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School visit to Whipsnade Zoo

– collage by students of St John's School

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Our aim is to mirror the mark that the Village Hall makes upon our community, to publish the activities of all Village organisations, and to provide a forum so that the rights, the wrongs, the well-being of village life can be aired.

News from all the Village clubs, societies, church and school, stories of local interest and entries for the Village Diary are always welcome. In addition, any suggestions for improving Hallmark.

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From the Editor(s)



If you would like to join Mike Piercy and I in the **editing of Hallmark**, which introduces you to many interesting people and, of course, puts you amongst the first to hear of local news, please contact

me as above. With so much voluntary work being done towards our new website, we could do with someone who is both interested **and has time** available to contribute to editing. If you can use MS Word, you can help us as well as interesting yourself in village activities and people. I am also on a number of email contact lists

through Paul Rogerson, our County & District Councillor, which provide us with various other subjects of reading matter, from which I choose which are suitable to enter into Hallmark as far as space allows. Like to join us?

Our website www.laceygreen.com team is now making good progress in several ways. Look it up periodically to see what's newly added. By the time you read this, you will hopefully be able to see all previous Hallmark articles of 2007 & 8, including almost all **photos in colour**! You would also be able to enlarge the text & pictures –

and print them. This edition's Village Diary should also be there. There are lots of links to other websites relevant to our villages. You won't begrudge your time, I assure you! We're also open to your ideas.

Con Baker, our oldest villager, had her 100th birthday on Saturday 12th July, celebrated memorably that day by a full village hall of relations (including 14 who had travelled from Canada) and many friends - see pages 11 & 12. Our 81st Over-60s Club also celebrated their member's achievement with a charming live concert by children from St John's School - see pages 20-22. The continuation of her article on her girlhood reminiscences has had to be delayed until the next edition in November for lack of space, as have some other good reading.

Another article relating to our villages' history is on the

repainting of our **350-year old windmill** (the UK & Ireland's third oldest of any shape and the very oldest smock-shaped mill) on pages 29 & 30.

Unfortunately, Barney Parker had no contributions to his new **Young persons page** (page 16). Our aim is to make Hallmark better reading for young folk, but we can't do it without participation by that age group. Please!

I must **apologise** for the mistakes in the Sports Club Cricket Section's fixtures lists in the last edition. The lists as typed by Les Rixon and provided by Geoff Gomme were faultless but somehow became almost useless after the first few lines by the time they appeared in Hallmark. I've slapped my wrist – no excuses!

Lacey Green Singers

Concert on May 17th



Rosemary Mortham and the Singers seemed to enjoy the evening, even when serving the refreshments after the concert was over!



The conductor was our local **Jane Brown**, who was comfortably competent.

The music was Andrew Lloyd Webber's **Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**. The soprano soloist was Fran Hall and the accompanist Thelma Malpas.



◀The audience chose its seating, **NONE** left empty!

The olde English ► atmosphere of Piggot's Barn made the eats, drinks and chatting the more enjoyable



POPULAR VILLAGE HALL OCCASION

Now in it's 8th year

WINDMILL ARTISTS ART SHOW

Sat 8th November

10am - 4pm

With all day Bistro

Coffee

Lunch

Tea

Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI

Quizz Victory

They've done it again! Our brilliant general knowledge team, Kathleen Turner, Doreen de Gray and Sally Pilkington have won the THREE COUNTIES QUIZZ and not for the first time.



The winners with the cup!

National Resolutions

Each year the WI holds a national conference, at which resolutions submitted by members are debated & voted upon. The resolutions this year were:

1. Dredging base of ocean. "This meeting asks HM Government to urge the EU to ban bottom trawling, which causes catastrophic loss of marine life!"

2. Mental health care for families. Inappropriate imprisonment of severely mentally ill. "In view of the adverse effect on families of the imprisonment of people with severe mental health problems, this meeting urges HM Government to provide treatment or therapy in a more appropriate & secure residential environment".

In the early days of the European Common Market, the WI campaigned to keep the daily doorstep delivery of fresh milk, for it had been suggested that we adopt UHT! So please keep up your orders to our milkman.

June 12. On this afternoon, we were addressed by a speaker regarding health and our hearts.

July 10. Members were enthralled by the beautiful slide show of *Wild Life in Bucks*. The close-up photography would have impressed Bill Oddy and the information gathered by ringing birds was amazing. The meeting concluded with a very special tea and cake as we all celebrated the 100th birthday of Connie Baker, who looked no more than 75! What a wonderful achievement!

Aug 14. We look forward to a trip organized by our President, Jill Baker, to visit an open garden in Ellesborough, followed by a cream tea at the home of Jill Baker's daughter.

Jean Gabbitas

July, and my quarterly question is here again, "What to write about for Hallmark?" Just deciding is half the battle and I thought I had come up with an idea when farming was in the news again and I felt I should respond to that. The news is that despite the decision made by the government in response to a long awaited report, to trial a badger cull, it is not to happen because it was felt that the public would not like it. What a waste of an expensive investigation and is that a good reason?

Does the public know what it is all about? If not, the answer is tuberculosis. TB was a scourge for humans. The council hostel off the B4010 along opposite the Rose and Crown was a TB sanatorium at least up to the 1960s. Isolation and fresh air for many months was the prescription. The wealthy went to live in the Alps but most went to sanatoriums in the countryside if they were lucky.

The government wisely set out to eradicate it. As cattle could get it, all milk was, and still is, tested so that milk was safe. All cattle have to be tested to see if they react to vaccine inoculation. In high risk areas in the west every six months, here at present every three years. It is a huge task, every animal having to be brought home twice to be put through the crush, but it does get results. If an animal reacts it has to be slaughtered. This can be devastating for a pedigree herd where the blood lines are so important, and also for pet cattle. Its upsetting enough for a commercial herd, where the animals are home bred and with you for generations. Compensation is paid for slaughtered animals out of the government coffers (your money and mine). Last year twenty eight thousand animals were put down. The public does not seem to mind that being done. The concentration of this started in the West Country and has rapidly spread eastward until there are now quite a number of cases in Oxfordshire. So it's not far away.

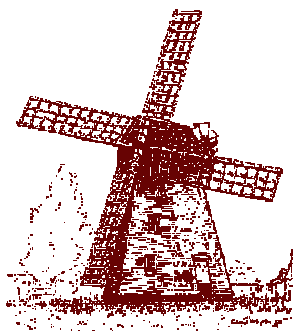
The badger population is in relation to this spread. They too get sick with TB. As with all wild animals, they do not foul their homes. They keep their setts immaculate so it follows that they contaminate the land around. This is very often pastureland as they favour hedgerows and woodland. The problem is complicated by two factors. Badgers are a protected species. This was done because they are an aggressive animal and they were used for badger baiting, which to me is a disgusting sport and rightfully banned. Secondly, the public does have a soft spot for them, particularly readers of *Wind in the*

Willows with wise old badger. It never occurs to them that they can get sick. From my experience, I would say that all farmers and countrymen respect wildlife. The only thing we do not want on the farm are rats and mink, which are extremely vicious (they were released from a local mink farm some years ago by animal rights protestors) and we are not too keen on mice but we live with foxes and badgers, even though the deep holes of the setts need to be avoided and, as for foxes, suffice to say we no longer have any pet chickens despite our cautious care. But if the badgers here become sick and our cows become reactors and have to be slaughtered will we feel so tolerant? It's true you will be paying us compensation but that will not replace the cows we have nurtured from conception.

Strangely enough that all leads on to one of the things I had thought of writing about. We may have three hundred cows and they may have numbers on their backsides but they are nevertheless personal. There are a number calving at present. All the cows should give birth once a year as they have to have a calf in order to produce milk. They are milked for ten months and then have two months maternity leave. A close watch is kept on them when due to calve. It is preferable that they are born in the fields and most manage unaided. As long as the calf is presented right it should be OK. Two front feet and then a nose looks good. One foot and a nose or no feet and a nose and there is trouble. That's when the sleeves have to be rolled up and, against the straining of the cow, the calf must be pushed back again and the legs sorted out. They can be born head last but it must be a quick delivery so they can start breathing, so again assistance would be needed. An unsuccessful birth - a tragic failure. A successful birth - wonderful. Lots of children have been looking at the cows in the front field on their way past the drive. These are those due to calve. I don't know if any have seen a new born calf as it totters to it's feet and instinctively searches for it's mother's milk while the mother licks it clean. Or maybe even seen a calf being born. If they have I can only imagine they were spellbound.

Those calves and their mothers are of special concern - they are personal. An accidental loss is a tragedy, but deliberate slaughter is a travesty if nothing is done to get some control over the whole situation, both wild and domestic. The government did well controlling TB. at first, even if initially it was human health that made them act. It is not so now. For the sake of our animals, they need to find a solution to this, and act and fast. We can put man into space, surely something positive can be done about this challenge here on earth.

The Windmill WI



We have had mixed fortunes with regard to the weather and our WI activities this summer. We were very lucky with our evening ramble, the weather was ideal for walking. The route took us around Great Hampden and was ably led by Margaret Gray and Bunny Dunham. Thank you, ladies. Unfortunately, we were not so lucky with our Summer Supper which was held at the home of our president Pat Richards on one of the wettest evenings of the summer. Not to be daunted we went ahead, very grateful that Pat has a large conservatory. As you can see from the photograph, it was very 'cosy' but a good time was had by all. Thank you Pat and Colin for your hospitality.

actual filming of the event. Mr Rye was a most interesting and entertaining speaker – not one of our members started to 'nod off' – always a good sign of an excellent presenter!

Several members have attended Bucks Federation events and outings. Pat and I attended the Council Meeting held this year at Princes Risborough Upper School. The speaker, conductor, John Gibbons was fantastic – we were both really disappointed when his talk came to an end. Two members recently went on a trip to Westonbirt Arboretum, nr Tetbury, in Gloucestershire. Although the weather was not particularly kind, they still managed to have a great time. Westonbirt Arboretum has one of the most spectacular tree gardens in the world, having a collection of over 3000 different trees. The rhododendrons were also in full magnificent bloom.

Early in May, five members attended a Literary Lunch at Cheddington Village Hall and what a great time they had! The lunch was excellent and the speaker, author Sally Vickers, was most interesting.

We have several events to look forward to – our August meeting (6th) when our speaker will be Mrs Owen talking about *Healthy Eating*, a trip to the gardens at Wisley and then our 21st birthday meeting in September (3rd) when we will be hearing about *The life of a Dwarf from Birth to Work* by Mr R Goffe. Why don't you come and join

us – our meetings start at 7.45pm – and we will make you very welcome.

Looking further ahead, please make a note in your diaries of our next **Jumble Sale – SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER**. If you have any jumble you wish to donate, please bring it along to the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon and then come back again at 2pm – you may find something for your wardrobe or an item 'just what you wanted' on the white elephant stall.

Daphne Williams



Our May meeting was our Resolution meeting, when we discussed and voted on the resolutions to be put forward at the NFWI Annual General Meeting, which this year was held in Liverpool. After the serious side of the meeting had finished, we indulged ourselves with cheese and wine. The speaker at our June meeting was Mr Colin Oakes talking about *Famous Writers of Bucks* – I don't think any of us realised how many well-known literary persons have been connected with this area. This month our speaker was Mr Edwin Rye, whose subject was *Making a Garden for BBC Gardener of the Year*. Mr Rye won this title in 2002 and he talked about his planning and preparation for entering the competition and the

Strawberry Tea

AT BRIAN & JUDY WICKS' HOME WITH WEST WYCOMBE BRASS BAND



Oh joy. oh rapture, Strawberry Tea
What a great success it turned out to be
The venue was perfect, the weather stayed fine
Folk came by the dozen, had a wonderful time

Sincere thanks to the helpers, cake makers too
Those in the kitchen who made a fine brew
The garden looked lovely, there's no denying
So three cheers from us all to Judy and Brian!

P.S. We made almost £370 towards Village Hall funds.

Betty Tyler



Con Baker's 100th Birthday Celebrations



Our oldest villager had her 100th birthday on Saturday 12th July, celebrated memorably that day by a full village hall of relations - including 14 who had travelled 3,500–4,500 miles from Canada - and many friends from the UK, near and far.

◀ The Forge forecourt was decorated. Close friends & relations met to see Con off in a relation's 1938 vintage Morris convertible car for her ride to the village hall celebrations.



▲ The Lacey Green & Loosley Row Millennium Hall was comfortably full of loving happy people, all amazed at Con's mental and physical health



◀ The West Wycombe Brass Band played Con's selection of music, which everyone enjoyed



**A varied buffet lunch was provided by
The Black Horse**



Con enjoyed a dance!



**She blew out her candles, which were divided
between 8 cakes!**



**There was a display of photos of Con at different
stages of her life**



And she did get her card from the Queen!

Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting took place in Speen Village Hall on Wednesday 7th May 2008. Cllr. Mrs Cathryn Davies and Cllr. Roger Craft were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 14th May 2008 in Lacey Green and Loosley Row Millennium Hall. In her report, Cllr Mrs C Davies said her first year as Chairman had been challenging, yet rewarding. The Parish Council had taken a pro-active approach to the challenges set before then, some of which are still ongoing. Reports were received from Council colleagues on the Playground, the Garden of Rest, the Parish Plan and the finances of the Parish Council. Thames Valley Police also gave a report.

Discussions are in hand regarding the possible updating and refurbishment of the Playground. Various options and costs involved are currently being explored.

The Parish Council have instigated reports on two ponds within the Parish. These proved very informative, giving details of the natural environment to be found

surrounding these areas. The reports have enabled us to request funding for restoration and maintenance on Deep Pit Pond in Kiln Lane. The Parish Council acknowledge with thanks the funding from the Chiltern Conservation Board towards this project.

The increasing cost of energy is making it more difficult to pay our fuel bills. In an effort to help save rising expenditure, Karen Weber, Affordable Warmth Co-ordinator for Buckinghamshire, is promoting home insulation. Free loft and cavity wall insulation is available for people aged 70 and over, if they own their own house or are privately renting. Owner-occupiers or privately renting tenants who are under 70 years of age can receive a grant or discount to improve the insulation in their homes. Ring the **Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** on freephone **0800 512012** to find out more about these National Government funded schemes, or to arrange a free (non-obligation) survey.

Buckinghamshire County Council has launched its Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2008-2018. The Plan sets out the strategy for the rights of way network for the next ten years, identifying the priorities, actions and approach the Council will take in developing the network

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for the future. There are approximately sixteen miles of public rights of way in the Parish. As part of the Plan, Parish Councillors have agreed to undertake inspection of all paths in the Parish on a regular basis. Additional volunteers are always welcome to assist in this project.

Mrs R Ahmed has tendered her resignation as a Parish Councillor. The vacancy is to be filled by co-option. If any one is interested and would like to be considered for the vacancy, or requires more information on the work involved, without obligation, would they please contact the **Clerk to the Council: Mrs Susanne Griffiths, Westfield Cottage, Westfields, Whiteleaf, Princes Risborough HP27 0LH, 'phone 01844-342685** or e-mail sue@princesrisborough.com

Councillor Dennis Claydon



Notice in a cemetery: "Due to the grave-diggers strike, all grave digging will be done by a skeleton crew".

Most people can keep a secret; it's the people they tell it to who can't.

School's Visit to Whipsnade Zoo

Hallmark's cover is one of the collages schoolchildren did after their day out to Whipsnade Zoo. The following is an introduction by Paul de Wolf, Head Teacher, followed by two of the pieces written by students, which add to the many pieces of embroidery and other enjoyable works of art recording their memories. See also pages 31&35.

'Animals and Habitats' - Theme Week – Summer Term 2008 By Paul de Wolf, Head Teacher

Our theme week started on Monday 23 June with a whole school visit to Whipsnade Zoo. Each class had chosen a particular focus for their visit and subsequent follow up work.

The aims of this focus week were to give the children the opportunity to develop their own lines of enquiry, investigate ways of researching a variety of animals and habitats. Children were very involved with planning their own work and discovering alternative ways of presenting their findings. Another important part of this week was to prepare a display of work for the open afternoon held on Wednesday 9 July. The open afternoon was very well attended, with many parents commenting on how impressed they were with the variety and high standard of work produced. Our evaluation of the week shows the children felt they achieved a great deal and, most importantly, how much they enjoyed working within a thematic framework.

Two by Two By Holly Halliday, Year 5

The elephants go in two by two,
And stamp their way around the zoo,
The keeper puts the food in the pen,
They rushed right in there and then.
The monkeys go in two by two,
And swing their way around the zoo,
There in the treetops right up high,
Jumping off as if they can fly.
The parrots fly in two by two,
And soar their way around the zoo,
Flying around squawking loudly,
Up in the sky where it is cloudy.
The penguins waddle in two by two,
And shuffle their way around the zoo,
They spotted their pool and dived right in,
Some even did it with a little spin.

The animals went in two by two,
They made their way around the zoo,
The children saw the animals parade,
Did you enjoy the trip to Whipsnade?

My trip to Whipsnade

By George Beale, Year 4

On the 23rd June 2008 I went on a trip to Whipsnade Zoo. I set off with everything I needed: water bottle, snack, lunch, sun cream, cap, all in a small rucksack. We set off at 9.15; I sat with Duncan on the coach. When we got to Whipsnade it was 10.15, a good hour's ride. Once we got into the zoo we went to look at the big brown bears. Mrs Rodbourne told the class to go to our group leaders. I was with Duncan's mum, who came to the zoo with us with two other helpers. We were given sketching paper and had to complete a survey writing the animal's name down and where it comes from and other information. The bears were huge. Mrs Rodbourne was helping us do the first one on our survey, just to make sure we were getting the right idea.

Next we went to see the penguins, which are fascinating creatures, but are endangered. I saw one dive into the water; that penguin was a fast swimmer. I did the next bit of information on my survey. This time I did it on my own and then did some sketching. Mrs Rodbourne said to draw a part of an animal and when we saw the next animal do the same for that. I sketched the feet of the penguin; they were scaly. We moved on to draw the rhino. I drew its big feet - they were massive. I did my survey about the rhino and then moved on.

After we went to see the rhino we saw the hippo. He was lying in the sun because it was a warm day. He was perfect to sketch and complete my survey. It was a long walk to the cheetahs. I was a bit stuck because I did not know where cheetahs come from so I looked on the information board to help me with my survey. Then I sketched one of the cheetah's legs.

We sat down next to a large tree and ate our lunch. I saw a train which had a lot of smoke coming out of the funnel. I sat with Eliot, Joe and Jake. As we were eating our lunch I saw the train again, rolling away down the track.

Once we had eaten our lunch, we started to walk to the Discovery Centre. When we were inside, I saw lots of things. There were millions of fish. I saw a tarantula and a crocodile. I had to find a reptile, an amphibian, fish and two invertebrates on my own. I enjoyed a good hour in there.

Soon it was time to go back, so we walked back to the coach and drove back to school! This was a great day out for all my school.

Hi,

The imaginatively named Young persons page*

It's me again sitting here putting together another issue of Hallmark's fabled "young persons page" and wondering how on earth I'm going to be able to get enough stuff to fill my page. One idea I had was to ask the readers to send content to;

HALLMARKYOUTHPAGE@YAHOO.COM

but that didn't work. The other idea was to fill it with my babbling, page filling nonsense (i.e. this intro) which is some times interesting but certainly never relevant.

What is there to do in Lacey Green and surrounding areas for young people? Please let me know your favourite activities, hobbies or pastimes, (preferably legal), whether they are with an organisation / club or more freestyle. If I get enough info we could have a 'What's on' section and I could do a small feature in future editions.

WARHAMMER 40k
May be being collected but never used in epic battles, If you want to find someone to battle your models against in your local area please get in touch.

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**I am currently looking for a new name for the imaginatively named "Young Persons Page". Please send in your ideas.*

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Something to make you go hmmm...

Trust me, I'm

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PROGRESS) WEB SITE ITS [HTTP://HALLMARKYOUTHPAGE.WETPAINT.COM](http://HALLMARKYOUTHPAGE.WETPAINT.COM)

"Play grounds could damage your health"

says an inexperienced editor of an imaginatively named youth page who just recently broke his arm at Lacey Green's very own swings. Apparently one is meant to hold one's chains while swinging. I knew I'd forgotten something!!

AND now because no one has sent any content in and I haven't been able to find a girly person to write girly stuff that girls like to read, I will plug the gaps in this page with funny pictures.

(Please also note that any broken English was not caused by me but was used by the authors of these pictures.)



Any good jokes please send them in!

Happy Wanderers Walking Club



◀The happy group who went on the Bisham walk

our food, the first field was in a pleasingly varied natural wild state, no weed-killers having been used, as a memorial to Stuart Liberty – his widow still lives in a nearby house. We passed the closed Gate public house in Lee Gate hamlet, then walked part of the Chiltern Way across a field, passed the *Old Swan* pub

and crossed the road at Swan Bottom. We lost the last nine people, who lost sight of the walkers in front of them. Linda & Martyn found them - there was no emergency and we all got back to the pub in time for the meal, starting around 8pm.

The selection, quality and service of the Italian and British food was so recommendable – Ron & Beryl, our walk leaders, certainly know where to eat – and the

atmosphere within our club's 36 diners so great, that the whole evening will be remembered with a smile.

Norman Tyler

PIDDINGTON TO STUDLEY GREEN

Sun 29 June

Our walk started from The Dashwood Arms public house at Piddington on the old A40. It was a bright summer morning and twenty one walkers and two well behaved dogs came for the walk led by Tony Molesworth.

We walked through fields with good looking crops and into Chiltern beech woods along shady paths up to Studley Green. We returned, passing by Ham farm and Chipps lane in time for lunch.

Ron Goodearl



Tony Smart & Pat Slade led the walk of 27 April in the Great Brickhill area (near Bletchley), including along The Grand Union Canal

MIDSUMMER EVENING STROLL & SUPPER. THE LEE, LEE GATE, SWAN BOTTOM.

Wed 18 June

Having recovered enough from my illness to do two short walks with the club without holding up the other members, which would be unacceptable in that it would spoil their walks, I tried this as partway towards the longer normal Sunday walks. How pleased I tried! I wasn't amongst the tail end and I couldn't have had more enjoyment.

After our 32 members had left at the *Cock & Rabbit* at The Lee, where we had parked our cars and ordered

Lacey Green, Loosley Row & Speen 81st Over 60s Club & St John's School celebrate Con Baker's 100th Birthday!



REPORT FROM THE 81st OVER 60s CLUB

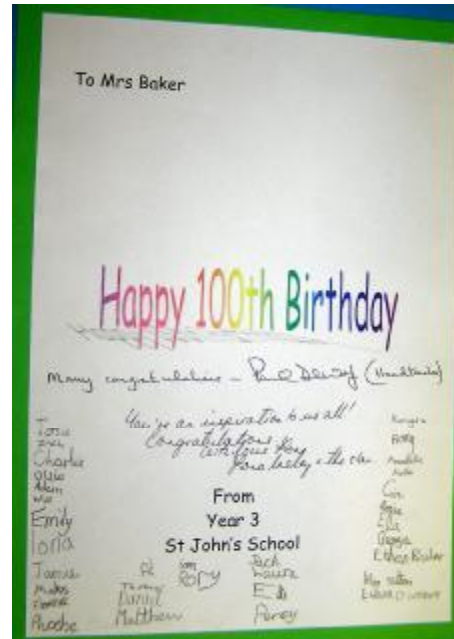
by Ursula Glyn Jones and Carole Knight

Since our last report in Hallmark we have enjoyed a varied programme. Miss Hall delighted us with beautiful slides entitled *Outings for Pleasure*. June & Ken Brazier

came to talk to us about voluntary work with the "Mercy Ship" off the coast of Sierra Leone, where they bring much needed help to an impoverished people. A retired policeman entertained us with his memories of what life had been many years ago as a Bobby on the beat, right up to the time when he worked for the CID. In June once

more our outing brought us to the Waterfront Café at Benson, with the very popular fish & chips lunch and the delicious puddings. Sadly, it was too cold to sit outside, but most people had a stroll to the river before setting off for our second stop at Waterperry – always a very enjoyable place to spend an hour or two.

The July meeting was very exciting for us all, celebrating Connie Baker's 100th birthday! Pat baked a beautiful cake, Fiona performed, with a class from St John's School, a lovely programme with some of Connie's favourite songs – and one specially composed by the children. We had a happy time and we all wish Connie, such a lovely lady, more happy years to come!



Card signed by the children, Mr Paul de Wolf (Head Teacher) and Fiona Insley, who trained & conducted

TWO OF SONGS SUNG BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

OH HOW PEACEFUL LIVING IN THE COUNTRY

Adapted for Connie Baker on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Words by Mira, Iona, Jamie and Matthew:

Connie Baker, the lovely Connie Baker, Living here in Loosley Row
Connie Baker, the lovely Connie Baker, Happy Birthday to you!

Very good for you! Very good for you!
You are a hundred – what a lovely do!
Very good for you! Very good for you!
You are a hundred, can we come too?

When you were a child you played with ... spinning tops
And you were so well-behaved you got a ... lollipop!
At Sunday school you got a ... sherbet drop,
They used to buy them from the ... village shop.

Did you bake the birthday cake?
Did you bake the birthday cake?



Con thanked the children personally afterwards

Photos by Norman Tyler

BIRTHDAY CAKE

Everything's ready, it's time to bake, a most spectacular birthday cake.
Currants, raisins, sugar and spice will make it ever so nice.

Cherries and nuts and almond paste, these will give it a birthday taste.
One hundred years, what a special day, so stir it twice!
Ostinato; Stir it once, stir it twice. Stir it once, stir it twice.

Loosley Row & Lacey Green Horticultural Society

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Instead of the gardening related competition, this year we presented prizes to four of the most enthusiastic children in the Environmental Studies Group at St John's School. The group is very active. The children have planted, and are maintaining, a hedge of many different species. They have their Millennium Garden, in which vegetables are grown, and there is a big project in hand to construct an open air classroom. The area will be planted with flowers and have formal and wildlife ponds. The pupils recommended by the School were all girls, of different ages. We gave each of them a book entitled "How to grow your own food, by Dirty Nails", which is a compilation of articles sent to a West Country newspaper by an anonymous gardener and advises on what should be done in the garden each week of the year, with recipes, and comments on the history of plants and wild life activity. It is a good book and not just for children.

We had a very successful Plant Stall at the Windmill on National Mills day. Blessed with good weather, we raised over £250 and signed on half a dozen new members, which was equally pleasing. Thank you to everyone who worked on the stall during the day or provided plants for sale.

Thirty members visited the beautiful gardens of Pond House, Hampden, at the beginning of July. The herbaceous beds in the cottage garden around the house and the stumpery were particularly admired. The answer to the question "How many weeds in the lawns?" was None! We were intrigued by the technology employed, a private bore hole capable of pumping 20,000 gallons of water overnight, and low level electric fences round the vegetable beds to keep out rabbits and deer. Not to mention the wine cellar. We are grateful to owner, Mr Glenn Cooper and his gardeners who took us round.

We have had two different but very entertaining and

informative talks. The first by Mr Steve Cotton, on the construction and development of his Alpine Garden and the second by Graeme and Chrissie Hollingdale, on growing and showing Sweet Peas and Roses, which they demonstrated with lovely flowers from their own garden.

Our **annual Show** is on **Saturday 6 September**. Schedules have been widely distributed, but if you need one give me a ring. There are classes for everyone. If you have not entered before, do have a go. Bring your exhibits along to the Village Hall between 1.30 and 2.30 on the day, pay 20p per exhibit, and we will give any assistance you need from there. Return between 4 and 4.45, to see if you have won a rosette. The hall is open to the public during this time, and if you have not entered do come in and see the exhibits. There is a Sunflower class, which should be spectacular. My grandson's plant is 3 times as tall as him, can any one match that? The Show is open to children and it would be really nice to have some enter.

The Society intends to put in a collective entry to the Bucks Association of Horticultural Societies Show on 4 October. Details will be announced at our Show on 6 September, but we will need vegetables, flowers, cakes etc from members for our entry.

On Wednesday 12 November, at 8.00pm, we have the Pumpkin Supper Social, when the pumpkin competition will be judged. We have to make a charge of £3.50 to cover the cost of a nice meal, a glass of wine, and entertainment.

Our next talk will be on 17 September, by Victor Scott, "Flowers and Countryside of Andalusia", at 8.00 in the Village Hall. We have asked Mr Scott back, as his talk on South Africa last year was so good.

We have arranged a guided visit to Wren Davis Organic Farm at Prestwood on Sunday 7 September. Meet at Wren Davis Dairy, Wycombe Road, Prestwood, (near Hildreths Garden Centre) at 11.00. The farm stocks

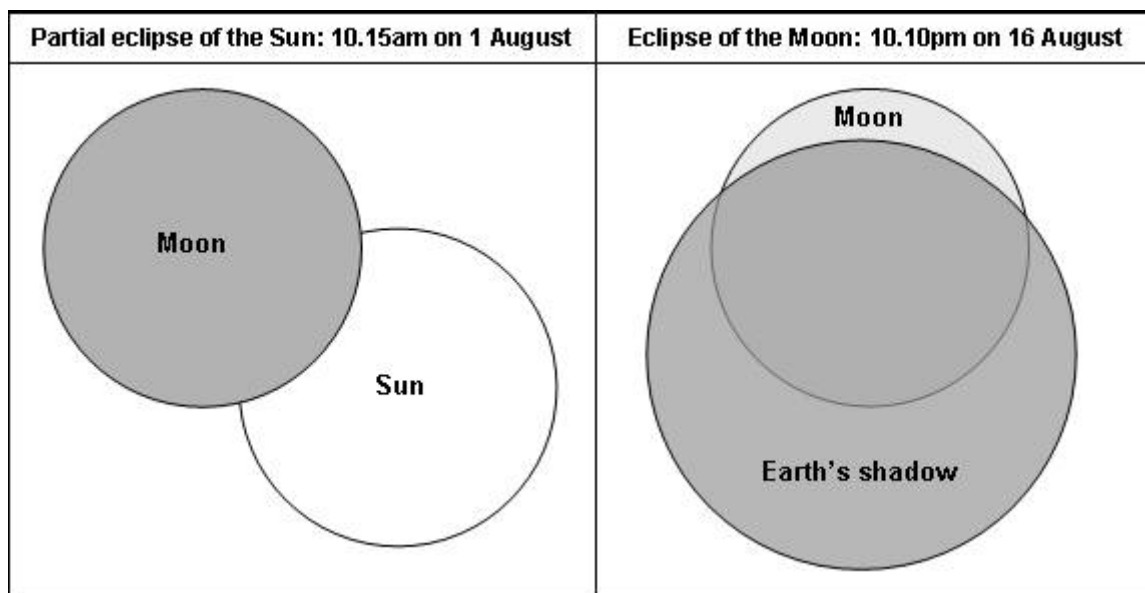
cattle, orchards, and produces nine varieties of flour, including ancient types.

If you are not a member, just come along to any of our events and you will be made very welcome.

Terry Fendom
Chairman 01844 342636

Heavenly Bodies

by Chris Dignan



The past couple of months have been trying times for sky-gazers. Looking up has usually meant a face full of rain instead of an eyeful of celestial gems. But that must mean that the skies will clear from now on (?).

Fingers are crossed as August hosts some headline-grabbing events in the sky. On **1st August**, there's a partial eclipse of the Sun as seen from the UK. The Moon will block out a slice of the Sun, but it won't lead to a dramatic dimming of the daytime sky. However, you can impress a friend or colleague at 10.15am that day by telling them that not all of the Sun is shining on Earth (Do not look at the Sun). In Siberia, Mongolia and parts of China, they'll see a total eclipse, and everyone will know about it! (This author was due to be in Siberia to witness the total eclipse and report back to you, but was prevented by Russian government officials who commandeered the pre-booked plane so that they could see it instead. Seems the West has lost out to Russia in this space race!).

On the nights of the **11th and 12th August**, it's worth keeping an eye on the sky for shooting stars. The Earth passes through the 'exhaust' trail of Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle, and this usually means an increase in the number

of meteors whizzing around the sky as the exhaust particles slam into our atmosphere at colossal speeds. The same phenomenon also happens on, and a few days either side of, **20th October**, when we fly through the trail of Halley's Comet.

On **16th August**, there's a decent eclipse of the Moon, when the Earth stands between the Sun and our only natural satellite, casting the planet's shadow on the 'Man in the Moon'. This eclipse is not quite total, so it will be interesting to see whether the Moon changes to an orangey-red hue, as it does during total eclipses. The Moon begins to be dimmed by the shadow at 9pm just after it rises in the east/south-east. It will be mostly eclipsed at 10.10pm as it hangs in the south-east sky, and returns to normal by 11.40pm.

Jupiter – the largest of our planets - is with us throughout August-October, and is the brightest object low in the southern sky (except when the Moon passes through). You're looking for what looks like a big white star that outshines everything else. If you use binoculars on a tripod, you should be able to see some, or all, of its largest moons. Jupiter is directly south at around 10pm in August, 8.20pm in September, and 6.30pm in October.

Lacey Green Productions

“To Rupturous Applause” was the title of our latest programme of short plays, sketches and songs performed for our third “Theatre at Home” in late March. Once again we remain indebted to the Clarks for the loan of their home for our theatre on these occasions.

And, once again, our audiences arrived in ever increasing numbers to support us and our chosen charity, WaterAid. A magnificent £700 has now been sent to WaterAid, an international charity which aims to bring pure drinking water and drainage facilities to ever more people.

LGP has now sent a total of £35,500 to local, national and international charities since our foundation – once again a big thank you to all our audiences and supporters.

“What a Tangled Web” is the title of our new programme of 3 one act plays for our **Dinner Theatre** at the end of November. The evening will give you:

Comedy - with a parody of a Victorian melodrama entitled *“The little lights of Kimberley”* by Harry Austin. You will be surprised at the ease with which we can show you the connection between pickled onions, precious gems and little Willie.

Confusion - with a farce by the contemporary Italian playwright Dario Fo. The play is called *“One was nude and one wore tails”*. Will this be the first time for nudity on the stage in Lacey Green?

Suspense – with a dramatisation of *“The Monkey’s Paw”* adapted by Julian Holloway from the short story by W.W. Jacobs. After this you

may not be able to walk home without looking over your shoulder and you may lie awake all night wondering about that creaky door!

And all of this with the accompaniment of good food and wine.

In the recent past, our dinner theatre evenings have sold out very quickly, so please do book early to avoid disappointment. The performances are on Friday and Saturday, November 28th and 29th in the Village Hall. Why not get a group together for some pre-Christmas laughs? Book your tickets now by calling either **01844 347518** or **01844 344207**.

Themed fun evening – Saturday, January 31st 2009 (make a note in your diary) sees the return of the LGP Themed Evenings with dinner, entertainment, audience participation and our first chance in the New Year to raise money for charity.

It is the centenary of the writing of ***“The Wind in the Willows”*** – an ideal moment to remember our friends on the riverbank. The Village Hall will be decorated as Toad Hall or perhaps Ratty’s riverbank home. We hope that you will all join in the fun by disguising yourselves as weasels, stoats, occasional ferrets, washerwomen, judges, toads, badgers, moles etc (the possibilities are endless). Dust down those canary coloured carts and “poop, poop” your way down to the Village Hall. Tickets will be available from September.

Peter Brookhouse

Around Our Local Pubs



Just a quick word in this Hallmark. Aunt Sally is now on the way and both of the teams seem to be doing very well. Keep it up, all of you.

We still need more people for our Quiz night, which is the last Sunday of the month. Come along and join us. It does not

cost anything and it is good fun. The quiz starts at 8 to

8.30.

Thanks to John Jones and bands for doing the music in the garden. It was a fantastic afternoon and everybody said they really had a great time.

What a 100th birthday Connie had. It was such a great day and so many people. I bet she didn’t know she had so many friends. The cake was amazing - 100 candles - well done, Rosemary. A big thanks to Zoe, Ally and Dave for all their hard work on the day. It was appreciated.

Just a quick mention to say sorry to the people who have rung me about doing the bar at the village hall for their

functions. Unfortunately, it is now out of my hands and I am unable to do them. The village hall has their own bar people. But if you find anywhere else, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very willing to continue to do outside bars for the village. Also the people who are

already asking for the Christmas menu. It will be ready early September, but you can still book...

Lynne Comley

Lacey Green & Loosley Row Sports & Social Club

CRICKET SECTION

One of our most stalwart supporters was missing on Saturday July 12th. Mrs Connie Baker had a previous engagement at the Village Hall - her 100th birthday party. A lot of people reach the century mark these days but not many with the joy of life and the mental and physical ability of 'Our Con.' From the sports club we wish her good health and may she support the teams for many more years.

I wish I could say our cricket is in good health but I cannot. The 1st XI is languishing second from bottom of the table - and that thanks to a win at Cadmore End on Saturday against ten men. Admittedly, we have players missing through injury - Robert Dell is especially missed - but apart from a few, the team doesn't seem to pull together or show enough enthusiasm. Duncan Palmer, shoved in first in place of Robert has shown grit and determination and played some good innings. James Shrimpton is always a joy to watch in the field and he has the talent if not the technique to score lots of runs. He should have a long chat with Les Rixon. Dave Highgate usually gives us a good start and young Jack has good pace. But too many perform in fits and starts. Let's hope they can get it together before another season slips by with the Green languishing near the bottom of the League.

The 2nd XI do pull together. It's a pleasure to watch them. They currently stand fourth in Div., 2 which, I must remind you, is mostly other teams' 1st XIs. And they have fought their way to the final of the Mid Bucks Junior Cup, to be played at Bradenham's ground on Sunday August 10th. Their players with first team experience, Simon Williams, Dave Sanders and Derek Marshall (currently out injured) show the full face of the bat to the bowlers and field with great enthusiasm and no little ability. They have and are doing a great job to build a very good eleven.

Now if I may indulge myself for a little with a few words about the bowling. We need more 'devil' in the bowling. Too many are running through the crease and 'putting'

the ball there. By that I mean they don't gather themselves when they reach the wicket, pivot on their left (or right) foot and swing the upper part of their body into the delivery to get extra zip off the pitch. They also need to use the width of the crease, try different angles, cramp the batsman for room, don't give him easy balls a foot outside the off stump. Make him play every ball so he thinks if he misses you hit. Swing the ball by all means if you can but scramble the seam every now and again so that it skids straight on. And vary your length and pace very slightly, keeping the same action. Remember the opening bowlers' job is to get rid of the best batsmen and then come back and mop up the tail. Let's see it. This applies to the first team as well. Here endeth the lesson.

At the moment of writing, the 1st XI have 101 points from eleven matches and the 2nds 162 points. The teams at the top are around the 200 point mark so there is some catching up to do. If the injured players recover there is no reason why both teams shouldn't finish close to the top. Let's go all out for wins in the final seven matches.

I've heard quite a few remarks about how well the ground looks - despite the rain. Credit goes to Dave Sanders, Dave Highgate and especially Nigel Kelloway and a few others. It must be one of the most attractive grounds in this area.

With good intentions, I put forward a list of the fixtures for the last issue. Unfortunately, an "administrative error" occurred and they appeared so jumbled up as to be worthless. Apologies have been forthcoming - especially to Les Rixon, who painstakingly typed them out for us. I'm assured the person responsible is even now hanging from the Black Horse sign. *(NOTE FROM EDITOR: I've slapped my wrist really hard! I checked the tops of each column as OK, but not further down!)*

We were all pleased to see Dave Allworth chugging round the ground on his new single-seater tricycle. Although still not at his best, Dave still takes an interest in the cricket and likes to have a chat with the players

and spectators. We wish him well. And also, our good friend Roger Dell of Great Hampden, currently undergoing horrendous surgery. All the best to both.

Geoff Gomme

Lacey Green Parish Community Plan

Whilst some issues that have been of concern to the community have been dealt with reasonably satisfactorily, others are still ongoing. There has been a very favourable reception to the Welcome Pack that we now issue to new Parish residents (when we know of their existence!). In Lacey Green and Loosley Row, Angela Agate maintains the list of new arrivals, but there are a lot of for sale signs and keeping track is hard work. If you know of a new arrival, do tell us. Please phone **Angela Agate (273916)** or if there is no answer, give me a call.

Our main current activity is production of the Parish Plan, a formal statement of how the Parish could and should be developed in the future.

About 30 people attended the public meeting in May, at which the draft Parish Plan, excluding the Action Plan, was presented. The meeting started with a brief introduction about the foundation of the Community Plan Steering Group and its activities, which have included six achievements and one significant failure. We concentrated on the proposed policies that we would like to Parish to adopt. There were no objections raised at the meeting and we have not subsequently received any written comments and suggestions. This was somewhat disappointing, but we assume that there is general acceptance of the policies.

It was noted that the problem of entry into the schools in the Parish was a complex issue and would need an in-depth investigation.

One outcome from the unsuccessful efforts to retain the Methodist Chapel site for community use was a section 106 specific planning obligation, which involves research into the needs of the village for facilities or services. Wycombe District Council commissioned the Plunkett Foundation to carry out an independent survey, and Gill Withers from this organisation gave a brief presentation about the proposed project that affects Lacey Green and Loosley Row only.

A survey questionnaire was issued with the previous issue of Hallmark, and several people have been busy collecting (or trying to collect!) the completed questionnaires. We are grateful to those residents that

have responded, and are expecting a final tally of about 50 per cent of the properties covered by the survey. We don't have the result yet, of course, but it is hoped that these will be available in time for the next Hallmark.

It has been an interesting but laborious exercise. The doorstep reaction has ranged from outright hostility or total disinterest to active participation, probably typical of most communities. It was fortunate that we had available many spare copies of the questionnaire. These spares were given to those residents that hadn't received Hallmark at all, or hadn't seen the questionnaire, or had thrown it out as junk mail, or had merely misplaced it. My grateful thanks to all those involved.

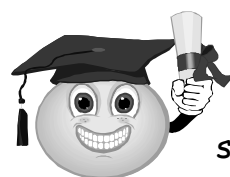
The format of the Action Plan was described, noting that proposed actions could range from very specific actions to general recommendations for further studies. The Action Plan will identify not only the proposed actions, but also what organisations will be involved, the time scale and the cost, as far as these can be predicted. One of our next moves will be to publish a draft of the Action Plan and to get the community's views, but obviously anything about facilities and services will need to take account of new information gleaned from the Plunkett survey.

Finally, an appeal. We can always use more help, and we would like to hear from anyone that believes they can contribute, even in small ways.

Tony Molesworth (344975)

FOOTNOTE FROM EDITOR:

The very latest information at time of going to print was that about 50% of the 502 questionnaires distributed had been returned or collected. No information is available yet as to how villagers felt on each subject.



English language teacher:

You must never begin a sentence "I is ...".

Clever student: Please sir, what's wrong with "I is a vowel"?

Painting of Lacey Green Windmill



Reaching the front of the cap



Reaching the top of the smock (or body)
Above photos by Betty Hardy



Geoff Giles painting the front of the cap
Photo by Michael Hardy



Readers may remember that the Mill was treated for woodworm infestation in 2006 at the cost of some £2700 including insurance cover to provide a 20 year guarantee against re-infestation.

It was intended that the exterior be re-painted in 2007. The exceptionally wet summer prevented this, but conditions have been more favourable this year and the work has been carried out this June at a cost of £1614.

Further details and pictures of the work can be seen at www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk.

I know it is not usual to list the volunteer painters by name but I feel an exception must be made in this case because of the nature of the work. Cleaning down the outside of loose tar was a filthy task and the application of the new finish not much less so. Health and Safety requirements demanded full overalls to the correct specification, safety helmets with drop down visors, long gauntlets, again of the correct specification and, of course, safety harnesses for those working in the "Cherry-Picker". While the wellbeing of the team was paramount, it was not the most comfortable outfit for a series of hot spring days.

Eleven people were involved in the work, five from Lacey Green or Loosely Row, one from Princes Risborough and five from further afield. Seven are Chiltern Society members. The individuals were Geoff Giles, whose maintenance work continues through the year, Chris Boll, Robert Bennett, David Pamington, Brendon Larkin, Roger Partridge, John Bumett, Laura Chapman and Adam Heeley. Thank you all !!

Special thanks must be given to Michael Hardy for his sterling efforts in organizing the project. It has taken some six weeks of his time to contact possible workers, prepare a work schedule, hire machinery, purchase the protective gear and plough through the Health and Safety requirements. He was on site for a full day throughout. He became a skilled manipulator of the "Cherry-Picker", overcoming in the process an aversion to heights.

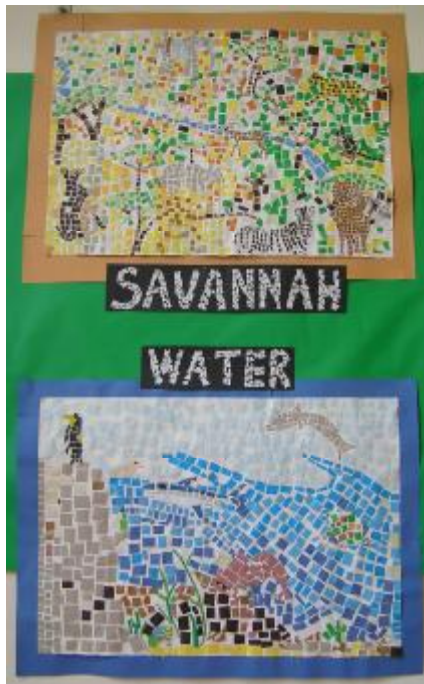
I have been involved with the Mill since the project was first mooted and it is good to see others who are willing to carry on for the future.

Mike Highfield, Chairman and Treasurer
Lacey Green Windmill Restoration Committee

◀◀ **Reaching up to the top of the cap**
Photo by Stella Boll

◀ **Painting completed**
Photo by Michael Hardy

School's Visit to Whipsnade Zoo - More Memories



Award for Outstanding Achievements

GRANTED TO ROSEMARY MORTHAM

On Sunday 20th July, I was delighted to accompany Rosemary to the Chiltern Show. Rosemary had been asked to attend the Show to receive an award for Outstanding Achievements. Rosemary had been nominated by Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI because of her work in the community. Not only is she a caring neighbour, but she has worked as a School governor, member of the Lacey Green choir (Singers), St John's

Choir and Lace Association. Rosemary is well known in Lacey Green for the support she gives to the village, she is well known for her cakes and has been known to replace neighbours' plants for them.

There were several awards presented and everyone received a certificate and a statue of an eagle on flight.

Congratulations, Rosemary.

Jill Baker



School's embroidered memories of Whipsnade Zoo

Windmill Under 5s

By the time you read this, we will all be on our summer holidays and, after such a busy summer term, the children and us Mums are certainly ready for it!

Our new Supervisor, Sue-Lake Simmonds, joined us after Easter. We feel very fortunate to have her on-board with her new and exciting ideas and together committee and staff have worked hard to make Windmills an even brighter, better place for our children. Ofsted have visited this week and acknowledged our hard work. Although it's a verbal communication, we have received a result of "satisfactory" and the full report will be available shortly on the Ofsted website. All feedback we received was very positive.

Other highlights of this term have been our tadpoles/frogs, which the children were fascinated in and spent hours studying through magnifying glasses. We had our parents' evening, where Mums & Dads could meet the staff and talk about their children's progress. We also had Father's Day, with lovely cards created showing our children's drawings of their Daddys/Granddads wearing a funky glittery tie. They also created amazing photo frames into which they put a picture of themselves with their Daddy/Granddad. Then there were the many masterpieces produced and cooking efforts eaten.

During the last term, we had several different events planned - all social events but some definitely harder work than others! A DIY day in which the Dads gamely weatherproofed the shed, power washed the outside areas, cut back the hedges, painted the foyer and did some tiling and fitted hooks. We also had our summer trip, this year to Mead farm where the children fed the animals, had a tractor ride, played on the outside equipment and then, just before the rain came, spent the rest of the day inside on the soft play centre, with the many steep slides being the main attraction. Sunday 29th June was our Family BBQ and we had a glorious day! With over 100 of us having fun & relaxing in the sun, including families of children who will start Windmills next term. The children had a visit from Zilo the zebra, enjoyed the bouncy castle some face painting and all of Windmills outside toys. The atmosphere was lovely, food plentiful, and a good day was had by us all. We finished with the Grand Draw, which offered fab prizes, all donated by local companies, and helped raise nearly £500. We will put this towards our next intended big purchase of a roof/fabric sails for the outside hard area,

enabling its use all year around.

Our Sports Day and Leavers Presentation took place on Friday 11th July outside. We just managed to squeeze in the last race before it became a race for the doors! Fortunately, after the exciting time for the presentations, the shower was over and we were able to go back outside for our Teddy Bears Picnic on the field. Our last day this year will finish with an entertainer and party for the children to celebrate what a great year we have had.

Even through the long summer holidays we plan to meet every Wednesday for a get together and a picnic at various local venues. The great atmosphere and friendships between the children and parents/carers make these days fun events for both us grown-ups and the youngsters and also much anticipated. Hopefully we will have a better summer than last year and can make it outside more often than not.

Finally, good luck to our 18 BIG children who are leaving to go to 'BIG school'. For those returning and our new starters we look forward to the autumn term with great excitement as there will be lots of new events, new topics and interests and many things happening. We start off our new term with a work party on Saturday 6th September, where we will revamp the outside barked area and put up the new playhouse, the funds for which were donated by our 2008 leavers. This will be followed a bit later with a Mums' evening out for a time of socializing with the children safely in bed and no chance of any conversation being interrupted.

Sadly, this is my sign off to Windmills. My youngest son will be moving on to St John's and I would like to take this opportunity to say 'THANK YOU' to everyone for their help and support over the past two years. It has been great to be the Chair of such a fantastic Pre-School where the staff, committee and parents dedicate so much time and energy into providing the best start in life for all the children in their care. We are now into our 45th year and may we continue to go from strength to strength. If you are considering a Pre-School for your child, then please call **Sue Lake-Simmonds** on **07765 225987** to arrange a convenient time to visit or find out more about us on our website: www.windmillunder5s.co.uk. We are a great place for your child to learn through play and I feel confident you will like what you see.



County and District Council News

Risborough Rural Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

The recent meeting of this police-led group has concentrated on finding solutions to the Speeding Traffic issue. It was decided that three specific areas would be examined: the A4010, the B4009 and Perry Lane, Bledlow as these would give an indication, for each type of road, what is happening with rat runs and main highways. The new Speed Watch equipment, replacing the old SID, will be used initially to check on the numbers of vehicles exceeding the limits to verify speeds and this will be collated with the information held by the County Council.

Action has also been taken to support the purchase of a hand held radar gun to be used by the local police to identify offending drivers. This equipment is now in constant use by the Risborough Officers to enforce the limits within the area.

Adult Social Care

A new initiative is aimed at getting closer to the local communities in Buckinghamshire. Members of Adult Social Care teams are holding a series of Social Care Surgeries in the local areas so that those needing help and advice may find it locally. Details of future events can be found by calling Karen Adamson on 01296 383847 or on the County Web Site or through contact with the Parish Council.

Speed Limit Review and Tranquil

Following the meeting of the Speed Limit Review Panel, new limits are being proposed for several areas. These include: Marsh - 30mph, Forge Lane and Lower Loosley Hill, Loosley Row - 30 mph and Great Hampden - 30 mph. Other actions are being taken to look at the signage of lanes where de-restriction signs are currently placed on small lanes leading off main roads

In Ellesborough the 30 mph limits are now to be kept. Congratulations to all those that took part in the Speed Reduction competition; the impact that these have had in keeping speeds down is really noticeable, especially as it can be seen that it comes from local children. Some changes are envisaged on the A4010 where, in Kimble, the 40mph is to be extended to include residential areas within the village; near Monks Risborough the 40 mph transition between the 30mph and 50 mph limit, together with the 40 mph limits either side of the Terrick roundabout are to be increased to 50 mph.

All of these changes are to be advertised as final consultation process so if you have a view, either in

favour or not, please let the County officers know when the adverts are published. If you do not comment it may be taken that you are not concerned and those that do will be in the majority.

The Tranquil Project has seen the erection of the white village entry gates on some roads. Orders are being placed for the Oak Features and these will be erected where speed limits are not likely to be changed. Where changes to limits are envisaged, the gates / features will be erected at the time the new orders come into place. Orders have been placed for the new traditional 'finger post' direction signage and these should be appearing by the end of the summer.

Road Maintenance

Some of the promised £3.25M for Buckinghamshire to improve local roads has been spent in our area. Main Road, Lacey Green and the Hampden Crossroads have seen work carried out to improve the running surface of the roads. White lining is also part of the improvements and this has been done in Chalkshire Road and on the Rignal Road. Pot hole repairs can still be reported through Highways on Call **0845 230 2882** so if you see a problem please report it.

Other improvements have been implemented by a new Community Road Gang with the specific remit to carry out maintenance works such as hedging and ditching. These gangs will visit each Parish, on a requested basis, so if you feel action is required then the Parish Council should be advised so that they can request action.

Community Fund

This year's grant funding for Community projects has again been made available. If you have a community project then please let me know and I will see if some funding can be arranged. If you have an issue with which I can help please also let me know. As well as writing to my home address Canastel, Water Lane, Speen, HP27 0SW, I can be contacted by phone 01494 488315 or by email at progerson@bucksc.gov.uk

Paul Rogerson, County & District Councillor



Chop suey didn't come from China - it was invented by an Italian in Brooklyn, New York.



News from St John's Church

(Rector – the Reverend Denise Critchell)

Serving the village communities of Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen.

Regular Services at St. John's church.

SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	1 st , 2 nd , & 4 th . Sundays
10.00am	All age Worship – Communion	1 st Sunday of the month.
10.00am	Parish Communion	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , (&5 th) Sundays
6.00pm	Choral Evensong	1 st Sunday in the month

Junior Church at 10.00am – all services other than 1st, held in upper room.

Details from Jenny King – **01844 343910**

Youth group meet the 1st Sunday in the month at Collins' Farm

3rd Sunday, service in Church. Both Sundays for fun, friendship and interesting activities. Meet at 5.15pm – both groups are well attended and new members are very welcome. Please check for August meetings...**01844 342173**.

TUESDAY

9.30am	Communion Service in Lady Chapel at St. John's.
2.00pm	Toddler Praise – Tuesday afternoons during term time.

An amazing **27** Toddlers had their final Picnic Party meeting before Summer break and had a thoroughly enjoyable time – worshipping and singing their praise songs with instruments. Mums enjoyed it too, and also the Vicar!

End of term services for St John's School and Speen School were held on Wednesday 23rd July, where all leavers were presented with a Bible each as a special gift from the Church to guide them on their way into the future. May God bless your pathway.

WEDNESDAY

10.30am	Team Communion Service at St. Mary's church, Princes Risborough.
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Full details of services and more information about St. John's church are published in the monthly Parish Magazine 'Viewpoint' and displayed on the notice board outside church. We look forward to meeting you in our lovely church – you are always welcome – come and be blessed.

On going News

Many families are presenting their children for **Baptism** - always a joyful sign of life.

Wedding dates – three celebrated in July, 24th August and 6th Sept. We wish every young couple a beautiful day and long lasting happiness. One of our very own PCC members, Jackie Dixon- Hempstock, will be marrying Rob on Oct 25th. Many congratulations to you both.

Bookings are being taken for 2009.

Members of the Church wish to express their Joy at the Celebration of Connie Baker's **100th Birthday**. Many friends and family joined the celebrations and the Vicar was overjoyed to read the card from the Queen!

Oyez ! News! It is with joy we are pleased to announce that the new appointment to the Team Ministry at St. Dunstan's is to be our current Curate Rev. James Tomkins. James will be working 50% with the Church and 50% as Mission Enabler across the Team. Congratulations James – a joyous welcome.

And the sad news is we have to announce that Rev. Paul Fisks will retire on Oct 11th this year. The good news is we wish him a very happy, healthy retirement full of joy and peace and exciting new challenges.

This means that St. Mary's will go into Interregnum soon after James is licensed to St. Dunstan's.

Future dates for your diaries.

Saturday September 27th. There will be a Pilgrimage Supper organised by Graham and Jennie King. They will need to know who is willing to be hosts for Starters and then Main courses. The last travelling supper party was a huge success with delicious food and excellent company. It was a great way to really relate to other Church members and feel part of a special group.

October 5th HARVEST FESTIVAL – services at 8am and 10am, which will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the School. (One dear lady, a little hard of

hearing, thought it was Bring a Chair lunch, and she did). There will also be Harvest Choral Evensong. All is safely gathered in after we plough the fields and scatter. Does that reflect Life, do you think?

Confirmation will take place at **St.Mary's, Wendover** on **Oct 7th**. We have three adults and one young person - in waiting to join us in the Family of the Church. Our prayers are with you.

One last comment – the first Sunday in July at 10am Service, approx 9.55 saw a few of the regulars in their pews, greeting each other, setting up for coffee, reading hymns, bibles etc. Within the next 10 minutes,

amazement registered as more and more couples and families came to worship. Every pew was full, the singing was joyful and all the children were extremely well behaved. It was a JOY to be there in that wonderful atmosphere. Let it happen again.

Meanwhile, make the most of the Summer holidays, be refreshed, and.....

Come and join us at St. John's, enjoy our Church life, and be Blessed.

June Brazier

Bucks New University Student Volunteering

A CHARITY OFFERING STUDENT VOLUNTEERS' ASSISTANCE LATE SEPT 08 – APRIL 09

This organisation is offering local community organisations the assistance of its student volunteers for projects over the coming academic year as above. They are delivering a programme of weekly one-off activities for student volunteers and have built in several opportunities for local organisations to invite them to participate in a one-day project with them. They welcome all ideas and opportunities. They would look favourably on projects that provide exciting opportunities for their

volunteers to develop themselves in alternative environments.

Examples of projects that proved popular with students:
Projects working with children in an arts/sport setting.

Regenerative / decoration of community buildings,
construction of open space gardens completed in 1-2 days

Projects with elderly persons

Contact by phoning Michael Paxman on 01494 605100 or emailing volunteering@bucks.ac.uk

Advice for Fireworks Night

By Bucks Fire & Rescue Service
See www.bucksfire.gov.uk

Only buy fireworks marked BS7114
Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
Keep fireworks in a closed box
Follow the instructions on each firework
Light them at Arm's length, using a taper
Stand well back

Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode

Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them

Always supervise children around fireworks

Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves

Never give sparklers to children under five

Keep pets indoors

Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm



Girlie Wisdom provided by Sylvia Hewinson:

Women over 50 don't have babies because they would put them down and forget where they left them.

Amazing! You hang something in your closet for a while and it shrinks 2 sizes!

One of life's mysteries is how a 2lb box of chocolates can make a woman gain 5lbs.

Obituaries

ALAN SOLMAN



Almost twenty years ago the Harte family acquired new neighbours, the Solman family – Alan, Vera and their son Michael – their daughter Tracy had already left home. It was a

fortunate acquisition from our point of view as Alan and Vera turned out to be the best neighbours that one could hope to have.

Alan was not one for lengthy conversations about 'life and the meaning of things' so I can't claim to have any great insight into his inner beliefs. What I have managed to learn over the many years which we knew one another was that he was a man who would do anything which he could do to be of help to those who asked for his help.

In 20 years I never heard him say anything negative about anyone, I've never known him to refuse to assist whenever I asked for his assistance and I've always known that if I asked for his help with something within his ability he would offer that help.

Over time, I learned of his youthful involvement with the London Wasps Rugby Club (this made him somewhat of a hero for my rugby playing son Nik) and of his extensive knowledge of New Orleans Jazz. I also came to notice that, whilst his day to day attire was very practical, when he was socialising his style of dress was very up to date

(my then teenage daughter Jes, having seen Alan going out in a very smart denim jacket and jeans, made me promise that I'd dress 'properly' like Alan when I was his age!). Only relatively recently, because he didn't make a 'song and dance' about it, did I become aware of the strength of his Christian belief.

Alan and Vera have always had a very sensible division of responsibility in their home – aside from her work, Vera assumed responsibility for everything that grew and Alan looked after the fabric of the house. Alan was so on top of house maintenance and his attention to detail was so well developed that he even installed wall-mounted rubber rollers through which the hosepipe ran around the outside of the house so that it was safe, tidy and easily accessible. Winston Churchill would have admired Alan's extensive wall building skills and these were also used to complement Vera's garden building skills.

Alan handled the difficult last months of his life, when his health was failing, with equanimity and fortitude. He will be remembered and sadly missed in our home by everyone in our family and, I'm sure, by many others whose life he has touched.

I'm an admirer of the philosopher JS Mill and Alan was a man who admirably appeared to live his life by Mill's primary tenet for living – "Do no harm".

Lee Harte

I knew Alan both as a neighbour and a member of the Village Hall Committee. I always enjoyed meeting Alan and having a chat when we used to see each other whilst walking along Lower Road, as we shared many similar interests.

As a representative on the Village Hall Committee, Alan was very supportive. At the time of the re-build he was always around to offer help and very sound advice with both the fund raising and construction issues associated with the New Hall. His background knowledge and enthusiasm made him a pleasure to work with and he played a big part in helping with some of the more difficult decisions we had to make.

Alan always had the support of his family and son, Mike, helped us with a number of the electrical items and being like his father, knew both the theory and the practical aspects of the job.

Our sincere thanks Alan for everything you did.

Tony Smart MBE
Past Chairman of the Village Hall Committee



All events at Lacey Green & Loosley Row Millennium Hall unless otherwise specified.

Aug 31	Happy Wanderers' normal walk #	10.30am
Sep 1	Parish Council Meeting at Lacey Green Village Hall "	7.30pm
Sep 3	Windmill WI (1st Wed of month)	7.45pm
Sep 4	81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month excl Jan & Aug) (was 1st Tue)	2pm
Sep 6	Horticultural Society Annual Show. Open to public 4 - 4.45pm	4pm
Sep 10	Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park)	10.30am
Sep 11	Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug)	2pm
Sep 17	Horticultural Society (normally 3 rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov)	8pm
Sep 28	Happy Wanderers' normal walk #	10.30am
Oct 1	Windmill WI (1st Wed of month)	7.45pm
Oct 2	81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month excl Jan & Aug) (was 1st Tue)	2pm
Oct 5-7	Happy Wanderers Weekend Away (Already booked)	
Oct 6	Parish Council Meeting at Speen (Venue TBA)"	7.30pm
Oct 8	Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park)	10.30am
Oct 9	Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug)	2pm
Oct 15	WI Annual Village Quiz	7.30 for 8pm
Oct 26	Happy Wanderers' normal walk #	10.30am
Nov 3	Parish Council Meeting at Lacey Green Village Hall "	7.30pm
Nov 5	Windmill WI (1st Wed of month)	7.45pm
Nov 6	81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month excl Jan & Aug) (was 1st Tue)	2pm
Nov 8	Windmill Artists' Annual Art Show with all day Bistro	10am – 4pm
Nov 12	Horticultural Society Pumpkin Competition & Supper Social	8pm
Nov 12	Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park)	10.30am
Nov 13	Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug)	2pm

SOME LATER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 28		
& 29	Lacey Green Productions & The Command Performers Dinner Theatre	TBA
Dec 21	Pre-Christmas <i>Astro talk</i> by Chris Dignan	7.00pm
Jan 31	Lacey Green Productions & The Command Performers " <i>Wind in the Willows</i> Themed Evening"	TBA

* Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings

Starting place informed on previous walk - usually within 1/2 hour's motoring of village

LACEY GREEN MAIZE MAZE will be open Thurs 24 July – Sun 7 September, 10.30am – 6pm, last entry 5pm. Car park accessed from Slad Lane. The Maze may close in extremely wet weather – if in doubt telephone first. Times and other details from **01844 275591** or www.LaceyGreenMaze.co.uk.

LACEY GREEN WINDMILL is open Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays 2.30-5.30pm 4 May – 28 Sep. Admission is £1.50 for adults and 75p for children. It is the oldest smock mill in the country and still has its original wooden machinery from the mid 17th century. Since 1971, it has been restored to working order by members of The Chiltern Society. For further information, contact **Michael Hardy** on **01844 343560**.

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