

# HALLMARK

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# Welcome to the May edition of Hallmark

A reminder that with this issue we are collecting donations to support the printing of Hallmark and the maintenance of the Village Hall. Printing costs us around £7.00 per year per house.

Any donations will be welcome, either to your deliverer or put the donation in the envelope supplied and pop it through the door of Entertainment House. (Please make cheques out to Lacey Green & Loosley Row Village Hall.)



This is the moment to look forward to Summer and outdoor activities (though it's freezing as I write this!) As well as joining in sporting activities, June will be a grand month to get out and visit some of the local artists who will be exhibiting in Bucks Open Week - there are some examples on page 27.

Whilst thinking of artists, please see page 32 for Stella Boll's appeal for someone to run the next Windmill Artists' Exhibition. This has always been well attended and the associated Bistro has been very popular for lunch.

It's nice to see a plan turn out well. You may remember reading last summer about Ellie O'Shaughnessy who was trying to raise funds for a youth trip to The Gambia. Well she succeeded! Her story is on our centre page.

**Mike Piercy**  
Editor

## Letters to the Editor (see also page 16 and 22)

In the February Hallmark magazine, there was a article by Leigh Axe, pointing out the dangers of the speeding cars and irresponsible parking on the main road and on the corner of Kiln Lane by inconsiderate drivers. Let's also not forget the cars that speed down Kiln Lane either, because the road sign says 30 miles per hour. This indicates the speed limit on the main road is 30 miles per hour as well as in Kiln Lane.

In July last year we had Thomas the cat run over and very badly injured so he had to be put down. This January we had Alfie hit by a car and killed, and subsequently my cat Savi was run over on the morning of the 24th of March and was killed opposite Mrs West's

driveway. Thank you to the person who picked her up and placed her on the pavement.

Hopefully the next victim to die on this road is not a child or elderly person or an adult, and no more animals are killed or injured and runners dog walkers as well as horse riders remain safe. SPEEDING KILLS !!

Parking on the corner of Kiln Lane is a nightmare, as cars exiting Kiln Lane are forced to cross over to the other side of the road and are in danger by being hit by a car turning into Kiln Lane.

We should have solid lines going from 5 Pygle Cottages around the corner half way to Mrs West's driveway to stop irresponsible

parents blocking the exit from Kiln Lane.

**L Preston**



*Savi*

# What's On

**Sat 13 May 11-3pm**

Tennis Club Open Day

**Sat 24 June 7pm**

Anti Slavery Concert  
see opposite

**Sat 8 July evening**

Sports Club Annual Ball

**Wed 12 Jul 6.30pm**

Horts Club Sweet Pea Show  
see page 17

**Sun 23 July 2.30pm**

LGP Funday Sunday  
see this page

**Aug 5 & 6 all day**

Black Horse Beer Festival  
see page 20

**Happy Wanderers**

We would welcome you to  
join us on one of our walks:

Sun 28 May or Sun 27  
August, both at 10.30.

Phone Liz Lewin on 01844  
274961 for more details.

**Future Diary Dates**

2 Sept Sports Fundraiser  
28 Sept MacMillan Coffee  
Morning  
14 Oct WI Jumble Sale  
18 Oct WI Village Quiz  
23 - 25 Nov LGP Dinner  
Theatre

**Parish Council**

7 July 7.30 pm at  
Speen Village Hall

5 June and 7 Aug 7.30pm at  
Lacey Green Village Hall.

**Youth Club**

Village Hall 7.30pm  
May 12 & 26  
June 9 & 23  
July 7 & 21

## 17th ANNUAL SHOW Chiltern Sweet Pea Society WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2017

LOOSLEY ROW & LACEY GREEN MILLENNIUM HALL, BUCKS HP27 0QT

Staging: 12.30 - 4pm + bowls & baskets can be staged up until 5pm away from the exhibition area.  
Judging: 4.15pm onwards

**Open to the public: 6.30pm**

raffle: 8.00pm - raffle prizes gratefully received

**Sale of surplus blooms**



# The Lacey Green Entomologist

Though we live in the middle of an AONB, we are often not mindful of our surroundings and fail to notice the glories of nature all around us. Not so for John Tyler. John would be quite happy to spend an entire morning sitting in a wayside field watching an unusual spider weave its web.

John was born and brought up in Lacey Green before moving away to study Zoology and Conservation at university. After graduation he was lucky enough to get one of the few available jobs in ecology, developing wildlife areas in rundown parts of east London.

However he felt that he was not the "city type" at heart, so after a few years he moved out to the Sevenoaks area where he got a job as warden of a nature reserve. He had a small cottage on the reserve and once the day-visitors had gone home, he lived in glorious seclusion with only an occasional passing angler (or poacher!).

For 22 years he surveyed, planned, planted and tended the reserve exactly as he pleased. However a few years ago the reserve was taken over by a large organisation who brought a more centralised, corporate culture that John did not enjoy.

Nowadays he has come full circle and has returned to Lacey Green where he lives with his mum Bette Tyler. He is a regular visitor to our local nature sites at Naphill Common, Bradenham Woods, Monkton Wood and the BBOU nature reserve at Radnage.

John is well known to naturalists in the area through his various guided walks and slide show talks. He puts these on for a variety of interested local organisations such as The Chiltern Society, WI, U3A and ramblers groups. He describes his walks as "walk and talk" but it often includes more stopping than walking if there are interesting insects or fungi to be investigated. John's walks cover nature reserves and ancient woodland across Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

John is a firm believer in the old fashioned, but high quality, 35mm slide for his public talks. Though he is an enthusiastic user of digital photography as well, he believes that a 35mm projector gives much more vibrant colours than computer driven projectors. Sometimes the audiences are as fascinated in the old projectors and carousels as well as the subject matter of the slides! John has developed over 25 different nature talks over the years, some general and some quite specialised. You can view the selection on his web site [www.johntyler.co.uk](http://www.johntyler.co.uk) and book John to deliver one for a small fee.

John's specialist subject is glow-worms where he is a renowned expert. In the summer he leads specialist evening walks to Brush Hill to study them as they briefly glow and mate. You can buy John's book about glow worms through his web site or you can browse his thousands of photos of glow worms and other insects.



One of John's hobbies (when he is not writing Hallmark Nature Notes), is wood carving. He delights in finding interesting pieces of wood and carving them into pieces of furniture or tableware. Some of you may remember seeing his wassailing cup on display at a Windmill Artists' Exhibition at the Village Hall.

John has a special project for 2017, to make a wildlife survey of the full length of the River Thames. As there are few riverside paths, he is doing the survey from a boat - well actually it's an ancient coracle that he built himself. He told me that wild animals have little fear of a man paddling a coracle, and foxes on the riverbank will stop and stare at him!

If you would like John to arrange a guided walk or slide show for your organisation then the contact details can all be found on his web site.

**Mike Piercy**

# On The Farm

## Spring arrives

Spring seems to have arrived very suddenly. In February and the beginning of March we very much felt it was winter. Then the dullness was swapped for vibrant green as the plants came back to life after their dormancy, a flash of yellow with daffodils, oak, ash and beech with their new leaves and "sticky buds" on the horse chestnuts. Spring was here.

The cattle look out of their winter accommodation with anticipation. Unfortunately much to their disdain there is a lot to do before they can be let out. March and April are really busy months in the livestock farming calendar.

## Vaccinations

There are several annual vaccinations to be done – much easier when the animals are in than having to round them up every time. These are to prevent diseases which can be disastrous if they get into a herd, such as Leptospirosis, IBR and BVD.

Unfortunately there is not yet a vaccination against TB and the first part of our annual test has been done. Eight hours work for a vet and our staff to do that. A few days later comes the second part, all that work again, to see if there are any reactors. We wait with fingers crossed!

We have had two cases of Schmallenberg. Spread by midges it has come from Continental Europe. It affects the developing foetus in pregnant cows and gives the cow flu-like symptoms for a few days.

Hopefully in due course a vaccine will be developed for this.

## Branding

The calves reared for the dairy herd have to be freeze branded for easy identification, although they still have to have ear tags. Freeze branding is done using a brand made very cold by liquid nitrogen and holding it on a dark patch of shaved skin. They hardly seem to notice this being done. When the hair grows back it will be white, the pigment in it removed.

In preparation for turning out, all fencing has to be repaired or renewed and field water systems checked.

## Coal to Newcastle

We have tested all the land for PH where we are planting maize. We are aiming for a PH level of 6.5, some is down to 5.3 which will really affect any crops we grow.

As a result we are having to apply nearly 300 tonnes of chalk. Many samples are taken in each field to plot a field map as there will be variation within each one.

Using this map the spreader will apply various amounts, up to 4 tonnes per acre using GPS. This tracker knows where it is and what needs to be applied where. Seems absurd on these chalk hills, but chalk it is not necessarily just where you imagine.

Just after Easter we will have a Farm Assurance inspection. Being Farm Assured means our produce can be sold with the RED TRACTOR LOGO on it. You can hardly sell your produce without it as most commodity buyers insist on it. ARLA, our milk buyer runs its own scheme which is more involved than usual.

## Planting

Out of 80 acres of oil seed rape 25 acres has failed, mainly due to cabbage stem flea beetle. We will replace it with maize. Always planted late spring we are preparing all our maize fields now. Replanting is a costly thing to do. Oil seed rape in the south-east now carries a very high financial risk and it is difficult to see much being grown in the future.

Now on 13th April we are beginning to think we need a little rain, although we are enjoying getting on with the field work in the dry conditions. The winter rainfall was lower than average here in the south. I know you have to be careful for what you wish, but a little would not go amiss.

The results of the TB test are now in. Two inconclusive, so we have to test them again in 60 days. A long time to keep fingers crossed!

**Joan West**

# Local History Group Up In The Air

THE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP is currently putting all the information it has regarding local aircraft on its website. There you will find items from 1918 onwards. Any information to enhance these is always very welcome.

## Pre-war aviation

In 1918 a plane came down next to Lacey Green School in a blinding snowstorm. The military took one of the classrooms (there were only two then) while guarding it. Another landed in Loosley Row, probably on the Grubbin.

Around 1920 a Mr & Mrs Sprott lived at the Sprat in Loosley Row, by then no longer a public house. Mrs Sprott was a surgeon. She flew to work in her airplane which she landed on the Grubbin. On her return the local boys would go and help her peg it down. An exciting task for the village lads! Mr Sprott was an interesting business man in his own right.

## 2nd World War

At 5 pm on Saturday 3rd June 1944 Dick West at Stocken Farm was notified that 45 acres of flat land in the centre of his farm was to be taken for a flying field. The bulldozers arrived within the hour.

Two clumps of chestnut trees were felled, also a clump of lime trees and a hedge were removed. The first aircraft took off three days later. No warning for Dick West for security reasons.

The new airfield was for the benefit of Sir Arthur (Bomber) Harris, Commander in Chief at Bomber Command, Walters Ash. Later a further 21 acres were added taking the area that later became the Sports Field.

## New Road for the RAF

Although anything to do with Bomber Command, tucked in the beech woods, had top security and was never to be talked about, it was most likely for its benefit that a new road was built straight from Lacey Green to Walters Ash. The old road circled round Slad Lane.

Although kept secret at the time P. C. Goldsmith, the village policeman later told how he had been called to investigate a plane that had landed on this road. The road had not yet been opened for public use. It was called then the "Concrete Road" because of its form of construction.

P. C Goldsmith reported to Sir Arthur Harris where he was welcomed and offered a drink during an enjoyable meeting. No more was said about it at the time and it never happened again.

## Mosquito production

Probably the most significant war work locally was done in High Wycombe where the "Mosquito" plane was built. Many of our local people worked in the factories there making the various component parts.

They were sworn to secrecy "Careless Talk costs Lives", "Careless Talk can Kill".

Andrew Oliver, a Lacey Green resident, son of Walter Baker's firm, expert in plywood and veneer products, was told to take up an appointment reporting directly to Lord Beaverbrook, the Minister of Aircraft Production.

The "Mosquito" was developed and production established in premises he found in Loudwater. Later, on the staff of "Bomber" Harris, Andrew investigated crashed aircraft to see if there was any defect in glue or wood fatigue. He flew from Lacey Green Airfield two or three times a week.

Gliders were also made in High Wycombe and propellers in Princes Risborough.

## More on the web site

These items are from times nearly out of living memory or from WW2 when they were not talked about. However they can be now, so please get in touch if you can give names of those involved, or identify locals doing other war work such as going to London as firefighters. The Home Guard is on the website but more detail and stories can be added. Was any of your family in the Land Army in this parish?

All the items in this are extracts from much larger articles which can be found on our website [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com) go to section 'history'.

# Youth Club

I can't believe the current Youth Club started in April 2009. There had been an equally successful one many years earlier run by Ted and Jean Janes. It ended due to lack of adult support. Another started several years later run by Pat Slade and, I believe, Joan Smith. This one stopped while they built the new Hall but never re-started due, you guessed it, to lack of support.

There are only two regular leaders left now in the current Club, which is able to carry on due to parental support. So a big thank you to all the parents who attend youth club each session to keep it going. In particular one lady who organises the support whom I won't name as I don't know if she would want me to. This is a village so I suspect it's not a secret. A couple of others we are grateful to are organising games and crafts but many parents just attend when they can.

All kids get up to mischief which they see as fun, like climbing out the window and throwing wet paper in the toilets or even their drinks over each other, so it is necessary to have several adults for the various places in and



around the hall. If an individual requires attention then that adult can't watch the others and we have to be able to cope with a more serious incident which thus far has not occurred.

It is fair enough that helpers leave when their children do and my fear is that once this happens we may not find someone else as good.

I'm happy to carry on but most will know I'm not a young person myself. We would be very happy to support a younger person(s) who might also relate better to

the youngsters. It requires 2 hrs of your time once a fortnight and maybe an occasional hour in between. Even less with more people. The kids are not difficult to control thanks to their parents and school doing a good job.

Pop along to the next meeting - see front page at [laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com/Sections/index.php#youth) (<http://www.laceygreen.com/Sections/index.php#youth>) for dates. We do keep going through holidays as I think the kids are maybe at a loose end and in need of something to do.

**Leigh Axe**



# Black Horse

Well after the Doris attack hit Lacey Green and the Black Horse, it was Thursday lunch time around two o'clock when all hell let loose at the Black Horse.

One of my customers came in and said "I think your marquee is going to visit your neighbours." With that Jo, Kim, Ian and I went out to the garden. Our first response was, for Christ's sake get everybody to move their cars, we were packed with diners.

Next step, Jo got hold of one end and tried to hold it down, with this she rolled herself in the canvas. So funny. Kim got hold of the middle, I held the other end, but this was to no avail.

At this time people had moved their cars and now were watching us trying to save our marquee. We could do with their help here but I think it was much more amusing watching us.

Ian got out the knife and we had to cut it away from the frame as everything else was just lifting like a great big balloon. It was the most funny but horrible lunchtime I have had. After about half an hour the whole marquee was wrecked but it was still in our garden. Next step go back into pub to finish doing the meals for everybody who had patiently waited.

The motto of this story is don't have a marquee when you have a Doris. Unfortunately my insurance wouldn't cover it - act of nature they said ?????

Well we found a company that had one roof left that matched our side panels so it is now back up and in full working order for the summer and for anybody that wants a function in our garden.

Our preparation for the beer and music festival is well under way. It will be on the 5th and 6th of August. We have bands all

afternoon and evening Saturday. On Sunday we have music in the afternoon and early evening. We have food being served both days and face painting etc. For the children... watch the blackboards. We will have 10 real ales outside and some ciders plus beers inside the pub.

Bands already booked are The Wedge for the Sunday; Lauren Gore and the Clive Burton swing quintet so far for the Saturday. There will also be another band for the Saturday. Keep your eye out for the posters and blackboards. Aunt Sally starts next month on Friday nights.

If you need any outside catering we will be pleased to quote you for functions. I am looking for any toys for the pub play area, every year they get damaged or stolen, so if anybody has any old toys etc please give me a shout, thank you.

**Lynne**

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# Princes Centre Update

We are delighted to learn that the Princes Centre has just been presented with two awards at the SME Business Awards Ceremony.

We have won the Community Business of the Year [with most of the credit due to the business acumen of our Chairman, Matthew Walsh], and our Manager, Kim Challinor, has very deservedly won the Employee of the Year.

Work is progressing on the landscaping of the clients' garden area using the grant received from Tesco for this purpose. We are hoping that it may be possible to incorporate a ramp to enable wheelchair access to it from both the halls. The buildings at the Princes Centre are situated on 3 different levels which is quite problematic when trying to work out accessibility solutions for wheelchair users.



**THE PRINCES CENTRE**  
AWARD WINNING DAYCARE

Plans to refurbish the clients' toilet areas and the provision of further facilities for staff and visitors are progressing satisfactorily. Further enquiries are taking place concerning the restructuring of the porch to the lower hall so as to enable the provision of new doors [being funded by the Risborough Masons] to enable improved access and security.

**Maggie Wooster**



# Windmill WI

Our first meeting of the year was held at the beginning of February. Our speaker was Debbie Brady talking about a 'Female in Fleet Street'. Debbie was a former Fleet Street photojournalist who covered news, sport and features for Today newspaper, the Daily Mirror and The Times. Her talk was very interesting and entertaining. Also in February a few of us attended the Church Quiz and were thrilled to come second!

Our speaker for the March Meeting was Billie Stott. Billie told us about his experiences as a Horticultural Student. His talk was very interesting, he showed us slides of several nurseries he had been to, plus his travels abroad including a trip to Iceland to see the Northern Lights.

Also this month we had our bi-annual Jumble Sale. We all worked very hard in the morning sorting jumble - where does it all come from? We then had our pub lunch and spent the afternoon selling, then clearing up the Village Hall. It was all worthwhile as we had another very successful sale.

Five members attended the Group Meeting at St. James' Church Downley. Mr Simon Brown from Bourne End Antiques was the speaker. He was very entertaining with lots of stories of the Antique World. He also judged the competition for the most interesting cup and saucer. We didn't win this but three out of the five of us did win prizes in the raffle!!

In April we had Malcolm Nelson as our speaker with Part 2 of 'Forty Years of Catching Smugglers'. We had heard Malcolm speak before and knew it was going to be an entertaining evening. Malcolm had worked for 40 years for H M Customs, most of the time catching smugglers at London Airport. Now that he has retired he gives talks to various groups and lectures on board cruise ships. His talk was excellent and we look forward to hearing him again.

We meet every first Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm at Lacey Green Village Hall. If you are interested in good talks and meeting new people you would be very welcome to join us.

**Ann Bartlett**

## Letters to the Editor

As most local residents will know, Monkton Wood has been split up into a number of smaller woodlands and about 20 of these have so far been sold to new individual owners. Nearly all of these owners are keen to be on good terms with local walkers



but would respectfully ask them to stick to the designated public footpaths in order to avoid damage or disruption to the environment and to owners' activities. To facilitate this, and with wonderful help from the Chiltern Society Footpath Maintenance Volunteers, we have recently completed comprehensive way-marking of one of the public paths that was previously ill-defined. (see photo)

This public path goes diagonally through Monkton wood from its junction with the bridle path on the southwest side in a north easterly direction towards the drive to Coppice House and we do hope you will enjoy following this route for some future walks.

**C. M. Jackson-Houlston**

### Editor's note:

The change of ownership should not affect the public rights of way through the wood. The new owners have an obligation not to obstruct them.

The Buckinghamshire County Council website has a Rights of Way page - <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/rights-of-way/mapping-the-network/rights-of-way-network/>

# Horticultural Society



For this edition of Hallmark I am going to dedicate the Horticultural Society page to the forthcoming show of the Chiltern Sweet Pea Society which is to be held at the Millennium Hall for the first time in its 17 year history. I hope that you will consider coming along to see this wonderful show and most of all, to enjoy the scent which pervades the summer evening air. (See advert on page 3).

Growing sweet peas is a fascinating hobby and one which provides you with frilly blooms all summer long. I have grown

them for years, but only recently started to show them. We have some highly dedicated experts in the local area who grow magnificent collections, with a garden literally full of hundreds of plants! You don't need to have this many to be able to take part in the show, you could start with just one bloom, or a vase of between 5 and 7 stems. The stems should have four blooms, well-spaced and of the best quality you have on the day. The members of the society are very friendly and willing to help any newcomer to display their

flowers to advantage, so if you do have sweet peas and fancy a go, don't worry if you haven't done it before. You will need to contact Graeme the secretary as you will need a schedule. Vases are provided.

If you just like flowers then come along to the evening show which opens at 6.30, to enjoy the beautiful colours and scent of the peas, well worth the effort, and you can pick up a bunch for the house too as there are spares to buy for a small sum.

**Alison Shreeve**



# Tennis Club

## Floodlights

The big news this month is that we have finally reached agreement with Wycombe District Council on our application to floodlight two courts. The process has been slow, at times I have felt like Sisyphus. But we are now at the top of the hill and the view over the other side looks very rosy.

Floodlights should transform the club and allow us to attract more members from neighbouring villages. Existing members will also benefit from the increased playing times. For example, we plan to move junior coaching to a week night and run the programme all year round, allowing juniors to get outside and play during the long dark months of winter. This is really exciting news for the club and I am grateful for all the support we have had from the residents of the villages, including the parish council and Cllr Graham Peart.

## Team News

The men's team have had a very disappointing winter due to lack of available players and injuries. Consequently we are bottom of division 7 and face being relegated. We really need to recruit some more players to get us through the long winter season.

A couple of years ago it was the ladies that were really struggling for numbers, but I am pleased to say that we now have plenty of



willing members ready to turnout and represent the club. The ladies had a good season and finished mid table and their final game against Stewkley (who are near the top of the table) was won 8-0! Hopefully they can take this momentum forward to the summer leagues.

## What's on?

Our major fund raiser for the year is a cheese and wine night at the Sports' Club on Friday 5th May. Tickets cost £8 and include a glass of Prosecco and plenty of nibbles and cheese. It is a great way to meet new people and there will be a couple of quizzes as well. If you would like a ticket please email: [Laceygreentennis@gmail.com](mailto:Laceygreentennis@gmail.com)

On Saturday 13th May we will be opening up the courts from 11am-3pm for anyone to come along and have a hit.

If you like what you see, you will be able to join the club on a trial basis for 30 days, costing just £10 for families, £5 for adults and £3 for juniors. There will be mini nets for the juniors and a ball machine to practise against, or you can just play with friends and family. Please come on down and try us out!

For further information about junior coaching, club activities etc just type "Lacey Green Tennis" into Google to find our club website. This is regularly kept up-to date with the latest news and pictures.

**Nigel Glenister**



Tennis  
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# Gambia Experience

I recently arrived home from The Gambia and would like to thank everyone who helped me fundraise for my amazing experience. As well as thanking you I would like to tell you a little about my trip to The Gambia.

The aim of the trip was to paint a primary school in Kanafing with helpful revision for the students including a map of The Gambia, Africa and the world as well as a number grid, the Gambian flag and the National Anthem. Even while painting, children from the school were running to see us to take pictures of us with the work we had done for them!

While in The Gambia, we also did reading with some local

children, helping them develop their English. Of course, once the reading was finished we played many games including hosting a sports day for them in 40 degree heat. It was all worth it of course, when we saw their smiling faces and how much they appreciated the concept of people coming over from England simply to play with them (or so they liked to believe)!

However, Gambia was also a cultural experience for all the girls. We visited museums and learnt about the traditions and their slavery past. I found their beliefs very interesting and somewhat difficult to contemplate, which is one of the

reasons I believe it is very important for everyone to visit other countries with completely different cultures: it was an eye-opening trip and helped all of us gain a better understanding of the world around us, as well as make wonderful friendships with the children.

I loved every moment and cannot thank everyone enough for helping me to go to The Gambia!

I have attached a picture of us in our uniforms.

Thanks again,

**Ellie O'Shaughnessy**



*Ellie (2nd from right) in front of the completed mural*

# County Council News

At the time of going to press, I am up for re-election as the Conservative Candidate for the Ridgeway West Division for Bucks County Council on 4th May. By the time you read this, I hope to be able to continue to serve you the local residents as your local County Councillor.

As you may have seen, I am delighted to report that Studridge Lane in Speen has now been finally resurfaced. You may recall that back in June 2016, signs were posted stating that works would commence on the lane with micro-resurfacing over a 15 week period. This was my top priority road which I had nominated as part of the Capital Maintenance Programme for 2016/17.

However, once Transport for Buckinghamshire operatives were on site last year, it was found that micro surfacing was not sufficient due to the severe deterioration of the sub base of the lane. The planned works were then abandoned. As a result, extra funding was found for a full resurface which should give a life expectancy of at least 10 years.

As previously reported, Modernising Local Government in Buckinghamshire is still very much top of the agenda. Bucks County Council submitted a business case to the Department of Communities and Local Government for one single unitary with 19 local Community Boards and 5 planning areas back in the autumn.

In January this year the 4 District Councils also submitted a business case but for a Northern and a Southern Unitary.

A decision was to have been made by the Secretary of State Sajid Javed by the end of March, but this has now deferred until May and post elections. Any changes would not take effect until at least May 2019.

You will have now received your Council Tax bill for 2017/18. With Government funding reducing year on year, Bucks County Council had to raise Council tax by 1.99% which was capped.

In addition to that increase, as it has been reported nationally, Adult Social Care is very much demand, the Government has agreed that Councils can apply an increase of 3% which can be ring fenced for this. Therefore the total increase amounts to 4.99%.

So as you read this, if I have been re-elected and you have some matters relating to the County Council please don't hesitate to either email me [cetholen@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:cetholen@buckscc.gov.uk) or by telephone 01494 564771.

If I have not been successful, please still contact me and I will pass on your contact details to your new County Councillor.

**Carl Etholen**



## Windmill Artists

After twelve or so years of running the annual Art Exhibition, I have decided to retire and give someone else the opportunity to run the show with whatever changes they wish to introduce.

The display boards will still be available in the hall if required and the hall is still booked for Friday evening Nov 3rd and Saturday Nov 4th; but will be cancelled if no one else takes over.

Thank you to everybody for their help and support over the years.

I will be pleased to discuss further details if required with anyone willing to take over.

**Stella Boll**

# Sports Club News and Info

Wow I can't believe the cricket season is almost upon us again, the pitch is already being rolled by our volunteer groundsmen and as usual Good Friday saw a core of people at the club, maintaining and preparing the grounds, outfield and surrounding areas ready for the beginning of the cricket season. Thank you for all your effort guys.

The Sports Club hosted several successful fundraising events over the winter. Our end of season event in September was very well attended, the fish and chip van and Pimms bar were particularly popular.

The John Smith Memorial Quiz night in March was also a huge success, a huge thank you to Alan Draper the Quiz Master for his energetic and enthusiastic quiz and for all who came and pledged their support. Our club is run by volunteers and without them, and the community supporting our events, we wouldn't have such an amazing facility in our village.

Friday Night Club was again very well attended; we opened the bar throughout the summer on a Friday night from 5.30pm and lots of families joined us for a drink and a play in the sunshine (and the rain). The income from the bar is a vital source of fundraising for the club which receives no funding from local government and is entirely run by volunteers, what better excuse to come and join us for a drink on a Friday night or a Saturday afternoon during the Cricket season (it's for the community HONEST).

This year Friday night Club will run alongside the Cricket Club's Cricket on the Green Youth Coaching initiative - Just for fun Cricket coaching for boys and girls age 7+. See advert on p5 or follow Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CricketsOnTheGreen](http://www.facebook.com/CricketsOnTheGreen)



How can you support your local club?

## Friday Night club

After the success of last two years our "Friday Night club" will start again on Friday 2nd June - the bar will be open from 5.30pm, please pop down and enjoy the sunshine (hopefully) in a beautiful setting and relax with a drink at the bar while the children play.

End of Season Summer Event - September 2<sup>nd</sup> - SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!

Its back.... our end of year summer extravaganza - Music, Marquee, Food & Dancing - Tickets and further info will be available soon...

We have lots of other events in the pipeline please follow us on Facebook or look out for posters at the club.

## Follow us on Facebook



Lacey Green and Loosley Row Sports Club

## Join one of the sporting sections

We are actively looking for new members to Play Cricket and tennis. The Cricket Club 1st and reserves team are LOOKING FOR PLAYERS - contact Jonathan Dell - 07786 386912

## Become a social member

If you are not a member of any of the sporting sections you can become a social member. Over the summer months cricket is played every Saturday from 1.30pm. The bar is open in the afternoon and on a Friday evening from 5.30pm. Social membership is only £5 per person, per year and it's a great place to meet, watch sport and enjoy a drink in the sunshine (if you are lucky). If you would like to become a member or renew a social membership please contact me on [lglrsportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:lglrsportsclub@gmail.com) (07768 831196).

**Stephanie Dell**

Chairperson LG & LR Sports Club

# Lacey Green Productions

Make a date in your diary – Sunday, July 23rd, Lacey Green Village Hall, 2.30 to 4.30pm. LGP are holding a “*Funday Sunday*” with tea and cakes (free squash for children). We shall be opening our doors to all comers and will show you how we put on our plays and what goes on behind the scenes. We’ll also show some photos of past productions, train you in how to make your own sound effects and encourage you to join LGP in any capacity at all.

If you are one of our loyal band of audience members and don’t want to join the group, it doesn’t matter. Just come along for the tea and cakes and a chat. We would love to see you on July 23rd.

We want to expand LGP as a group and so we need some more members to act, to sell tickets, to organise publicity, to operate sound and lights and to build scenery. We are taking the

LGP promotional gazebo to summer fetes in the area this year. Come and see us at Longwick fete on April 29th, Naphill fete on June 10th and the Princes Risborough Festival on July 8th. So, by the end of July we hope to have attracted some more people to join us – you never know, by then we may have enough new members to perform “Ben Hur” in the village hall car park or, if the weather’s bad, on ice!

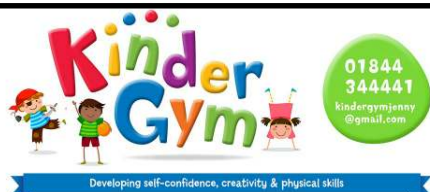
Since the last Hallmark, LGP have performed their Murder Mystery entertainment “The Pharaoh’s Phantom” at Great Hampden, Winslow and Whiteleaf. The photo shows our phantom in action! These performances have helped to raise nearly £1,000 for charities and good causes. Our charitable donations from the November dinner theatre, dedicated to the memory of Ian Gillett, plus our murder mysteries in 2016



totalled £2,263. These donations were sent to the Oxford Transplant Group (£1,000), St John’s school in Lacey Green (£1,000), the Princes Centre in Princes Risborough (£163) and the St Mary’s church Aylesbury’s free Christmas lunch (£100). Our total of charitable donations since we started is now £62,400.

Hope to see you on July 23rd but, in the meantime, you can contact us through [www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk](http://www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk) and you can see us on Facebook and Twitter.

**Peter Brookhouse**



Here we go again at the start of our Summer term. A fully planned educational programme includes a visiting harpist in our music classes, visiting baby chicks in our “Day at the Farm” Imagination station classes and with The Maypole making its usual Summer appearance in our older Kindergym classes – more aerobic exercise than I can cope with.

The Spring term taught us lots of new skills:

How to make our baby doll better with a visiting GP bringing lots of equipment that we might see if we need to go to hospital.

How to drive a racing car, as we learn team work in a Kindergym class

How the Easter bunny hides his eggs and how to find carrots for him.

Not sure that they all follow the Early Years national curriculum but very valid none the less!

[kindergymjenny@gmail.com](mailto:kindergymjenny@gmail.com) to book a trial session

**Jenny Stothard**



## Bucks Open Studios

The largest visual arts event in Buckinghamshire has announced that its 2017 event will be its biggest to date following a record number of entries from artists and makers across the county.

The annual artistic extravaganza, which is also one of the biggest Open Studios in the country, will include a record-breaking 335 entries made by 533 artists including glass workers, ceramicists, jewellery makers, photographers, painters and print makers. The event will take place 10-25th June 2017 and will see the participants opening their studios to the public for a dazzling line-up of free demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions.

### Nancy Taylor

New paintings of Naphill Common, surrounding area and further afield plus my popular iPad paintings of Chiltern landmarks.

Pine Trees  
Downley Road  
Naphill HP14 4QY  
<http://nancyetaylor.co.uk>

### Jane Farley

This exhibition is a collection of paintings, collages and textiles art installations. A warm welcome and refreshments await visitors.

Chiltern Gables  
Grubbins Lane  
Speen HP27 0SH  
<http://janefarley.co.uk>



It's never too early to start planning your visits and you can see participating artists and locations on our website <http://www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk> You can also look out for the

directories from early May which are available for free from libraries, art centres and galleries, and the yellow signs that start popping up from early June. Some local exhibitors are:

### Joanna Brownridge

Oil and mixed media painting on canvass, abstracted from land and seascapes.

The Old Post Office  
Hampden Road  
Speen HP27 0RU  
<http://www.joannabrownridge.com>

### Jenny Hay

A diverse exhibition of contemporary garden sculpture, unusual naturalistic ceramic forms and colourful paintings all displayed in a pretty garden

2 Place Farm Way  
Monks Risborough HP27 9JH

### Kimble Art Group

A relaxed and friendly exhibition of a wide variety of quality arts and imaginative crafts for you to look around. For visitors wishing to buy we suit all budgets. Rosalind Castling (decorative and wearable textiles), Deborah Pengelly (domestic-ware and

sculptural ceramics), Susie Upstone (contemporary silver jewellery), Jane Waller (drawings and books), Sue Ward (colourful rugs). Exhibiting with other artists in adjacent brochure entries:- Mike Spark (acrylic painting and mono-prints), Kat Newman (glass art).

The Kimble Stewart Hall  
Station Road  
Little Kimble HP17 0XN

<http://www.facebook.com/LittleKimbleArtGroup>

### Askett Studios

A large group show in a working studio set in a charming village in the Chilterns. An exciting variety of media for indoor and garden display, featuring glass and ceramics as well as silk scarves, silver, and glass jewellery.

Askett House  
Askett HP27 9LT  
<http://www.jacquepavlosky.com>



# Windmill Under 5s

The spring term was busy and exciting for everyone at Windmills, with the children learning about the many celebrations and festivities that have occurred over the last few months.

Back in February, the children enjoyed making (and eating) pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, learning about Chinese New Year and making crafts and cards for Valentines Day and Mother's Day.

We dressed up and shared our favourite books for World Book Day, and have enjoyed reading the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". We have also jumped, danced, made cakes and fruit kebabs and tackled an obstacle course for Red Nose day, and raised money for the charity in the process.

The term ended with our traditional Easter get together, which this year took the form of an Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a great time hunting for clues around the sports club, and were rewarded for their efforts with a chocolate bunny.

Thank you to Natasha Kann and Lizzy Davies for organizing this brilliant event, and to everyone who came along and supported it. Thank you also to Natasha who has hosted a coffee morning for the mums and younger siblings earlier this term.

As always, the new term has meant that we have some new faces at the preschool – a big welcome to you all, and we hope that you enjoy your time with us at Windmills.

This means that the pre-school 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 do in making Windmills a fun and successful environment for our children.

Unfortunately we have had to say farewell to two much loved members of the Windmills team this term.

After 8 years at Windmills we said goodbye to Keeley, our pre-school support assistant at the end of March, and at the end of

April, Paula, our business manager will be leaving us too.

On behalf of all the parents, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to both Keeley and Paula for the hard work and commitment to Windmills over the years – you will both be sorely missed by the children and parents alike.

We would also like to welcome Johanna Young as our new Administrator to Windmills. Johanna is no stranger to Windmills having been both a parent and a committee member in the past, and I wish her well in her new role.

Looking forward to the next term, the staff will no doubt be busy preparing our school leavers for the future that lies ahead in "big school", as well as enjoying exploring the outdoor area and practicing for sports day.

We will also be looking forward to our annual family barbeque on 25th June. If you would like your child to join Windmills, we would recommend that you contact Johanna as soon as possible, and she will advise you of the most up to date information about our waiting list.

**Victoria Geenes  
Chair**



# MP's Update



The terrorist attack in Westminster in March was shocking in its brutality. Bereaved families and those who were injured will have to live with the physical and mental scars. Those people will have to continue living with the grief and pain long after the cameras have been switched off and the headlines have switched to some other story.

In my capacity as Leader of the House of Commons I attended both the Westminster Abbey Service of Hope which commemorated all the victims and the funeral at Southwark Cathedral of PC Keith Palmer.

It was important too that Parliament itself expressed our sorrow and sympathy. This was done in the Prime Minister's statement and comments by other party leaders on the day following the attack.

After the tributes, the clear feeling across all political parties in the House was that we should then return to normal parliamentary business. I believe we were right to do so.

Terrorists seek to instil fear and stop us from going about our lives. To assert the mundane and routine in the face of terror is a way to show that we will not be intimidated. We will not abandon the values and way of life of a free and open society. Nor will we allow hatred and violence to divide our country on grounds of race or religion.

Despite the dedication and professionalism of our intelligence agencies and police, in an open society there can never be 100% security. Tourists walking across Westminster Bridge, shoppers in Stockholm or Berlin, young people at a concert in Paris - normal life itself is seen as a target.

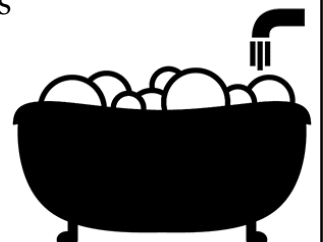
Of course, we in Parliament are reviewing security as you would expect after any such incident. We owe that to our nearly 15,000 pass-holders and the many thousands of visitors who come each year. But we cannot close Parliament's doors to our constituents. Nor will MPs stop holding constituency surgeries despite the murder of Jo Cox last year.

We should be unceasing in our efforts to prevent and defeat terrorism, through intelligence efforts, policing, and diplomatic work with other countries. We do need to keep our laws under review and ensure that our agencies have the powers they need. But we as a society also need to show in our resolve just to "keep calm and carry on" that the darkness will not overcome us.

**Sir David Lidington  
MP**

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# Happy Wanderers

## Christmas Walk

On Thursday 29th December, 16 Happy Wanderers gathered at Lacey Green Village Hall for the three mile post-Christmas walk.

Luckily, we enjoyed the only really sunny day between Christmas and New Year, while frost helped somewhat to make the going easier on the muddier tracks. The route took in Kiln Lane almost to Speen before turning left through the woods to Lily Bottom Lane and passing the new memorial gates to Denis Claydon.

Eventually, we cut back cross country through the horse farm, reaching Lacey Green close to the windmill. In all, it was a relaxed finale to the Christmas celebrations when five more members joined together for mince pies and mulled wine in the traditional style.

## David and Helen Cliff



*Kiln Lane*

## Ridgeway Walk

On the first day of Summer Time, our March walk took us to the beginning of the oldest path in Britain.

The Ridgeway starts at Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire and ends 78 miles later at Avebury in Wiltshire. Along the Prehistoric Way there are burial mounds, hill forts, Bronze Age structures and finally the huge stone circle within the village of Avebury.

One reason for choosing this walk is that Lacey Green is close to part of the Ridgeway and the other ancient routes of the Upper and Lower Icknield Ways.

We were blessed with a beautiful crisp morning with blue skies. We met at the Steps Hill Car park near the village of Ivinghoe from where one can just see the top of Ivinghoe Beacon two miles away. The route is quite spectacular, starting with a broad grassy track leading up to Steps Hill where we stopped to admire the view and gather our breath.

The next section took us over the chalk grassland hill, the home to many plants, insects and rare butterflies. Next we passed through beech woods before going down the sloping path to the base of Ivinghoe Beacon.

The challenge was to gently walk up the chalk footpath to the top which is 757 ft above sea level. The effort was worth every step of the way as we gazed around the 360 degree view of the English countryside in Spring.

## Ronnie and Liz Lewin

# St John's Church

During Lent three Lent lunches were hosted in the homes of members of the congregation. A good time of fellowship was had by all and in each case monies were raised for three charities, namely Rennie Grove Hospice, Mercy Ships and The Children's Society.

The Mothering Sunday service was very well attended with the young people singing beautifully and a clarinet solo. There was also accompaniment by a number of 'volunteer children' who played percussion instruments. Following the service all enjoyed cakes decorated by the children under the guidance of Rosemary Mortham. Flowers were given to all the ladies and all in all this was a delightful service!

On each day of Easter week there was a Compline Service in the evenings and on Maundy Thursday the service was preceded by an Agape Supper in the Upper Room which again was very well attended. On Good Friday, following the 'Last Hour' service the Cross was erected in Church Lane. The Easter Saturday Liturgy was another lovely service and once again cake and wine were enjoyed after the service.

Easter Sunday morning witnessed the Cross beautifully decorated with a different variety of daffodils this year (the usual ones having by now mostly died off) and two services were celebrated on that day. It was a very busy, but enjoyable, time at St John's and we even fitted in a wedding on the Saturday!



## Regular Services

### SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) every Sunday

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 in Lady Chapel at St. John's.

### 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.



Look out for further advertising!

**Pat Rushmere**

# Heavenly Bodies

We're well into spring and getting ready for summer, so darkness falls later to reveal its new seasonal collection of wonders in the sky.

The early spring constellations of Leo and Virgo give way to the summer sensations of Boötes, Lyra, Cygnus and the bright, bulging centre of our Milky Way.

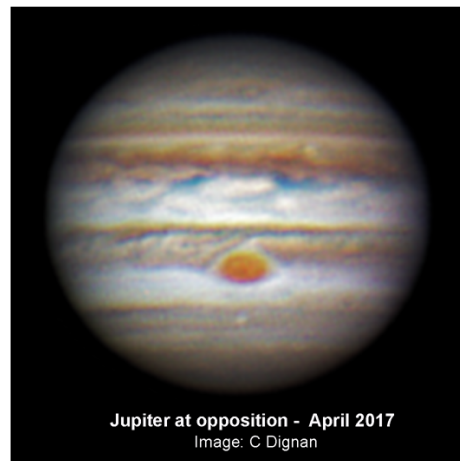
But firstly, on 5/6th May, the Eta Aquariid meteor shower is expected to peak, and the Moon won't be in the way. Rather than putting on their best "shooting stars" show at night, you'll see most in the hour or two before dawn. These streaks of light are particles from Halley Comet's dusty tail slamming into Earth's atmosphere at colossal speeds before burning up in the blink of an eye. It's still worth keeping a look-out over several evenings before and after their peak, and also marvel at the Moon near Jupiter on the evening of 7th May.

Jupiter was at opposition – closest to Earth – in April (see photo) and is easily visible for the next few weeks (see previous issue) before sinking into the evening twilight over the coming weeks. Hot on its heels is the wondrous Saturn which will be resplendent with its adornment of rings set on the sumptuous golden, mottled backdrop of the Milky Way (see

graphic). This will be a sight to savour despite Saturn being quite low in the sky. Its rings are tilted towards us, making it appear nice and bright. It's a view I've never seen before so am very much looking forward to witnessing and imaging this cosmic treat (though it is possible to do this at 2am from early May). Saturn reaches opposition on June 15, so will be due south at 1am BST, but is visible over the south-eastern horizon from about 10pm BST.

Embedded in the glittering Milky Way band are coloured clouds of nebulae, such as the Lagoon, Trifid and Swan. Some may be visible to the naked eye, and binoculars will reveal them. The actual centre of the Milky Way is in Sagittarius whose stars depict a 'teapot' in the sky.

You may hear mention of two comets – "Johnson" and "41P Tuttle" for short – which are just beginning to be within telescope range. They are not super-bright



but are expected to be visible in binoculars especially when at their closest points to Earth in June. A good website giving more details is:

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

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were putting our clocks forward at the spring equinox, and it's only a few weeks until the summer solstice on 21st June. How time flies, though it's all relative as Einstein would say.

**Chris Dignan**

[www.flickr.com/photos/chrisdig](http://www.flickr.com/photos/chrisdig)



# We Are Sailing



As an Assistant Curate in the Parish of Stansted Mountfitchet in North Essex in the early 1980s, I was invited by the Diocese of Chelmsford to become involved with a newly-formed Church-based sail training project based at Maldon on the Essex coast. The post of Chief Executive Officer of the project had been linked by the Diocese to the part-time post of Vicar of Maldon to enable the charity to be created as a Diocesan project. The first CEO was the founder of the project, the Reverend Bill Broad, and as a keen fan of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings", he named it the "Cirdan Trust" after the name of the Elvish shipwright in Tolkien's great mythological saga. The newly-formed charity purchased three sailing ships; a fairly small 30 footer for staff training purposes, a former Thames Barge, and a 70 foot restored Baltic Trader which Bill renamed "Queen Galadriel" after one of the key characters in the Lord of the Rings.

The charity was formed to take groups of young people to sea, especially inner city youngsters and young people on probation; in order to experience sail training, to acquire skills in teamwork, and to build up self-confidence and self-esteem in order to be equipped to make

much more useful and productive decisions in life. Later Bill moved on to create a similar project called the Faramir Trust (after another Lord of the Rings character) in the Newcastle area.

In the event, I was a Trustee of the Cirdan Trust for some 8 years and for a time licensed by Maldon Town Council as an accredited Fourth Hand on the Cirdan Trust vessels. I have some wonderful memories of one particular trip across the North Sea to Holland and Belgium, and especially the outward night-time journey which the Captain of the Queen Galadriel said was one of the best nights of sailing he had ever experienced – ideal sailing conditions and a very clear night revealing the beauty of the Milky Way in all its glory.

By the time of the return trip, however, the weather had turned and we were battling against fairly strong winds which made the return journey much longer and far less enjoyable. My experiences of sailing with the Cirdan Trust taught me some important lessons about life. Essentially, in the sailing world, if the wind and tide are unfavourable, there isn't all that much you can do about it. Sometimes it may well be possible to get where you want to go but not by the direct route. You may have to go somewhere else instead, and then use that as a departure point for where you really want to go. I did learn, too, about "tacking" which is basically to travel in the direction you want to go but against the wind and by means of zig-zagging which will get you there but takes much longer.

If there are storms at sea, there isn't much you can do except to batten down the hatches and wait for the troublesome conditions to pass. And if there are strong winds whilst you are in port, wise sailors stay in the harbour – sailors often retreat to a local pub in fact – and to wait for the weather to change.

As the Captain of the Queen Galadriel said to me when, by reason of Force 7 gales, we were stuck for a couple of days in the port of Flushing in Belgium; "the wind will change – it always does in the end"! So I regard all these experiences as lessons for life by way of accepting what comes and trusting that things will always change sooner or later.

Much later in my life, whilst I was Rector of Leeds, our then firm of Church architects – Pearce Miller Tritton – arranged for me to enjoy corporate hospitality by way of ocean-going yacht-racing at Cowes. This was a completely different experience to the sailing I had undertaken with the Cirdan Trust. In racing conditions, when tacking at high speed it can be quite a challenge to avoid being thrown off as the vessel changes direction very sharply and tilts dramatically. I was told by the professional crew of the PMT vessel that this had happened to several of their clients over the years and that the usual practice was to race on and leave the man or woman overboard to be picked up by a following vessel! So here then was another lesson of life – this one about just hanging on, hanging in there, when the going gets tough!

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# Community Planning Group

## Lacey Green Stores

The stores had one of its best weeks ever in early April. But we don't know why exactly, which is slightly frustrating. Although we do keep a close watch on the numbers of customers, and how much is spent by them, we are still unable to explain the variability. Suffice it to say that we are very pleased to be able to report overall success. Just make sure that you keep on using the stores.

If you have spare moments in your busy schedule, do consider becoming a volunteer in the stores. Even if it's only for an hour or so occasionally - it all helps. Don't forget that you receive a Time Credit for every hour of volunteering, which can be spent in a variety of outlets.

## Welcome Packs

We try to make sure that new arrivals in the village receive a Welcome Pack as soon as they have actually moved into their

property. Two were delivered in March, and one in April.

However we are on tenterhooks at present because there are still quite a few properties that are either for sale, sold, have sale agreed, or are otherwise in limbo.

It helps considerably when anyone notices that they have a new neighbour and lets us know. We like to think that we don't miss anyone, and apologise if you happen to be a new resident, but didn't ever get a pack. We suspect that, unfortunately, this does happen sometimes.

Keeping up with the Jones's has a special meaning for us!

## The litter bugs

A long time ago, the then Lacey Green Residents Association organised a village litter clean up. These obviously still take place, judging by newspaper reports, but not in Lacey Green

and Loosley Row. I think that another clean up day is long overdue. If anyone would like to help with this could you please let us know and we will see what can be arranged.

## Library click and collect service

A few people are using this service to obtain books from the Bucks CC library. To order a book, you need to do this on line from your own computer, or tell the volunteer in the shop what you want, and I will place the appropriate order for you.

## Post Office

We have no progress to report on the Post Office. It does look as though it will continue to be open on Thursdays, but not unfortunately on Mondays.

**Tony Molesworth**

01844 344975

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## We Are Sailing... continued

And all of this is for me wonderfully summed up in the popular "Serenity Prayer" written by the eminent American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr:

GOD, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely  
happy with Him forever in the next. Amen

**Tony Bundock. Vicar of St. John's**

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		laceygreensingers@hotmail.com
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	Theresa Hehir	01494 881170	hehirt@hotmail.com
Youth Club	Alternate Fridays - see laceygreen.com web site for details 7.30 pm	Leigh Axe	345216	leigh@laceygreen.com
Over 50s Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse. First Tuesday of the month	Betty Tyler Yvonne Axe	344606 345216	
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LG Post Office	Monday and Thursday 9 am to 12 noon			
LG Windmill	Sundays & Bank holidays 2 to 5 pm April to September	Michael Hardy	275871	contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk
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For National Mills Weekend we will be open on from 2-5 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and 11-5 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

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