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Spring basket – watercolour painting by Margaret Gray

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Hallmark is published quarterly by the Lacey Green & Loosley Row Millennium Hall Management Committee, although opinions expressed in comment or contribution do not necessarily represent the collective view of that committee.

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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Chairman's Report

Spring 2009



Welcome to the first edition of Hallmark for 2009. As we look forward into the New Year, it is time for a few new happenings at the Hall.

Good news is that our storage extension to the rear of the hall has begun and is in full swing as I type. It will be a great addition to the hall and free up some of the space at the front for the other projects we have in the pipeline.

Following on from the village questionnaire of last year, we hope to bring you news on how we have worked on and implemented some of the ideas and suggestions you raised.

Our Village website is now fully open at www.laceygreen.com. There are already many pages containing community events, places of interest, club news, even a history page, and so many more. Please visit it, make use of it and support it, after all it is yours to make use of in any way you can. If you have any input,

or items you would like to share with everyone, please contact the relevant person on the "contact us" page on the site. Why not get involved with what can only be described as a great asset for the whole community. I would personally like to thank the members of the Website committee who have taken this on and made it a success.

The Hall continues to thrive with bookings and 2009 is busy, so please remember to book early to make sure you get the date you want. We've even received some bookings for Weddings in 2010!

Please keep an eye on the notice boards inside and outside the hall and don't forget the list of users in Hallmark, there's lots to do all week and numerous activities to keep everyone happy.

Have a great spring whenever it arrives and please continue to support all the local activities throughout the village.

Clive Hodgton, Chairman, Village Hall

From the Editor(s)



Our village website www.laceygreen.com is the latest village facility, as our Chairman points out, and deserves plenty of visits. I hope it will be used and contributed to by our young

folk – maybe you could make sure your children & grandchildren pay it some visits? Then maybe they could make some positive suggestions as to what could be put on our website to interest them. Maybe some of them could find time to help make our website lively for themselves?

Barney Parker's **Young Person's Page** (37) will be the last, merely because Barney had no feedback from young folk at all (he did have complementary remarks from a middle-aged person). I also thought well of them.

The new Youth Club, on the other hand, seems to be creating a lot of live interest. It is being organised by Joan Smith, whose report is on page 42.

Lady Bateman's death was announced as a Stop Press notice in the last issue. There had been an article on page 8 of the February 2005 edition summarising some of her many gifts to our village and included a photograph of her with Ted Janes. Page 3 of the November 2006 edition included an article by Joan West celebrating her 100th birthday. The latter article can be seen now on our website. Her health remained unchanged for her last two years. On page 22 of the current issue is a further article by Ted Janes, followed by one by her son, Robert, and another by Paula Burke, who knew her and her husband (Sir Geoffrey) well when they moved from Lacey Green to Graffham in West Sussex. I have just received from Robert a most generous contribution to Hallmark in her memory – she

was a keen reader right up to her last month and always enjoyed keeping up with news from Lacey Green.

Lacey Green Productions have plenty planned for this year (page 8) to follow their innovative *The Chief Weasel's Banquet* fun themed evening. No-one who's ever been to one of their events needs convincing you **MUST** go. In fact, you need to book before they sell out!

Speen Festival 2009 of 10-19 September clearly will offer so much variety of interests and fun of natures different from our own villages', it would also be silly to miss. I suggest **you and your family** see page 15 and reserve dates in your diary!

Our newly formed **Local History Group** is acting in various ways to research and compile interesting facts about our villages and the areas nearby. Some resultant articles will be too long for the limited space available in Hallmark, so the fuller version can be placed on our website, with a shorter Hallmark version. Other local residents of the past and present are also providing us with their memories (and some photos) of life here in quite contrasting earlier times. On pages 23 & 24, Harry Floyd recounts some of his memories as a dairy farmer in Lacey Green - from which I learnt very much of interest. For example, in his earlier times milk was not used as a drink except for small amounts in tea!

Discussions on **our villages' facilities & activities** are continuing. They are reported on pages 4 (*Your Village – Your Opportunities* notice), 29 (Parish Council), 29 & 31 (County & District Council News), and 31 (Community Plan), as well as 42 (Youth Club).

Longer-standing Happy Wanderers Walking Club members will remember **our grandson, Adam**, from the walks he came on when staying with us in school holidays - still a paid-up member! On page 4 is a piece about a demanding project he is undergoing to help the people of Tanzania in Africa.

Village Notices

INDOOR CARBOOT SALE

All proceeds to Windmill Under 5s Pre-School
at Lacey Green & Loosley Row
Village Hall, Main Road, Lacey Green

**Saturday
28th February '09**

Sale Opens 1:00pm

Set Up 11:00am – Refreshments available
Tables £7.00 pre-booked, £9.00 on the day
Entrance FREE (or £1 Before 1.00pm)

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

**FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL
Cathy Tyrell on (01844) 275561
or Helen Wilson on (01494) 562342**

Tuesday 24th February 2009

PANCAKE DAY AT “DRY HILLOCKS”, Main Road

10-12

**Competition: written recipe
for a pancake filling**

RAFFLE BRING & BUY

Coffee and pancake £2.00

Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI

Contact (01844) 275994 for details

Collecting annual donations to Hallmark in May

Our voluntary deliverers of Hallmark will be inviting you to make a donation with the next edition.

Most deliverers don't enjoy asking for money, so please surprise them by offering your donation before they get the chance to ask you!

See if you can beat them to it!

As a guide, printing and other expenses cost about £5 pa per household. All other work is done by unpaid volunteers.

Neighbourhood Policing – Princes Risborough NAG

If you would like to know more about local policing and crime statistics for this area, you can access both through the Police Web Site:
<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk>

If you see someone dumping waste illegally you can now report it online at www2.environment-agency.gov.uk
Alternatively you can call 0845 330 1856

Your Village - Your Opportunities

Village Meeting

16th February 2009

Sports and Social Club 7:45pm

This is your invitation to come and take part how the villages of Lacey Green and Loosley Row can provide for lost Community Facilities and Services

The topics will include progress on:

The Youth Club Project

A Village Shop

There is good news on both so please come along so that your views can be listened to and action taken

St. John's Church of England (VA) Combined School



LINK TO LEARNING PROJECTS – BUY A BRICK

Our exciting new building project at the school will link the lower school and middle school together. The work will begin on April 6th 2009 and last for approximately 35 weeks. We will report the progress that is being made through future editions of Hallmark.

We are looking to raise a substantial sum of money and as such we are inviting everyone to 'Buy a Brick'. Whatever your connection with the school, be it past, present or future, your support will be most gratefully received. For full details please see Hallmark's enclosed letter and keep an eye on our totaliser at the front of the school.

Adam Will Help People of Tanzania



Betty and Norman Tyler's 16 year old grandson, Adam (known to longer-standing members of the Happy Wanderers Walking Club) is set to spend 3 weeks in Africa, during which he will be helping people of Tanzania. This demanding expedition will follow a 15-month programme of training,

fundraising & research. Adam's school is participating in a World Challenge for the first time. The pupils will be teaching English to African children when they visit their school and orphanage. Adam is also learning some Swahili prior to the trip. It is organised by "World Challenge" (www.world-challenge.co.uk), of whose three Tanzania choices he will be on the Mount Meru trip. He departs in July 2010. There will also be some trekking &

mountains involved.

Applicants had to submit written applications saying why they thought they should qualify to go, and Adam was selected as one of seven pupils from 300 in his school year group. He was chosen for a combination of reasons, including having won both bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards (can't work on the gold until he's old enough), which gave him a lot of hard weight-carrying trekking experience. He is also a young helper with the scout group (now teaches younger members),

Each of the total 19-strong party will need to raise £3,500 and Adam will start his fund-raising with a sponsored run in April. Anyone willing to sponsor him can do so by sending a cheque made out to "Adam Tyler" (or, if you prefer, cash) to me, Hallmark's editor - contact details on page 1 - stating that it is for Adam's World Challenge efforts.

January 2009. So what is new? "Credit crunch" seems to be the buzz phrase on everybody's lips and I guess that absolutely everyone is affected by it to a greater or lesser degree. Like a pebble dropped into a pond, the ripples are felt all round. As for the farm, of course it is biting there too. It is ironic that 2008, when our crops which had looked so good and won so many prizes, were ruined by the weather so the year went completely pear shaped. Our main contractor who also has a large farm won the award for the best environmental farm in the country, presented at a ceremony in London, and our agronomist was nominated for best agronomist. It all looks so good on paper. But it is the bottom line that counts and, with the chill factor of credit crunch cutting in, I cannot pretend that things look rosy. Imports of fuel, fertiliser and soya went through the roof. The price of our milk was cut, just as it had crawled back up to the 1995 level. Now we learn that the dairy to which we send our milk is in management trouble and has really slashed our price. The suppliers have been obliged to contribute a considerable amount of capital over the years, but now it has every appearance of going down the drain - taking our milk and money with it. We start 2009 knowing that we do a professional job and hoping against hope that we can hang on until things get better. We shall certainly have to run a tight ship - as if we weren't already!

Meanwhile we are exhorted to recycle. It's unfortunate that the Chinese have their own credit crunch and don't want our old paper any more to make their cardboard boxes, just as we had all got well trained to put out our paper. However the headline that caught my eye begged people not to throw away so much food. Now, as a food producer that is nothing short of sacrilege, especially if insult is added to injury by complaining about the price. It highlighted to me how much had changed just in my lifetime. Wartime rationing was in force when I was growing up and certainly no food was wasted then. I doubt if any of my generation would waste food - we just weren't brought up to it. And as for imported food, what imported food? The village communities fared better than most. Many still kept a pig to eat the vegetable peelings and then they ate the pig. Shared it out with others who killed theirs' at a different time. Vegetable growing was standard practice. Better soil if you kept a pig! A few hens too, eggs and a bird for the pot in the end. Probably had to be boiled but what a flavour!

John's great uncle, born in the 1870's, had a small farm. He had a field where he probably made hay and maybe they kept a house cow. But they lived on rabbit, pigeon,

'stray' pheasants, and wonderful vegetables from his garden. He must have sold some things for cash, for their was always a warm welcome when you called, a glass of sherry and a piece of Auntie Lizzie's delicious fruit cake. My father's mother would visit and happily prepare rabbit for us. How I hated the smell - I still don't like rabbit. She was fond of rook pie. They were considered a menace and shoots would be held. After one near her daughters, she left her clothes there and filled her case with rooks. On the bus coming home, the case burst open revealing it's contents. It didn't stop her, she just had a strong leather strap round her case after that. That probably left people wondering what could possibly be in it instead. They were indomitable, that generation. Soldiering on through years of ups and downs. Mostly downs through the twentieth century. About fifteen years ago, I was told by a still very active ninety year old "You just don't know you're born girl, times have never been so good". That made me think. And I guess we will still keep soldiering on - we owe it to them as well as to ourselves.

It has now been freezing for many days. The cows need lots of water and it is frozen. Everywhere that the pipes come above ground to troughs it has to be thawed. Then again and again. Cold work and very time consuming. But today everywhere is a scene of exquisite beauty because the trees and shrubs are coated with a thick layer of hoarfrost. This is the second day of it. Now the sun coming out has made it absolutely radiant. Country lore says it will last three days and then it will rain. The red kite that likes to perch for ages at the top of the old ash will be glad. His usual statuesque pose is ruined be a continual fidget. Maybe he cannot get a good grip on the icy branch. If not he just cannot stand his cold feet. Either way, he and all the birds must be very glad when this cold weather ends.

It is said that every cloud has a silver lining. Keep looking, maybe things will not turn out to be as bad as they seem right now. Make the best of 2009, we will if we can.

Joan West

There was this man who muttered
a few words in the church and
found himself married. A year
later, he muttered something
in his sleep and found himself divorced.



Lacey Green Productions



A scene from *Tangled Web*



... and it's well fed audience

Theatre at Home – “Top Girls” by Caryl Churchill – March 2009

We shall be performing this award-winning three act play as part of our 4th year of Theatre at Home at “Chipko”, Parslows Hillock at 8pm on Friday, March 13th and Saturday, March 14th. There will also be a matinee at 2pm on Sunday, March 15th.

“Top Girls” has an all female cast and was first produced in London and New York in 1982. It manages to be both funny and sad and shows the challenges facing women in both the business world and society at large at that time. The central character, Marlene, has a price to pay for her success in business and the play illustrates this with both contemporary and historical references. Performing this play will have many challenges for us,

not least because Caryl Churchill writes overlapping dialogue. Although this is exactly how we normally speak, it is not how plays are usually written. She also plays about with time and mixes fantasy and reality. “Top Girls” is a fascinating play for both audience and performers.

We have limited seating capacity for these performances so please do book your tickets as soon as possible by calling either **01844 347518** or **01844 344207**.

“Tangled Web” – November 2008

Many thanks to our audiences for coming to see our triple bill performed at the end of November last year. All seats were fully occupied for the two dinner theatre performances, while there was a small but most appreciative group for our preview.

With your support, we managed to raise about £1,000 for our 2008 charities. This will be sent, together with our earlier contributions for last year, to both Samaritans and WaterAid.

Lacey Green Windmill

On National Mills Day, which falls on Sunday 10th May in 2009, I am planning to have a bookstall to help raise funds for the essential maintenance of the mill. If anyone has suitable donations, please contact me --- hardbacks, paperbacks, any subject, they will all be much appreciated. Bookmarks will also be most welcome, also other items of ephemera like postcards and booklets.

Also near the mill, the **Horticultural Society** will be having a plant stall, which was very popular last year.

The mill will be open on National Mills Day, when we will hope to have the sails turning, weather permitting, as always. Our regular opening times will be 2.30 to 5.30 on Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays from 3rd of May until the 27th of September.

Betty Hardy, Publicity Officer
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Lacey Green Singers

BID GOODBYE TO THEIR CONDUCTOR – JANE BROWN

by Rosemary Mortham



Christmas Carol concert in village hall

Last autumn, Lacey Green Singers provided their usual singing events in the village.

The first was a Concert of Handel Music in St. John's Church on Saturday 18th October. This was an enjoyable event, which attracted the usual loyal audience. Thanks go to Graham Nash, the organist who accompanied some of the pieces, and to the Singers regular accompanist, Thelma Malpas for other accompaniments, and for a duet with her daughter Jo. The Musical Director, Jane Brown had worked very hard, both in rehearsing the choir, and in choosing suitable music, which could be performed with only a minimum number of men singers.

The future for the choir looked rather bleak, partly because of the inability to recruit new tenors and basses, and also because Jane had announced that she had a

new and challenging job, which would not allow her to continue as conductor.

However, as rehearsals for the Christmas Concert progressed, things began to look a little brighter. A few more men were found, and also a new conductor, Simon Grey, who will start in February. The first rehearsal for 2009 will be in the school hall on Thursday 5th February from 8.00pm. Anyone who might be interested in joining the choir will be welcome to come and try.

Everyone in Lacey Green Singers would like to say a huge thank you to Jane. She has single handedly kept them going for the last year. She has risen to the challenge of running the choir really wonderfully. Even when everything was going wrong she was always helpful and supportive. We shall miss her, but we hope she will continue to sing with the sopranos when pressure of work allows.

Library Facts

The latest Bucks CC residents' survey showed that 58% of the adult population had used a Bucks library in the last 12 months. Nationally, people are borrowing fewer books. Bucks has seen a 6.11% fall in loans in the

last 3 years. Libraries have been finding ways of attracting new members for years, including access to the internet and further education. A review is being carried out to help find further ways the libraries can change in order for them to serve the needs of many generations to come.

Lacey Green, Loosley Row & Speen 81st Over 60s Club

**CHRISTMAS PARTY with MEAL GIVEN BY BLACK HORSE
and SONGS BY CHILDREN FROM ST JOHN'S SCHOOL**

4th December 2008

Yet again, we had an excellent Christmas lunch served and donated by Lynne from the local Black Horse pub. A most jolly time was had by all members, who enjoyed a full festive lunch - how lucky we are to end each year with such a wonderful feast. Our grateful thanks go to Lynne for her continued generosity and support of the club.

Members were entertained by some thirty children from reception and class 1 of St John's School, who performed a charming selection from their Christmas programme, always a great favourite with our club.



**Cake and petit fours
made by Pat Brooks**

The party ended with the ever welcome cup of tea and a slice of Pat Brook's superb Christmas cake and home made Petit Fours.



**Fun as well as eating, drinking, entertainment and
chatting! Photo by Pat Brooks**

Our club has once again been lucky enough to have been one of those chosen by the Princes Risborough Charity Commission and received a handsome donation of £150, which is tremendous help towards the summer outing. Our grateful thanks go to all concerned.

The survival of the club depends on increasing membership - if this does not happen, there is a grave danger that the club will fold after 50 years. This will take away a lot of pleasure from those who currently attend.

Don't be fooled by the title of the club. Anyone over 60 years old is most welcome to come along and hopefully join up - we won't turn you away if you are 59½.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at Lacey Green and Loosley Row Millennium Hall at 2.00pm. Hopefully, we will welcome some new faces during 2009 - it is important if we are to continue to flourish in the community.

As always, grateful thanks to the backroom helpers who do transport, make cakes and set up the chairs and tables.

The 81st Over 60s Club Team

The C-Nile Email Virus



Even the most advanced programs from Norton or McAfee cannot take care of this one. It appears to affect those who were born prior to 1960.

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished.
7. Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND
8. Causes you to hit SEND when you should DELETE



10-19 September

First off, Happy New Year! Now for the news you've all been waiting for.... It gives me great pleasure to announce the truly stellar programme for Speen Festival 2009! With a cosmic, yet earthy focus, this year's creative mix introduces astronomy, science and gastronomy. We also have more events than ever before, offering you a veritable cornucopia of artistic and musical delights gleaned from the four corners of this most talented of villages and beyond!

And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, we present **SpeenFest Interactive!** a host of activities linked to Festival events that are designed to inspire creativity before, during and after the forthcoming Festival. Finally to celebrate the 5th Festival, we're also delighted to unveil Speen Festival's spiffing new look – a classic feel with a highly individual twist that we hope will reflect the spirit of the Festival and help forge its continued success for years to come.

I urge you to put these dates in your diaries now, particularly the Festival Show Spectaculars on **Sunday 1** and **Sunday 8 March** at Speen C of E School where you can read the script for the Community Theatre, meet the directors and find out how you can get involved.

And that's about it for now except to say, Speen Festival is nothing without its heart and soul – in other words it's nothing without you! To make sure Speen Festival continues in the spirit of previous festivals, we need a willing team of volunteers. So if you fancy something on-stage, back-stage, front of stage, or just want to lend a hand, please contact Sue Taylor, our Festival Secretary on secretary@speenfestival.org or on telephone 01494 488 168.

Jem Symondson
Chair, Speen Festival 2009 Committee

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 2009

Community Theatre Production

Thurs 10, Friday 11 & Saturday 12 September

Whatever your experience, find out how you can get involved at our first meeting: the Festival Show Spectaculars on **Sunday 1 and Sunday 8 March 2009** from 2.00-5.00pm at Speen School.

Photography Exhibition/Competition
Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September
Give free rein to your photographic talent!

Food Fest
Sunday 13 September
An array of local producers, culinary demonstrations and tastings.

Astronomy Talk by Dr. Heather Couper
Sunday 13 September
Everything from Babylon to the Big Bang.

Music and Poetry
Monday 14 September
A candle-lit recital and poetry evening.

Wild about Wildlife
Tuesday 15 September
Loads of activities for all ages.

Jazz Concert – “The Irving Berlin Story”
Wednesday 16 September
The Martin Hart Quintet with Lynn Garner.

Science Matters
Thursday 17 September
Stimulating, thought-provoking scientific debate.

Speen Big Sing!
Friday 18 September
Opportunity to sing ‘LOUD and PROUD.’

Teatro Unfortunato
Saturday 19 September
More fun with riotous children's theatre company.

Speen Bike Park Challenge
Saturday 19 September
Races, competitions, and skilful demonstrations.

Cabaret Supper - Reaching for the stars!
Saturday 19 September
Our star-studded finale of local performances.

PLUS

SpeenFest Interactive!
We are also currently planning a host of additional participatory activities linked to and inspiring Festival events including workshops for local people and creative projects for local schools. So watch this space!

For further information on all of these events, visit www.speenfestival.org

Windmill Artists Exhibition with Bistro

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2008

by Stella Boll



Admiring the artwork, chatting and relaxing with food and drink

In spite of the dismal weather, a warm welcome awaited visitors to the Art Exhibition in the village hall.

As usual, the Exhibition was well attended by local people and those from surrounding villages. Many visitors remarked on the high standard and variety of pictures, in various media, which were on display.

It goes without saying that the atmosphere was enhanced by the excellent coffee/cake/lunches and teas served throughout the day at the ever popular Bistro, run by the hardworking Rachel Panter and the Brookhouse family.

This event is now well established as a social village occasion and we hope you will visit us again at the next exhibition on Saturday 7th November 2009.

Saving Energy

ENERGY SAVING LIGHT BULB MYTH BUSTER

Why use them? Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use 80% less electricity, save you about £3 a year each, and last up to 12 times longer than old fashioned tungsten bulbs.

What are they? Think of them as compact versions of the strip lights in work places since the 1950s.

Have they improved? You can now get all shapes and sizes, fittings and levels of brightness, including 150W equivalent and dimmable options. A recent blind test of 761 shoppers found that 64% preferred the light from them.

Is it better to leave them running? No, switching them on uses the equivalent electricity as leaving them on for

a few minutes. Most now light instantaneously. **How should I dispose of them?** Use the service your municipal tip provides for the safe disposal of fluorescent tubes.

Is mercury an issue? Ironically, installing CFLs ought to help reduce the need for coal-fired electricity production - a major cause of global mercury emissions. CFLs contain mercury - about 5mg. Locked into its tube, this is harmless.

What should I do if I smash one? Ventilate the room for 15 minutes. Put on your rubber gloves, brush the bits into a bag, seal it and drop it at the tip next time you go.

Are tungsten bulbs banned? No. Manufacturers have agreed to withdraw them for sale, starting with 100W this year, 60W in 2010 and 40W in 2011.

Where can I find out more? Contact the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012

Happy Wanderers Walking Club

BRADENHAM WOODS
SHORT WALK

Wed 12 Nov



Our short walks are always a combination of comfortable yet good exercise, interesting chat, joking and plenty of time to enjoy fully whatever we pass.

We left some of our cars in our village hall car park, drove fuller cars to park near the Manor and church, walked up

the gentle hill towards Walters Ash, crossed the road to the northern (our) side of Bradenham Wood Lane, walked towards Small Dean Lane and back to Bradenham.

There were still a lot of splendid autumn colours everywhere – what a lovely setting for enjoying good company!

Our short walks can be looked forward to by members who may be starting to find the longer walks a lot too much. There are also several who go on the longer walk as well.

Norman Tyler

IN MEMORY OF DICKIE DAUNCEY

Although Dickie Dauncey was a very active participant in many local Associations, there was no



Photo by Ron Goodearl

Society where he was more appreciated than the Happy Wanderers. Dickie and Judy had been members for some few years before Dickie showed signs of the illness which was eventually to take his life in November 2008. No walk was complete without him taking pictures of the group en masse or investigating a particularly interesting feature. His knowledge and interest in birds enlivened walks, especially when he sighted a relatively rare specimen as when the kites were introduced back into the Chilterns. He always walked with a large and complex camera slung around his neck – no digital technology for Dickie. As the Happy Wanderers is a great 'walk and talk' Club it was always great fun to walk with him as he would talk on everything from wine to gothic church architecture – we sometimes wondered how Judy could keep up with him! Together Dickie and Judy organised some of our most successful walking weekends, from Suffolk to Herefordshire, and he was always life and soul of the party. He has been and will be greatly missed by all of us.

Liz Southon

The Windmill WI

On behalf of our members, I would like to wish all the readers of Hallmark a very happy New Year.

We ended 2008 with our usual Christmas party, which everyone enjoyed. The Committee prepared an excellent buffet and during the evening we held a draw for two bursaries, which are to be spent by the winners on an educational or recreational course. The lucky members this year were Stella Boll and Trudie Saunders

Earlier in the autumn, a group of members had an excellent trip to London. In the morning we visited Spencer House in St James Place. Spencer House was built in 1756-66 for the first Earl Spencer, an ancestor of Diana, Princess of Wales. The Spencer family last lived

in the house in 1926. They then let the building to a variety of tenants. Under the present leaseholder, Spencer House has been the object of one of the most ambitious restoration projects to be undertaken this century. It has now been restored to its original splendour and is used partly as offices and as a place where entertainments can be held in the historic setting of the state rooms. We all found the house remarkable and we were fortunate to have a very well informed Blue Badge guide to show us around. In the afternoon, our coach took us to Kensington and we spent the rest of the time drooling over things we couldn't afford in Harrods!

At our November meeting we had a talk on podiatry and I think we all came away respecting our feet a great deal more!



West Facade, Spencer House

At the end of November, we had yet another excellent trip – this time it was a visit to the Albert Hall to hear the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra playing *The Best of Broadway* and it was fantastic! Apart from the incredible orchestra, there were four amazing solo singers who performed a selection of hit songs from popular musicals.

A date for your diary! SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH – our Spring Jumble Sale at the Village Hall. If you have any jumble you wish to donate please bring it along to the hall between 10am and 12 noon - and then come back again at 2pm and see if you can find any bargains!

Don't forget – we meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45 in the Village Hall – come and join us!

Daphne Williams



Advertisement:

"This Saturday and Sunday: Dog Show. Monday: Flea Market".

Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI

In November we held our AGM and as Jill Baker, our President, stood down it must be acknowledged that during her time of office she not only continued to inspire and pass on many of her craft skills to the "sewing group" but she initiated the weekly coffee mornings to support the Post Office in the village hall each Thursday morning.

We are most grateful for Jill's efforts and those of the Treasurer, Val Webster – the WI is now in a financial healthy state. We are also most grateful to Bette Tyler and Joy Lawrence for so efficiently carrying out the secretarial duties when sadly Barbara Hobdell moved.

A new committee was elected:

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| President: | Jean Gabbitas |
| Secretary: | Rosemary Mortham |
| Treasurer: | Kathleen Turner |

Doreen de Grey has agreed to be our Vice-President with Sally Pilkington, Joy Lawrence, Mary Hazleton, Trudy Saunders and Renée Mann members of the committee

While this new committee held a brief planning meeting, Jill Baker captivated the meeting with a talk and demonstration of her most recent weaving course.

The December meeting was our Christmas Lunch, which was completely organised by Lynne and her team from the BLACK HORSE.

We simply had to arrive in time to find the hall beautifully arranged. The meal of traditional turkey with all the trimmings or shank of lamb was served with generous helpings of freshly cooked vegetables, followed by a choice of mouth-watering gateaux. We were all highly delighted with this excellent standard from our own local pub.

After this, we were entertained delightfully by a retired actress who read selections from literature and poetry on the theme of Christmas. We were quite content to sit back to listen & laugh following our generous lunch and energetic carol singing led by members of Lacey Green Singers.

January found us bravely risking ice & snow to hear a presentation by June & Ken Brazier, our local "Mercy Ships" supporters. Members were so impressed by the wonderful work of this charity, which sails medical staff to the desperately ill and is staffed by volunteers, that many were moved to make donations.

PS: An exciting programme has been planned for the year and visitors considering joining would be welcome 2pm on the second Thursday of each month.

Jean Gabbitas

Letters to Editor

RE DEATH OF DAVID WILLIAMS

To all our friends and old neighbours

I wanted to thank you all for the letters and cards sent following David's death at the end of October. I have been inundated with your kind wishes and prayers as well as offers of practical help. My thanks to you all. However difficult the last months have been, it has been an enormous comfort to have been shown such friendship and support. You have shared your memories of David too, and these I treasure, to help fill the void that is left. I am so touched, and I wanted you to know how much I value your kindness.

With my thanks and my warmest wishes to you all,

Amanda Williams
West Banbury Farm, Broadwoodwidge,
Lifton, Devon

RE EXCREMENT ON OUR ROADS

I am rarely moved to write to a publication, even one as esteemed as Hallmark, but this morning my exasperation has won and I am putting fingers to keyboard. I need clarification as to which varieties of excrement it is acceptable to deposit on the highways and byways of Lacey Green. Never being keen on the discovery of dog faeces on the soles of my shoes, I am pleased that the majority of dog-owners in our community appear to adhere to the simple principle that involves a plastic bag produced from the pocket and discreetly disposed of at home. Cats, of course, are a law unto themselves but their very nature usually ensures that, save for the odd garden-moment, one is unlikely to encounter swathes of feline evacuation on the

road.

I apologise to readers of a tender disposition at this point because I can imagine how all this talk of animal bowel-movement could be upsetting, but please stay with me as I develop my request for said clarification. This morning, as was the case last weekend, I awoke to the sound of the steady clip-clop of horse and this morning, as last weekend, I ventured outside to find another rich scattering of manure on the lane. Doubtless the riders were concentrating on marshalling their steeds and had failed to notice what I estimate to be several kilograms of the brown stuff decorating the lane behind. Horses, as the argument goes, preceded pretty well everything including shoes, car tyres and light-coloured carpets and are presumably therefore exempt from censure.

I have no particular strong wish to take up my shovel on my weekend off but neither do I wish, on these dark nights, to tread yet another foot-full of Dobbin's finest into my carpets. In days of yore, when horses and their riders ruled the world in equine equanimity, men employed specifically for the task kept the streets free of muck. Alas that the Parish council cannot find such a man from the community ranks.

As a country boy tolerant of most things I have now, with due regard to the pun, reached the end of my tether. I respectfully request that all horse-riders who feel the need to ride around Church Lane retrace their route later in the day by car and bring their own scoopers. Alternatively, perhaps they might consider riding along the bridledways and in fields and secure a positive legacy for their recreation.

Yours restrained and yet somewhat cross,

John Dexter Jones
Crown Cottage, Church Lane, Lacey Green

Obituary

DICKIE DAUNCEY

There is an appreciation of Dickie Dauncey in the Happy Wanderers article on page 19.



Let him who would enjoy a good future
waste none of his present.

Roger Babson

Time is what we want most, but what we use
worst.

William Penn

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every
opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in
every difficulty.

Winston Churchill

Memories of Lady Bateman 1906-2008

By Ted Janes:

When one turns 80, one tends to look back a lot. After all, one has a longer time span than looking forward. So when I heard of the death of Lady Margaret Bateman, aged 102, I got to thinking of the first time I met her and the years we worked together – a remarkable woman.

In the late 50s my wife and I ran the Village Youth Club and I attended the Village Hall AGM to repudiate criticism that the youth were causing damage to the Hall. I left the meeting having strongly made my point, been elected Chairman, proposed by a Mrs M Bateman (not yet a Lady).

In this new position I soon found the job not very easy. A quartet of ladies, namely Miss Fagge, Mrs Frederick, Miss Fletcher and Mrs Bateman has set themselves very commendable as custodians of the hall. The week before a meeting over coffee mornings and telephone conversations the contents of the agenda were cut and dried. I had to be very firm and made it plain that, if I was to remain Chairman, things would have to be conducted a little more democratically.

Like many organisations even today, the post of secretary fell vacant and no-one could be found until Mrs Bateman volunteered. So, as Chairman and Secretary, we worked harmoniously and happily for several years. I got to know what a kind, considerate and caring person she was, and of course very generous.

The old hall benefited greatly from her generosity, as did the Sports Club, Lacey Green and Speen Schools and many other charities she supported. But it was never Margaret – always Mrs Bateman and never Ted – always Mr Janes.

About this time, I was also Chairman of the Parish Council and several times I pleaded with her to sell or give the field that is now Roundlands and Eastlands estates for a playing field, but to no avail. But the fact that the estate includes some old people's bungalows was through her initiative. But she did give a good strip of ground at the back of the old Hall without which it is doubtful the new Hall could be erected.

She retired with her husband to a village near Petworth in Sussex around 1970. I thought the village had lost a good friend but, almost to the end of her life, she retained an interest in Lacey Green and, I believe, a nostalgic affinity.

Followed by her son, Robert Bateman:

Ted's words catch the essence of both of them. As I recall, their constructive relationship did include a few political debates. I am sure that my mother would have felt honoured that Ted was willing to record his generous thoughts.

If the tables had been turned and she had outlived Ted - not very likely given the age difference - he is one of the people for whom she had sufficient regard to consider writing something in memoriam. If she had, she would have shown similar respect and would also have been conscious of the perceived social separation to which Ted alludes. This is now an anachronism and she was never really comfortable with it, as I am sure her remaining friends in Lacey Green realized.

However, she came from a well established Lancastrian family, which had owned and managed a mill in Rochdale since the late 18th century, and certain habits were inbred. Her family were founders of the Rochdale Methodist church and there are records of her great great Grandfather meeting John Wesley around 1800. Her attitude to supporting the community in which she lived also stemmed from this background.

Her generation was the first to leave Rochdale, although she married a Rochdale born and bred man - her husband was the son of the family doctor. When she died she had 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, living throughout England as well as in Australia and the United States. Two of her grandchildren went to the Lacey Green Village School. The days of 'Mrs. Bateman and Mr. Janes' do seem a long time ago.

She certainly did have a nostalgic affinity for Lacey Green until the day she died. She continued her community involvement in Graffham as the attached article records.

The article attached, by Paula Burke:

I first met Margaret Bateman very soon after I came to Graffham on Easter Sunday in Church, where she was a Church Warden, and I thought then what a welcoming and pleasant person she was,

I can't remember the date but it must have been well prior to 1981 because I have been told by one of her sons that she mentioned in her diary that we were good friends then.

We worked together over the Church Sale, which she used to organise and later I took over from her. She was full of energy and verve, knew everybody and was tactful and well-liked by all.

When I was organising the Sale her husband, Sir Geoffrey, was the Treasurer, and we three used to get together in the evening after the Sale (it went on into the day much later then) and the three of us, strengthened by smoked salmon sandwiches (he was a fisherman) sorted out which stalls had made how much (interrupted constantly by anxious stall holders on the telephone

wanting to know their totals). When she and I could not entirely agree over the arithmetic of the monies in the bags, Geoffrey put a placatory hand in his pocket.

To the end of her life she was always fun to be with, highly intelligent, and with a sharp but always kindly eye for other people, and a keen awareness of what was going on around her.

Her generosity, sense of humour and gratitude for all that was done for her, and her true loving kindness made her greatly beloved.

Harry Floyd Recalls His Days as a Dairy Farmer

Harry's memories as told to Rosemary Mortham

Harry believes that his grandparents were probably one of the first to keep cows for milk in Lacey Green. They lived at Floyd's Farm, behind the 'Black Horse'.

Before that, the villagers would have had to collect their milk from Willott's Farm, Studridge Lane, Speen. After going up the hairpin bend, this was the first turning on the left, and the farm was about half way along.) Most only made the journey once or twice a week. Stocken Farm had arable crops and cows for fattening. The only milking cows were for their own use. This was probably normal at that time. Milk was a by-product of the need to produce calves for beef, whereas today the problem of surplus calves, the result of the vast amount of milk produced, has led to the unfortunate need to export calves for the continental veal trade.

Milk was not used as a drink, except for small amounts in tea. If any milk was available, it would be used in cooking something like a rice pudding. The milk on sale would not be what was known as 'new milk'. It would have stood for twenty-four hours and then been skimmed for butter making. It was this skimmed milk that was sold for for one halfpenny (0.2p) a pint. Harry reckons it was a lot creamier than our present day 'silver top'. He was not aware of any cheese being made locally.

George Hawes, who lived at Woodbine Farm, was probably the first to deliver milk around the village. He kept his cows at Kingswood Farm, down Kiln Lane. Twice a day they would be brought up along Main Road for milking. Foot and mouth disease was quite common, and during outbreaks, his cattle could not be moved and they had to be kept up at Woodbine Farm in the farmyard. If a single cow became infected, the whole herd had to be slaughtered. Although some compensation was paid for each cow, this was a disaster for the farmer. No doubt, George was very much relieved

when, in 1934, he was able to purchase an extra seven acres around Woodbine Farm from Harry's grandfather. This enabled him to keep his cows up there more easily when foot and mouth restrictions were in force.

The 1920s and 30s were a very bad time for farmers. It was around the time of the depression. Harry remembers that, in 1927, cattle that had been fattened for a whole year could only be sold for less than they had been bought for! A farm worker's wage, which had risen from between 10 to 12 shillings (50 - 60p) a week before the Great War to 50 shillings (£2.50) afterwards suddenly dropped to 30 shillings (£1.50). There was no overtime pay so there was no way to make up the loss. Men worked all the daylight hours. If they were lucky, they might get a few extra shillings at harvest time.

After Harry's grandfather, his father kept a few cows at Floyd's Farm, probably only four or five, mainly to fatten the calves. In January 1939 Harry took over the farm. His father, William Fredrick, (Fred) died in July the same year. Harry kept on and increased the number of cattle. He bought various bits of land - two fields from the Wathens at Lane Farm and some from Miss Elin at Gracefields. About this time, he also sold land by the village hall to Mrs Bateman of Grimsdyke Farm and some more in Church Lane to the Abel Smiths. He owned several Properties, including Vine Cottage at Idle Comer. The total rent he got for all of these amounted to 30 shillings a week. By the time he had paid the rates and carried out the maintenance, he says he was out of pocket!

Harry had a car, which he used extensively during the last war for taxi work but he also used it for his milk deliveries. His round extended from Slad Lane up to the

'Whip' along Main Road. However, most of the village milk deliveries were done by another Harry - George Hawes's son, using his small van.

The Milk Marketing Board was started about 1934/5 by the government. It bought milk at a guaranteed price from the larger dairy farmers and this helped to stabilise the prices for the small producers like Harry.

Before milk was pasteurised, it sometimes caused diseases like tuberculosis and brucellosis. When T.T. or Tuberculin Testing was introduced, all dairy cows had to be skin tested by visiting vets. All Cattle having a positive reaction were slaughtered. Milk samples were also submitted to laboratories for TB and brucella tests. Such testing was particularly important on milk supplied to schools. It was government policy that all school children should be given one third of a pint per day. In those days it was deemed necessary to supplement their diets with

the essential vitamins and minerals contained in milk. About twenty years ago, this was discontinued as it was felt to be no longer needed.

When pasteurisation became common, legislation was laid down which required very strict hygiene measures. These made it uneconomic for the small supplier and so, around 1963, Harry gave up his milk round. He finally retired from Floyd's Farm in 1976.

At Stocken Farm things were much more mechanised. There they had had a milking machine from the early 1950's, whereas all Harry's milking was by hand. When he needed to cool his milk down, it was put in a churn and dropped down the well on a rope!

It was difficult for Harry to believe that just one man can look after the milking of over a hundred cows nowadays.

Windmill Under 5s

By the time you read this, hopefully the first signs of spring will have appeared on the playing field and Christmas will seem like a distant memory! The autumn term finished on a real high with a visit from Santa and Magic Martin the entertainer. However, the highlight of the festive season must have been the Christmas Play. Liz and her team worked incredibly hard on props and carols to ensure a wonderful performance for everyone. It was lovely to see Sue again following her early departure on maternity leave and to be able to formally wish her all the best for her imminent baby – we are expecting some news very soon!

In Sue's absence, Liz has taken over the day to day running of the setting and the New Year has also seen the recruitment of a new pre-school assistant, Kim Cherrington, who we warmly welcome onto the team. We are delighted to have Jo back on board following a period of sickness and to have Tracy with us again every Friday. With seven new starters,, we are now full this term and the Summer Term. However, there is a waiting list and there may be some slight movement if anyone is interested. We are taking registrations for the Autumn Term (September 09). Our numbers are a proud reflection of staff's commitment to creating a happy and positive learning environment for our children: key group time is being enjoyed by staff and children alike. In communication with parents, this allows a personal development file to be compiled for each child. These and the written progress summaries not only meet the

new EYFS requirements but are an invaluable source of feedback for parents about their child's early learning opportunities. A parents evening is planned for the summer term.



Forthcoming activities this term continue to be based around the letter and colour of the week (a number may soon be added too!) whilst incorporating the topics of Winter, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Spring, Mother's Day and Easter. Objectives include greater development of the mathematical area and the introduction of more imaginative / role play. There is also a focus on more child-led activities and the further development of boys' interests. Children continue to enjoy the computer, French and a wide variety of creative and physical activities on a weekly basis. Lunch club also runs daily from 11.45-1.15pm.

As mentioned in the last edition, the fundraising focus for this year is to put a roof over the outside play area so it can be used come rain or shine! The craft morning at St John's School last November was a huge success and our next event is the indoor car boot sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 28th February – if you have any unwanted goods to sell or are a seasoned trader please see ad in this edition for more details! 21st March sees a girls night at the Sports Club with disco and cheese supper for £10 – call number below for tickets!

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Helen Wilson, Vice Chair at the end of March. On behalf of the committee I

would like to thank her for all her help and support this year and wish her and her family all the best for their move to RAF Whittering.

If you are considering a pre-school for your child come to one of our Open Mornings: Thursday 26th March or Thursday 11th June (both 9.30-10.30am) or call our administrator Paula Cunningham on 07502 198 405 /

email admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk to arrange a convenient time to visit.

We are now registering admissions for September 2009 and January 2010 and also accept Childcare vouchers. If you like the sound of what you have just read, then take a look at our website www.windmillunder5s.co.uk to find out more and hopefully see you at the pre-school soon!

Zoe Glenister, Co-Chair

Around Our Local Pubs



Happy New Year to everyone. Even though it looks like it is going to be a difficult year, we must all try and make it the best we can and try to avoid the doom and gloom. We must all think positive. Christmas is now a distant memory but I would like to say a big thank you to everybody that supported the

Black Horse through the Christmas period. New Year's Eve was a great success. We had a really good night and a very late one. Even Elvis arrived to sing at the karaoke - we were honoured at the Black Horse. Thank you Pete for the disco. Once again, it was good and everyone seemed to dance and sing the night away. We are now getting ready for Burns Night. I will let you know what happens in the next issue.

A couple of announcements: congratulations to Sally and Mark Walker for the birth of their twins Buddy and Miley, I think you will have your hands full now. Tony was 60 this month so he is looking forward to his bus pass. I hope he doesn't think he is going to retire, no hope.

We are now doing a guest real ale every month, so look at our boards to see the beer for the month. Also keep your eyes on the boards for all new events coming up. It is nice to see some new teams at the quiz night last Sunday of the month. The Christmas quiz was a great success and we raised £87.00 for charity. Darts and dom's and crib are now on the way for the second half of the season. Live acoustic music is played at the Black Horse once a month featuring two artists. Come along and brighten up your cold winter evenings. Watch our boards for dates.

Lynne and Ian

Lacey Green & Loosley Row Sports & Social Club

CRICKET SECTION

You may think it odd to even be thinking about cricket as this winter's hard frosts, snow, icy winds and rain batter us with the kind of weather we haven't seen for years. But, of course, preparation has to be made for the forthcoming season. There are the league divisions to be arranged - who's gone up, who's gone down, who's gone altogether. I can tell you that Hughenden Valley have withdrawn. They were playing on the former Broomwade ground, which is now not available to them. Frieth have been relegated to Div 3. Three new teams are coming in to Div 2. They are Phoenix Old Boys Reserves (unknown to us) Ley Hill 3rd XI, and Potten End Reserves, both of which our 2nds have played against before. I'm pleased to see that Gt. Hampden have entered a team again despite Roger 'Mr Cricket' Dell's health problems and

that we shall see him playing a part in the team's season.

Our cricket secretary, Mr Derek Briscoe, will be arranging a club meeting this month (Feb), date yet to be arranged, so keep your eyes and ears open all you would-be cricketers. I'm told that there will be a practice session arranged some time in April, again, yet to be decided when and where. The fixture list is not out yet so I can't say who our teams will be playing although I believe the 2nd Div will remain much as last season.

As the cricket meeting has not yet taken place I cannot, of course, say who will lead the two teams this season. I

will just say I was very impressed with Mr Duncan Palmer, who took over as 1st XI captain towards the end of last year. His dogged determination with the bat and his courageous fielding set an example all the players should try to emulate. In the 2nd team, Mr Simon Williams proved a popular skipper and excelled with bat and ball - who will forget his century in the last match of the season? This is not to influence anyone's vote - just the opinion of someone who can only sit and watch.

So, let's hope that this season is a great one. The 2nds can hardly do much better but our 1st XI, certainly can. Come on, lads you've got talent, use it. Let us have a cup from you to celebrate.

The club held a Xmas 'do' which brought in a reasonable profit, I'm told, and was much enjoyed by everyone who attended.

I was stunned to hear that Roger 'El Quilto' Janes, long time supporter and former umpire of this club, who had already had a disagreement with a bull that got loose from Lord Carrington's fields at Bledlow, has had another setback in health. I'm sure every one at the club will join me in wishing 'Jolly' Roger well and hope he has much better luck in the future.

I have more sad news to convey I'm afraid. David Allworth, who used to love to come around the cricket ground having a look at some of the cricket, but most of all enjoying a chat with the cricketers and spectators, I suspect, passed away on the 15th of December. Dave did his time in the forces and then joined the police force. He was for many years a sergeant at Princes Risborough and well known around the area. We offer our condolences to Mrs Allworth and the family.

Geoff Gomme

Loosley Row & Lacey Green Horticultural Society

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Christmas is just over as I write this and my thoughts turn to...., well, the AGM on Wednesday 18 March at 8.00pm in the Millennium Village Hall. The Committee elected last year are willing to continue, but we would welcome anyone else who wishes to join us. If you are interested, let me know before the Meeting, please. The Committee meets every other month and we are a sociable group. The AGM takes about 10 minutes and will be followed by the main event, **a talk by John Tyler**, back by popular demand, on ***The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns***. If you are not a member but would like to hear the talk, just come along.

At the Meeting we will announce details of the programme for the year, which will include a **Plant Stall** on National Windmill Day, 10 May (for which we will be glad of stock, so please bear that in mind when sowing your seeds), a **garden visit** and a **hanging basket competition**. The **Annual Show** will be on 5 September. Schedules will be available at the AGM.

The **Pumpkin Competition** will continue, seedlings to be distributed at our May meeting, and judging at a **Pumpkin Supper** in November. There will, of course be the usual programme of alternate monthly talks.

Last year's Pumpkin Competition was decided way back

in November, at a **Supper Evening**, which was a great success. About 50 people enjoyed an excellent two course hot supper, four courses for those that went back for seconds, with wine, all for £3.50. Adam Heely ran a light hearted **quiz**, and a good time was had by all – ask anyone who attended!

The winners were Elizabeth Phillips, heaviest, with a whopping 21.98 kilos, twice as heavy as anyone else's. The next biggest by circumference was entered by Mary Lawrence, the smallest was Marcia Fendom's, and the best looking pumpkin was entered by Connie Baker. Very appropriate!

I mentioned the Hanging Basket competition, and our talk on Wednesday 20 May at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall will be a demonstration and advice on making up hanging baskets.

Hopefully we are providing a programme of events that will be of interest whether or not you are a keen hands on gardener or just looking for a sociable outlet related to gardening and countryside matters, with an amiable group of people. Visit our Website – www.laceygreen.com and follow the links.

Membership is £2 per year, thereafter our Meetings are free to Members. If you are interested contact me, or just come along to one of our meetings, and you will be made very welcome.

Terry Fendom, Chairman, 01844 342636

Parish Council

A belated Happy New Year to Everyone!

Some encouraging news at the start of this New Year is that the Parish Council website is being developed. It will bring together all the information about Parish Council minutes and agendas, planning information, meeting dates and venues, updates on the garden of rest, playgrounds etc, and just about anything residents might want to know-and probably some you didn't realise the Parish Council was involved with too! Agendas and minutes are of course posted on the notice board in the Risborough library as well.

The Council has signed up to the New Model of the Freedom of Information Scheme, which took effect from January 1st 2009. This allows members of the public to request, for a charge where appropriate, information held by the Council, on such things as:

Clerk & Councillors names, addresses and tel nos,
Member's interests,
Budget and precept details,
Parish Council plans and policies.

Following the Community Needs survey, progress has been made on two main fronts. The Lacey Green playground had been earmarked for an overhaul anyway

and work is progressing on that front to seek funding aid. The Film night and Youth Club are well into the planning stage, and the idea of a shop seems to be developing into a Farmer's Market format, with the emphasis on fruit and vegetables, possibly utilising some of the produce from the privately owned allotments. If either of these two projects spurs you to get involved in however small a way, then please do contact us, via the Clerk to the Council, Sue Griffiths, and we'll put you in touch with the appropriate people. In any case, we hope as many people as possible will take advantage of the new projects and support them so that they become viable.

After long deliberations in November and December, the Council decided, in recognition of the economic climate, to keep the precept at its current level and so proposed the amount for 2009/2010 should be £27,000.00.

It's very easy, in the present climate of national and international uncertainty to overlook the smaller things that can add value to our lives. To enjoy the company of friends and family, good health, a reasonable diet and food and enough money to live and heat our homes are some of the things that for many millions in this world are not even a far off dream. We in this country, in spite of all the upheaval of the last six months, must be grateful for the things we have.

Cllr Mrs M Hughes

County and District Council News

LOCAL DELIVERY

This may sound a little dry - and it probably is - but the way local priorities are being set is changing. Getting things done increasingly depends on local people putting forward their views on where and why the various Service Deliverers should concentrate their resources. The recent survey on village services in Lacey Green and Loosley Row is an example where solid feedback can make a difference.

For our area we have many service delivery bodies that affect the way things happen: the County Council, the District Council, the Parish Council, the Fire Authority, the Police Authority, the Health Authority to name the major players. All of these organisations are trying to find ways to work better together and to find better ways to engage with the public.

It has to be said that if sufficient members of the public engage with these organisations then improvements follow. The central forum for public engagement is the new Local Community Partnership (LCP). This meets every 3 months and is made up of County, District and

Parish councillors representing the community area of eight parishes and the Princes Risborough town council, together with input from the Police and Fire Authorities. The Partnership meetings give the opportunity for local people to express their concerns directly and to present petitions for local action on local issues. So please look out for the meeting dates and if you have an issue then come along. The next meeting of the LCP is 18th February 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Hughenden Village Hall.

Another opportunity to put your views and take part in problem solving is at the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meetings. This group of local people, working with the police and supported by officers from Wycombe District Council, are seeking to find answers to local problems and putting in place actions to make a difference. Speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking are currently the two top issues for the NAG. It is local engagement at the grassroots level and therefore anybody who has concerns about these issues is welcome to attend and put their views. The next meeting is on 24th February at 7:15pm Ladymede School, Kimble.

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Speed Limit Review

The period for comments on the proposed changes closed last October and since then the panel has met to consider the views put forward and the recommendations of the officers. For Lacey Green and Loosley Row, the extension of the 30mph area to include lower Loosely Hill and Foundry Lane was agreed and this now goes forward for formal acceptance by the cabinet member. Thank you to all who wrote in making their views known and giving support to the proposed changes. If all goes well, the new limits will be in place by Easter.

Mobile Library Review.

Following the Mobile Library Service Review, a change to the visit schedule for Lacey Green Millennium Hall has been made. The mobile library will now visit alternate Mondays between 10am and 11am. This service is reviewed annually and stops are discontinued where visits are not above five per session. I had to argue for the continuation this time as visits had dropped to this level so if it is not used then there is the danger that it will be lost. The library van that comes offers a wide and

varied service so if you have not tried it yet then you will be surprised to see what is on offer.

Community Fund

All of my funding had to be agreed in 2008 as the rules governing County Council elections, coming up in June, prevent local grants being made in an election year. However I was pleased to be able to help with funding towards the pond restoration in Kiln Lane. The funding arrangements for 2009/10 projects will not be known until July. However, it would be helpful if you could let me know so that they can be put on the list so whoever is successful can progress the requests. Please contact me if you think a grant of £200 to £500 would help your project.

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
District and County Councillor

Community Plan

In the last Hallmark we were able to provide a brief outline of the results of the Plunkett Foundation survey into the need for various facilities in Lacey Green. Before Wycombe District Council had received the report, some steps had already been taken, and are mentioned in the Parish Council comments. Many thanks are due to Joan Smith, who persuaded a team of volunteers to help with the proposed youth club. A 'management team' chaired by Leigh Axe has been formed to move the project forward.

The formal Plunkett report has now been discussed with WDC and, at a meeting on 22 January, it was agreed that phase 2 of the survey would go ahead in the form of a 'pilot' involving the setting up of a community shop based in the Millennium Hall. The pilot scheme will require volunteers from the community to set up and operate the shop, which might also embrace the mini 'farmers market' that has also been mentioned previously. There will be a public meeting to present the proposals in more detail, on Monday 16 February at the Sports Club, starting at 7.30 pm.

The successful launch of the Youth Club project was of great help in demonstrating to WDC that the community

in Lacey Green was enthusiastic and supportive, and it is vital that similar support is given to the pilot shop project.

The Parish Plan, which was published in part last May, identified a range of policies to be pursued by the Steering Group and the Parish Council. The missing section that is now being worked on is the Action Plan that defines the objectives and specific actions to be taken, and identifies the other bodies that will need to be involved.

One action that we want to follow up is to renew the village clean up day that lapsed some years ago. There have been recent comments in the national press about the problem of litter and there is no doubt that Lacey Green suffers just like many other places in the country. The clean up day will require some willing volunteers, so please look out for further news.

The Parish Council has been asked to provide some funds for work and facilities included in the Parish Plan. Quite apart from the current economic situation, the Parish Council is legally restricted as regards the amount of financial support it can give to Parish organisations or schemes. However, it has agreed to budget for some projects deemed to be of benefit to the community. We are grateful to the Parish Council for its support.

Tony Molesworth
Community Plan Steering Group



Riddles of the alphabet:

Q: What letter is a vegetable?

A: P. (pea)

Q: What letter is a bird?

A: J. (Jay)

Q: What letter is a vegetable?

A: P. (pea)

Q: What letter is looking for causes?

A: Y. (why)

Q: What letter is an exclamation?

A: O. (oh!)

A day without laughter is a day
wasted.

Charlie Chaplin



I remain just one thing, and one
thing only, and that is a clown. It places me on a
far higher plane than any politician.

Charlie Chaplin

I find television very educational. Every time
someone switches it on I go into another room
and read a good book.

Groucho Marx

My neighbour asked if he could use my
lawnmower and I told him of course he could, so
long as he didn't take it out of my garden.

Eric Morecambe

Holiday - a succession of 2s. It consists of 2
weeks which are 2 short. Afterwards, you are 2
tired 2 return to work and 2 broke not 2.

Lead me not into temptation; I can find the way
myself

Rita Mae Brown, writer

So things financially are pretty tough and a story in *The Telegraph* recently highlighted, for example, the plight of savers.

The gist of the article congratulated the Tories for starting to address the needs of savers, rather than encouraging consumers already overloaded with debt to spend more, which seems to be the present Government's strategy.

It depends, of course, on your view as to how we get out of this mess. However, we do have a debt ridden society which hasn't helped the current dire economic situation. Take, for example, the situation whereby someone wishes to save £100 a month in a pension. If he requires advice from an independent financial adviser, there would be at least two or three meetings and a detailed analysis by the adviser of the circumstances. Illustrations are offered and the paperwork completed. It's all a bit of an effort and time consuming.

If, on the other hand, the same person or indeed any individual wanted to borrow £25,000, all they would need to do is simply ring a freephone number, answer a few easy questions and three days later the cash was in the account. Add the fact that not too long ago you could get a mortgage of 6 or even 7 times your self-declared income and the recipe for disaster is complete. It was so simple and quick.

And how things have changed. In recent months the Bank of England has cut interest rates three times from 4.5% in October to 1.5% in January 2009. The headline rate (January 2009) is now at the lowest level in its 315 year history. Compare this situation to a year ago when the rate was 5.5%.

Whilst these cuts offer the prospect of some long deserved and welcome relief to hard pressed home owners as repossessions are on the increase, thousands of savers with money on deposit with their bank or building society will not be so pleased.

If you are one of the few who have saved, you will now inevitably pay dearly for the plunging base rate. Indeed, savings rates on offer are already falling to reflect the new base rate and, although the level of inflation is also

BANK OF ENGLAND'S OFFICIAL BANK RATE SINCE 1951



falling, the real rates of return on offer to investors are pitiful.

Some might now be looking to obtain a better rate of return on their savings in the longer term by making use of real assets such as equities, property and index-linked investments. However, with continued uncertainty and volatility in the world's markets there will be questions over whether the right time to be making such an investment is now and also the possibility of actually losing money by doing so.

As the saying goes "cash is king" but whatever colour the Government is after the next election, encouraging substantial long term savings is not simply a 'nice to have' - rather it is an absolute priority. Eventually, stability in the financial markets will return and maybe Government sponsored advertising emphasising the need to save would help, together with increasing the tax allowances on saving products. Sound Government and the needs of a civilised progressive and confident society demand it.

Quotations

"Please return this book. I find that though many of my friends are poor arithmeticians, they are nearly all good bookkeepers."
Sir Walter Scott



"It is always the best policy to speak the truth, unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar"
Jerome K Jerome

The Last Imaginatively Named "Young Persons' Page" (Probably)

9) He recently quit smoking and chews nicotine gum to quell his cravings.

Hello all.

As you can probably tell by the title, I am in fact calling my "imaginatively named young person's page editing-er-ey-ness" experience to an end. The main reason for this drastic writing-stuff-flop-and-fall-over-ey-ness is because I just simply haven't had anybody sending me anything (except for the brave Gerald Connolly, who very kindly sent in some interesting information about web design).

The second reason is that I'm simply really rather busy, I'm sure that any other teen will understand about the vast swathes of homework that teachers take pleasure in giving to their students. And so yeah, it is for these reasons that I'm going to stop. If anybody is really, really outraged at my decision to end the short life of a failing young persons' page, then well ...err all I can say is that I tried to get something going, but it wouldn't. I may still post notices on www.laceygreen.com so don't forget to check it out.

But now, because of the recent "enthronement of Barack Obama the 'king' of America-and-thereby-the-king-of-the-modern-world" (I know folks, it's not fair but it's actually true). Yeah, so to somehow celebrate the "dethronement" of ex-president Bush, I have some interesting facts about the new King.

- 1) He doesn't like ice-cream as a result of working at Baskin-Robbins as a teenager.
- 2) In his spare time he loves playing scrabble.
- 3) In high school he was known as O'Bomber for his skill at basketball.
- 4) His favourite books include Moby Dick and The Bible.
- 5) His wife Michelle was his supervisor at a Chicago law firm before they married.
- 6) On their first date, Barack took Michelle to the cinema to see a Spike Lee movie 'Do the Right Thing'.
- 7) His Chicago house is worth \$1.65 million and has four fireplaces.
- 8) His favourite food is chilli and he dislikes mayonnaise.

10) Whilst living in Indonesia he ate local delicacies such as dog meat, snake meat, and roasted grasshopper.

11) In 2000 the unknown Illinois lawmaker was refused a floor pass to the Democratic convention.

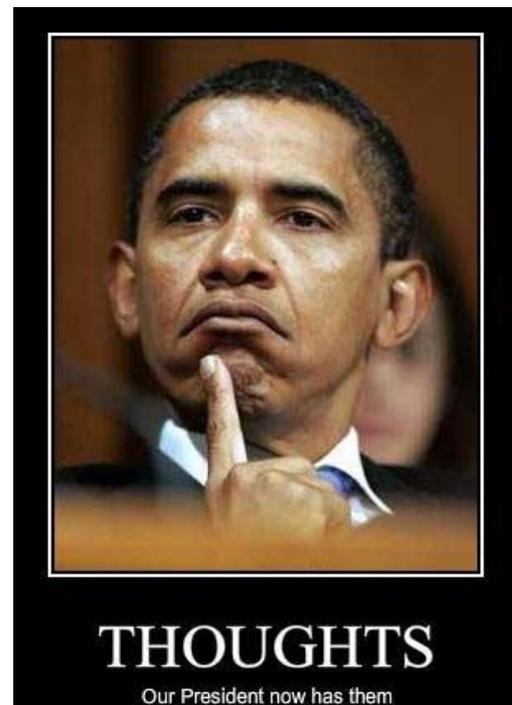
12) His favourite musicians include Bob Dylan, Stevie Wonder and The Fugees.

13) Though a devout Christian, a July 2008 Newsweek poll found that 12 percent of US voters wrongly believed him to be a Muslim.

14) He has won two Grammy awards, each one being for the audio versions of his best-selling books, 'Dreams from My Father' and 'The Audacity of Hope'.

15) Every night he reads to his daughters, Malia and Sasha, and is a big Harry Potter fan.

16) He collects Spiderman and Conan the Barbarian comics.



17) His first name, Barack, means "blessed" in Swahili and was also the name of his father.

18) His childhood nickname was Barry.

In other news- keep your eyes peeled for the new youth group.

Age Concern's New Service

TOE NAIL CUTTING SERVICE

What happens when an older person is unable to cut their own toenails? Unfortunately, the result can be painful and lead to problems in walking, standing and mobility.

There can be many reasons why someone is no longer able to reach their toenails; it could be through arthritis or after operations for hip or knee replacements. Or it could be because of conditions which make them feel dizzy when they bend; as a result of a sight impairment or because of thickening of the toe nails. Any of these can give a real problem to an older person.

In response to this genuine need, Age Concern Bucks has launched a new service for older people with a team of toenail cutters, all highly trained, and able to visit older people in their own homes. This will be a regular service, and available throughout the local area. The cost of this toenail cutting service is £15. For more information please contact Age Concern Bucks on **01296 431911** and ask for the **Neat Feet organiser**.



News from St John's Church

A very Happy and Healthy 2009 to all from us at St John's

(Rector – the Reverend Denise Critchell)

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

Christmas was a joyous time with all our services being well attended by our regular worshippers and some very welcome visitors. Please do feel welcome to attend again. The **Candlelit Carol Service** held us in its sense of mystery and expectation of the birth of Christ. The **Crib Service** also well attended (140), featured the Prayer Tree which not only looks beautiful but served a purpose in encouraging everyone to pray by writing to God. Thank you Karen Galvern, husband Peter and Carla for this lovely idea. We shall probably use it for future events within the Church Year.

The **Alpha Course** began enthusiastically on Jan 13th with members sitting down to a meal and interesting conversation. Norman and Peter explained the course details and other Church members will pop in to add a new/their perspective on being a Christian. It is a 10 week course and if you missed this opportunity, another will be starting later in the Year.

LENT happens in the 6 weeks prior to Easter and the 2009 Risborough Team are holding a 5 session course based on Faith, Hope and Love in rotation around the Team Churches.

DATES, TOPICS and VENUES are :-

All Thursdays March 5th Believing and Trusting. St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.

Mar12th The Peace of God. St. John's, Lacey Green.

Mar19th Faith into Love. St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough.

Mar26th The Greatest of these. Holy Trinity, Bledlow.

April 2nd All shall be well. St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.

We welcome as many people as possible to attend. The course has a booklet which needs to be ordered – please let Gill Healy in the St. Mary's Parish Office know by email rector@stmarysrisborough.org.uk or telephone **01844 – 273300** by February 14th if you intend to participate.

EASTER SERVICES at ST. JOHN'S

Friday April 3rd End of term services in Church, Speen at 9.15 and St John's at 2pm.

Note – **St. John's School** received an **excellent Ofstead Report** and the C of E Ofstead SIAS has reported that "The care and support which each child receives reflects the community's strong commitment to Christian values. These are enhanced by the very good partnership between the school and local Church".

Sunday April 5th Palm Sunday 10am. Celebrating the day when Jesus rode in Triumph into Jerusalem on a humble donkey – the people praised him and strew palm leaves in the pathway to make his journey more comfortable. Let's relive the old tradition carried out in villages for many years – come to church and collect Your Palm Cross. Followed by the Annual PCC meeting.

Good Friday at 10am. Rev. Denise plans a workshop for families and children at 10am. We do need volunteer helpers to make this successful.
2-3pm. An hour of meditation in Church.

Easter Sunday 6am very early! Christians Together in Risborough – Sunrise Service. Followed by Bacon Sandwiches! Check notice board nearer the time for more details.

8am, just early. A more traditional Communion Service using the Book of Common Prayer. This is the book we older/more traditional members may have grown with in the Church – come and rediscover how comfortable it still feels.

10am. Resurrection Communion Service with the beautiful daffodil cross.

Followed by tea and Hot Cross Buns in the Vicarage Garden.

6pm. Easter Choral Evensong.

Regular Services at St. John's church.

SUNDAY

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| 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. 01844-342173.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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| 10.30.am | 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. Please check those reference points for any further details.

Future Dates

July 2nd at 7.30pm **Team Confirmation**. Preparation for Confirmation begins shortly after Lent and Easter. Let Rev. Denise know if you would like to be confirmed late March/early April.

Looking forward to Summer time – **July 5th Barbeque and picnic** in Vicarage garden. Pray for fine weather. Please also add in your prayers that the right person is chosen for the Team Rector's Appointment. The right person will be based at St. Mary's now that Rev. Paul has retired, and he/she will be working closely with the team. PCCs are now discussing what sort of person will be just right for this important 'mission from God' We pray for the best person chosen by God for the position.

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

Youth Club News

Wow! Local people have really got behind the idea of setting up a Youth Club and we thank all the people who have volunteered to help. We have formed a Management Team to cover the legal, financial, health and safety, training and planning issues and have been hugely supported and guided by Action4Youth. This is based at Green Park nr Aston Clinton and provides professional, practical and inspirational help to youth clubs throughout Buckinghamshire.

January 6th 2009 was our first meeting and to-date we have:-

Identified a venue THE VILLAGE HALL, LACEY GREEN
Agreed a day and time ALTERNATE FRIDAY

EVENINGS 7.30 – 9.00p.m

Start date EARLY APRIL 2009

Identified an age range YEAR 6 PRIMARY SCHOOL up to AGE 14 YEARS

But nothing is set in concrete.

We are planning an Opening/Information Event in March, where parents and young people can come along to the village hall to see what activities and interests are on offer and young people can register as members of the youth club and parents sign the necessary forms giving appropriate consent.

For future information, look out for posters and flyers as well as on the website www.laceygreen.com.

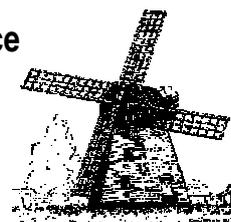
More helpers are needed to help run the club evenings – our aim is to provide for individual commitment to be as little as, for example, once a month or more if desired – we look forward to hearing from you. You can contact us at youth@laceygreen.com

Joan Smith 01844 342322

What's Happening in Lacey Green & Loosley Row ?

A LIST OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES to which you are welcome. Others take place but are subject, for example, to membership for which there is a waiting list

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



| WHO in alphabetical order | WHEN, WHERE if not in Millennium Hall, and OTHER DETAILS | CONTACT | 01844 * |
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| Adult Learning – Furniture Restoration | Thu mornings, term time | Bucks office | 0845 - 0454040 |
| Happy Wanderers' Walking Club - normal walk (5-6 miles) - short walk (2-3 miles) | 10.30am. Starting place informed on previous walk 2nd Wed. 10.30am, Millennium Hall car park | Ronnie Lewin | 274961 |
| Horticultural Society | 3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm | Terry Fendom | 342636 |
| Jazzercise – exercises with lively music & company | Tue evenings | Sue Morris | 01494 - 813968 |
| Jingle Tots | Baby to 5 years. Songs, action rhymes, musical instruments, refreshments, playtime. Fridays during term time. | Jenny Stothard | 344441 |
| Karate | Mon evenings | Richard Peace | 07768 – 896078 |
| Kinder Gym | Pre-school Gym Classes. Fridays during term time | Jenny Stothard | 344441 |
| Lacey Green Productions | Various kinds of theatre, some with delicious food | Val Brookhouse | 344207 |
| Lacey Green & Loosley Row Sports & Social Club | Various activities | Jane Oakford | 346295 |
| Lacey Green Singers | Thu evenings, term time | Jane Brown | 346071 |
| Lacey Green Windmill | Open Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 2.30-5.30pm beginning May – end Sep. See p44. | Michael Hardy | 275871 |
| Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI | 2nd Thu, except Aug. 2pm | Jill Baker | 275442 |
| Pilates Classes | Tue mornings | Sue Croxford | 346656 |
| U3A | 4 th Wed afternoon of month | Roger Smith | 01494 - 484182 |
| Whiteleaf Bowmen | Wed, Thu & Fri evenings, Apr to Sep | Dave Evans | 01494 - 538235 |
| Windmill Under 5's Playgroup | Mon-Fri 9.15-11.45am, lunch club 11.45am – 1.15pm At Sports & Social Club (next to St John's School). | Paula Cunningham | 07502 198 405 |
| Windmill WI | 1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm | Stella Boll | 347268 |
| Yoga Group | Mon mornings during term time | Annie Silverman | 343643 |
| 81st Over 60's Club | 1st Thu of month except Jan & Aug (was 1 st Tue) 2pm | Carole Knight | 01296 – 614113 |

* Except where shown otherwise

See page 44 re Lacey Green Maize Maze (when in season), Post Office, coffee mornings and mobile library

LACEY GREEN WINDMILL is open Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays 3 May - 27 Sep, 2.30-5.30pm, last admission 5.00pm. 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**.

Village Diary

February 15 – May 15

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



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| Feb 16 | Public meeting re Community Plan at Sports Club | 7.30pm |
| Feb 22 | Happy Wanderers view photos 11am, AGM 11.30am, picnic & local walk | 11am |
| Feb 24 | Pancake Day "Dry Hillocks", Main Rd by Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI | 10am-12pm |
| Feb 28 | Windmill Under 5s Car Boot Sale | 1pm |
| Mar 2 | Parish Council meeting Speen Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| Mar 4 | Windmill WI (1st Wed of month except January) | 7.45pm |
| Mar 5 | 81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month excl Jan) | 2pm |
| Mar 10 | Lacey Green & Loosley Row Millennium (Village) Hall AGM | 8pm |
| Mar 11 | Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park) | 10.30am |
| Mar 12 | Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug) | 2pm |
| Mar 13 | Lacey Green Productions Theatre at Home performances of "Top Girls" | |
| &14 | by Caryl Churchill at Chipko, Parslows Hillock | 8pm |
| Mar 15 | Lacey Green Productions matinee as above | 2pm |
| Mar 18 | Horticultural Society (normally 3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov) | 8pm |
| Mar 21 | Windmill WI Spring Jumble Sale. Bring items 10am-12pm. | 2pm |
| Mar 29 | Happy Wanderers' normal walk # | 10.30am |
| Apr 1 | Windmill WI (1st Wed of month except January) | 7.45pm |
| Apr 2 | 81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month excl Jan) | 2pm |
| Apr 6 | Parish Council meeting Lacey Green Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| Apr 8 | Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park) | 10.30am |
| Apr 9 | Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug) | 2pm |
| Apr 26 | Happy Wanderers' normal walk # | 10.30am |
| May 6 | Windmill WI (1st Wed of month except January) | 7.45pm |
| May 7 | 81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month excl Jan) | 2pm |
| May 10 | National Mills Day, when our windmill has sails turning, subject to weather | TBA |
| May 11 | Parish Council meeting Speen Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| May 13 | Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park) | 10.30am |
| May 14 | Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug) | 2pm |

SOME LATER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| June 28 | Strawberry Tea & Silver Band at <i>Gracefield</i> , Main Road | 3pm |
| Sep 5 | Horticultural Society's Annual Show | TBA |
| Sep 10 | | |
| - 19 | Speen Festival 2009 at various venues in Speen | See programme of events |
| Nov 7 | Windmill Artists' Annual Art Show with all day Bistro | 10am – 4pm |

* 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 POST OFFICE is open in Village Hall 9am-12 noon Mondays & Thursdays for all services except Road Fund Licences (vehicle licences).

COFFEE MORNINGS held in Village Hall 10am-12 noon Thursdays. Friendly chatting with tea or coffee & biscuit.

MOBILE LIBRARY will be at the Village Hall February 16; March 2, 16 & 30; April 27 & May 11. Usually alternate Mondays 10-11am. This service is reviewed annually & will be discontinued if not used enough.

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