

# **HALLMARK**



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# Welcome to the May edition of Hallmark

My apologies for this issue being later than normal - I was away on holiday in Belize, as you can see from the picture opposite!

On a more sombre note; we were sad to hear of the death of Geoff Gomme on April 24. Geoff had been a stalwart supporter and contributor to Hallmark for many years. His cricket reports were passionate and detailed and he was never reserved in giving his opinion on local cricket. He will be missed.

Following the May 2 election, our new County Councillor to replace Paul Rogerson is Carl Etholen. I shall invite him to introduce himself in the next edition of Hallmark; meanwhile we wish him well.

Another change for our community will be the departure of Denise the vicar at the beginning of July. Thanks to her for all her good work. If you wish to say goodbye to her then see page 33 for details of her last service.

Many of you will remember a young American lady named Lacey Green who visited here a couple of years ago. She was overwhelmed with the interest and kindness shown to her by

people in and around Lacey Green and Loosley Row.

She has decided to take this further and travel around parts of the UK and USA looking for people who share her name. She has enlisted the help of some friends to make a video of her travels and is looking for support. See her letter on page 20.

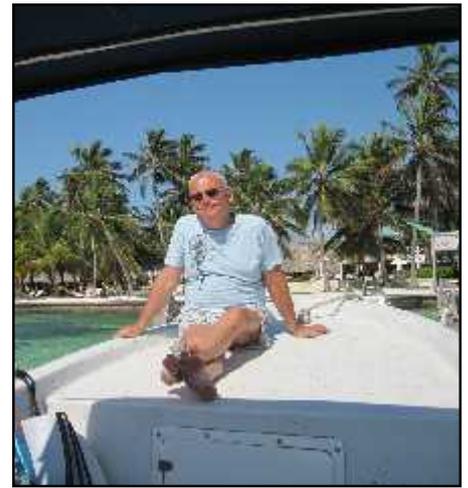
Thinking forward to future editions, I would like to encourage more people to write occasional articles for Hallmark. We would love to have some new inputs! I have lots of ideas of subjects which would make good articles, or am happy to publish items that you are motivated to write about.

Anyone who is studying communications or journalism might like to add to their CV by writing for Hallmark.

We also need a regular supply of front page artwork or photographs. If you have a piece of art you would like to feature, or a seasonal wildlife photo you are proud of, let me know.

**Have you visited the Website lately? - [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com).**

Although at first glance it may appear the same, you need to check the News and Events (left and right columns) regularly to



keep abreast of what's happening. Photos of past events are available to download and print - were you there?

Take a close look at the tornado on the front page - it's actually raining - and on the very bottom picture it's snowing.

Also on the web site:

- You can locate a house name and find exactly where it is in the village;
- The history section has several thousand visitors a year and gets emails from all over the world;
- You can access current and back copies of Hallmark without the adverts.

**Mike Piercy  
Editor**

## Obituary: Irene Sanders 1925 - 2013

It is with great sadness that I record the passing of Mrs Irene Sanders. Although not having lived in Lacey Green since 1984, many people may still remember her contribution to village life. She moved into No 3 Kiln Lane, with husband Wilfred and three sons in 1966. Irene spent many years working for village groups including the village hall committee, as fund raiser,

caretaker and bookings secretary. Irene was also involved in starting the junior youth club along with other villages. Also helping to organise bonfire nights, sponsored walks and the village celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Irene worked at Palmer & Harvey in Church Lane and for the Jordan family at Gracefield. Retiring down to Worthing in 1984 where she

lived until moving back to Tring in November 2008. She became ill, suffering from Dementia and moved into Icknield Court in Princes Risborough, where she lived until her death. Irene passed away aged 88, in Wycombe hospital on 21st March following a stroke.

**David Sanders**

## What's On

**Tues 14 May 7pm**

Ladies Pamper Evening  
St John's School Hall

**Wed 15 May 8pm**

Horts Soc: Vegetables for  
the kitchen table.  
by John Branham

**Sat 18 May 7pm**

Lacey Green Singers  
Concert  
St John's School Hall

**Sun 23 June**

Horts Soc visit to Kew  
Gardens

**Sun 23 June**

Windmill Under 5s BBQ  
see page 21

**28 June to 1 July**

Flower Festival  
St Dunstan's Church

**Fri 13 July**

School Ball see p24

**Wed 17 July 8pm**

Horts Soc: Outstanding  
features from great  
gardens.

**Sat 20 July**

Sports Club Summer Event

**Mobile Library  
Service**

Eastlands 12:05 to 12:20  
May 1, 15 & 29  
June 12 & 26  
July 3 10 & 24



## St Dunstan's Church

[www.stdunstanschurch.com](http://www.stdunstanschurch.com)

From June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> a spectacular Flower Festival with music is being hosted at St. Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough, the oldest recorded parish in England. This will feature over 30 flower arrangements to admire based on the lives of Christian saints as well as a wide choice of classical, church and contemporary music to listen to. There will also be a display of local history, the carrying out of an archaeological dig, a chance to buy garden plants, and an opportunity to relax with refreshments and cream teas. A 'songs of praise' style service will be held as part of the celebration and monies raised from this

## Flower Festival

**28<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**Monks Risborough**

weekend will be used to repair the stonework and stained glass windows of the church. For further details please log on to [www.stdunstanschurch.com](http://www.stdunstanschurch.com) or Elaine Barker (01844 344554) or Rev. James Tomkins (01844 275944)

Friday 28 June	10am -7pm
Saturday 29 June	10am -5 pm
Sunday 30 June	Noon - 6 pm
Monday 1 July	10 am-5 pm

Concerts, Cream teas, Local History Exhibition, Garden Plants, Archaeological Dig, Artist in Residence

Entrance £2.00 per person, young people free



**Speen Festival  
is underway!  
How are you  
getting  
involved?**

This year's festival will run from Sept 1 to 15. A medley of events and performances with a centrepiece show of "Grease". The box office will open soon at [www.speenfestival.org](http://www.speenfestival.org)

**Summer events at the Black Horse  
Fri and Sat Aug 2-3**

Black Horse Beer Festival with entertainment

**Every Friday Night  
Aunt Sally - all welcome**

# VILLAGE HISTORY OPEN MEETING 2013

ON SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Admission £2.00 for adults. Free for children in full time education.

Family Trees from 1.00.p.m.

CDs and archive photos of Lacey Green from 2.00.p.m.

Loosley Row, Pink Road, Parslows Hillock and Redlands End from 4.30.p.m.

During the intervals, tea and cakes will be served at £2.00.

This year we have been fortunate to have been given a tape recording made by John Brandon, describing the village, its houses and inhabitants in the 1930s. This covers one side of the Main Road, from the Whip to the school end of Lacey Green. Originally there was a similar record of the other side of the road, but this has been lost.

Dennis, Doug and Gordon have now produced one describing this area, from their memories of just before the Second World War. Rita, Joyce, Rene, Dudley and Mary Lawrence are working on one for Loosley Row. We would like to thank Clive at the shop for his help and encouragement. We could not have done this without him. The last area which we hope to cover is Pink Road, Parslows Hillock and Redlands End. If you can help with any information about this area, please let us know.

We shall be playing these recordings, and also showing slides of some of the houses and people referred to from our collection of archive photographs. We now have an even larger collection, thanks to the generosity of Stephen Brandon (son of John).

There will also be a static exhibition of family trees, including Dell, Floyd, Saunders and Claydon and the very extensive "Janes", family tree, which has been occupying Joan for most of this year. We are interested in hearing from anyone who has their own local family tree, and would be willing to bring it to the meeting.

These recordings have been made from personal memories, and there may be some inaccuracies. Please let us know of any you are aware of so that we can correct them. Group members will also respect the wishes of any residents who do not wish their houses to be mentioned.

**Rosemary Mortham - Group Secretary**

## IN ANTON'S CAFE

Old man sits in cafe comfort  
Drinking chocolate dark and rich  
Remembers sea time naval cocoa  
Gallery brewed and slurry thick

Middle watch in mid Atlantic  
Freezing cold and soaking wet  
Two hours spent in aching misery  
Another two to follow yet

Out of the night up comes the cocoa  
Hot, thick and condensed milk sweet  
Lip scalded mouths slurp in its comfort  
Frozen hands embrace its heat

Once more in the cafe's comfort  
He drains his cup and orders more  
Belgian chocolate, dark, luxurious  
No seconds in those nights at war

**Brian Panter**

**T@3 at the Village Hall**  
June 12, July 10, August 14.

All are welcome including mothers and babies  
and hungry pupils at the end of the school day

### Parish Council

**13 May 7.30pm Annual Meeting of the Council at Lacey Green Hall**

**1 July 7.30pm Speen Village Hall**

**5 August 7.30pm Lacey Green Hall**

# The Princes Centre



The Princes Centre is run by the people of Princes Risborough for everybody who lives in the town and surrounding areas. The Princes Centre's primary mission is to provide a local base day care centre that the community can use, enjoy and foster good community relationships.

The focus is on positive interactions across our diverse community and providing support and affordable, enjoyable experiences for all. The Princes Centre is a place to gain information and support to help people live independent and safe enjoyable lives within Risborough.



## Funding

Until last year the centre had been funded by Bucks County Council. However, in 2011 the Council announced proposals to close down the centre and sell the site.

Risborough Cares immediately launched a campaign to save the centres and organised a protest petition of over 3000 signatures.

Finally after continued pressure extended by the Town Council, Risborough Cares and our County Councillor permission was given to the local community to provide

Day Care services. However, there would be no public funding. The terms were a peppercorn rent for two years with the option to purchase the building at the end of that period.

So in June 2012 a Social Enterprise Group consisting of representatives from the Town Council, Churches Together, Risborough Cares Charity and the Risborough Area Partnership was setup, the aim being to operate a combined centre, titled the "Princes Centre".

## Activities at the Centre

At the heart of the centre is the provision of a safe place for older people, people with learning and or physical disabilities, sensory impairments or mental health issues to gain support, learn or maintain life skills and socialise.

Many activities are run at the Centre and can be accessed by all. These include:

- Crafts. Art, Pottery
- Exercise Classes
- Cookery
- Advice and counselling
- Health promotion and information, complimentary therapies
- Music, films
- Quizzes

We have introduced scheduled activities within the centre, which are proving to be really popular. Armchair exercises appear to be a hit with everyone and produce a great deal of laughter and fun.

Clients have also been making Jewellery and Greeting Cards, which are available for purchase at the Centre.



## How to join

Anybody who would like to attend the Centre should make contact with the Centre Manager. They will then be offered an appointment to either come to the Centre or be visited at their home. Because the Centre takes a very personalised approach, the first visit is to discuss with the person their own needs and what they would like to gain from attending.

## How can you help

The vital service needed by local people has continued without a break, but we are in need of successful fundraising to ensure the long term future of high quality day care in the Risborough area.

There are many ways to help!

- Join the 200 Club
- Help out at events and quizzes
- Donate to our raffles
- Donate some of your time
- Nominate a shop to house one of our collection boxes

You can also make a donation directly to the Centre.

For more information contact the Centre Manager - Kim, on 01844 345105 or [kim@princescentre.org.uk](mailto:kim@princescentre.org.uk)

The Princes Centre  
Clifford Road  
Princes Risborough  
Bucks HP27 0DP

<http://www.princescentre.org.uk/>

# Obituary: Doris Oliver 1913 - 2013

Doris's mother came from an old High Wycombe family of chair makers, and her uncles had founded the well known building firm of White Brothers. Her father, Frank Greenway, had come from the West Country and she was brought up in a Grocery shop in Hughenden Road. Her first school was Priory Road. She could just remember the flags being hung up to celebrate the end of the First World War.

She passed a scholarship to the High School, and enjoyed her time there. She excelled at sport, music and maths. Her first job was in the Estate Office at West Wycombe. At 17 she began work in the office of Walter Baker, where her future husband, Andrew Oliver worked.

They shared a mutual interest in motor cars. Doris obtained her first licence a few days before she was 17, and was sent on her own to collect a new car from Morris motors in Oxford. This was very unusual at the time, but she was not worried. She was always adventurous and enjoyed a challenge. Throughout her life she drove everything from a motor bike to a large lorry.

She would not agree to marry Andrew until 1937. She said she was enjoying life too much to be tied down. They set up home in a large house on the West Wycombe Road, which they intended to renovate, but the war put an end to that. She entertained a succession of evacuees. Some were delightful and became family friends, others were extremely difficult. After a year or two she was called up, but as she had become pregnant, she remained at home.

Rosemary was born in 1943. By then Doris' husband was working on the top secret development of

the mosquito aeroplane, so Doris was left to manage on her own. Andrew was always very hospitable. Doris learned to entertain a succession of young servicemen passing through Wycombe and other people in need. In spite of rationing, she always managed to make a meal for them. It was another challenge.

Her son Andy was born in 1945. Andrew was exhausted by his war work, and felt that he would like a more peaceful life in the country. He had been orphaned at 6, but his parents had worked on the land, so he decided to look for a small farm. He found one in Lacey Green, a village which he already knew, as he had been required to fly out of the small airfield behind the School to inspect crashed mosquitos to determine that the crash had not been caused by failure in the special plywood which he had developed in Doris' kitchen.

Sunny Bank Farm (now White House Farm) was purchased in 1947, but they were not able to move until 1949, as it was in such a run down condition. It was an idyllic place to bring up children. Doris was happy to move as long as she could have a car!

Only a couple of years later they moved to a smallholding in Church Lane – Tor Cottage (now called Trillium). Andrew returned to work and Doris was running the enterprise more or less alone. She enjoyed this. She loved animals, and would rather run a business than do housework. With two children at school, she made friends in the village, and was enjoying life.

Eventually the smallholding became too much for her. She and Andrew chose a retirement

Bungalow in Kiln Lane, where Rosemary still lives. It needed room for four garages and a workshop, so that Andrew could pursue his interest in vintage cars and do a little woodwork. Doris delighted in driving the cars, and they went to many interesting events and met like minded people who became lifelong friends.

Andrew developed cancer, and died in 1979. Doris nursed him to the end, with support from their wonderful GP. – Peter Appleton. Not long after that, an old family friend, Harry Floyd was in need of help. He had always been rather sickly, and his eyesight was now failing. He was welcomed into the home, and Doris and Rosemary took care of him until his death. It was through him that they both learned a great deal about village history.

Doris had always loved craft, and could turn her hand to almost anything. When she discovered that the village was famous for lace making, she learned to do that also. At Wycombe College, she was taught by her old maths teacher – Miss Dawson from Speen. In later years she joined the Women's Institute. Whilst she slept through many of the talks, she loved the company of the other members, and they were very kind to her.

Doris enjoyed a happy, healthy and productive life until she was 90, when she suffered the first of a number of small strokes, which eventually led to vascular dementia. She was nursed at home until 2008, when she was admitted to a home near Wendover, and she died 5 years later at the age of 99 years.

**Rosemary Oliver**

# Upbeat with Lacey Green Singers

Before this issue of Hallmark dropped through your letterbox, you may have seen the posters at various points throughout the village advertising Lacey Green Singers' forthcoming concert.

The venue is St John's School Hall; the performance takes place on Saturday 18th May starting at 7.00pm. The programme includes 'Feel the Spirit' a cycle of spirituals arranged by John Rutter, and a selection of favourite numbers from 'Zimbe' by Alexander L'Estrange. The choir looks

forward to welcoming old friends and new, to what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

In fact; If you enjoy singing and would relish the challenge of getting to grips with some stimulating and occasionally tricky pieces, why not join us and take part yourself in our very next concert?

We are a small and friendly group of local singers who are always happy to welcome new members. We meet weekly on Thursdays between 7.45 and 9.30pm at St

John's School Hall, Lacey Green. There is no audition and the fee is £25 per term. Complementary coffee is served during a short break in the evening's proceedings.

If you are interested just come along on a Thursday evening and say "hello". We'll be pleased to see you. Even better, bring along a like-minded friend or two!

Tickets for 'Feel the Spirit' may still be available on the door.

**Pat Syrett**

## Black Horse

Lawns have been mowed for the first time this year. Spring flowers now showing may be late, but let's hope the warm weather is about to start.

It has been a very sad month for me; my best friend passed away on March 30th Easter Saturday. My mum. I have looked after her for the last few years due to ill health. She was my right hand, always there when I needed a cry a laugh or a moan. I will miss her so much but she is now at peace which is a good thing. I would like to thank all my friends in Lacey Green for all the kind messages and support I have been given; it was amazing, a very big thank you.

We have had a few nice invitations as well. We were invited to Graham and Janet Carter's 50th wedding anniversary at the Whiteleaf golf club. We closed up for a Saturday evening (which was only the second time in 18 years). The first was my daughter's wedding so you are honoured Mr and Mrs Carter.

It was a really nice night; lovely food, a really good jazz band and great company. We are going to shut again in August to go to Kevin and Tilly's wedding, it will be so nice to be at one of my staff's weddings without having to work it. Not to forget John's 70th - can't believe you're that old Mr Hedgeland; we will be there to celebrate that.

Also in August we are going to do our first beer festival. It will be held on the weekend of the 2nd August on Friday and Saturday, and if any beer is left over, going on to the Sunday. We will also have entertainment and good food.

Aunt Sally season is about to start. We have one team this year run by Ian and Lisa, so I wish them all the luck. Friday nights in the pub garden. If you haven't seen it played, pop in and take a look. Also good luck to Lacey Green's two cricket teams, I hope you both have a good summer.

We now have Sky television so if you would like to come and see

one of your sporting programs come in. Give us a ring first to make sure the tables are not being used for food. We do not put the television on if we have diners in the front bar unless they request to watch a football match or Grand Prix or another sport. But most nights and weekends you will be able to watch the sport.

Hope all customers and friends have a great summer!

**Ian and Lynne**



# Kindergym and



We are all happy to be back to Kindergym and Melody Minors, particularly looking forward to dusting off the maypole and using it in our older Kindergym classes. A perfect way to exercise inbetween giggling!

We have also purchased some trolleys which have been a great success whilst strengthening those arm muscles.

We all enjoyed our Easter Fun Day, especially the dads who entered into their own egg'n'spoon race with gusto, and are looking forward to our sea songs and games in Melody Minors. The ocean drums are always popular with Mums as well as children.



*Sailing our boats in Imagination Station*

Kindergym is looking forward to our next Great Adventure in the Summer Holidays.

Last year we went on a Pirate Adventure, In 2013 it will be a Jungle Adventure.

July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 1pm everyday.

Ages 4 – 10 years at St John's School, Lacey Green.

Cost £75 for one child, £112.50 for two siblings, £160 for three siblings.

All types of creativity are explored, painting, art, drama, music, film, photography, with the stress on freedom to explore and improvisation. All children are encouraged to bring any instruments they are learning but lots of percussion, keyboards etc will be available

Jenny will be joined by Ed, who is following his First in Music at Oxford with a Post Grad course, and we will have a visiting specialist each day.

Places limited so book early on 01844 344441



*Exercising in our after-school classes.*

**Jenny Stothard**



# Lacey Green Cricket Club

I was saddened to hear the news that Geoff Gomme had passed away. It is testament to his dedication to the Cricket team, that while very ill in hospital he still made sure that someone was writing the Cricket article for the Hallmark.

Geoff was ever present for the 15 or so years that I've played cricket at Lacey Green, and always had an opinion on how the team was doing, and what we could do to improve. We may not always have agreed with him, but his passion was always evident, and Geoff was always ready to step in and help out. He will be missed!

The 1st XI season was a mixed one. We lacked any stability in the batting and were too often bowled out for low scores. There were some notable batting performances, with new player Tanveer Mehmood scoring 90 in a losing run chase against The Lee, and a match-winning 78 against Widmer End, on a truly awful wicket. There were also contributions from Deryck Marshall (50) and Martin Exley (40) in a vain attempt to chase 271 at Prestwood. Batting performance of the year however

was the first wicket stand of 180 between Deryck Marshall (80) and David Highgate (79) at The Lee where we won by 9 wickets batting second.

Our bowling attack was much strengthened this year and there were several excellent performances. Special mention should be made of the performance from Martin Exley which included three wickets in three balls, his first ever hat trick in senior cricket. It was a long time coming! A five wicket haul is rare in modern limited overs cricket, where bowlers are restricted to 12 overs each. This is now being changed to 10 overs, which will make it even more difficult. Here are the top ten bowling performances of the season.

	O	M	R	W
<b>Exley</b>	9	4	21	5
<b>Exley</b>	12	8	15	4
<b>Weston</b>	11	2	19	4
<b>Woodward</b>	12	5	23	4
<b>Iqbal</b>	10	2	32	4
<b>Nazakat</b>	8	0	30	4
<b>Exley</b>	6	1	19	3
<b>Ishmail</b>	12	2	24	3
<b>Weston</b>	12	7	8	2
<b>Weston</b>	12	5	16	2

We have by far the best wicket in our league, and thanks must go to the dedicated team of volunteers who give up many hours of their time to make that happen.

Massive thanks also to the Black Horse who not only provided us with the best tea in the league, but have also sponsored some team shirts this year.

There are changes in the coming season, with the league reverting to a straight 40 over match. Games should finish a little earlier, although it is sad to lose the Lacey Green tradition of batting out for the draw.

We have had some pre-season indoor nets, and will be having regular evening practice sessions every Wednesday during the season, at the Sports ground. These will start at 7pm, on the 1st May, and everyone is welcome.

Please contact myself (07813 299683) or Tim Page (07557 305963) if you are interested in coming along, or if you want to play on Saturdays.

**Luke Weston**  
**1st XI Captain**

## T@3

In spite of appalling weather, villagers continued to gather once a month to enjoy tea, cakes and conversation.

February's gathering clashed with Ash Wednesday so it meant that any Lentern fast was dramatically neglected. Instead we had a feast which combined celebration of St Valentine's and Shrove Tuesday!

Together we shared a large heart-shaped chocolate cake with three layers sandwiched with butter cream and chocolates followed by, or prefaced with, traditional hot lemon pancakes. Thus with full warm insides we walked carefully home through snow and freezing ice!

As the arctic weather began to ease a little, at the April meeting we enjoyed delicious fruit loaf and scones with clotted cream.

Future plans for the hoped-for summer include another open-garden trip and a super tea party for our oldest resident.

**Jean Gabbitas**

# Miss Lacey Green

Dear Residents of Lacey Green,

In 2010, during my final year of University, I Goggled my own name and accidentally found you, the village called Lacey Green and all its lovely residents! For the past three years, I have been questioning the greater purpose of finding this place in South East England that not only shares my name, but also the same spelling. To be honest, the odds of that happening are so extremely rare; it had to be more than just a nice trip to the English countryside.

The storyline of the documentary will follow my return to the village as I simultaneously search across the globe for others with the same name. But the heart of the project is really asking the questions - Who IS Lacey Green? What makes their hearts beat? How can their dreams be realized? The US crew, including Producer/ Director Jahmal Holland, are partnering up with several film students from Bucks New University. We are going to be travelling all over England to document the hopes and dreams of residents in the village and as well as other people called Lacey Green.

A large portion of this documentary is about you!! I want to show the whole world what you dream together as a community, and what you dream for yourselves and for your families. I can't complete this project without you. Travel, equipment rentals, and incidentals are just a few of the many expenses that are associated with filmmaking. These expenses double when producing an international film. Please consider making an online donation through the documentary's website. If you are a business owner, we will create an advert for your business at the end of the film and list your business as corporate sponsor on all the film's social media sites. Also, a van to tote around approximately eight Uni students and a bunch of film equipment is needed for the week.

The cameras will be rolling August 5th- 12th to capture daily life in the village, as I speak with those who are out and about. Whether you are a youth in the village clubs or someone on the soccer or polo team, the crew is interested in filming whatever is going on that week. Jill with the lace makers has already arranged a demo!

The cameras will follow me everywhere I go, so don't be shy about saying hello!! Also, mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon on August the 11<sup>th</sup> and bring a dish to pass. It's my 28th birthday and EVERYONE is invited!!! You can contact Lizzie Thomas-Davies at [lizbags@aol.com](mailto:lizbags@aol.com) for more details. Both she and Jenny King are coordinating this event.

If you would like to speak with me directly about the documentary or have any questions please email me at [lacey@whoislaceygreen.com](mailto:lacey@whoislaceygreen.com). Don't forget to have a look at the documentary's website and check us out on Facebook!

Thank you very much for your support and encouragement in this massive endeavour! This is not just my movie; this is OUR movie, so let's make it together!

See you all in August!

Sincerely,

Lacey Green

[www.whoislaceygreen.com](http://www.whoislaceygreen.com)  
[www.facebook.com/WhoIsLaceyGreen](https://www.facebook.com/WhoIsLaceyGreen)



LACEY GREEN

Please drive carefully

Twinned with Hambye, France

# District Council News



The new financial year sees a change within Wycombe District Council as a new Leader, Cllr Richard Scott and Deputy Leader, Cllr Hugh McCarthy, take over from Cllr Alex Collingwood and Cllr Roger Wilson. As your Ward Councillor, I will now also hold the position of Cabinet Member for Finance, having served as Cabinet Spokesperson for Finance since February of this year.

You will be aware that Wycombe District Council Tax was not increased for the 3rd successive year, however, vital services have been maintained. This has been achieved by a combination of 'back-room' business process efficiencies and improved procurement (such as the new Waste Service Contract) combining to reduce operating costs, despite inflation and continuing cuts in funding from Central Government.

The new Waste Service Contract has been successfully introduced – in fact, apart from different vehicles, many people have noticed no difference in service, although the cost savings took effect from late March of this year. The introduction of new recyclable collections, for example for glass, will take place later this year.

## HS2 Update

As mentioned in the last edition of Hallmark, the 5 Judicial Reviews concerning High Speed 2 have now been heard.

Unfortunately, and as feared, the outcome was not favourable, with only the challenge on Property Blight and Compensation being accepted. The Judge decided that the 2012 consultation on compensation was flawed – he said it was so unfair as to be unlawful – and the process should no longer stand. As a result, the Government will have to re-consult and reconsider its position. Although the route of HS2 does not directly affect our area, the delay and exposure of the Government's flawed and biased approach to the overall project should help stimulate wider public opposition to HS2.

Of key significance is the decision by the High Speed Two Action Alliance (HS2AA) – with whom our local area action group is closely affiliated - and the 51M group of 14 local councils to appeal against the Judge's decision in the case of the second JR. This relates to whether HS2 has been properly environmentally assessed and properly consulted upon and the appeal hearing has been set for June 10th 2013, so the fight is by no means over.

If the appeal is successful, the Government would have to re-assess all alternatives to the current HS2 proposal, undertake an environment assessment for each and then consult on each. Whilst this in itself would not stop the project, the significant increase in timescale and costs would push this past the next General Election in 2015 and hopefully provide additional time for the flaws in the business case and logic for HS2 to be fully exposed and understood.

As previously indicated, the second part of the HS2 route to the North was announced on January 28th, and campaign groups are working with local communities along the extended route to help them understand the issues with HS2.

In other news, the Government has revealed that the true cost of HS2 is over £41 billion, as the previously-published figure of £33 billion did not include the rolling stock! And finally, it has been conceded that the plans for Euston station, the London terminal for HS2, have had to be scrapped with instead "a shed being bolted on to an existing lean-to", according to the Leader of Camden Council.

More information on High Speed 2 can be accessed on the Internet at <http://hs2aa.org/>, <http://www.51m.co.uk/> and <http://www.hs2.org.uk/>

**Mel Foster**

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The Customer Service Manager of Transport for Bucks has told Paul Rogerson that the work being carried out at Main Road, Lacey Green is in fact target patching in preparation for surface dressing treatment later in the year. The extent of surface dressing will be the entire carriageway from Slad Lane to Wardrobes Lane. Currently the planned programme for surface dressing is provisionally scheduled to start in July.

**Editor**

# Happy Wanderers - mud, mud, glorious mud

The week beginning the 20th January will be remembered for heavy snow in this area of the Chilterns. Our monthly walk was intended for the end of the week starting at Great Kingshill.

On the Saturday night at 12.30 a.m sleet and rain covered the area and the hope of our walk looked bleak. However, by 8.00 a.m. the sun was shining the snow was rapidly going and the resilience of the

Happy Wanderers was put to the test.

At 10.30 a.m. eighteen walkers and two tiny dogs had braved the elements ready to start the walk. Ron Goodearl our walk leader had of course checked out the route well beforehand but the terrain that morning was not exactly what he had envisaged.

From far off, local inhabitants would have seen what looked like a group of young hippopotamuses enjoying the churned up ground which a few days earlier were known as footpaths. However once one is covered in good Buckinghamshire mud the experience of wallowing is quite indulgent!

From Great Kingshill the party headed toward Holmer Green and then on to Little Kingshill, where after some challenging



slippery stiles they arrived at Peterley Corner. The wallowing Wanderers now headed for the home straight and finishing line at the Polecat Pub ready for a delicious Sunday lunch. By this time the happy band were looking even happier as they celebrated a wonderful walk with a warming glass of something mildly alcoholic.

**Ronnie and Liz Lewin**



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# Tennis Club

Thank goodness the winter weather has finally given way to the warmer sunny days that all tennis players have longed for. The tennis club has also been waiting for the weather to improve to enable the contractors to get on with the long awaited resurfacing of Court 3.

Tennis in Lacey Green & Loosley Row sets off in earnest in the Spring with the annual membership renewal, arrangements for the summer league matches, court cleaning, maintenance and evening practice. Mini, junior and adult coaching has continued throughout the year.

This year the club has entered two teams - ladies and men's doubles in the Aylesbury and District Tennis League. Each team comprises 4 players and different players can participate in each fixture provided they do not play in a higher division for another club. The mixed team was not entered this year due to insufficient players. However, there is a good pool of players for both men's and ladies teams. Regular weekly practice sessions along with coaching will hopefully bring about good results. The main benefit of the league though is the opportunity to play different clubs and experience a range of tennis styles and standards.

The junior boys made a great start in their Bucks County Aegon Under 16, Division 2C. On Saturday 20th April at Lacey Green, Sam King and Ollie Eades played a team from Marlow and won the match 4-2 in sets. Sam won both his singles and doubles in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 and 6-4, 6-1, respectively. Ollie lost his singles match but found great form with Sam finishing off with a

fantastic result in the final set. Well done boys and good luck in your future fixtures.

The tennis club AGM was held earlier than usual this year to form a new committee. There are a few new faces and new roles with Brigid Ward becoming the club secretary, Julie Harris remaining membership secretary. Nigel Glenister has taken over as the club treasurer and is also men's team captain. Linda Malden continues as league fixtures coordinator. Jenny King is responsible for organization of the Aegon junior league and Wimbledon tickets. Andy Wingrove has taken over coordinating maintenance duties and Miles Cunningham is the Sports Club tennis section representative.

The chairman for the past 4 years (Ian Ward) has stood down this year leaving the role temporarily vacant until a volunteer steps forward. Any adult member can be considered and no previous experience is necessary, as training could be provided.

The court-resurfacing project is finally coming to fruition with the new surface on Court 3 laid on Friday 26 April. The new surface will be painted and equipped for tennis in the next few weeks (weather permitting) and should be available for members to use by the end of May.

The resurfacing project was made possible this year with the help of a full Community Support Grant (£1500) from Wycombe District Council along with additional interest-free funding (£1350) from the Parish Council. The main source of funding though has been the subscriptions and fundraising of the tennis members



who over the past 4 years have raised over £7000 towards the court resurfacing. Very many thanks to both councils for their generous support which now provides a facility that will be of considerable benefit for the whole community for many years to come.

New members are always welcome especially beginners of any age. You can arrange a visit with the secretary if you want to see what's on offer.

You can join us through email, or by using the LTA website ("find a club" link)

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

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

**Membership Secretary:**

Julie 01844 275711

**Club Secretary:**

Brigid 01844 345567



# Windmill Under 5s

Windmill Under 5s had a busy term up to Easter and had 'Springtime' as a theme even if it didn't actually arrive until much later! A really special treat was having freshly made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (thanks to Sharon), they were scoffed within moments of being made. Other themes in the spring term included 'Outer Space' where a very high-tech space station was established complete with tin foil, aliens and astronauts. The children got to know about the names of planets and counting backwards to 'BLAST OFF'.

We decided to do a 'Red Nose Week' this year, and this had a different activity each day including wearing pyjamas one day and party games with disco on another. The children really loved the activities and wore red noses, along with selling cakes at the end of the week, thanks to Sharon and Alison for setting that up and all parents who made such yummy cakes. We managed to raise £194 for Comic Relief, which was a fantastic result.

At the end of term, Windmills had an Easter Party where the children could decorate bunny ears or Easter crowns, helped by Julia, Lucy and Holly – thank you! The children loved the party games and lucky dip, huge thanks to Angela and Liz. We managed to raise £170, which is great as we are trying to save up for some giant wooden blocks which can be made into all kinds of buildings and vehicles that the children can play inside. Thanks to everyone who helped with setting



the party up and clearing away. On that subject, anyone who would be willing to help at the Summer BBQ, which will be on June 23rd, please call or e-mail Paula and we'll hopefully have a warm sunny day for it. Tickets for that event with bouncy castle and loads of fun will be available after half term.

After the Easter holidays we were delighted to see that the Sports Club (our venue) had been re-carpeted, so the setting looks really smart, thanks to everyone who made that possible including those who supported Windmills events last year so we could contribute £400 to the new carpet costs. The children spend a lot of time on the floor so the difference is huge for them! Also, at the end of April there was a DIY day where loads of parents gave up their valuable Sunday morning to come and do a through spring clean and spruce up of the outside spaces, garden area and toys, so the children really have a great environment to play in. It is much appreciated by the staff and the children.

This term has started really well with 'When I grow up' and 'People who help us' with a visit from three police officers and their car. They talked about their job and had the siren and flashing lights on the car, all very exciting. We are hoping to plan a trip to Princes Risborough Fire Station shortly. Thanks to parents for coming in and talking about what they do including Matt, (Martha's Dad) for coming in the day after he ran the London Marathon to tell the children about it – and show his medal – it was so inspiring for the children to hear about it. We are all in awe!

The Easter term saw 6 new starters which makes this term very full, even next term (in September) is fully subscribed as Windmill's reputation still grows and parents



are keen to get their children on the list. It is a great position to be in as it means we can plan future developments knowing we have the support, both financial and from the community. This term we are gearing up for 19 children to head off to big school after the summer holidays. Luckily the children will have the chance to have some extended days up to 3pm in the last half term so that they can see what it will be like to be at school for such along day. That idea, along with the fantastic grounding they are getting in the pre-school, learning through play, means that they are as well prepared as you could hope for their next phase, entering full time education.

My daughter is one of the children who will head off to St. John's in September, and my time, as Chair, will come to an end. I can't thank the staff; Paula, Angela, Louisa, Elise, Annie and Lucy, and the committee enough for all they have done; not only for my child, but what they do every day for each individual child to make them feel nurtured, listened to and stimulated to be creative, and inspired to have a great time at Windmills.

**Kay Pallister**

# Sports Club news and information

On behalf of Lacey Green and Loosley Row Sports Club I would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Geoff Gomme who passed away after a short illness at the end of April. Geoff was a life long member and supporter of the sports club, a cricketer, cricket critic and regular Hallmark contributor. He will be greatly missed.

As the summer approaches, the sports club is preparing for the cricket season following a successful football season. Lots of exciting things are happening; the tennis section is undergoing a project to re-surface one of the tennis courts. The ongoing redecorating / development programme continues... the Pavilion has had a new carpet fitted and plans to repair the roof and renovate the changing rooms are set for later this year. A working party of willing volunteers will be engaged to help with the decorating (anyone willing to help please let me know).

Please save the date 20th July 2013 for the Sports Club Summer Event (earlier than usual this year). Look out for more information.

## The Grounds

The maintenance and preparation of the ground is a year-round job and the work undertaken is not just for the benefit of the cricket section but for all the sports sections and users of the facility.

A team of volunteers tirelessly cut hedges, cut and treat the pitch, keep the paths and road clear (including the public footpath), they mow and roll the grass and keep the car park tidy. They then start the job of preparing the

pitches for the year round sports; painting the lines, treating and weeding the ground and keeping the surface safe and looking good for the sportspeople and visitors who use it every week. Huge thanks to the team of guys who put so much effort in all year round in particular Nigel Kelloway, Chris Oakford, Dave Highgate and Dave Saunders. Thank you.

## Social Membership

Please come and enjoy the facilities of the club. Over the summer months cricket is played every Saturday from 1.30pm and the bar is open in the afternoon. Football is played from September to April and tennis all year round.

Social membership is only £5 per person, per year and it's a great place to meet, watch sport and enjoy a drink in the sunshine (if you are lucky) – if you would like become a social member please contact Steph Dell [steph.dell@btinternet.com](mailto:steph.dell@btinternet.com) (07768 831196) or pop into the club on a Saturday afternoon.

## Support your local club

Many Hallmark readers may not be aware that the Lacey Green & Loosley Row sports ground and clubhouse is privately leased and managed by a team of volunteers from the local community.

As it is not a council-run facility it receives no regular financial help from the local authorities. All the facilities are paid for and maintained by subs from the sports sections (Cricket, Football & Tennis), contributions from Windmills Pre-School (who hire the clubhouse Mon-Fri mornings in term time) and fundraising events organised by the sports club committee and members.

We are actively looking for new members to play cricket, football and tennis, alternatively you can become a social member and enjoy the sports from a seated position in the clubhouse with glass in hand. The Clubhouse bar is open most Saturday afternoons during the cricket season. Please come and join us. For more information on joining a team or becoming a social member email [steph.dell@btinternet.com](mailto:steph.dell@btinternet.com) or call the relevant sports section representative in the list of contacts at the back of this publication.

Look us up on FACEBOOK – Lacey Green and Loosley Row Sports Club

**Stephanie Dell**

Secretary LG & LR Sports Club



# St John's C of E School

Can it really be the summer term already? Life at St. John's is as busy as ever with all of the children working extremely hard. Each class has chosen a charity to support and they have held various events to support those charities. At the end of April all 30 children in Year 6 will be singing at the Royal Albert Hall taking part in "Echoes 5". This is a concert arranged by Buckinghamshire Music Service. It is involving 60 primary schools in Bucks and focuses on the themes of "Old Oak" and "Legacy". The children are very excited to be able to sing at such an amazing venue.

## Hot School Meals

We are very excited to announce the re-introduction of a hot school meal service at St. John's School. The school has secured a grant from the county to make the necessary changes to the current school community room in order to take advantage of the fantastic school meal service provided by "The Hub" based at Princes Risborough Upper School.

Mark, the Chef from the Upper School and his catering team, produce fresh, nutritionally balanced meals for the Upper School and many of the local primary schools in the area. The meals are cooked from scratch each morning, using locally sourced produce and then delivered to St. John's school, hot and ready to be served to the children and staff each lunch time.

The work to the kitchen will be carried out over the Whitsun half term and we hope to serve our first meals to the children on Monday 1st July 2013.

In addition to providing school meals for the children we have designed the new kitchen to

provide the necessary equipment and space to be able to run a regular chef's club. The chef's club has been running as a trial period over the past 3 terms. The results have been fantastic. The children taking part from years 4 and 5 worked together over a 5 week period to produce proper family meals for 4 people. The meals they prepared were then taken home to be enjoyed by their whole family. We had so many positive comments and the children's skill level improved so much over the 5 week course, we are determined for this to become a regular feature at the school.

## St. John's Gardening Club Needs You!

The parents of children at St. John's have recently started an after-school gardening club on a Friday which is open to all middle school children. The initial intention of the club is both to restore the 'Outside Classroom' and to turn the Millennium Garden into a kitchen garden to enhance the role of the new kitchen at St. Johns.

By restoring the gardens and dedicating them to mainly kitchen gardens this will involve the whole school curriculum: The children can use the produce to create wonderful healthy organic dishes, plant, water, watch them grow, harvest, collect seeds, compost the left-overs and start the process all over again.

At present we are working with the basics and ask if anybody has any excess vegetable seeds, seedlings, compost, planters etc. would they kindly donate them to the gardening club.

Also if you have a particular area of expertise you would like to

share with parents and children alike please let us know.

The two parent co-ordinators for the kitchen and garden projects are Kate Collet-Fenson and Maggie Robins, please email either of them with your ideas.

Kate - [colletfenson@gmail.com](mailto:colletfenson@gmail.com) or Maggie - [magsrobins@gmail.com](mailto:magsrobins@gmail.com)

## Summer Ball



The annual Summer Ball will take place on July 13<sup>th</sup> with this year's theme being

'Copacabana Masquerade Ball'.

The preparations are well under way and it promises to be a great night out. If you would like to join us please contact the school office for tickets. This year we are raising funds to refurbish our outdoor fitness trail for the children.

## School Drop Off and Pick-Up

We would like to thank all residents of Lacey Green for their patience and understanding with the parents of St. John's at drop off and pick-up times. As we are all aware this is a very fraught time of day for all and we are trying our hardest to address any problems.

With this in mind we are asking all parents at pick-up time to cooperate and drive in a clockwise direction around Church Lane. This is not compulsory but we feel that it will help alleviate snarl-ups at the end of the day.

Have a great summer.....

**Julia Spittles**

Parents Association Secretary

# On The Farm

April 25th and at last the grass has grown enough to let some of the cows out to graze. Well yes, there was hail and a bit of snow yesterday, but it didn't settle for long. There are other signs too that spring is underway. A duck with about 10 ducklings was seen proudly watching over her brood as they took to the water on a large puddle in one of the fields. A facility not usually available, flooding not being the norm here on the hills. But then there is always the pond; and one of the farm cats has turned up with five good sized kittens in tow. The chestnut trees are coming out in leaf, and the daffodils are at last with us. The earth has been cold so long, hopefully it will warm up from now on to keep things improving.

The weather continues to dominate the farm, as it always does, but the last twelve months have been trickier than usual.

There is a lot of catching up to do. Very little autumn sown wheat, which is usually our main crop, was planted. Now we will plant spring grown crops. This is second best but better than nothing. Having said that, it is a treat to be able to get on the land again. We have had to replant winter rape as it 100% failed, due to a combination of cold wet weather last September and October and severe slug activity.

It's not just us, many farmers have been patching or replanting crops. Just so anxious to get on and hoping that it will be alright does not always pay off, but you have to take any chance and sooner or later it will work.

Slugs have been in unprecedentedly high numbers for at least a year now, as all keen gardeners will know. We are still

having trouble on the winter wheat which survived the autumn, but normally should have grown away from trouble by now. Also all crops planted this spring, - barley, spring rape and maize will have to be watched very closely.

After last year's poor maize harvest we were hoping for an early turn out for the cows as silage stocks are not huge. Although the ground was dry enough it was only in the last two weeks that the grass has grown sufficiently as it was so cold.

## Feed prices

We buy in quite a lot of feed to supplement the cows' diet. Current demand has caused the price to spiral out of control. Much of the feed is waste product from our food. For example, recently Weetabix have shut some of the production lines for its oat products because it cannot source enough oats. Cause: last year's poor oat harvest. In their production process there would always be wastage, which ends up in animal feed. Spent grains from the brewing industry have gone up 60% this winter, if you are able to get them. It would help if people were to drink more beer!

Soya bean meal has risen from £350 tonne to £450, mostly from Brazil and Argentina. Brazil has done most of its harvest, which is reported "good", but the infrastructure is so poor it cannot get out of the ports. Currently there is a queue of ships waiting to be loaded to export the crop around the world. China has a huge influence. If they are buying the price will change. Timing of contracts is critical. We have bought on contract a good percentage of our feed requirements to April 2014. Time will tell if we have made good decisions.

## Parlour improvements

We are in the final stages of our improvements to the milking parlour with some of the technical improvements coming on line. The computer in the office will now record the cows milk yield every time she is milked. Also her activity or lack of activity each day, and the quality of the milk. This will tell us when things change and indicate how she is. We really hope this turns out to be a wise investment.

**Joan West**



*Poor germination of winter wheat fields*

# Community Planning Group

As many of you already know, George Crombie, who has run the sub-post offices in both Great Hampden and Lacey Green for the last few years, has decided to hang up his boots.

It took some time for George to tell the Post Office of his intentions (communications problem), but he finally succeeded in making contact, and a date in June has now been fixed for the farewell. We are planning to have a minor ceremony at the Millennium Hall (well, maybe just the shop/post office) for the occasion. There is a card available in Lacey Green Stores for you to sign, if you haven't already done this.

Sub-postmasters do appear to operate under a rather ill defined management structure. George has never had a line manager and has only reported by computer to a remote location.

We are hopeful that a new sub-postmaster can be recruited. The Post Office will do this, eventually, but so far as we know, the Lacey Green post office will be closed until such time as a replacement is found. We understand that it may need someone already experienced. However, if you know of anyone who may be interested in the job, it would probably help to get things moving more quickly. Let us know.

Although the post office will close at least temporarily, we are planning to keep Lacey Green Stores going. We believe that we have another new volunteer joining the team in the near future, which is very good news. Nevertheless, we could do with a few more smiling faces to keep our customers happy.

Remember that the shop provides a community service that we would like to keep running. So please do use it!

## Tony Molesworth

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# Lacey Green Players

As reported in the last Hallmark, LGP's audiences raised a record amount from our last production in November. As a result, we were able to give £600 to the local hospitals Scannappeal fund and £600 to the Princes Centre in Princes Risborough.

Our donation to Scannappeal purchased an iPad and software for the Brain Injury Unit Appeal. This equipment is particularly useful in helping patients to recover from the effects of a stroke. The donation to the Princes Centre will help them to continue to develop their day care services for those with mental health issues, the frail elderly and dementia sufferers.

We are now in the process of writing another of our murder mystery evening entertainments. These entertainments are designed to help local

organisations raise money for their chosen charity. So, if you know about anybody trying to do this, please put them in touch with us. Bookings for the new murder mystery are already coming in and we are due to appear in Great Hampden this autumn and in Chalfont St Peter early in 2014. LGP is on tour once again!

Please make a date in your diaries for our November production in the Village Hall. The dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The Friday and Saturday performances will be dinner theatres, while on the Thursday night we shall have snacks and nibbles.

Please also note that we shall be changing our methods of selling tickets for these performances to make it easier both for you and for us. So that you can sort out who is definitely in your party and who is

not, we shall be delaying the start of taking bookings until October 1st. Oh and the play that we are performing – we can't confirm that until we have had our casting sessions over the next few weeks but our plan is to perform a very funny play that will thoroughly entertain you in the build up to the Christmas season.

For the future, we have many ideas under discussion designed to give the group the space to change and develop. LGP has reinvented itself many times already. Our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary seems the ideal moment to do a bit of future gazing. So, if you would like to be involved in any capacity, please contact us now, either by phoning 01844 344207 or through our website [www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk](http://www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk)

**Peter Brookhouse**

# Horticultural Society

Spring has finally arrived and the daytime weather is getting a bit warmer, also a bit damper; so ideal conditions for those slugs.

The Horticultural Society has been busy growing young plants and we hope to have a good variety for sale on National Mills Day at the windmill on Sunday 12th May. The plant stall will be open between 11am and 4pm when we will have to start dismantling our stall for the day. We will also have a selection of cakes for sale and the opportunity to enter a draw for a veg box or a breakfast box.

We had a very good AGM where we were entertained by a speaker on Chenies Manor.

The presentation was interesting and informative. We also took part as a society in the BAHS show. We are extremely grateful to all members who allowed us to examine or use any of their produce or home cooked items to allow us to choose from and form an exhibit.

The show was in Marlow this year and our exhibit did us proud. We received third prize for our combined domestic and horticultural exhibit and a highly commended in the Floral Art section which was a landscape arrangement titled "Spring is here".

However of special note was the fact that we received a rosette for best horticultural exhibit in the show which was David and Joy Lawrence's orchid, which was truly stunning. Other items of note in our exhibit were Denise Kinnard's potato scones and Laura Chapman's lemon curd.

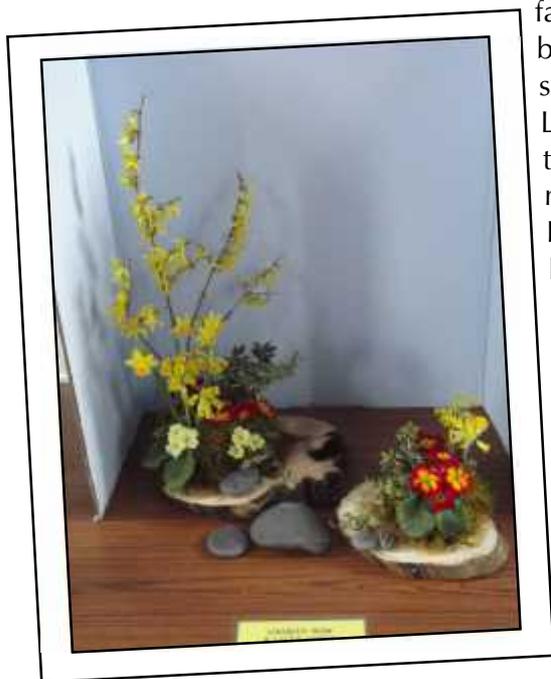
Flushed with our success we have volunteered to host next year's spring show in our hall. More details to follow when we will be trying to encourage everyone to assist in any way they can.



If you have a hanging basket you can enter that in the competition judged at the end of June or beginning of July by telling one of the committee and we are also organising a trip to Kew Gardens in June.

Please contact a committee member if you have any queries and I hope the warmer weather continues and we get some nice hot and sunny weather to encourage us to spend more time in the garden.

**Adam Heeley**



## LOOKING IN THE CHILTERNs



We live in Lacey Green and have been successfully running an organic rural business in the Beaconsfield area and want to move it closer to home. We need 5+ acres of land, to buy or long-term lease, around the Lacey Green area. All land types considered, including woodland, pasture, mixed, odd shapes and hilly! To base a low-impact permaculture vegetable garden and related ecologically based projects on a small local scale.

NOT for development, dwelling or building.

Alternatively we'd be interested in a property, with at least three bedrooms, that has 5+ acres in the same area.

Any further questions or information on land available please e-mail us on [chilternidyll@gmail.com](mailto:chilternidyll@gmail.com) or call 07811 812627.

# The Windmill WI

We started off our first meeting in February with a very interesting talk from Mrs Joy Button on Cookery Judging. Joy is a BFWI County Adviser and a National Federation Cookery Judge. Several members cooked various items and Joy told us where we would have gone wrong if we had entered them in a competition. It was really enlightening to learn the different mistakes the most common one being 'soggy bottoms'!

In February several members attended the 'By George - that's style' day at the Oasis Centre in Princes Risborough. We all enjoyed ourselves and were entertained by 3 guest speakers talking about Dress and Manners in the time of Lady Hamilton; the London Theatre World in the time of the composer Handel and Georgian dances with members taking part - very good fun!

In March our speaker was Janey Goodearl talking about the Alexander Technique. This technique is a learning experience and is an effective way to maintain health and wellbeing; our members learnt how to do it and stand correctly.

We had our biannual Jumble Sale in March which was very profitable. Many members attended to prepare the jumble and then sell it. We also had an enjoyable lunch at the local pub.

Also in March some of our members went to the Group Meeting at Downley. The speaker was Marion Maule who spoke about 'Weird and Wonderful Weddings Around the World'. Marion made her talk very interesting and entertaining with many items she had from weddings she had been to.

April we had Anna Conti to speak to us on 'Stained Glass - not just Churches'. Anna was a really interesting speaker, she had studied at Chelsea School of Art and had many samples to show us of her work. She also kept us entertained with many stories of windows she had made. Anna also runs workshops for teaching her craft.

Some of our members recently went to the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury for the BFWI Annual Council Meeting. About 900 WI ladies attended this event which shows the WI off at its best.

This was a very enjoyable day with lots of interesting speakers, the main speaker being Michael Portillo. We were not sure whether he would make it as he was attending a certain funeral in London but he did arrive just in time for his talk still in his morning suit! Mr Portillo was an excellent speaker talking about his time in politics and his TV programmes about the Great British Railway Journeys. We all agreed that it had been a very good day out.

A few of us also went to Waterside Theatre in April to see 'The Mousetrap', this was a very good production and even though some of us had seen it before (some time ago) we were still surprised by the ending.

Next month is our Resolution Meeting when we will discuss the resolution to be voted on at the NFWI meeting in June. This year's resolution is 'Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres'. This should lead to a very lively discussion, you are very welcome to come along to the Village Hall on the 1st May at 7.45pm to take part.

**Ann Bartlett**

## Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group Leader

The scout group invites suitably experienced applicants for the voluntary post of Group Scout Leader. A challenging and rewarding appointment, the Group Scout Leader is responsible for the provision of Scouting in the Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group for about 100 young people, aged 6 - 14 and the management of adults directly involved in the development of these young people.

The Group currently has 2 Beaver Scout Colonies, 2 Cub Scout Packs and 1 Scout Troop, with plans to open a second Scout Troop. Previous Scouting is not essential. Good organisational, communication and management skills are essential. This voluntary post, will be for a period of 2 - 5 years subject to agreement.

*Be prepared ...to make a difference*

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# St John's Church



Vicar: Reverend Denise Critchell.  
Tel. 347741.

## Time to say Goodbye

Rev. Denise will hold her final service in St John's Church on July 7, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the School. Do attend to celebrate the times Denise and Norman have lived among us.

Contact Pat 345452 or Margaret 347094 to finalise food requirements and offer help.

At 6.00pm there will also be a Team Service in St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough, organised by Christians Together, to bid Farewell and God speed to Denise and Norman. All who know Denise are welcome to attend.

We wish Rev. Denise and Norman all good wishes for their future.

St. John's Church has a hard working and sincere PCC plus many friends who are keen to enliven and enrich the life of our Church. We welcome new ideas, fundraising and social happenings, so please join us and support us.

With many blessings and peace to all.

## June Brazier

## Future dates for the diary

Dick Field – Churchwarden – will soon be inviting us to a 'Let's tidy the Churchyard again'. Please watch the notice board for specific times, and do volunteer. 01494 562231.

Also, good cleaners needed to work perhaps one week in each month to keep our Church looking beautiful. Contact Churchwarden Pat 01844 345452.

June 8th A new and nearly-new Clothes Sale to be held in the Village Hall from 11.30 to 3.00pm. Drop off time for donated clothes from 9-11pm. (please note – NOT jumble). Refreshments will be served.

Children's clothes, school uniforms, men's and ladies' clothing, jewellery, hats, handbags, and shoes – sellers please put suggested prices on 'goods' 60% to YOU and 40% to Church Funds.

Contact Margaret Gray 347094 or Caroline Gulliver on 275917 for more details of offers of help.

June 9th The Junior Choir will hold a Concert and Tea in Church. CDs will be on sale. Come and enjoy some lovely singing and delicious refreshments. Contact Rosemary Mortham on 345863 for details.

CAR WASH. After a very successful and enjoyable tea-and-cake- while- you-wait on March 3rd, many drivers had beautifully clean cars for the price of £5.00. Another car wash will be held in the school grounds from 2-5pm some time in June. Check with Claire McWilliams for definite dates.

## Regular Services at St. John's church

### SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion(1662)  
1st, 2nd, & 4th Sundays

10.00am All age Worship  
Communion  
1st Sunday of the month.

10.00am Parish Communion  
2nd, 3rd, 4th, (&5th) Sundays

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

NOTE – Evensong will be held ONLY at key points during the Church year

### TUESDAY

9.30am. Communion Service in Lady Chapel at St. John's. This is a quiet time for peace and reflection of your own Spiritual journey .

2.00pm 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, Princes Risborough

If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or would like a home visit, or to book Weddings, Christenings or funeral services: please contact churchwardens Mrs. Pat Richards on 01844 345452 or Mr. Dick Field on 01494 562231.

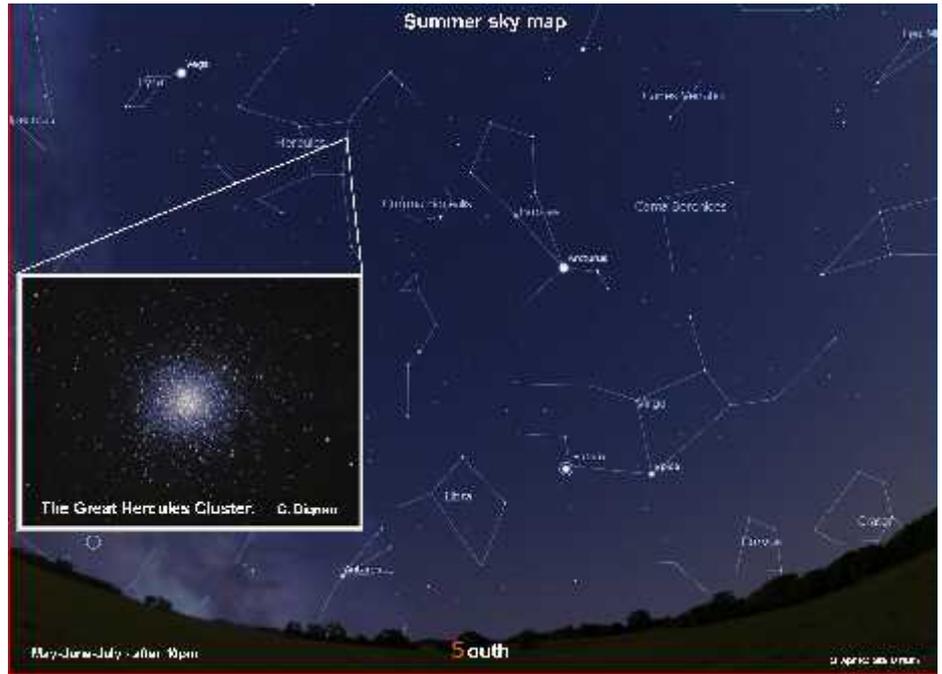
On the last Sunday in the month our 11 – 15 year olds are welcome to attend 'LATER' from 6-8 pm at Jim and Gill Taylor's house in 26 Summerleys Road, PR

# Heavenly Bodies

Wonderful Saturn is still prominent in the night sky after reaching this year's closest point to Earth a couple of weeks ago. It's a cinch to spot with the naked eye looking south and using the sky map on this page. Its rings only reveal themselves when using a small telescope, but you'll certainly see the planet's pale yellow colour contrast with the bright white star Spica to its right. These two bodies give a real sense of 3-D in the Universe as Saturn is much closer to us at "only" 846 million miles away, while the star lies a colossal 1,500 trillion miles from us. That's why planets don't "twinkle" like stars whose light has to travel longer distances and is more easily disturbed by Earth's churning atmosphere.

Staying with the planets, three more have a close encounter in our skies around **May 26** (see below). Start near where the Sun sets then look out for a bright 'star' low in the west/north-west sky. That'll be Venus – to the left of it will be Jupiter and above it will be fainter Mercury. In the evenings just before and after the 26th you'll be able to see how each planet shifts position as they pursue their own orbits.

The sky map also shows a good chunk of the summer night sky, so it's a good time to wander outside and see if you can spot one or two of the named stars and pick out some of the constellations. A pair of binoculars will let you look deeper – so how about



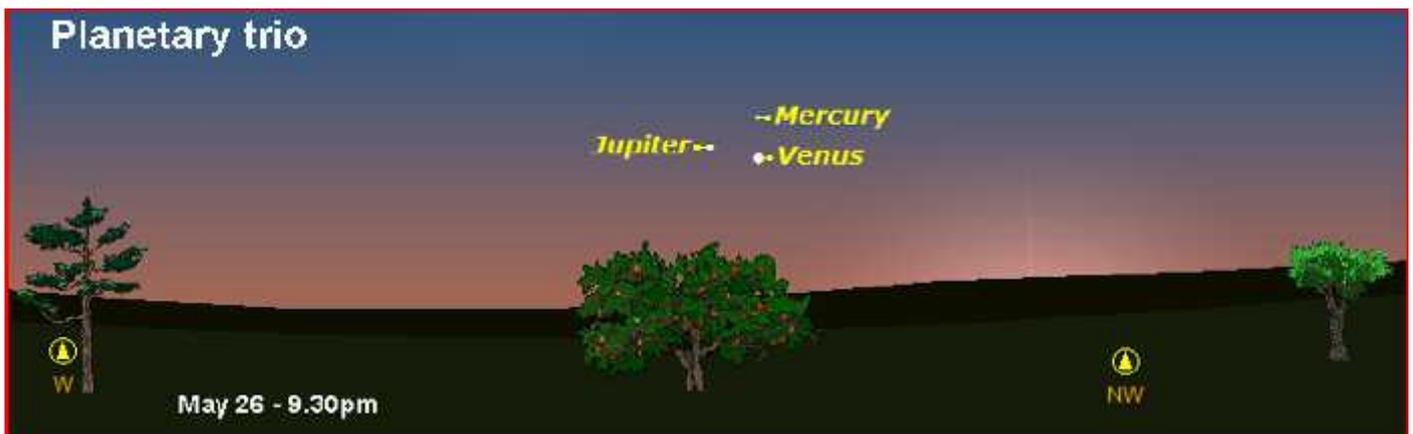
finding a globular cluster? Although they sound like a physical ailment, globular clusters are fascinating objects. About 150 of them hover just above our Galaxy in a halo. Looking like a ball of bees, globular clusters are spheres of densely packed stars, bound by gravity.

The best one to see in the northern hemisphere is the Hercules Cluster, shown on the sky map, which can be seen as a fuzzy 'star' in binoculars. I took the image of the cluster shown here using a telescope and a DSLR camera. The cluster lies about 25,000 light years away and is 140 light years wide. Incredibly, it contains about 300,000 stars, so if you lived up there, it would always be daylight. In 1974 a radio beam containing information about the human race, our DNA and

Earth's location was beamed towards the cluster from the famous Aricebo radio telescope in Puerto Rico (the one featured in the James Bond film 'GoldenEye'). The beam is travelling at the speed of light, so will reach the Hercules Cluster in 25,000 years' time.

I hope some of you were able to see Comet PANSTARRS in March – sadly, I could not. But do look north for the eerie noctilucent clouds from now on any clear night. If you see silvery-blue-white clouds glowing in the sky at about 11pm-1am, then you've found them, and are looking at space particles more than 50 miles up. And Comet Ison is getting nearer....

**Chris Dignan**



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Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Full walk last Sun of the month 10.30	Ronnie Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
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Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm	Alison Shreeve		a.shreeve1@btinternet.com
Kinder Gym & Melody Minors	Baby to 5 years. Fridays during term. After school classes for up to Year 3	Jenny Stothard Gabby Kenny	344441 07793 80745	jennystothard@btinternet.com
LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time	Pat Syrett	347596	
Lacey Green Productions	Theatre, drama, and sometimes food			info@laceygreenproductions.co.uk
Windmill Under 5s	Mon-Fri 9.00-12.00 or 1.30 if your child stays for lunch	Julia Cunningham	07502 198405	admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill W (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm	Daphne Willash	01494 562455	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
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The Black Horse	Quiz night last Sunday of every month at 8pm	Lynne Comley	345195	lynnecomley@btconnect.com
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