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# Welcome to the August edition

It's been a quiet Summer, possibly due to the funny weather. The Coronation was very low key, in the village the only pictures I were sent were from Woodfield - thanks to Lindsay. (see p23).

The highlight for me was the farm open day which was very well attended. The staff had obviously gone to a lot of bother to prepare exhibits and give rides. (see p5).

Sad to hear that Pat Rushmere has passed away. She was a good supporter of Hallmark, passing on news from the Church.

We should welcome the new shop and hope that it thrives. It will take them a while to adjust their stock to match the villagers' needs, but they seem very friendly.

Unfortunately I did not manage to persuade the new owners to write anything for Hallmark. I also tried without success to get articles from the new playschool and new milkman. Everyone is feeling shy! Perhaps next time.

**Mike Piercy**  
Editor



## HISTORY GROUP VILLAGE WALK - PART 3

On Sunday 20th August from 2.00 pm from the Village Hall Car Park or meet us outside the Whip at 2.15 pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME

We shall walk from the Whip to the Methodist Chapel, looking at places of interest on the way.

This will conclude our set of walks around the Village of Lacey Green.

Parts 1 and 2 can be found in the History Section of the Lacey Green website.

**Rosemary Mortham**

(Joan West, one of the founder members of the History Group has put together an amazing website holding all the group's research and much more. See the advert on page 8. Editor)

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are holding the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 21st September in the Village Hall at 9.30am. There will be: Coffee and cake  
Bottle Tombola  
Cakes & Preserves  
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Ann, Daphne and Sandra



# Lacey Green Windmill

The Windmill is open every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday 28 August until the end of September 2023. Opening times are 14 - 17.00 hours. We always welcome visitors to this wonderfully restored building; this year we have had local visitors who have never been around the windmill and a couple from Australia.

I am sure you will have seen that we 'dressed' the windmill for Kings Charles III Coronation and the bunting stayed on the sails for National Mills weekend in May. Putting bunting on sails has

long been a tradition for special occasions.

We welcomed a visit from pupils and staff at St John's C of E Primary School in June and we all had a great time. We divided the group into two with Chris Boll doing 2 tours of the windmill while the other half of the group drew some fabulous pictures of the mill. We hope to arrange more visits next year.

Maintenance of the windmill is always a priority, the mill will be painted later in the year and more majors works are required

by a specialist team. We are working with the Chiltern Society to plan a fundraising campaign and applying for grants to help fund the work. We will keep you up to date with progress.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and don't forget to visit if you have an hour or two!

Supporters always welcome, if you have any spare time and want to volunteer please get in touch with Jane:  
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# On the farm

On June 11th we opened our gate for Open Farm Sunday, along with 250 other farms around the U.K., five years after the last time. Open Farm Sunday is organised by Leaf (Linking Environment and Farming). It is thought 170,000 people visited a farm on June 11th this year. We think around 400 of them visited Stocken Farm; we hope they found their visit rewarding.

For the weeks running up to the big day we wondered why we had decided to do it, there is a lot of preparation .... tidying up, setting up, doing risk assessments, persuading all the helpers that this is how they want to spend their Sunday! This was a free event, and all the displays of machinery and other displays were done by farming friends and family, with the only reward being of feeling the farming industry and its consumers had become a little closer together. We had many interesting questions from you, about cows, crops, hedge row management etc. and a surprising number asking if we sell unpasteurised milk direct to the public (the answer is no). These are good questions for us as it makes us look at our industry from a different angle. Our staff enjoyed the opportunity to showcase the stock they tend day in, day out; also being able to explain why we may be combining near your house late on a Sunday night or on the road with our equipment holding the traffic up. It's not just for fun but trying to do an operation which is all part of the ultimate aim of farming which is to produce good quality food, which is still very popular. Hopefully making a profit on the way.

Arla, our milk cooperative sent us out a pallet of Arla products for visitors to sample, which three members of their staff came down to hand out. They came from down Leeds and London, volunteering their own time. Phil Hunter, a keen metal detectorist for many decades, came to display his finds that he has found in the local area; fascinating history found in the

fields around us. Fiona, another local farmer, brought her beehives (without bees) to demonstrate how apiculture works; her husband Ian provided the tractor and trailer rides all day, which were constantly in demand. Princes Risborough Young Farmers also ran a barbeque, and helped run the day, a big workforce that also gave their day up in the interest of farming.

In June, Ian our herdsman for over 25 years, decided to hang up the clusters for the last time. We thank him for his dedication to our cows and business, and wish him well in the future. Over his time the business has changed quite dramatically; cow numbers have risen and milk yields per cow have gone up by nearly 50%. Expectations in milk quality have risen and the pressures of farming have changed. Nowadays numerous people come to the farm with clipboards making sure we do everything to their standard. Availability of skilled farm staff is becoming an ever-increasing issue for our industry. Farmers are looking at all sorts of technical solutions like robotic milking, these will help but won't remove the need for skilled agricultural staff. It is often a career not promoted at school age, but it is worth considering. We are increasingly operating with part time employees.

In early August we expect to start our wheat harvest. So far, the crops look in good condition, so fingers crossed they deliver a good yield and are up to milling quality. Since we planted the wheat, the value per tonne has gone from around £200/ton to £350/ton, it has now dropped back £170/ton for harvest movement. It is so difficult to predict which direction the price will go from there. We have made our grass silage, and whole crop rye and barley.



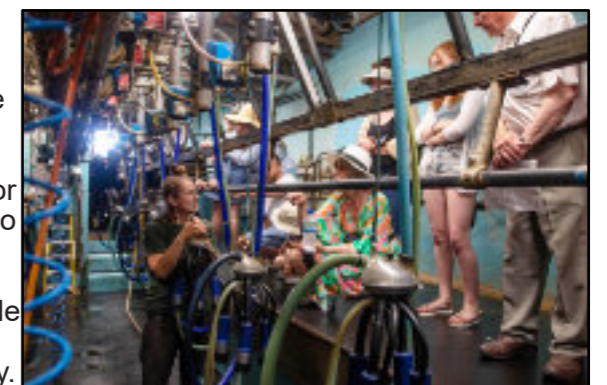
The last main forage to come in will be the maize in September. It's been a difficult spring to establish maize, with constant wet in March and April and much of May, changing rapidly to baking dry in June. We have approximately 20 acres of maize planted at the end of May which only germinated in July as it went dry straight after planting, this will probably come to nothing much.

While the cows are out during summer, we have been improving our cow housing, which is proving to be very time consuming, but will be good by the time the cows are housed.

In May we had some reactors when we were TB testing. This means we can not sell any cattle to other farmers until we have two clear tests. Our next test will be around the beginning of August.

So, with harvest upon us and many more agricultural vehicles on the road, when you get behind a tractor and trailer or combine on the road, please be patient, and remember we are working to keep your fridge and larder full!

**Richard West**





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## Windmill WI

We had some very sad news in June. Pat Rushmere our President for many years had died. Pat was in hospital in Italy at the time and will be very much missed. Her Memorial Service will be at St Johns Church on 21st July at 1 pm. Also in May, Mary Hazelton one of our long standing members died.

In March we had our Jumble Sale which was very good. Not too much jumble but lots of customers. We had a good lunch at the Black Horse and then a very busy afternoon selling. This month we also visited Billy Stott's garden nursery just outside Ibstone. His nursery had lots of unusual plants which we were able to buy.

In April we hosted the Village Quiz which was a huge success as we hadn't had one since the start of Covid. Our team didn't win but it was a great fun evening.

In May a few of us went to the BFWI Annual Council Meeting in Aylesbury. It was a very interesting afternoon with a guest speaker Emma Bradley talking about 111. Emma had many interesting stories about her work for 111 including someone wanting her to find their glasses!

At our May meeting we discussed this year's Resolution - Clean rivers for people & wildlife, this will be voted on at Cardiff. After this we had our Coronation Tea and raised a glass to the King.

In June our speaker was Peter Hague talking about Famous Jewels and their History. A very interesting talk. This month some of us went to Collings Hanger Farm in Prestwood. We had a great time going around the farm on a trailer pulled by a tractor. There were beautiful views from the farm and we saw sheep, lovely pigs and a herd of cows with their calves. We finished the

afternoon with delicious cakes and tea in the barn.

Our speaker for July was Russell Collins with his talk 'Anyone can paint'. This was a very good evening and by the end of evening we had all managed to paint a sort of picture.

At the beginning of July some of us walked through the beech woods from Walters Ash to the Le De Spencer Arms at Downley. After a lovely lunch in the pub garden we walked back.

We meet at Lacey Green Village Hall, the first Wednesday in the month (except January) at 7.35pm. If you would like to join us you would receive a very warm welcome.

Dates for the future:  
Jumble Sale Saturday 21st October.

**Ann Bartlett**



*Good quiz attendance*



*Coronation tea party*



*Prestwood Visit*

## LG & LR Village Hall Committee

### Would you like film nights in the Hall?

We need your help please. A suggestion has been made to the Committee to consider providing film nights in the Village Hall.

We know that other villages offer these but it is quite a commitment and as ever is reliant on a number of people to organise.

Before we start on our investigative journey we would like to know how many of the residents in the Lacey Green and Loosely Row would be interested in coming along to film nights or helping with the organisation.

There would be a cost, either for each film night or possibly a fee for a 'season' of films.

Please will you email Jane on [janevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:janevillagehall@gmail.com) to

register any interest in this suggestion and could you also indicate which films you would like to see. We look forward to hearing from you.

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I look forward to your feedback.





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and Hamlets

Welcome to "Lacey Green History Wiki", it is a place to explore Lacey Green of the past: the people, the places and the events that shaped our history.

My name is Joan West and local history research is my passion. For over 50 years I have enjoyed investigating local history and putting it together like a jigsaw. It is an ever-evolving picture.... And growing media wiki! Rather than keep it all to myself I wanted to share with others, who I hope will be as curious and intrigued as I have been.

In this wiki, local people, places and events are recorded and linked so that it is possible to trace back through their stories.

For me it all began in 1971 when I hoped to discover the history of Stocken Farm, my husband's family home. Dennis Claydon was already working on the local history here. Dennis and I spent many hours in the Local Records Office, sharing our discoveries. In 1970 the village magazine Hallmark was launched providing more general information and in particular research by Miles Marshall and Rita Probert.

In 2008 the Local History Group was formed when Dennis Claydon and I declined to write a local book knowing that once printed it could not include any new information that came to light. It was decided to put that information on a website.

In this wiki I am putting information from all these sources so that all those people, places and events can be linked to tell their stories, with as many photographs as possible.

So, now you are here, to get started scroll down the indexes below and click on a page. Organised by:

- Properties
- People
- "Social Snapshots" in Decades
- Roads or Locations
- Amenities
- Organisations

Once you are on a page, people, places and events tell their own story, and are linked together where possible

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# Resting Time



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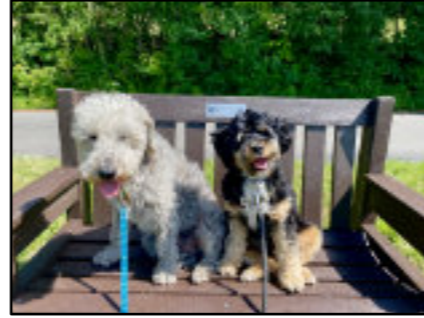
It's a small ray of sunlight in the grand scheme of things, but in this time of rush, rush, rush.. I thought I'd share with you the fact that we now have a second view point in Loosley Row from which to sit and enjoy the views across the Vale.

You may have already noticed it – It's positioned on Little Lane, on the grassy bank on the left just before where the lane veers to the left as you approach Loosley Row from the A4010.



There is also another nice bench situated further up in a good spot on the right, but it's hoped that over time the new bench will prove to be slightly more accessible for parishioners and visitors alike to take the weight off their feet before they tackle the ascent up Loosley Hill to Lacey Green.

Or even, perhaps, for those who work at home, this offers a change of view - an interlude to enjoy the natural beauty that we have here in the Chilterns.



I know from my own experience that taking time to take in the views to Bledlow Ridge, Lodge Hill, Princes Risborough and beyond can be quite therapeutic – even uplifting.

With many thanks to the community board for donating the bench to us, in recognition of the great work the NHS did over the Covid period.

We hope that you have an opportunity, or the time, at some point to sit and stare!

**Cllr. Tim MacGillivray**

# Rematching a New Family

Mel and Sue Webster of Loosley Row were used to sharing their home with friends and family but when the war in Ukraine broke out, they made the decision to host not just one Ukrainian family but two.

“As a couple, we're very used to having a full house,” laughs Mel. “For nearly 2 decades, we have lived as a multi-generational family, living under the same roof as our daughter and son-in-law and their now grown up children. It's certainly kept us young and fit!”

Despite being retired and already having a full house, the couple sat down with the whole family to discuss the possibility of hosting a Ukrainian family looking for a safe place to live.

“I suppose our decision to sponsor a Ukrainian family was prompted initially by the UK government setting up the Homes For Ukraine scheme, which enables households to provide accommodation for Ukrainians in return for £350 monthly payment.” (This has since increased to £500.)

“However we were also moved by the amazing response of our little village, which set up its own community group, the Ukraine2chilterns charity, in support of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Having spent his career as a mechanical and electrical engineer, Mel had years of experience redesigning commercial spaces and had even used his skills in retirement to expand the premises of the family's hearing aid business. With the decision to host now made, Mel turned his attention for the first time on the potential of the couple's own home as a safe place to live for refugees. “I could see with a bit of creativity that I could create a self-contained space for a small family.

I distinctly remember the day that the visas for our Ukrainian family

finally came through. Our Ukrainian family rang to say that they were driving by car through Europe, and were due to arrive in just 4 days' time. This meant that I suddenly had to crack on with the job of making my vision of a space for our guests real in record time!” says Mel. “The day that Erhan, Natalia, Sasha 5 yrs and Melissa 2 yrs arrived was really emotional,” recounts Mel. “They were exhausted.”

After six months of living with the Websters, with his leg now fully mended, Erhan and his family decided to return to a safer part of Ukraine to run the family business they had left behind.

But within a few days of their departure, Mel and Sue began to hear of another Ukrainian family - this time however, a family already living in Buckinghamshire that faced being uprooted yet again as they were nearing the end of their six month stay.

The Homes for Ukraine scheme was initially set up to offer Ukrainians a safe place to live for a period of 6 months but with the war continuing for so much longer than anticipated, the reality is that dozens of families now need re-matching with another local host family or face homelessness.

“Our local Council Liaison Officer explained to us that by agreeing to be a rematching sponsor for Alina and her two young children, Sofiia 9 yrs and Marianna 4 yrs, the young family could continue to stay within the local area where they had begun to rebuild their lives. Alina could keep her job as a cook in the local primary school, and importantly the children could remain in their local schools.”

“Being a rematching sponsor was a much easier experience for us as all the work required to settle the family into the local community such as finding jobs, getting the children in to school, registering with GPs had already been done. For us, this meant we could just enjoy getting to know

Alina and her two young children,” says Sue.

“Alina and the children have settled in wonderfully, becoming not just close friends but a real part of our family,” continues Mel.

“Although they have their own separate accommodation, we genuinely share our daily lives with each other. When Alina goes off to work in the morning, I love taking Sophiia to school every day and then picking her up in the afternoon. We chat all the way so her English is improving so quickly!

It has been a real privilege to see her blossom and grow in confidence. She's just like my own granddaughter – in fact I'm teaching her to play the piano, just as I did for all my other grandchildren. As for Alina, she is an amazing cook and is always popping in to offer us the most delicious Ukrainian dishes, although I have to say that she is also picking up British cuisine pretty quickly too. She particularly adores Mary Berry's cook books and makes the most amazing chocolate ganache.

I know for many of my generation, starting again with another young family may seem like a big commitment, but actually it's been great for the whole family.

I'd really recommend becoming a rematching sponsor. It has strengthened our links to our local community in so many ways. It's also opened our eyes to an entirely new culture that is utterly fascinating and of course, we absolutely adore being grandparents to our Ukrainian grand-daughters.”

If you would like to find out more about our Charity please visit [www.ukraine2chilterns.com](http://www.ukraine2chilterns.com) or contact us on [info@ukraine2chilterns.com](mailto:info@ukraine2chilterns.com)

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We are grateful for the support from our residents and for them reaching out to us for advice and solutions to problems and concerns.

We continue to encourage community groups to participate in the North West Chilterns Community Board and take advantage of the available funds to carry out projects.

## Proud of Bucks Award

Mr Leigh Axe (resident of Lacey Green) was nominated for a Proud of Bucks Award in the category of Local Community Champion. Although he was not the winner, he was highly commended for working tirelessly for the older and younger members of the community in Lacey Green. (see p21 Ed)

## Traffic calming

The petition on traffic calming measures in Lacey Green, in particular the stretch of New Road from Walters Ash to Lacey Green and Main Road around St John's School, ran until the 11th May. This has garnered a great deal of public interest in the form of 330 signatures.

We support the main aims of the petition to continue the 40MPH speed limit from RAF High Wycombe on New Road to Lacey Green, with the 30 MPH pushed further along New Road towards Walters Ash to enable vehicles to safely slow before the bend. We also support the call for a zebra crossing being installed to connect the church to School to make it safer for children during school hours.

This report while originally due for consideration at the Community Board meeting on the 27th July will now, due to technical reasons, be considered in a separate meeting in September.

## Action on potholes

Bucks Council are focused on tackling the increased number of potholes and road defects this year, caused by the very wet and cold winter. The team have reached the milestone of completing 10,000 repairs since the new Buckinghamshire Highways contract began on 1 April. This is on top of the annual re-surfacing programme.

Since 1st April, there have been 12,700 pothole repairs carried out by 15 teams and over 30 plane and patch programmes. In addition, there have been over 21,000 drains and gullies cleaned since 1st April and over 1,200 street lights repaired.

The Council fix the most urgent repairs first and with the warmer weather will be able to fix more potholes permanently first time, instead of needing to make temporary repairs and return later. Added to this, a new time-saving three-in-one Pothole Pro machine is enabling crews to make more efficient reactive repairs across the county.

The extended plane and patch programme has begun in earnest, along with planning for the surface dressing, micro-surfacing and major re-surfacing programmes that began in June.

The annual planned wider maintenance and improvements programme is well under way too – and in fact the Council are accelerating this work to address the condition of our roads sooner. Please continue to report any issues through [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/FixMyStreet](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/FixMyStreet)

## Annual Canvas

This month, the Council's Electoral Services team will be sending either a letter or an email to all households in Buckinghamshire as part of the annual canvass, asking residents to check their electoral

registration details are correct to make sure they retain their right to vote in future elections.

The team will also be using this opportunity to raise awareness of the new requirement for voters to provide a form of acceptable photo ID at polling stations. More information on this can be found on the council website.

## Surgery Dates

The team hold regular surgeries across the ward to hear from residents directly. You don't have to book an appointment to attend, however, if you would like to talk privately you can contact the team on [team@ridgewaywest.uk](mailto:team@ridgewaywest.uk)

Surgery dates for the year are below, running from 11am-1pm:

5th August – Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

7th October – Stokenchurch Community Library

9th December – Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

If you have any other matters or concerns relating to Buckinghamshire Council such as Roads, Adult Social Care, Children services, Education, Planning, Waste & Recycling and Libraries for example that you need some assistance with, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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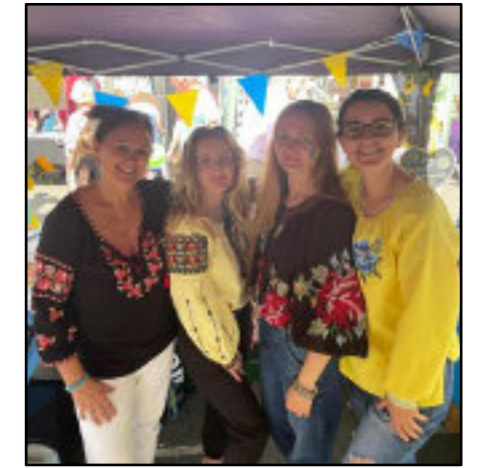
Revellers at Princes Risborough's summer festival fun, on 1st July, may have noticed the Ukraine to Chilterns stall, bedecked with sunflowers with blues and yellows in abundance. We offered sunflower seedlings in pretty pots, homemade baked goods and Borscht, as well as artwork by Sofiia, one of our 18 year old Guests. The day was a huge hit with everybody and the Guests thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of local friends, old and new.

If you did miss us and, quite understandably you have a burning desire to try some delicious Borscht and Varenyky, then you can see us again at the Kop-Hill Climb on 16th and 17th September and at Farmers



Markets in Princes Risborough throughout the year.

Following a hugely successful Ukrainian Cookery Demonstration at St John's School in April, we are organising a fabulous fundraising event on Friday 29th September at the Millennium Hall.



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As always, thank you for all your support.

**Louisa Spearing**

## Parish Council

We have our MVAS speed indicator signs up again. Thankfully, none have been vandalised so far! We will have some data available for the next issue of Hallmark.

The Parish Council was instrumental in liaising with Buckinghamshire Council in putting down the double yellow lines through the village over the driveways of the residents along Main Road and around corners of some of the village roads.

It would appear from the driving through the village at school drop off and collect times that the parents of children attending school do not think that these double yellow lines or the zig zag lines directly outside the school refer to the THEM.

Comments on the village FaceBook page, and communications from the village speedwatch group show that this disregard is widespread. They

block driveways and entrances to farmers fields, making it impossible for emergency services to attend, should the need arise.

You probably do not know just how much work went into this project, by the Parish Councillors, Buckinghamshire Councillors and Buckinghamshire Council, and the total disregard by some drivers is very disappointing.

Buckinghamshire Councillors and Buckinghamshire Council both monitor for effectiveness, the works that they have carried out. It would not surprise us, if one day, an enforcement officer was despatched to our village to ticket all the incorrectly parked vehicles.

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## Defibrillator

I hope that most of you know that there is a defibrillator attached to the village hall, that any resident has access to, in an emergency, The 999 operator has the code to allow access. This is a portable unit that can be take away to the person needing attention.

We are arranging with the help of the landowner, to install one in Loosley Row, more details of this unit will be in the next Hallmark. Details will also be put on the Parish Council website, if you wish to check on its progress every now and then.

The Parish Council is a group of elected residents that work on your behalf, if there is anyone with a local problem, we would be happy to see if we can help.

**Cathryn Davies**



# Local Community Champion

OUR VERY OWN 'PROUD OF BUCKS' AWARDEE

This award is sponsored by the North West Chilterns Board.

There were several categories and it was suggested that Leigh be nominated as our "Local Community Champion".

Many of you will know Leigh as the Innovative, Reliable and Dependable person around the village.

Leigh works tirelessly for the older and younger members of our village. He is the lead for organising the 'Over 50's Lunch Club' each month. When the village pub - The Black Horse, changed hands he convinced the new owners that they should re-instate and continue with the 'Once a Month Lunch Club'.

He was part of the original group of villagers that set up the now-prospering Youth Club that meets in the village hall. A couple of years ago the children attending both the village and Speen schools had no where to go in the evenings. Leigh was instrumental in starting the Youth Club and convincing parents they needed to help- the club has not looked back since.

Leigh is the secretary of the Millennium Village Hall and takes on a lot of the day to day running and liaising with contractors and utility companies, especially of late, the new tarmac surfacing of the village hall car park.

Along with belonging to, he is also secretary to the Horticultural Society.



Leigh realised that there were some villagers missing out on activities within the village and set about ensuring that everyone who wanted to attend anything could do so.

He ensures that any resident wishing to attend any of the meetings in the village has transport there and back, he even organises taxis in special circumstances.

Leigh is deserving of recognition because he has no idea of how important he is to the village.

Leigh is one member of our village that our village could not do without.

Our village has been impacted by a very selfless man, the village has prospered in friendliness and companionship for all.

The picture above is of the Conservative MP Greg Smith presenting Leigh with his award at a recent 'Party in the Park' sponsored by the North West Chilterns Board in Wades Park in Princes Risborough.

# Sports Club

So far we are having a great summer at The Sports Club. As I am writing this I am still recovering from the 80's vs 90's disco last Saturday!

It was an amazing night for the social side of the club and village as well as a crucial fundraiser for the survival of the club. It was great to see everyone dancing away. Thank you to Clive for the great tunes and AJ from the Black Horse for cooking up some amazing Burgers! Well done to Tom and Sam Oakford for organising the event and all those who helped set up the event and helped on the bar. Also thanks to all our sponsors, we couldn't have held the event without you; The Black Horse, Tyre Team, Country Supplies and P. A. Spittles!

We are already looking forward to the next one and keep an eye out for other events going on. We have the Summer Fair next week as well as planning one of our

famous Race Nights in November!

All the sport sections are doing well this year and enjoying the sunshine, when we are lucky enough to have it! The Tennis Section is going from strength to strength with more members than ever and some amazing fundraisers. The Cricket Section also had a great start to the season and has two Saturday teams and now two Sunday sides too!

Although The Sports Club and sections are doing well, we were sad to see Windmills Playgroup fold earlier this year. They have been a great asset to the club since 2004 and will be missed.

We are continuing to make improvements to the Sports Club including painting and decorating the club, some new furniture donated by The Black Horse, as well as a whole host of improvements being made.

Of course all of our plans are dependent on the hard work of our few volunteers and the continued success of our fundraisers.

It has been great to open the bar this year which has proved popular and we are seeing an increase in bookings for the club. We hope to see this interest continue as the Sports Club becomes more available and the planned improvements completed. If you are interested in hiring the hall for any event please don't hesitate to get in touch at [lglrsportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:lglrsportsclub@gmail.com).

Once again a big thank you to everyone who has joined us at the club or volunteered over the last year, without you there would be no Sports Club for the village.

## Club Committee

# Rotary Club

The 1st of July is the start of a new Rotary Year. However, amongst others, our main focus last year was the youth, the elderly of Princes Risborough (PR) and surrounding area, and support to Ukraine.

During the past 8 years we have donated over £240,000 to a range of projects, this year we have donated over £30,000.

Amongst other young recipients were the PR Youth Club, now also hosting Ukrainian youngsters; Bucks Young Carers sailing away-days; a number of local schools which entered 1300 children in our Art Competition (12 schools have signed up for it this year); a Monks Risborough School play area project; the Longwick School library; a Lane End Parish playground; Bledlow Ridge School; and support to years 10 and 11 Interact Clubs at PR School and the RGS.

We provided our "seniors" with a Christmas Lunch and a Coronation Lunch, and we made donations to the Princes Centre and supported the Bourne End Care Centre.

We have continued to support the Lacey Green/Loosley Row Ukraine2Chilterns Charity, which is supporting over 200 Ukrainian guests, and we have been involved with a number of their social events and helped finding work and accommodation for them.

We have also donated to a Rotary International fund providing equipment for mobile emergency operating theatres. The Club is now examining where our help will be needed in the next 12 months.

Despite all this work we are a fun, friendly club of men and women, the concept of Rotary being friendship and companionship.

If you would like to be part of it and help us contribute locally and internationally, and might be thinking about joining, visit our website about coming to one of our meetings to see if it might interest you.

Additionally, if you know of local causes that would benefit from our support, or you would like to donate to our Charity Account, please use the contact details below.

We would love to hear from you. You can contact us at: [rcpr.org.uk](http://rcpr.org.uk) or call David White on 07787 750889 or email: [david@dhwhite.plus.com](mailto:david@dhwhite.plus.com)





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## Community Tennis

Sport England's surveys show that the number of adults playing tennis regularly has increased by 43% for the 12 months to November 2022. This is the highest figure recorded for tennis and it is reflected too with 3.6 million children playing annually.

At Lacey Green, we are also seeing more tennis being played at all levels. Dan's junior coaching groups are thriving, and I am pleased to see more women coming through and playing in the mixed and ladies' team.

Certainly, our cardio tennis workouts are attracting a lot of new potential members who aren't far off joining as full members. I don't think it will be too long before we can create a second women's team to play in the Aylesbury League.

The current team are in a strong position in division 7 and sit in second place, one point behind the leaders. This is recognition of all the practice that has been taking place recently, and new players wanting to step up and play matches.

Our mixed team have also had a strong season to date and have every chance of promotion to division 5. Men's 1 are mid to lower of division 3 having been promoted every season. Players in division 3 and above tend to be very good players with a number being ex county players. Our men's 2 team have had some good recent success and with a new influx of keen players have every hope of moving higher over the next year or so.

On 19th May we held a very successful auction and gin & fizz evening. I am so grateful to all members, residents and local businesses who donated such lovely gifts for the auction. We had a large projector screen setup so that members could bid and real time prices. Some of the hotly contested items were changing hands constantly right up to the close at 10pm! In the end, the evening raised just under £7,000 which was an amazing achievement! Many thanks to everyone who helped make the evening such a success!

There was no time to recover as we held our open morning the following day! A quick setup and it was time to greet potential new members. We had advertised the event widely on Facebook and we knew that there was going to be a good attendance. Dan did a full morning of free coaching, and I am pleased to say that we have gained some new members, both children and adults.

By the time you read this, the summer holidays will be just starting. During the latter part of July and the majority of August, Dan will be running his multisport summer camps, and there is something for everyone.... tennis, cricket, rounders, unihoc and football. These run from 9am to 4pm and cost £45 per day. Interested? Contact Dan: 07754 016067 or email [dsmithtennis@gmail.com](mailto:dsmithtennis@gmail.com)

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# Speen Helping Hospices



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The Charity Golf Day on the 15th March at Burnham Beeches Golf Club was a real success. It was the first event of this kind organised by Speen Helping Hospices, and we were anxious, to put it mildly! However, thanks to Martyn Evans, husband of June a committee member it was a fantastic day.

His organisation and attention to detail made this a very profitable fundraiser.

We are very grateful to Burnham Beeches Golf Club who made us so welcome and to all our sponsors including The Hampden Arms, Lloyds Wines, Hildreths, Red Van Plumbers, Hypnos, Aston Hearing, Fine & Country and Lovell Fuels.



To top it all the weather was perfect, probably one of the few good days in March. The final amount raised was £5,500.

The sun shone for us again at the Spring Lunch at the Horses Trust on the 3rd May. This has traditionally been a highlight in the fundraising calendar and again this year lived up to its reputation.



The feedback from our guests was effusive.

*"What a great charity lunch you gave us all last Wednesday, thank you for all your hard work to make it a lovely occasion."*

*"What a brilliant event you and the committee put on Wednesday. The venue, food, decorations, stalls, speaker ... all excellent. Thank you."*

*"I would just like to say an enormous thanks and well done to you and your team for yesterday's lunch. It was (as always) a lovely event - the food was delicious, the rose superb and the barn looked wonderful. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves"*

Many thanks to Jane Marchant from Alchemille Design who sold a range of beautiful bedding plants and then donated a portion of her sales to SHH. Daniel Jackson of Jackson and Company Eye Care for two gift vouchers of £100 each.

£2,950 was raised at this event.



## FUTURE EVENTS IN 2023

Hollywood Party Night at Speen Festival 23 - Saturday 2nd September

Wine Tasting - Friday 6th October

Charity Bridge with Afternoon Tea - 11th October

For further information about all our events check out our website [www.shh-shop.org](http://www.shh-shop.org)

Or contact me [grainnesuter@googlemail.com](mailto:grainnesuter@googlemail.com) or 07778803260.

We are so lucky that the Horse Trust allow us free access to their beautiful barn, as you can see from the photos. Andrea Baganz-Pritchard from Helen and Douglas House for Children spoke very movingly about the work they do with children and their families and stressed how important the fund-raising efforts of groups like SHH are in the delivery of services.





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# Horticultural Society

Behind a wooden fence, at the end of the World's End Garden Centre in Wendover, you'll find Lindengate Charity's six-acre garden dedicated to mental health wellbeing through nature, gardening, and conservation.

In May, the Lacey Green and Loosley Row Horticultural Society visited the gardens for a guided tour, on what couldn't have been a nicer evening.

They have gold-award-winning RHS Chelsea show gardens relocated and rebuilt onsite, a heritage orchard containing many local fruit varieties. The local but rare Black Poplar is propagated here for sales across the county and beyond. There are also sculptures and many other conservation projects.

We saw great examples of garden design, vegetable growing, land drainage and nature conservation techniques. We saw their namesake tree, the Linden Tree, taking centre stage. See photos below.

If you fancy visiting, they're open for cream teas and plant sales, with proceeds going to the charity. All the details are on their website [www.lindengate.org.uk](http://www.lindengate.org.uk).

This was one of the many interesting visits and talks that are organised for the local Horts Society. If you're interested in joining, please email [horticultural.society@btconnect.com](mailto:horticultural.society@btconnect.com) for joining details.

The July meeting was a return visit from Graeme Hollingdale, Secretary of the Chiltern Sweet Pea Society and the National Sweet Pea Society.

He brought along examples of different kinds of lathyrus odoratus and talked about growing and showing them.

The perfume from these flowers is amazing and although they are annuals they provide plenty of cut flowers for the house even if you only grow a few plants. If they are grown 'on the bush' they require very little work and bring a great deal of pleasure.

You can support them in a number of ways and include them in your mixed borders. Some of the shorter cultivars and the annual species can also be grown in pots.

For more information go to [www.sweetpeas.org.uk](http://www.sweetpeas.org.uk)

## Forthcoming events

The next event is our annual show at the Millennium Hall on Saturday 2nd September. There are plenty of classes for everyone to join in. These include vegetables, flowers, floral art and cookery. Why not have a go? It's great fun for the children and encourages them to grow and to bake.

Children's entries are free and they are judged in a separate age category. Some of our best exhibits have been from under 16s! The Show Schedule is available on the village website under the Horticultural Society.

On Wednesday Sept 20 we will have a talk from John Tyler on "The countryside in autumn".

On November 15 we are breaking with tradition and having a Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz. You have to be a member to take part, but it only costs £5.00 per annum, so come and join in the fun! Ask any of the committee for more information.

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# Happy Wanderers

## Walk of Sunday 28 May

The last week of a very unseasonably hot month. Paula Hearne and I had been tasked with leading the monthly walk but where to go which was not too hot for our admittedly unfit and out-of-practice members?

Then we remembered that, from The Lions at Bledlow, there is a gentle uphill walk through trees,

then a long flat path which was also protected by lovely beech trees followed by a downhill trek back to The Lions. This gives beautiful open views over both Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

Great excitement for some members to catch their first sight of the Steam Train making its way through the countryside to Chinnor.

We enjoyed lunch at The Lions where several non-walking members were able to join us - even the dogs were allowed. The chicken goujons and chips (children's portion) chosen by Yvonne Axe, were voted the 'Dish of the Day'!!

**Liz Southon**

## Walk of Sunday 25 June

On one of the last really hot days in June, 9 adults, 1 child and 3 dogs started the walk from the common in Great Kingshill.

Turning right into Hatches Lane we walked along the road for about 10 minutes. It was quite hot as there was no shade, until we came to the footpath which led into Hatches Wood.

It was a welcome relief to get under the trees, which apparently went from Hatches Wood into Man's Leg Wood then Longfield Wood, but we couldn't tell when one started and ended.

It was easy walking, with one slight uphill climb and no stiles. After about a mile or so we came out onto Perks Lane, where we had to walk about 300 metres on the road towards Peterley Corner where we had to cross the road. As it was a Sunday the road wasn't too busy.

After about 200 metres we turned right into Crook Wood which again was pleasant to walk through, shading us. Coming out of the wood we crossed 2 fields. There were horses in one of the fields and 2 people shovelling up the horse manure.

We weren't close enough to ask why! For their roses? Or they just like a clean field.

We came out into a housing estate crossing into an alley way through to the main road back to the common and car park. It was a very pleasant walk and some members stayed for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

**Phyl Bloomfield**

## Coronation Tea pictures from Woodfield







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The Summer is well under way here at the Black Horse. We are enjoying all the lovely weather we have had so far this year. As I am writing this, I am sat in the sunshine in our recently refurbished garden which has been done for the summer.

So far this year we have already had a selection of live music and events going on. We had a great time on Mother's and Father's Day and Sunday roasts are going down well. We are fully booked most Sunday lunchtimes. We have a range of different options each week for only £16.95 with a pudding.



We also had Nina's Curry Night which went down a storm earlier this year and she will be coming back at the end of July, we hope to see her more soon!

It is always a pleasure to have the company of the Over 50's Pub Lunch on the first Tuesday of the month. All are welcome so if you are interested in joining, please see the contact details at the back of the Hallmark.

Dominoes and Crib are still going strong and are having another great season! Well done to them! If you are interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are looking for more teams and if any other pubs are interested in getting involved, please contact Lynne.



We are still going with food Monday lunchtimes from 12-3pm with a Lighter Bites menu. So pop in if you fancy a baguette for your lunch!

We are excited to announce our Beer Fest will be on 8th-10th September and there will be live music and a wonderful selection of Beer, Cider and Gin! More details to follow. (Check our Facebook for more information!)

## The Black Horse Team

Lacey Green, Loosely Row and Speen Youth Club has enjoyed another wonderful term filled with fun and excitement!

We had lots of fun at 'Fun Splash' at Risborough Springs with 48 out of the 50 spaces being taken by us! We painted pots and plated them with a cactus plant to give to the male role models in our lives for Father's Day and we also had a great game of football on the St Johns school field! All this, as well as our usual sessions in the village hall where we have pool, table football, air hockey, volleyball and table tennis out every week.

We are still welcoming lots of new members; with the Youth Club being a really popular social event for our local youngsters with over 40 attendees every session!

The tuck shop has unfortunately taken a hit since the opening of the new village shop but I am hoping it's not just the tuck shop that brings the children in!

Thank you to Harry Patient who is helping us out at the moment, as a volunteer, as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. If anyone else would like to volunteer as part of the award, please get in touch.

We meet fortnightly, with our next session back after the summer holidays on Friday 8th September, where we will be having our postponed Laser Tag event which was called off due to the weather at the end of this term.

We will be welcoming new Year 6 pupils from the area in September and will have regular attendees from year 6, 7, 8 and 9! All children Year 6-9, who live in Lacey Green, Loosely Row or Speen are welcome to attend; as well as those who attended St John's School. The next terms dates are also available on the Lacey Green Website.

As with all volunteer run organisations, we are always looking for helpers and volunteers who would like to join us; or any locals that may have particular skills or hobbies that they would like to share with our young people. So, if this is you...please do get in touch!

Thank you so much to all the parents who have been helping out so far this term and last term. Without these helpers we would not be able to offer this fabulous club to our youngsters.



If you would like more information about the LLS Youth Club, please visit the Lacey Green website [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com) or email directly to [natashakann@gmail.com](mailto:natashakann@gmail.com)

**Natasha Kann**  
**Youth Club Leader**





# Heavenly Bodies

This is a beautiful time of the year for looking upwards after the Sun sets. The majesty of the Milky Way emerges in our night skies this month, along with Saturn, two supermoons and one of the best shooting star displays of the year.



The first supermoon is on August 1st followed by the brightest supermoon of 2023 on August 31st. A supermoon is when the Moon is closer than usual to Earth and so appears a bit bigger and brighter. Having two full Moons in the same calendar month doesn't happen very often and the second one is nicknamed a 'Blue Moon'. It won't be blue. But the term blue moon apparently goes back to the 1500s in the phrase "the Moon is blue" – something that was impossible. Then for about two years after the 1883 eruption of Krakatoa as its dust lingered in the atmosphere, people across the globe could see weirdly coloured sunsets and the Moon looked blue. The phrase morphed into "once in a blue moon" - to mean rare rather than impossible.

When the Moon isn't that bright on other evenings in the month, the glorious glow of the Milky Way sweeps overhead. The skies over Lacey Green and Loosely Row are darker than many areas, giving some of the best views. This ribbon of densely-packed stars is the Orion-Cygnus arm of our own Galaxy seen by us edge-on. The image I took of it shown here reveals dust clouds, nebulae and star clusters within it. No telescope used – just a budget DSLR. Look anywhere along the 'ribbon' with binoculars and it will just jump out at you!

One of the times when the Moon is out of the way is on the night of August 12th/13th, which is great news if you like shooting stars. That's the peak of the Perseid Meteor shower when the Earth's atmosphere slams into the dust left by Comet Swift-Tuttle, igniting the particles as flashes of light. The peak displays most meteors per hour but do keep a lookout for them a week before it and for the rest of the month.

Floating into view this month is wonderful Saturn and its icy rings. The planet is at its closest position to Earth on August 27th when it will appear at its biggest and brightest to us (but still more than 1 billion km away). Spot it in the south-eastern sky from 9pm after it rises and reaches its highest point at midnight. It will be above the Moon on August 30th – see graphic. Around the same date from 11pm, the mighty Jupiter will shine brightly low in the eastern sky as it starts its climb higher in the sky over next month. Enjoy!

**Chris Dignan**



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Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8 pm	Alison Shreeve		a.shreeve1@btinternet.com
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Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45 pm	Daphne Williams	01494 562455	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High Wycombe and District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Terry Boreham	01494 928220	<a href="mailto:hw.u3a.membership@gmail.com">hw.u3a.membership@gmail.com</a>
Youth Club	Alternate Fridays - see laceygreen.com web site for details 7.30 pm	Natasha Khan	07737 638718	<a href="mailto:natashakann@gmail.com">natashakann@gmail.com</a>
Over 50s Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse. First Tuesday of the month	Yvonne Axe	345216	
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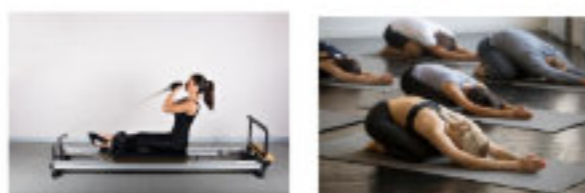
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