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Strawberry Tea with Brass Band - a real old English atmosphere for the family

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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



Can summer nearly be over already? Loads of sun then loads of rain, whatever the weather life is still busy at the Village Hall

Unbelievably the "New" Hall celebrates its 10th anniversary of opening in October and to mark the occasion we are trying to plan

a party. As we go to print the details have not been

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finalised – but hopefully you will find a flier tucked into Hallmark telling you what we plan.

Our new storage area floor eventually dried out and is now in the throws of being decorated. The new cupboards will be fitted very soon after. Everyone seems to have so much 'stuff' to store all of a sudden! We will then be in a position to change the layout about to suit our ever changing needs.

As you can see from the cover, the Strawberry Tea took place at Gracefields again in June and what a beautiful garden on such a lovely sunny day! The band entertained the villagers and lots of homemade cakes and strawberries were consumed. I must say it was great to see so many of you there making this year the busiest for a very long time, so thank you all!

The shop trial scheme is now open in the Village Hall. Opening hours are Monday and Thursday 8.30am to 1pm in the room on the left as you look at the hall. The Post Office is open at the same time and coffee is available in the meeting room on Thursdays courtesy of the W.I. All in all, a fine morning out!

We now have a chiropodist every Tuesday morning in the meeting room. She is very good as I can tell you from first "foot" experience (Pun = Groan = sorry!). She's very popular and it is advisable to make an appointment, Cathy Maynard can be contacted on 01844 – 274521

The new Youth Club is a great success with over sixty children from school years 6 to 9 registered. There is a busy programme of events to keep the youngsters occupied as well as giving them the opportunity to meet up and just get together. We are also pleased to welcome back the Young Persons Page to Hallmark – thanks Barney, Ed and Zoe.

The Village Hall continues to thrive with all the local organisations throughout the week. If you're looking for a new hobby you may well find that it's available right on your doorstep. Alternatively if you would like to start a new group there are a few daytime slots still on offer.

Also as you can imagine in this trying economic time the Wedding and Party bookings are a little thin on the ground. So if you know anyone who is looking for a great venue, please let them know about us. If needed just point them in the direction of our website, www.laceygreen.com where they will find all the details they need, or call Karen on 01844 343113.

Finally, a big thank you goes to Norman Tyler who is sadly stepping down as Editor of this great magazine. All of us here on the committee give our thanks for his hard work and his unending ability to remain cheerful throughout! A special mention must also go to the lovely Bette Tyler for all her support and help over the years. Enjoy the summer.

Clive Hodghton, Chairman, Village Hall

From the new Editor

This edition marks the change-over from Norman Tyler, to Mike Piercy as **Editor**.

Norman has edited Hallmark for the past 5 years, putting it onto a far more professional basis and increasing its appeal through the introduction of photographs of local events. He is always cheerful and enthusiastic and has encouraged all the village groups and organisations to write for Hallmark. Before being editor, Norman was the Hallmark advertising manager for 8 years – so a total of 13 years of service. Now that he's in his 80s he is going to take life a bit more easily, but I hope he will still contribute photographs and articles in the future.

Norman is a keen photographer. Over the years he has made many videos of village happenings, and takes these to the school to demonstrate what life used to be like, as part of their local studies curriculum.

He has also been instrumental in starting a Village History Group which is beginning to record the history of the village on the internet, it can be seen at www.laceygreen.com/history. Norman is a bundle of energy; in spite of spending several years suffering from Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma, he and his wife refused to give up their many interests.

The contribution of Norman and his wife Bette to our village life was recognised by an Outstanding Achievement Award from the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire. This was presented at the Chilterns Show in July.



Bette is also crucial to the production of Hallmark as she sorts the magazines, inserting extra flyers, and organises delivery. She often ends up delivering some herself, to make sure that they all get round.

They are both on the Village Hall Committee and worked hard to raise the funds for the building of our splendid new hall in the Millennium year. Both joined the very active walking club at its inception. Norman was involved in its organisation and membership. Both are drivers for the Blind Club in Princes Risborough.

Bette organises the village annual Strawberry Cream Tea and Band Concert in a local garden, to raise funds for the Village Hall. She attends our Old People's (81st) Club as a helper, providing lifts and looking after the elderly who could not manage on their own.

She is a member of both our Women's Institutes, and has been a committee member and past president. She has recently helped with the reforming of the Youth Club, and is involved in running the Tuck Shop. Both Norman and Bette are good neighbours willing to help anyone in need, whether it be taking them shopping, to hospital or other visits.

New Editor – Mike Piercy



I have lived in the village for nearly 30 years with my wife Candy – my children have now grown up and moved on. Over the years I have had a variety of roles in various village organisations, been a School Governor at St John's and twice been Chairman of

Village day. I have also been involved from the beginning in the development of the village website.

For the past year I have been shadowing Norman and assisting him with editing Hallmark. I must give him my thanks for the time he has taken to train me up and to affect a smooth handover. Though I have some ideas of how I would like to develop Hallmark in the future I do not plan to make radical changes to what is already a very successful publication.

However, I work full time in London and will not be able to get to village events during the day. So I am looking for one or more Contributing Authors who can write articles for publication. These contributions could be attending events and reporting the news, or a more investigative role doing some research into the people, organisations and history that make up our village and

writing articles on them. So if you feel you could do a bit of amateur journalism please contact me for a chat.

Web Site Progress

The web site continues to make progress and we have more content all the time. We are happy to advertise any forthcoming village events or news – just send me the details or an advert.

I am sorry to report that we will soon be losing Gerald Connolly our webmaster. Gerald has led the development of the web site and has put a vast amount of effort into ensuring that the rest of the non specialist team can maintain the site content. Unfortunately he is moving up North at the end of August, though he has said he will continue to support us from afar. So if anyone out there has some experience at managing web sites, then we would love to hear from you.

So, thanks very much Gerald for all your late nights, and good luck in your new venture.

Members of the History Group have been working hard on their chosen topics, and some results should begin to appear on the website very soon. It is taking time to ensure that all information appearing on our website is as factually correct as possible, and it is anticipated that further information will come to light as a result of the group's work. If you have anything to add to the topics listed below, please contact us.

Completed and almost completed work includes:- The Home Guard, Lace making in the area, Scouting and Cubs, The history of Kiln Lane, The Saunder's family tree, How the weather influenced village life. Madeline Cleaver's interviews with elderly local residents, published in Hallmark many years ago.

Work is continuing on the Memoirs of past pupils and teachers in the school, The Places of Worship in the villages, Biographies and Autobiographies of past and present residents.

In the longer term, the group will be exploring the village infrastructure, e.g. railways, the Workhouse, Shops and Pubs, Hospitals and the Mental Asylum at Stone.

It is also hoped to publish information from the recent school project on the memories of people when they first arrived in the village.

We are also keen to publish more back copies of Hallmark onto the web. If you have some spare time and could help us scan them in, let us know. We can provide the equipment.

Obituary

MADELINE DOROTHY CLEAVER
Died May 7th 2009



Madeline with husband Bill 16 years ago

Our mother was born to Edith and Albert Currie on 26th May 1929 in Aston, Birmingham. During the Second World War she was evacuated to Hynham Court, the estate of Sir Hubert Parry - composer of "Jerusalem". Mother went to Rugeley School, but air-raids and doodle-bugs proved preferable to draughty dorms and over-cooked cabbage so she returned to Birmingham. Even so, she left an impression behind her - on a return visit to Hynham Court many years later, an ancient gardener still recognised the by-now grown-up evacuee.

Mother was awarded a scholarship to Aston Commercial School in 1942. Rationing and home-made blazers made little impact on the girls who went fruit-picking for the war effort, sleeping in tents and sharing in-jokes as well as the once-weekly baths.

Rather than heading to one of the London music colleges to further her singing, piano and violin, Mother, now trained as a touch-typist and secretary, joined her sister working at an automotive engineering firm.

Mother also joined the **Birmingham Music Society** - an amateur operatic society with semi-professional standards - she took a leading role in at least one production.

Through the Birmingham International Youth Hostel Group she met **our father, Bill**; they married in 1958 just

before our father's posting to Cologne. Whilst on that first tour of duty her eldest son, Roland, was born in 1960. Four years later, back in England and stationed in Suffolk, her second son, Jeffrey, was born.

In 1970, our family finally settled in Lacey Green. As Roland started at Wycombe Grammar School and Jeffrey at Lacey Green's primary school, Mother's life revolved around her children and a growing involvement in village life.

Having to describe Mother's occupation to someone recently, the term "house-wife" was suggested for her. Mother was so much more than that. She helped raise funds for the new Village Hall; for **Bucks Assoc for Blind** she sorted through piles of jumble, often trawling antiques fairs with items she felt should raise more money; she raised awareness and money for research into the Raynaud's disease which so badly affected our father; she joined the **Women's Institute**; helped start, run and sing in **St. John's Church Choir**; joined the **Princes Risborough Music Society, Lacey Green Productions, Lacey Green Singers** and, most recently, **St. Mary's Singers**. She found time to succeed in nominating her good friend Madeline Forrester for the MBE in recognition of her work with the blind; she encouraged and taught people to sing whilst also keeping up a voluminous correspondence with friends and family across the country and all around the world. She embraced modern technology and became an enthusiastic e-mailer as her disabilities increasingly confined her to her home.

When her life became a more constant struggle, she appreciated the invaluable help of many of her neighbours such as Freda Dormer, Mary Lawrence and Helen Titchen. She refused to move to a retirement flat and leave the house, the village and the community of friends she had known for so many years. She preferred to stay where she was and keep her spirits buoyant and her wit sharp and manage as best she could with her two sticks and a lot of dogged determination.

We will remember her as the mother who loved music and was always singing, who quietly made sacrifices to help us through college and life and who made us into the people we are today.

Sons Roland and Jeffrey

On The Farm

Dairy Farming hit the headlines on 3rd June when the collection dairy "Dairy Farmers of Britain" called in the receivers. It was reported on the television and radio news and in the papers with interviews of affected producers and ancillary companies. It even got questions asked at Westminster. This was all very well, but it was no help. Bad news makes good headlines but is soon forgotten. There is no doubt that this was a body blow to an already struggling industry. A great many dairy farmers had already packed up this year, but this exodus will certainly become a rout.

Why so? DFB (Dairy Farmers of Britain) collected one tenth of the milk production from farms, many smaller than ours. We, with 300 cows are now relatively small. We had become concerned with the way their management was behaving before Christmas; I even mentioned it in Hallmark at that time. Since then we had been looking at other possible dairies to move to just in case. So when the moment came we were ready and signed up with another collector the same day. Three other farms, Dyson's at Bledlow, Reading University Farms and Angus Dent's at Didcot all with DFB did so also. We are all now with "Arla". They came to us last in the afternoon and contracts were signed. They told us that they now had as many producers as they could take on contract. We were the last they were prepared to sign up. Other dairies will be in same position, and people unable to obtain contracts may get their milk collected but will have to take a spot price, less than the contract price and as things are, currently way below cost of production. They cannot continue like that.

Secondly the majority of the smaller producers are still in remoter parts of Wales and in the north-east. No other dairies collect at all in these regions. Once again the small farms that have soldiered on because the farming families have devoted their lives to them are the ones that will suffer. I have tried to explain before that a dairy herd becomes personal. Every cow, every bull every calf bred is of total concern. So "goodbye" to all of them. It's heartbreaking.

Thirdly money. DFB had been producing cheese and in order to do this had been acquiring processing plants. To fund these a levy had been taken for many years off the producer's monthly milk cheque. Thus the producers had invested in the company with long term repayment arrangements when you packed up. In our case this amounted to about ninety thousand pounds. So "Goodbye to that". Well we never had it at the time, but it's our capital lost.

What we do rely on is the monthly milk cheque. This just covers our monthly expenses. The company had taken our May milk then called in the receivers so we will not be paid for it. In this case around fifty thousand pounds. This was very serious. Breakfast time the bank manager rang. "We will support you all we can". Good for them, not so good for us. We own about half our land, they will lend to us, they know they can take it if we fail. Those who rent their farms do not have the collateral to put against borrowings. How will they cover the loss of a whole month's milk cheque? There you have another group having to face up to the big "Goodbye".

Joan West

Letters to the Editor

ROAD SAFETY

I would think that it is a motoring impossibility, to none but the most imaginative, to drive past Mr Molesworth's house at 60mph. But it must come as no surprise that this speed is often reached along the main roads within our Parish.

In the confines of a village it may have been acceptable for the horse and cart to negotiate the pot holes, quietly and slowly. But wake up, we live in a village which is a rat run, in which cars, lorries, buses and tractors bounce all over the road at all times of the day. The holes make for a noise hazard, safety hazard and traffic hazard to residents, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike every single day.

Road safety in Main Road was being discussed over 25 years ago and still nothing substantial has been done. Away from the main road, verges and road edges are being eroded and broken down daily by ever increasing number and size of lorries, buses and cars – in many cases without room to pass. Any repairs that are affected, after the compulsory delay, are carried out in 10 minutes by a man with a bucket and tamper.

Whether we like it or not, motor transport in its many forms is here to stay and road users pay a substantial amount in taxes. Most drivers are realistic enough to know that we will never get the roads we pay for but we should be able to negotiate our roads as safely as we are able.

Janet Carter

Lacey Green Productions

“A Rolls-Royce of a farce”

“My glasses steamed up with laughter”

These are just two of the critics' comments about our next production, “It Runs in the Family” by Ray Cooney. This full length play is an incredibly funny farce set in a hospital. It played to packed houses in London's West End in the early 1990's and is LGP's next play for the Village Hall at the end of November.

Ray Cooney is a master of farce writing and “It Runs in the Family” contains all the necessary farce ingredients. To give you a flavour –

Dr David Mortimore is about to address a neurologists convention, which will probably earn him a knighthood. While putting final touches to his speech some chickens (from his past) come home to roost. Events are complicated by the presence of a police sergeant, a wandering senile patient, an assortment of matrons (real and otherwise), a syringe full of tranquiliser and costumes for the hospital pantomime.

The play is set in the period just before Christmas. So what could be better than to see a performance of this play as LGP's celebration of the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Millennium Hall? There will be our normal dinner theatre performances on Friday and Saturday, November 27th and 28th at 8pm. Tickets are priced £19.

Plus, to accommodate all those who would like to have come to our plays in the past but couldn't get in, there will be an extra performance on Thursday, November 26th. For practical reasons we cannot provide dinner with the Thursday performance but the usual bar will be open. Tickets for Thursday are priced at £8.

So far in 2009, LGP has chosen to support The Mary Dolly Foundation as our charity. This young, Bromley-based charity was founded in memory of Mary Dolly. She selflessly gave of her time and energy to help those who were less well off. Today the foundation helps and supports children and young people in need. They do this by providing one-to-one counselling in schools; they provide play therapy, drama therapy and art therapy and they help support families through stressful times, in order to prevent the disintegration of the family unit. In addition, the Mary Dolly Foundation also aims to help elderly people who may be cut off from basic services and the community in which they live.

Please reserve your tickets early by phoning either 01844 347518 or 01844 344207.

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Peter Brookhouse

Speeding in Lacey Green

We all suspect, that, although the speed limit through the village on Main Road is 30mph, many vehicles are exceeding this. With the help of members of the village we can do our 'bit' and make motorists aware of the speed they are doing through our village

We, as a village, have access to 'SID' the Speed Indicator Device; these are attached to poles, and will indicate the speed of oncoming vehicles if they are exceeding the preset limit on the machine, that matches the road speed limit. These, are purely a warning of 'excess speed'.

We have access to another device now 'speed watch', a version of a radar gun, and these can be directed at vehicles either oncoming or going away and registration details are noted if speeds are in excess of the limit on that road. Letters from Thames Valley Police are sent out to the registered owners, making them aware of their excesses, tickets are not issued against the 1st speeding letter, but I believe persistent offenders will be issued with speeding tickets.

The purpose of this article is twofold, one is to make residents aware that the Parish Council is trying to help reduce speeding in the village and secondly to judge how strongly residents feel about speeding by asking for residents to volunteer to be trained to use the speed watch.

Speed checks can be carried out by civilians and the frequency of these checks depends on how many people offer themselves up for training. This will not be an arduous task, we share the speed watch with all the outlying villages of Princes Risborough under the heading of the 'Outer Neighbourhood Action Group' (NAG) and we all take turns using this device. Residents of the parish are welcome to join or attend 'NAG' meetings.

The neighbourhood team at Princes Risborough Police Station can be emailed at communitysafety@wycombe.gov.uk for further details as can the Clerk to Parish Council sue@princesrisborough.com

Thank you taking the time to read this article and

CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

Cathryn Davies

The fabled youth page returns (“dramatic sounds”). My exams are over (for now at least) and I find that my time is no longer filled with English essays, past-papers and that blasted maths revision.

This is certainly a good thing, and should be celebrated, but it is made even better in that I can now start working on this youth page (“Smiles”). However there has been a new development on the “who’s-doing-all-this-work-by-himself-front”. As you can possibly tell, I have now found myself (or rather they found me) two new fantastic helpers named Ed and Zoe, in fact they have been so helpful that they’ve written pretty much all of this youth club special by themselves.

Things are looking optimistic for Hallmark’s youth page.

Barney Parker

Youth Club

Youth Club started in April and it has been a big hit. We have included comments from kids who go there regularly. About 30 to 40 are attending each session.

What do you think about Youth Club?

‘It’s fun and sociable. It’s really fun and we do lots of games and stuff.’



Table tennis tournament

“I like meeting up with all my old friends because we don’t go to the same school and we can meet up and have fun and chat and have fun and play games and stuff.”



Table Football

“I like hanging around with my mates in a place where we can just sit down and chill out and listen to music and stuff. It is really good.”



The Chill out zone

“I think it is brilliant because all my mates can meet up who wouldn’t normally be able to see each other. It is a really good place to hang out with friends. I really enjoy it and I am glad it started up. There is nothing I don’t like, it is really good.”



Some of the youth club leaders at the tuck shop (obviously just checking food quality...ahem!)

“It’s great fun and you play games. You meet new friends and old friends.”



Kids Playing Volleyball



View of village hall and kids enjoying themselves. Also photographed, the arts and craft table ‘You can meet new friends and there are lots of sweets and drinks.’

Details

Youth Club is on every other Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm in Lacey Green Village Hall. It is for young people aged from 11 to 14 years old. Contact Joan Smith 01844-342322 for more information. It is £5 to become a member and each session costs £1

Attractions: Table tennis, snooker, table football, chill out area, dodge ball, other games and board games, tuck shop, art and crafts, meeting new and old friends.

For the future: Wii, outside input from karate, archery,

photography, cricket and singing

Good luck to all those starting a new school this September.

Hope you are all having/have had a great summer holiday. Please email the youth page telling us about any thing that has recently happened to you, or comments about youth club. Also, we need some good jokes for the next page, and we decided it would be distasteful to resort to the Michael Jackson jokes. So we ask you to send some in (please we are running out of alternatives).

The child comes home from his first day at school. Mother asks “What did you learn today?”

The kid replies “Not enough I have to go back tomorrow”

Could anyone send us anything about your favourite sports so we can do a sports feature?

CONTACT US

The hallmark youth “division” can be contacted by email.

“hallmarkyouth@yahoo.co.uk”

Community Shop Project

Well, we finally made it! Lacey Green Stores opened its doors to the public for the first time on Thursday 16 July.



There was a steady stream of visitors, including of course the inquisitive souls who just wanted to see what it was like. But also a useful number of shoppers who kept the till going (and occasionally confused the operator who had only learned how to use the till a couple of days previously).

So many thanks to all our customers who gave us such an encouraging start.

The room in which the shop is housed is small, although we think that we have achieved an effective layout, and made good use of the space available. We are still working on some additions to the fixtures and fittings that will provide additional shelf space.

At present the shop will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 08.30 to 1 pm, but we hope to be able to extend the opening times and days.

If we could open every day, we would be able to increase the range and variety of products and services, and, for example, to provide newspapers on a regular basis.

We have a good team at present and the time involvement for any one person is quite small – on average about 5 to 6 hours every 4 weeks or so. To operate with longer opening times we will need more volunteers to help. If you would like to join the team please contact Tony Molesworth (01844 344975), or Angela Roberts (01844 347603), or just drop into the shop and tell us (after buying something of course).

The shop provides basic foodstuffs and household goods. We obviously can't provide everything, but we will do what we can to ensure that your requirements are met, wherever possible. Your feedback to us would be welcome – what would you like us to stock, what opening hours would you prefer, anything else? Preferably, leave a note in the shop.



Just a final note, thanks to everyone that has contributed to the successful opening of the shop. No names – you know who you are! It would not have been possible without your support and enthusiasm, which I hope will continue into the future.

Horticultural Society

Over The Garden Fence

Our Plant Sale at the Windmill on National Mills Day, in May, was blessed with good weather again. We were particularly fortunate as this was the one nice day in a week of cold winds. We raised about £260 on the day, which represents a lot of sales at our prices! Thank you to everyone who donated plants, helped on the stall, and not forgetting those who came and purchased.

It was brought home to me that our weather is not so bad, when visiting relatives in Minnesota, recently. They have a snowplough attachment for the garden tractor, they simply cannot grow daffodils or tulips, and have given up on roses which had to be covered through the winter with straw filled plastic covers. But the State University maintains a beautiful botanic garden, which included a superb display of peonies, which shows what can be done. As an irrelevant aside, we were given a demonstration of a Japanese Tea Ceremony, which I had not expected in the north Midwest.

We had an interesting demonstration on the art of hanging baskets in May. I did not know that it was possible to get so many plants into one basket. The speaker, Mrs Townsend will be judging our hanging basket competition between the time of writing this and publication. I will report in the next Edition.

The July talk was by Mr Bernard Stopps, on Growing and Showing Vegetables, which turned out to be another of those unexpected gems. It had seemed to be a rather specialised subject that we put on occasionally, but Mr Stopps proved to be a most engaging speaker, who kept even those who do not grow vegetables, entertained for the whole evening, with advice on hopping carrot fly, and "tompots" – tomatoes and potatoes growing as one plant. The Annual Show is on Saturday, 5 September. Schedules have been widely distributed but if you need one please contact me. As always, I urge you to enter something. There is a wide range of classes, and in the unlikely event that you have nothing in the garden that would be suitable, there is also the Domestic section. It costs 20p to enter an exhibit, entries on the day, between 1.30 and 2.30pm, in the Village Hall, where you will find a friendly and helpful welcome.

The September meeting, on Wednesday 16th, in the Village Hall at 8.00pm will be by Mr Edwin Rye on "Colour in the garden and winter flowering plants".

Remember, remember, the 18th November, the date for the Pumpkin Supper Social and Grand Pumpkin Competition. Tickets available in September.

Membership of the Society costs £3 per annum, just come to any of our meetings and join, including the Show, or you could attend one of our alternate monthly meetings as a guest for £1.

On the 22nd of July, 34 of us visited Sarah Nicholson's beautiful one acre garden at Wendover. The sweeping borders have been carefully and skilfully planted, but the overall impression is of relaxed informality. A particular feature was the swimming pond, with aquatic plants. An evening enjoyed by all.

Terry Fendom
Chairman
01844 342636

Black Horse Pub

Well we are now into our summer, well I think we may have had one or maybe two weeks of sun. Let's hope August and September are nice and hot. Breakfasts are slowly coming popular we now do Tuesday through to Saturday 9am till 11.30am, you can have anything from just a coffee to a full breakfast. We also do daily papers to read while you relax.

Aunt Sally is going well both teams are mid table which is very good. Our new range of Real Ales are doing really well, we try and get a least 5 new ales on a month. We have four pumps for real ales, three guests and one for Brakspears; this seems to work very well.

We have had a couple of special birthdays, Sue Thorne's what a bash that was, the chocolate fountain was wonderful, I have never seen soooo much chocolate, and Zoe was 21.

A new venture we have started is sponsoring the new Lacey Green football team; we are sponsoring the away kit and The Pink and Lily are sponsoring the home kit. I wish all the team well and hope they can get it up and running as soon as possible.

Just a quick reminder to anyone who enjoys a quiz night, we hold one on the last Sunday of the month 8.30 start. No charge, teams of 4 or 5 {but we have had teams as big as 7}.

Also it was good to see we have been put in The Good Pub Guide this year.

Lynne Comley
lynnecomley@btconnect.com

The Windmill WI

Our May meeting was our Resolution meeting when we discussed and voted on the resolution to be put forward at the National Federation Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall. This year there was only one resolution put forward and this concerned the plight of the UK honey bee population and it called for the Government to increase funding for research into bee health. This resolution was passed unanimously as we all recognise how much the honey bees play a vital role in the pollination of food crops. After the serious side of the meeting was completed we had a quiz, followed by cheese and nibbles washed down with a glass of wine!

At our June meeting our speaker was Mrs Deakin who gave us an interesting travel talk on Ecuador. I think she gave several members ideas for next year's holiday! Later in June we were very lucky with the weather for our summer ramble ably led by Margaret Gray and Bunny Durham. We 'rambled' around the Bradenham Woods and then back to the Black Horse for a much needed drink and supper.

The speaker at our July meeting was Mrs Julia Hunt, who talked about how she became a top shoe model and then later ran her own Model Agency in London. Mrs Hunt proved to be a most charming lady and an interesting speaker.

At the beginning of July we hosted a Summer Lunch for members of the Disraeli Group. Just under 60 ladies sat down to lunch – the main course provided by our Institute, the dessert by Naphill WI and the entertainment by Downley Evening WI. It was a great success and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped.

Several members have attended Bucks Federation events and outings. At the end of April four of our members attended the BFWI Annual Council Meeting at

the Civic Centre in Aylesbury – always a good meeting and in May several members attended a Literary Lunch at Cheddington Village Hall and what a great time they had! The lunch was excellent and the speaker, Hazel Jones, gave a fascinating talk on 'Jane Austen and Marriage'.

We have several events to look forward to - a Gardening Event at Wyevale Garden Centre, World's End; our Summer Supper at the home of our president; our August meeting (5th) when the speaker will be Mr Edwin Rye talking about 'Colour in the Garden' and then our 22nd birthday meeting in September (2nd) when we will be hearing about Life and Death at the Tower by Mr Mick Casson. Why don't you come and join us – our meetings start at 7.45pm – and we will make you very welcome.

Looking further ahead, please make a note in your diaries of our next Jumble Sale – SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER. If you have any jumble you wish to donate please bring it along to the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon and then come back again at 2pm – you may find something for your wardrobe or an item 'just what you wanted' on the white elephant stall!

Daphne Williams

Email: daphne.willash@btinternet.com

81st Over 65s Club

Just to remind the over 65s that we are still meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 2 o'clock. Our teas are much enjoyed and praised! In June Norman Critchell entertained us with a very interesting and informative account of his early youth and subsequent life.

Members always like the challenge of a quiz and are ever ready for a chat. We are now looking forward to our outing in September.

Ursula Glyn-Jones and Carole Knight

The WI ramblers take a break



Lacey Green Windmill

National Mills Day, Sunday 10th May was a fine dry day, so we were able to get the sailcloths on, for which we had the help of two new local volunteers, Adam Heeley and Carl Thompson. This was completed early enough for us to open the mill at 11 o'clock as planned. The photo shows how splendid the mill looked with the sails dressed with their bunting. We had 230 visitors inside the mill and many others who walked up the drive to see the sails turning. Unfortunately the wind was not sufficient for us, but towards mid-afternoon it did pick up a little.



Dozens of people came to buy plants and produce from the Loosley Row & Lacey Green Horticultural Society's Plant Stall which was very successful. We also had the Chesham & District Amateur Radio Society on site, who contacted many places including 14 other mills. The second-hand bookstall was also popular, and produced funds for the future maintenance of the mill. We also received a donation from the card and gift stall. All in all it was a very successful day, which was made possible by help from many volunteers, who were generous with their skills and time - many thanks to all of them and to the people who donated over 1000 books.

National Mills Weekend is co-ordinated by the Mills Section of SPAB (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings).

There is a report and more photos on www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk

Michael G Hardy

R and G WI

During May we began our meeting on a very sad note as during a few minutes silence we remembered two of our members who had passed away:

Mrs King from Eastlands, mother of Stuart King; and Madeleine Cleaver who had been a member for many years. On the 27th May many of us attended a beautiful musical celebration of her life. This was held in Monks Risborough Church and included members of the many village organisations which Madeleine supported. Her last wish had been "Thank you for the music" and that's exactly what we did, for indeed for many years Madeleine helped so many people to make music; St John's Church Choir, LGP, Lacey Green Singers and many individuals not forgetting giving our WI meeting the correct 'note' as we began with the singing of Jerusalem.

The main subject of May's meeting concerned a debate of the resolution for the national meeting at the Albert Hall. This year it was most important and topical but not controversial as we all agreed that we cannot live without bees and further research and money needs to be devoted in order that their decline should be arrested!

In June our speaker was Mrs J. Orford with a speech entitled "A pocket full of posies" which consisted of a series of sayings rounded off by a demonstration of a flower arrangement which she offered for a raffle.

July's meeting concerned a much more interesting title "The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth" given by Mrs M. Taylor who illustrated her talk with excellent slides.

We have much to look forward to in the following months. In August many of us will be going on a theatre outing to the Wycombe Swan where we can enjoy the musical performed by 200 local young people "Crazy For You". A month later we have organised a trip to Abingdon where we hope to enjoy a cream tea and some shopping.

Finally we made our plans for the special OPEN TO GUESTS meeting on September 10th which will take the form of a FASHION SHOW followed by refreshments. Tickets from Doreen de Grey

P.S. The group meeting at West Wycombe was fascinating for us all as the speaker had spent many years writing a book about the life and background of the author of Larkrise to Candleford by Flora Thompson.

Jean Gabbitas



Festival Programme 10-19 September 2009

HONK!

7.30 to 9.30pm, Thurs 10, Fri 11 & Sat 12 September

Tickets: £8, £4 16 years and under

A fabulously entertaining, musical retelling of 'The Ugly Duckling'.

Photographic Exhibition/Competition

2.00 to 5.00pm, Sat 12 & Sun 13 September

See www.speenfestival.org for competition details.

Festival of Food

11.00am to 4.00pm, Sunday 13 September

Tickets: £2 Adults, Children free

Celebrate the fabulous food of the Chilterns at first Festival of Food.

Cosmic Quest: A History of Astronomy

7.30 to 9.00pm, Sunday 13 September

Tickets: £5 Adults, £3 Children

Astronomy experts, Heather Couper and Nigel Henbest will be discussing the people and personalities who have shaped our vision of the cosmos.

Heavens and Earth and In Between

8.00 to 9.30pm, Monday 14 September

Tickets: £9 (incl a glass of wine and canapés).

Readings from the 17th Century into our own times; music from Alexandra and Charlotte Reid (violins) and Sam Laughton (harpsichord).

Wildlife Fun for Families

4.00 to 6.30pm, Tuesday 15 September

Tickets: £1 Children, Adults free.

Take your family on safari in Speen and uncover the secrets of your natural world.

Wild about Speen

8.00 to 9.45pm, Tuesday 15 September

Tickets: £3 Adults (incl a glass of wine) £1 Children

A fascinating photographic presentation and exhibition about wildlife in Speen.



Jazz Concert The Irving Berlin
Story SOLD OUT
8.00 to 10.45pm, Wednesday 16 September

Science Matters

8.00 to 9.30pm, Thursday 17 September

Tickets: £5 Adults, £2 Students

Healthcare, food, energy, the environment – all contentious issues facing society today. Come and join the debate at Speen's own take on Question Time. Our discussion panel will include prominent scientists and science writers.

Speen Big Sing!

6.30 to 7.30pm, Friday 18 September

Free participation

Join us for some community singing. We need you whatever your vocal skills. For more information, email: director@speenfestival.org

Teatro Unfortunato Snow Dreams

10.30 to 11.30am, Saturday 19 September

Tickets: £5.00 Children, Adults free

This riotous children's theatre company is back with a captivating winter wonderland show.

Speen Bike Park Challenge II

2.00 to 5.00pm, Saturday 19 September

Tickets: £2 Children (incl BBQ), Spectators free

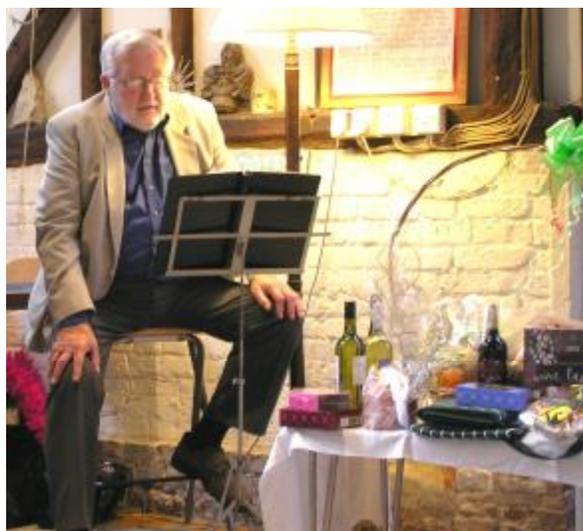
Test your skills on a variety of exciting courses for ages 8-18 years.

Cabaret Supper - Reaching for the Stars! **SOLD OUT**

6.45pm till late, Saturday 19 September

For the latest information on the Festival, sign up to update@speenfestival.org As our events are selling out fast, please call our Booking Office on 01494 488 637 to check availability. Booking forms available on: www.speenfestival.org or from your local pubs.

Lacey Green Singers performance of Below Stairs



Over the weekend of June 20 and 21, the Lacey Green Singers staged concert performances of a feel-good musical comedy "Below Stairs"

The concerts were staged at Piggotts Barn and then at Naphill Village Hall.

The musical was based on the book by Trevor Pilling with music by Alan Lewis.

with
Brian Panter narrating
the story

Thelma Malpass
accompanying the
chorus of
enthusiastic singers



Simon Gray conducting





**Fran Hall as Lucy Ambleside, lady's maid
and Eric Baines as Edward Waterflower, gentleman 'of
sorts'**



**Paul Elmidoro as
Tom Snodgrasse, the police constable**

Strawberry Tea & West Wycombe Brass Band



A delightful typically old English afternoon. That's how a visitor from abroad described it in delight! And that's how it felt

It was a most successful and enjoyable event, making £423.15 for Village Hall funds.

Our most sincere thanks to Brian and Judy Wicks for providing us with the perfect setting for our Strawberry Tea.

Also many thanks to all the helpers and to those who so generously provided us with delicious homemade cakes.



Bette Tyler



Do you carry a mobile phone when you're going somewhere isolated?

ADVICE FROM A VILLAGER'S EXPERIENCE

Especially if you are going somewhere where you'll be away from people, always carry a mobile phone so that you'll be able to communicate with someone should you need assistance.

Lee Harte (Scheme Coordinator)
Loosley Row Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
Tel: 01844 347789 Email: lrwatch990@aol.com

Windmill Under 5s

The long summer break is only days away and for many of us it is an emotional week as our children leave Windmills to go to big school! It has been a busy term – the new starters settled in well and the older children gained responsibility regarding tidying-up as well as assisting at snack and lunch times. Colour / letter of the week; French; outside play and key group time continued to feature as part of the daily routine and with the nicer weather, trips around the field and to the park have been more plentiful too! The children also enjoyed a talk on the RAF and the Post Office, thanks to two of our Dads / Granddads. This helped them to gain a better understanding of the theme 'people who work in our community.'

During the second half of the term, activities have been based around the themes of mini-beasts and the seaside. A beautiful underwater display was created by the children and they loved making clay models of snails etc which set nicely once home. Not forgetting all the lovely artwork and culinary delights we received! St George's Day and May Day were both celebrated and the children made some wonderful picture frames and cards for Father's Day which were much appreciated!

We also welcomed back Sue Lake, our Supervisor, from her maternity leave in June and would like to extend our thanks to Liz Axtell for all her hard work this year as Acting Supervisor; sadly she will be leaving us at the end of term. We also bid farewell to pre-school assistant Kim Cherrington as she departs to have her baby and to Tracy Sargent (for the second time!) as she leaves to embark on a new job. Thank you for helping to make Windmills such a happy place for our children and we wish you all the very best.

Windmills is a committee-led pre-school and it couldn't operate without the support of parents and carers: Dads got involved at the start of June with a DIY day to tidy up the outside play area and paint the toilets - thanks for your help, it looks great and watch this space for the next!

The annual family barbecue took place at the end of June and was enjoyed by over 80 people – the sun shone; the food was great and the raffle a big success. Thank you to Heather for doing the face-painting and to Clive for sorting us with a PA system on a very busy weekend! We were delighted to raise over £360 towards our covered play area and thank you to the local businesses who kindly donated most of the prizes.

Children parents and carers enjoyed a trip to Waddesdon on the Inset Day earlier this month and a fun time was had by all! Sports Day too was a great event with the children (and parents!) showing off their sporting talents before sitting down to a teddy bear's picnic. The leavers were also presented with their achievement folders and a personalised pencil case to take to school.



The term will finish on a high on Friday with a visit from entertainer Kiddley Divey and the children will then enjoy party food. I think we'll then all just about be ready for six weeks off! This will be my last write-up in Hallmark as I will be standing down in September. I've been so lucky to work with such a wonderful team of people and would like to thank them for all their support this year. I look forward to reading the next edition of Hallmark for an update on what's been happening at Windmills!

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 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 summer 2010. Lunch club runs daily from 11.45-1.15pm and we accept childcare vouchers. Hope to see you soon!

Zoe Glenister, Co-Chair



Sports Day & Leavers Presentation July '09

“Chipko” hosted Concert for Anti-Slavery

VOLUNTEERED BY THE W5 WIND QUARTET



The W5 Quintet seen from ground level



and looking down from the gallery

In the series of charitable events held at “Chipko” (on the left just past the *Pink & Lily*) in recent years, the latest was a second concert in aid of Anti-Slavery International. The **W5 Wind Quintet**, named after the district in London where it rehearses, came on Sat June 6th and gave a performance of French classical music followed, after an interval serving Fairtrade wines, by arrangements of English folk songs and jazz. The house was indeed packed with an audience of 48 whose generosity netted an excellent result of £ 2,739, including gift aid tax recovery.

Anti-Slavery International is the oldest existing human rights organisation in the world, dating from 1839. Slavery worldwide is illegal and yet has mutated.

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Slavery is defined by the treatment of an individual as a commodity, forcing her or him to work (often for nothing) by violence or threats and denying freedom of movement. The concert programme sheet gave two examples, one from Niger in West Africa and one from **High Wycombe**. In the former, Hadijatou Mani, in an historic test case (like Rosa Parks for American civil rights), successfully sued the Niger government and her ex-master for failing to protect her from domestic and sexual enslavement. Nearer to home, Vietnamese young men are trafficked to High Wycombe, allegedly as “gardeners”. Indebted for their transport, passports removed by the traffickers and unable to speak English, they are immediately incriminated by being made to grow cannabis in suburban houses.

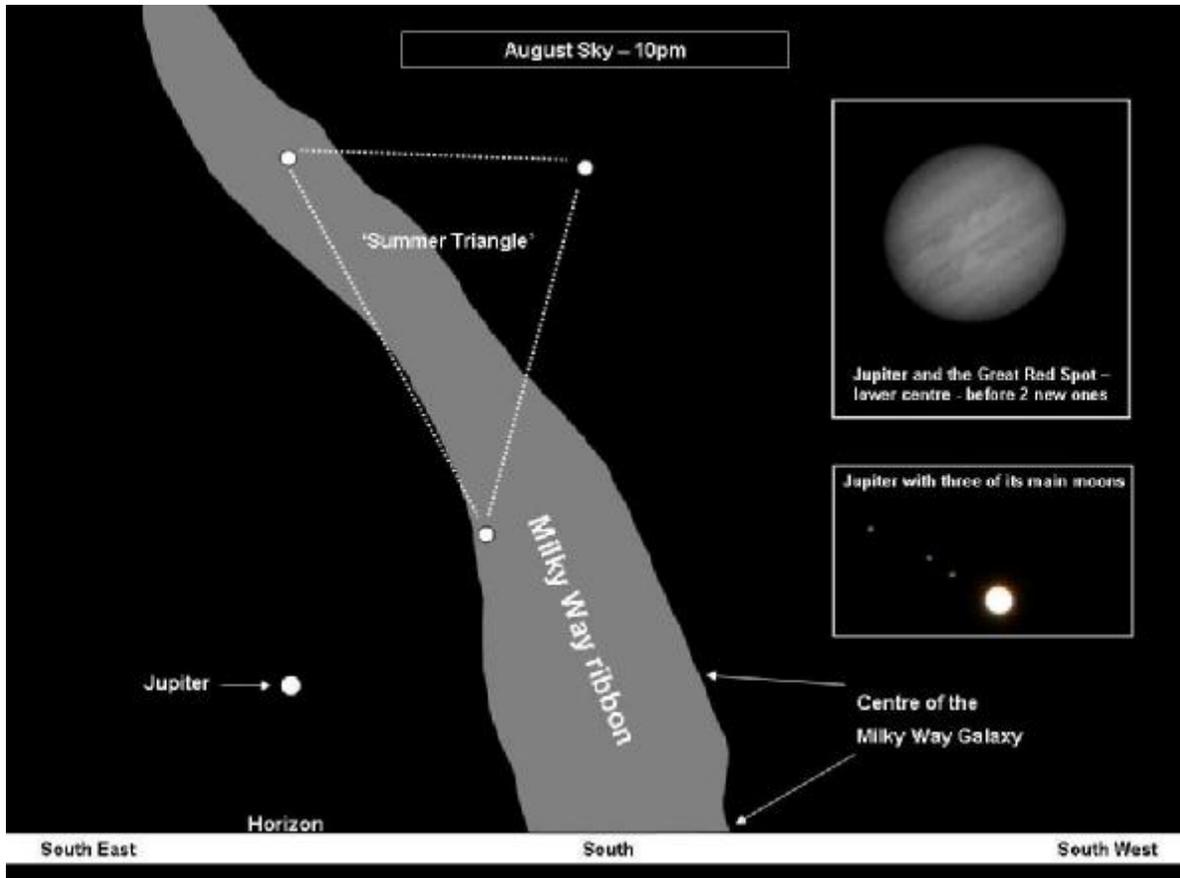
Anti-Slavery International has a staff of 20 and a programme of £2 millions worldwide, including UK. Trafficking of young women from Eastern Europe is probably the most high profile contemporary form of **slavery in the UK**. However, the forms of slavery around the world are descent-based slavery, cocoa plantation forced labour and abductions during warfare in Africa including child soldiers, bonded labour in Asia. Domestic and worst forms of child labour exist in Western capitals but are widespread in India and Philippines. In Asia forced child begging is also widespread.

Anti-Slavery's Director is part of a £40M Cocoa Initiative **funded by Cadburys** in West Africa addressing labour conditions locally. The policy is to identify the slavery links in the commercial supply chains. Recently the USA fast food industry conceded the need to increase payment for tomatoes. Anti-Slavery works with local organisations as allies in each country to strengthen (and sometimes protect) them as they research the facts and campaign courageously. In Niger, Anti-Slavery together with the local organisation *Timidria* is assisting three new schools for the children of freed slaves. In UK it has campaigned and succeeded in making the teaching of slavery as part of the national curriculum.

Slavery is not yet history. To be informed write to **Anti-Slavery International, The Stableyard, Broomsgrove Road, London SW9 9TL** or telephone **0207 501 8920**, or look at the website www.antislavery.org.

Ideally, Anti-Slavery needs committed supporters who can give a small amount monthly. However one-off gifts or money raised from events or sponsored activities are most welcome. Donors who are tax payers can increase their gift by signing the simple **Gift Aid declaration** - check the above website under “donate”.

Andrew Clark, Chair, Anti-Slavery



The changing seasons mean ever-changing views of space. Our outlook on the Universe from Earth is very different now compared to our winter vantage point. As the Earth orbits the Sun, what we can see at night alters over the months, like our view would change if we were sat on a slow merry-go-round. It is only on summer and autumn nights when we face towards the centre of our galaxy, the Milky Way. In winter, we look away from our galaxy into inter-galactic space.

That's why the faint ribbon of stars, popularly also called the 'Milky Way', arching overhead is most prominent in the summer and autumn. If you follow this ribbon towards the southern horizon after 10.30pm, you are looking at the centre of our galaxy. If you have a dark horizon, free of streetlight glare, and scan the area with a pair of binoculars, you'll see one of the grandest sights in the cosmos, as the faint band resolves itself into thousands of stars. If you look carefully, you should be able to see glowing nebulae, star clusters and star clouds thousands of light years away. The ribbon runs through the so-called Summer Triangle, marked by three bright stars.

Back 'home' in our Solar System, gas giant Jupiter gets closest to Earth during August at just 380 million miles away. It's easy to pick out, appearing as the sole bright 'star' fairly low in the south-east to south sky from 10pm. If you want confirmation that you've got the planet in your sights, the Moon will be above Jupiter on the evening of **August 6**. The largest planet in the Solar System now has three red spots. The famous Great Red Spot, which is a 300-year-old hurricane twice the size of Earth, has been joined by two smaller red spots which have formed in the last two to three years as the planet's weather systems swirl and merge. You'll need a telescope to see the trio of red spots but you can see Jupiter's four main moons as tiny white specks if you use binoculars on a tripod. I took the Jupiter images above before there were three spots.

For armchair astronomers, it will be time to get out the sun lounger and witness the best 'shooting star' display of the year on the evening of **August 12**. This is the Perseid Meteor Shower which should give a good show this year as there is no Moon to wash out the cosmic fireworks. As late in the evening as possible is best for viewing.

Sports Club Tennis

The Lacey Green and Loosley Row Tennis Club is one of the smallest tennis clubs in the area but has shown that it can compete among the larger clubs in the Aylesbury and District League. The club is not just about enabling teams to play in the Men's, Ladies and Mixed doubles competitions but is also about providing a facility for beginners and improvers to learn to play and to gain tennis experience in a friendly village club.

The tournament on the 10th May 2009 was very well supported and gave an opportunity for the club to use its newly painted courts, nicely opened up from the imposing leylandii trees. Apart from the tennis everyone enjoyed the tea, cakes and a picnic on what turned out to be a lovely afternoon. As I write, we are looking forwards to the next tournament on 19th July (fingers crossed for the weather) and are planning another tournament on **Sunday 13th September 2009**.

The teams have enjoyed varying results in their matches this summer. The Mixed doubles teams have won all of their fixtures to date and even saw off some of the competition by winning all their sets. Out of the 5 matches that the Ladies team played, they won 2, lost 2 and had one draw. The Men's team have been affected by injuries and insufficient numbers to be a competitive squad this season.

Aside from the league competition, we are open for any standard of player to join in and play. The fun tournaments are also a great way to socialise with other players in the village.

We are always looking for new members and for people to support the club through subscriptions which are family membership (£65), adult (£40) and junior (£15).

Except for the coaching sessions and matches, there is no other booking arrangements for using the courts – members can simply turn up and play. If you want to come and see what we are about, why not visit us at one of our Sunday afternoon tournaments which you will see publicized around the village.

If you are thinking about joining and would like to talk to someone, please contact the Tennis Club representative, Ian Ward, on 345567 or the Club Secretary Linda Malden on 275296.

Mercy Ships Appeal

I must be mad. Having risked life and limb doing Kilimanjaro in 2007, I am now off on another charity venture. Nowhere near as challenging as Kili but still worthwhile. In September, in my 70th year, I shall be walking one of the Pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. It is about 120km long and I should do it in a week. The trip will be entirely at my own expense. I shall be raising money for Mercy Ships – www.mercyships.org.uk

Maybe at my age I should know better but whilst I am still fit enough, I am determined to do what I can to support this wonderful charity. For every £7 raised, someone in Africa can have a life saving or life changing operation. The most efficient way to donate is on line at www.justgiving.com/kenbrazier especially if you are a tax payer. Just visit the site and follow the on screen instructions. Alternatively, you can send a cheque to Maplehurst, Loosley Hill, Loosley Row, Princes Risborough, HP27 0NT.

Please be as generous as you can. Thank you so much on behalf of the desperately poor people of West Africa.

Ken Brazier.

Lacey Green & Loosley Row Tennis club
At the sports field next to St John's School
Best value tennis club in the area!

- 3 hard courts
- Beautiful setting with grassy surrounds for picnics
- Convenient for playing after school
- Adjacent children's playground & space to run around
- Meet other players & join in fun tournaments
- Play in league matches
- Coaching available

Family membership only £65: Adults £40: Juniors £15

Sports Club - Cricket

I've been taken to task. In the previous issue of Hallmark I stated that Lady Bateman purchased the sports field for the village. That made it sound as if she bought the ground and handed it over to the village as a gift. In fact, it was leased to - at that time - the cricket club for a period of 99 years at a tiny annual rent. So, to try to make it clear, the ground is still the property of the Bateman family. It is a private, not a public ground with a committee to oversee the general running of the club and the upkeep of the ground. In the background there are **trustees**, Mr Alastair Bateman being one of them, who would have the duty to return the ground to the Bateman family should sport cease to be played there. I hope that is clear. I should also mention that part of the ground on the tennis court side belongs to the West family and similar terms apply.

A few weeks ago I spoke to the Editor of the Bucks Free Press about the lack of cricket fixtures and results in the paper. He told me it was due to cuts (isn't everything these days) and put me through to the Sports Editor who said the same thing. It seems like circulation suicide to me to ignore the local sportsmen and women. We used to have good reports - and pictures - in the Press of the local village matches.

Now, the cricket. Up until the 11th of July the 1st X1 had won three matches, lost two, with two winning draws, three losing draws, with one match rained off. They are at present sixth in the table. The 2nd X1 had won four, lost five, one losing draw, with one match rained off.

There have been some good individual performances from players in both teams - and some very poor ones. James Shrimpton's 57, 5 for 34, and a catch that left the batsman gaping in disbelief against Cadmore End was one. Another was Johnno Dell's 95 n.o. in the rain against Challoners.

A very few of the batsmen in both teams are reasonably consistent but far too many appear to lack determination and concentration. You can't win matches - or titles - if you don't get your head down and battle it out. One of the problems is that the 1st and 2nd X1 rarely turn out the same team two weeks running. There should be more commitment. Pick those who will play every week and play for each other as a team.

I'm not going to say anything about the bowling as it is too bad to be true!

I should have mentioned that both teams went out in the first rounds of their respective Knock-out Cup matches. The 2^{nds} did have a reverse when they lost their captain, Simon Williams to a leg injury that will keep him out for the rest of the season.

Our 1st X1 umpire, Mr Les Rixon has been out for two weeks with a problem with one of his legs but has declared himself fit to take up his duties again. We hope that all will go well for him.

I understand that there is talk of a football team this coming season. I haven't much information so far but it will be what is known as a 'pub' team. They usually play on Sunday mornings so, when you've finished your eggs and bacon, pop down and cheer them on.

A word of praise (again) for the lads who give up their free time to look after the ground and the machinery. They can be proud of what they achieve. In the words of Winston Churchill; Never has so much been owed by so many to so few! On a similar subject, I notice that the inside of the pavilion is looking rather scruffy. Are the Play Group supervisors doing enough to make sure the place is left clean and tidy?

In case my remarks about the status of the ground should lead anyone to believe that they are not welcome at the club, I can only remember one person being barred and that was for totally unacceptable behaviour. Anyone who treats the ground and facilities with respect will always be welcome.

Geoff Gomme

Notices:

Windmill Artists

The Windmill Artists Annual Exhibition will be held on Saturday November 7th. Once again on this notable day in the village calendar there will be a Bistro serving morning coffee, lunch and tea; along with wine. This event is now a well established village occasion and we hope to see many old friends and a host of new ones.

Christmas Astronomy

Chris Dignan will once again give a Christmas Astronomy talk in the Village Hall on Sunday December 20th at 6.45 for 7.00pm. Tickets are £5 each and include tea or coffee before the talk and a glass of wine afterwards. Phone Val Brookhouse on 01844 344207 to reserve your tickets.

The School's Link Building Progresses

PHOTOS TAKEN SINCE HALLMARK OF MAY 2009

AS IT WAS ON MAY 11:



▲ The floor slab cast in concrete, showing the overall floor plan ▼



▲ There were two soak-aways filled with “reject” stones (ie stones too big for making into concrete) to leave room for rainwater in between ▼▶

Norman Herridge Ltd finished the groundwork, then the main contractor, Lindum Construction Services, took over the building work directly.

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ON JUNE 12:



ON JUNE 19:

Three Glulam Beams being lifted into position to support the roof structure ▼▶





With the Glulam Beams in position, the roof structure takes shape ▼



Iain Rennie s Ridgeway Path Walk for Charity

FROM PRINCES RISBOROUGH TO WENDOVER – TRANSPORT BACK OR ONWARD



Sunday 20th September : Walk the Chalk with the IRHH Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge

Enjoy the beautiful Chilterns scenery whilst raising money for **Iain Rennie Hospice at Home** in the first ever **Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge**. The undulating, cross-country route follows the famous Ridgeway Path, taking in three of the most well-known peaks in the Chiltern Hills – Whiteleaf Cross, Coombe Hill and Ivinghoe Beacon. We are looking for 1000 walkers to take part in this unique sponsored event and help us raise vital funds for the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

All walkers will complete the scenic five mile route from Princes Risborough to Wendover via Whiteleaf Cross, through the grounds of Chequers, up to the monument at Coombe Hill, and then down into Wendover where you can stop for lunch. You will then have the option of free transport to Tring for the second stage, four mile walk to Ivinghoe Beacon, or back to the start in Princes Risborough. Return transport will also be provided from Ivinghoe Beacon.

The walk is **£15 to enter** which includes all transport on the day as well as your Chilterns 3 Peaks T-Shirt and refreshments along the route.

For more information or to register for this unique event, call **01442 890222**, visit **www.c3peaks.com** or pick up an entry form from any of the IRHH shops - and **Walk the Chalk for Iain Rennie!**

Happy Wanderers Walking Club

Waddesdon Estate

31 May

On this bright, sunny morning thirty two Happy Wanderers and five dogs met at Waddesdon for the regular monthly walk.

The walk took us over the fields of Waddesdon Estate in a circular clockwise route around the Manor. With the glorious weather we enjoyed far reaching views over green pastures and woodlands. After about two and a half hours, we returned to Waddesdon village, where some of us had lunch at the Lion Inn. Thanks to Rita and Thornley for leading an interesting walk.



“The Bunch” Wooton Underwood 26 June

The Wanderers visited “The Bunch” and had a garden tour guided by Lady Newall. Lord and Lady Newall open their garden in North Bucks to support the Air Ambulance Trust. We regularly give a donation to aid them in their service to the community and recognise the high costs in operating a helicopter.

Lady Newall is a very keen gardener and has great pleasure showing people around her herbaceous borders, kitchen garden and orchard. Gardening is also a major activity of many of our members and so the time was spent sharing experiences and exchanging tips on flowers and vegetables. Our visit concluded with a glass of wine and some delicious sandwiches. Thanks to Lord and Lady Newall for their kind hospitality on a warm sunny day in June.

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Great Missenden

26th April

We had 19 on the Happy Wanderers walk on Sunday the 26th of April. A fine, sunny, spring morning, we assembled in the car park at Great Missenden in time for the 10.30 a.m. start. We tarried for a moment by the Old Jail at the end of the High Street. Some of us wondering if the home office might be pleased to revive the jail for additional capacity?



The walk continued through equestrian paddocks and woodland with a good showing of bluebells. We turned north from Nags Head Lane towards the outskirts of Prestwood; stopping for a group photograph while admiring the topiary on a hedge of a large snail. Returning to Missenden through Angling spring Wood with more bluebells, and interesting wood carvings.



The walk was approximately 4.75 miles, lead by Ian and Kim. Some of the group then enjoyed a good lunch at the Cross Keys public

Ron Goodearl

St. John's Church News

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

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.

Please remember in your prayers – Phyllis Dell, recovering from major heart surgery.

If you know of anyone who would also like to receive Holy Communion at home, or would like a home visit, please contact Rev. Denise on 347741.

Throughout the summer term the Toddler Praise Group have continued to meet. The attending children are very young - Pam, Sharon and Suzanne have worked well and enthusiastically with them – enjoying stories about Jesus and other Biblical characters, playing musical instruments, singing and dancing. These children sing regularly at the first Sunday of the month service – Our All Age Family Worship service – come and see or listen!

As the schools completed their Academic Year, Bibles were presented to St. John's year 6 pupils, and dictionaries were presented by Speen School to their leavers, all moving on to new schools. Assemblies are an important part of the life of Church and School.

The Confirmation Service was a marvellous occasion with 20 candidates prepared and ready to stand up, own their faith, and follow Jesus. St. Mary's Church was packed on the hottest night of the year (Thurs. July 6th) and Bishop Alan Wilson conducted this very special service. Team Clergy had prepared the candidates – adults meeting at Lacey Green Vicarage, and the younger people at St. Dunstan's Hall. We continued to meet after the Confirmation for 2 extra weeks to savour the moment and learn more. In September term a number of new initiates will begin.

YOUNG PEOPLES BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

From mid-September, younger people from age 11+ will meet to have their own study group DURING main worship in our church. They will be with their parents then go into groups for discussion and learning, joining us again for the Communion towards the completion of our service.

A BEREAVEMENT FORUM

This will begin in September and the Church will be open the first Monday in each month from 2pm till 4pm. Come to drink tea or coffee, eat cake, and talk about memories or whatever you would like. It may help if you have lost a loved one and find it difficult to talk about it, or be by yourself for fear of appearing miserable in front of others. Often, a caring chat can raise the spirits and sometimes there will be smiles and laughter that will surprise us all. Come and meet with each other, have some self-help on your journey towards a different life without the one you loved so much.

A QUIET REFLECTIVE STYLE OF WORSHIP.

In the midst of today's noise and bustle, Denise and others will provide a service for those who need to find stillness. It will be a quieter, less wordy service with some music from other traditions ie. Taize, Iona, or maybe Contemplative Fire! The third Sunday of every month at 6pm.

Our special celebratory weekend was a truly joyous occasion. The church was beautifully decorated, the cream teas were a huge satisfying delight, the choir excelled themselves both in the Saturday concert and the 10am Communion service on Sunday, at which Rev. Ian Ogilvy gave the Sermon - reminding us how small acts of kindness mean a great deal to the recipients. After this, there was a delicious and healthy (salads) Barbeque and Picnic in the Vicarage Garden – a time for friendship, meeting old and making new friends, approximately 120 of them. ! It was also a gift day for the Church – donations may still be made.

ALL Villagers were made welcome – if you missed the opportunity to visit our beautiful Church, please remedy the situation by coming any weekend to appreciate the beauty of the building and enjoy the serene atmosphere to be found there. The ceiling and stained glass windows (do not miss the one to the right of the Altar) are especially admirable. Please check the notice board for final times and events.

Appointment at St. Mary's Church. The new Rector, Rev. David Williams from Andover will be taking up his new position in September. We would like to welcome him, his wife and family, and to wish them many years of health and happiness in this beautiful area.

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

Reverend Denise Critchell.

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District and County Council News

Firstly I would like to thank all those who turned out to vote in the recent elections. It was good to see that we had one of the highest turn outs, approaching 50%, in the County. I would also add a personal thank you for returning me as your County Councillor.

Because of the elections news for the County is a little thin. There have been some reorganisational changes but mostly it remains the same. One change for me is that I have been asked to join the Fire Authority so if you have questions about this, then please let me know. Once I know more then I will add this to my news updates.

Local Community Partnership Meetings

These are partnership meetings between the Risborough Area Parishes, District and County Councils where matters of common concern are discussed and hopefully actions agreed to improve delivery. The next meeting is scheduled for 23rd September at 7pm at Longwick Village Hall. These meetings are an opportunity for the public to have their say on local matters that affect all Councils. If you have an issue and would like to make a representation to the partnership then please contact Carole Burslem, our Area Coordinator on 01494 475380 or email cburslem@buckscc.gov.uk, and she will let you know what you need to do.

Road Patching

Patching work is planned for Woodway and Little Lane. The dates scheduled at present are: Woodway - Monday 21 September; Little Lane - Tuesday 22 September. Both will require road closures and are also dependant on weather conditions.

Parish Council News

At the recent Annual Meeting, Councillor Mrs. C. Davies and Councillor R. Craft were duly elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Representatives from the Parish Council were nominated to serve on other outside organisations. These include Community Planning Group, Lacey Green and Loosley Row Millennium Hall, Neighbourhood Action Group, Risborough Area Forum, Risborough Charities, Speen Shop Committee, and Wycombe District Association of Local Councils.

Work on Deep Pit Pond continues, following the repair of the railings. They are to receive a coat of paint to smarten them up, plus a programme of planting.

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Risborough Rural Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

The meeting, on the 4th June, benefited from Sir Jackie Stewart attending to put the case for changes to local speed limits. It was interesting to listen to Sir Jackie, as a former racing driver, put the points about the dangers of fast driving. Everybody agreed they were well made and should be passed to the County Council for their consideration which I have done.

The NAG group now has access to the Speed Watch equipment and this has been used where volunteers have come forward to operate it. The NAG agreed to extend the use to a larger group of volunteers who can operate it anywhere safely within the NAG area. This group to be coordinated by Lisa Roberts, the PCSO for the rural areas. If you would like to join in, and have a road in mind where speed is of a concern, please let her know. Lisa.Roberts@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Lacey Green Stores

I am pleased that the Stores has opened and I hope that everybody will find it useful. I would like to thank the Millennium Hall Committee for their help in finding the space for us and the shop volunteers without which the shop could not function. Alongside the Post Office it has the potential to be very successful so please use it.

Community Fund

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

Paul Rogerson District & County Councillor

Refurbishment of the children's playground is also in hand. Costings and a decision on the type of equipment needed are under way.

A new access drive into the Garden of Rest is anticipated to be in place by the autumn. This should improve access for maintenance, funerals and visitors. The work will involve the removal of the War Memorial gates. The memorial tablets etc. will be stored for the time being, to be re-erected in a suitable new position at some point in the future.

Despite the current 30 m.p.h. limit, there is much concern about the speed of traffic in our villages. (Ed – see page 8 for a related article on speeding.)

What's Happening in Lacey Green & Loosley Row?

A LIST OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES to which you are welcome, with contact details. Other activities take place but are subject eg to membership for which there is sometimes a waiting list.

All events at Millennium Hall unless otherwise specified.

WHO in alphabetical order	WHEN, WHERE if not in Millennium Hall, and OTHER DETAILS	CONTACT DETAILS in order of preference. www. addresses also facilitate contact. 01844 unless shown otherwise
DART (Defence Attack Resolution Tactics)	Self Protection Classes Mons 7-9pm at St John's CE School	jwt.dart@gmail.com Dr John Titchen 07810 568656 Ronnie Lewin 274961
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 3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm	
Horticultural Society	Tue evenings	Terry Fendom 342636 info@jazzsue.co.uk
Jazzercise – exercises with lively music & company		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	Roger Thyer-Jones – leave message with Karen at Entertainment House
Kinder Gym	Pre-school Gym Classes. Fridays during term time	Jenny Stothard 344441
Lacey Green Productions	Various kinds of theatre, some with delicious food	valbrookhouse@btinternet.com Val Brookhouse 344207
Lacey Green & Loosley Row Sports & Social Club (next to St John's School)	Various activities, including cricket matches 1.30pm Saturdays at the Sports Club ground Tennis Section meets and play regularly by arrangement, with events at the tennis courts	Jane Oakford 346295 Ian Ward 345567
Lacey Green Singers	Thu evenings, term time	Jane Brown 346071
Lacey Green Windmill	See under this list for details	Michael Hardy 275871 laceygreenmill@btinternet.com www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk
Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI	2nd Thu, except Aug. 2pm	Jean Gabbitas 346469
Pilates Classes	Tue mornings	Sue Croxford 346656
U3A	4 th Wed afternoon of month	Membership Sec 01494 562554 www.whiteleafbowmen.org.uk
Whiteleaf Bowmen	Wed, Thu & Fri evenings, Apr to Sep	Brenda Cordwell, Sec 01494 485037 Nick Skegg, Beginners 07989 308812 Robert Swann, Fun Shoots 01494 711612
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 2pm	Carole Knight 01296 614113

Lacey Green Maize Maze is open every day until 6th September from 10:30am to 6pm. Tel 07801 944800

LACEY GREEN WINDMILL will be open until 27th September on Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays from 2.30 to 5.30pm (last admission at 5pm). 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. Please park in Pink Road and walk up path to the mill.



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

Aug 30	Black Horse Pub Quiz	8.30pm
Aug 30	Happy Wanderers' normal walk #	10.30am
Sept 2	Windmill WI (1st Wed of month except January)	7.45pm
Sept 3	81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month except Jan)	2pm
Sept 5	Horticultural Society's Annual Show	Entries 1.30pm, Show 2.30pm
Sept 7	Parish Council meeting Speen Village Hall	7.30pm
Sept 9	Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park)	10.30am
Sept 10	Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug)	2pm
Sept 10 – 19	Speen Festival 2009 at various venues in Speen	
Sept 16	Horticultural Society (normally 3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov)	8pm
Sept 27	Black Horse Pub Quiz	8.30pm
Oct 1	81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month except Jan)	2pm
Oct 4- 6	Happy Wanderers' Weekend Away	
Oct 5	Parish Council meeting Lacey Green Village Hall	7.30pm
Oct 7	Windmill WI (1st Wed of month except January)	7.45pm
Oct 8	Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug)	2pm
Oct 14	Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park)	10.30am
Oct 25	Happy Wanderers' normal walk #	10.30am
Oct 17	Windmill WI Jumble Sale	2pm
Oct 25	Black Horse Pub Quiz	8.30pm
Nov 2	Parish Council meeting Speen Village Hall	7.30pm
Nov 4	Windmill WI (1st Wed of month except January)	7.45pm
Nov 5	81st Over 60's Club (1st Thu of month except Jan)	2pm
Nov 7	Windmill Artists' Annual Art Show with all day Bistro	10am – 4pm
Nov 11	Happy Wanderers' short walk (2nd Wed, Village Hall car park)	10.30am
Nov 12	Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI (2nd Thu, except Aug)	2pm

SOME LATER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 18	Horticultural Society Pumpkin Supper & Grand Pumpkin Competition	8pm
Dec 20	Christmas Astronomy talk	7pm

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).

LACEY GREEN STORES are open in Village Hall 8.30am-1pm Mondays & Thursdays

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 alternate Mondays 10-11am.

OUR VILLAGE HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS on Monday afternoons and Tuesday afternoons.

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