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Welcome to the August edition

I'd like to thank Fern O'Shaughnessy for the wonderful cover drawing. She studied Art at GCSE and A level. She is currently studying English at the University of Birmingham and is using art as a way to get some extra money.

She has been selling her drawings for about 3 and a half years ; she first started as a way to fundraise money for a trip to Zambia.

She's also currently taking orders for Christmas presents, if anyone's interested! See her advert on page 17.

I was pleased to see in Graham Peart's report on p29 that the Council are actually doing something about the proposed Risborough Relief Road (still planning not building, but progressing).

Mike Piercy
Editor



Mrs Grimsey

As many of you will know Mrs Grimsey, the St John's school Headteacher died earlier this month after a brief illness. She had been Headteacher for 7 years and was liked and well respected.

I knew her through my role as a school governor and was impressed by how dedicated she was to St John's. Though diminutive in stature she was committed and determined and would battle to overcome the many obstacles that face schools these days.

She was far from the traditional stereotype of a stuffy bureaucratic Headteacher; she

was informal, lively, a keen badminton player and an enthusiastic follower of rock bands and festivals. In the middle of her office noticeboard, she had pinned the lyrics of Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon.

I went to her Memorial Service in St John's Church, which was packed with children, parents and her colleagues. The service featured many pieces written by the children and they emphasised how fond they were of her and how they felt cared for and valued. Many children remembered her standing outside the school gates every morning as the children arrived,

with a greeting for all and a willingness to listen to whatever any parent wished to discuss.

Until such time as a new headteacher is recruited, the school is continuing under the leadership of Mrs Rodbourne, who has been teaching at St John's for 30 or so years, so the current ethos, values and care will be maintained. She also has some assistance from the management of the Bucks Schools Trust Academy who have been very supportive in these difficult times.

Mike Piercy

Letters

We were very interested to read Stuart King's letter in the May issue of Hallmark and we agree it would be a great addition if all houses, particularly those on Main Road, were numbered.

As Mr.King mentions particularly for the Emergency Services, and delivery drivers, it would be very helpful.

Definitely a good idea.

John Rivett

What's On

Tues 7 Aug

Over 50s lunch at Black Horse. All welcome

Tues 14 Aug

WI Summer lunch at Black Horse

Sat 1 Sept 4pm

Horts Soc Summer Show

Sun 23 Sept

Church Choir Concert St John's School

Sun 7 Oct -after 10am service

Church Harvest Lunch St John's School

Fri 12 Oct 7.30pm

LGS Summer Concert - School Hall

Sat 13 Oct

WI Jumble Sale

Wed 17 Oct

WI Village Quiz

29 Nov - Dec 1

LGP Dinner Theatre

Parish Council Meetings

3 Sept 7.30 Speen Hall

1 Oct 7.30 Lacey Green Hall

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On Saturday 10th . November from 10.00. – 4.00.

And Sunday 11th . November 2.00. – 4.00.

In St. John's Church on Remembrance Weekend



On The Farm

Some Sunday helpers

On June 10 we opened our gates to the public, along with hundreds of farms all over the country, with the aim of putting people in touch with where their food comes from. We only promoted it very locally so were very pleased when over 400 people came. We hope people enjoyed their visit. We certainly did, answering the many questions and hopefully giving an insight into modern farming techniques and practices.

There was opportunity to get hands-on with a number of machines. One was a new tractor with only eight hours on the clock (recording hours worked, not miles), another, the combine. On the road this is 4 meters wide and has to trail the header cutter bar. When attached the working width is over 6 meters. People were able to see the cows being milked, the calves being fed and take a trailer ride around some of the fields. Arla, our milk buyer, sent samples of their Skyr style yogurt, milk and lactose free cheeses to try.

We had enormous help on the day from over 40 people, being our staff, friends, family and Princes Risborough Young Farmers Club, all of whom gave up their time to help explain and share their agricultural knowledge. Donations left on leaving added up to one hundred and forty pounds which was sent to Local Air Ambulance and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution – thank you. Open farm Sunday next year is June 9. We are not sure if we will open next year, but if we don't there will be other farms nearby that would be worth visiting.

Also in early June we had a farm visit of 30 farmers from all over the country. This is the group by which we benchmark our costs and farming techniques. It is very useful as they don't hold back in giving advice! Different eyes spot things that have become the norm for us but can be improved.

We are now in a very dry spell with high temperatures which still looks set to continue. It is no



friend to cows. Grass has stopped growing and we are having to feed the cattle in the fields. The younger ones seem content but like to get in the shade in the heat of the day. The milking herd are far more vulnerable to heat stress. A cow's thermal range is between -15 to +25C. If relative humidity increases heat stress sets in at a lower temperature. The cow will then reduce the amount it eats, will be less fertile and reduce milk yield as its energy is redirected from milk production to thermal regulation.

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New look Lacey Green Website

Designed some 10 years ago the village website worked well on desk and laptop computers. This was before Smartphones proliferated the world, and today some 70% of the populace access the Web on a phone - the new look takes this into account.

Whereas before the screen had to be accessed sideways as well as up and down it is now up and down only with speedy

navigation through an index and a perpetual Back to Top button.

House numbers were raised last issue which many, I suspect, would not favour. The website has quick access to house names and locates them for you - try it.

The site has a lot of content and some internal links may not be reset. If you use one and end up in the wrong place, please use the Contact Us page to alert us.

The site can be the village voice but it requires input from you. Any events can be published which might avoid clashes with timing - you can't go to both if they're on at the same time. Photos can also be made available to everyone if you send them in.

Any constructive comments are welcome.

<http://www.laceygreen.com/Sections/Alternative.php>

Woodway Road Verges

For so many years I have enjoyed the amazing variety of quite outstanding plants contained in the verges on Woodway, particularly the left hand side going up the hill from the 4010, also the right hand side of Little Lane going down towards the main road.

Every Spring, as soon as the really cold weather has finished, little plants begin to appear and a whole collection of spring flowers show their heads. As time passes, more and more varieties show themselves and, if

they are lucky, manage to bloom before the first verge cutting is done. However, summer progresses and new high summer plants appear and by the middle of July there are so many varieties from bedstraws to knapweeds, and mallows bloom happily, making daily shopping trips to Risborough a delight.

I do ask that anyone driving should be very careful not to lose concentration but it is possible to see these lovely things which make us smile and just enrich our day, and remind us how very

lucky we are to live in this glorious part of the Chilterns.

Having said all this, probably this year is the worst for a long time for spotting wild flowers, the heat and the dry make them hurry their programme to get through to setting seed before they parch and die, but they are still there, if briefly; keep your eyes open and remember next year should be better.

Ginnie Brudenell

On The Farm Cont'd.....

Crops are ripening quickly and prices are going up as combines are rolling in Europe with yields reportedly down. Maize that we grow to make into silage for next winter's feed which should keep growing to October is looking desperate for lack of rain. As an insurance policy we are sacrificing our spring barley crops to make into silage.

Maxine and Richard went to the annual European Farmers' Congress, this year in Galicia,

northwest Spain, held at Santiago de Compostela, the capital. This ancient city is famous as a place of pilgrimage, serious pilgrims walking hundreds of miles via the "Camino de Santiago" to get there. The area has a mild climate rarely getting above 30C with an average rainfall of over 60 inches. Well suited to dairy farming and the majority of Spain's milk is produced there. There are some impressively managed dairy herds, some of

the highest yielding in Europe. One thing that stood out was the size of the fields, on some farms averaging less than 1 hectare. This is tiny when they farm quite intensively. Because of the climate many fields can be double cropped having crops of grass silage followed by maize for a crop later in the year, after which they plant grass again ready for the next year.

Joan West

History Society - Famous Residents

The Group has been interested in well known past residents of Lacey Green and Loosley Row. So far we have unearthed over 20 of these who have received some kind of honour. One was knighted for his work on the Abolition of Slavery, and another was once the most famous burglar in the UK. There are also a foundation, various charities, an engineering project and even a horse, which have been famous. A few were born here, but many came to enjoy the peace of the countryside in which to write, compose and paint, and also to retire.

For our Exhibition in November, we shall be celebrating the end of World War One, the Suffragettes, and the Centenary of the RAF. A number of high ranking officers had homes here both during and after World War 2, and some are listed below. Please contact Rosemary Mortham on 01844 345863, if you can provide any information or photographs of those listed below, or any others you may know about. They deserve to be remembered.

1. SIR ARTHUR HARRIS, commonly known as Bomber Harris. He did not live in the parish, but was at Bomber Command, where he was Air Chief Marshall between 1942 and 1945. He was closely involved with the village, and was reputed to have landed a plane on the New Road before it was open to the public.

2. SIR HUGH PUGH LLOYD lived in Church Lane from 1939. In Feb 1950 he was made Air Officer Commander in Chief, Bomber Command. During the war, he was Air Commander in several appointments, including the protection of Malta.

3. ANDREW OLIVER was a leading authority on plywood and adhesives, and gave advice to Sir Geoffrey De Havilland on the development of the Mosquito airplane. He flew from the small airstrip behind the school to inspect any plane which had crashed.

4. LESLIE WILLIAM CANNON moved to Main Road, Lacey Green in retirement. He rose to the rank of Air Vice Marshall. From 1951 to 1955 he was Commander in Chief of the Royal Pakistan Air Force.

5. DONALD FINLAY was a Group Captain, but was better known as the Captain of the British Team in the 1948 Olympics. In retirement he moved to Lacey Green.

6. SIR GEOFFREY HIRST BATEMAN lived at Grymsdyke with his wife Margaret. He was knighted for his services to St. Thomas's Hospital in London, but had risen to the rank of Wing Commander during the war.

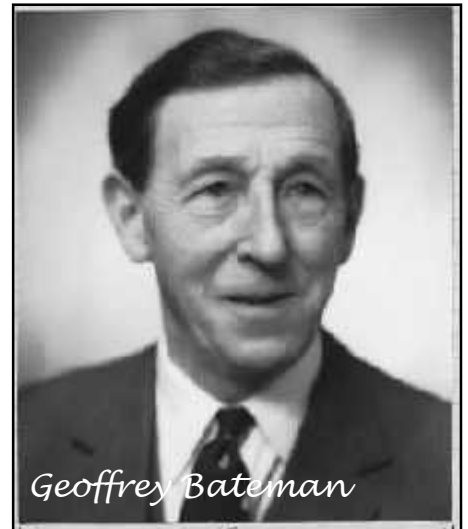
We know that there were other local residents, including Mrs Sharland, Mr Croucher, Mr Barcelon, who had prominent roles in the RAF, and we are currently working on them. Our research will be shown at the Exhibition, and will then be included on our newly revamped website, which you will be able to access more easily on your phone.

Please do look this up on the Lacey Green website, under History. You will be amazed by the interesting history of our two seemingly humble villages.

Joan West



Bomber Harris



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Wildlife Notes

Even by British standards the year so far has been an odd one, with some parts of the country seeing the driest spring for over a hundred years. This seems to have confused many plants, both in gardens and in the wild, fooling them into flowering as much as a month early. Of course we all know that one of the joys (?) of life in this country is never knowing what the weather is going to throw at us next, and it certainly wouldn't be a good idea to take every hot spell as proof of global warming. (I remember someone pointing out that when the last Labour government came to power the weather suddenly improved!), but there does seem to be growing evidence that our climate is changing. The Woodland Trust hopes to answer the question one way or the other and is appealing to people across the country to report the first and last sightings of particular flowers, birds, bumblebees and berries on their local patch. If you have access to the Internet and would like to help by keeping an eye on our

local wildlife you can find out more by going to www.naturescalendar.org.uk.

Whatever the cause, with luck all that spring warmth, together with plenty of much-needed rain in July, could mean that we will see a bumper harvest of blackberries in local hedgerows this autumn, which is good news not only for crumble-fanciers but for all those animals, including badgers, foxes, wood mice, wasps and butterflies, which enjoy them too. And with plenty of summer rain we might also be able to look forward to a good crop of mushrooms: both the traditional field variety and the much larger and more striking parasol, with its shaggy cap and a collar which can slide up and down the stalk like the ring on a Victorian lady's parasol. It makes good eating, though of course you need to be sure of your identification. There should be plenty of other fungi to look out for too. Last year for example one Lacey Green field (I won't mention which one in case it attracts the wrong sort of attention!) erupted in a miniature



forest of liberty caps: the tiny but famous or infamous 'magic mushroom'. I don't know whether cattle actually eat them, nor whether they are affected in the same hallucinogenic way as humans, but come the autumn it might be worth keeping an eye open for strange behaviour in the local herds!

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LGP

Well what a summer we are having in LGP. Lots of activities and headaches, mostly to do with competition from the World Cup with the final being scheduled on the day of the Murder Mystery to be held in Lacey Green Village Hall. We are very sorry that the brilliant England team went out in the semi finals but are quite pleased that plan B did not have to be put in place; erecting a screen so the World Cup final could be shown after the Murder Mystery. Lesson learned for next year, check out everything that is going on across the world and in Lacey Green to ensure no clashes.

We had a very successful time at the Naphill Fete on Saturday 9th June with many visitors to our stand. I think Ronald Crump making an unexpected visit from the USA helped as he attracted lots of attention - you will understand why from the photographs. Crump also kept the local constabulary amused and somewhat perplexed, clearly they hadn't been informed of his visit. Luckily no security concerns! We were delighted to

welcome winners from our competition to the Murder Mystery and very pleased that they had a good time. David Lidington, our local MP engaged with members of LGP and we were pleased to be mentioned in dispatches, well on his Twitter account! The Red Arrows flew over the fete to celebrate the RAF's 100 years which was a treat for everyone.

The Murder Mystery was a great success and thank you to everyone who came along and to the cast for all their hard work rehearsing over the summer months and in the heat. They are an amazing group of dedicated people who love to entertain. The group could not manage without everyone behind the scenes who are often forgotten as they are hidden, thank you! Did you manage to work out who did it? All part and parcel of the fun and excitement of LGP events.



The photographs give an idea of the afternoon's entertainment, tea and cake. You'll notice Crump managed to get in on the act! How else to spend a Sunday afternoon? OK we concede that for some a World Cup final with England playing may have been slightly more entertaining, we will leave that for another year.

So onto LGP's next adventures. We will be holding our annual evening dinner event and performance from 29 November to 1 December at Lacey Green Village Hall; please look out for information on our website and posters around the local towns and villages. We are currently looking for ideas for the production so if you have any thoughts please get in touch and if you want to help or act in the performance we would love to hear from you. You will see that there is a variety of things to get involved with and you can meet some great people.

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Reflections on Two Summer Fetes



The festival of Eid, marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, is one of the most important of the Muslim year. Eid is looked forward to and celebrated by our local Muslim communities in Aylesbury and High Wycombe along with their fellow-believers around the world.

In the last few years, the Aylesbury mosque has made a big effort to invite people from all religious traditions and communities in the town to join in their celebrations. A little while ago, I was delighted to join friends from the mosque and

beyond in cutting the cake for the Eid Fayre, an event that's rapidly becoming an annual feature of the Aylesbury events calendar.

What I really like is how the Eid Fayre blends two great celebratory traditions: Eid, with its significance to Muslims, and the English love of summer fetes and fayres. I actually went to both the Eid Fayre and the Speen village fete on the same day (and just caught the end of the Risborough festival too!) and was struck by the similarities. Both had stalls fundraising for charity and others promoting local public services and voluntary organisations. Both were selling food and drink. Both had children's activities. Oh, and both had lots of people cheering on England in their quarter-final game.

Yes, there were some differences: there was no alcohol and no raffle at the Eid Fayre. But the mood at both was the same: a local community coming together to enjoy themselves and inviting the neighbours to join them.

I went home that evening thinking that, whatever our problems and challenges, there are some things in this country that we are getting right. Of course we need to do a lot more to make sure that we as a country get the right balance between national unity and solidarity and respect for the diversity that is a key feature of modern England and modern Britain, but that Saturday afternoon in July renewed my optimism about the future.

Update on local government reform

The public consultation has closed on the government's "minded to" proposal to accept the plan for a single unitary council in Buckinghamshire to replace both County and District Councils. Due process needs to be observed, but I have urged the new Secretary of State, James Brokenshire, to make his decision as soon as possible.

David Lidington MP

Princes Centre

Our next project is the refurbishment of the kitchen area, due to start in the middle of September which will include the laying of a new floor, new cupboards and the replacement of some of the older appliances. The recent replacement of a leaking drainage pipe now means that all the problems of damp in the kitchen have been solved.

Another project in the offing is one being sponsored by the Risborough Rotary Club and involves some landscaping of an unused external area and the construction of a shed for the use by the Centre as well as one for their use for storage of equipment.

Some clients were taken to see the recent Flower Festival at St Dunstan's Church. Some others have been to Thame Market, or to Peterley Manor Farm to pick strawberries. Four of the staff have kindly volunteered to take a group of clients for a day trip to Southend later this month.

Maggie Wooster

Parish Council

Lacey Green, (which includes Loosely Row and Speen) is a civil Parish, and as such has a Parish Council - which is the first tier of local government. The Council is an elected body and a Parish Councillor's term lasts for 4 years. If a vacancy occurs, the Parish Council has a duty to co-opt someone to fill the vacancy, but where the number of candidates is the same as, or fewer than, the number of vacancies, no election is required. The number of councillors varies with the size of the Parish.

Lacey Green should have 7 councillors but currently there are only 5, so two vacancies exist for residents of the Parish to put their names forward to become a Parish Councillor. If you have ever thought about finding out how your Parish is run, do get in touch- we'd like to have you on board!

Lacey Green Parish Council is empowered to raise money for its activities through a tax, called a Precept, which is collected on its behalf by Wycombe District Council as part of your council tax. The Parish Council cannot spend money except on projects or actions for which it has statutory powers, but does have power to provide some facilities itself, which it has done for example the children's play area, bus shelters and seats, and looking after the ponds.

Even in the middle of a heat wave, the Parish Council is already looking ahead towards the autumn and winter and that means Estimates - when we decide what the expenditure will be for the next financial year 2019-2020 from the Precept.

To help us in this, if there is an organization in the Parish which would like a boost to their funds for a project that is planned, please submit a letter to the Council together with a copy of the current year's accounts by the end of October, or sooner if possible. This way the Council can plan and distribute funds accordingly.

We are delighted that after some delays caused by waterlogging over the Easter period, the upgrades to the playground are complete. The playground now has a bespoke slide unit, new bucket swing, see saw and roundabout, plus a shelter. The existing swings have been repaired and painted. It is lovely to hear the whoops of joy from the children enjoying the new playground.



The Parish Council is invited by the District Council to comment on applications for planning consent in its area. If you are concerned about any proposed planning permission you can voice your concerns at a Parish Council meeting.

All Parish Council meetings are public, and are advertised in advance on noticeboards and on the website, so that members of the public can attend if they wish. Our Chairman allows members of the public to address the meeting at the beginning of each

council meeting, if they want to do so. Comments made by members of the public at this time do not form part of the formal meeting and will not be minuted. We do however consider all comments made by the public when making our comments on planning applications to the District Council and will offer our support to objections where we believe it is in the best interest of the parish.

Following the retirements of Sue Griffiths our clerk for ten years, and Jayne Mylchreest, who succeeded her a year or so ago, we have a new Clerk for the Parish Council, Frank Post, who is also clerk to Aston Abbots near Wingrave, north of Aylesbury. Frank is very knowledgeable in Council matters, and is already studying to become a Qualified Clerk. You may remember that Sue Griffiths, was Clerk of the Year some years ago - a huge achievement!

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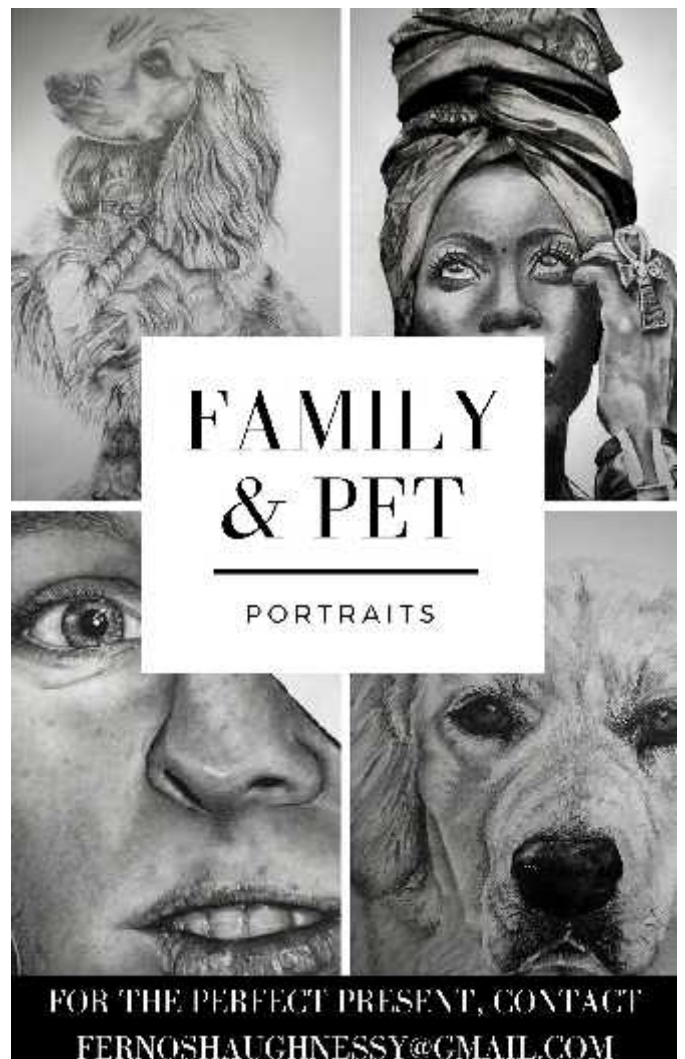
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Lucy will be hugely missed by all of us, but I will save my goodbyes for the next Hallmark, as happily she is staying to see us through one last Christmas play...!

Green and sporty term

We've been busy enjoying all that the great outdoors can offer this term. The children have been making the most of our newly refurbished mud kitchen (mud pie anybody?), sandpit, water table and huge chalkboard. There has been gardening galore thanks to the wonderfully green-fingered Angela, who has helped the children to grow and harvest a feast of fruit and veg. The Lacey Green Horticultural Society also kindly donated pumpkin and sunflower seeds for the children to grow at home.

The children have also been making the most of the sunshine to turn their hand to a number of sports. We are very fortunate to have Joel on our teaching team, who has an FA level 2 qualification in coaching football, and has got the children passionate about sports. We also enjoyed visits from Rugby Tots and Princes Risborough Lawn Tennis Club. The height of the Windmills sporting calendar, our annual sports day, was again

a big success. The children had a fabulous time, with even the youngest getting stuck in to the spud-on-a-spoon race. An enormous thank you to our teaching team for the huge amount of orchestration required!

We ended the term nicely with our summer fundraiser BBQ Brunch (another scorcher). Thank you to all those who supported the event, particularly St John's School for letting us use their grounds, Fun4Kidz for the bouncy castle and Natasha & Andy and Emma & Sean for all the prep and sweltering BBQing.

Leavers and starters

As the term draws to a close we get ready to say goodbye to our school leavers, which is always emotional for all involved. The teaching team has done an excellent job getting them ready for school and will be sending them off with lots of happy memories.

As we say goodbye to our oldest children, we look forward to welcoming our new starters next term. We are particularly excited to start opening our doors to two year olds from September.

Windmills community

You will have heard the oft-repeated phrase "It takes a village to raise a child". It certainly takes a village to run a preschool, and we couldn't do it without the support of the wider community. I don't have the space to thank all the amazing people who pitch in at Windmills, but want to particularly mention our incredible teaching team, our



excellent Administrator, Natalie, who keeps us all organised, and our very committed committee and wider parent group, who do a huge amount for Windmills in their own time.

I would also like to thank Andrew Clark and James Richardson for all their handyman help, Anthony's Carpet Cleaning, who made an amazing job of cleaning all our flooring, and the many local businesses which have so far donated prizes for our raffle (Natalie Jane Dance School, Beauty Barn, Hen on the Shore, The Black Horse, The Whip, Pink & Lily, Beechdean, Helen Isaacs Holistic Therapies, Pottastic, Fun4Kidz, Art & Office, Baked by Jules, Risborough Springs, Crepe Escape, Princes Fish & Chips).

If you would like to volunteer your time or skills at Windmills, we'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch

If you'd like your child to join us, we currently have spaces in September. Please call Natalie on 07502 198 405 or email admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk.

We'd love you to take a look at our new website, which has regular blogs about what the children have been up to. Or 'like'/share our Facebook page. www.windmillunder5s.co.uk www.facebook.com/windmillunder5s

Laura Chapman

Community Tennis

It seems like a long time ago, but on Saturday 21st April we hosted a very successful Quorn Cup for members. This is extremely popular with the juniors and essentially they partner with their parents and play using the mini-tennis nets. It's great fun and it was nice to see 20 members come along for an enjoyable afternoon. Congratulations to our eventual winners Malcolm & Harry Breed.

With the endless days of glorious sunshine, we have had virtually an uninterrupted programme of tennis during the summer months. We have organised activities every day of the week except Saturday and this ranges from rusty rackets on a Tuesday morning (for adults wishing to take up tennis), junior coaching on Sundays to cardio tennis on Thursday nights. This is an energetic workout to live music and allows all playing abilities to run round and hit plenty of balls. It's great fun and has proved popular with both adults and some of our junior members.

Juniors –Come on down!

A lot has been written recently in the press, about the dangers of children preferring to spend too much time with their high-velocity heroes such as the Fortnite game rather than getting outdoors and exercising.

I do hope that during these long summer holidays, parents will encourage their children to



come down and play some tennis with their friends, particularly as membership for juniors is so reasonable: ranging from £5 for the under sevens to £30 for those aged 12-17. Even parents can join for just £20!

Tesco Community Project – Please Help

As you are probably aware, our main focus this year has been floodlighting 2 courts and I'm pleased to say that Tesco in Princes Risborough are currently supporting this project.

I would be very grateful if you shop in any Tesco store that you ask for the blue tokens and pop them in our project box in Risborough. We stand to make either £1,000 or £2,000 which will be vital funds for this project.

When the floodlights are completed we will be able to offer far more tennis opportunities during the autumn

and winter months. Men's night for example will continue all year round and we will be having a new ladies' night too.

Other planned activities during the autumn include our finals' championship on 14th September, the annual men's trip to La Manga, Spain in late September, and our mixed doubles tournament on Sunday 14th October which gives members an opportunity to win a silver cup!

Next year we plan to resurface and re-fence court 3 (nearest to play ground) which will then give us some of the best facilities in the area. Our website, Facebook page and Instagram page are always updated and if you fancy joining a friendly, welcoming club please give us a try.

Nigel Glenister



Horticultural Society

Having moaned about the cold wet weather in the spring issue I am now sitting on the hottest day of the year with a watering problem! The weather has been glorious and the roses in particular have been stunning. The warmth has brought out the perfume of honeysuckle, roses and jasmine in a heady and exotic mix which is just wonderful. This week finds me in the middle of the sweet pea showing season. Last week and this weekend are two shows which demonstrate how beautiful and wide ranging the lathyrus family is. There are numerous peas, both perennial and annual which don't have the perfume of the later annual cultivars, but they are pretty and attractive too and well worth growing in your garden. If you are interested in finding out more the National Sweet Pea

Society has a web site which also describes how to grow them. Well worth looking at.

With an increasing interest from young people in gardening and growing your own vegetables it has been noted by the committee that the allotments in Westlands appear to be underused. In the past we have received queries about these allotments but they are not the province of the horticultural society. I wonder if their presence could be more widely publicized, perhaps through the pages of Hallmark?

We have had some excellent talks recently, the last with amazing photographs of wildlife that we can attract to our gardens. The images were so sharp and clear that it was almost better than seeing them in real life!

I hope that readers will try to include spaces for our insects, flowers which attract pollinators like bees and corners of grasses and wildflowers where larvae can grow undisturbed. We have no pond in our garden unfortunately, but a bird bath has proved to attract both drinkers and bathers in this hot weather and a delight to see them.

Remember that our Annual Show is on Saturday 1st September. The schedules are on the village web site and if you have any queries contact one of the committee members. Staging exhibits can be done between 1 and 2pm. The show is open to the public from 4.00pm - 5.00pm and we hope to see you there.

Alison Shreeve



The Black Horse

It is the time of year new staff are training and all my loyal staff that have been with me a long time are leaving to go to university. I want to say a big thank you to Tom, Sam and Ellie for all the hard work they have done for me over the last few years, you will be missed. We welcome all the new staff and hope they enjoy working at The Black Horse.

The summer has been good and having the nice weather brings out the families for the garden which is nice. The hanging baskets have been really good this year and the garden is looking good. We are getting set up for our beer festival The bands are booked and so is the beer, let's hope the weather is good. Football is over. Well done England. We didn't seem to be very busy for this but our trusty

group came to watch and enjoy, thank you. Cricket season is well on its way and seems to be doing okay which is a good thing. I know it doesn't seem possible but Christmas menus will be out in a couple of months, watch this space, frightening isn't it. Hope to see you in the Black Horse soon.

Lynne



LG, LR and Speen Youth Club

The Club has been going for ten years and is as popular as ever but last year's appeal for someone new to organise it fell on deaf ears.

It only runs due to an enterprising parent who works hard to ensure we have parents to support us each session. These parents help supervise and we are extremely grateful for their contribution, but most see it as a necessary evil and lack enthusiasm. Many are uncomfortable in controlling other people's youngsters especially if it means being strict with them. The last two remaining regulars which includes myself are quite happy

to supervise but are a little dismayed at the lack of some regular support.

These youngsters will misbehave but they respond to leaders without answering back or arguing. This is because parents accept and support us in dealing with any behaviour issues. I'm absolutely sure the school appreciates this attitude too. I've seen parents support their kids when they have done wrong and guess what - they end up always in trouble. So for what its worth coming from me, I congratulate the parents whole heartedly, even though it makes my job as boring as hell.

The club needs an organiser, it needs a first aider each session, someone to look after the tuck shop and at least two other supervisors. A surplus of people willing to participate means the less often they need to be there. Its two hours a fortnight, three if you are the organiser. Funds are available. A CRB check is required but costs nothing and only requires proof of identity.

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Happy Wanderers

April walk

We started at the Weston Turville reservoir, walking around the reservoir, through some woods, picking up the Wendover arm of the Grand Union canal, walking along into Wendover. Passing an old windmill which is now private accommodation.

Heading towards the railway station, across about 3 fields, seeing a few spring lambs. Back onto Nash road by Kings Farm butchers and back to cars.

We were about 14 walkers, doing just over 4 miles, ending up for an excellent carvery Sunday lunch at the Chandos Arms.

Ian Goodearl

June walk

The hot summer was already under way when the Happy Wanderers set off from the Link Road car park, Great Missenden for a pleasant walk of about four miles led by Phyl Bloomfield. Shade was provided by Angling Spring Wood on the gentle uphill stretch out of the village, before we crossed the A4128 for the first time into Upper Hollis where we were detained by a charity garden plant sale at the home of two of our members who were in the process of moving house. Having bought virtually all the remaining plants (and kept them by for later!), we eventually moved on to take in the paths and minor roads towards Rignall Farm before looping back to re-cross the A4128 at Prestwood. We returned to Great Missenden via Angling Spring Wood, where we emerged to take in some lovely views before descending to the High Street and lunch.

David Cliff



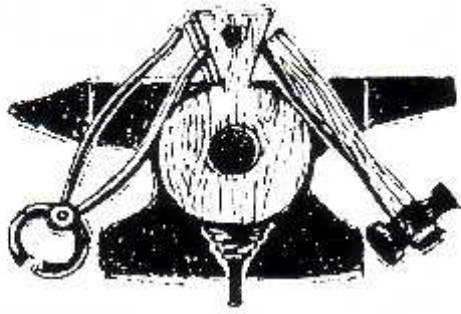
May walk

10.30 am on a beautiful sunny Sunday morning and a sizeable number of people of all ages from 5 to 85 gathered in the car park of the Hit & Miss public house in Penn Street. Were they walking – oh no – they were ordering lunch! However, the important matters attended to, the group set off on the monthly walk led by Roger Walker and Liz Southon which led down a hidden pathway which led, surprisingly, down the side of a large industrial estate hidden away at the back of Penn Street.

The path led through waving green wheat to the busy High Wycombe/Amersham road. No members were lost in the crossing although a close encounter with some frisky horses in a field later in the walk caused some consternation. The route took us through woods to Winchcombe Hill where there is an excellent pub with an open view. Several members decided it was too inviting to pass by so took a short liquid break and rejoined the hardier walking members later at the Hit & Miss.

It was a varied walk – fields, footpaths, woods, main road crossings, passing some beautiful local houses not otherwise accessible. The Hit & Miss served very good food without delay upon our exhausted arrival back in Penn Street – and the sun kept shining. Come join us.

Liz Southon



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LACEY GREEN SINGERS

Greetings, from all at LGS. We've been working hard this term on lots of nature themed pieces for our summer concert, "Lacey Green goes Green", and having lots of fun and laughs in the process. The pieces vary greatly in style, from modern pop music, to lively sea shanties and more classical pieces by John Rutter and Bob Chilcott. There's something for everyone in there,

with a light summery tone to all of the pieces.

Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances, we had to postpone the concert in July, but I am delighted to announce that we have found a new date (hopefully one that won't clash with other events) Friday 12th October in St John's School hall. The concert will be a light and fun evening of music, with our usual scrumptious refreshments afterwards. Expect lots of cake!

Doors will open at 7pm, for a 7:30pm start. Please do contact a choir member for tickets or buy them on the door on the

night. It will be another great village event, so gather your friends and come along!

If you are feeling a little musical or just like a good sing, then come along to one of our rehearsals. We meet every Thursday during term time at 7:45pm in St John's School hall and we love to welcome new members. We don't bite, honest, so give us a go!

**Billy Stott
Chairman**

WI

At the end of April several of our members went to the Waterside Theatre at Aylesbury to attend the BFWI Annual Council Meeting. The main speaker for the day was Christine Walkden (known for the TV programmes The One Show and Christine's Garden). She was a very interesting and entertaining speaker. Everyone enjoyed the day especially the picnic lunch.

Our monthly meeting in May was our Resolution meeting. There was only one resolution to vote on this year - Mental Health matters as much as Physical Health. One of our members, Sue Parslow, had attended the Resolution Briefing Meeting so she gave us more information on the subject before we voted. After this we enjoyed a quiz, a glass of wine and some nibbles.

Some of our members spent a lovely afternoon at the Red Kites garden in Bledlow Ridge. This is a beautiful garden open under the Open Gardens Scheme, it has one and half acres and is a hillside

garden. After we had walked around and admired all the beautiful flowers, shrubs, trees and vegetables we sat on the patio and had delicious cakes and tea looking at the fantastic view.

Our June speaker was Mr Simon Jones an Auctioneer from Watlington. Simon was a well-known antiques expert and told us how he started as an Auctioneer. He was a very interesting speaker and told us many stories. At the end of his talk he valued some of the items that we had brought to the meeting.

Our meeting for July was titled Colour, Cocktails and Canapes. Our speaker was Sandra Telford who was an award winning Personal Stylist and told us how colour could have a huge impact on how we look and feel about ourselves and how other people perceived us. Sandra spent some time trying different colour swatches on some of our members, a very interesting talk. Members had invited guests for

the evening and after the talk we all enjoyed cocktails, Pimms and lovely canapés. A lovely way to spend a beautiful summer evening.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 1st August. Our speaker will be Jeff Rozelaar - 'Bagels and Bacon'. You would be very welcome to come along we meet at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.45 pm.

Forthcoming Events:

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Local Plan

The Wycombe District Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2018 for Examination.

The Inspector has now begun the formal process of considering the content and also the submissions from the different groups who have objected to the choice of the proposed sites for additional new homes to be constructed.

We await the Inspector's report that may accept the Local Plan in its entirety as proposed, include recommendations for changes or possibly reject it.

Relief road funding

In the meantime the District Council has submitted bids to Government for funds to fast track the design of two sections of the southern end of the relief road around Risborough.

Notification that the bid was successful was received in February 2018 and then some time later, put on hold pending a request for further details.

Subsequently at the Cabinet meeting on 4th June some funding from reserves to commence the design work was approved.

This plainly demonstrates the determination of the Council to move the delivery of the Local Plan project forward in Princes Risborough and elsewhere in the District.

Risborough Springs

Plans for the Risborough Springs Leisure Centre are progressing well. The design that looks very good is agreed in principle and the submission for Planning Approval will be made in July.

The next stage is to begin the tender process in the autumn with the work commencing on site soon afterwards. The plan allows for the Leisure Centre to remain open throughout the construction stage. When completed there will be a new reception and a much larger area for the gym and other 'dry' activities.

Speen broadband

Fibre linked broadband has arrived in the cabinet that serves Speen at last! The BT guarantee is that it will provide download speeds of 50 Mbps and that will be wonderful as I currently struggle with about 3Mbps. This upgrade was made possible in the rural areas with a subsidy from both BCC and WDC. The Bryants Bottom cabinet is next in line.....

Horses Trust

Finally, a plug for the outstanding Horse Trust charity in Speen that deserves support.

Permission has been granted for much carefully designed upgrading and improvement work on the site in recent years with some already delivered and some still to be constructed.

I have made several visits recently and it looks stunning with its 100 horses, ponies and donkeys enjoying 200 acres of immaculate and very rare chalk grassland so if you are looking for something to do one afternoon here is a suggestion. There is afternoon tea and cake and Beachdean ice cream on offer too.

Graham Peart

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Church Choir News

It has been a busy schedule throughout the summer and so here are some of the highlights.

The 10th of June, was a fantastic day. The last day of the Flower Festival at St Dunstan's Church Monks Risborough, saw the St John's Choir joining with St Dunstan's Choir and St Marys Choir in Team Songs of Praise. The Bishop of Oxford the Rt. Rev. Dr Steven Croft attended and gave the sermon.

A beautiful summers evening was filled with sunshine, the choirs raised their combined voices in hymns and anthems of praise, mingling with the scent of the magnificent blooms, florally arranged to depict British Inventions and Discoveries in zones of Health, Industry, Leisure, Computers and many other areas, that have changed people's lives in the oldest recorded ecclesiastical parish in England.

Our Church Summer Fete which took place on the 16th of June in

the Vicarage garden was a great success. The Choir was able to delight with a good variety of songs and audience participation was encouraged. A solo rendering, in costume, of Get Me to the Church on Time by Mike Eden accompanied by Gavin Mole went down very well. Great fun was had by everyone.

The Choir were invited to sing at the wedding of Andrew Colsell and Rebecca Found which took place on the 23rd June. As the couple processed down the aisle to the recessional music, followed by their wedding guests, the Rev. Tony Bundock appeared in the middle of the aisle with a huge cheeky smile holding triumphantly before him the Brides Bouquet, which had been retrieved from the front pew. Happily, the bride and bouquet were reunited.

The Choir gathered for a relaxing and much enjoyed picnic at West Wycombe Hill and in the liege of St Lawrence Church.

Later that afternoon the choir were treated to a guided tour of the historic St Lawrence Church. The Choir then gathered at the concert piano located within the Church to sing three choral pieces which were accompanied by Gavin Mole and conducted by our very own Cheron Mole. People visiting the church were delighted to hear the choir singing and we have been invited to return to St Lawrence to perform in concert.

The choir is always present and robed at the 10.00am Sunday Church Service, the exception being the choir holiday, which is from beginning of August to 1st week of September.

Don't forget to book the date of the Choir Concert on the 23rd September 2018.

New Members are welcome!

To find out more about our Choir contact: Rosemary 01844 345863/Cheron 01844 342403

St John's Church Fete



We had a very successful Fete in June this year. The weather was fine although a little cold as the day progressed. A bouncy castle entertained the children, there were lots of stalls and the usual Raffle and Tombola.

A barbeque serving excellent burgers and sausages and a further stall with strawberries, scones and cakes were also very popular. Last, but not least, live music played throughout the day.

All in all a good day was had by all!



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Heavenly Bodies

By this time tomorrow, you'll have travelled 1.6 million miles through space at over 66,000mph. Over the next six months, planet Earth will take you halfway around the Sun, chalking up 300 million miles. So as we hurtle along, our view of space from Earth is always changing – different constellations come into view, pass by, and are followed by other constellations.

Highlights of what will be on show from August to January 2019 also include comets, 'shooting stars', planets – and a Supermoon and lunar eclipse on the same night!

August hosts one of the best meteor showers of the year – the Perseids which peak on the night of the 12/13th with no moon to spoil it. Look out for 'shooting stars' streaking across the sky as dust particles left by Comet Swift-Tuttle burn up in our atmosphere. Jupiter, Saturn and Mars will also be low near the southern horizon. There is also a comet thundering towards the Sun which should be visible in binoculars this month – and even the naked eye in the next few weeks. Comet 21P/Giacobini-Zinner will be near the bright star Capella by the end of the month. You can track it, or anything else mentioned in this column, via the website <https://theskylive.com>

Venus has been prominent in the western skies after sunset but slowly fades into the twilight. Jupiter disappears under the horizon at about 10.30pm, leaving Saturn and Mars in the night sky (see February's edition). **September** should be the best month to see Comet Giacobini-

Zinner (in the Auriga/Gemini constellations) – especially on the 10th as it is just outside the Earth's orbit. If it becomes visible with the naked eye, it could make a headline or two in the news.

Another meteor shower, the Draconids, are due on the 8/9th of **October**, and their rather weak display could be boosted by the dust left by Comet Giacobini-Zinner. Some of my favourite constellations are also starting to look their best – Perseus and Cassiopeia, with the gorgeous Double Cluster in between (see chart and image).

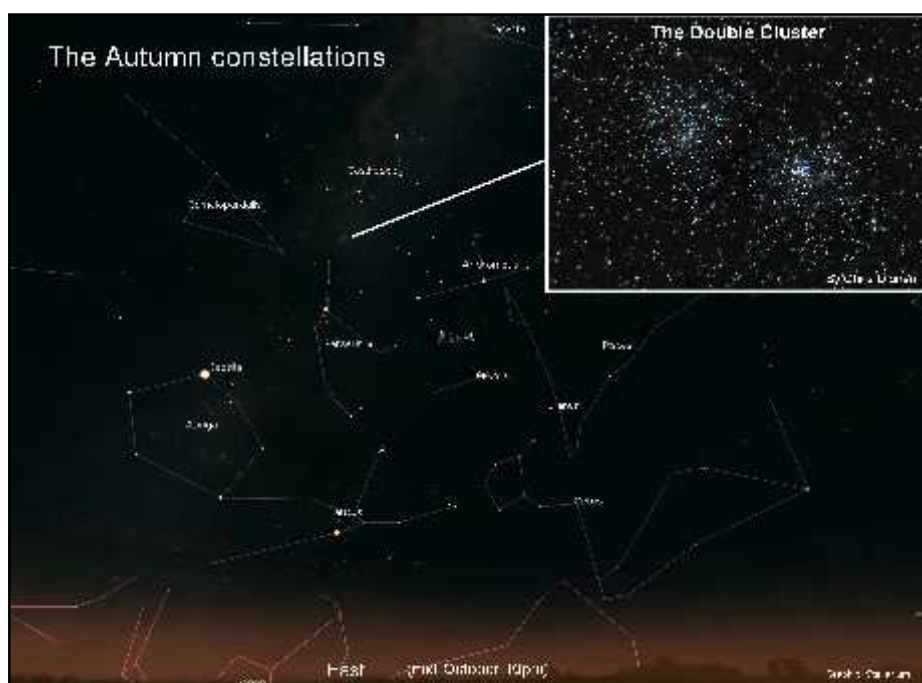
November introduces us to another comet – 46P/Comet Wirtanen – which could also reach naked-eye visibility. Binoculars should pick it out low in the southern horizon, as the comet travels 'up' in our skies. The Leonid meteor shower on 17/18th November should be a good one. The bright 'star' in the east before sunrise is Venus, having travelled around the other side of the Sun since August.

December brings the potentially fantastic Geminid meteor shower on the 13/14th as well as Comet Wirtanen which could be spectacular. It becomes brightest around mid-December when it is near the Pleiades ('Seven Sisters') cluster, and by the bright star Capella on Christmas Day. If it 'behaves' (comets are very uncooperative) the views should be jaw-dropping.

Once the New Year's celebrations subside, the Quarantid meteor shower could give a very good display on 3/4th **January**. Our epic journey is capped off by a Total Lunar Eclipse on the morning of the 21st when the Moon will also be larger than usual (a so-called Supermoon). As the eclipse takes place between 3.30-6.50am, plan ahead or watch reports on the morning TV news!

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