

# HALLMARK



Painting of Buttercup Field, Loosley Row by Margaret Gray from a photo by Sarah Ridgley

## The Lacey Green and Loosley Row Magazine

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# Welcome to the Autumn Edition of Hallmark



I'm really pleased that we have been successful in finding new people to deliver Hallmark and audit the Village Hall books (details below), thank you to all involved.

Thanks also for the donations you all made towards Hallmark's running costs. As with all things, costs continue to rise and we are dependant on your contribution to keep the magazine solvent.

We have a bumper issue this time with a few new adverts and lots of

new content. Thanks to all contributors - and a special thanks as always to Norman Tyler for his photographs of many events.

We also welcome the first in an occasional series of nature notes from John Tyler looking at environmental and ecological issues in our area.

Finally welcome to our new District Councillor - Mel Foster. His article is on page 37.

**Mike Piercy - Editor**

Last issue we advertised for an accountant to support the Village Hall Committee, including the preparation and audit of the annual accounts. I am delighted to report that TaxAssist Accountants have kindly agreed to step in and provide this service.

TaxAssist Accountants are the UK's largest network of accountants who focus their accountancy skills specifically on small businesses, charitable organisations and taxpayers needing a tax return.

Adrian Huntley, who lives in the village with his partner Cathy and sons Duncan, Samuel and Benjamin, established the Aylesbury office of TaxAssist Accountants in May 2010 and is very keen to support small business and individuals in the village. You can reach Adrian on 01296 752014.

## Dear Editor,

For someone like me who helped organise and run the Village Fêtes and Village Days for 30 odd years, it is disappointing - in fact hurtful, to see advertised Speen Fête and Festival, Naphill Fête, Bradenham Fête, North Dean Fête, 'Risboro Carnival', but Lacey Green and Loosley Row - Nil.

Now that I can only sit back and MOAN, I can't believe that there is not some villager that could get an

annual community event going, perhaps someone new to the area.

Friends tell me that there is a lot going on in the village, if so it is not often reported. If like me you scan the pages of the Bucks Free Press every Friday, first the Obituary Columns to see if I am still here and then Janet Idle's Community Notice Board, one could be forgiven in thinking that Lacey Green and Loosley Row does not exist. Thank goodness for Hallmark, but then that is only quarterly.

## Dear Editor

*I would like to thank two special people, through Hallmark, for their tireless work supporting village causes.*

Bette and Norman Tyler have been involved with the distribution of Hallmark magazine for many years. They received all the copies at their home and took out packs of 2 the correct number, all

containing the enclosures, to the people who bring Hallmark to your door.

A word of thanks should also go to those who do the house to house delivery and collection of money. Repeat visits are often needed to collect the annual voluntary contribution. Many people rose to the occasion and generously increased their donation, having

been informed that printing costs had risen.

The last stage of money collection is for Yvonne Axe to count the money and bank it, so thanks must also go to Yvonne for all the time you spent doing this.

I have now taken over from Bette to have the copies delivered to my house and hope it will run as smoothly as before.

# What's On

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
Until Sunday Sept 11	Maize Maze - see page 13 for details
Saturday Sept 3. Entries by 2.30pm, View from 4pm	Horticultural Society - Annual Show
Wednesday Sept 14 - 9.15am until 4.30pm	Curtain making course. See opposite 01494 863760
Sunday Sept 18 - Register at PR school from 9am	Ian Rennie Hospice 3 Peaks Challenge
Wednesday Sept 21 - 8pm	Horticultural Society - "Dahlias"
Sept 22, 23, 24	LGP Theatre at Home - "The Dove"
Saturday Oct 1	Bucks Horticultural Society Show at our Village Hall
Saturday Oct 15 - opens 2pm	WI Jumble Sale
Wednesday Oct 19 - 7.30 for 7.45 start	WI Quiz - See below
Saturday Nov 5 - 10.30 to 4.00	Windmill Artists Exhibition with Bistro, see below
Lacey Green: Sept 5 & Nov 7. - Speen: Oct 3	Parish Council meetings. All at 7.30pm
Aug 19, Sept 2, Sept 16, Sept 30, Oct 14, Oct 28	Youth Club. Age 10 to 14ish. Fridays at 7.30pm
First Tuesday of the month at the Black Horse	Over 50s Pub lunch. Book on 345216
All events will take place at the Millennium Hall except where stated.	

## Windmill Artists Exhibition With Bistro

This popular annual Art Exhibition and Bistro will once again be held at:

**Lacey Green Village Hall  
Saturday November 5th  
10.30am - 4.00pm**



As usual the all day Bistro will be serving morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea and we look forward to seeing you all at this sociable event

## LOOSLEY ROW AND LACEY GREEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL VILLAGE QUIZ

Wednesday 19th. October 2011  
7.30.p.m. for 7.45.p.m. in the Village Hall

Members of the Loosley Row and Lacey Green Women's Institute would like to invite all villagers and those who use the Village Hall, to enter one or two teams of four people for this fun evening.

Entry is £2.00. per head. We shall also be raising money for the Village Hall by means of a raffle and a collection box, so please bring your spare coins, and contribute generously to this very worthwhile cause.

# Chairman's report



As I write this article we have been experiencing a mix of sunshine and showers. I hope that we will all have a pleasant summer now the children are off school!

The car park is our main concern at the moment and we are hoping to get this sorted during August if we can find a suitable contractor. Please bear with us if you are inconvenienced while we fix the

surface, it shouldn't be a long job once they have started.

The Village Hall continues to offer lots of activities and has now added ballroom dancing lessons to its long and varied list!

Despite our concerns that the commercial bookings may struggle during 2011 we have certainly been pleasantly surprised. The Hall is still very popular and we have many recommendations and lots of repeat users. We receive lots of positive feedback relating to the condition of the hall and continue to work hard with the ongoing maintenance. We would like to thank all of the regular users for taking such good care of the hall.

Enjoy the summer and we all hope to see you in the Hall soon.

**Clive Hodghton**

## Volunteers

We are all happy to take advantage but only a few are willing to give. How often do you attend a village event and leave without even putting your crockery on a pile or stacking a few chairs - you may have paid, but the money does not

go to the volunteers, it is usually recycled **for your benefit**.

This village has numerous clubs and activities because we have volunteers to run them. Some clubs however do close because the volunteers get no relief. This is invariably because a volunteer feels they will be stuck with it. This does not have to be the case. Make it clear that you will take it on for a fixed term and stick to it even though you are happy to carry on.

## LACEY GREEN VILLAGE SHOP IS 2 YEARS OLD

Thank you to all the customers, volunteers and suppliers who have supported the shop during the past 2 years.

The shop has locally sourced products for sale including ice cream, free range eggs, honey, cards, jams and marmalade. It also takes orders for daily newspapers.

We would like to increase the opening hours to include the afternoon hours. To do that we need more volunteers!

If you have a couple of hours to spare each month please contact Angela Roberts 01844 347603

Tony Molesworth 01844 344975

## CURTAIN-MAKING ONE DAY COURSE FOR BEGINNERS AND SECOND TIMERS!

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Wednesday 14 September 2011

Starts 9.15am until 4.30pm

Lacey Green Millennium Hall.

Anne Openshaw

When this is seen to happen more people will volunteer and as you have done your bit you are entitled to sit back, although you don't have to.

As a volunteer its easy to feel that people are treating you as a mug and sooner or later the volunteer will have had enough. If you can't take on a role full time you might offer to help in some aspect or on occasions. A problem shared is a problem solved.

**Leigh Axe**

## Thame SC Is Coming To Princes Risborough

Please check the website regularly for any updates



**Thame SC will be running sessions  
At Risborough Springs on Sundays  
6pm – 8pm Starting 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011**



*Thame Swimming Club is coming to Princes Risborough. The club will be offering one and two hour training sessions on Sunday evenings between 6pm & 8pm, starting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011.*

*Swimmers would be welcome to come for a trial session when they will be assessed on technique for all four strokes. However, it is not necessary to be a competent in swimmer in every stroke as technique improvement is fundamental to the Club's training regime.*

*If you are interested in developing your swimming competitively and live in the Princes Risborough area, please contact us on [secretary@thameswimmingclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@thameswimmingclub.co.uk) to book a trial.*

# Lacey Green Singers

Lacey Green Singers were some of about 1,500 performers at the Royal Albert Hall evening concert on Sunday 10th July of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana.

The group is called "The Really BIG Chorus" and comprised singers from many countries. One group of youngsters had travelled from the USA. The conductor was Brian Kay, as for the previous year's concert there including Lacey Green Singers.

Three of us travelled on a coach with the Singers from our Lacey Green School to the Albert Hall and enjoyed the day on the South Bank while our singers were rehearsing, then we all had our evening meal together before walking to the Hall for the 7.30pm concert.



What a memorably enjoyable concert! Our Singers were located in different parts of the Albert Hall, so our sopranos were with sopranos from other parts of the world, etc. Performers and audience

alike were enthusiastic about every aspect of the evening.

**Norman Tyler**

## Kids Comedy Workshop



The first 5 week course of the Kids Comedy Workshop (KCW) came to an end on the 9<sup>th</sup> July with a 30 minute show to parents and friends. This featured 12 great children aged 7-11 years old performing some of the skills that we have been developing, mime, sketches, joke telling and circus skills.

We had great fun over the 5 Saturday mornings. Our sessions

begin with physical and vocal warm-ups before starting with some of the skills that we tried to develop. These are led by the Comedy Coaches, young people aged 13+.

The purpose of the KCW is to foster creativity, boost confidence and provide children with an outlet for their creative and performance capabilities.

Format of the classes is typically:

- Warm up
- Mime
- Joke telling
- Poems and Sketches
- Clowning, circus skills, etc.

Next term we plan to offer an older class too, and will work towards a show and possibly competitions, but we shall see how it all goes. We also hope to do something to support comic relief, so please keep your eyes open for announcements!

Thanks to St John's School for the use of their hall, to our comedy coaches, Alexandra, Matt, Jonny and Sam. Also a huge thank you to our young comedians.

If anyone would like more information, please contact Lizzie Thomas-Davies on 07879 420264 or 01844-342173 or email [lizbags@aol.com](mailto:lizbags@aol.com) for an application form for next term.

**Hugh Thomas-Davies**

# Lacey Green Productions

## Get ready for two dramatic events from LGP this autumn!

Come and be a jury member to decide guilt or otherwise. "The Dove" is a short dramatisation of a fictitious courtroom scene in which a judge presents the audience with his summing up of a case. Some of the actions described in the summing up will be presented as dramatic scenes. The audience will then be invited to divide into several jury groups, to elect a foreman, to discuss the evidence given in the summing up and to arrive at a verdict. And yes, since this is LGP, we propose to serve a one course meal and drinks to our audience during their jury room discussions! At the end of the evening we shall compare the results from our juries.

"The Dove" is a brand new and completely original way of entertaining our audiences and we are sure that you will find that the jury discussion element of the evening will stimulate your little grey cells. This is NOT a murder

mystery. There is no "right" answer.  
YOU ARE THE JURY

"The Dove" will be presented at "Chipko", Parslows Hillock as our sixth Theatre at Home production on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Tickets will be available shortly by telephoning 01844 347518 or 01844 344207.

Dramatic event number two will be our dinner theatre in the Village Hall at the end of November. This year we are planning to present a dramatic adaptation of the "Arabian Nights" story, which was first performed by the Young Vic Theatre in London in 1998. Included in the play are some of the well known stories told by Sharazad to the King. "Arabian Nights" will be great fun for us to perform and for you to watch.

"Arabian Nights" has lots of characters in the different stories, so if you would like to be involved with LGP, this is the time to step forward! We are certain that we could find a part for you in this play.

Tickets for "Arabian Nights" dinner theatre will be available from September and the play will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 24th, 25th and 26th. Telephone 01844 347518 or 01844 344207 for more details.

From both of the above productions we shall be sending donations to charities, the details of which are still to be decided. Book Aid International received £1,123 from LGP after our production of "I Thought I Heard a Rustling" last April. In May we helped Steeple Claydon church to raise £1,200 for their new hall by performing our murder mystery entertainment "Bound to Die". These two figures have taken our total donations to nearly £46,000 since LGP began in 1983.

Finally, we have our new web site at [www.laceylgreenproductions.co.uk](http://www.laceylgreenproductions.co.uk) which we hope to link to the Hallmark site to provide extra information and news of our current events.

**Peter Brookhouse**

## ZIMBE!

On 16th July, a Summer Concert of exciting African Music by the talented young modern composer Alexander L'Estrange was performed by Lacey Green Singers. They were joined by the year 5 and 6 school choir, and conducted by Fiona Insley. Four soloists, drawn from the ranks of the choir, Sereta Parker, Jane Elmadoro, Matt Insley and Ray Gosling, formed a semi chorus.

The combined choirs were accompanied by a jazz quartet, and the school hall was full to capacity. The evening was very different from anything previously attempted by L.G.S. and was

enjoyed by all. The African rhythms had everyone tapping their feet, and swaying to the beat.

Enormous thanks must go to Fiona Insley, for having the inspiration to attempt this work, and gently persuading the older members of Lacey Green Singers well out of their comfort zone. She had also trained the school choir, who were really fabulous. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and it was obvious that they really enjoyed themselves.

Fiona had the responsibility of bringing two choirs, a semi chorus and a group of instrumentalists together, and she succeeded brilliantly in this difficult task.

The choir would like to thank Mr. de Wolf and the school staff for helping in the staging of this event.

As usual, at a summer concert, the evening finished with some truly delicious refreshments. Sadly, the weather did not allow these to be served outside, but everyone stayed and enjoyed socialising together.

This was a charity concert, in aid of the Gideon Anti AIDS foundation in Uganda. I hope to able to report back on how much was raised, and also to include some photographs in the next edition of Hallmark.

**Rosemary Mortham**

# Wildlife Notes

Even by British standards the year so far has been an odd one, with some parts of the country seeing the driest spring for over a hundred years. This seems to have confused many plants, both in gardens and in the wild, fooling them into flowering as much as a month early.

Of course we all know that one of the joys (?) of life in this country is never knowing what the weather is going to throw at us next, and it certainly wouldn't be a good idea to take every hot spell as proof of global warming (I remember someone pointing out that when the last Labour government came to power the weather suddenly improved!) but there does seem to be growing evidence that our climate is changing.

The Woodland Trust hopes to answer the question one way or the other and is appealing to people across the country to report the first and last sightings of particular flowers, birds, bumblebees and berries on their local patch.

If you have access to the Internet and would like to help by keeping an eye on our local wildlife you can find out more by going to [www.naturescalendar.org.uk](http://www.naturescalendar.org.uk).

Whatever the cause, with luck all that spring warmth, together with plenty of much-needed rain in July, could mean that we will see a bumper harvest of blackberries in local hedgerows this autumn, which is good news not only for crumble-fanciers but for all those animals,



*Parasol Mushroom*

including badgers, foxes, wood mice, wasps and butterflies, which enjoy them too.

And with plenty of summer rain we might also be able to look forward to a good crop of mushrooms: both the traditional field variety and the much larger and more striking parasol, with its shaggy cap and a collar which can slide up and down the stalk like the ring on a Victorian lady's parasol. It makes good eating, though of course you need to be sure of your identification. There should be plenty of other fungi to look out for too.

Last year for example one Lacey Green field (I won't mention which one in case it attracts the wrong sort of attention!) erupted in a miniature forest of liberty caps: the tiny but famous or infamous 'magic mushroom'. I don't know whether cattle actually eat them, nor whether they are affected in the same hallucinogenic way as humans, but come the autumn it might be worth keeping an eye open for strange behaviour in the local herds!

**John Tyler**

## ON WHITELLEAF CROSS

*Rising sun on frosted Chiltern morning,  
Dogs and early walkers taste the air,  
Laughter on misting breath and weather greetings,  
Friends on the Cross who seldom meet elsewhere.*

*Along with Collies, Labradors, Jack Russells,  
Retrievers, Pointers, dogs of various hues  
Bringing their people to this place of burial,  
Ancient worship and outstanding views.*

*Here in the crystal air the senses tingle,  
Below, a seascape, islands here and there,  
Bledlow Kop a gentle wooded headland,  
And further out Long Crendon Super Mare.*

*Each viewer spends what time there is for gazing  
Then turns away toward the pressing day,  
Leaving behind a jewelled morning's glory;  
Soon, in the Vale the sea is burnt away.*

*Brian Panter*

## On The Farm

In mid April I was commenting on the dry conditions and how concerned we were getting. And still it continued. At the end of the month we drilled the maize as usual. This cannot be done until the risk of frost is past. We grow several fields of maize besides the one in which we design the maze. It is made into silage for winter fodder for the animals, as is the grass and sometimes when short, the arable crops.

For weeks it didn't germinate the ground was so dry. I used the word "Weed" when talking to someone recently and was promptly told that a weed was only a plant in the wrong place. This may well be so but it seems to me that in my world weeds have an extraordinary ability over and above most plants to thrive when others are struggling to survive - as my garden bears testament! Crops were at a standstill. In places with sandier soils than here some crops actually died and were ploughed up.

Luckily on our poor old soil they hung on and then, at last, it rained. I thought of the 1950's song "The day that the rain came down, mother earth smiled again"\*. It was sensible rain, not violent storms that just run off, but such that it soaked in.

The ground had become deeply warmed so everything grew really fast. It all smelled so invigorating. Things have turned round quite quickly and what looked like being a grass shortage now promises a reasonable year.

So now it is mid-July. It has been an extraordinary week when so much has been going on. Apart from the daily routine, we brought 460 bales of barley straw from Slough Bottom, bought from a farmer who has started his combining. It had to come on small trailers because of the low bridge there.

It was good that we were able to get it as we were down to less than one day's supply needed for our bedding out of the 3,500 bales we started with last year. We mowed, turned, baled and stored 30 acres of hay at the far end of Naphill. We made 35 acres into silage at Kingshill, Parslows Hillock and the maze car park.

On Thursday the foot trimmer dealt with about forty cows' feet. The land is so flinty here that they are prone to getting them in their feet which is obviously very painful. A rubber floor was installed in the milking parlour to give them a better grip than on the concrete.

For good measure two days training was fitted in, three men on each day on the industrial loader. It is a legal requirement that training is given. This machine is used for loading and unloading lorries and trailers.

Much is delivered on pallets and the bales of silage and straw weigh between quarter to half a ton. It lifts the ingredients for the animals' food into the mixer wagon which after mixing spews it out into the long troughs that serve as a self service buffet. With over three hundred dairy cows and their younger followers this is one major job of the day.

The loader is very versatile from clamping silage (maize) to cleaning out buildings which is being done now ready for harvest. The machinery is being serviced ready to start any day now. Oil seed rape first, then wheat and lastly in October the maize.

We have now had enough rain. To have it dry for harvest would be a wonderful bonus. Next rain around 10<sup>th</sup> September would be perfect, after the oil seed rape for next year has been planted. Did some-one say "And pigs might fly!" We dream on!!!

\*by Pierre Delaney. English lyrics by Carl Sigman and Gilbert Becaud.

**Joan West**

## Obituary - Kathleen May Dell

We are all sad to acknowledge the passing of May Dell in what would have been her 90th year. She was one of the characters of the village.

May arrived in Lacey Green as a teenager with the evacuees from London. May met and fell in love with Bert Dell and eventually made Lacey Green her home. For many years May and Bert ran our local village shop here in Lacey Green until her retirement to their

8 home they built in Kiln Lane.

In latter years she frequented the Black Horse for her lunch and also the Whiteleaf in Princes Risborough. She was always waiting at the door at 12pm sometimes much earlier and we would have to say "come back in half an hour May and your lunch will be waiting". After a deterioration of her health she had to be looked after, and she went to a residential home in Princes Risborough where she

remained until she peacefully passed away.

We will all miss her walking up and down the village day and night going to see her friends and relatives. This year it just seems like an end to an era in Lacey Green, so many of the old faces have passed away: John West, Ivor Kellaway, Phyllis Dell, and May Dell; rest in peace to you all.

**Lynne Comley**

# Woodbyne Cycling Challenge



Over the weekend 18th/19th June Woodbyne Fitness Clinic of Lacey Green, entered two teams to take part in the Ride24 Challenge around the Motor Racing Circuit at Goodwood.

The teams were Paul Johnstone, Simon Bolton, Jenny Greene & Mo Oxlade and Andy Frew, Paul Beeks, Dan Roberts & Amanda Woodward.

Each team of 4 had to complete as many 2.5 mile laps as possible in 24 hours, replicating the Le Mans 24 hour motor racing event. Every team member cycled a total of 6 hours, each doing stints of one hour on track with three hours recovery.

Unfortunately the weather was far from ideal. It was recorded as the

worst weekend of the year with 50mph winds, heavy rain and even sleet at times, which made cycling in the dark interesting to say the least.

However, everyone still really enjoyed it and our teams finished 31st & 32nd out of the 70 teams that participated.

The event takes place on an annual basis. We'd all highly recommend anyone interested in Road Cycling having a go - the organisation and atmosphere at the event is superb. It's nice to try something a bit different.

Anyone interested in joining us for regular weekend rides, please feel free to contact the gym.

## The Lacey Green 2011 maize maze is probably the biggest Snakes and Ladders Board ever!

Covering over 15 acres and including over 40,000 feet of paths, the maze paths will take you up ladders and down snakes, and visa versa no doubt!

There are 15 puzzles, all about games, to solve along the way as well as the challenge to identify what Sid, our Friendly Snake, has eaten by mistake. The latest we heard was that the farmer's welly boot was missing.

Back by popular demand we have our other attractions - Tea Shop and Ice Creams, Bouncy Trampolines, Very Crazy Golf and Pedal Go-Karts on a tyre-circuit. All-in-all a fun day out with something for all the family! Can you solve the mystery of the maze? Open for the summer holidays, Saturday 23rd July to Sunday 11th September 2011.

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# County Council News



## Council Administration

Whilst there were no County Council elections this year there has been a major change within the administration. David Shakespeare, who has led the council for ten years, was replaced by Martin Tett and a new cabinet was put in place. What this means is that with new leadership comes new direction. This was immediately seen by the announcement that more money, circa £5M, would be released for road repairs this year with more to follow in the next.

## Road Repairs

Following this announcement a programme of major road repairs has been identified. Discussion took place with the local members for each Council Division to identify five priority roads for repair. For my Division this has been difficult as it covers seven parishes and has more than seventy roads many of which do not conform to the standard you would expect. The choice was clear that only those roads which carry substantial volumes of traffic and/or were in poor condition could be considered. The roads eventually chosen are: *Bryants Bottom Road, Hampden; Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge; Wigans Lane, Bledlow; Haw Lane, Bledlow; Glade Road/Honor End Lane,*

10      *Hampden; and Cadsden Road, Cadsden.*

This does add to six but as some are shared with other Divisions an exception was agreed. I would apologise if your road is not on the list but this does not mean that repairs will not be done. In addition to this programme, work on a smaller scale repairs is scheduled for: Flowers Bottom Lane, Speen; Wendover Road, Butlers Cross; Ellesborough Road, Butlers Cross; Rignal Road, Hampden. Work to repair dangerous pot holes and other defects will also continue so please report any you see. The number to call is 0845 230 2882 or go on-line at

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport)

where you can also report problems and track the work.

## Day Care in Princes Risborough

Following consultation about the proposed changes to Day Care Services and in particular the proposal to close the Centre in Princes Risborough, the County Council agreed to look at alternative community proposals to provide a service in Princes Risborough. Taking up the Big Society initiative the Cabinet agreed in March, that the local community in Princes Risborough would be given first option to run services in and from the Day Centre building.

A lot of work has taken place to develop a business case, with support from officers from the Council, and this has now been given approval by Cabinet members, subject to the formal sign up of 5 parties (which includes Princes Risborough Town Council) who will establish a Social Enterprise Trust to run the service. This is really good news for our area and means that a range of services will be continued to be provided.

## Academy bid for the Upper School.

Following the Government announcement that all schools

would be allowed to bid for academy status the Upper School in Princes Risborough has taken advantage of the offer. As a governor at the school I have supported this bid as it does give greater flexibility to manage budgets and set the direction of study for the students. As with all change there is a degree of uncertainty about the future but what is clear is that to remain within local authority control would mean less funding for the school and therefore less resources for teaching and learning. It has been stressed that the basic day to day teaching will not be changed and outwardly the school will remain much the same. The name will remain as will the staff. What will have changed is that the school will have become independent and will be managing its own budget directly funded from the Government.

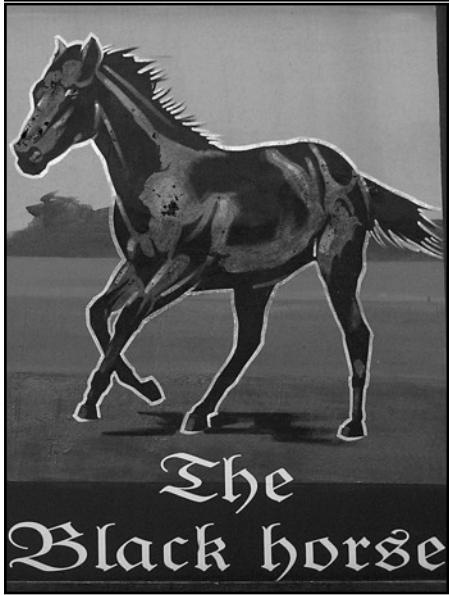
## Fire Authority - First Responders

This is really good news for us in rural parts. Following the Regional Review of the Ambulance Service, opportunities were identified for other agencies to fill some gaps identified where attendance times for ambulance crews were not meeting targets. The Fire and Rescue Service (F&R) in Hampshire were asked to give evidence and from this demonstrated how they were providing a First Responder service in areas which had restricted ambulance cover. From this a pilot has been established in Amersham by Bucks F&R which is proving successful. Building on this it is intended that Princes Risborough Station will be joining the scheme later this year.

If you have a concern about County 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**

# The Black Horse



Summer is here, the sun is shining, so it's now time to come along to the pub, sit in the garden have a bite to eat and maybe a jug of Pimms. It would be nice to see a few more of the locals of Lacey Green coming along to support their local pubs. Come along and give us all a try.

We have just had our end of season trophy awards for dominoes and crib. Well done to the Black Horse A team for winning the league and to the Whip for coming runners-up. It is great that we have kept the trophies up on the hill.

Aunt Sally is well on the way, every Friday night in the garden starting at 8.30pm, weather permitting.

Congratulations to Duncan and Lauren for the birth of a beautiful little sister to Libby Francesca.

It was nice to see the piece in the Bucks Free Press about the Black Horse 15 years ago. It was 15 years ago I came to the Black Horse only expecting to stay here maybe a year to keep the pub open and running while the discussion was going on at the council whether to build houses on the land. We were owned by Discovery Inns then, and they had all their pubs up for sale, but were hoping they could sell the Black Horse for a considerable amount for land value. A few of the villagers started up a save the pub petition and eventually after a lot of hard work the council declined the plans and put them aside for seven years.

After 6 new landlords we are still going, now run by Admiral Taverns and hopefully the pub will carry on for a few years to come, whether it will be me running it or somebody else.

So much has changed over the past fifteen years; people have come and people have gone, some have moved or died or just gone elsewhere. But some are still with me after all this time such as Gordan Turner and family, Phil Dell and family, Mark van Riesen, Gerald, Sid, Mark and Kath and

family, Roger and Wendy and family, Sue and Ian and Becky and now baby, my very special friend Pam Dell and family, Graham and Janet, John and Jo Jones and family, Andy and Brenda, Guy, Kevin, Chris Shrimpton, Chris and Jane and family, Nigel --and many more.

Also staff that have been with me from the start, Gemma Kellaway, Janet and Joe Ware, Kim and Olivia and of course my really good neighbours who put up with living next to the pub and are also very good friends, Ian and Lisa and Rubble.

This is a thank you for all sticking with me for 15 years If I have missed your name on this page I apologise.

My staff I have watched grow up, get married and now have their own children - watch out they will be working for me in another 15 years. I also thank all my regulars that have used the pub for a long time .

We need more teams for quiz night, we may have to cancel this if we cannot get any more interest. It is the last Sunday of the month. Breakfasts are still going okay, and the overs 50s is still going strong.

Have a really good summer!

**Lynne Comley**



For the last year, the Environmental Law Foundation (E.L.F.) has been running a project to raise awareness of environmental rights in the U.K.

One of the many things learned from residents through our events is the huge extent to which air

pollution, noise pollution and fly-tipping blight peoples' lives, particularly those living in more marginalised communities.

As part of our project we put together four legal tool-kits that aim to help ordinary citizens access the planning system and understand their environmental rights. Each is now free to download from the E.L.F. web site.

<http://www.elflaw.org>

1. Your Rights in Planning Decisions
2. E.L.F. Guide to Noise Pollution
3. E.L.F. Guide to Air Pollution
4. E.L.F. Guide to Fly Tipping

E.L.F.'s Advice and Referral Service deals with enquiries from members of the public with environmental concerns and refers their cases for free initial advice to its network of advisers made up of solicitors, barristers and technical consultants across the UK.

# Pink and Lily



*Steve Worrall*

The wine flowed and the chocolate fountain gurgled as the new owner of the Pink and Lily played host to local businesses and organisations at the end of July.

Steve Worrall is the new owner and is fired up with enthusiasm. He has had a long career in the pub business, starting as a manager of community pubs up north with Scottish and Newcastle Breweries. He then moved on to Greene King where he had a variety of management roles and has now gone out on his own as landlord and owner.

The Pink is his first pub and he has a clear vision of what he wants it to be. Food is the key point of a modern country pub and he is aiming to be a cut above normal 'pub grub' but avoiding the expensive prices charged by 'Gastropubs'.

Steve told me that he wants to ensure that drinkers are still welcome even if they are not eating, and it will not become a pure restaurant. They are also keen to host functions and events, so they are open for party bookings and business functions.

I also met the new assistant manager, Dave, who will be living in the pub and I suspect will be doing the day to day operational management. He also has a long career in the hospitality industry, working in pubs and restaurants.

I did not meet Chris, the chef, as he was busy supervising the kitchen. I can however report that the canapés and mini-burgers were delicious. Chris has a background in up-market restaurants and is committed to using best quality ingredients from local farms. They expect to have a stable core menu but to also feature various daily specials depending on the best ingredients available in the season.

The current menu looks adventurous and delicious. Featuring sea bass, crayfish, wild boar, chorizo - I felt hungry immediately!

It will be interesting to see if Steve can attract back some of the local business that drifted away from the Pink during the last few years - he certainly has got the enthusiasm and vision to make it a real asset to the village.

**Mike Piercy**

## Windmill dressed for Royal Wedding



As prominent features in the landscape, windmills would often be used to recognise national events by being "dressed" in a similar way to a boat being "dressed" with flags and bunting. To mark the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton (who immediately became the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge), the sails of Lacey Green Windmill were dressed for the day, which was rather a grey one at Lacey Green.

The windmill's sails were parked in the position that traditionally notes a happy occasion, which is just before

the ascending sail has reached the upright position. The top sail just starting to descend on the other side is a position to denote a sorrowful occasion.

However, I rather suspect that such fine detail was not realised by many of the people who may have seen the bunting flapping in the strong breeze.

Only a couple of people have told me that they appreciated seeing the windmill "dressed" for the occasion, but one of them did tell me that they had visitors from Scotland who were impressed.



It seems a long time now since the local elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. As there were only five prospective candidates for the five Parish Council seats for the Lacey Green and Loosley Row Ward, there was no need for a poll. All five previous candidates were returned unopposed.

There was a change for the two seats in the Speen Ward. Roger Clark tendered his resignation after several years of service. David Clay, who was welcomed as a new Councillor at the Annual Meeting in May, replaced him. David was formerly a resident of Lacey Green, but now resides in Speen. Councillor Mrs. Cathryn Davies was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Roger Craft re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

The Parish Council has expressed disappointment regarding the entry gate in Woodway to Loosley Row. Mr. Paul Roberts of Bucks County Council advised there were not a lot of options available and the design had to be approved by the Department of Transport. (DfT)

It was not possible to change the gateway without submitting revised drawings and seeking approval from DfT. This would add significantly to the cost. Mr. Roberts also advised no

other gateway features were proposed for the Parish. A further site meeting is to be arranged between Parish Councillors and Bucks County Council.

A letter objecting to the closure of the Princes Risborough Delivery Office has been sent to Royal Mail. The closure would have a very adverse affect on the Parish regarding delivery of mail and the collection of parcels, if it were to be implemented.

The proposal is to move the Office to the Aylesbury Vale site near Wendover. Undelivered items will be returned to Aylesbury. The Aylesbury Office is not on a bus route, therefore two buses and a significant walk will be required for those who do not drive.

A free redelivery service is available to those who have the Internet, those who do not will have to use a costly telephone service, plus a local pick up will cost £1.50. The redelivery service is not timed.

Mail will be delivered later as the postmen/women will be starting out from Aylesbury, therefore considerable travelling time will be incurred.

Those that collect their mail directly from the Office will need to drive to Aylesbury. The 9.00.a.m. special delivery would be impossible to undertake.

Royal Mail advise they are liaising with local MPs and Princes Risborough Town Council regarding the closure.

The design of the replacement War Memorial in the Garden of Rest has finally been approved. This incorporates the four brick piers with Portland stone caps saved from the previous Memorial. A new seat has generously been donated anonymously and this will be included as a feature in the design. It is anticipated work will be able to commence in the near future.

With winter in mind, funding has been approved for the provision of five more grit bins for the Parish. The proposed locations for these, yet to be confirmed, are: two in Speen, one on Loosley Hill, Loosley Row, near North Sprat, one at junction of Woodbank and Little Lane, Loosley Row and one at Shootacre Lane/Upper Icknield Way crossroads.

**Dennis Clayton**



After 65 years supporting older people, local charity Age Concern Bucks is now celebrating changing its name and branding to become Age UK Buckinghamshire.

Age UK Bucks will still be the independent charity helping local older people to have a better quality of life.

It will continue to provide tailored support and services for people living in the area, including Information & Advice, Advocacy, Welfare Benefits, Befriending and Rural Day Care.

But the even better news for older people who are finding it a bit of a struggle to manage everything at home, there are a range of services which will come to you to make your life easier.

So if you need a Handy person, Painting & Decorating, Neat Feet toe nail cutting, domestic house cleaning & laundry, Gardening, Computer Lessons, Therapeutic Massage of feet, hands, shoulders, Gardening, Mobile Hairdressing or even help with relocating or with Independent financial advice:

Just call Age UK Bucks on 01296 431911.

# Loosley Row and Lacey Green WI

With great enthusiasm on the 28th May, twenty five members celebrated the Royal Wedding with their own special 'HEN PARTY' at Hartwell House. The Bucks Fizz toast for the Royal Couple was given by our eldest member Connie Baker, followed by a most entertaining and informative talk by Mr Thompson, the Manager of Hartwell House, on the history of this beautiful building.

Then we made our way to the special dining room set aside for our party and enjoyed a lunch which was beautiful to look at and delicious to eat.

Finally we strolled the grounds before returning home delighted

that we had been able to enjoy a really special occasion for William & Kate, now to be known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Our meeting on the 12th May turned out to be far from satisfactory, for the resolution for debate on closer inspection was badly worded so no vote could be taken!

Thankfully the talk by our own Leigh Axe on 'The Life of a Policeman' went very well, illustrating both the serious and amusing incidents which make up the life of a typical policeman.

As we go to press I'm afraid that our speaker for July 'Making the

most of your memory' forgot to arrive! However we enjoyed tea and cake to celebrate Connie Baker's ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD BIRTHDAY! And made our plan for the theatre trip to West Side Story and the visit to Enid Blyton's garden and cream tea.

With each report I extend a welcome to new members and there has been some response. BUT we really do need a new TREASURER, so if any lady who is free on the first and second Thursday afternoons in the month could fill this role, we would be so grateful (ring 01844 346469 for details)

**Jean Gabbitas**

## Strawberry Tea

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Strawberry Tea. We held it in the school by kind permission of Head Teacher Mr De Wolf. The West Wycombe Brass Band made for a most entertaining afternoon. They were rewarded with plenty of applause.

The weather wasn't quite warm enough to be outside and showers were possible, so we decided to have it in the school's hall, where we'd enjoyed it on a previous occasion.



Folk didn't all arrive for the start of the West Wycombe Brass Band's concert at 3pm. But the hall filled up by the time the strawberries & cream, a good selection of home-

made cakes & scones, tea & coffee were served in the interval.

There were plenty of well-known as well as lesser-known people to chat, eat and listen with. Young families could also be seen enjoying themselves.

This is what village life is all about! Sincere thanks to all who donated cakes and helped in many ways on the day.

**Bette Tyler**





*Connie looking back over many happy memories*

The Happy Wanderers Walking Club recently celebrated its formation twenty years ago.

The club was inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1991 by our Club's first coordinator, Ted Janes, known for many initiatives in Lacey Green and Loosley Row.

Ted's aim was to have fun walks, with good healthy exercise, good company, no more than 5 or 6 miles – unless we get lost, and at a comfortable pace. It is not intended to be a serious rambling club.

This vision of twenty years ago still continues and the club continues to thrive.

The Club was first publicly advertised at the Village Day in 1991 and the picture shows our President Ted Janes and his wife Jean carrying a banner along Main Road followed by some of our present members.

I recently met with Ted to talk about the early days of the Club and after some thought he gave me the following reply. 'I really can't remember all the original walkers although there was Marion and Les Hazell, Val and Nick Tilbury, Pat Slade, Tony Smart, Roger Buckley,

Carole and John Hanna, Sylvia and Ray Hewinson, Shirley Billsborough, Connie Baker, Ursula and Derek Glyn-Jones, Mary Adams, Lisa Tagg, Dawne and Frank Glenister who was Coordinator for several years.

The first walk was led by Jean and myself, with just Connie Baker, Mary Adams and Lisa Tagg. The third walk was rained off – only because I thought it was too wet; two members waited half an hour – an important lesson that walkers are made of stern stuff. Our early walks were often taken from the B.C.C. walk leaflets sometimes as far as 10 miles; stopping for lunches didn't start till later.'

Connie who was one of the first members did not join until she was 83. She well remembers the meeting when the name Happy Wanderers was chosen and is delighted the pursuit of happiness is still our main aim.

Connie has just celebrated her 103th birthday and is a wonderful example of how an active body and mind is the key to longevity, although she does find stiles a challenge nowadays.

Nowadays, the Sunday walks start and finish at a pub where we enjoy a roast lunch and a chat. Our members come from a wide background and you can guarantee a lively conversation and even good advice. The number of members is now over fifty and often thirty people come on the Sunday walks.

Some members meet in the Millennium Hall car park once a month for a Wednesday morning walk, normally starting a short ride away.

Until very recently it was usually led by Ursula-Glyn Jones, sometimes by Shirley Billsborough and now by Martyn and Linda Taylor. These shorter walks allow people to take the walk a little more steadily and enjoy the view and wonder at the huge range of plants and animals to be found within a stone's throw of our village.

In good time for our twentieth anniversary celebrations we discussed how this occasion could be recognised. One suggestion was to ask the Chiltern Society to install a new gate through their Donate a Gate scheme. The organiser, Stuart



*Village day celebrations 1991*

# Happy Wandering

Gulliman was most helpful and invited us to submit suggestions for a gate to replace a stile within the village.

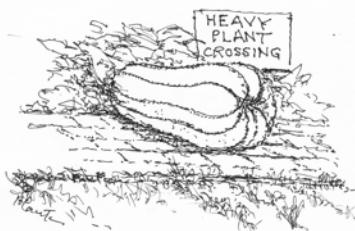
An ideal place was found that would benefit people walking their dogs and was also on the Chiltern Way. To our delight Bucks CC offered to supply us with a further gate free of charge and so in due course two gates were installed. The gate next to the bus stop by the Whip public house has a plaque commemorating our Twentieth Anniversary.

On our annual Summer Stroll in June over forty of our Happy Wanderers celebrated the occasion with a walk followed by dinner. We started at the Pink and Lily where we ordered our meal ready for our return an hour later. We began by walking along the Chiltern Way to the Windmill where we celebrated with a glass of champagne at the new gate and commemoration plaque.

We gently tottered back to the Pink and Lilly and to everyone's joy Ginnie Brudenell and Ann Openshaw had made a beautifully iced cake showing a Chiltern scene even with tiny gates. The candles were lit and the food and wine served to the assembled happy members.

Our Chairman Ian Goodearl offered a toast to the future of the Club, the cake was duly cut and a good time had by all.

## Ronnie and Liz Lewin



*Ron Goodearl, Norman Tyler, Ursula Glyn-Jones, Jean and Ted Janes at the gate to show the commemoration plaque*



*The celebration cake showing the Chiltern countryside*



*A champagne toast in front of the new gates*

# Horticultural Society

## National Mills Day

May 15 was National Mills Day and the Horticultural Society put on its annual plant sale to raise money for charity. The pictures show the stall and the interior of the mill.



## Coming Events

### Sat 3rd Sep 2011

#### Annual Show

Lacey Green Millennium Hall

1.30 entries. 4.30 viewing

Sponsored by Pickels Farm



Windmill Under 5's Pre-School,  
Lacey Green + Loosley Row Sports  
& Social Club,  
Main Road, Lacey Green, Bucks  
(Next door to St John's School)

### Wed 21st Sep 2011

#### Dahlias

by Mr Keith Perrin

8pm Millennium Hall

Sponsored by Clark & Sons,  
Butchers

'Providing a happy,  
caring environment for your child'



We take 2½ to 5 year olds

Our hours are: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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For more information or to arrange a visit please...

telephone our Administrator: **07502 198405**

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or visit our website:

**[www.windmillunder5s.co.uk](http://www.windmillunder5s.co.uk)**

### Sat 1st Oct 2011

#### BAHS Autumn Show

Hosted by us

Lacey Green Millennium Hall

# Horticultural Society

## Red Kites visit

On June 29 some Horticultural Society members visited the private garden at Red Kites on Haw Lane.

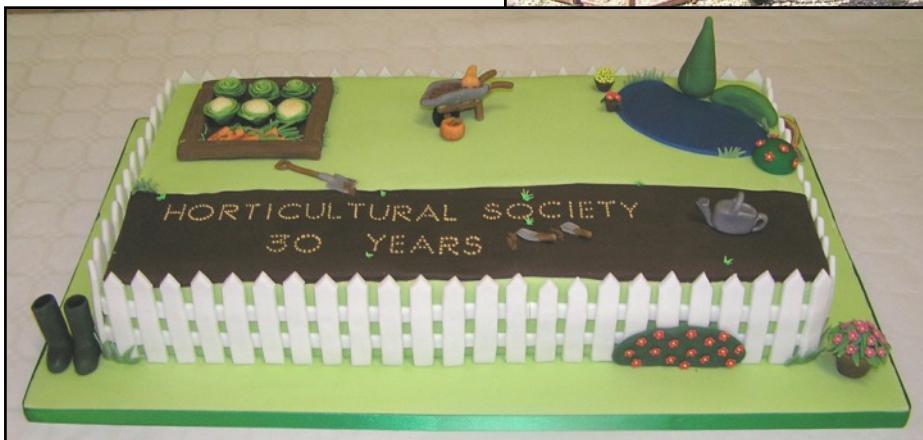
As you can see from these two pictures, the gardens are a delight.



One of the visitors described the gardens as “marvellous, memorable, possibly unique”

## 30th Anniversary

As you approached the village hall, you couldn't help noticing the sight & smell of the hog roast in the far left corner of the car park. The roasting began with lighting the fire around 9.30am & starting roasting at 10, starting to serve at 6pm. I was told by the man doing the cooking at mid-day that he bought the free-range hog from an Oxford butcher, believing that results in better-tasting crackling.



The anniversary cake was made by Stella Boll's daughter-in-law, Alpa Boll, who lives in Loosley Row & is planning to make cakes to order for sale.

Her web site is  
[www.simplyalpa.co.uk](http://www.simplyalpa.co.uk).

# Sports Club: Football Section

I have the pleasure of revealing the conclusion to the final countdown of last season. I remember finishing the last edition with a certain rueful tone. It turned out that this was a rather incorrect mood to be in.

The last two games we played were no easy matches, but we found that our fitness seems to be the pinnacle point in our performances, and we were able to defeat our opponents comfortably. It was now all down to the last game of the season, again, a position that none of the squad thought we'd ever have the pleasure of being in. The reality was very simple. We had to win, Sunters Wood had to lose. We did our bit, a 5-0 victory away at Longwick. Sunters Wood won 3-2 with 2 minutes to go, after being 2-0 down at half time. A big blow to what would have been a fantastic way to finish our second season, but like I have always said, 3<sup>rd</sup> is no disappointment with a relatively developing squad.

This years High Wycombe Sunday Combination AGM revealed that due to a dozen teams joining the league next season, the tables have taken a bit of a mix up. This means that we have been moved up, 'promoted' if you will, to Division 2. This means an even greater challenge for 2011-2012, as we will be meeting half a dozen new teams that we have no prior history or experience with. This challenge could not come sooner; a still vibrant and motivated team is relishing the prospect.



Our sights are definitely set on reaching the top. We also get to play our Main Road rivals Naphill FC. It will be a completely different game, as it's the first time that points are to be played for. Revenge on Sunters Wood and Real Marlow wouldn't go amiss either, just to show them that we are a team that will never be burned twice.

Our star forward Mark Johnson received The Golden Boot for Division 3, the amount yet to be tallied up. To be fair, there was more than just a few that hit the back of the net.

Our own AGM was held at The Black Horse in Lacey Green on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, and as always, a great time was had by all. We came to support the cricket team and watch The FA Cup Final at Lacey Green Sports Club in the afternoon, spent the evening in usual style, and fair to say that Sunday morning soon approached!

We were pleased to honour our squad for their season's efforts, and a special mention to our goalkeeper James Bartington, who has only missed 1 game in two seasons, including all league, cup and friendly matches. An extraordinary example of commitment and reliability.

We also managed to get ourselves together to take our first squad photo shoot. They were taken by a professional photographer and all my thanks to Terry Duffell for organising this. They are now ready for print, and can be viewed at The Pink and Lily and The Black Horse in Lacey Green. They are available to purchase for your mantelpiece, and if anyone is interested in buying one, for yourselves or for a gift, please e-mail [laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk) for information. Prices are £10 for 1, £17.50 for 2 and £25 for 3. All come with mounts, profits go towards the football club. (Continued on next page)



Away from the football team, I sit here writing this article with painful muscles and a tired brow, after taking part in The High Wycombe Half Marathon on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. I would like to think that I was prepared, but without any excuses, personal training could have been a little more substantial. However on the day, the weather was cool with a slight trace of rain, the atmosphere was electric and the only way to go was to run until the finish appeared. I completed the gruelling 13.1 mile race in 2 hours, 4 minutes and 56 seconds. I was ecstatic. Going into the unknown like that was a real mental test. The most important aspect of this

challenge was the amount of money raised for my chosen charity, Helen and Douglas House. So far, thanks to many locals, The Black Horse in Lacey Green, The Black Lion in Naphill and The Crown at Radnage, I have managed to collect over £200, and cannot be more appreciative of everybody's support. My next challenge will be The Loch Ness Marathon in Inverness on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. If you wish to donate towards this ultimate challenge, please visit [www.justgiving.co.uk/PinkChef1](http://www.justgiving.co.uk/PinkChef1). Thanks for your support!

**Ben Foster** 19

# Sports Club: Tennis Section

We are having a great tennis season so far in 2011. Perhaps it's the 'Andy Murray' factor and/or the fact that the 125<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon Championships delivered outstanding tennis with a lucky few from the tennis club there to see it for themselves. For the first time in many years, we acquired 'a few' Wimbledon tickets from the Bucks County LTA allocation, which we drew out of the hat for those members who had bid and had British Tennis Membership; this all comes as part of the package of benefits we get with our registration with the LTA.

However, grass roots tennis is all about bringing new people into the sport and the LTA has ambitions to give as many people as possible, especially children, the opportunity to try tennis in the local community. This too is our priority and for that reason, we are serious about giving young people around here a good value membership rate of £10 per annum for under 10s and £20 per annum for the 10-18 year old juniors/students. The LTA wants clubs such as ours to promote the game through junior coaching programmes and tournaments.

This year so far, we have held 3 junior tournaments with the number of participating teenagers going from strength to strength.

The LTA are noting our development with its key performance indicator of the Regularly Competing Juniors increasing continuously. Indeed, on 10 July we had 14 boys and 4 girls participating at the tournament in gloriously fine weather with some seriously competitive games among our keener players but also with some good fun and friendly doubles for the less experienced.

Everyone there deserved a lot of credit for overcoming their nerves and playing in good spirit throughout. I know there are many other youngsters in the village who might want to play and it's easy to join but don't leave it too late as the nights will soon start closing in and we don't have floodlights!

The adults have been getting on with the usual Aylesbury and District League. Mixed doubles have performed well, albeit in a higher division. Some of our junior players have had opportunity to play in the senior matches due to insufficient players in the adult Men's team and have risen to the challenge and performed really well. This bodes very well for future years if we can keep them on board!

Ladies tennis is thriving with the regulars playing together on Wednesday and Friday mornings. A friendly tournament with Speen

ladies on Wednesday 12 July was a great success with a total of 14 players.

Unfortunately, tennis courts are high maintenance and the cost of resurfacing and renewing fences will require significant fund raising and external grants. We are trying our best to keep on top of it all but we are going to need more volunteers to support the club development and some serious investment to put the infrastructure in order. With 2012 being the year of the London Olympics, that could be just the right time for us to promote and upgrade all our village sporting amenities.

Anyone with time on their hands, fund-raising tips or the compelling urge to mend fences, mow the grass or pull up weeds, please get in touch!

You can join us through email, or by using the LTA web site or tennis allplay!

**Email:**

[LGLRTennisClub@btinternet.com](mailto:LGLRTennisClub@btinternet.com);

**Telephone:** Ian on 01844 345567

Find us through [www.LTA.org.uk](http://www.LTA.org.uk)

Want to find another player check out 'allplay'

<http://www.lta.org.uk/allplaytennis/>

**Ian Ward**

## Football continued

We are currently looking for new shirt sponsors for the upcoming 2011-2012 season. As your local football club, we feel it is as important to support local companies and businesses, as your personal support and good will is to the football team itself. Without you, we simply wouldn't be as successful as we are today. If you are interested in sponsoring the football for the season, please don't hesitate to contact the club

at the usual e-mail address,

20 [laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk).

It is always a pleasure to relay important news happening with players and associates at the football team. First, congratulations to Tom Messenger on the news of his engagement to Amy Freeman, the date yet to be set for next year. Second, Matty and Charlie Gayler will be expecting their second child towards the end of this year. Lacey Green FC and everyone involved at the club would like to wish you the very best for the future.

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. Training sessions are now back in full flow, every Wednesday, 7.30pm prompt. We hope to see some new faces, even if keeping fit or competing for a place in the team.

Lacey Green goes on and on!

**Ben Foster**

# Windmill under 5s



It has been a fabulous Summer term at Windmills with lots of outdoor themes such as; growing flowers and vegetables, summer clothing, holidays and sea life.

The children have been very creative and have had a great deal of fun, my girls have brought home sunflowers to plant in the garden, cress to eat and some beautiful under water pictures of squirming octopuses and shimmering fish – it's wonderful to see what they've been up to!

The children have also turned their home corner into a fruit and vegetable shop for a week and

learnt about healthy eating and living.

This term has been busy on the fundraising and socialising front too. In May the children took part in a sponsored obstacle race and raised over £400 for the preschool, which has been spent on large building blocks for outdoor play, binoculars, a camera, and video camera for the children to record themselves and their findings.

We were also able to purchase a new digital camera for the staff to make picture posters of the children's activities and creations.

At the end of June we held our annual BBQ, the day was sunny and warm and very well attended. As usual friends and relatives were exceedingly generous and the raffle and ticket sales raised over £200, some of which will be spent on story book bags as requested by the children.

Over the last few weeks the staff have been preparing the older children for their move onto primary school and reorganising their roles in time for our

Supervisor, Sue going on maternity leave in September. Thankfully the experienced team are more than able to cover Sue's absence with Angela standing in as Supervisor and Louise as her Deputy.

Despite seventeen children leaving for big school at the end of term, numbers are looking good for September, with thirteen new children starting and more joining after Christmas. The new preschool year will begin with free choice play to allow the little ones to find their feet and discover what interests them the most.

Finally, as a thank you to the staff for their dedication to the children and endless energy to play, the leavers parents have clubbed together and donated some wonderful water play resources to the preschool.

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



# Sports Club: Cricket Section

I'd like to start on a positive note. No, I haven't gone soft - the usual critical comments will follow shortly. The fact is that certain elements of the match I watched on Saturday (July 9th) impressed me and gave me hope that if other players followed the example of the players I'm about to mention, both our teams could do much better.

The match was between the 2nd XI and Downley 2nd's. Downley had already beaten our 2nd's on their ground in the first match of the season and looked odds-on to do so again. But, thanks to a excellent spell of bowling by Joe Stevens, taking 3 for 21 in twelve overs and Roger Witt, 2 for 5 in two overs, Downley were bowled out for a modest 120. Joe also took a great catch off Roger's first ball just inside the boundary. Much of our bowling in between, I'm afraid, was much too short and wild.

But the really nail biting part came when our numbers 10 and 11 were at the crease with only just over eighty runs on the board. When Chris Dell joined Abid Hussain - who'd been battling bravely for several overs - we thought the match would soon be over. Not so, the pair played each ball on its merit and with quick singles and several well-struck fours, especially by Chris, they took the score past Downley's total for a great victory. Chris made twenty not out and Abid thirteen not out.

Those four in particular showed how to play League cricket - determination, concentration and a never give-up spirit. I hope players in both teams can learn lessons from that and one day we may have two teams of which we can be proud.

I could add that two of our players were given out by - well, let's say a misunderstanding of the L.B.W. rule. This has happened to several of our

players, and probably some in

other teams too, in recent seasons. If someone stands as an umpire they should understand that you cannot be given out if the ball pitches outside the leg stump. Our umpires are very good but it's a disadvantage if others are not up to the same standard.

Our 2nds played their first round of the Mid Bucks K.O. Cup against Haddenham and thanks to good knocks by John Jones, Jake Dell, Kevin Kelloway and Dave Sanders, posted a score of 135. Even then, it looked as though Haddenham would run out victors until Steve Pocock and Dave Sanders got their act together and bowled the last seven out to leave the visitors 15 runs short.

Unfortunately, on Tuesday 12th of July in their second match they went down to a Lee team that, I'm told, were of a much higher standard than they would normally expect to play against. Even then they were not disgraced, making just under 100 against The Lee's 175.

The 1st XI on the other hand after playing Wendover in the League the previous week with ten men (although they won) visited Potten End with only nine players in their first match in the K.O. Cup and were, not surprisingly, soundly beaten. That is unforgivable - not that they lost but that they should not field a full side. I've never known it to happen before to the 1st XI - the 2nd's, yes but not the 1st XI. There is absolutely no excuse for it.

The League positions at the moment are as follows: Our 1st XI up to the 9th of July have played ten matches winning four, losing two with three losing draws and one match rained off. Their position in Div. 1 at the moment is 6th. While we have some good batsmen, the early batting is far too slow leaving later batsmen taking risks to post a decent score. If you can put

the bat to the ball surely it's easy enough to push it wide of a fielder to make a quick single possible. Another weak point is the bowling, often too short and wide. I would like to see the captains of both teams field at mid-off level with the wickets so that they can see what their bowlers are doing, can talk to them, encourage, tell them to pitch the ball up or bowl straighter. If they can't or won't, take them off.

The 2nd XI are currently fourth in Div. 2, played ten matches, won five, lost three, one losing draw and one rained off. They have 180 points against the 1st's 159.

If I may presume, as someone who took a few wickets when Moses was a lad, to give a bit of advice to our bowlers; it's all very well swinging the new ball away from the opposing batsman but if he doesn't have to play at it it's just a waste of effort. There is nothing a new batsman hates as much as a barrage of balls bowled straight at his stumps before he's settled.. And if it swings so much the better. Another little tip; every so often 'scramble' the seam so that the ball goes straight on taking the batsman by surprise. Depending on how the ball hits the turf it may 'jump' or skid through low.

Money is tight at the moment in the club. Lynn at the Black Horse has, very generously, reduced the price of the teas that she supplies. We thank you Lynn. We know it is not any easier for small businesses at the moment.

My thanks also to Ed and Daph for using their computer to keep me up to date.

And finally our heartiest congratulations to our oldest supporter, Ms Connie Baker who celebrated her hundred and third birthday on Tuesday , July 12.

**Geoff Gomme**

# Windmill WI

It doesn't seem possible that we are halfway through the summer and really we are still waiting for it to start! We were however, very lucky with the weather for our Summer Ramble back in June. We had a lovely evening 'rambling' around Great Hampden and then back to The Black Horse for a much needed drink and meal. Thank you Margaret and Bunny for organising this event.



*Enjoying ourselves at the supper*

Unfortunately once again, the weather wasn't so kind for our recent Summer Supper – it didn't rain this year but it wasn't very warm and we again had to make use of Pat's conservatory. However, the weather didn't get us down and we all had an excellent evening. Thanks must go to Pat and Colin for letting us have the run of their house.

Way back in April several members enjoyed a good day out at the Westfield Shopping Centre. It is really great to have the mini-bus deliver us to the Centre and be there when we

are tired and ready to go home laden with shopping bags, rather than have to drive or catch the train.

Towards the end of April a number of us attended the Bucks Federation of Women's Institutes' Annual Council Meeting. This year, for the first time, the meeting was held at The Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. A fantastic venue and the speakers, Pam Rhodes, the familiar face of Songs of Praise and Christopher Biggins, star of stage and screen, were both outstanding.

Our May meeting was our Resolution meeting when we discussed and voted on the resolutions to be put forward at the National Federation Annual General Meeting held this year in Liverpool.

The resolutions concerned maintaining support for local libraries and the practice of Factory Farming. The resolution regarding Factory Farming proved to be very controversial and for the first time in more than a decade members at the AGM decided to move on to the next business without taking a vote.

Our member, Sue Parslow, who attended the AGM representing us and our linked WIs, reported back to us at our July meeting on a very eventful and lively meeting!

In June at our monthly meeting, our speaker was Mike Dewey who is involved with the Bucks County

Council SWOP (Saving Wycombe's Old Photographs) Project.

High Wycombe is very fortunate to have several collections of more than 17,000 photographs dating back to the 1870s. Thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund these photographs are available on the website and have been preserved and stored to ensure their long term survival. Mr. Dewey's talk was very interesting especially as the area this project covers includes Lacey Green.

At the end of June eight members attended a Literary Lunch run by the BFWI at the Holiday Inn, Weston Turville. After a three course lunch we were entertained with a talk from Katherine McMahon author of The Alchemist's Daughter and The Rose of Sebastopol amongst others. Katherine proved to be a most interesting speaker and altogether it was a very pleasant afternoon.

## Date for your Diaries:

SATURDAY, 15 October – 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!

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall – do come and join us.

**Daphne Williams**



*Members attending the Literary Lunch*



*Members who took part in the ramble*

# District Council News



## HS2

For those who went on the protest walk to Coombe Hill on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July well done! It was a good turn out and made the local TV news, with around 500 taking part giving a strong message to Government. Although I was not able to take part due to prior commitments, Paul Rogerson, our County Councillor, was there to represent the area. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, WDC agreed, in addition to supporting the 51M group of Councils, to submit a response opposing HS2 to Government.

On July 29<sup>th</sup> the Government Consultation website closed and I hope everybody took the opportunity to register their comments. Although the questions were slanted towards a positive response, I am sure you all pointed out the serious flaws in the project and gave it a big 'thumbs down'. The next major milestone will be the announcement of the Transport Select Committee report into HS2 and then later this year, the Consultation findings. We will continue to provide updates via the website,  
[www.speenbucks.org.uk/hs2](http://www.speenbucks.org.uk/hs2).

It is important to keep lobbying MP's about the proposals, so if you have family or friends who live off the line then ask if they can

contact their MP to put the case against the current scheme. A good starting point is that it will cost each and every parliamentary seat in the country £51m which could be used for better things!

## District Council News

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the District Elections took place, and I would like to thank the many people who supported the campaign and those who put an 'X' against my name! I'd also like to thank Paul Rogerson for the excellent job he has done over the past 12 years, and I look forward to representing your interests as District Councillor.

Following the election, there was a change of Leadership in Wycombe District Council, with Alex Collingwood taking over from Lesley Clarke. The new Cabinet is getting down to business, addressing the key issues which face the District. These include ensuring that Council Tax is spent wisely and not increased, managing the transfer of Council housing to the Red Kite Housing association, continuing to protect the Green Belt, and dealing with the thorny subject of the Wycombe Stadium development.

WDC decided on July 18<sup>th</sup> to cancel the current Stadium development plans. As a passionate believer in protection of the Green Belt and having campaigned for low Council Taxes and spending efficiency within the Council, I supported this decision. The Business Case did not represent good use of Council funds; neither could the very special circumstances needed to allow 200 acres of Green Belt land to be built on be satisfied.

I am becoming actively involved in several Council projects to ensure that rural issues and requirements are not disproportionately overshadowed by High Wycombe town considerations. I have been

appointed to the Improvement and Review Commission, looking into the District Budget, and intend to play an active part in the various discussions and decisions that will take place in the coming months.

One other area of activity relates to the Lacey Green community shop, where I have joined the volunteer roster and look forward to literally serving you in this additional capacity whenever I am able!

An excellent example of local community action I would like to draw to your attention (and for which I seek no credit) is the Risborough Community Bus service, which now operates a Lacey Green and Speen route on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The bus travels past the Pink & Lily, passes The Whip @ 9:10 a.m. and then travels along Woodway, Upper Icknield Way and Shootacre Lane, arriving in PR at 9:29. As the service operates as a 'hail and ride', the bus can be stopped anywhere along the route for added convenience. The return journey leaves PR at 11:30, getting back to The Whip around 11:55, so it is ideal for shopping or a cup of coffee in the town. Most concessionary passes are accepted, otherwise the cost is £2.00 each way, children under 5 are free and children 5 – 15 cost £1.00 each way.

The Risborough Community Bus won the 2011 Action for Market Towns Award for Social and Community services - outstanding recognition for a superb local service.

If you would like to contact me concerning any District Council matters, my email address is [mel\\_foster@wycombe.gov.uk](mailto:mel_foster@wycombe.gov.uk) and my phone number is 01494 488905

**Mel Foster**

District Councillor, Lacey Green, Speen & The Hampdens

# Short Mat Bowls Club

This game is played in the Village Hall on a mat 6 feet wide by 45 feet long (we now have three which is all that will fit).

Someone decided that there has to be an 18inch piece of wood across the middle of the mat which means we have to curl a bowl around it to hit a smaller jack at the other end or get as near as possible.

Definitely not as easy as you may think, especially when the others will try knock you away if you are near. No quarter given.

We are now ready to play some friendlies with other clubs but a year ago we could only keep 5% of



our bowls on the mat let alone hit the jack. Incredible that we have just had our first AGM and let me tell you now its at least 10%.

If you are interested in social intercourse and gentle exercise, which I understand is good for longevity, we meet Monday afternoons at 2pm.

However, having said that, you may have to join a very short waiting list but you are welcome to come along and observe, maybe have a go and we can appraise you of how long you may have to wait.

**Leigh Axe**

## Youth Club



Well we don't get any feedback from the kids but the occasional parent makes a point of saying how much they are enjoying it - I'm not sure if they mean the kids, or are referring to their couple of hours of peace.

The first year we averaged 30 youngsters per session, this year its 35 and we have a potential 40 new recruits come September. We got a shock last September when we had over 60 per meeting for a little while, before it settled down. The Club can't cope with these large numbers as there is no room to run around, and they have a lot of energy.

This year we may have to start a waiting list early so if you have a youngster ready to join please request an application form from [leigh@laceygreen.com](mailto:leigh@laceygreen.com) and return as soon as possible. Please don't turn up until you have had the OK.

Thanks for your cooperation.

**Leigh Axe** 25

# St John's Church



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

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.

Please remember Wednesday is her free day .

## The News in brief.....

**SPLASH After School Club.** This successful club has been greatly enjoyed by members and leaders every Monday at 3.15 with Melissa Stone and Rev. James Tomkins. It is with sadness that we say 'Goodbye' to Miss Stone, with thankfulness for all the super work behind the fun she has put into this Club. We send her with blessings into her new pathway. We may still be fortunate to have Rev. James with us – please check notice boards for continuation of this popular Club.

**Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>.** The 26 Choir hosted a delicious

three course lunch in St. John's School. The tables were full, old and new friends met, the atmosphere was uplifting, and a super time was had by all.

**Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>**- a QUIZ was held in St. John's school hall. Again, a delicious two course meal, the quiz was challenging (ie my team did not win) and much laughter echoed round the hall. It was a great evening out.

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** at 7.30 the Bishop of Buckingham, Alan Wilson, conducted a Service of Confirmation and Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow. St. John's Church presented 7 Candidates out of the 14. Many friends and family attended to support those who had decided to become part of Christ's family.

The service was great, entertaining, serious, uplifting, and spiritual – all of these, with Bishop Alan pointing out that becoming a Christian did not mean life was one hunky dory pathway of bliss, but was more of a challenging, enriching roller coaster of a ride. He always manages to combine the humorous with thought provoking concepts.

A combined choir from the Risborough churches raised the volume and quality of the specially chosen hymns, and we do thank Bledlow for hosting this event and providing excellent refreshments.

Pam Thomas with her husband and family are moving to West Sussex. This is an exciting time for them but we must say a Big Thank You to Pam for the time she has spent organising the Toddler Praise and encouraging the little ones to participate in their special afternoon activities on Tuesdays. We hope Pam and all her family will be happy in their new lives.

Parents and Grandparents are all welcome to attend Toddler Praise

with your toddlers – Rev. Denise will continue the Group in September.

More leavers ... those leaving St. John's School attended a service in St. John's on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive their bibles as leaving presents. We wish them well on their future journeys into Secondary Education, and pray they will be successful and happy.

And also we have to say Goodbye and Thank You to Mr. Paul de Wolf, the Head teacher – thank you for being an inspiration to many during your time in St. John's, and may you find inspiring personal challenges ahead.

More food and drink – as Pat and Colin held a lovely tea party in their home on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The Bring and Buy stall gave up interesting 'treasures', the jewellery stall was not to be missed, and some awesome books were snapped up for relaxing reading times with delicious cakes, scones and fairy cakes.

Reading of these events will make anyone think or wonder is that all Christians do?....eat, drink, and be merry? Well, yes ! As a means to an end... all these fund raising events give us time to be with friends and family in the service of the Lord and the monies raised goes to deserving charities, and the upkeep of the Church.

Many times we read stories of Jesus meeting with friends, greeting them, then breaking bread and inviting all to eat with Him. Remember the feeding of the five thousand, or meeting the disciples as they fished then all breakfasting together, then on the road to Emmaus- the two friends did not recognise Jesus until he invited them to share food with him. There are many more examples to be found so perhaps it's another way where we are following in Jesus' footsteps.

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# SPEENFESTIVAL2011

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Audiences young and old can look forward to superb comedy and glorious tunes as well as spotting echoes of local history and culture.

For children and families, an imaginative selection of activities kicks off with a **Wild Saturday** on 10<sup>th</sup> September of traditional craft workshops for children in the Village Hall from 10.00am. Buttons, beads, pompoms and much more.

Not to mention a **Photo Shoot and Exhibition** at the King William IV from 2.30. We supply the professional kit and props and you just book 15 minutes of our 'Studio' to use as you like. Come and release your inner David Bailey.

Come and join us on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> for **Science Matters** a lively, mind-expanding debate on topical science issues. The panel chaired by Speen villager Prof Barry Stickings will include the editor of New Scientist Roger Highfield and the science writer John Emsley.

The questions and discussion topics are yours, including but certainly not limited to "Why do we dream?"

So email your questions by 8<sup>th</sup> September to:

[director@speenfestival.org](mailto:director@speenfestival.org)

Whatever your age and taste there is something to suit you - the taste-bud-tickling **food festival**, the ear-caressing **jazz concert**, the zany **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** from **Teatro Unfortunato** and stunning music from one of the UK's top chamber choirs **The Elysian Singers**.

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 on the Playing Field** for everyone.

For the full Festival programme go to [www.speenfestival.org](http://www.speenfestival.org). Tickets for all events are now on sale.

Call the Box Office today on 01494 488315 to book your tickets.

## St John's Church: continued

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.

Harvest weekend will be September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> . All will be 'safely gathered in', we will have 'ploughed the fields and scattered', there is sure to be a Harvest Supper... all this needs to be decided by the PCC at monthly meetings.

We do need at least two more members, so if you are already a church member and would like to become more involved with the running of the Church please make enquiries to Mrs. Pat Richards on 01844 345452 or Mrs. Marjorie Palmer on 01494 488353.

As Rev. Denise is part of the Team Ministry for Risborough, there are occasions when she is ministering elsewhere, and so we have visiting Clergy, and this is a good

opportunity to thank those willing to join us at St. John's. – Bishop Alan Wilson of Buckingham, Rev Peter Viney, Rev.Ruth Worcester, Rev. David Williams, Rev. James Tomkins, - You are all Most Welcome, and to welcome also, Jim, the new Curate at St. Mary's. We hope he and his family will settle happily into this area of outstanding natural beauty, and friendly people.

**June Brazier**

# Heavenly Bodies



One of the most delicious sights in the night sky reveals itself over the next few weeks. You don't need a telescope or even binoculars to see it – your eyeballs will give you the best possible view. It's our home Galaxy, the Milky Way and some of its 250 billion stellar residents and billions of planets.

It's only in mid to late summer that the Earth turns towards the centre of our Galaxy at a sociable time of night to be bathed in the ancient light of countless stars. Look south when it's dark (with no Moon or nearby lights) in August and September to see the arching band of stars and nebulae drop down to

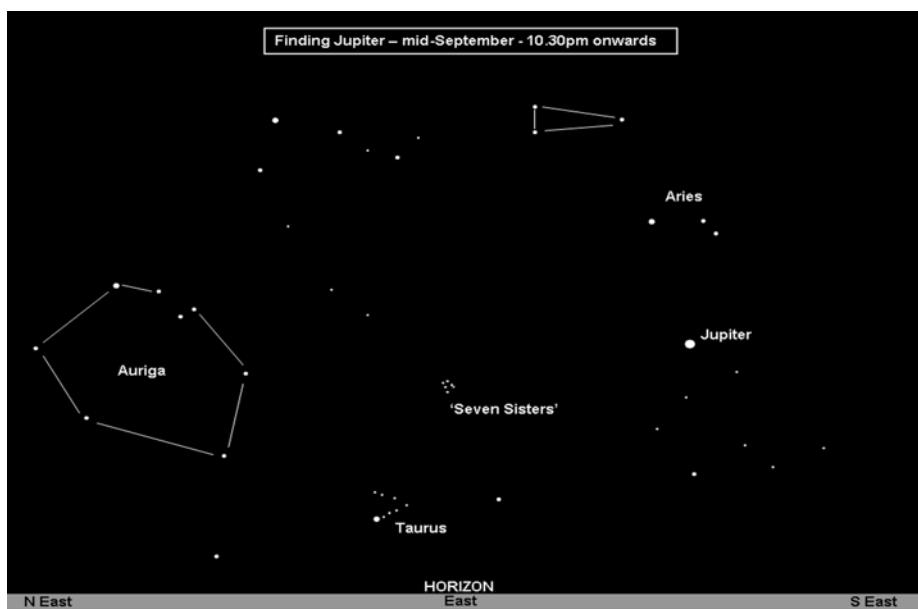


the horizon. We are, of course, within the same Galaxy, and our vantage point on the Orion-Cygnus spiral arm two-thirds of the way (26,000 light years) from the centre means we are looking edge-on through the Galaxy to more inner 'arms'. In the lovely dark skies of Lacey Green, a thick dark rift can also be seen scything its way through the glowing ribbon of stars (see image). This is humble dust in majestic proportions blocking our view of more distant stars.

The 'Glorious Twelfth' in August is just a few days away and is traditionally the time for the best meteor shower of the year, the Perseids. They won't be quite as spectacular as previous years this time due to the Moon's light washing out some of the fainter

streaks. However, it's still worth a look if you face away from the Moon after dark on August 10-11 and 13-14, when the number of 'shooting stars' is at its peak. In fact, the shower has already begun in smaller quantities, and goes on until August 24, so any clear night between those dates could provide the 'Wow' factor.

Closer to home, the King of the Planets is beginning to roll into view as the Earth catches up with it. Jupiter can be seen low down in the south eastern sky after about 10pm. It will be the brightest thing in the night sky apart from the Moon, and hard to miss. Jupiter is closest to the Earth on October 29 when it will be just 313 million miles away. This dynamic planet surprised astronomers over the last year or two when one of its main cloud features, the Southern Equatorial Belt, disappeared. This was probably due to chemicals in the atmosphere being stirred up by its weather systems and obscuring the dark brown belt (see images). Observers now report that the belt has returned, so Jupiter's usual appearance has been restored. Looking at the gas giant with binoculars won't reveal these surface features, but will show the four main moons which orbit the planet.



**Chris Dignan**

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Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed 10.30	Linda Taylor	345261	
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm	Alison Shreeve		a.shreeve1@btinternet.com
Jingle Tots & Kinder Gym	Baby to 5 years. Music, play & gym. Fridays during term	Jenny Stothard	344441	jennystothard@btinternet.com
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 <a href="http://laceygreenproductions.co.uk">laceygreenproductions.co.uk</a>
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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# Local Information

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Diary are always welcome. In addition, any suggestions for improving Hallmark.

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