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Welcome to the November edition of Hallmark

Autumn's been kind and mild this year, warm and dry. However our cover photo was taken in Lacey Green in October 2008. It has a curious combination of apples and leaves still on the tree, but covered in snow and with the sun shining.

I remember this snow well as the massive oak tree in our garden was still in full leaf and could not bear the weight of snow - sadly it split down the middle and crashed to the ground.

Thanks to Sue D'Arcy for the picture.

Welcome to Tony Bundock, our new vicar who joined the parish on October 23rd. He has given us an introduction which is printed below.

I hope that many of you will be able to join in some of the activities at the Church over Remembrance weekend. The Local History Group have put in extensive effort to mount an exhibition and events to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War, it should be fascinating.

In the August issue I misspelled the word Reverend and stated that the new vicar had worked in York Minster - this should have



read 'Leeds Minster'. My apologies.

Mike Piercy
Editor

Our welcome to Lacey Green

My wife Pat and I are delighted to be making our home in Lacey Green; and we are so thankful for the very warm welcome we have received. We do so appreciate all the hard work that has gone into preparing for our arrival and the arrangements for the Licensing Service. I had always hoped to be offered a House for Duty post as a local Parish Vicar for this stage in my life so I am very grateful to have been given this opportunity.

Having previously served in Team Ministries in Borehamwood, Seacroft and Leeds City, it is a real bonus for me that the Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen post is part of the Risborough Team. I have always valued working collegially with others engaged in mission and ministry, both lay and ordained.

Apart from my curacy in Stansted Mountfitchet in the early 1980s, Pat and I have lived in Greater London, in Birmingham, and for the last 20 years in Leeds, so adjusting to village life will mean a very different way of life for us which we are looking forward to very much indeed.

Our son David, his wife, and their two children, live in Park Street near St. Albans, which is about 40 minutes from Lacey Green. Our daughter Jennifer, her husband, and their two children, live at Cheylsmore in Coventry, which on a day when the M40 is reasonably clear is just over an hour or so away. So, had we looked at a map and stuck a pin in halfway between where our two sets of grandchildren are located, Lacey Green is as near to a perfect location for Pat and I as we could ever have dreamed. But, apart from seeing more of

our children and grandchildren which we are hoping to be able to do, Pat and I are certainly very much looking forward to becoming part of the community in Lacey Green, Loosley Row, and Speen; joining the Church family at St. John's; and playing as full a part as we can in village life.

Here in Leeds, for quite some years, I have been part of a Ceilidh Band and a Jazz Band playing popular standards. So, of course, I do hope to have at least some opportunities of this nature now we are living here in Lacey Green. But most of all, I am looking forward to working alongside my colleagues in the Risborough Team and serving the village community as your Parish Priest.

Tony Bundock

What's On

Nov 8 - 11

History Exhibition and
LG Singers - see this page

Wed Nov 19 7pm
Horts: Annual pumpkin
competition and supper

Nov 27 -29

LGP Dinner Theatre
See page 6

Sat Nov 22 10am

Church Xmas Fayre

Sun Nov 30 4pm

Tree of Light - see page 6

Mon Dec 8

Windmill Under 5s
Concert

Fri Dec 5 2pm

School Xmas Fayre

Wed Jan 21 7pm

Horts Club:
"The Best of British"

**Mobile Library
Service**

Eastlands 11.30 to 11.55
26 Nov , 24 Dec
21 Jan

Parish Council

Mon Dec 1 7.30 pm
Lacey Green Hall.

Happy Wanderers Walking Group Wednesday Walks

A small group of members meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am in the Lacey Green Village Hall car park.

We take a circular walk for between an hour and an hour and a half and arrive back at the Village Hall, sometimes stopping for a coffee en route. We walk at a leisurely pace and enjoy the views and countryside and friendship.

Last month we walked from Naphill to Downley Common through some lovely woods.

The next walk is on Wednesday November 12th and anyone would be most welcome to join us.

For further details please ring:

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LACEY GREEN AND LOOSLEY ROW HISTORY GROUP EVENT FOR 2014 TO COMMEMORATE THE OUTBREAK OF WW1

TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED, AND TO SHOW THE EFFECT OF THE GREAT WAR ON THE VILLAGES OF SPEEN, LACEY GREEN AND LOOSLEY ROW.



**This event
will take
place in
St John's
Church
Sat 8th Nov.
to Tues. 11th
November.**

History

Sat 8th Nov. 2 - 5 p.m. History Exhibition open **
Sat 8th Nov. 7.30 for 8 p.m. A Concert by Lacey Green Singers

Sun 9th Nov. 10 a.m. Special Remembrance Sunday Service and 2 minutes silence. Includes the placing of crosses in memory of each local serviceman killed. (Crosses available in church). Any relatives or descendants of our war dead are invited to remember their relatives at this time.

History

Sun 9th Nov. 2 - 5 p.m. History Exhibition Open (Teas served). Includes presentation by Rev. Arthur Taylor on Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry & others at 3.00 p.m. ** Also Adult church choir singing period songs and hymns, and poetry readings, to include works by Rupert Brooke.

History

Mon 10th Nov. 7 p.m. Junior Choir Concert for Peace followed by refreshments, Cost £5.00. History Exhibition.

Tues 11th Nov 11 a.m. 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.

For tickets and further information, please contact Rosemary Mortham (Secretary to the History Group) on 01844 345863

**Donations to The British Legion

History

Windmill WI

At the end of July we had a Summer Lunch in one of our members' gardens. The weather was beautiful and the food delicious. We spent a lovely afternoon just eating, drinking and chatting.

Our August topic was very interesting - 'History Beneath my Feet'. Michael Hodges had a metal detector and for many years had been finding 'treasures' which he brought along to show us.

This month we also had our summer ramble. Another lovely evening and we explored the countryside around Princes Risborough then ended up at the pub for another lovely meal!

In September we celebrated our 27th Birthday and Pat our President made a delicious birthday cake and we had wine and nibbles. We were entertained by Leslie Morris and Keith Harris who call themselves 'Anything Goes'.

They sang many old popular songs which we all joined in and everyone enjoyed.

In September the Village Hall Coffee Morning ladies held a Macmillan Coffee Morning and some of our members supported them by running the Tombola.

In October we had our AGM and two new members joined the committee. Pat stays as our President. Annual reports from the Secretary and President were read and the Financial Statement was presented. After the business we enjoyed two quizzes with cake and coffee.

Last Saturday we had one of our bi-annual jumble sales, a very successful fund raiser. We had a busy morning sorting, then lunch at the pub. This was followed by a busy afternoon selling.

In October we had our Group Meeting where Mr Mike Beech spoke about 'The History of a Victorian Glasshouse'.

At our November monthly meeting Val Edwards will be talking about Chenies Manor and Garden which should be very interesting.

You would always be welcome at our WI, we have some lovely times together. We meet the first Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.45pm. We would love to see you.

Ann Bartlett

LACEY GREEN SINGERS

present

Lest we forget

A concert of music
commemorating the outbreak of WW1
and dedicated to those who gave their lives in
the cause of freedom

The programme includes the exciting *Little Jazz Mass* by
Bob Chilcott as well as other well-known works by Faure,
Brahms, Carl Jenkins and Alexander L'Estrange

The concert is part of four days of events
organised by Lacey Green and Loosley Row
Village History Group

**at 7.30 for 8pm
on Saturday 8 November 2014
in St John's Church, Lacey Green**

**Tickets £5, children £2.50
to include refreshments and wine
Telephone 01844 346823**

Lacey Green Productions

This edition of Hallmark will come out shortly before our November play but there may be a few tickets still available. We are performing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 27th, 28th and 29th (dinner and bar for the 28th and 29th, nibbles and bar for the 27th). So it's not too late to make that call to reserve your seats! Just telephone 01844 347518 or 347818 or send an email to us via

info@laceygreenproductions.co.uk

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!

We have been busy hiring costumes for "Harlequinade", since we need both 1940s and Elizabethan clothes. We managed to locate an amazing costume hire organisation

located near Didcot, run by volunteers mostly. They have 6,000 theatrical costumes and could probably fit out a Roman Legion, a platoon of First World War soldiers or the cast of Downton Abbey! Unfortunately they now have to move from their current premises and are looking for a kindly landlord in south Oxfordshire to help them. Let us know if you have a contact, please.

We have also been building a balcony - well you can't do scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" without one, can you? At the time of writing, we have just discovered that we may have made it too high and Juliet may need an oxygen mask!

As usual, LGP donates its profits from our performances to charities, both local and national. If you have any particular charity in mind (especially local ones) then please let us know. Since we started donating over 30 years ago, we have raised over £55,000 and we hope that the audiences for "Harlequinade" will help us to boost this figure still further.

Beyond the end of November and "Harlequinade", LGP will be concocting a new murder mystery entertainment for several organisations who have invited us to perform.

This new murder mystery will be developed by the members of the cast from the germ of an idea, which usually emerges from somebody's fevered imagination at about 2 am on a cold winter's night!

If your organisation would like to raise money for a good cause, then LGP will be happy to provide a murder mystery entertainment. We are aiming to be ready with this after Easter 2015 - let's say the merry month of May to be certain.

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. Please get in touch via the website, www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk or call 01844 344207.

Peter Brookhouse

The Tree of Light

in the gardens at the corner of New Road and Duke Street PR provides an opportunity to honour, remember or celebrate the life of someone special by sponsoring a light on the Tree.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 4.00 pm on Sunday 30 November. Lights on the Tree will remain lit until the end of the year.

All proceeds will be shared between Rennie Grove Hospice Care and Rotary charities. £5000 was donated in 2013.

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT

Twenty teams took part in the recent Quiz Night held in the Village Hall. Jamie Carter was once again the Quiz Master and this year the winners were a team from the Whiteleaf Bowmen closely followed by the Windmill WI with Lacey Green Productions coming third.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the teams, the Quizmaster, scorers and all of our members (and their husbands!) who helped to make it such a successful evening. We were very pleased that we were able to send £270 to the Village Hall.

Daphne Williams

Hon Sec : The Windmill WI

On The Farm

One hundred years ago Britain was in the grip of agricultural depression. The traditional seven fat years and seven lean had not occurred. It had been okay up to the 1870s, then went downhill right up until WW2.

The value of Stocken Farm will give some idea of the situation. In 1877 Charles Brown sold the farm of 167 acres to John Forrest of Grymsdyke for £8,250, he built two semi-detached houses on the site of Graham Cottages. In 1911 the farm, including the new houses was sold to William Saunders for £3,400. William Saunders already owned a large field called 'Hillocks' which he added to Stocken Farm. In 1934 Stocken Farm, including the extra acres and the new houses was sold for £3,225. Land was being abandoned. The new owner however rented it out to Dick and Hilda West. Hilda's stepmother acted as guarantor to pay the rent for it was a requirement in those hard times.

In 1914 there were no cows kept here. Cows need a lot of water and piped water didn't come until 1934. The farms produced hay and straw for London for the many horses and the numerous tiny dairy herds that supplied the city. Here the farm horses drank from the ponds.

William Saunders was extremely distressed when at the top of White Hill, at Holtspur, taking a loaded wagon of straw to London he had his best horses taken by the army during the war.

The army was here too. The Royal Engineers were billeted in the village. The horses were

stabled at the farm and exercises done in the 'Home Field' which stretched from the drive to the school. (The only houses there were Graham Cottages). They also took the small schoolroom. The farm dining room was an army hospital and the old grain store was their blacksmith's workshop.

Back to the present

In recent months farming income has had a drop in all sectors, mainly due to good supplies. Our milk price has dropped 18% so far since July. There is probably 10% more milk in Europe than last year. Also, next year milk quotas are being abolished in the EU after 30 years of limiting production. UK production has been under quotas for many years. Russia has put an import ban on European dairy produce. Our dairy 'Arla' does export to Russia, and this is probably costing us 2p a litre, where every fraction of a penny makes a huge difference.

Cereal prices are down about 40%. It is predicted that world stocks will have increased again by the end of the year, with high yields throughout the northern hemisphere. The UK harvest was up in volume by about 3 million tonnes. Beef prices had gone down but may have turned the corner now. These changes can happen very quickly and some are difficult to predict. Interesting to watch but not something we can do anything about.

Our harvest was okay. Rape yields were reasonable with oil content above 45%. Wheat yielded well and hopefully will go

to 'Heygates' in Tring for milling into flour, i.e. not downgraded for cattle feed.

We are now preparing for winter (this is written on 14th October.) Most stock will come indoors as the grass stops growing enough to support them and the ground conditions become too wet.

The young heifers are coming in now, prior to serving next month. Those already in-calf will be indoors soon. We don't want them to lose condition prior to calving and subsequent milking. The rest of the milking herd is already in. The beef cattle tend to be hardier and will stay out all winter.

DEFRA Rules

New rules from DEFRA:

1. Grow three different crops. We do, but some farms don't.
2. Grow a 'greening' element, such as a nitrogen fixing crop, or leave land fallow. We may grow lucerne to make into silage for the cows. Lucerne is related to clover.

Whether it foretells a hard winter or not I wouldn't like to say, but the hedgerows and trees have been spectacularly laden this autumn. Wildlife has had a bonanza. It is my own belief that they are responding to the conditions they have had, not forecasting what is to come. Whatever the case we shall have to accept what we are given.

As this is the last Hallmark before Christmas I hope you are given precious memories and joy at that time.

Joan West

Windmill Under 5s

The autumn term at Windmills is now well under way, but thanks to the amazing Indian Summer the children are continuing to enjoy many outdoor activities. The theme this term is Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. The children have been enjoying the book "The Jolly Postman" and many parents will have received letters that the children have written and posted home.

At the end of last term we said an emotional goodbye to 11 children who have moved up to "big school", and two who have moved to other pre-schools in preparation for "big school". Their departure was marked in traditional Windmills style with a leaving party, the theme of which was "when I grow up". The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and I hope that at least some of them achieve their dreams, although I am not sure how many vacancies there are for pirates! Again, in accordance with Windmills traditions the parents of the school leavers very generously donated a new unit for the home corner and some lovely wooden play food for the children to perfect their culinary skills. Thank you all for this wonderful gift - I am reliably

informed that it is proving very popular with everyone.

In September we welcomed five new children to the preschool, and have three more due to start after half term. This means that the preschool is once again full, and literally buzzing with happy children who are enthusiastic and keen to learn. It is no surprise that the waiting list is also filling up fast and this is testament to the fabulous job that the staff: Angela, Louisa, Elise, Annie, Lucy, Keeley and Paula, do in making Windmills a fun and successful environment for our children. Thank you to you all for your hard work and commitment. Particular mention must go to Elise who graduated this month from her Working with Children and Young People Foundation degree. Elise has worked extremely hard to achieve this and we are all very proud of her - congratulations Elise.

The new academic year also brings change in the committee of Windmills. At the AGM this week we said farewell to Johanna Young who has been a fantastic chair for the last year, and to Jude Woods Ballard who has been an amazing treasurer for the last two years. Thank you

both for all of your hard work and dedication to the preschool - you will be sorely missed and a tough act to follow! As I take over from Johanna as Chair, I am very thankful that six committee members have agreed to stay on, and three new members have joined us. I am pleased that we continue to have a strong and diverse membership, and look forward to the challenges ahead.

Looking forward to the rest of this term, we have our first fundraising event in just a couple of weeks' time in the form of the annual Halloween party. This has been a great success in recent years, so here's hoping that this year's proves to be as good. We are also starting to plan for our Christmas activities, and I am sure that it won't be long before the children start practising for the Christmas play and renditions of Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer are heard up and down Main Road!

If you would like your child to join Windmills, we are currently taking registrations for September 2015 and would recommend that you apply soon to avoid disappointment.

Victoria Geenes



Tennis Club

The Tennis Club has had an excellent year both on and off the court.

Last autumn, for the first time, we entered a men's team in the Aylesbury Winter League. Despite a number of matches being cancelled due to poor weather, we managed to come second in Division 8 and earned ourselves promotion to Division 7. This success gave us momentum in the summer League where we came top and will be playing in Division 6 next summer.

The ladies also had a successful season. They came second in Division 7 and will be promoted next season, and I am also delighted that they have decided to enter the winter League this autumn.

No doubt, part of this success is due to more frequent practice sessions and an increase in core players willing to represent the Club. This is particularly evident in the men's team.

Three years ago the Club struggled to put together any sort of team, but now we have some 10-13 players to select from.

Whilst we have plenty of players in the 35-60 age range, there are few in their twenties or early thirties. This seems to be a common theme amongst local clubs, and we would welcome more players in this category. It is worth remembering that we have very special rates for those who are at University and under 25.

Junior tennis coaching continues during the autumn and winter. Our Head Coach Steve Bell, offers pay as you go coaching so you can pick and choose your sessions. The under-tens lesson is at 9.45am on Saturdays and the over-tens is at 10.30am.

New juniors and students who wish to join the club can take advantage of our special winter rate of just £10. Similarly, the low season family and adult membership is £50 and £25 respectively.

So now there is no excuse, particularly with the numerous reports in the media on the benefits of regular exercise!

Financially, we have had a very pleasing year with record levels of subscription income and a big effort in fund raising. However, there is still much to be done, and at a very minimum we need to resurface court 1 and replace the fencing around courts 1 and 2.

We also have plans for a new wooden pavilion where members can shelter from the elements and make hot drinks. This capital expenditure will require a huge effort by everyone. Hopefully some of our grant applications will also prove successful!

Finally, we have our Christmas party to look forward to on Thursday 4 December. We have booked a table for 25 at the Whip, and I suspect there will be a few sore heads on Friday morning!

Nigel Glenister



Community Champions



On the Menu is a small socially responsible organisation that aims to support those who, for whatever reason, can no longer cook for themselves and require smaller size meals that meet their dietary needs.

We are setting up a network of 'Community Champions' throughout Buckinghamshire to inform their local community of our nutritious hand prepared food and home delivery service for older people.

In order to achieve this we are looking for caring, community oriented people who have a 'neighbourly attitude' in their local area to join our team.

Our network benefits local communities by both providing some part-time self-employment, as well as assisting older people

to remain independent in their own homes.

The role of the 'Community Champion' is to liaise with the local community to create awareness of the service on offer within the area and visit older people that require the service to make sure they have adequate deliveries of food on a weekly basis.

Regular contact with the older people (over the phone and/or in person) is an important ongoing part of the role, as often older people feel socially isolated.

All of our meals and desserts are freely delivered by our Buckinghamshire delivery partner 'Festival Catering Supplies' based in Aylesbury.

For further information about On the Menu please visit our web site www.onthefood.com

Should you wish to have further information please email us or telephone Elizabeth or Katie on the number below.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Mike Riley

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A recruitment poster for 'on the menu' with a red border. It features the logo at the top, followed by the text 'Could you be a Community Champion?' with a small red heart icon. Below this is a paragraph asking if the reader is active in their local community and interested in helping older people. It then provides contact information: 'Please call us on 01296 485777 or email contact@onthefood.com' and mentions 'Flexible part-time roles across Buckinghamshire (self-employed remunerated positions)'. At the bottom, there is a photo of two women smiling and the website 'www.onthefood.com'.

Local Police News

- The Princes Risborough Xmas lights will be switched on on December 5th.
- Overnight on 1st and 2nd of October, Lacey Green suffered three opportunist offences. Two vehicles were

broken into and a shed where tools were stolen.

- In general Lacey Green remains a low crime area – removing valuables from view in cars, removing tools from vehicles and securing sheds with padlocks are likely

to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime.

Andy Ralph

Princes Risborough & Hughenden Neighbourhood Police Team

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Princes Trust

At a Special Event held on Friday 10th October attended by Joe Barclay, the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Cllr Carl Etholen, the Chairman of the Trustees, was able to announce to the guests that the trustees have completed the purchase of the buildings of the Princes Centre from Bucks County Council.

This will now safeguard the future of Day Care Services in this area and provide a hub for community use. He stressed that this was only possible because of the massive support received from local people and organisations and conveyed a huge thank you to everyone from the trustees.

Fundraising will continue for the time being as there are many very expensive repairs and work required to bring the buildings up to scratch, and so it is hoped that people will continue to give support, although, now the buildings are purchased, we are in a better position to acquire grants to help in some areas.

Maggie Wooster

Your Country needs You!

It was just a poster with the Prime Minister pointing straight at them, but they volunteered in their thousands. Now in 2014 you wonder why it had such an effect. But this was 1914, and one reason might have been that life was not good at home.

This was a rural parish, most people worked in agriculture. When there was work to do, no work meant no pay. Between 1870 and 1889 a series of wet summers began the agricultural depression. Then in 1890 - 1894 five years of droughts made the depression much deeper.

In 1891 a great blizzard in May with snow, hail and frost caused many deaths. In 1893 a drought dried up pastures, vegetables, fruit and arable crops. Ponds dried up. (There was no tap water till 1934). 1903 was very wet and crops were ruined. In June 1912 a massive volcano in Alaska and others in Central America and the Caribbean, including 'Pelee' in Martinique filled the sky with ash, blocking out the sun, making the summer cold grey and stormy.

Thus from 1870 agricultural work had been uncertain. Some years whole crops had been ruined, so there was no harvest. Those years hit people the hardest as their gardens would have suffered likewise. So then, no pay and no produce. It continued wet and WW1 is renowned for the mud. THE POSTER MEANT WORK AND PAY.

The cottages were not large, they were damp and dark. Cooking more often than not was done in a pot hung over the fire. To combat the damp the fire would be kept in all the time, banking it up at night. In the 1850s there had been many acres of woodland from which the people could gather fallen wood. By late 1890s there only remained the roots (shucks). By 1911 there were no woods left. Now how to keep the cottage dry and to cook?

At Hampden the private estate had woods which occasionally they thinned or felled, selling the trees by auction. Some would be bought by 'bodgers' who turned legs and arms for

Windsor chair makers in High Wycombe. These were for sale. They also sold bundles of faggotts (kindling). Maybe they did take some home and certainly the shavings (also saleable ie for butchers' shop floors) and sawdust would bank a fire up at night.

HOW DID THOSE WHO WERE NOT BODGERS MANAGE? THE POSTER MEANT WORK AND PAY.

When the war began to take such a heavy toll on life the poster disappeared and call-up began. First only single men aged 14-30, then married men were added. Lastly it was extended up to 40 years.

37 MEN DIED FROM THIS PARISH. Countless others came home suffering from shell shock, survival guilt, mustard gas and depression. Very few ever talked about it.

Local History Group

Westminster calling

My parliamentary mailbox has been even more varied than usual over the last six months. As always, most emails and letters are not about policy issues but about individual problems: housing, tax, benefits, anti-social behaviour, getting the right school place for a child or the right care for an elderly parent. As for policy, constituents have been in touch about everything from Ukraine to Iraq to animal welfare to speed cameras.

I always enjoy meeting local businesses. It's a chance to understand better what government can do (or indeed stop doing!) to make it easier for firms to succeed. Unemployment in the constituency is now under 1.5 %. That's good news but for jobs to be secure and living standards to improve we need to do everything in our power to help businesses thrive.

In Bucks we have some real success stories, from Arla's new dairy outside Aylesbury to small businesses like Speen's Ten Mile Menus. When I met its founder,

Steve Sidhu at the Commons, he explained that the company supplied food grown or reared within 10 miles of their office. Do check it out on www.tenmilemenu.co.uk . And I'm about to host a Bucks food event at Westminster to introduce my colleagues to some of our top local food producers.

On HS2, I've been helping constituents with petitions to the Select Committee that is now looking in detail at the route. It's like a planning inquiry with a panel of MPs in place of an Inspector. My own petition (one of nearly 2000 submitted) argues for more tunnelling through the AONB as well as other measures to mitigate the noise and visual intrusion, plus better, fairer compensation arrangements. The Committee has power to write this kind of change into the HS2 Bill.

We don't yet know when the Committee will turn its attention to Buckinghamshire . They've started work by looking at the Birmingham end of the route.



With Steve Sidhu

The MPs on the Committee are not allowed to have any personal or constituency interest in HS2 and the chairman has assured me that he understands that individual petitioners may be nervous about giving evidence and that he will make sure they get a fair hearing.

I also asked Sir David Higgins, the new Chairman of HS2 Ltd and the man who was in charge of building the Olympic facilities in London, to come to our area to see some of the people and places that will be badly affected if HS2 goes ahead. I took him to Wendover, Stoke Mandeville and Aylesbury and introduced him to local campaigners. My impression was that he listened very seriously to the points made but the proof of the pudding will be in what he does to mitigate the impact of the project.

David Liddington



With Sir David Higgins and local campaigners

County Council News



Bucks County Council provides many important services, including safeguarding children and supporting the elderly. However, the Council's budget is changing – with less money from the government, more people living longer and a growing population, it means that financial pressures are greater than ever. More people need services from the council and we are facing a shortfall of £28m in the budget for next year which includes £11m less from central government.

In the last three years the Council has made savings of £55m by changing how it works and what it delivers. We have further plans to help lessen the shortfall for 2015/16 by savings of £16m. However this is not enough and the gap after these savings have been made is still very large at £12m.

Therefore changes to reduce services are essential. Even with an increase in council tax there will be changes that will affect you and your community.

We need to make some tough decisions about the services we provide. The public consultation to hear all views and opinions from Residents closes on Nov 9 (see page 30). The results are being collated to help us make decisions on areas where we should reduce spending, areas where we should continue to invest and whether we need to increase council tax further.

For the past year, the Council has been working with agencies including Thames Valley Police and Health to develop a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for the area. The MASH was launched last month made up of a range of organisations in Buckinghamshire with responsibility for safeguarding both adults and children.

The co-locating of key safeguarding agencies enables earlier identification of risks to vulnerable children and adults and a more coordinated, effective and timely response to strategically implement safeguarding decisions. This will in turn contribute to improved outcomes for children and vulnerable adults.

Also in light of recent events nationally, it was agreed back in September at our last Council meeting that the sum of £4.8 m was voted from reserves plus £1m for contingencies to support Children's Services and safeguarding our children throughout the County.

More Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights are being installed across Buckinghamshire to cut the county council's electricity

bill and save on carbon emissions.

Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) has a three year programme to replace conventional lamps with LED lights on main roads. In the first year 2,500 street lights were converted. When the £3.2 million programme is complete nearly 8,000 lamps out of 10,200 streetlights will have been replaced with LEDs.

LED technology is a modern and efficient means of lighting roads at night. These have a 15-year lifespan - around three times the life of conventional lamps - and will save 16,000 individual lamp changes across the county. As well as annual replacement savings of £135,720, an additional £105,318 will be saved on energy bills every year, and carbon emissions will be reduced by around 495 tonnes. TfB will also make savings in staff time, equipment, and vehicle wear and tear. The LEDs give a brighter and cleaner light, aiding visibility on the roads at night.

The light is also more directional, reducing light pollution and glare to drivers' eyes.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2015. If there are any matters relating to the County Council that you would like to raise, please don't hesitate to contact me either via email 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

Happy Wanderers



Sunday 27th July

On a fine sunny morning 19 Happy Wanderers two dogs and two guests met by the Red Lion at Chenies.

We set off down the road into the village passing the Church and just short of Chenies Manor. We took the path on the right heading down hill through the wood to Chenies Bottom over the river Chess. We turned left onto the path which then ran parallel to the river on the way to Latimer where we turned left over the river just below the Neptune waterfall. Looking up stream we were able to spot a small trout in the stream.

Continuing over the main road and joining the path which took us through West Wood, back past the back of the Manor gardens into the village to the Red Lion. The walk lasted just over two hours.

Sunday lunch time at the pub was very busy but they managed to accommodate those who wished to stop for lunch although service was a little slow.

A very enjoyable Sunday morning walk. Many thanks to Tony Molesworth for leading our walk.

Ron Goodearl



Sunday 31st August

A fine sunny day for our walk. 19 Happy Wanderers arrived at the Mill End car park where it was quite a shuffle to park as it was nearly full of a collection of vehicles belonging to a film company.

A couple set off on their own for a short walk, the remainder of us made our way to the river where we crossed the Hambleton weir.

The keeper allowed us to cross the lock before he opened the gates for the boats. We then turned left onto the path leading us past the Flowerpot Inn and up the road to the footpath to Remenham. This gave us great views across the valley towards Hambleton and Temple Island.

On reaching the Remenham road we turned left and made our way to Henley here we took the tow path back along the river bank to Hambleton weir

enjoying the river traffic and other walkers on the way.

Completing the walk back to the car park we had managed 6.4 miles. Most of the party retired to the Frog at Skirmett for an excellent lunch to round off the day

Our thanks to Helen and David for leading an enjoyable walk.

Ron Goodearl



Sunday 12th October

Inside a low-beamed pub at the end of a picturesque Cambridgeshire village 31 members of the Happy Wanderers had gathered for lunch at the start of the annual two-day 'away from home'.

In the afternoon, after the official photograph had been taken, we divided into two groups. One group explored the village of Barrington which had several beautiful thatched cottages, some with examples of the local thatcher's skill of modelling birds placed on the roof. The other group set off on a five-mile walk under the leadership of Johnny and Edie Radford. This was a wonderful, flat trek through beautiful countryside which gave us the opportunity to admire the local village houses as we passed by. An intriguing thing we noticed was that the old red telephone kiosks had been pressed into service as book exchanges for the local villagers

– a great way to preserve an iconic feature.

We were all booked into the Coach House Hotel at Flint Cross, taking over the whole place which was just as well because any other guest would not have been able to hear themselves think as the conversation escalated once we all sat down to eat. Traditionally we sit with different people at each meal which makes the group very friendly.

Come Monday however the programme changed slightly due to the very bad weather that had arrived overnight. Some members had to paddle to their cars in the car park and the programme proved its flexibility by allowing us to enjoy the house on the Wimpole Estate initially. Then 11 hardy walkers set off, leaving the rest to compose their own itinerary around the walled garden, home farm and excellent restaurant.



Pigs at the Model Farm

The walk along farm tracks, across fields and through woods felt somewhat more than the advertised 4½ miles, as we were lashed by the wettest rain ever, which even soaked through to underwear. It was all very enjoyable and not to be missed!

We finished yet another enjoyable two days with a visit to Cambridge, some to walk along the Backs, some to the FitzWilliam Museum and some to a little-known gem the Kettle Yard Gallery. Many thanks to the Radfords for organising a great two days.

Liz Southon

Sunday 29th June

18 Happy Wanderers met next to the Stag and Huntsman Public House in Hambleton on a gloriously sunny Sunday morning with the village church bells ringing out joyously.

This venue must be very popular as about 40 walkers from various other group were also lining up to start their routes and late-comers had some difficulty in locating parking spaces.

The leaders of our walk were Peter and Jo Clee and they described the general nature of the walk and explained that there was a shorter and less hilly route for those who preferred a more gentle stroll.

Initially both groups set off along the track behind the Hambleton Tennis Club. Shortly after this Jo led the short walk group off into the meadows leading to Mill End while Peter took the larger group across the fields to intercept the road from Rotten Row. The routes for both groups eventually merged near the public car park at Mill End and continued across farmland parallel to the Henley road. While Jo's group took short cuts where possible, the main group walked as far as the edge of the Hambleton Show Ground before turning and climbing back up to the woods behind Hambleton village. This afforded both groups some panoramic views over the Thames valley,

with a clear sight of the fairmile section of the river leading toward Henley. A short but steep path through the woods and a flatter but more circuitous route for the strollers brought both groups back to Hambleton where some indulged in a late morning coffee at the village shop.

Liz Lewin



St John's School

The start of the Autumn Term has been a busy one and our new children in Reception and in Year 3 have settled in well and are enjoying school.

Our year 6 pupils are enjoying their roles as the eldest children in the school and new House Captains have been appointed. They are now busy carrying out their duties, encouraging the younger children to do their best.

The Pupil Council has now been elected with Mark Drewett from year 6 as chair. The children have decided that this year's charity will be Cancer Research and each class will now organise their own events to raise money.

Hughenden Cross Country

Although it is still early in the year, the school has already taken part in a number of sporting events. At the beginning of October children from years 5 and 6 represented the school at the Hughenden Cross Country Competition organised by Wycombe Phoenix Athletics Club. All the children who raced, from Years 5 and 6, were fantastic. They gave 100% commitment and showed great teamwork, cheering each other on. It was a very strong field of runners with many that attended running clubs. All our children should be very proud of themselves.

This is what Beth Podmore (Y6) thought about the event:

On Saturday 4th October a group of Year 5 and 6 girls and boys went to Hughenden Park to run a [hard!] Cross Country race. That day you were probably sitting

inside having a lovely warm drink and looking at the rain! Yes, we all ran in the pouring rain!

The rain dripped down my face as I stood at the start line. Adrenaline pumped through my veins, nothing could stop me now! After the long, everlasting, briefing the horn went. I was off!

Every person put their all into whatever they were meant to do, if it was running, cheering or making sure everyone was there and safe, they all tried their best. I would like to say thank you to all the teachers that came to cheer me and my friends on.

Princes Risborough School Tournaments

The school was also represented at a football and netball tournament at Princes Risborough School. Once again, St John's pupils performed well and showed good teamwork and sportsmanship.

This report comes from Sam and Tomasz in Year 6:

On 7th October 2014, the St John's School football team went to the Princes Risborough Upper School for a tournament. We played against Naphill, Princes Risborough Primary, Longwick and Monks Risborough schools. We played matches all afternoon and eventually won 2 matches and lost 2, ending up in 3rd place. We were all very proud when we were all presented with Bronze medals. It was so much fun and we will support St John's wherever we go.

News from our JRSOs

The JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) at St John's are



volunteers from Year 6 who run the Go for Gold Scheme, encouraging children to walk to school. Two of the children were selected to attend a JRSO Fun Day. Here is their report:

On Friday 10th October, Holly and Sebastian went to a JRSO fun day in Aylesbury. We went to 3 different activities. They were parking problems, road safety and how to organise an Assembly. All these activities were really useful for us and they gave us some new tips for our school! We really enjoyed going to the JRSO fun day and representing our school and we would love to go again.

Sebastian and Holly

The JRSOs are now organising a Half Term poster competition to promote safety. Key Stage 1 children are invited to design a poster to stop children riding scooters in the playground, at the beginning and end of the day. The Key Stage 2 children will be trying to encourage considerate parking outside school. The winning designs will be displayed at school and on our website.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fayre on Friday December 5th from 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

Jo Rodbourne

After a lovely summer of sea-side, pirate and teddy bear workshops we are back to our normal Autumn routine. I have been pleased to welcome lots of new starts, some the children of parents who came to Kindergym up to 25 years ago.

Has anyone any photos of that time? - I would love some "Then and Now" photos. (Yes they were in colour at that time!)

We are about to start our Autumn songs, and soon, of course the magic of Christmas will be upon us and Santa will be popping in and out of the chimney as usual. I am pleased to report we have managed to buy a new trampoline mat so the big trampoline is still in operation and we have a large crash mat for the reception to yr 3 children so they can master dive forward rolls amongst other gymnastic moves in the re-opened 3.30pm class.

Following the success of our "Rumble in the Jungle" during the Summer holidays, we will be running "Room on the Broom" on Saturday 25th October 10am - 3pm for ages 3 yrs - 7 yrs. (Older siblings welcome to help). This will take place at Bledlow Village Hall where we have a lovely safe outside area to explore.

Children are left on their own with us for a creative mix of art, craft, music, games and let's pretend and, above all, fun! Parents can get ready for the half term break or just have a day out!



Under a Jungle tree and Erupting Volcano.



Along the same lines we are also taking reservations for our Christmas Shopping day opportunity, also at Bledlow Village hall, when we will be running a 10am - 3pm workshop based on Christmas Magic on Saturday Dec 6th.

Places will go quickly so book in early

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District Council News

Handy Cross

I have to apologise if District Council News sounds more like 'Construction News' at the moment, but more progress has been made with the major developments at Handy Cross, such as the new Sports and Leisure Centre, the Waitrose store being built alongside and the NEXT home store. The buildings themselves are now becoming visible as the new facilities rise from the foundations and (weather permitting) the schedules are all looking good for openings at various times during 2015.

Although it is too early to release any details, very positive discussions are taking place with a number of companies who are keen to occupy the new office facilities planned for the site, some of which will occupy the space vacated by the current sports centre when it is demolished. This is excellent news as these developments will create more local jobs and stimulate the District economy.

Hughenden Valley

Work is also starting in the Hughenden Valley area, with the construction of a new road, offices for Bucks CC, a care home and additional facilities for Bucks New University all in the pipeline. You may have noticed that the Jewsons depot near to Morrisons has been demolished, which indicates the starting point for the new road. Most of this development takes place on land behind the houses on Hughenden Road so hopefully, there will be minimal disruption.

High Wycombe Flyover

Lastly for construction news, work is nearing completion to finish repairs to the Abbey Road flyover in High Wycombe, which will now become permanently one way going east. Fortunately, experience has shown that reducing the carriageway to one lane (needed to ensure the safety of the flyover) has not caused additional traffic delays. Also, it has been possible to re-open the Lily's Walk link road to the Eden Centre in the other direction, which will make the upcoming Christmas shopping task much easier!

Parking

In the last issue of Hallmark, I outlined the implementation of the new Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system in Princes Risborough and this is now fully up and running.

I am aware of some initial teething problems such as with the cameras missing some vehicles and also more recently some glare issues with the screen, but these are all being worked on and WDC is confident that these early hiccups can be resolved: operation in the various other car parks across the district is now running smoothly.

ANPR Benefits

To re-iterate the reasons WDC has moved to this new system, ANPR brings many benefits for residents, 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.

One key change which requires some getting used to is that with ANPR, payment is made as you leave the car park, rather than when you arrive. (You have the choice of paying there and then or paying online or by mobile phone.)

This has caused a little confusion at first, but experience from around the District and elsewhere in the country suggests that people quickly adjust.

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Community Planning Group

Library service on-line

The proposed on-line library service is due to start up on Monday 5 November, and will operate for an initial trial period of 6 months. The advantage of the on-line booking service is that it obviates the need to travel into Princes Risborough.

It would be helpful for us to know the names of anyone intending to make use of the service, so if you intend to do so, please pop in to visit the shop and tell whoever happens to be in charge.

The service enables members of the Bucks County Council library to order a book on-line, and have it delivered to Lacey Green Stores, hopefully on the following Monday. You then collect it.

Most readers will be able to order from home, provided that they are connected to the Internet. For readers that are not already on-line, there will be a computer in Lacey Green Stores that you will be able to use. Books can later be returned to the Stores. Any fines or other charges that may apply will be dealt with directly by the library service in Princes Risborough.

Lacey Green Stores

The shop is open weekday mornings from 9.00 to noon, and we would like to see it used more by residents. Note that we can provide a newspaper for you, so long as you tell us in advance.

The shop is run by a team of volunteers, and we would like to

increase the numbers of these, if possible. If you have any spare time during the day, or even if you haven't, do join the team. Even a couple of hours once a month is useful. You would be doing something positive in support of your village, and you can make your CV look even better.

The Welcome Pack

The group does its best to give a Welcome Pack to new residents in the Parish. However, it is quite difficult to know when someone has moved in, and would ask readers to tell us about any newcomers.

Tony Molesworth

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Tough decisions for tough times Council Budget Consultation

Help us make tough decisions about the council's budget and our spending priorities for next year.

Your County Council provides many important services, including safeguarding children and supporting the elderly. However, the Council's budget is changing. With less money from the government, more people living longer and a growing population our job is more difficult than ever. More people need services from the council yet we are facing a budget gap of £12 million next year.

Changes to reduce services are essential – even with an increase in council tax there will be changes that will affect you and your community.

We need to make some tough decisions about the services we provide. We're asking you to give us your views on possible changes to council tax and what's important for the Council to deliver for you.

Tell us where you think we should prioritise spending your council tax in this year's Budget Consultation online at www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget. Alternatively you can pick up a leaflet from your local library.

Deadline for responses to the consultation is 9th November. Following this the results will be shared at the Cabinet meeting on 8 December.

On-line book orders:

Log on to the library website (www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries) Click on 'renew or request library items', 'more pages', and 'anywhere'

Click on 'title', 'author', or 'subject search'.

Enter your choice in the blank enclosure, and click 'OK'. (You may have to try several possibilities, to find the exact item you are looking for). You should see a list of various books, including your specific choice.

Click on the square adjacent to the chosen item

Click on 'reserve selections' Enter your borrower ID and PIN, and click 'OK'.

Click on 'change pickup location'

Select 'Lacey Green click and collect'

Click on 'submit'



Our website has recently been revised, it now includes access to our hand coloured footpath map. This map shows all the footpaths and bridleways within the Lacey Green Parish boundary, annotated with their numbers.

If you find any of our paths obstructed or overgrown please report this, in the first instance, to Bucks County Council Rights of Way section at - <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Tell-us.aspx> - and add the prefix LAG to the number to identify the paths in our parish. If you prefer you can telephone Highways on 0845 230 2882 or 01286 382416.

November is an important month for the Parish Council this is when we hold our estimates meeting to set our budgets for the next financial year.

At the estimates meeting we consider our continuing expenses and whether we are still getting best value. We look at future projects and weigh up the nice-to-do against the must-do. It is also when we consider all the requests we have received for financial help from the groups and organisations active within our villages.

We get many requests throughout the year and the Council is pleased to help all worthy causes.

Parish councils have the power to give financial support to local initiatives but we have a responsibility to distribute money

in a fair and equitable manner to reflect the value of the organisations, services or activities to the residents.

Recently we have made small grants to St John's Church, Lacey Green and Speen Village Halls, Speen Playing Fields, Princes Risborough Community Bus, Speen Festival, the Windmill Restoration Committee, and several other local organisations.

In special cases we may be able to grant short term loans. Two recent examples are at Lacey Green Tennis Club where a three year reducing loan was needed to help fund the re-surfacing of the No 2 court and at the Speen Playing Field Pavilion where we provided a short term bridging loan to enable the replacement of the roof.

We welcome applications for grants from groups and organisations but in order for these to be considered for next year they must be received before the end of this month, November.

Please send your request and a copy of your accounts to: Sue Griffiths, Lacey Green Parish Clerk, c/o The Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire HP27 0DP.

For further information and to contact the Parish Council please visit our website at <http://www.laceygreen-pc.org.uk>

John Sherlock



An example of a footpath in need of repair. LAG 40 obstructed by overgrown brambles

St John's Church



Past events

We do sincerely thank all the visiting clergy who have been inspirational, sincere, and friendly during the Interregnum, and will continue being supportive.

Our harvest supper was superb – delicious food provided by the choir, after evensong, “we plough the fields and scatter” was a must during the meal, and the Bishop from Uganda led a marching song!

Future events for your diary

Saturday 8th November. History Exhibition from 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Focusing on those who died, those who returned, and the effect on their families locally.

Please contact Rosemary Mortham (sec to History group) 01844-345863 for further details or to offer help.

Sunday 9th. November. Remembrance Day Service at 10.00am with the 2 minutes silence - a special Church Commemoration of those remembered on the Church memorial for WW1.

Everyone from Lacey Green, Loosley Row, and Speen is welcome.

We would especially like to hear from the descendants of those involved in the Great War, and invite them to place a cross to honour their ancestors on this 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of War.

Same Sunday 9th at 3.00pm - a talk from Rev. Arthur Taylor who will speak among other aspects about the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. Cost £5.00 per person.

The History Exhibition will be open from 2.00pm – 4.30pm. Teas will be served, accompanied by singing from St. John's adult choir.

There will be a Junior Choir Concert for Peace on Monday 10th November at 7pm (cost £5.00, free to school children) followed by light refreshments. History Exhibition open from 6.00pm.

Tickets from Anne Eden 01494-563386 or Rosemary 01844-345863.

Following Tuesday 11th Nov, a special schools service to remember the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, when the Armistice was signed in 1918. This includes a small history exhibition suitable for children.

Saturday 22nd November – the Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. All the usual festive stalls – cakes, crafts, wreaths, Father Christmas, tombola, coffee, and lunches.

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.

TUESDAY

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

2.00pm Toddler Praise – Toddlers meet Tuesday afternoons during term time.

WEDNESDAY

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

School Assemblies during term time are held on Friday mornings 9.15 am at St. John's and 10.00 am at Speen.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or would like a home visit, 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 26 Summerleys Road PR.

Please do come and experience the warm welcome in our lovely Church. **June Brazier**

Heavenly Bodies

As we recover from the jolt of the clocks going back an hour and darkness descending alarmingly early, there is plenty of consolation to be found in the constellations.

Firstly, it means the stars, planets and deep-sky mysteries are revealed in the early evening rather than way past my bedtime. The next few months are also traditionally the best for star-gazing with some of the richest celestial views available.

But we begin with a historic human space event – the first ever landing on a comet. The European Rosetta space craft is currently orbiting the festively-named comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. On Wednesday 12 November, the probe is due to release its lander 'Philae' to touch-down on the surface of the comet. The media will be giving all the latest, so it's fingers crossed for one of the most daring missions ever.

After bonfire night, our skies could light up again by two lots of shooting stars. The Leonid Meteor Shower peaks on the evening of Monday 17 November – the closer to midnight the better – but do look to the skies on the evenings either side of that date. The streaks we sometimes call 'shooting stars' are particles left by comet Temple Tuttle as it hurtles

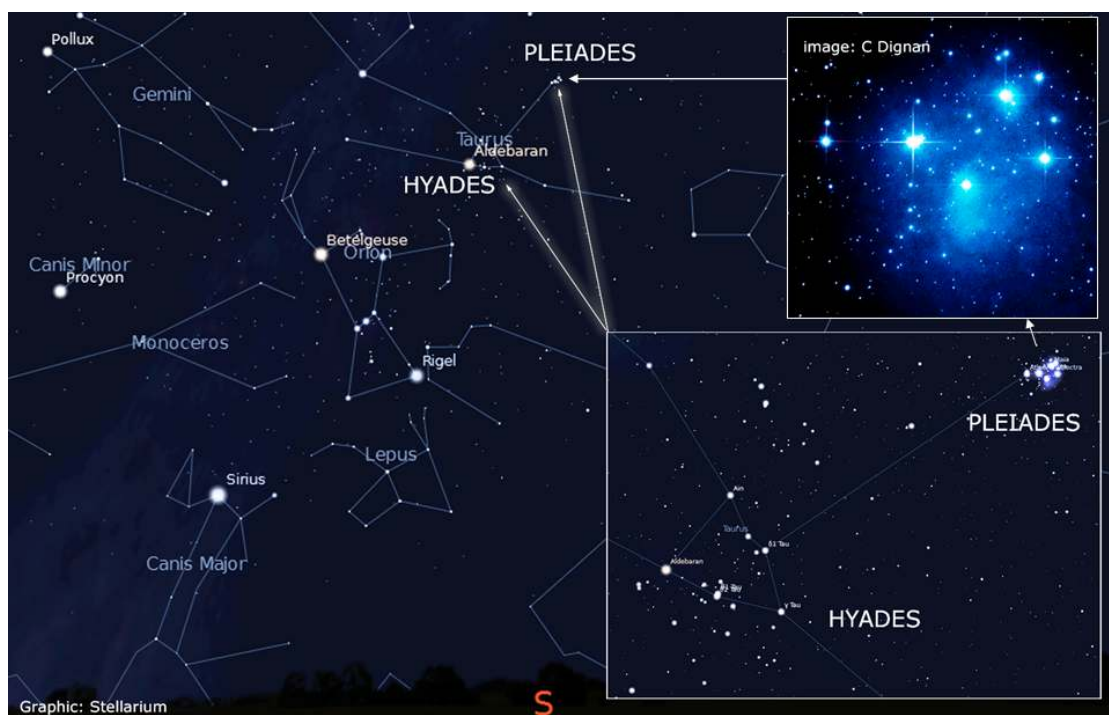
around the Sun every 33 years. Earth's orbit takes us through the comet's 'exhaust trail' when its particles of dust slam into our atmosphere at colossal speeds and vaporise. The Moon is out of the way this year, so we just need the clouds to follow suit.

The same applies to what is regarded as the most reliable and most streak-studded meteor showers of the year, the Geminids. It peaks on the night of 13-14 December, though it lasts from 7-16 December. The incandescent streaks are caused by particles, not from a comet but an asteroid. Again, our lunar companion is otherwise engaged before the early hours, so it's really down to the Met Office. In Feng Shui and other ways of thinking, it is considered good luck to see a shooting star as it symbolises a fleeting moment in one's life. The main rule is to make a wish straightaway, which will come true within 30 days. So bad luck will be replaced by good fortune, a quarrel by making up, a lost possession will

turn up etc. Anyway, seeing as many of us still make a wish when blowing out our birthday cake candles, it's probably worth a go. Best to have a wish handy.

The night skies are truly glorious during winter, and even more spectacular when you pan around the stars using any pair of binoculars. A fabulous area of sky is looking south (after 9pm in November and 7pm in December) above the distinctive shape of Orion (see graphic) where the constellation of Taurus strides. Within Taurus, there is a beautiful V-shape of stars called the Hyades cluster which make up the bull's head, while the bright star Aldebaran is one of its eyes. Above and to the right, is the famous star cluster The Pleiades, often nick-named the Seven Sisters. This whole region looks lovely enough with the naked eye, but they jump out at you when viewed through binoculars.

Chris Dignan



Organisation	Meetings	Contact	Phone	Email address
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Full walk last Sun of the month 10.30	Ronnie Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed 10.30	Linda Taylor	345261	
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8 pm	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	Denise Kinnard		lukeden2@hotmail.co.uk
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	Paula Cunningham	07502 198405	admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45 pm	Daphne Willash	01494 562455	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High Wycombe & District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Margaret Graham	01494 630713	Margaret@margaret-graham.com
Youth Club	Alternate Fridays - see laceygreen.com web site for details 7.30 pm	Joan Smith	342322	joansmith38@googlemail.com
Over 50s Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse. First Tuesday of the month	Betty Tyler Yvonne Axe	344606 345216	
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LG Sports Club - Tennis		Nigel Glenister	342771	ne.glenister@btinternet.com
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LG Post Office	Monday and Thursday 9 am to 12 noon			
LG Windmill	Sundays & Bank holidays 2 to 5 pm May to September	Michael Hardy	275871	contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk
Millennium Hall		Clive Hodgton	343113	clive@laceygreen.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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