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## Welcome to the February edition

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### Suggestions

Thank you for the positive response to my request for ideas, we've had some good suggestions to get us thinking.

We have also met with the editors of the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette, and the Hughenden Valley magazine and corresponded with the Downley magazine, to see if we can learn from each other. We've shared ideas about paper size, publishing frequency, advertisers and printers. You may notice that a couple of articles this month come from Naphill.

We're also keen to improve our interactions with local youth and young parents, starting with contact with the school, associations and youth club.

One idea we are trying this issue is to split out reviews of activities that have taken place, from forthcoming events due to happen in the next 3 months.

We also intend to change the timing of Hallmark production and move our schedule back a month. Future editions will be published at the beginning of March, June, September and December.

### Also

Thank you to the Horticultural Society who have offered to buy a Sorbus Cashmirian tree in a large pot to go into the seating area outside the Hall main doors.

We enjoyed the various displays of Christmas lights in the villages. We are thinking of holding a competition for the best 2024 Xmas lights display. If you have suggestions for the rules, or would like to help run it, then let us know by the AGM.

### Hall Bookings Secretary

After 24 years of managing Hall bookings and ensuring that events run smoothly, Karen Houghton has decided it is time to hand over the role. We'd like to give her a resounding vote of thanks for the vast amount of time and effort she has put in.

Happily, Natasha Kann has agreed to take over the role. So for future bookings contact Natasha on 07737 638718 laceygreenhall@gmail.com.

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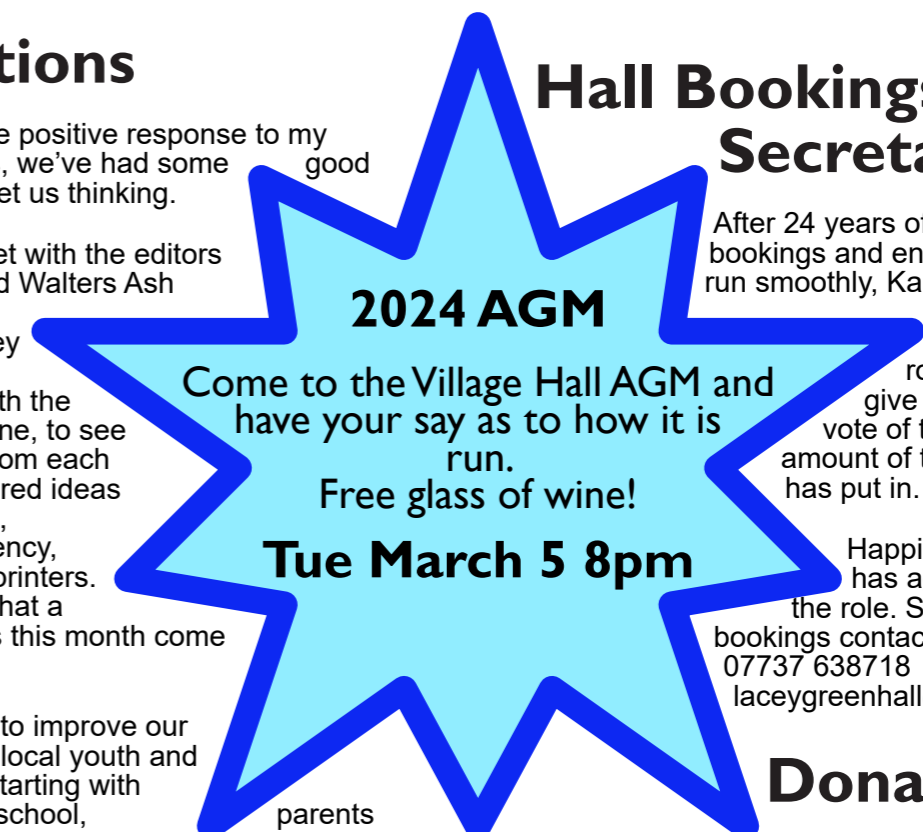
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### Delivery helper

Our Delivery Manager is doing a great job of organising all the deliverers and bagging up the magazines to go to each road. He does however need help to take the approx 40 filled bags and give them to the road walkers. Could you help? You will need a car and to be willing to spend an afternoon driving all round the villages dropping off bags.

### Windmill

Our front cover shows a sad windmill without its sails, which need to be replaced. Our next issue will include details of fund raising for the repairs. Thanks to Jonathan Hilder for the photo.





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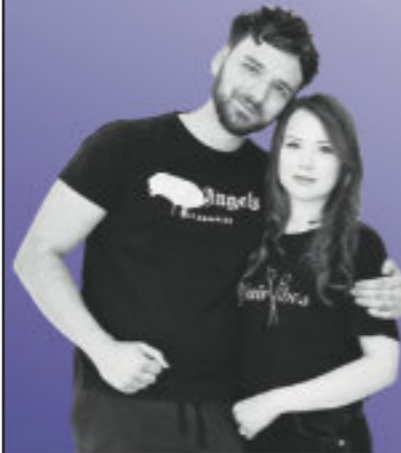
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# WHAT'S ON

## February

Friday Feb 9 & 23: Youth Club meeting (Splash at Risborough Springs) see page 9

## March

Wed March 6: WI talk by Ken Brazier on Managing a Pilgrim Hospital

Fri March 8 & 22: Youth Club meeting (Rollermania at Wycombe Leisure Centre)

Sat March 9: WI Jumble Sale

Sat March 16 11am at the school: Spring litter pickup around the village, see page 29

Fri March 8 & 22: Youth Club meeting

Wed Mar 20: Horts Club AGM followed by talk on Badgers Garden by Simon Bolton

Fri March 29: Craft extravaganza in the school 10am see page 6

Sat Mar 30: Horts Club Spring Show in Village Hall - staging of exhibits 12.30 - 13.30

See page 7 for Easter week Church services

## April / May

Sun April 7 2pm: Windmill reopens

Fri April 12 & 26: Youth Club meeting

Wed April 23: WI Village Quiz

Sun 12 May 11am - 2pm Horts Soc plant sale at Village Hall

May 11 and 12: History Society exhibition of photos in Kiln Lane, see page 6

Wed May 15 6.30pm Horts Club - Rosie Insley Garden Visit

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Held in Village Hall 10am - 12 noon Thursdays. Friendly chatting with tea or coffee and biscuit.

### OVER-50s PUB LUNCH

Come to the monthly lunch on the first Tuesday of the month at the Black Horse. Even if you know nobody you will be welcome and can meet your neighbours. Contact Leigh on 345216

### POST OFFICE

Village Hall: Monday & Thursday 9 - 12

In November the Millennium Hall will be 25 years old and we intend to hold some Jubilee celebrations involving the school and families. Any ideas will be welcome.

### LACEY GREEN WINDMILL

The windmill will reopen on Sunday April 7.

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We were sadly unable to produce our Christmas Pantomime due to illness and we didn't want to wait a whole year, so we are thrilled to be back at Easter instead! With plenty of familiar faces and some new ones too, we will be performing "Peter & Wendy" in the village hall on Good Friday and Easter Sunday with performances on both days at 2pm and 6pm.

Although this has elements of pantomime with plenty of opportunities for audience participation and lots of laughter, this has a more "magical, musical" feel and is the perfect entertainment for the whole family. We would love to welcome you along to one of the performances (Good Friday at 2pm is a signed performance).

Tickets are available now by emailing me at [artistic@equusproductions.org](mailto:artistic@equusproductions.org). Although too late to join us on stage for this one, we love to welcome new people, and if you have an interest in getting involved either onstage for future shows, helping with set, props, costumes, lighting, sound, greeting our audiences or serving at the bar we would love to hear from you. There's plenty of opportunities and we have a lot of fun.

**Fiona Quilter-Wood**



## Memory Lane Photos

An Exhibition of photographs from the extensive collection of the local History Group on Sat 11th May from 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm, and Sun 12th May from 2pm to 4pm at Pondsides, Kiln Lane Lacey Green, HP27 0PT.

## Easter Craft Extravaganza

Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. St Johns School Hall 10am – 12pm

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- Easter Egg Hunt,
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1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of month	12.15	Over 50s Pub Lunch at Black Horse	01844 345216
Every Wednesday	Morning	Pilates	07932 607116
Every Wed or Thurs (Apr - Sept)	Evening	Whiteleaf Bowmen	01628 528978
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month	19.45	Windmill WI	01494 562455
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month	10.30	Happy Wanderers - Hall car park	01844 274961
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month	Morning	The Arts Society of West Wycombe	07885 232171
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month	Evening	Horts Soc meeting	07894 393534
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month	14.00	U3A	07720 254963
Every Thursday	10.00	Coffee Morning	
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Every Friday	13.00	Pilates Beginners	07903 118492
Alternate Fridays in term time	7.30	Youth Club	07737 638718
Last Sunday of the month	10.30	Happy Wanderers - Hall car park	01844 274961

## Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter

March 17: PASSION SUNDAY (fifth Sunday of Lent)  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion with Hymns  
3pm Bereavement Service

March 24: PALM SUNDAY  
10am Parish Communion with Liturgy of the Palms

March 25: Monday of Holy Week  
7pm Compline with Meditation

March 26: Tuesday of Holy Week  
7pm Compline with Meditation

March 27: Wednesday of Holy Week  
7pm Compline with Meditation

March 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY  
8pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper

followed by stripping of the altar

March 29: GOOD FRIDAY  
2pm Last hour and prayers at the Cross in Church Lane

March 31: EASTER DAY  
8am Holy Communion (BCP) with lighting of the Paschal Candle  
10am Family Communion with renewal of Baptismal vows  
6pm Festal Evensong



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# Youth Club

Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen Youth Club has started back after the Christmas break with another wonderful term filled with fun and excitement!

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 from Year 6 - Year 9 every session!

We meet fortnightly, for just £3 a session, at the Millennium Hall, 7:30pm-9pm. All children Year 6 onward, who live in Lacey Green, Loosely Row or Speen are welcome to attend; as well as those who attended St John's School. The dates are also available on the Lacey Green Website.

We have recently had a games night, which included a quiz, bingo and some running around! Everyone was very hot by the end of the night and there was quite a buzz in the hall (plus a lot of noise!).

This term's plan, also includes a session at Fun Splash, Risborough Springs on 9th February; Roller Mania at Wycombe Leisure Centre on 8th March and an end of term Easter Party on 22nd March.

We will return for the summer term on Friday 19th April.

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**  
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It is remarkable to think that our Ukrainian guests have been amongst us for nearly two years. The second anniversary of Putin's barbaric invasion will be marked locally on 24th February by a candlelit vigil held at St Mary's Church, Princes

Risborough. Afterwards, our Ukrainian community will provide food to share as a thank you. Beverages will also be available for a donation; all at St Mary's Church Hall.

The vigil will be opened by the Princes Risborough Town Mayor, Andy Ball, and attended by other dignitaries - Members of Parliament, Princes Risborough local Councillors, Faith Leaders and by many members of our thriving Ukrainian Community. We hope that many of you can attend to show solidarity alongside our guests too.

**Louisa Spearing**

One of our guests, Natasha Kuraptseva, writes:

Unfortunately, war is still going on, and both the defenders of our country and innocent, peaceful people are dying every day. 2022, and now 2023 too, are black pages in the history of the Ukrainian people and of Europe in the 21st century.

It was lucky that we reached distant Britain safe and sound, and here, thanks to the fact that there were real people everywhere lighting candles as hot as hearts, we are safe.

The whole world said that we would not last three days. We have been standing for two years.

We are brave. We are resilient. We are Ukrainians!



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Two years on and this senseless, illegal war continues to ravage Ukraine.

On 24 February 2022, Ukraine, a beautiful, peaceful country was illegally invaded and attacked from land, air and sea. Thousands of innocent men, women and children have been murdered, left homeless and face the daily threat of war and destruction.

We invite you to stand together with our Ukrainian friends to remember those who have been tragically lost, those still fighting and the families who remain, fighting for their survival and a free Ukraine.

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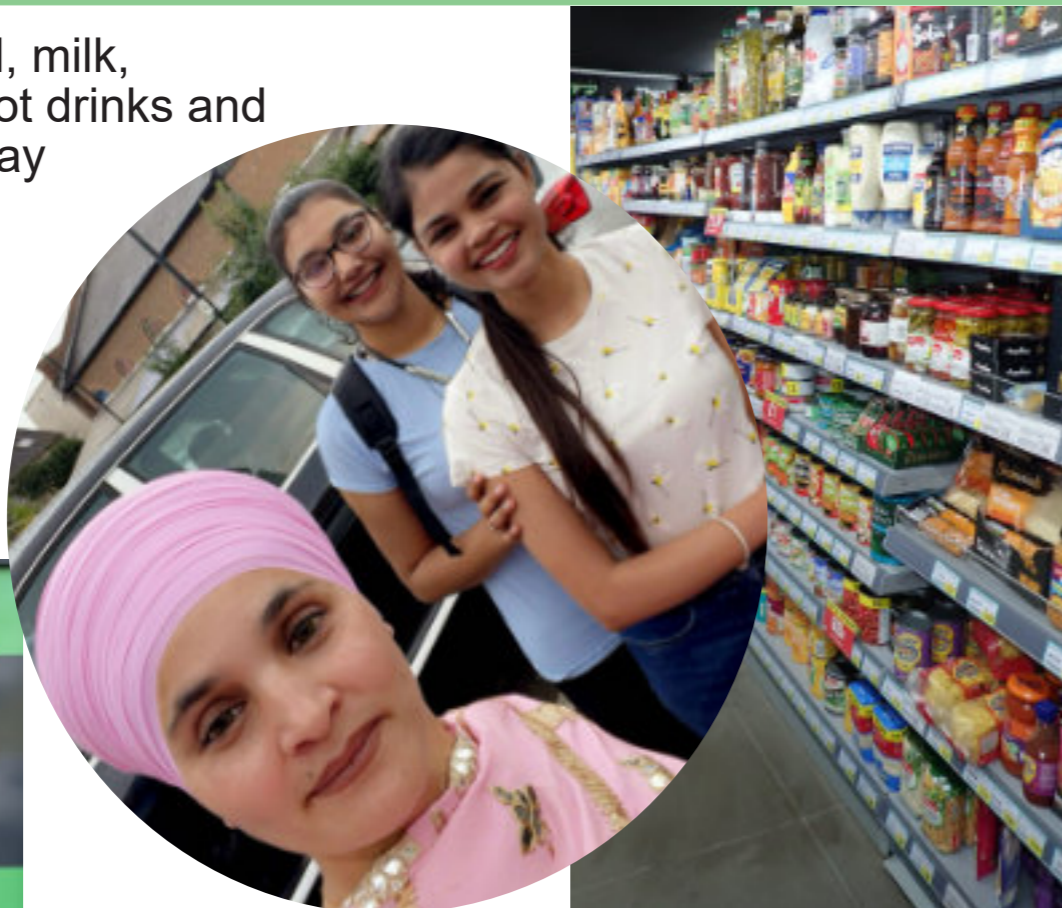
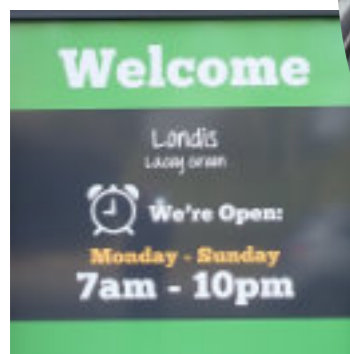
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## Singing for the Sails

We held our second "Carols in the Carpark" event on Christmas Eve and it was lovely to be joined by so many families from the village to welcome Christmas.

As mentioned in the last edition, we decided to add some fundraising to this year's event and monies raised were donated to the Windmill Fund. Huge thanks to Jane Herve for organising the mince pies and mulled wine, the sales of which together with donations, raised £294.50 to kick-start the fund.

Our thanks also go to the Village Hall Committee for donating the wine, to the Co-op for their kind donation of mince pies, to Clive Hodghton for loaning us his speakers and Mickey Gomm of Equus Productions for setting up the sound and lighting and making sure we had some music to sing along to!

See you again next year!



Fiona Quilter-Wood

We had our second Jumble Sale of the year in October. After a busy morning sorting the jumble we enjoyed lunch at the Black Horse. Lots of people came to the Village Hall and we had a very busy afternoon selling.

Our speaker for November, Jaime Frow – Helping to Declutter. This was a very interesting talk and Jaime gave us many tips on how to keep our homes neat and tidy.

In December a few of us went to Haddenham Garden Centre. We enjoyed wandering, buying Christmas baubles and presents.

## WI

We then enjoyed our lunch and chatting together.

This month we also had our Christmas Meal. Some of members cooked a delicious meal. Ken Brazier came and played his guitar and we all joined in the Carol singing. A lovely evening to start Christmas.

We meet at Lacey Green Village Hall the first Wednesday in the month (except January) at 7.15 pm. If you would like to join us you would receive a very warm welcome. We have interesting speakers and outings.

Ann Bartlett



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# St John's Church

St John's Church, Lacey Green held many services throughout the Christmas period, thanks to the dedicated commitment of Canon Tony, Mark Roberts, Graham King, Cher and Gavin Mole, Rosemary Mortham, Margaret Gray, John Gabbitas and everyone in the church choir. Here are a few quotes from various members of a very appreciative congregation regarding their favourite service this year.

### Jo Niven

I really enjoyed the New Year's Eve service. It was wonderful walking into the church and feeling so warmly welcomed by our church family. I found it very uplifting and full of hope for 2024.

### Graham King

My favourite service was the crib service. It's a wonderful informal service, with lots of children from St John's. The youngest was a 6 week old baby sitting in the front row and my 1 year old granddaughter was wandering about, having a lovely time for the whole service

There were 15 children in the front, each with their own puppet, listening to Canon Tony and joining in with their puppets at the appropriate time. It was a wonderful service of stories and songs and all 120 of us had a great time getting into the Christmas spirit.

### Jenny Stothard

I really enjoyed the Nine Lessons and Carols, There was a great mixture of hymns for the congregation to sing. The anthems sung by the choir, a

wide variety of traditional and more modern, were very beautiful. My favourite choir piece was "When a Child is Born" sung by Mike Eden and Carla Gavin. Mike's rich voice paired really well with Carla's clear tones and they sang it with such sensitivity. I'd like to say a big "Thank you" to Cher, Gavin and all the choir!

### Jill White

I liked all the Christmas services. It's lovely to come to your own parish church on Christmas Day. It's not just a building it's all the people in it. The midnight mass on Christmas Eve and the morning service on Christmas day are both special in their own ways. I liked seeing the people, singing, and listening to Cher on our Samuel Green organ.

I always like the crib best with all the extra figures in, and, of course, the beautifully decorated, big Christmas Tree.

### Samuel Green Organ Concert 2nd. December

After many years of fundraising, St John's Church was finally able to pay for the services of the renowned organ restorer, James Richardson Jones to return the church organ – a Samuel Green Parlour Organ built in 1792 to its original condition.

Not only the look, but also the sound of the instrument have been so much improved that it was felt appropriate to hold a celebratory concert. Our thanks go to Gavin and Cher Mole for arranging this, and for obtaining the services of Alastair Ross and his wife Gill to show off the many special features of the organ.

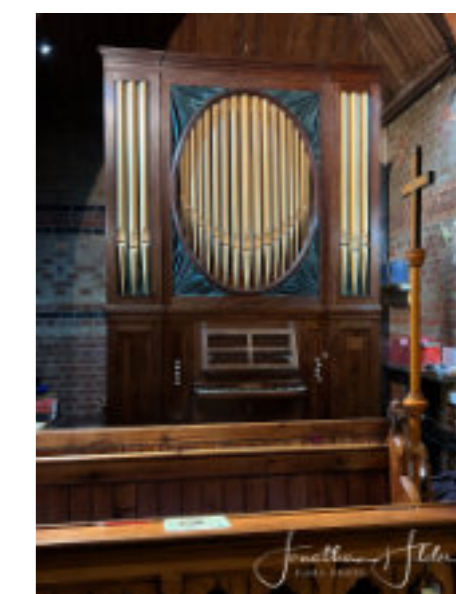
Alastair is a well-known and respected keyboard player, on both organ and harpsichord. His wife Gill has been a member of the Monteverdi Choir, under its conductor John Eliot Gardiner. They both have experience of performing with other old organs. We were very fortunate that they made their talents available to us.

The programme included works by Handel, Bach and Purcell. It was a revelation to have Alastair explain and demonstrate the use of the different stops on the organ.

We were delighted to see such a large and interested audience, including quite a number of other church organists, and especially Thomas Trotter, Birmingham City organist since 1993, who was greatly interested in the restoration of this almost unique historic instrument.

There was an opportunity after the concert for other organists to play the Samuel Green organ themselves. The remainder of the audience was able to socialise, and enjoy the refreshments provided by our church choir.

So enjoyable was the occasion that it is hoped to have a repeat performance later this year, or perhaps in 2025, when St. John's Church will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary. If you were not able to come to this great occasion, don't miss the next!



Rosemary Mortham

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It was a very successful Christmas at Saint John's, as it was for the Church of England as a whole. Each year the Dioceses of the Church of England collect attendance data from each Parish and our experience seems to match the national picture that weekly numbers suggest that we are gradually moving back to where we were before the Covid 19 pandemic lockdown.

In fact, the Bishop of Oxford has advised his clergy that attendances at Christmas services for 2023 were higher than they were in 2019.

So far as Saint John's is concerned, our most popular Christmas services now seem to be the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on the evening of the Sunday before Christmas and which follows the traditional King's College Cambridge

pattern; and our Crib Service on the afternoon of Christmas Eve which attracts a great number of younger families and children.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols featured our talented and enthusiastic choir, and a number of guest readers from the wider community including our two parish schools. The Crib Service for 2023 included the story "Little Old Donkey" which involved fifteen glove puppets held by children from the congregation, as well as four young lesson readers, and a moving performance of "Away in a Manger" with Makaton sign language.

Midnight Mass continues to have a distinctive appeal although the indications are that it is not as popular as was once the case, with adverse weather that night possibly a factor for 2023.



There was a good attendance at our Christmas morning service which felt very relaxing after the very busy period leading up to it; and we were pleased to mark Saint John's festival day on the 27th December with a special patronal service and cake and wine to follow.

**Tony Bundock**

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# Happy Wanderers

On New Year's Eve, nine Happy Wanderers met at the Village Hall for a very muddy walk which took us across Grimsdyke, round the woods behind the RAF Base, across Smalldean Lane and back over the fields to Hamby Close.

It was a good walk despite the mud and we were delighted to be greeted back at our house by lots of the more sensible Happy Wanderers who had decided against the walk in favour of a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. We then all joined together to wish each other a Happy New Year!

Our AGM will be held at Lacey Green Village Hall on Sunday March 24th at 11.30am. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would be interested in joining in the Club. Please contact me on 01844 274961 for more information.

**Liz Lewin**



The New Year's Eve walk was certainly exceptionally soggy in the mud following all the rain that fell in the previous week. We were very lucky not to get rained on whilst we were walking, and there were some wonderful views. I had hoped to catch the short lived rainbow that lit up the sky on the horizon on this view, but it faded away too quickly.

Have you ever thought about joining this group? The average age of the walkers is hitting the 'senior' bracket and we would

enjoy the company of a few younger members.

As you will have seen in the articles, we go on some very interesting and varied local journeys on our walks as well as our annual weekends away to explore and enjoy other attractive and interesting locations – usually negotiating exceptionally low rates and the relevant hotel we base ourselves in.

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### 29 October

Autumn walks are usually beset by weather problems and this Sunday morning was forecast for heavy rain showers. The preliminary walks had been completed in dry and sunny conditions so it was a great disappointment when the weather pundits were proved correct. Peter Clee and his wife Jo were the designated walk leaders and had chosen a previous walk they had led along the Thames area near Bourne End, consisting of a 4 mile walk and a shorter 2 mile stroll, both ending up near the Spade Oak pub in time for lunch.

Ten intrepid walkers assembled in the car park close to the pub with only light rain falling. Two chose to accompany Jo on the short walk and the other seven set off with Peter along the river bank towards Marlow. True to the forecast the rain intensified and

because the previous few days had been wet the ground was saturated with extensive puddles to be negotiated.

Spirits were still high even though we were slowly getting more soaked. At the end of the first leg we turned off and gained the shelter of a woodland path but some rain still found its way through to keep us dripping and the puddles were even more extensive. Our route followed the Marlow bypass and there were some equally intrepid fishermen along the banks of the gravel pits. Our two canine companions seem to be revelling in the rain and mud with their coats turning from persil white to chocolate brown.

After passing Westthorpe House, which has been converted into private apartments, we continued on our route back to Little Marlow, which has a rural charm

all of its own. The rain had slightly abated by now and the final leg took us through fields before entering another wooded area alongside a lake, which has been made into a nature reserve. It was here we unexpectedly met up with Jo's pair of walkers. One of them had tripped over some lifebelt twine, which had been left unravelled across the path, and had fallen into a thicket of brambles. With the aid of several of main party he was rescued from this trap and assisted back the short distance to the Spade Oak.

Under the circumstances, few of our party were in a fit state to enjoy a pub lunch, so the group split up and went their own ways. A rather anti-climatic end to what should have been an enjoyable event, especially as the weather turned sunny in the afternoon!

**Peter Clee**

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December kept us busy, our annual Tree of Light dedication, in remembrance of those who have passed away, raised funds for the Rennie Grove and our Club Charities. Our Christmas Lunch for over 70 of the Town's elderly, which was held at the Princes Centre, was a great success.

We were also able to raise funds during the town's Christmas Lights switch-on and through our Christmas Collections during the 2 weekends prior to Christmas Day. As always the generosity of the local population was amazing. In fact with your generosity we raised over £3,750 from street collections alone. We are keen to ensure we donate these funds to good causes.

One of our major projects in the coming year is the "Risborough Rotary Ramble", on the 7th of July, which is the first Sunday of the town's Festival. The main Challenge Walk is 20 miles -

Wades Park to Longwick, Longwick to Lacey Green and Lacey Green to Wades Park.

Each section is between 5 and 8 miles with transport available to take participants back to Wades Park. There is also a shorter route of around 5 miles, again starting and finishing in Wades Park. Refreshments will be available at the end of each stage.

It will be in aid of various charities. It's hoped that while the Ramble is in aid of charity it will also be fun.

Over the past few years we have managed to raise annually an average of over £33,000. All of which we have donated to local charities and organisations.

To raise such amounts requires considerable effort by our members, luckily we have welcomed a number of new members over the past few months.

Alongside our fund raising efforts, the core Club activities are socially based, with our regular evening meetings at the Whiteleaf Golf Club to which we would be delighted to welcome more members. We're looking for men and women to help us make a difference.

As ever, we remain a fun, friendly Club. If you would like to be part of it and help us contribute locally and internationally, visit our website and consider coming to one of our meetings to see if it might interest you.

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## Lacey Green Sports Club

We hope that everyone is having a good start to the New Year. The Sports Club is having a great start with Tennis and Cricket sections being stronger than ever and the Youth Football going from strength to strength. The Club has had some changes in the last year with the playgroup leaving, however this presents us with a number of opportunities for the future!

It has been great to open the bar more frequently, which has proved popular and we are seeing an increase in bookings for the club. We hope to see this interest continue. If you are interested in hiring the hall for any event please don't hesitate to get in touch at [lglrsc.co.uk](http://lglrsc.co.uk).

The Race Night went very well with our best year ever! We managed to raise £2,500 for the club, with over 100 tickets sold and a busy night at the bar! Thank you to everyone who came and those who helped. Special mention to Jane Oakford and Phil Duff for the Chilli, Cayleigh Pocock and Sam Oakford for helping on the bar and our "Bookies". We were grateful to The Black Horse for sponsoring the event and to those who sponsored races including Tyre Team, Paul Spittles Landscape Gardening, Pokie, Leanne Page, Lynne Comley and Paul Ice Plumbing and Heating. This would not have been possible without Tom Oakford and all his hard work organising the event!

Looking to the year ahead we have lots of exciting events planned. Make sure you are following our Facebook page for all the latest information. However, we can tell you that we are planning a themed night at the club on the 6th July, so save the date and keep an eye out for more details. We will be looking into another Race Night in the Autumn!

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.

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# On the Farm

Finally, as we got into the new year, we have had some drier weather. The autumn has been particularly difficult with such high rainfall. The wet weather has caused us several problems, we have been unable to plant all the Winter Wheat that we planned, and some that we have has yet to fully emerge and may need replanting. We planted 60 acres of grass seeds before it started raining. This seed has rotted in waterlogged soil and will need replanting. This was for grass we hoped to silage at the end of April so another plan will have to be made. We have also ended up with more water in our dirty water lagoon, so this has needed spreading, earlier than we would have liked. Being shut down with TB we have more stock on farm, meaning more cattle are being overwintered, so drier conditions would have been preferred. No doubt it will not rain again and by summer we will be crying out for rain, it's the way the weather seems to go at present!



The TB rumbles on with one reactor in our November test. We are testing again at the end of January. We need to have 2 clear tests to be declared TB free. We are quite over stocked, every barn is full, so we will have to look at selling some cattle at an Orange TB market. This is a market where only DEFRA registered TB fattening units can buy the cattle. Probably not very local to here and at quite a discount.

With the challenges farmers face there has been more interest in the government's environmental schemes, with quite a bit of land coming out of production. With large scale solar projects and house building also taking out land, land for food production is getting squeezed. I hope food security is a priority for the Government, it feels that it should be with the uncertainties in the world.

We have had an 8% milk price rise since the New Year, this is very welcome as we have been running under the cost of production for a few months. The price had been dropping for us for the last 12 months. I notice when the slow down in inflation is talked about food prices are mentioned as though they are just coming down, for us they have been low for 9 months at least.

Princes Risborough Young Farmers, which most of our staff are members of, have been busy in recent weeks, with 2 charity

events. They organised a tractor run back in mid-December. This involved a large convoy of tractors that went from Thame via Chinnor, Princes Risborough, Haddenham and back to Thame. 225 tractors took part. Then after Christmas they did a Christmas tree collection and disposal. This was done with all the takings going to charity any costs involved the Young Farmers donated. They supported two charities the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society which received £4,625 and the Rennie Grove Hospice which received £10,125. So, if you were held up in traffic by 225 tractors or had your tree collected by them it was in a good cause.

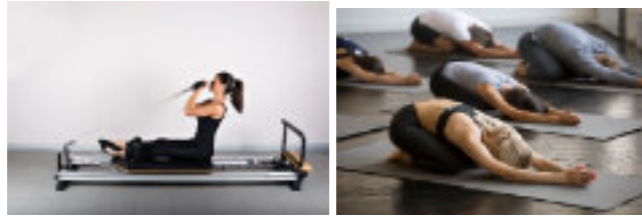
In 2025 Princes Risborough are holding the YFC countryside rally again, so preparations for this have already started. This will be in early June and is being held in Bledlow. Young Farmers is open to anyone (you don't have to be a farmer) from early teens up to the age of 26. They always welcome new members so if you're young and at a loose end its worth looking them up.

**Richard West**



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It's been 6 months since the Lacey Green convenience store opened so I thought it was high time that we had a Hallmark article reviewing it. Most of you will remember Clive's disco shop, this moved to Stokenchurch last winter and the place remained empty for many months. Eventually the builders turned up in early Summer and began ripping out the innards of the building to make room for a bigger shop. We watched with interest as the shop evolved, new ceilings and floors were installed and floor-to-ceiling fridges and shelves arrived.

Finally in June, lorry loads of food arrived and the shop opened for business. The new owners had decided to join the Londis franchise but the signage hadn't arrived so the forecourt looked a bit sad with just a temporary banner. Happily that has now been resolved and the proper Londis signs and window dressing have been installed so it looks fully professional.

I dropped in just after Christmas and chatted with the Manager, who likes to be known as Gumma. She runs the store with her two assistants – Harman and Priya. Her family have a long track record in retail and she was previously in a store in Uxbridge. Gumma has a strong sense of community and likes to know her clients and chat with them – she seemed very popular when I was there! The majority of her customers are local elderly residents but she has also a good passing trade from builders and workmen who are working nearby.

I had thought that parking might be a problem, but Gumma assures me that she keeps an eye on customers and delivery lorries to ensure that they do not block the pavement for child buggies or children going to and from school.

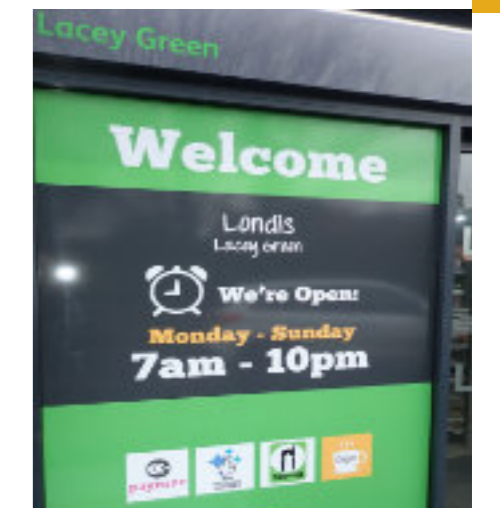
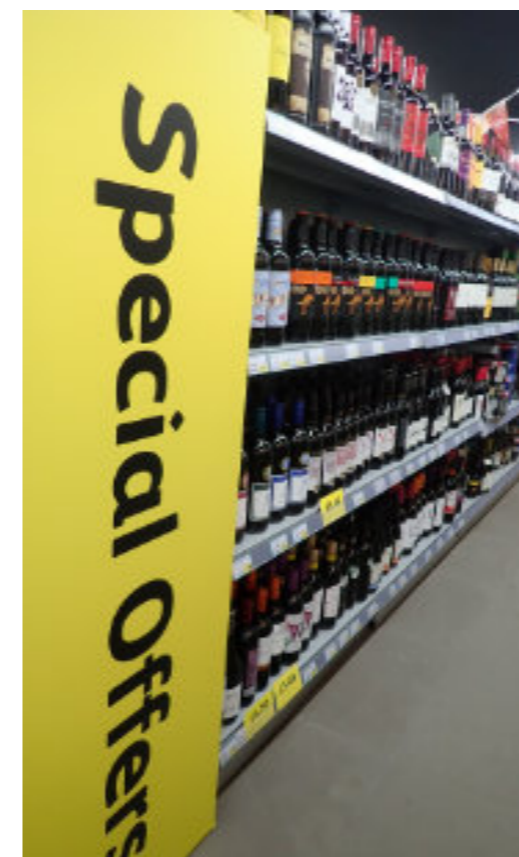
Gumma told me that the shop is designed as a convenience store, selling top-ups to the big weekly shop that people may do at Asda or Tesco. The core items are newspapers, bread, milk, eggs

etc, They seem to have one of everything and have a very extensive selection of beers and wines at very low prices. She does a few local deliveries to her elderly customers and is thinking about setting up to do daily newspaper deliveries. She is keen to listen to her customers and has a little book where the staff write down anything they are asked to get in. The recent addition of hot food and hot drinks is in answer to customer requests.

Her plans for 2024 include reorganising the shelving and till area to increase the selling space available, enabling her to introduce more promotions.

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Mike Piercy



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# Windmill Cap Issues

Lacey Green mill is a smock mill in which a wooden cap with sails sits on top of a tapering wooden body.

The cap is designed to turn to keep the sails pointing into the prevailing wind, and this is carried out automatically by an additional 'fan tail' mechanism fitted to the rear of cap.

If this fan ever receives any wind (because the its not in the 'wind shadow') then it is blown round by the side wind, and its rotation is geared down to gradually nudge the cap around until the fantail is once again in the wind shadow, meaning the sails are once again 'weathered', pointing into the prevailing wind.

Facing into the wind is obviously important if the mill is trying to get maximum power from the wind in order to grind grain.

Less obviously it's highly sensible to maintain automatic 'weathering' even if a mill is not grinding. This is because the cap is not fixed to the tower, it just rests under its own weight, plus that of the sails, and in a severe storm, it is best if the mill is not 'tail winded', where wind pressure on the back face of the sails risks blowing the cap off.

At Lacey Green, the cap has been successfully tracking the prevailing wind since its original

restoration and indeed we've added instrumentation to the cap which measures the cap orientation, and reports its alignment via the web, so that we can be sure it's behaving itself without having to be on site.

Last September however, SmartMolen sent text alerts indicating that the cap was no longer keeping the sails in alignment, and the farmer whose property adjoins the mill reported loud clanking noises.

At the earliest opportunity the cap was manually turned to face SE (the predominant wind direction) and the fantail was strapped down.

Subsequent investigation found one of the rollers on which the cap rests had a chunk missing giving a 'sticking point', and the gear driving the shaft that turns the cap was badly worn. One particular tooth was damaged and skipping, causing the knocking sound and lack of cap movement.



The proposal is to get the cap back turning by renewing both the broken roller and the cast iron gear (repairs to cast iron are not advisable on what is a fairly highly stressed tooth). To do this the existing parts need measuring up and a wooden casting pattern made for each. The actual items can then be cast in iron, finished, and then fitted into place.



Putting the roller in under the cap is sensibly done with as much weight as possible off the cap (ie sails and stocks removed), and access to the fan tail gear is sensibly done when a cherry picker (and cranes) are on site for other reasons.



With these parts replaced, the mill will once again track the wind, significantly reducing the risk of catastrophic storm damage.

Please check the Windmill website and the LG & LR Facebook page. We are looking at a number of fund-raising ideas including a supper and music night in the village hall and hopefully a dinner with a magician and music. If anyone has ideas for children's events please let us know.

We will be open for the season from first Sunday in April to the end of September despite the sails not being on the windmill!

**Jane Herve**

# Windmill Repairs

The sails of the mill were removed last autumn. After over 40 years in Lacey Green weather, serious rot was found in the stocks (timbers to which the sails are fixed). They had rotted where they pass through the casting on the main axle, the windshaft.

They have lasted much longer than on many other restored windmills, thanks to the expertise of Chris Wallis and the original team of restorers.

There was a danger of a sail falling, and causing damage to itself, the mill structure, or anyone nearby.

The sails were removed the modern way using a crane, under the direction of professional millwrights, and are now laid out on the ground near the mill.

One stock was so swollen due to the wet weather it resisted removal, but will also come down before the sails are replaced.

The sails themselves only need minor repairs and repainting, which can be done by local volunteers.



To manhandle them and turn them over to access both sides, a team of fit folk will be needed.

The stocks will be made by millwrights, (possibly in Holland) of laminated timber, but this will depend on funds being raised.

We hope then to re erect the sails later this year.

In addition to the sails, work needs to be done to repair the fantail ,as well as a gear wheel and other parts of the fantail drive, which automatically turns the cap to face the wind.

This failed last year which is why the mill is at present always facing one way.

**Chris Boll**

# The Black Horse

Happy New Year from all of us at The Black Horse!

The winter may have been cold, but things have definitely been hot in the Black Horse kitchen. We had a great Christmas with AJ's Christmas Menu going down a treat. Thanks to all those who came in over the festive period and supported their local. We are currently halfway through January and have just about recovered from our New Years Eve Disco and are getting ready for the rest of the year with plenty of events organised!

We have our annual Burns Night planned and ready to go and are already fully booked! We have

plenty more planned over the next couple of months, so keep an eye on our Facebook Page for the latest news. We should be posting a Mother's Day Menu and AJ's weekly specials return 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 Hallmark.

Dominoes and Crib are having a great season again! The Black Horse team are currently top of the league. Well done to them! If you are interested in getting

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# Parish Council

## Traffic

The Parish council has ongoing engagement with Bucks Council about reducing the speed limit between Walters Ash and Lacey Green from 60 mph to 30 mph. In our view the reduction would mean that drivers observing the speed limit approaching the bend just before the school would not have to reduce their speeds so dramatically.

As part of this process, we have sought joint funding from the community board to collect speed data for traffic using this stretch of road. This data will be used with the data collected for traffic approaching Main Road which we hope will reinforce our argument to make these changes.

In addition, we have also made a case for changing the turn options on the junction of Lower Road and Woodway. We have seen a few occasions now where larger vans coming down the hill from the Whip try to turn left into Lower Road and getting stuck between the corner of the turn and the flint wall opposite, blocking the road completely until help arrives.

In addition, turning right out of Lower Road is not an easy or in my view a safe manoeuvre and can result in a two- or three-point turn into the wrong side of the road. Again, we are in discussion to seek funding for this project as the parish council does not have the funds to pay for this ourselves.

Making any significant changes like these takes time to process and there are lots of other pressures on funding to contend with – not least is the need to repair potholes which are a national issue now. Please remember, if you see a damaging or dangerous pothole and you have time to help, please bring this to the attention of Bucks Council through the online facility [fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

## Wide and Slow!

Continuing the road safety theme, I was advised recently of potentially fatal incident in Lower Road – opposite North Spratt – where a driver made actual contact with a horse rider there, resulting in the rider being thrown from the frightened horse. Fortunately, the rider and horse had no significant injury other than bruising and the mental scarring this event caused. I'm sad to say the driver did not stop.

We ask that all drivers be especially careful when passing a horse and rider – wide and slow is the mantra here and if there is not room to pass the horse in this manner then wait until there is room to do this. However late one might be there really is no excuse for endangering lives – let common sense prevail!

## Spring clean!

On a lighter (or should I say litter) note, we are looking forward to another spring litter pick this year, scheduled for 16th March at 11am.

The venue for collecting pickers is St Johns School Hall. It's much needed in our roads, especially the quieter lanes which seem to suffer most from thoughtless littering!

## Allotments available

Lastly, we are happy to advise that there are gardening allotments to be available at the top of Lily Bottom Lane (near the Pink and Lily pub). This land is shaded in blue in the diagram below.

It belongs to the Princes Risborough Charity and if anyone wishes to rent one of these allotments then they should contact, Sue Coombs, secretary of the Princes Risborough Charity: Tel 01844 344791 or email [suecoombs@outlook.com](mailto:suecoombs@outlook.com).

**Tim MacGillivray**



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## Ant's Dairy

In April last year we all thought our local areas would lose their house-to-house milk deliveries, as Wren Davis ceased trading. From the ashes of this business rose a milkman Antony Cramp. In the space of a week, he went from a roundsman with Wren Davis to owning 3 milk floats and an embryonic milk delivery business.

Some 8 months on we caught up with Antony to see how this local business is developing.

Antony has some great community values that are important to him and our community. This service, like our postmen, helps as our eyes and ears on those in the community who may need help:

- by offering a service to help the elderly and being happy to spend time talking to clients.



- by increasing their products to ensure they can deliver what people need and want.

- by reducing the food miles of what they buy by working with local suppliers such as:

- Darvells
- Tims Dairy
- Local honey
- Bishops Coffee from Hazlemere
- Local eggs
- Cheese

- by bringing back Wren Davies employees into work.

The business has grown to 6 floats with 4 full time employees and Antony will be looking for a 5th shortly. They now deliver 10,000 per week and would love to deliver more in our area. Milk is now delivered directly to them, and they have their own fridge and have even had to buy a forklift to unload the lorries.

They are happy to bill you monthly and take Internet Banking. They do not use standing orders or direct debits..

Antony admits he has exceeded his own expectations in creating a local business that is dedicated to helping the community by bring products directly to the doors to those that need it.



It's great to see people succeed and help keep services in our community that all too often we are losing. We wish Antony every success in the future.

**Jonathon Hilder**

From the Naphill Gazette

(Ant can be contacted on 07359 311817 or see [www.antsdairy.co.uk](http://www.antsdairy.co.uk). Ed)



The Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Team has been joined by Sergeant GILLESPIE. Following some internal changes, she joins us to complete the team of 3 Police Officers and 1 PCSO.

Following reports of parking issues around St Johns School in Lacey Green, the team joined some of the students who act as Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs). We spoke to parents and carers of the school at pick

up time and reminded them about parking safely and considerately.

Crime Reduction advice – please ensure all valuables are removed from vehicles when left unoccupied, we have received reports of vehicles being broken into overnight whilst parked on driveways in the Princes Risborough area.

If you require any crime prevention advice, or have any questions for the team please email [HighWycombeRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:HighWycombeRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk)



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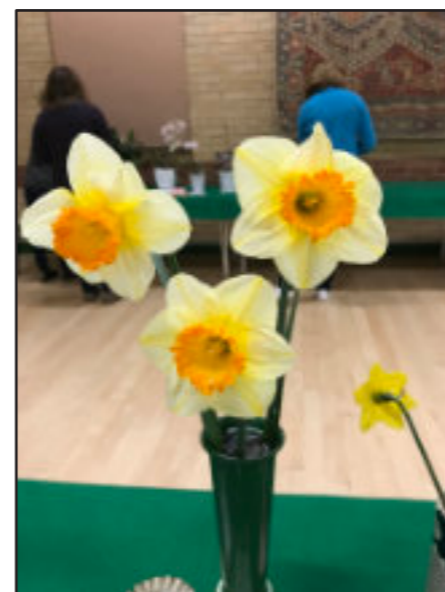


# Horticultural Society

The New Year brings a time of hope and plenty to look forward to in the garden. Now is the time to plant and to sow seeds ready for the summer harvests. In February to March many annual flowers and vegetables can be started off in the warmth on a windowsill.

Ideally young plants will need good light to do well. Not everyone has the space or the ideal location to grow from seed of course, so you might prefer to come along to the Plant Sale in the Millennium Hall on Saturday 12th May where we will have a variety of vegetables, shrubs and flowers for sale.

The first event of our year happened in January when we have a speaker on the third Wednesday of the Month. This year the speaker was a snowdrop expert.



The next big event for the Society is the Spring Show. We are always at the mercy of the weather for this one, but usually we can find a few narcissi or flowering shrubs and the more creative among you might like to have a go at the craft section or the floral art.

It is a smaller show than our Autumn one, but designed to have enough variety for everyone.

However, it is particularly aimed at the younger members of the community for whom it is free to enter. There are different age groupings so that we are not pitting the skills of a four-year-old against a teenager!

The children's categories include a Lego model, making and growing things, as well as a jam jar of flowers and foliage. They are also able to enter the open classes and do on occasion show up the more experienced growers among us by winning overall, in spite of the age categories.



If you are not a member you are very welcome to enter the show too. Full details are on the schedule which is available on the village website.

In order to help newer exhibitors we are holding two workshops this year, one in March and one probably in August, though the date for this is to be confirmed.

The March workshop on Sunday afternoon (date tbc) will be run by our domestic judge who is a fully qualified and very experienced WI Domestic Judge. She will talk through what she is looking for in the most commonly found items of baked goods (e.g. Victoria Sponge, scones, bread, jam etc).



Similarly, our very experienced National Vegetable Society Judge, Graeme Hollingdale will talk through what he looks for and how to win points in these classes.

We hope this will encourage some less experienced growers and bakers to have a go. Full details of the workshops will be circulated to members as soon as details are confirmed. If you are not a member but would like to attend, please contact a member of the committee.

The Society meets on the third Wednesday of alternate months, but we do also organise workshops, visits and trips, outside these fixed date. To be sure of getting the right information please do consider joining the society. The fees due in March are £7 for the year, which includes six talks. There are benefits for members at Hildreth's Garden Centre and we circulate other horticulturally related activities throughout the year for your interest.

To end on a heads-up regarding dates, we usually hold our Autumn Show on the first Saturday of September, but this year the hall has been booked by someone else, so we are having a break with tradition and holding the show on Sunday 1st September. Full details of shows and schedules will be sent out to members and put on the website. Please make a note in your diary of the change of date!

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It takes a determined member to want to turn out to Wednesday night club tennis when it's cold and the wind is blowing! The weather during November, December and January has been truly shocking and had a major detrimental impact on our tennis activities.

However, the prospect of having to reorganise Aylesbury League matches has kept postponements to a minimum and our winter positions are generally good. Men's 1 sit third in division 5 with every chance of promotion this season. Men's 2 has seen several really good players join over the past 12 months and this is reflected in their performance. They've won 9 out of a possible 12 points and sit second in division 8 with a favourable run of matches to come.

After promotion last season, the ladies have struggled this winter and are towards the bottom of division 7 with a couple of games in hand. Our mixed team have performed strongly and should get promotion to division 5 ...fingers crossed!

Over the summer and autumn, we play our internal singles' championships which are always exciting and played to the max.

The ladies' final was Julia Argent v Jo Boothroyd and the men's was Matt Keane v Paddy Woods-Ballard. Well done to all who took part and special congratulations to our eventual winners Jo and Matt.

In late November, our coach Dan organised a fantastic trip to Malaga to watch the Davis Cup quarter finals and play some tennis at Malaga Tennis Club. Malaga is a lovely city with lots of narrow streets, interesting shops and perhaps some good bars along the way too! Malaga is hosting again this year, so maybe the chance of a return visit?

We arrived back just in time for the club's annual Christmas dinner which was held at the Princes Risborough Golf Club across the valley. 40 or so members enjoyed a lovely meal and congratulations to Angela and Ross Gibbings who were my chosen members of the year. Both have been very loyal members who work tirelessly for the club and have carried out various roles over the past 15 years or so.

## Future Plans

We are in the final stages (we hope) of receiving planning permission to build a toilet and a padel court next to court 1. Padel tennis is the fastest growing sport in Europe and is very popular in France, Spain and Portugal. It is played on a half-sized court and is a cross between tennis and squash. It is loved by both young and old and is quite easy to pick up. In the UK, clubs have struggled to keep up with soaring demand and many have introduced waiting lists.

The other major focus will be to change the courts to a different surface. Artificial clay is probably the best and provides a softer feel for sore knees. The major disadvantage is the level of maintenance required to keep it in good condition.

And finally, after 10 plus years of writing these articles, I shall be handing over the role as I am stepping down as chair. The club enjoys record membership and significant resources to invest improving the facilities. A perfect opportunity for a new person to take it forward.... exciting times !.

**Nigel Glenister**

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We are grateful for the support from our residents and for 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.

## 2024/25 Budget Plan

The Council is currently undergoing its budget setting process for 2024/25.

The process started in early January with the Cabinet publishing its Medium Term Financial Plan to take the Council through to 2027. This outlines how the Council will 'balance the books' right up to the end of the 2026/27 financial year. It defines some of the key areas and projects where it is proposed to spend money on over the next four years.

You might have heard in the news about the acute pressure council budgets are under. We are experiencing the same here in Buckinghamshire with escalating costs. Demand is growing for critical services like social care, temporary accommodation for families who've become homeless and home to school transport services.

These services alone now account for 71% of the Council's total spend. They are all essential services that we are legally obliged to provide, and some of the most vulnerable of Buckinghamshire's residents rely on them.

Because the cost of these services has risen so significantly, a number of councils are finding it harder and harder to balance their budgets and more and more are having to effectively 'declare bankruptcy'.

We are not in that position here in Buckinghamshire and the Financial Plan proposes continuing investment in many key services such as roads and schools. However, anyone who looks at the detail of these proposals will see that the plan can only do that by making significant spending reductions. It's likely that residents will see and feel a difference in some of the Council's 'universal' services, such as reducing the opening hours at Household Recycling Centres, balancing this with still providing residents with as much flexibility as possible.

The Council's costs have been impacted by inflation too, which at its peak ran as high as 11% for consumer prices. However, the costs of the services the Council purchase have gone up far more – for example, prices for road construction and repair costs have risen between 20% - 30%.

To meet all of these challenges the 2024/25 budget plan proposes a rise of 2.99% in the basic rate of council tax and a 2% rise in the Adult Social Care precept, meaning a proposed total rise of 4.99% in council tax bills, or an extra £1.69 per week for the average Band D household.

## Spending

On the spending side the Council has a budget of £656 million to spend on so-called 'capital' projects in the next four years. This 'capital' programme takes in spending on specific projects; while the 'revenue' budget is the budget for the day-to-day costs to run the council and services for residents.

Over the next four years the Council is proposing spending:

- £105 million on the highways network
- £25 million on supporting housing and homelessness

- £14.7 million on climate change and flood management projects

- £37.6 million on town centre regeneration and economic growth

Overall, we want to assure you that the Council is providing good service and value for money is the most important principle that underpins these plans. The Council also want to ensure any savings are realistic and achievable, that deliver a responsible budget that really can work, and that we do not excessively rely on using the Council's reserves.

The plans have gone through the Council's Budget Scrutiny Committee in January and will now be voted on by the whole council during February.

The Budget plans can be found on the website.

## Surgery Dates

The team hold regular surgeries across the ward to hear from residents directly and we are currently finalising the list for 2024. 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)

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 either:

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# Heavenly Bodies

Some of the most amazing constellations with their bright stars blaze across the night skies this month accompanied by the King of the Planets.

Orion, the Hunter, dominates the view marked out by the glows of its main stars (see graphic). Betelgeuse shines orange-red at the top left corner of the constellation. It's thought that this red super-giant star, lying about 500 light-years from us, may be close to exploding in a supernova because it has been dimming and brightening over the last few years. It's huge. If it was at the centre of our Solar System, it would stretch out to the Asteroid Belt, engulfing Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. Another theory says that the dimming is probably caused by dust clouds partially obscuring it. Best to keep an eye on it anyway because if it went supernova, it would be visible in the daytime!

Below the line of the three stars of Orion's Belt is what looks like a smudge with the naked eye. This is the famous Orion Nebula

where gas and dust are giving birth to new stars. If you look at it with binoculars you'll see a whole lot more. Bottom-right of Orion is Rigel, a blue super-giant star that will end its life in a supernova explosion to leave either a black hole or neutron star. The latter is the tiny star remnant in which matter is so dense that a matchbox-sized blob of its material would weigh three billion tonnes!

Looking above-right of Orion is the constellation of Taurus with its orange stellar wonder Aldebaran. It is a red giant star, 44 times wider than our Sun and 400 times brighter. It is much closer to us than Betelgeuse at just 65 light-years away, but plucky space probe 'Pioneer 10' (launched in 1972) still has about two million years to go before making its closest approach to Aldebaran.

East of Taurus is a bright, white light looking like a big star. But it is mighty Jupiter with its entourage of dramatic moons and their volcanoes and vast ice sheets. The planet's famous

Great Red Spot (GRS) is the largest storm raging in the Solar System and is wider than Earth. The GRS is now shrinking in size but gaining in height.

You'll see the Moon approaching Jupiter and gliding past it from the 14-16th February (see graphic). On the 21st, the Moon's orbit will have taken it west over to the two 'head' stars of Gemini, the Twins. The top bright star is Castor, which looks pale blue and is actually six separate stars, named after the mortal one of the Twins. The star below is golden Pollux which is nine times the width of our Sun and has at least one planet, twice Jupiter's size, orbiting it.

One final thought – 'British Summer Time' begins next month! Enjoy the skies..

Chris Dignan



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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.

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