

# HALLMARK



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# Welcome to the August edition of Hallmark

As the smell of barbeques waft past my window I reflect on the joys of summer in the Chilterns.

The Strawberry Tea and Church Fete are the traditional summer functions, together with less formal Hog Roasts and society barbeques. Newer ideas were the Parslows Hillock fete at the Pink and the mass car boot sale held in Kiln Lane. It's great to get out and have a focus for meeting up with friends in the village.

After a year without a vicar we will have a new arrival in October. The new vicar will be The Reverend Canon Tony Bundock, coming here after 20 years in Leeds, the last 8 in charge of York Minster. It will be quite a change for him!

## Deliverers

Most readers of Hallmark will be aware that voluntary contributions are collected in May and these help to cover the printing costs. Thank you very much to all who contributed.

We rely on a team of volunteers, many of whom have been doing this job for years. It is increasingly difficult to find

As an enthusiastic supporter of the Lacey Green Windmill I was disappointed to hear that we will not see the sails turning again, but it does seem to be the sensible decision - see page 18

I was sorry to hear that our former editor Norman Tyler is in poor health. At least he has now been able to return home and must be more comfortable than in hospital. My best wishes go to him.

Norman was a great help in taking photographs for Hallmark. Now he can no longer do this we are reliant on you readers to take photos of village happenings.

replacement collectors and deliverers when people are ill or on holiday We would like to appeal for more people to help out as and when the need arises.

If you would be prepared to help, please contact Helen Cliff at 01844 347518 or on [hm.cliff@gmail.com](mailto:hm.cliff@gmail.com)

## Local Police News

There has been a spate of thefts from vans (tools) and shed breaks (garden tools) in villages close to Lacey Green.

The advice is to be vigilant – lock gates and doors – security mark property to identify it or use selecta DNA/smartwater – use [www.immobilise.co.uk](http://www.immobilise.co.uk) to keep a

record of valuables, serial numbers etc.

Keep valuables out of sight – maintain security lighting & alarms – use a padlock (a padlock that lets out a high pitched alarm when tampered with is available through shops and NHW coordinators)



If any of you are keen photographers and have images that you think would look good in Hallmark, please get in touch, we are keen to have more. Thanks to Clive for his front cover photograph this month.

**Mike Piercy**  
Editor

## Thanks

I was overwhelmed and greatly moved by the power of love and friendship I received on the occasion of my 90th Birthday.

Thank you all so much

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Parfiter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

PC Marea Logan has been helping out with the school walk from the village hall to Lacey Green school in the mornings where she has been assisting with road safety matters.

PC 4755 Andy Ralph, Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Policing team.

# What's On

**Sat 6 Sept**  
Horts Club Show

**Wed Sept 17 8.00**  
**Horts Club**  
Butterfly Conservation  
by Mr Nick Bowles

**Sept 27 & 28**  
Harvest weekend at the  
church

**Thurs 23 Oct 7.30**  
Licensing of Rev Tony  
Bundock at church

**Nov 27 -29**  
LGP Dinner Theatre  
Bookings open Oct 1

**Wed Nov 19 7.00**  
Annual pumpkin  
competition and supper

**Mobile Library  
Service**  
Eastlands 11.30 to 11.55  
6 August, 3 Sept,  
1 & 29 Oct

**Parish Council**  
1 Sept 7.30 pm  
Lacey Green Hall.  
13 Oct 7.30 pm  
Speen Hall

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday 25th September we are holding our coffee morning in the village hall to raise money for the MacMillan cancer fund.

Doors open at 9 o'clock with the usual coffee and biscuits. There will be stalls with cakes, a tombola, jewellery, handbags and greeting cards.

If you are able to support us by making a cake or donating to the tombola, Jill or Joy will be pleased to hear from you.

We hope that, as in previous years, you will come and give your support to this annual event.

Jill Baker (01844 275442) and  
Joy Lawrence (01844 346715)

## Pub Lunch

Are you living at home on your own. This is a lonely existence for some but it needn't be. You have to get involved with village life. You can start by coming to the pub lunch at the Black Horse on the first Tuesday of every month. We will make sure you are made welcome.

You need to live in Lacey Green or Loosley Row and be over 50. We can sort transport out if that is an issue. It's just £7 for a two course meal and a cuppa.

We have been operating now for over two years and we all but fill the pub every time but we can cope with a few more. You have to book and also let the organisers know as soon as possible if you can't make it - this saves wasting food and keeps the price so very reasonable.

Call Bette 344606  
or Yvonne 345216

## Short Mat Bowls

July is the start of our 5th year. We have three mats to cope with thirty members but attendance is much less than that because it is not compulsory.

You come when you want at 2 pm on a Monday afternoon and it's just £2 per afternoon session involving 16 ends, a cup of tea and a biscuit.

You don't have to be any good because we are not. We have some spare bowls so you don't have to join until you have tried it a couple of times. You do need indoor shoes to play or socks will do to try it.

It is good exercise which includes the jaw if you like to talk.

Contact Leigh on 345216 or just turn up before 2 pm Monday. It is difficult to rearrange teams once we have started.

## Windmill Artists Exhibition and Bistro

This popular annual art exhibition and bistro will once again be held in Lacey Green Village Hall on Sat Nov 1 from 10.30 to 4.00.

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

# Village Life - for those not involved....

Why on earth would you come to live in a village, especially when it's likely that everyone gets to know your business? Well perhaps you appreciate that this is the main reason crime is virtually non-existent. Criminals from outside the village are less likely to pay us a visit as they attract attention just for being strangers. Actually some villages treat newcomers as strangers, taking several years to get to know you before acceptance. Not so here, almost everyone says 'Hello' and I personally appreciate people recognising I exist and want to be friendly. Isn't it much better than ignoring or being ignored - you have to avoid eye contact which in a way is a bit of a snub.

Being friendly means your neighbours are much more likely to come to your aid when you need it and are often your first source of help even if its just watering your plants.

Maybe you came here for the school but then why is it such a good school? Common sense suggests that because you want your kids to get a good education for their life ahead, you seek out such a school and cooperate with and support that school to keep it that way.

It follows that the village itself is all the better if you support it. Most will know we have amateur dramatics, a youth club, horticultural society, history group, indoor bowling, art group, sports club and the list goes on. There are several organised events such as the Strawberry Tea and History exhibitions. Other clubs are not specifically

village but open to villagers such as the U3A or The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts - these are friendly welcoming organisations that use our village hall.

We are fortunate to have one of the best village halls for miles around and this is due to people in the village raising the money to pay for it being built. It was a lot of money even though half was donated by the National Lottery which itself involved a detailed application process. Although it largely supports itself, some of this is down to local donations. Apart from using it for the activities mentioned above, you may require it for personal use for that wedding anniversary and the like. It is an excellent facility for these and similar events that most definitely won't dent your bank account.

The village also produces its own magazine four times a year. It costs £7.50ish for the four copies which is more than the cost of advertising revenue received. So we ask you to support this with a small donation once a year. If everyone gave £5 it would be more than enough. Some people are very generous but a few pretend they are not in. The collectors who deliver it will come at least twice, perhaps leaving an envelope if your not in on the second visit. Should there be a surplus this is used to support the village.

Those who are working or have children have busy lives and spare time is limited but you know these things going on in the village provide for your spare

time often at the expense of someone else's. Every one of the activities I have mentioned is run by volunteers which means their only reward is being appreciated and that is invariably enough. Showing your appreciation can be helping put away. Taking without giving is not supporting or cooperating and giving can be, just a little of your time.

**Leigh Axe**

## **Beginners Computer Classes**

2.00 pm Third Wed every month starting Sept. at village hall.

£2 per session

Book a place with Leigh on 345216 Or email [leigh@laceygreen.com](mailto:leigh@laceygreen.com)

## **Youth Club**

Going up to year 6 next year means you can join Youth Club. You are invited to two 'taster' sessions on August 1st and August 15th. I know that these are in the summer holidays so the first date after we go back to school is September 12th.

You only pay £2.00 for the first two and can decide if you want to join after that (£5.00 membership).

Youth Club is held every other week on a Friday from 7.30-9.00 pm. Dates are on <http://www.laceygreen.com/Sections/index.php#youth>

# Lacey Green Productions

We have just cast our play for the LGP November dinner theatre. So make a note of the dates in your diaries, please – November 27th, 28th and 29th (dinner and bar for the 28th and 29th, nibbles and bar for the 27th).

The play will be a comedy by Terence Rattigan called “Harlequinade”. It is set in the late 1940s and the plot revolves around a touring theatre company, which is led by a couple who are getting far too old to play Romeo and Juliet. But they will keep trying! If anyone still has clothes from the 1940s in the backs of their wardrobes, please let us know, since Rattigan’s plays have to be set in the period in which they were written.

LGP has not performed a Terence Rattigan play before. It was the centenary of his birth in 2011 and several of his plays were revived in that year, both in the West End

and elsewhere. Rattigan’s first play was “French Without Tears”, written in 1936 and he continued to write for the theatre and the cinema until his death in 1977.

Other well-known plays by Terence Rattigan are “Flare Path”, “The Winslow Boy”, “Separate Tables” and “The Deep Blue Sea”.

Rattigan’s later writing career was overshadowed by the rise of the “angry young men” playwrights of the 1960s and his work fell out of favour for half a century until this series of recent revivals. “Harlequinade” is one of Terence Rattigan’s lighter plays and will give you a very good evening’s entertainment.

Tickets for “Harlequinade” will go on sale on October 1st. As we can no longer take provisional bookings, please let us have your definite bookings as soon as possible after that date.

Looking forward to next year, several organisations have already asked LGP for more Murder Mystery entertainment evenings. We write these ourselves and try to make them topical with local references. Our aim is to help organisations to raise money for good causes or charities. They are usually performed in the February to April period and are great fun for audiences and performers alike. Performance of these Murder Mysteries is under consideration by the group as we plan our activities for 2015. Keep an eye on our website at [www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk](http://www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk)

If you would like to be involved with LGP, we are always looking for new members to join us to help in whatever capacity you like. Again, please get in touch via the website or call 01844 344207.

**Peter Brookhouse**

## Village History Group Event

### TO COMMEMORATE THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR ONE

**To remember those who died and show its effect on our local villages  
St John’s Church from Sat 8th Nov to Tues 11th Nov**

Sat 8th Nov. 2.00 - 5.00 pm History Exhibition open	time. Crosses available in church.	followed by refreshments, and History Exhibition. Cost £5.00
Sat 8th. Nov. 7.30 for 8.00 pm Concert by Lacey Green Singers	Sun 9th Nov 2.00 - 5.00 pm History Exhibition Open (Teas served). Lecture by Rev. Arthur Taylor on Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry at 3.00 pm Cost £5.00	Tues 11th Nov 11.00 am Special School Service in church to remember the 11th day of the 11th Month, when the Armistice was signed. Also small exhibition suitable for children.
Sun 9th Nov 10.00 am Special Remembrance Sunday Service and 2 minutes silence. Placing of crosses in memory of each local serviceman killed.	Also, adult church choir singing period songs and hymns. Poetry readings including works by Rupert Brooke.	For tickets and further information, please contact Rosemary Mortham (Secretary to the History Group) on 01844 345863
Any relatives or descendants of our war dead are invited to remember their relatives at this	Mon 10th Nov. 7.00 pm Junior Choir Concert for Peace	

# On The Farm

Please note, "the weather this spring was good for both crops and grassland." (Not many farmers ever say that!) Well the deer got that feeling too and did keep us awake during rutting.

## Concreting

John came home from college in 1957. At that time nowhere was concreted. He set about putting this right, taking advantage of grants which were then available. For years any money that could be spared went into this project.

After 50 odd years of ever heavier traffic the concrete was breaking up. Previously, although the mix came readymade, all the levels were done by John with a Cowley level, shuttering placed and tamping done by the farm staff.

What had taken years was all redone this spring by local contractors who have done a really good job and we would recommend them. We still had to get the milk tanker in, so for two weeks we used a route in from Kiln Lane. We used to take the milking herd down there daily to graze Hillocks (on the left at the cross tracks), we have also brought in silage trailers and once a fire engine. It was good to get that big tanker back using our new yard.

## Cows on the run

The phone call we always dread is one reporting cows on the loose. Recently some got their gate off its hinges. Half got on the A4010 near Princes Risborough, the others got into the area of houses above the Esso garage in the town.

We eventually got them back into their field with the help of the police.

Agricultural prices have been going down over the last two months; milk by 7%, crops and beef 20%. Currently the world has reasonable carry over stocks, but the general outlook is positive. The energy industry is taking ever more acres competing with food supplies.

## Harvest is coming

We will be cutting some whole crop wheat. This will not mature for grain but will make winter feed silage. This wheat is affected with a disease called "take all" It looks good now but will not make the quality grain we are looking for.

By the time you read this we will be in the busiest time of the farming year. Not only harvesting, straw baling then replanting, but also the busiest time for cows calving.

We are aware that we are more visible on the road. Some of our machines are 4 metres wide. We make dust with combining, cultivating and lime spreading; create smells with slurry and dung spreading; and noise doing all of them, often until late. We have to go whenever possible for you cannot trust the weather. Please bear with us for at the end of the day we are producing food for us all.

The first crop to harvest (keep fingers crossed against thunderstorms or hail) is rape, for oil. Then replant by end of August. The EU has banned neonicotinoids (a seed dressing to protect against flea beetle).

This is a trial and controversial. It is a bid to protect bees. Even bee keepers are not sure. Of course no-one needs bees more than the farmers but it is recommended we revert to "old chemistry" insecticides and spray once or twice in the first three weeks. Is this better than a dressing put on the seed? Well we are stuck with it. Our agronomist will walk the crops to monitor whether we need to spray.

## Young Farmers Show

It was a lovely day for the Princes Risborough Young Farmers County Show at Bledlow. It was a massive event. I find it so inspiring knowing young people (25 yrs max) can be so enthusiastic, hard working and have such fun.

It has been said that it is never too late to learn. It's certainly so in farming. In the autumn I am going with a study group to farms on Salisbury Plain. Three days of dodging army manoeuvres as I understand it. Richard and Maxine went to the European Dairy Conference, which this year was in Switzerland. Richard went to Dumfries and Cumbria looking at dairy production. Luckily our industry is not secretive but good at sharing ideas and results. It could be unique in that respect.

Always one to delegate I have asked Maxine and Richard's daughter to write my last part, so from me "have a great summer", now over to Charlotte on the next page.

**Joan West**

# The Harper Adams Experience

In early July I went to visit Harper Adams University. They have a weekend for 16 to 17 year olds, where you stay the night on campus and get a feel for it and what it would be like if you chose to go there in the future.

On the first night they had a party so everyone could meet, including some of the students that are there now, and get a feel for the social life that university offers.

On the second day we each picked two courses to have a small taster of what that sort of course would involve. We also had the option of getting up early to watch the milking as Harper has its own farm on campus complete with a dairy unit with a 'rotary' parlour. It was brilliant to watch the rotary in action as it is different from ours at home which is a 'herringbone'.

There are many different courses, but as I've lived on a farm all my life, agriculture has always been something that has taken my interest. The two courses I chose were "Milk Production" and "Feeding the Crops".

I had sometimes helped with the milking and fed the calves at home, so I knew a bit about cows, therefore this really caught my attention and I understood quite a lot of what was being said. The second one I really didn't know what to expect from this but thought I'd have a look anyway.

It was all about different soil types and fertilisers, about which I knew nothing. But this was interesting all the same and I really enjoyed going out to a field to look at the soil and work out what it was.



The reason I went was because I think I may want to do something in agriculture, and as both my granddad and dad went to Harper and enjoyed it, it was definitely somewhere I wanted to look at myself.

**Charlotte West**

## Beer festivals

As an enthusiastic beer drinker I am happy to see that our local pubs are actively promoting interesting real ales. All 3 pubs have an excellent selection with frequent guest beers.

We have also had some excellent beer festivals - at the Whip in mid-May (pictured below) and at the Black Horse at the beginning of August.

The Whip event was very well attended, helped by good weather and an excellent jazz band. Let's hope they were profitable and will be repeated.

**Editor**



# Tennis Club

On Sunday 8 June we held our Summer BBQ at the Club House. We were extremely lucky with the weather, which no doubt, encouraged a few more last minute ticket sales. In the end, we had a record 80 people, keeping our bar very busy with thirsty members!

The BBQ's popularity also meant we hadn't appreciated the amount of meat that needed cooking. At the eleventh hour it was decided that we would need an emergency third BBQ! Rob Harris and I had to dash back to my house and wheel my gas BBQ down Church Lane and along the Main Road. Unsurprisingly, we received a lot of strange glances from passing motorists!

It was nice to see so many juniors come along to our free coaching event in the morning. Our coach Steve Bell had plenty of fun activities for them to learn about tennis, and afterwards any remaining energy was burned off on the bouncy castle. In the afternoon, the adults took part in a friendly competition, which after a few glasses of Pimms, proved a little difficult for some! Congratulations to Siam Mays who won the overall tournament.

The men's and ladies' practice sessions during the week are

## Princes Trust

The recent polo event, sponsored by Lacey Green Polo Club, was well attended and, with a commitment from Barclays Bank to match the takings from the raffle, raised just over £2,500.

At first it seemed an almost impossible task to achieve the estimated £300,000 required to purchase the buildings and cover



beginning to bear fruit in the league competitions. The men's team have played 5 matches, won 4 and lost 1, with one match to play. This currently leaves us top of the league, with every chance of promotion to Division 6. The ladies' team has also done well this year, having won 3 out of the 4 matches they have played, with two matches left. They are currently second in Division 7.

Sam King and Olly Eades have been competing together in the Aegon Team Tennis competition. Unfortunately there were only 3 teams in their 17/18 age group this year. The boys have so far beaten Haddenham and narrowly lost to Hazlemere.

One of the tennis club's key themes this year has been to share more tennis with the community; with the aim of getting more youngsters playing from an early

start-up costs. However the total raised so far for the Appeal is now over £214,000, which is very gratifying. Please help us to keep up this momentum.

The services the Centre provides are now self-financing and, once we have reached the £300,000 goal, it is hoped there will be no need to request further help.

age. We were very pleased to reach agreement with St John's School. They have been using the courts twice a week during school hours and once for an after-school club. In addition, we have entertained both Lacey Green Youth Club and Naphill Cubs for evening tennis taster sessions. The events proved to be very popular and we enjoyed planning games which had them running round the courts. Hopefully we can do the same next year.

Finally, few tears will be shed (excuse the pun!) over the demolition of our static cabin next to the tennis courts. During the past few years it had become dangerous and was a constant eye-sore. We are now planning on a new tennis pavilion which we can be proud of.

**Nigel Glenister**

You can donate on line by visiting [www.princescentre.org.uk](http://www.princescentre.org.uk), and by clicking on the 'My Donate' button.

Our thanks to all those giving continued support.

**Maggie Wooster**



# Windmill Under 5s

It has been an unusually busy summer term at Windmills and two new children have joined us. As the weather has been really lovely the children have had plenty of opportunities to visit the local playground. One of the special themes for the term has been growing. The children have had the opportunity to sow seeds, look after and water their plants. They were even able to bring some onions and lettuce home to taste.

Another exciting theme has been animals and mini beasts; the children were visited by an animal lady and had a wonderful time. They all had the chance to pet lizards, rabbits, hamsters and a whole range of other pets. Luckily for all the mums that had made it on the day the big tarantula was only for looking at and stayed in its cage. Thank you to Claire for organising this event.

The children were invited to St John's school to attend a Mad Science learning event which was organised as part of the Speen Festival. The children got to learn lots about space and rockets; a big thank you to Kate Laughton for inviting us to this exciting event.

Also a big thank you to all the parents that helped with the Sunday garden tidy up and spruced up our outdoor play area, and to all parents that have come in to set up the preschool on a Sunday.



## Trip to Beaconscot

The staff organised a school trip for all the children to Beaconscot Model Village and Railway. The children thoroughly enjoyed their outing. There were even a few adults who were enjoying the miniature train more than they would care to admit. A big group of children travelled by train to Beaconsfield with teachers and mummies or carers, and the high speed trains whizzing past turned out to be a very exciting experience as well as the journey on the train itself. Thank you to all the staff for organising such an exciting and stimulating school trip.

## Summer Fete

Windmills first ever Summer Fete took place on the 29th June and it was a beautiful day and the children loved it. With around 20 stalls, activities and traders there were plenty of things to do. The raffle was very popular and a number of local businesses including the Black Horse and the Pink and Lily had donated generous prizes.

Two of the main attractions for the children were definitely the RAF policeman that had brought his police car and the RAF fire engine and firemen. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped out in any way before or on the day, especially people in the community that are not directly linked to the preschool.

Finally, a big thank you to the committee and fete organisers who all worked so hard and a special thank you to Victoria for coming up with the fete idea and for making sure that it happened.

## End of Term

Sports Day went ahead on a grey and overcast day, but the weather did not put a dampener on things. The children had a fantastic day and were all rewarded with gold medals and certificates for participating. Grandparents, mums, dads and younger siblings also got a chance to race in their spud and spoon races, and the event was concluded with a teddy bears picnic on the sports field.

This term we have also seen the return of the very popular school ready sessions, and Angela and Louisa have done a brilliant job preparing the school leavers for moving up to big school. As I write this article we are still looking forward to our end of term party on the 18th July, and I expect that it will be both an exciting and emotional day. On behalf of Windmills I wish all the school leavers good luck at 'big school' wherever that might be.

The staff; Paula, Angela, Louisa, Lucy, Annie, Elise, and Keely; have done a fantastic job this year looking after and nurturing our children, I cannot thank them enough. They all do an excellent job and it has been a pleasure to be chair of such a lovely and dynamic preschool. I hope that everyone has a lovely summer, and I would like to thank everyone for everything!

## Johanna Young - Chair



# Jessie Ward - Postmaster Loosley Row

As an avid collector of local memorabilia I was excited to come across an auction item of a 'Licence to vend and deal in Stamps' granted on July 5th 1848 to one Jesse WARD of 'Loosely Row, Tring, in the County of Buckinghamshire'.

The document was being offered for sale by an international Philately Company from its office in South Africa, but the reserve price seemed excessive for an item whose significance was locally rather than nationally important. When I put that to the Company and supplied some historical background, I was delighted when it responded amicably and I was able to add the document to my collection.

Loosley Row Post Office was established in Lower Road in 1840 and the anomalous address of 'Tring' arose from the fact that Tring in Hertfordshire was the postal town for the District until at least 1910. At that time mail arrived in Princes Risborough from Tring by mail cart at 7 a.m. every morning with the

exception of Monday, when it was delayed until 10.45 a.m. Outgoing mail was dispatched every evening at 7 p.m.

The Licence was required following a curious mixture of measures lumped together in an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of King William IV, 1833 - 34, 'to prevent the selling and uttering of forged Stamps, and to exempt from Stamp Duty artificial Mineral Waters in Great Britain, and to allow a Drawback on the Exportation of Gold and Silver Plate manufactured in Ireland'

Jesse WARD was born in Speen, Buckinghamshire, in about 1801 and married Ruth EGGLETON of Loosley Row on 12th March 1827. With the help of Dennis Claydon I have pieced together some history of his family and its connection with Loosley Row Post Office, which lasted for a little over 100 years.

Jesse is listed at Loosley Row in the 1841 Census as a carpenter, with Ruth and four children, Alfred aged 13, Jabez aged 8, Mary Ann aged 7, and John aged 2. Sad to relate, Ruth died at some time in the ensuing decade for in 1851 Jesse is a widower. A registration at Wycombe in 1848 may record her death.

In Musson & Craven's Directory of 1853 Jesse appears as shopkeeper, carpenter and postmaster, and he continued as such until his death in 1881, when he was 81 years old.

He was succeeded by his son Alfred who, like his father, was also a carpenter and joiner. Little is known of Alfred's first wife,

Jane, other than that she died sometime between April 1871 (the date of the Census) and December 1872 when Alfred married again, to Elizabeth STEEL.

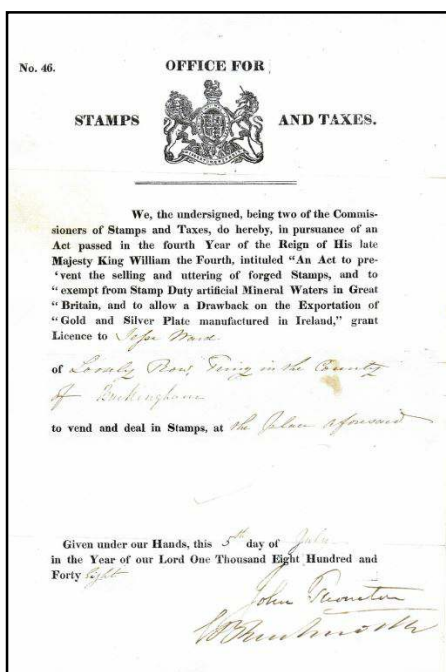
Alfred WARD continued as postmaster until his death in 1906, succeeded by his daughter Mary Ann, aged 32 and known as Polly. She was then living alone at the Post Office, apart from an assistant, but that state of affairs changed in 1913 when she married Henry ALLEN, who had been entertained by the family since his arrival in the village in about 1904 as a young evangelist. Henry was appointed Sub-Postmaster in 1914.

In 1945 the Post Office was transferred to Harvey's Stores, Lower Road, Loosley Row, and Arthur HARVEY appointed Sub-postmaster. Then, in 1952, it was transferred to Lawrence's Stores, Loosley Hill where in 1960, fresh from Medical School, I first had the pleasure of looking after the delightful John LAWRENCE and his family.

In 1970 John's daughter Mary became Sub-Postmistress until 18th February 1997 when, a century and a half after a Post Office first appeared in the village, Loosley Row Post Office closed.

## Sandy Macfarlane

Retired local GP  
Sec Risboro Area Heritage Soc.



# Horticultural Society

The society enjoyed a coach trip to Wisley on a beautiful sunny Sunday in June. We met at the village hall at 9.45 and had a good journey to Wisley where everyone found their own way around the gardens. The Royal Horticultural Society gardens entail a range of different areas with something for everyone.

The large greenhouse had different temperate areas which beautifully displayed how climate controls the range of flora it is possible to grow. The themed areas continued outside the greenhouse with North American prairie planting in swathes around the lake.

For those interested in growing food there were vegetable beds and magnificent fruit gardens and orchards to envy. The raspberries were enormous and glowing as were the cherries! If your tastes were more for showy flowers there were beds of roses and long magnificent mixed

borders and a hillside of alpine plants. The day went very quickly with all the different areas to see and the beautiful weather. We were all back on the coach and worn out before we knew it.

The next major event is the Annual Show on September 6th. Do come and have a go! If you have something good in the garden, a house plant or enjoy cooking have a look at our show schedule on the village web site. Entries are accepted on the day, and if you aren't already a member you can join as well. If you are nervous of entering come along and see the entries and prize winners at 4.30 in the Millennium Hall. You can sum up the opposition and have a go next year!

**Alison Shreeve  
Chairman**

Images from Wisley Gardens.



# Strawberry Tea

After a few years without a home location, the Strawberry Tea returned - this time in the Vicarage Garden.

The Ellesborough Silver Band entertained, the sun shone (mainly) and over 70 people enjoyed tea on the lawn.

Thanks to the church for the venue and to all the helpers.

**Editor**



# Family Fête Fun at The Pink!



The arrival of summer has seen some exciting changes up at The Pink! The summer has been greeted with a new seasonal menu, created by recently-promoted Head Chef Dave Watson. Dave, who has been with us since last summer is well aware of the needs and wants of our fabulous customers and with them firmly in mind, has created a fantastic new summer menu.

Firm favourites such as the gammon ribeye and the homemade burger have kept their places on our menu, but the warm

weather has seen the addition of more salads and a few lighter options. The specials board continues to see innovative and exciting dishes so there's plenty to appeal to even our most regular customers! In other staffing news I'd like to say a big warm welcome to Gary, who I know is going to be a massive ball of energy in the kitchen!

It's been great to see the garden sliding into full swing again! And the addition of our new garden 'pods' gives a whole new dimension to outdoor dining! Recently installed and available to book individually, the light reflecting glass keeps them cool in the summer and the fully closable doors and solar lighting brings new meaning to the term 'al fresco'! Outdoors dining all year round!

The Pink to me is all about our customers, and Saturday July 19th saw the very first Pink and Lily fête day!

The whole thing went off with a bang – even though the threatened storms stayed away and the day went by like lightning!

Massive thanks to Maggie, Row, and Fern – you were magnificent and I couldn't let a Hallmark article go by without the expected Maggie mention! Ann-Noel and Andrew were brilliant with support and encouragement and Di made an elegant and sophisticated ribbon cutter! I loved every second and can't wait to repeat it all next year!

**Alice Hill - Landlady**

## Lacey Green Windmill

During the last 30 years, the sails of the windmill have turned in the wind about 30 times. It was always an ambition of some of the original restorers that the windmill would once again mill flour, and a small amount was produced on a couple of occasions.

However, a few years ago, we took the decision that putting the windmill under the load of actually milling was too much for the wooden machinery that is now 360 years old. So, particularly during National Mills Weekend, most years we have been able to carefully let the wind turn the sails with as many of their cloths fitted as we thought appropriate.

However, with the increasing age of the windmill, and the extremes of weather that we now experience, we have taken the

decision that our principle objective of preserving the mill's machinery will be best served by not letting the wind turn the sails again.

Obviously, the safest action for the windmill, will also be the safest course for our visitors and our volunteers.

This is a decision that has really been coming for some time, especially with the increased attention in the modern world to H&S. For National Mills Weekend 2014, on Sunday 12th May there was enough wind to turn the sails without fitting any sailcloths. The sails turned constantly for nearly 6 hours, and those of you who saw them that day will have seen them turning in the wind for the last time.

The Chiltern Society has recently taken on the care of more countryside sites, the nearest being the Local Nature Reserves at Brush Hill and Prestwood. With the help of various sponsors, they are fitting information boards to describe each site.

The windmill now has two of these boards, which give some basic history, and shows some of the historic and unique machinery that can be seen inside the windmill. One of them is at the end of the drive to Windmill Farm, and the other is in the garden of The Whip. We are very grateful to Nick and Julie for letting us fit the information board in their pub garden for their customers to read, where they can also enjoy a good view of the windmill.

**Michael G Hardy**

# St John's School Parents Association

Can it really be the end of another year already?

Since Easter we have held a Parent Disco, Usborne Book Sale, Plant Sale, Camp Night, and made numerous cups of tea at sports days, open afternoon, and new parent meetings! Every Friday the PA have sold ice creams in the playground; this has been a lovely treat at the end of the busy school week for the children and has helped raise funds for the school.

This year the PA has donated funds to provide the school with a new Fitness Trail, composter, books, projectors and screens and PE resources.

In the final week of term the children will be enjoying a touring theatre company coming into school for a morning to perform "Jungle Book" to the whole school funded by the PA. We have just committed funds to provide the lower school with an outdoor shelter to allow the children to have lessons outdoors in all weathers.

## Camp Night

On Friday 4th July the school hosted a very successful camp night for parents and children. Despite the weather reports 40 tents were pitched on the school

field and communal BBQs lit. The rain came, as predicted, at 9 pm but spirits remained high with everyone retiring to their tents for a pretty restless, soggy night. The next day at 7.30 am a huge camp breakfast was provided in the school hall - with 120 breakfasts served and cleared up by 9.30 am. A whopping £700 was raised and great fun had by all.

## The Taste Buds Club

The summer term has seen the development of a new exciting after school cookery club called the 'The Taste Buds Club'. The Taste Buds Club is a four week course for 8 -10 children that work to a seasonal theme. Each week the children prepare a full meal to a theme, learning new techniques and skill sets each week. Once the meal is prepared the children set a table and sit down to enjoy the food together. In the last 8 weeks we have enjoyed a Seasonal British Menu, a homemade pasta workshop, Spanish Tapas, a Chinese Banquet, a special Wimbledon Strawberry Tea and last week an American BBQ.

Whilst on a foodie theme - representatives from St John's School were invited to attend a very exciting conference held at St

Mary's Church School, Haddenham.

The conference was on the importance of food in Education and covered everything from the provision of school meals, cookery and gardening clubs, to obesity and health. The conference was opened by Raymond Blanc and featured a whole programme of fascinating speakers from inspirational super head teachers, to nutritionists and health experts. We were very pleased that St John's is working towards much of what is being suggested, with thriving gardening and environmental clubs, the Taste Buds Cookery Club and our hot school meal service.

In the autumn term we are already planning a Barn Dance for all the family, as well as a school disco in October and a Christmas Fayre in December!!

We wish all our Year 6 children who are leaving us to join "Big" school the best of luck and look forward to welcoming our new reception children in September.

Have a great summer.....

**Julia Spittles**

Parents Association Secretary



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# Rebuilding the Trust

The Horse Trust, the world's oldest horse charity, has a mission to improve the lives of every horse, pony and donkey in Britain. Our Home of Rest was established in 1886 to care for the working horses of London. We continue to care for today's working horses.

After 40 plus years in Speen our Home of Rest for Horses was dilapidated. It wasn't about aesthetics. The condition of the buildings were such that the costs of maintenance and repair were uneconomic and our facilities were no longer up to the job. Our horses needed and deserved better. Our visitors wanted more. It was a daunting situation, but one we had to address.

In 2012 we started planning the rebuild to a standard where we could continue to demonstrate best practice in equine care and provide decent facilities for our visitors. Rebuilding meant closing our gates to visitors and for a charity like The Horse Trust, that relies wholly on public donations that was difficult. In October 2012 we launched our biggest ever appeal to supporters and asked for their help to rebuild The Trust. The Home of Rest remained closed for 8 months.

On a gloriously sunny Wednesday 5th June 2013, invited guests and Joey from the National Theatres production of War Horse gathered to see HRH The Princess Royal perform the official reopening.

Before rebuilding we lacked the most basic of facilities to provide veterinary treatment. The very nature of our herd: horses retired after years of hard work in public service and horses, ponies and donkeys rescued from terrible situations means that vet visits,

regular check-ups and specialist treatment is an every day event.

In rebuilding we had the opportunity to create new facilities for the housing, treatment and rehabilitation of our herd. Just like people, horses have got taller over the years and our ex-military and police horses are some of the tallest horses in the country. Now their stables are big enough. Some of the donkeys and ponies are happier living together, so we have double sized stables so they can live as a group.

We had no safe space or the equipment for our vets to assess or treat our horses. It meant dangerous work in all weathers for the vet and in some cases (for horses that don't like vet visits!) distress. We now have facilities to care for some of Britain's most deserving horses. These include:

A walk in walk out treatment clinic for our vets to assess and treat our herd safely;

A basic laboratory and pharmacy to carry out tests on site, speeding up diagnosis and treatment;

An intensive care unit to help with post-operative recovery and around the clock monitoring;

A sand school for rehabilitation and therapeutic exercising.



The second part of rebuilding the Trust provided better facilities for our supporters and visitors. They are our life blood, The Horse Trust relies 100% on public donations. Visitors can relax in the elegant Black Beauty Tea Room, or visit our museum and exhibit of the history of the working horse in Britain. You can also hire Sefton's Barn, a restored 18th century barn with modern facilities.

The Home of Rest welcomes visitors Thursday to Sunday and most bank holiday Mondays. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Entry fee is £ 5 per vehicle (concessions available). We are closed December and January.

**Peter Larsen**



# District Council News

All residents should have received a copy of the Wycombe District Times in the past week or so and I will just highlight a few items for Hallmark readers, with a couple of other items in this issue.

Incidentally, I would really appreciate your feedback on Wycombe District Times. Like me, you may find this useful, but with my WDC Cabinet Member for Finance hat on, I wonder whether taxpayers money should be spent on this form of communication. The total cost is around £50 - 60,000 per annum, so maybe the time has come to reconsider whether we continue to publish. Please let me know what you think.

Much progress has been made with the major developments at Handy Cross, as anyone who has visited or passed through the area may know. Contractors are on schedule with the construction of the new Sports and Leisure Centre and a webcam has been installed so residents can see the progress for themselves – this can be viewed at <https://timelapse.regenology.co.uk/api/embedded/4ej/>

Groundworks are being prepared for the Waitrose store being built adjacent to the new Centre, and opposite the Cinema, work has started on a NEXT home store, initially with the relocation of the Park and Ride facility. These developments will bring employment and excellent retail facilities to the area – with other exciting office, hotel and further retail opportunities being pursued for deployment from 2016 onwards.

If you have not already discovered the new car parking arrangements within the District, keep your eyes peeled, as following a successful trial in Easton Street and Railway Place, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology is being rolled out across WDC's off street car parks, replacing the majority of the current pay and display machines.

ANPR brings many benefits: there is no need to rush back if your ticket is expiring, there is reduced risk of getting a parking penalty fine, and there are more payment options available. For taxpayers, ANPR provides a more cost-effective and efficient way for the Council to manage its car parks.



The roll-out of ANPR should be completed by mid-August and will apply to all WDC car parks except the Wycombe Sports Centre, Dean Street and Riley Road in Marlow. Please note that the Eden Centre car park is not managed by WDC.

Full details of all of the Handy Cross developments and ANPR can be found on the Wycombe District Council website, [www.wycombe.gov.uk](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk)

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## Happy Wanderers

On Sunday 27th April, 16 Happy Wanderers met at The Village Hall, Butlers Cross.

We headed off towards Ellesborough church, then back towards Ellesborough Golf Course. Through some woodland, with lovely bluebells coming through, crossing fields near Chequers.

Ambling towards Kimble the sun greeted us, passing the church again and back to the car park. A very pleasant walk, about 5.5 miles, led by Adrian Vodkins.

About a dozen of us enjoyed a meal in the Russell Arms afterwards.



**Ian Goodearl**

# Kinder Gym



These children have just been on "A Bear Hunt" as part of Kindergym's 25th Birthday Celebrations. Approximately 30 other children hunted down bears at Wades Park at our birthday event. We were joined by many ex attendees, and the £25 prize for the oldest attendee to come and say hello went to

Louise Durrant who is 25 yrs old, and came to Kindergym when we started at The British Legion in Princes Risborough. I was not surprised that they had all grown taller and I had grown wider!

I had to explain to parents who did not know us that free sparkling wine and sparkly cakes

# Black Horse

We are getting sorted for our next beer festival at the Black Horse. We will have 20 beers including some ciders. John Jones is arranging all my music

again, a great big thanks to him. I will talk more about it in the next issue.

It is a big year for Ian and myself. The big 60 is upon us, so a bash is in order which we will be doing on the 9th August with music and food. All food will be done by Ben and Tara - a big thank you to them.

Exams are over and I would like to congratulate a few people, friends and my staff. Tilly 2:1, Leanne 2:1, Kat, and Sam Jones 2:1 a big well done to you all.

We now have a really nice garden set out. Children have a play area and it has a patio with new tables etc. Please come and

was not a normal part of our Kindergym classes.

Our holiday programme of activities will be at the Millennium Hall all Fridays during the Summer Holidays 10.00 - 11.30 am, except for the 2 weeks either side of the Bank Holiday. Do come and play if you can! All sessions are open to anyone aged up to 6.

We are also running "Rumble in the Jungle" all day at Bledlow where you can leave children aged between 3 and 7 yrs on 8th August whilst you shop or relax in the garden.

By popular request the 3.30 pm class on a Friday is re-opening: Reception to year 2 within age groups. Book now to ensure you get a place.  
Happy Holidays

**Jenny**

try it. Flowers are now in the front of the pub, pictures are here for you to see.

We need dominions and crib players urgently for a Monday night league. If anyone fancies a night out please give us a ring or pop in. Thank you. Enjoy your summer.

**Lynne**





# Windmill WI



Nineteen of us went to Denman College at the beginning of April for a 'Taste of Denman Day'. Denman College is the WI College near Oxford where courses are run and members can stay. We had a very good cookery demonstration by a WI Cookery School Chef. This was followed by a delicious lunch with a glass of wine. During the afternoon we went on a tour of the college learning about its history. The afternoon ended with an excellent cream tea - a really lovely day out.

Also in April we had a very successful fashion show. Guests were greeted with a glass of wine and a selection of nibbles. We then had a lovely show of clothes from the Edinburgh Wool Mills at Wendover, modelled by some of our members. There were lots of stalls and the evening was finished off with a very good raffle. We were thrilled that we raised £500 for the Motor Neurone Association and £500 for the Florence Nightingale Hospice.

In May we discussed our resolution to be voted at the National Federation of Woman Institutes Annual General Meeting which was held in Leeds. There

was only one resolution this year, 'Increasing Organ Donation'. Our member, Sue Parslow represented us and 3 other institutes at the meeting and voted on our behalf.

Patricia Pearce MBE was our speaker that evening. As mentioned before Patricia was an Air Hostess and for many years has raised money to send handicapped and seriously ill children to Disney Land once a year. Patricia is the Co-founder and Trustee of the charity 'Dreamflight' and she was a lovely speaker.

In June we had a 'stand-in speaker', David Powell, who introduced us to Reiki, this was a very interesting subject new to most of us but we did enjoy it.

Also this month several of us went to the Summer Lunch run by the BFWI at the Holiday Inn at Weston Turville. It was a beautiful day and after a delicious lunch we settled back and were

entertained by Isla St Clair. Isla sang many Scottish songs but then we all joined in the popular pop songs and well known war songs. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

A few days later fourteen of us visited Edwin Rye's garden in Wendover. Edwin and his wife welcomed us with a glass of wine then showed us around his garden. Edwin's garden is very small but absolutely beautiful. It was packed with lovely flowers, some salad plants, vegetables and even a pond. Edwin was very knowledgeable about all the plants he grows and gave us lots of advice.

In July we had an open meeting and Sue Parslow told us all about her visit to Leeds for the AGM which was very interesting.

This month we are having our Summer Lunch in Ash Close, Walters Ash so let's hope we have good weather. In August our speaker will be Michael Hodges with his talk - 'History Beneath My Feet' We are also having our Summer Ramble this month.

We meet the first Wednesday in the month at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.45 pm and you would be very welcome.

**Ann Bartlett**

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# Local Rider heads for Horse of The Year Show



Loosley Row amateur show rider, 23 years old Rebekah Belcher recently won the final selection of The Showing Register Talent Spotting Finals held at Olney

Equestrian Grounds on the 19th and 20th July.

With over 600 riders countrywide, 40 were shortlisted for the final selection weekend, where 10 competed within four different age brackets. They were assessed on various tests and abilities. Rebekah scored 70 out of 75 for her ridden assessment.

Rebekah and three others of varying ages have won their place at the world renowned Horse of the Year Show on Friday 10th October. They will take part in a Masterclass with Dressage Rider Michael Eilburg.

Rebekah and her home bred 10 year old coloured sports horse 'Blend The Rules', fondly known as

'Wiggy' to his supporters, are celebrating this week.

Rebekah states "having won overall Supreme Ridden Champion at The Chiltern & Thames Championships in 2011, achieving 2nd Top Amateur at The Longines Royal International Horse Show last year; Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) was my biggest challenge for 2014.

"It has been an absolute dream come true and to get Wiggy there is incredible. We have a lot to work on before HOYS and I'm very lucky to have extreme amounts of support from Lynn Russell and my parents in order to do so."

**Jo Belcher**

## Community Planning Group

The group is still active through delivery of a Welcome Pack to new residents in the Parish, and the running of Lacey Green Stores. We would appreciate input from readers who know of any newcomers to the village, so that we can make sure that we can deliver them a Welcome Pack.

### Stores Anniversary

Lacey Green Stores has been successful in providing a service to residents as well as casual callers. It often seems to be one of the useful hubs in the village where people meet one another.

It is five years since the stores first opened, and thanks to our team of dedicated volunteers it continues to thrive. It would be nice if more people used the stores, but we are conscious that with a frequent bus service to Princes Risborough and

Wycombe, there is some competition.

### On-line library service.

This hasn't started because there are some logistical problems still to be overcome. One essential factor is that we need a terminal to be located in the stores for use by any borrower without a computer at home. If anyone happens to have an old laptop or similar that they are think of throwing out, please don't - let us have it instead!

### Communication

Because the group is not beholden to any official organization, we are able to take a very independent line on any issue that is of concern and interest to the community. We try to stir the pot sometimes by introducing a controversial topic. It is rather disappointing therefore, that we

have had no correspondence or other feedback from readers.

Surely someone must object strongly to some of the things that have been said in this column. Possible explanations include:

- Nobody reads the article
- Responses have been suppressed by the editor on the grounds of public safety.
- Readers are fully in agreement with the views expressed.
- Nobody cares.
- Some other reason.

Your responses are awaited with fear and trepidation (someone may tell me it's a tautology).

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# County Council News



It is August already in the middle of the summer holidays and we have enjoyed some sunny days which makes a change from earlier this year when we saw torrential rain and flooding never seen as bad before.

In my last report, the rain had decimated the surfaces of many of our County's roads and we at BCC have been and continue to be inundated with complaints about potholes. Last year an extra £25 million was allocated for road repairs over 2 years with an extra £3 million vied across from Reserves to accelerate this programme. The Government had agreed to fund BCC with an extra £2.5million this year from the Severe Weather Fund. Bucks County Council has recently secured a further £1.476 million of funding from the Government to repair potholes out of the £168 million that was announced in the March Budget. BCC will be investing £65 million in our roads over the next 4 years but in reality, this is only a fifth of what we need.

We continue to explore different means of how we can obtain further funding as well as monitoring the quality of repair.

## Fibre Broadband

Last year an £18 million high speed fibre broadband programme was started for Buckinghamshire jointly with Hertfordshire. The Naphill exchange is scheduled to be upgraded as part of Phase 2 by the end of this year.

## Recycling

Fairly recently there was the "Recycle Now" week. The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for the Environment Cllr Mrs Lesley Clarke OBE reported that we in the County are currently recycling 47.6 % of our household waste and most Councils including us are looking to achieve 60% by 2020. This result is very encouraging considering the cost of landfill tax is rising rapidly.

You may be aware that it is Wycombe District Council who collects your waste from the kerb and it is County Council's responsibility for the disposal of this. There is currently an Energy for Waste plant under construction in Calvert in the north of the County which is due to be operational by February 2016.

As my year as the Chairman of Bucks County Council ended in May, I was invited to take up the position of Deputy Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing under Cllr Mrs Patricia Birchley and have accepted.

This is the largest Portfolio within the County which now covers not only Adult Social Care but Public Health as well.

To end, enjoy the rest of the summer and as always, if there are any matters relating to Buckinghamshire County Council that you would like to raise, please don't hesitate to contact me either via email [cetholen@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:cetholen@buckscc.gov.uk) or by telephone 01494 564771 and if you would like a person to person meeting with me, I will happily come and see you.

## Carl Etholen

Councillor for the Ridgeway West Division - Bucks County Council

Deputy Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing

Chairman of the North West Chilterns Local Area Forum

Former Chairman of Bucks County Council 2013-2014

## House wanted

A Lacey Green family are looking for a house to allow an elderly relative to move into the village. They are looking for a house in the village but not on the main road. Preferably a bungalow with small or easily maintained garden.

If you are thinking of selling please give Jackie a call on 07506894159.



The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 19th May 2014. At this meeting, the Chairman and Vice Chairman are voted in for the ensuing year. By a unanimous vote, Councillor Mrs. Cathryn Davies was elected Chairman and Councillor Roger Craft, Vice Chairman.

Members are also appointed to represent Lacey Green Parish Council on outside Committees. These include Wycombe District Association of Local Councils, N. W. Chilterns Local Area Forum, Speen Shop Committee, Lacey Green & Loosley Row Millennium Hall, Risborough Area Community Forum, Neighbourhood Action Group and the Rural Forum.

The gates to the Methodist Church served as a War Memorial to former members of the Methodist Sunday School, who gave their lives in two World Wars. The gates were

removed after the Methodist Church closed, in order to gain access to the former Methodist Cemetery. This is now renamed the Garden of Rest, and is under the care of Lacey Green Parish Council and open to all parishioners.

A new Memorial has been erected in the Garden of Rest. The four brick piers of the original Memorial have been replicated and the Portland Stone caps reused. Since the Memorial no longer serves as a gateway, a donated seat has been incorporated into the design. New plaques record the names of the fallen.

The new Memorial was dedicated on Sunday 8th June. The Chairman of Lacey Green Parish Council, Councillor Mrs. Cathryn Davies, welcomed the assembled crowd, many of whom were relatives of the fallen. Some had travelled from

as far afield as Gloucestershire and North Wales to be present.

Reverend Gregory Hargrove conducted a short dedication service. Two minutes silence was observed, marked by the playing of the Last Post and Reveille. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Lacey Green Parish Council, Buckinghamshire County Council, the Royal British Legion Princes Risborough and District and RAFA, High Wycombe.

There was an opportunity for family and friends to place a small wooden cross in memory of loved ones.

Afterwards, eighty people were entertained to tea in the Village Hall. A book, detailing the young men commemorated on the Memorial, was on display.

**Dennis Claydon**



# St John's Church



## Good News!

Very good news – Rev. Tony Bundock from Leeds Minster will be our new Vicar.

Before training as a Minister at Queen's College, Birmingham, Tony had varied experience in the secular world; namely Fire Insurance, Inland Revenue, Human Resources, Tax Inspector, and work as a part-time barman!

Since training, Tony's experience with different cultures and groups is vast: Hospital Chaplaincy, West African Pentecostal Church, Oscott R.C. Seminary as well as links with Leeds Methodist Mission.

He became Team Rector of the Seacroft Team Ministry in East Leeds in 1994, and in 2005 became Team Rector of the Leeds City Team and incumbent for Leeds Minster.

This involved working with children and young people, manager of Cubs football team, and organising Church based holidays including ocean- going sailing, canal boat trips and outward bound holidays. He has also had children's stories and playlets published.

Tony helped in founding a Community Care Scheme, served on committees of Citizens Advice Bureau, helped in community projects, and served as Chair of Governors in various Primary Schools.

Difficult to envisage, but in any spare time he has, Tony enjoys Jazz, Blues, and Folk Music. He plays piano, guitar, tenor sax, and conga drums and is a member of a Ceilidh Band and a Jazz Quartet.

Five a side football – playing and spectating, is a hobby; reading for pleasure – History, Science Fiction and Fantasy – covers all aspects.

With study leave in 2012, Tony researched links between early Christian monasticism in the Egyptian desert and the Celtic Spirituality of the British Isles. This included making visits to Iona, Lindisfarne, Lastingham, and Whithorn, as well as sacred sites of Ireland. Findings were published by the Leeds Church Institute in 2013 under the title "From Coptic to Celtic".

Due to space constraints, this is a compact but interesting view of Rev. Tony. It does leave openings for parishioners to introduce themselves, converse, and discover more about our new minister and his wife Pat. We welcome them both - whole heartedly!

We do sincerely thank all the visiting Clergy who have been inspirational, sincere, and friendly during the Interregnum, and will continue being supportive until October. Please do come and experience the warm welcome in our lovely Church.

## Past events

The Progressive Supper was a 'Feast' enjoyed by all who attended, and the weather was kind. Many thanks to Graham King for organising hosts and visitors, and ensuring all eventually met at Rosemary's for a delicious selection of puddings.

The Church Fete weekend was a success regardless of a few spots of rain. Gazebos were in place in the Vicarage gardens, Mike fired up the barbeque, teas were served with platefuls of cake and scones, various stalls offered absolute bargains: from books, DVDs, plants, jewellery and handbags, bric-a-brac, tombola, and our junior members did a roaring trade in encouraging the making of loom bands, bracelets, rings etc.

Then, we had the sell-out concert during the evening, starring Banjovi Revival Band, and our very own church choir featuring the junior choir too. There was some excellent music, solos, duets and community singing, encouraged and enlivened by glasses of wine and soft drinks at half time.

This was an enjoyable entertainment and a fund raiser with half proceeds to St. John's and half to The Princes Centre. Funds raised for the Church during the whole weekend amounted to over £1,050.

Our Church's 150th birthday was celebrated on Sunday 6th July with a special communion service and Birthday cake.

**June Brazier**

# Heavenly Bodies

Is that a UFO? Not quite, but it is a picture of an IFO space ship – an ‘Identified Flying Object’ – flying over my house. In fact, there’ll be lots of space ships whizzing across the night skies in the next few months, and finding out how to spot them is easy.

But as this column is entitled ‘Heavenly Bodies’, we’ll first take a look at which natural wonders we can look forward to. Usually at this time of year, there is the Perseid meteor shower of hundreds of shooting stars. It still takes place on **August 12** but a full Moon will wash most of them from view, unfortunately. But fear not, as the Orionid meteor shower awaits on **October 21** when there will be no Moon in the way. Wait until it’s dark and look up – the later the better.

Before then, look for the crescent Moon low in the south-western sky on **August 31** between 8.45-9.45 pm. Very close above it will be Saturn, and Mars will be further out to the Moon’s lower right. It’s farewell to those planets for several months, but Jupiter is set to return this winter. A comet is due to fly near Mars between **October 18-20**, and you’ll need binoculars to spot the faint wisp.

Turning to the man-made objects, as you read this in early August, the European space probe “Rosetta” is less than 100 miles from another comet. Over the coming weeks, the probe will manoeuvre itself into a close orbit around fast-moving Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, before being the first ever space ship to send a craft to land on a comet. The historic landing is scheduled to take place in November, so watch out for news updates.

## Space Station fly by

So what is the space ship in the photograph? It’s the International Space Station - the size of a football pitch and carrying six astronauts (Brit Tim Peake will be part of the crew next November). It’s probably flown over you dozens of times without you realising. You just need to look up at the right time and in the right direction – and there are some good fly-bys over England due in August. You can find out the dates, times and ISS path by going to the website [www.heavens-above.com](http://www.heavens-above.com) (see graphics within photo) and enter your location (‘London’ will suffice), then click on ‘ISS’ to find out the predicted fly-bys (Under ‘Brightness, the larger the minus figure, the brighter the space station will appear; e.g. -3.4 is very bright). Then go outside five minutes before the scheduled time and wait to see a small moving white dot emerge from the horizon, gliding nearer and nearer, becoming brighter and brighter – it can be really bright! It appears to travel at the same rate as a high-altitude aeroplane, but is about 250 miles up and hurtling along at about 17,000mph. It can

sometimes ‘disappear’ in mid-flight as it enters the Earth’s shadow cast into outer space. Once gone, wait just 90 minutes and it will be back, as that’s all it takes for the ISS to go around the Earth. The fly-bys can last several minutes.

Something that is over literally in a flash is another man-made space phenomenon. These appear to be a sudden bright flarings of a moving star in the sky. They are called Iridium flares and are caused by a series of automatic satellites (launched for mobile phone communication) whose very large solar panels gradually turn to keep facing the Sun. As they do so, the Sun’s light is momentarily reflected down to Earth causing the sudden brightening. Again, you can find out when these flares, and other satellites, will be above you on the Heavens Above website.

The main tips to remember are most satellites are best spotted in the first 90 minutes after sunset, and if a moving white dot in the sky flashes on and off, it’s an aeroplane!

**Chris Dignan**

Space ship over your garden...

The white streak of the space ship caught by long exposure photography. The small ‘dashes’ on the left are stars stretched by Earth’s rotation.

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Date	Altitude	Time	Mag	Dir	Mag	Dir	Mag	Dir	Mag	Dir
18 Aug	2.7	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	3.0	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	3.2	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	3.4	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	3.6	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	3.8	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	4.0	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	4.2	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	4.4	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	4.6	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	4.8	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0
18 Aug	5.0	19:00:00	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0	10.0	100.0

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email address</b>
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