near. His bowling may develop.

All in all, James has been a credit to the club. I just hope that Wycombe's selection committee will give him the chance to show what he can do and his cricket career will prosper. Anyway, I'm sure we all wish him the very best. And, if he should change his mind he's welcome to come back and play for us.

The season started on May 7th so by the time you read this a few matches will already have been played.

Matches start at 1.30pm. Do please arrive early to be sure of a good parking space. Drinks, etc, are available in the pavilion.

(My apologies that we did not have enough room to publish the list of summer fixtures.....Ed)

## Remembrances

It always saddens me when I have to report the passing of village-born people I have known, respected and liked for many years who have been connected however loosely to the cricket club. I have two more this quarter.

## Phyllis Dell

Phyllis was a village girl. Her connection to the club was that she, firstly was married to our late wicket-keeper, Bill Dell and secondly, before Lynn from the Black Horse took over the catering, she was one of the volunteers who gave up their Saturday afternoons to prepare the teas for us players.

My earliest memory of Phyllis was when I was in the infants class at St John's. She would have been in the top class at the time as she was older. Our much-loved teacher, Miss Jarvis one day asked us to write down who we thought was the prettiest girl in the school (a bit of a romantic, Miss Jarvis). The result was unanimous. We all wrote down Phyllis's name (yes, we could read and write aged six or seven in those days.) Considering there were many good-looking girls in the school at the time that was quite a compliment and well deserved. Phyllis never lost her good looks; a lovely lady. R.I.P.

## Bill Attridge

I can't say that Bill was born in Lacey Green but he lived here so long that he was accepted as one of us. Originally from Scull, County Cork, he came to England in 1931 after hearing that the then Vicar of Haddenden needed a gardener. He'd been working on a farm in Ireland (long hours for scant reward, I imagine.) He was one of six brothers and one sister - the boys, I believe, all followed him here. Bill liked to watch the cricket and enjoy a pint afterwards. He was ninety-eight.

**Geoff Gomme**

# St John's Church



Rector – the Reverend Denise Critchell. Tel. 347741.

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

## 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 in the month

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

### TUESDAY

9.30am. Communion Service in Lady Chapel at St. John's.

2.15pm Toddler Praise – Toddlers meet Tuesday afternoons during term time. Dads and Grandparents are very welcome.

### WEDNESDAY

10.30.am Team Communion Service at Chapter House, St. Mary's Church, P.Risboro'

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.

If you know of anyone who would also like to receive Holy Communion at home, or would like a home visit, please contact Rev. Denise on 347741.

Contact Rev. Denise to book Weddings or Christening services.

Please remember Wednesday is her free day .

## Young Peoples Bible Study Group.

Young people from age 11+ will meet to have their own study group DURING main worship in our church.

SPLASH after school Club. Every Monday at 3.15 with Melissa Stone and Rev. James Tomkins.

## Future dates for your diary....

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Choir are hosting a three course lunch in St. John's School.

Tickets are £10, and may be purchased from Choir members. Come and enjoy some delicious food and good company.

The same day... Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> ...at 6pm, there will be Songs of Praise at St. Dunstan's to mark the beginning of Christian Aid Week and this will highlight how this charity works to bring an end to poverty around the world.

Our Favourite hymns list has already been forwarded to Rev. James, and there will be readings and poetry to further inspire us. Do attend this special event. All are welcome.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Party in the Park at Pentecost. From 3pm to 6pm in King George's playing field, there will be activities, games and a bouncy castle, for all to enjoy meeting old friends and new from all the churches in Princes Risborough. Bring your own picnic and join in the fun, and be in good voice to sing more of your special hymns.

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>- a QUIZ St. John's school hall. A delicious two course meal, Tickets cost £10.00. Try to make a table of eight, or come along and make up a table with others. The last quiz was a great evening out. Prizes, and a Raffle.

At St. John's Church, there are plans to hold a Fashion Show, a Line Dancing evening, Coffee Morning, and either a Jumble Sale or Car Boot Sale, or perhaps both.

Please watch the notice board for times and venues of future events.

We have 15 candidates for Confirmation and this will take place at Bledlow Holy Trinity Church on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.at 7.30pm. We send our good wishes and blessings to all candidates.

We also pray for all those students leaving St. John's and Speen School this summer, and going on to their Secondary education. Special leaving services will be held for them. God's blessings go with them.

## June Brazier



# Village History Exhibition



At 2.00.p.m. on Saturday 5th March, Connie Baker, now 102 and our oldest villager arrived in Don White's immaculate 1954 Rolls Royce to open the Exhibition. She was accompanied by her daughter Jenny, and was met by her granddaughter Nancy and Pria Parker, wearing her grandmother's and great aunt's wedding dresses from the late 1800s.

There was applause from all present, and many photos and videos were taken to record the event.

In the school foyer, Rosemary Mortham (Secretary to the History Group) gave an address of welcome, and thanked all who had helped. Connie and the girls were presented with Victorian posies and Connie



cut the tape and declared the Exhibition open.

About 400 people attended over the two days. Admission was only £2 (free for children), and the Group is grateful to the school and Mr de Wolf for so generously allowing the use of the premises. Visitors were greeted at the door by Bette Tyler and Yvonne Axe.

History Group members and friends had produced an enormous display of their work and of interesting bygones. On the Sunday there was also singing from the Church Choir and Lacey Green singers, dancing



from the Jane Austin Dancers, a Costume Display, a display of domestic woodworking, agricultural and bygones from the forge, and a traditional Bucks lunch provided by the W.I. (see page 36). There was such an abundance of exhibits, that even those who attended both days found it impossible to see everything.

There were many favourable comments from those who attended. One visitor described it as a "200%" success. The most common request was for the Exhibition to be repeated. The organisers were exhausted, but delighted that their efforts had been appreciated so much. They will be considering whether they can repeat the event, perhaps in smaller sections, when they have recovered!

Congratulations and thanks must go to all the Group members, and to the many people who helped. Group members are Joan West, Rita Probert, Douglas Tilbury, Dennis Claydon, Gordon May, Norman Tyler, Leigh Axe and Rosemary Mortham. If you have any comments, information or suggestions to help them in their future research, they will be delighted to hear from you.

**Norman Tyler**



# Sports Club: Football Section

Welcome one and all to this May article from your local village football team.

## Cup Competitions

After our shaky end to 2010, 2011 saw us back on winning form, seeing some very positive performances along the way indeed.

What has definitely stood out from the rest was our long and arduous journey through both cup competitions, that have unfortunately both come to end. Although we never made the final in either, making the 5<sup>th</sup> Round and Quarter Finals was such an unexpected feat, and the boys thoroughly deserved it. We even saw our name in the headlines of the sports pages of The Bucks Free Press, after knocking 'Unhappy' Union out of The Challenge Cup.

In the Bucks and Berks Competition, a fascinating match saw our demise being played out by penalties after extra time. Another classic contest saw us 3-1 up with 10 minutes to go, only to be damaged by 2 quick fire goals in extra time. We know that every game we are learning and improving, but to hear other teams, in other leagues, in other counties, say we were the best team they've played in their season time after time, you start to feel that you're definitely making the impression we've strived to attain since the beginning.

## High Wycombe Combination

Our exploits in The High Wycombe Combination have become ever more interesting as the season progresses. At this point last season, we knew that promotion was almost guaranteed, due to the gap between the top 2 and the others. Now, 4 or 5 teams could easily have a crack at the top spot, with some great results for all involved, where

the top 5 haven't been consistently winning their fixtures.

For ourselves, defeating these top teams was our only option to gain the promotion we really felt we deserved. Our plans did take a slight knock after a 4-3 defeat against AFC Wellesbourne. Without sounding like your typical football fan, it was unquestionable that the referee cost us at least a point.

A truly exceptional conquest against Real Marlow at Gossmore Park ended 4-4, with workhorse James Taylor scoring what could prove to be goal of the season to keep us in the tie. Not a disaster, but we knew we had to win all our remaining fixtures to be in with a shout of going up.

Our only tough game in the remaining 8 saw us away to markers Suters Wood at Hazlemere Rec, which turned out to be our only Wednesday night fixture, due to the backlog of games after the winter backlash. April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm was the start of the most important game of this year, the team were buzzing and ready to go, and certainly didn't disappoint. With Lacey Green taking most of them game to them, only a 2-2 draw could be achieved.

We were deflated as unfortunately our promotion bubble had been burst. We needed the top 2 teams to lose a fair amount of their games, and with their current form and upcoming fixtures, we knew that it would be a miracle.

Despite this, the lads know that it has been an amazing season, with us gaining more valuable experience, and giving us the chance to blend in more as a unit, and look forward to an ever more exciting time in 2012.

When we hopefully defeat our last two opponents this season, achieving a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> place would be no disappointment, but two

promotions in two seasons would have put the icing on the cake.

## All Day AGM

Our annual general meeting will be held at The Black Horse in Lacey Green on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. It certainly won't be the usual tea and biscuits and a 20 minute chinwag, we really plan to make a day of it this year.

We will be organising a golfing morning, the official team photograph (something we should have done ages ago...), go and support the Lacey Green Cricketers, an FA Cup Final viewing at The Sports Club, 3 Course Dinner and Trophy Presentation in the evening, and then venture out to see what the rest of the night will bring us. I am always very appreciative of your support throughout the year, and would like to invite everyone to the Trophy Presentation which will commence at 9.15pm at The Black Horse on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Come join us in our celebration, as you are as a big a part as all the rest of what makes this village team the success it is. I hope to see as many familiar faces as possible.

## Marathon

Personally, I have decided to take part in my first ever marathon in Inverness, Scotland on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. After taking part in the first Rugged Radnag 10k, achieving a respectable time led me to set myself the ultimate challenge. I'm not sure which charity I'll be running for yet, but if anyone is interested in sponsoring me for this event, I will happily support them. If you would like to take part yourself, please visit [www.lochnessmarathon.com](http://www.lochnessmarathon.com).

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# Sports Club: Football continued

## Sponsoring Pubs

Our continued thanks to our team sponsors for this 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 our second season.

It's great to hear that The Black Horse 'A' Crib and Dominoes Team clinched the title on the last game of the season. It's fantastic to hear that success isn't just happening on the football field!

I would also like to mention that it will be a very sad day for the village on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, as we will see the departure of Duncan and Shakira from The Pink and Lily. They have been a major part of not just the village, but of my own personal career. For eight years they have provided a great service to the pub, not just being superb landlords, but being fantastic friends as well. We can only wish them all the very best for the future to come.

## Contact Us

If you require information regarding Lacey Green FC, or if you wish to sign up to our regular score updates every Sunday, 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 up to date news surrounding the clubs players and supporters. More results and league tables can be found at [www.football.mitoo.co.uk](http://www.football.mitoo.co.uk). We are also in The Bucks Free Press every Friday under the sports section round up of the action in the High Wycombe Sunday Combination.

Lacey Green FC would like to send their utmost thanks for all the support that you've shown the club in their second season, and hope to see everyone again, and more in their third. Onwards and upwards!

**Ben Foster**

# Bacon Badgers go down in History

When Rosemary asked the Afternoon WI to do a few cakes and one or two bacon badgers for the history weekend we, of course, said 'No problem!' (Rosemary said she would make the puddings).

Well, a few cakes turned into tea and cake for a hundred and the bacon badgers into lunch for fifty.

Several members rose to the challenge and a splendid array of cakes and biscuits appeared for tea on the Saturday. We served about a hundred people in an hour and a half - some of them came round twice! There wasn't much left by five o'clock and all the helpers retired home for a quiet sit down.

Sunday dawned, the gang all reappeared, ovens were turned on and kettles boiled and we girded ourselves for the battle. The bacon badgers and the baked apples for fifty had all been made in advance so simply needed reheating. We

would have liked to serve buttered cabbage with the badger but it is difficult to get that right when catering for large

numbers, so we settled for peas and carrots which are easier to keep warm. Jean made her lovely parsley sauce at home and brought it in a flask. In theory, the pre-booked lunches had a time slot but of course that all went awry and we just served people as they turned up. From the comments made at the time and later, everyone seemed to enjoy their lunch and, despite the hard work, we enjoyed serving them.

I would particularly like to thank Rosemary for making the baked apples, Mary Hazleton, Joyce Walker, Jean Gabbitas and Daphne Williams (all WI members) for all their help over the weekend, but our particular thanks go to Joyce's friend Jenny and her niece Connie for their sterling work washing up. They were wonderful and we couldn't have managed without them. (No, they're not WI members but they should be!)

Here is my mother-in-law's recipe for Bacon Badger and no, I don't know where the name comes from, I'm just a northern incomer.

Suet pastry made from 8oz self raising flour, 4oz beef suet and a pinch of salt.

Filling made from 1lb chopped bacon, 1 medium to large onion, chopped, 1 large potato, chopped and a teaspoon of chopped sage (or any other herb you prefer), plenty freshly ground black pepper but no salt.

Mix the filling well together then make the suet pastry. Roll out the pastry to an oblong and spread the filling on top. Dampen the edges and roll up. Wrap in a well floured boiling cloth and tie into a neat parcel. Drop into a pan of boiling water and simmer for 2 ½ to 3 hours. Serve with a good green vegetable and parsley sauce (or whatever you like, really.)

Alternatively, use the pastry to line a large pudding basin, saving a little pastry for a lid, put in the filling, put on the pastry lid, cover and steam in a saucepan for 2 ½ to 3 hours. Which is what I did.

**Kathleen Turner**

# SPEEN FESTIVAL 2011

## Speen Festival 2011:

### 8 to 18 September

#### Celebrating local talent and creativity in the Heart of the Chilterns

Here we are, mid-race in the marathon that is the Speen Festival. We are through the wall, out of breath and halfway to go, this being the Chilterns it isn't all downhill but we know we are going to finish and it looks like being our best race yet.

The programme for our Festival (8 – 18 September) with events for young, old and all-comers alike, is nearly complete. A diary will be circulated shortly. A leaflet with full details and a booking form will be available by early June.

This year has a distinctly wild theme, based on Speen's fantastic woodland location, which has inspired creative activity throughout the generations.

We open the Festival with The Dreaming, a superb musical, based on A Midsummer Night's Dream, with music by the highly acclaimed Howard Goodall and lyrics by Charles Hart - undoubtedly our most ambitious production to date. Auditions have taken place, and

rehearsals are under way, but don't feel you have missed the boat! There are still a few places for actors, singers, backstage workers as well as front of house throughout the Festival, so whatever your talent and wherever you live, come and join in the fun. The rewards are immense and time commitment as much or as little as you wish. Just drop an email to [secretary@speenfestival.org](mailto:secretary@speenfestival.org).

For children and families, an imaginative selection of activities kick off with a **Wild Saturday** of craft, photographic and outdoor fun continuing with a host of other events to enjoy during the rest of our 11-day Festival. But this biennial event is for the whole local community, whatever your age and taste. Back by overwhelming popular demand will be the taste-bud-tickling **food festival**, the ear-caressing **jazz concert** and the mind-expanding **science debate**. We also delve into our own comparatively recent local history and seek to capture more through a

continuing **oral history** project. The final weekend will host our celebrated **cabaret supper** and some energetic new events including an evening when the **youth takeover** and a great finale **prom** for everyone.

Many other activities are planned, including workshops before the Festival, so for goodness sake please visit the regularly updated web site [www.speenfestival.org](http://www.speenfestival.org) and be seduced by all that we are offering. You can follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), whatever they are, and where we would be really pleased to receive your own ideas and comments.

Corporate sponsors and local grants have already been pledged to help us make this programme come to life, and we are extremely grateful to them. Of course, we need and would welcome more, so if you wish to support our Festival in any way at all please let us know.

**Jem Symondson**



Most people, no matter what their age, want to live independently in their own homes. When you are in your 70s or 80s that home can be full of memories and your own memorabilia, and you want to stay

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# Heavenly Bodies

Imagine, if you will, living about 2000 years ago and believing that the Earth was flat. One night, you look up to the Moon and realise in a flash that our planet is, in fact, round.

On Wednesday June 15, there will be a total eclipse of the Moon. This only happens when the Earth is in the middle of a 'celestial sandwich', exactly between the Sun on one side and the full Moon on the other side (see diagrams). The Earth blocks the Sun's light to the Moon, casting our shadow into space and on to the lunar surface.

The reason why a lunar eclipse does not occur every full Moon is due to the orbit of the Earth and Moon being at a slight angle to each other, so usually the Moon is just above or below the Earth as seen from the Sun. But when the angle between both orbits coincides, the Moon is completely hidden from the Sun by the Earth.

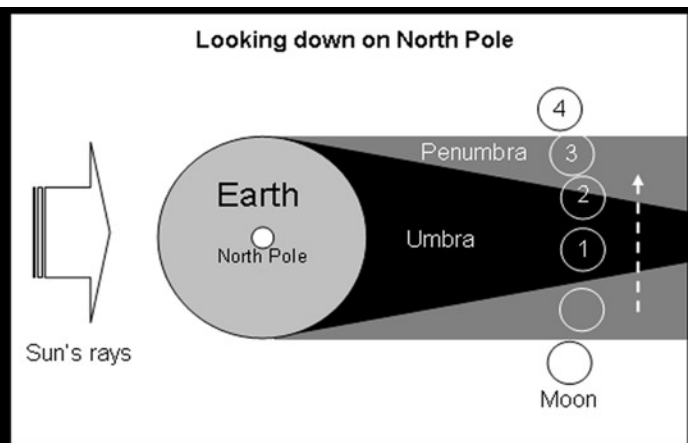
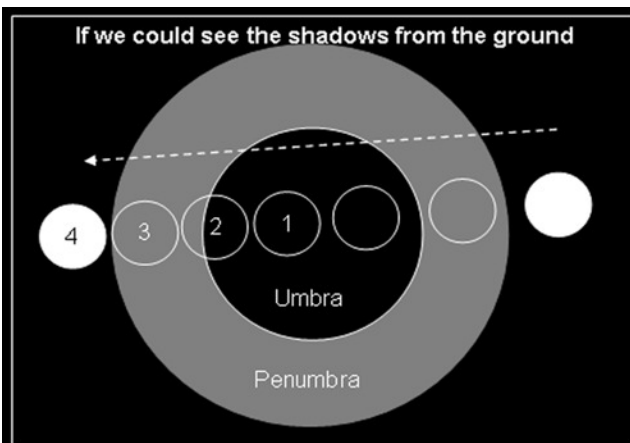
But the Moon hardly ever becomes black and invisible in the sky. This is because the sunlight on the opposite side of the Earth, mainly the red part of the light spectrum, is bent or refracted by our atmosphere around the planet and out into space and on to the Moon. That is why the eclipsed Moon will often glow an orange, copper or red colour. Its glow will be darker if the Earth's atmosphere is unusually cloudy or dusty, especially if there are high quantities of volcanic ash swirling around in the skies. On average, an eclipsed full Moon will shine at just 1/10,000<sup>th</sup> of its usual brightness.

As the Moon passes through the Earth's shadow, you can see the outline of the Earth as the edge of our shadow (Umbra) drifts across the lunar surface at the beginning and end of the eclipse. That edge is also curved. That is what led Aristotle, 2300 years ago, to deduce that the Earth must be a sphere

because it casts a curved shadow on to the Moon. Despite this incontrovertible proof, and later images of the Earth by astronauts, the "Flat Earth Society" continues to this day! (You can even Google their web site).

For the eclipse on June 15, you'll need a clear view of the South East horizon because the Moon will rise while immersed in the Earth's shadow. What colour will it be? As the full Moon (called a 'Strawberry Moon' in June) climbs and gradually moves left and out of the shadow, you'll have your own 'Aristotle moment' when you see our planet's curved shadow pass across its face. There is a fainter shadow of the Earth called the Penumbra which is almost undetectable. Fingers crossed for clear skies as the next total lunar eclipse fully visible from these shores is not until the small hours of September 28, 2015.

**Chris Dignan**



**June 15**

**Midnight: Return to normal Full Moon**

**11pm: Moon in Penumbral shadow**

**10.30pm: Moon in half shadow**

**9.36pm: Full eclipse**

**East**

**1. South East**

**South**





<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email address</b>
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Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed 10.30	Linda Taylor	345261	
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LR&LG WI (afternoon)	2nd Thursday except August. 2pm	Jean Gabbitas	346469	
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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	Sarah Uhart	07951 485436	admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm	Stella Boll	347268	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
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Diary are always welcome. In addition, any suggestions for improving Hallmark.

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