



# ***HALLMARK***

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# Welcome to the Autumn Edition of Hallmark



I'm still experimenting with the new format of the magazine and would really like to get your feedback. Please drop me a letter or an email

with any comments about the parts you do or do not like.

One piece of feedback I had was that the glossy paper was hard to read, so I am trying a less glossy finish in this issue, I hope it looks good.

I have used a photograph for the cover for this edition - my thanks to John Tyler for supplying it. In general I would like to continue the tradition of having an artistic front cover rather than using topical photos. If you or someone you know, has an artistic talent, please do suggest a piece of your work for use as a cover. It does not have to be paintings - items such as pictures of sculptures would be welcome.

Looking forward, the History Group are planning a major exhibition in March next year. If you have any historical artefacts or would like to help, please see the appeal on page 33.

Looking even further ahead we will have local elections here at the beginning of May. I plan to include some articles on local politics into the February Hallmark. If you are politically active or belong to an organisation that is involved in local issues, get in touch and we can discuss how you can contribute to the articles.

**Mike Piercy**  
**Editor**

## Lacey Green Community Plan

This is very much a last minute effort to produce something for your entertainment and education. So, a bit about the Parish Plan. I have to say that there has been very little progress in implementing any of the actions identified.

A main reason is that almost all our effort has been focussed on the shop, and this is likely to continue. Whilst the shop is proving to be an asset to the village, it is still only open on weekday mornings, and we want to extend the opening times, initially to the weekday afternoons. However to do this we must have some more volunteers to run the shop. At the risk of serious repetition:

### BE A SHOP

### VOLUNTEER

Included in the Parish Plan actions is the 'Parish Project', which would provide a facility incorporating a shop, a meeting room and some affordable housing in Lacey Green. This does depend on the availability of a suitable piece of land in or near to the centre of the village.

This concept was always rather optimistic, and for a larger shop we may have to settle for a portacabin or similar. This is not at all unreasonable, and the Hughenden Valley shop is a successful example of what can be done. To start with, all we need is a place to put it. We would then need to raise sufficient funds to set up in business, and a larger team of volunteers, although it might be possible to have a paid

shop manager. We would probably have to forget about the extra meeting space and the affordable housing, but you can't have everything.

We are also anxious to lessen the impact of traffic – no pun intended. Despite the 30mph speed restriction, there is still a handful of people that think that this limit doesn't apply to them. I had occasion a short while ago to speak to a driver who chose to overtake me just past the Black Horse when I was travelling at about 28mph. He suggested that I was travelling too slowly, and certainly wasn't prepared to admit to doing anything wrong. It's not the first time it has happened, and it is unlikely to be the last. With this kind of attitude, it is difficult to know how to remedy the situation. Anyone got any new ideas?

A plea on a more personal level. I have been Chairman of the Parish Community Planning Group for eight years, and it is high time that someone else took over, not least to provide new direction and ideas.

# What's On

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
November 25th, 26th, and 27th	LGP Dinner Theatre - Rumours see page 11
Friday December 3	School Xmas Fayre
Sunday December 5 6pm	Lacey Green Singers Christmas Carol Concert
Monday December 6 7:30pm	Parish Council meeting. Open to the public
Sunday December 19	Astronomy vs Astrology See below
Wednesda January 19	Horticultural Society: History of the British Garden
First Tuesday of the month December 7 & January 4	Pub lunch at the Black Horse Bette Tyler 01844 344207
All events will take place at the Millennium Hall except where stated. See page 38 for the schedule of Christmas events at the Church	

## Astronomy vs Astrology

This year's Astro Talk by Chris Dignan covers two topics for the price of one! "Astronomy vs Astrology" and "The Big Bang Machine" takes place on Sunday 19 December at Lacey Green Village Hall. Please arrive 6.45pm for 7pm start. Tea, coffee and other drinks included in the £5 ticket price (U-18s: £3). To book your place, telephone Val Brookhouse on 01844 344207 / email: [valbrookhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:valbrookhouse@btinternet.com)

## LACEY GREEN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBER 2010  
6.00 PM

## LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Tickets £5.00 to include refreshments

Featuring

LACEY GREEN SINGERS

And

ST JOHN'S COFE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

Tickets from Fran Hall  
01494 562842

or St John's School

# Letters

This is the first opportunity I have had to give a huge public "Thank you" to everybody who has written, rung, attended and donated in memory of my husband John.

Your support was amazing and so welcome on such an unexpected occasion. Words cannot fully express the appreciation of all the family. Suffice to say you all helped

enormously in getting us through this difficult time.

Again a sincere "Thank You"

**Joan West**

Arcadia, Stocken Farm

Recently I was invited to attend the Loosley Row and Lacey Green Youth Club at the Village Hall, to show the young people some lace and let them try their hand at making lace. I felt I would like to report just how impressed I was, it was so refreshing to see so many youngsters really enjoying

themselves and having fun, as well as learning new things. They were all so polite, and it was a real pleasure to be there with them. We hear so many bad and negative reports on the young behaving badly and getting into trouble. We owe a lot to the leaders and volunteers who turn up to organize

and instruct our youth, and I would like to say a big thank you to them. We are very lucky to live in a village where there is a Youth Group, and I know that more volunteers are always needed.

**Jill Baker**

## Chairman's report



How is it possible that Mike Piercy has been editing Hallmark for a year already? Time certainly flies by but I'm sure that we will all agree that he's doing a great job and changing the printer and paper has made such a difference to our wonderful magazine.

As I have mentioned many times, for such a small community we

have a fantastic amount to offer you here at the Hall.

All of the activities that take place at the Village Hall are very well supported and some even have waiting lists. The hall remains available to hire on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Despite receiving many enquiries there are currently no weekday evenings available and weekends until next year are pretty full. Our worries at the beginning of 2010 have thankfully not materialized and 2011 is looking promising.

The new storage area is now in full use and has made a difference to the ease of use for so many. We will be rolling out our new chairs soon so hopefully a more comfortable future is in store.

Please remember that we are all volunteers at the Village Hall and as it is so busy we need to remain mindful of the other users of the hall and can you all please leave things where we find them!

Someone keeps moving the kettle and trays and fiddling with the heating controls – you know who you are!

I was saddened the other day when I was told that someone had taken the W.I. banner flagpole base. I do hope this was an oversight by someone and that it will be returned to them as soon as possible. Petty pilfering has an impact on everyone as these bases are not cheap, especially as it was made to order for them by Gommess Forge.

Please continue to support and enjoy all of the village activities, especially during the forthcoming festive season.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and here's to a prosperous and Happy New Year for us all.

**Clive Hodgton**

**Millennium Hall Chairman**

## From our local Police

Marea Logon from our local Police team has sent us a quick update on what the team has been doing in the past month.

“ Let me start by introducing our local team: you have



PC 4755 Andy Ralph who is the NSO (Neighbourhood Specialist Officer),



myself PC 6027 Marea Logan NO (Neighbourhood Officer)



and PCSO Lisa Roberts.

With regards to Lacey Green and Loosley Row

luckily there is not much happening, however I can report that 2 males were arrested recently for stealing scrap metal from a building site. It was due to the vigilance of the owner who called us promptly that we were able get to site and arrested them.

We work closely with St. Johns School where we tag along on the crocodile walk in the mornings, stand outside the gate for school patrol, attend travel plan meetings and assemblies. PC Ralph attended the school Wednesday as it is National Walk to School week with the school giving out stickers to say well done to those pupils who walked.

This isn't just for parents so if a member of the community would

like to speak to us they can just approach us. We may be in uniform and look scary but we are friendly.

I cannot say the days we will be there due to other schools and commitments.

Please can you all take extra care now the dark nights are in, locking tools away, locking outbuildings and making sure valuables are out of sight.

**PC 6027 Marea Logan**

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John was one of those now-rare people who lived at the same place all his life. He was born at Stocken Farm, lived in a farmworker's house for just over nine years when we got married, where our three children, Trisha, Caroline and Richard, were born, then moved back into the farmhouse when his parents moved into a bungalow.

Thirty five years later we moved into another house on the farm and our son Richard, his wife Maxine and their children moved into the farmhouse. We had lived in the new house, which he had grown to love as there was a good view of the

farm and the animals in the fields nearby, for over four years before he died after a short unidentified collapse of his system.

## **Born in 1937**

His parents Dick and Hilda had taken Stocken Farm in September 1934. John was born in April 1937. Hilda had a weak heart after rheumatic fever and had been advised not to have children. This she ignored but John was to be an only child.

1939 saw the outbreak of the second world war. Every spare room at Stocken Farm was used by Bomber Command to

accommodate officers and their families. Young John was not short of comrades. Also into the house moved his mother's father (Grandad Crook) and Harry Floyd, who came temporarily to recuperate from bronchitis. Both were still with them thirty years later. John got friendly with the prisoners of war who worked on the farm. The bread they were given to bring for their lunch was often green with mould. They longed for crusty bread from the bakehouse. They begged worn out hessian sacks to make rope shoes to sell, for they were not given money. John secretly bought bread for them with the cash they made.

## **Young Farmers**

He joined Princes Risborough Young Farmers Club at about eleven or soon after. He remained a member till obliged to leave at twenty five having been many years on the committee, acted as treasurer for years, and represented them in local and national competitions. He then became a vice president all his life. John was friendly with a number of girls in his teens. There was one he recognised but hadn't really met when he came across her by the pig pens at Wycombe Agricultural Show. He engaged her in a friendly chat up. He was on holiday from college eighteen months later, when she turned up at Young Farmers. It has a reputation as a marriage bureau! We were married in 1961.

## **Birth of the Partnership**

After the Royal Grammar School at High Wycombe he went to Harper Adams Agricultural College in Shropshire from where he achieved one of the awards for best student. Back home it was not long before his parents made him a partner with them in the farm business. So R.M.West and Son was 5

born. Over the years the business grew out of all recognition. Later Richard and Maxine joined the Partnership. John never retired and went to the farm every day. In latter years he confined his input to buying and selling and the cattle passports and other requisite document filling. He enjoyed consultations with Richard. They had a great respect for each other, as he had also had with his father before.

### Farm came first

His personal life always had to consider the farm first. Before we were married, if I were to see him at all, I would join him wherever he was working. Usually on some machine or other. He would come to play tennis at my home but we never knew when. We had to fit our wedding in between harvest and drilling. Later with the children we would deliver picnic teas to the fields, having ours with John.

The summers always seemed to be sunny then. On rare days out and even rarer holidays with the family he relaxed and had fun for which we all remember him so well.

### The travel bug

His plan was to work really hard until he was forty and then to travel. Actually he was nearer fifty when he really got the second ambition under way, after which he always had the next place lined up. And as for the farm he was still going there daily whenever we were at home, right to the end. He had always grown superb vegetables, flowers for cutting and wallflower plants in the farm back garden, many of which he gave away. For three years he belonged to the local horticultural society enjoying showing in the competitions.

A summer Saturday  
6 afternoon would find him

watching the cricket at the Sports Club. He was an honorary local insurance assessor for the National Farmers' Union for many years; on committees of local farming organisations including the liaison meetings with the District Council.

He somehow found time to visit friends who were ill, which with the passing years became ever more frequent. He enjoyed reading obituaries, amazed at other people's achievements. He would not accept that the growth of his farm and close family was notable in any way.

### Other people's memories

But I believe he will be most remembered for his reputation. He would not agree so I take the liberty of quoting from some of the letters I have received, the better for you to know the man as others knew him :---

"He offered so much encouragement and advice in my early years of farming"

"John was such a lovely man. His visits to see Warren were always appreciated by us both and I miss my flowers"

"I admired John as a businessman, a skilled farmer and horticulturist and a kind friend"

"He has always been a great encouragement to me in my job, and also appreciative and supportive to the Chiltern Arable Group"

"He was a lovely man and a great inspiration to Pete in Young Farmers and a great support to me in Bucks' Farmers' Club"

"We have lost such a dear man, a friend to us and our parents over so many years. Happy memories of cheerful smiles and greetings, all those charity events, and of course the C.F.Group meetings, especially the A.G.M. dinners so ably organised."

"I have always had the highest regard for John. His ability to navigate all the difficulties faced by farming and to take advantage of opportunities was exceptional. His behaviour set an example to us all and his character was a blend of kindness, commonsense and prudence, determination and consistency."

"A long standing, valued and respected committee member raising money for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. He was a ready volunteer with ideas and suggestions"

"I have very fond memories of John-- fetching, carrying, washing up after a fund raising event at the Sports Club - supporting whatever challenge he was given. What a zest for life" "Having become a much respected senior figure in the farming community, his lovely sense of humour, companionship and good advice will be greatly missed."

I could go on, for I received over two hundred such letters and cards. I beg forgiveness if I have put too much but I was lost for words to sum up. Suffice to say he leaves his wife, two daughters and a son and seven grandchildren.

**Joan West**



## LGP

LGP are on tour - well, Winslow anyway. A dark Saturday evening in late October will see us performing a new Murder Mystery with the title of "Bound To Die" at Winslow Public Hall. Written and performed by a small group of LGP members, "Bound To Die" is sure to stretch the little grey cells of the good citizens of Winslow to their fullest extent. If you know of any other organisation that would like to have an entertainment for a fund raising evening for charity, LGP will be happy to provide it with "Bound To Die".

Time for the LGP pre Christmas production again. To be performed at the Village Hall on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> we are presenting Neil Simon's farce "Rumours". Once again, on the Thursday night you will be able to see a performance of the play and be able to enjoy the licensed bar. On the Friday and Saturday

nights we are able to serve you dinner and perform the play as well.

At the start of Neil Simon's "Rumours", several affluent couples gather in an out of town apartment to celebrate their host's wedding anniversary. When they arrive, the anticipated sophisticated scenario definitely does not apply! You will enjoy this.

Some tickets are still available and can be obtained by telephoning 01844 347518 or 01844 344207.

As usual LGP will be giving the profits from this production to charity. Our total gifts to charities, since we started, have now topped £40,000 and the charities for this production will be Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Our next production in early April 2011 is already decided upon. It will be "I Thought I Heard a Rustling"

by Alan Plater and will be performed at "Chipko", Parslows Hillock in early April. Alan Plater CBE, whose death was announced last June, has written many plays and TV scripts, including Z Cars. "I Thought I Heard a Rustling" records what happens to ex-miner turned poet, Bill Robson, when he is appointed writer-in-residence at Eastwood branch library.

It is the sixth production in LGP's Theatre at Home series. Once again we are indebted to Ann Noel and Andrew Clark for the loan of their home for this play. Tickets will be on sale early in 2011 – watch this space.

As always, we are keen to attract new people to our group and would love to hear if you are interested in taking part in any capacity. Please phone 01844 344207.

**Peter Brookhouse**

## Walk the Chalk

Our team 'Assured Life' evolved as Debbie and I walked the Chalk last year. Four of us along with Debbie's dog Bella walked the 9 miles. We enjoyed the experience so much we decided to get a team together to include friends, work colleagues and clients. We managed to get a team of 14 people, 2 kids and 4 dogs together!

There were 4 walkers from Lacey Green: Sara & Martin James who have just moved to the village, Debbie Tissot who runs Assured Future in Gt Missenden, Alli Gaffney, driving instructor AlliG and Janey Goodearl, local Alexander Technique teacher, the rest of our team were friends and work colleagues, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our sponsors who helped us to raise £1000.

The father of one of our close friends was recently cared for by

IRHH nurses, so we walked in his honor. We wanted to raise money so that other local people can receive the charity's fantastic care and spend their final days at home rather than in hospital. Taking part in the Chilterns Three Peaks Challenge is a great experience and

last year we enjoyed ourselves whilst supporting an extremely worthwhile local charity. We plan to be there again next year with our team plus any others who would like to join us.

**Janey Goodearl**



# Horticultural Society: Over The Garden Fence



I am writing this in the middle of October, and have just looked at our Programme to see if you might receive Hallmark before our Pumpkin Supper. It is on 17 November, so hopefully you will just do so. By then we will have put the clocks back, and the long dark nights will be upon us. But the Horticultural Society's Magic Carpet will whisk you through the winter. On Wednesday, 19 January, we have Mrs Barbara Askew giving the second half of her talk on the History of British Gardens. She was with us about 18 months ago, and gave us a fascinating insight into the creation of some of the country's great gardens and the families who owned them. On Wednesday 16 March we have a talk by Victor Scott about the Rare Flowers of Britain. Mr Scott is renowned for his knowledge and presentation. The daffodils will be out and a couple of weeks later we put the clocks forward. Not worth putting the barbeque away!

Tickets for the Pumpkin Supper on 17 November are £5, and should be bought in advance, please, so that we know how many to cater for. The format will be much the same as previous years, a two course, hot, (or cold, if you prefer) knife and fork supper, with "seconds", and a glass of wine. To be followed by the Judgment of the Pumpkins. Please bring along whatever you may have grown. We are looking for the biggest, smallest, heaviest, best looking and maybe the ugliest, so what ever you

have is probably a winner. And to round off, one of Adam's "mark your own" quizzes. The Supper is NOT restricted to members, so if you would like see what an amiable and easy going bunch the gardeners are, please join us. In fact, the same goes for the talks mentioned above. **Tickets for the Supper from John Burnett on 345750.**

Since the last edition, we had an illustrated talk in July, by Mr Keith Howkins about his Secret Garden. Unfortunately, it soon became apparent to our longer standing members that we had heard the talk some years before, so to them it was not much of a secret, especially as not a lot had changed! Anyway, there was entertainment in the sheer eccentricity. The September talk, which was very well received, was by Mr Edwin Rye who brought along some beautiful David Austin roses, and spoke very knowledgeably about them.

Between the talks, we had the Hanging Basket Competition, at the end of July. This followed a couple of weeks of wet and windy weather, despite which we had 14 very good entries. The result was a dead heat between Sandra Moore and Linda Taylor.

On 4 September, we held our Annual Show. There were concerns that the mixed summer weather would limit the available produce, but we had a near record entry, and a very colourful Show. Alison Shreeve won the Vegetable Section and the Hughenden Cup for the highest total of points from the Vegetable, Floral and Fruit Sections. Congratulations Alison, but this is the fifth year running, and some one must take up the challenge. Alison also found time to win the Domestic Salver. The Marshall Cup for Fruit was won by Michael Hardy, as was the Bill Cleaver Memorial Award for the Best Exhibit in Show, and Linda Taylor won the Floral Cup. The Jubilee Cup for the Best Entrant who has not previously won a trophy went to a newish member, Patricia Johnstone, who did well with her vegetables and fruit. We also gave vouchers to our youngest entrants Fern and Ellie O'Shaughnessy for their vegetables. Chris Boll entered an enormous Sunflower.

I will report on our B A H S Show entry in the next edition.

**Terry Fendom, Chairman**



# Lacey Green and Loosley Row WI

Our Autumn programme began with an illustrated talk by one of our most popular speakers: our very own John Tyler speaking about COUNTRYSIDE and to our great relief the LOOP SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTALLED!

In November we congratulated and thanked those members who have been meeting each week to repair the most comfortable upholstered chairs purchased by Clive for us all to enjoy.

Our speaker was Mrs R.Wakeman who had at one time been employed by a family of orthodox Jews as their children's nanny. She loved her role even though it involved

obedience to many strict rules which included, as the title of her talk revealed, 'NO PHONES ON SABBATH'!

On going to press we are planning to organise our annual VILLAGE QUIZ which is greatly enjoyed by all the village organisations which take part and which makes useful funds for our Millennium Hall.

Finally this month we will be hosting the Group Meeting on 26 October.

This month we received the sad news of the death of Jean Munro who had been a member for many years.

Two members were awarded certificates for membership of 25 years.

As we look forward to our AGM and Christmas Lunch we wish to invite past members who are now very frail to attend our meetings and our Christmas lunch accompanied by their carers or a relative (phone 01844 346469 to let us know).

I'm pleased to announce that the PUB LUNCH at the Black Horse is proving most popular.

**Jean Gabbitas**

## The Phoenix Chairs

All users of the Lacey Green Millennium Hall will no doubt be delighted to know that 141 upholstered chairs have been purchased, so there will be no need to sit on the hard plastic chairs .

These new chairs are second hand, and have been purchased from the

Aylesbury Civic Hall. There was a small snag and that was that they are quite worn at the front - What to do? After discussion it was decided that the seats could be turned round so that the worn side is at the back and will not take so much wear. Ladies from the Lacey Green and Loosley Row Sewing Group have spent every Thursday morning darning the worn areas. We have been supplied with coffee and biscuits from the Coffee Morning ladies, and as well as working there has been a great deal of chat. Three chaps have been working hard using screwdrivers

and various other tools removing the seats, turning them round and replacing them with darned seats.

Plastic buttons have also been purchased which fit on the chair legs to prevent the chairs jamming when they are stacked. These are at present being fitted.

The next step is to have the chairs thoroughly cleaned, and Clive has quotes and will be putting this in hand shortly.

All we ask from you is that you do not fall asleep with this new found comfort.

**Chris Baker**



# District and County Council News



## Spending Cuts

are dominating the Council agenda at this time and I am afraid they will for a while yet. In year adjustments of £9.2M have already had to be made to the 2010/2011 budget. Some of these are caused by Government Area Based Grant being withdrawn. Some result from external pressures such as the National Centre for Epilepsy, based in Chalfont St Peter, placing adults into our care, and others result from higher than predicted costs for services such as Looked after Children and Swan Rider having to be addressed. In addition to these savings £3M has been committed from reserves to protect some services for this year. Obviously this is only a short term fix as reserves can only be spent once.

These adjustments are in addition to those forecast cuts in Government Revenue Support (RSG) as 25% over 4 years. The actual amounts will not be known until the Comprehensive Spending Review is announced on 20<sup>th</sup> October and even then it will just be headline figures, the detail will come later. One estimate suggests that the County Council will need to save

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around £90m over the next 3 to 4 years. This has been assessed by a summation of the affects on funding such as: a Council Tax freeze, cost increases from energy and other utilities, increased service demand in child protection and other vulnerable client areas added to the RSG reductions. If this is the case then Service levels will inevitably be affected. An immediate action has been to consult with staff on 195 redundancies drawn from across the Council.

## High Speed Rail (HSR)

is another issue which continues to dominate the agenda. Philip Hammond, Secretary of state for Transportation, visited Aylesbury last month which gave me an opportunity to ask him some direct questions about the proposals. From his answers it does look increasing likely that the Government's preferred option will be Route 3 i.e. the Amersham / Wendover corridor. I say this because the Exceptional Hardship Scheme is only to apply to that route and the Government's formal announcement is to come in about 6 to 8 weeks time which leaves very little time to adjust. However no route is yet ruled out and should the consultation process go against Route 3 then route 2.5 may come back into the frame.

The programme for HS2 was confirmed as:

1. Announcement of the preferred route November 2010;
2. Public Consultation on the proposals February March 2011 for 3 months
3. Analysis of Consultation for 6 months ending 2011

4. Announcement of findings 2012
5. Government legislation to put HS2 into place 20012/13
6. Contract procurement 2014
7. Works commence 2015.

Philip Hammond conceded that the business case for the project needs further work and with his announcement of the preferred Y shape it does look if more emphasis will be being placed on regional development. He ruled out any upgrade on the existing West Coast Main Line on the grounds of disruption and capacity. He also confirmed that a link to HS1 through London was being considered. Most significantly he remains firmly of the view that HS2 is in the National Interest.

I am sure that all of this means that the project will be pursued and it is likely that the Chilterns AONB will remain in the front line. The time to make your views known will be early next year when the consultation is launched.

Meanwhile the County Council is holding the second 'Summit' on Friday 15 October, focusing on the environmental impact the proposed HS2 on the Chiltern AONB. For more information, you can visit the BCC web site, <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc>, and follow the HS2 link under Have You Seen?

In the mean time if you are being affected by the 2.5 proposals and this causing problems with buying and selling property then please let David Lidington (01296 482102) know so that he can bring the matter to Philip Hammond's attention.



## Winter Maintenance

of our roads is another area where concerns have been raised. The exceptional winter conditions last year prompted a review of the way maintenance is carried out. A Task and Finish group was set up to look at the way the service was delivered and to make recommendations for change. Particular emphasis was placed on the minor roads and to see if a more local responses could be achieved. This group has now reported to the Cabinet with several recommendations which were accepted in full. These included:

- Community resilience plans to be established in conjunction with parish councils to ensure that those at most risk are identified and helped;
- Building up a list of farmers willing to clear snow from rural roads during prolonged periods of ice and snow;
- Giving advice for residents on how to clear snow from

pavements without fear of litigation;

- Access to key strategic sites is kept clear when emergency gritting levels are in operation.

The County Council has also set up a new 'Service Information Centre'. This Centre will give information on Winter Gritting which can be viewed on line by accessing the web site; [www.transportforbucks.net](http://www.transportforbucks.net) alternatively contact them on 0845 2302882.

## Winter Grit Bins

The supply of Grit Bins is also a concern particularly on roads which are not prime gritting routes. It is County Council policy to supply grit to the existing bins but not to fund the bins themselves so I have been working with the Parish Council firstly to identify where bins are needed and then to find funding for the bin. So far funding has been found from District and County Community allowances to fund two bins with the Parish and

District combining to fund another. It is anticipated that these will be in place by early November. Bids for a further five bins have been registered with the Local Area Forum for consideration in the 2011/2012 budget.

## Wycombe Baby Unit

is to reopen on 1<sup>st</sup> November after shortages of midwives lead to a 3 month closure for safety reasons. The Unit is now fully staffed but the Hospital stressed they need the public's support to keep it open. If you would like to know more the Bucks Free Press site has a write up. [www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/8446399.Date\\_set\\_for\\_Wycombe\\_Hospital\\_birthing\\_unit\\_to\\_reopen/](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/8446399.Date_set_for_Wycombe_Hospital_birthing_unit_to_reopen/)

If you have a concern about either council services my email address is [progerson@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:progerson@buckscc.gov.uk) and my telephone number 01494 488315. So if you would like to contact me, I will do what I can to help.

**Paul Rogerson**

# **LACEY GREEN STORES**

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# Youth Club

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**We have a thriving youth club of surprisingly well behaved 10 – 13 year olds that has just lost its leader to a full-time teaching job.**

**There are several regular helpers each week to provide a tuck shop, craft activities and help with supervision. We have access to other County and village resources.**

**The club practically runs itself but needs an organised game here and there to engage those not using the other resources.**

**To find out more Email [leighaxe@btinternet.com](mailto:leighaxe@btinternet.com) or telephone 345216.**

### **Youth Club - 1 Year on**

It all started just over a year ago when Joan Smith co-opted several village members willing or otherwise to help her run a Youth Club.

Last year 70 young members joined although the average attendance was 30. Everyone always comments on how polite they all are and on the rare occasions we have to calm them down there are no arguments, and that is quite categorically down to the parents – yes I know they don't sound like your kids.

There are a variety of things for them to do such as air hockey, other table top games, a Wii, table tennis and pool or they can just chill

out and chat. We also have two ladies – Cathy and Margaret - who work very hard to get them developing their craft skills from painting to knitting and cooking to origami. I think the kids like being able to choose what they do rather than being directed, but what do I know. As a last resort we engage them in some fun games where they can get a few bruises but these are rare. Oh and there is a tuck shop.

Occasionally we have a themed evening such as James Bond or Halloween where the kids, aided I'm sure by very supportive parents, dress up for the occasion. Visit the website for pictures – [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com).

Having not had to worry about too many youngsters all last year we

were taken by surprise this year and have had almost 70 turning up for the last few sessions. It has to be said that this is too many for the space we have, however we had some people coming as guests (friends of members) which we have unfortunately had to stop and this has had some effect.

We had a super leader last year – Amy Stothard - who can't get enough of kids as she has left for a full time teaching job. Thanks Amy for all you did. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have a replacement. Finally a thank-you too to all our other helpers on the night without whom it wouldn't be the success it is.

**Leigh Axe**



# On The Farm

The last three months are always exceptionally busy, but this year after a good start, getting in the harvest became very frustrating due to the intermittent rain which often fell in the night. At the very peak three weeks the crops never had time to dry out. It was only after much deliberation that we had invested in a new dryer to replace ours which was very ancient and slow. It was to prove a godsend.

When we could grab a days combining in a dry window of time, very long hours would be worked because the better weather rarely held. Such a day's work bringing in corn of up to 24% moisture would take five days to get it down to the requisite 14%. We were always playing catchup. Luckily the crops did not go down. If standing, the quality holds better. We contract to sell ours for bread making. Too much wet, especially when laid,

makes corn deteriorate so the necessary gluten drops. Only at the very end of the season did this happen to the last 400 tonnes. This has to go for cattle feed, but in view of the damp conditions it could have been much worse.

The combine was closely followed by baling, straw carting, cultivating and drilling for next years crops. Luckily the oil seed rape crop had been the first to harvest without any storms to knock it about and when we were enjoying what turned out to be the summer. This gave a pleasing 43% oil which would produce about 730 litres of oil per acre. This has a variety of uses such as biodiesel, industrial oil and an extremely good quality vegetable oil similar to sunflower oil. Of the five fields of maize, including the one in which the maze was held one has been harvested to date (9<sup>th</sup> October) the others will hopefully

be done next week. It is cut and chopped and put in the silage clamp for winter feed for the animals. We have to hire a contractor for this as it is very tough and needs a special forage harvester. Meanwhile numerous calves have been born, which are a delight. More about the calves and cows next time.

Time now to settle down to a winter routine of milking, feeding, scraping yards and doing all those things that had cropped up but had had to wait for that proverbial rainy day which despite the miserable weather never seemed to come and no doubt there will be day to day problems as they occur. High priority must also be given to maintenance of machinery, buildings and land. Plenty to keep us busy till Christmas. It seems a bit early but have a good one.

**Joan West**



Photo: John Sherlock

# Windmill under 5s



This term has started very positively with the children returning to pre-school raring to go and are enjoying being back with their friends once again. Staff have also loved being back and modelling their new uniforms! The new children have settled very well too.

Lots of exciting things have been planned for the coming weeks and the main theme this half term is "All About Me". Each child will make books they can keep which will include photos and pictures they have painted or drawn of all their important and favourite things.

The children will be talking about their bodies, comparing eye colour and measuring how tall they are. Later in the term, they will be having fun with a shapes and numbers theme then will finish this half term with a children's choice week.

The needs and interests of the children are very important and they are a very big part of the planning process. The staff always encourage the children to talk about what they enjoy doing and endeavour to deliver play and learning opportunities which meet the children's individual interests.

After half term, there will be lots of fun with Halloween, Autumn and Christmas themes, leading up to the Christmas performance at the Village Hall on Monday 13 December.

The coming weeks will see the new birthday board go up with a brightly coloured rainbow - look out for our fun Key Group display in the foyer.

The children are currently enjoying the new resources that are being borrowed from the Bucks Play Association. Giant Jenga, Snakes & Ladders and a big bowling set – huge amounts of fun is being had with these outside games.

The children will also be having fun with some cooking activities, ICT games and role play opportunities are also planned. The Autumn term is always a fun one with lots of exciting themes and events ahead.

## Chair stepped down

This is my last Hallmark article as I have stepped down as Chairperson from Windmills. The last two years have been hard work but enormous fun and so rewarding.

In this era where parent led pre-schools are expected to be run like a blue chip company and with so many rules, regulations and policies to adhere to, it is through team work and determination that we are succeeding. With the combined knowledge, hard work and personal sacrifices as well as all the help that is received from others, however small, Windmills is flying high.

I feel confident that together our next committee and excellent team of staff led by Sue Lake, which includes Paula Cunningham who does a tremendous job behind the scenes, will continue to move forward and that Windmill Under 5s will remain a first class pre-school.

I would like to finish by saying a big 'thank you' to Jane Oakford for everything she has done with Windmills and for all her achievements over the past 9 years, sometimes single handedly! She will be missed by everyone. On a

personal note, you are an amazing lady Jane and how you manage to keep juggling so many balls all the time I really don't know. Another big 'thank you' to Sue for really bringing Windmills so far in such a short time and to Paula for her total dedication. With such a strong committee behind me, these last two years have been wonderful!

Due to the popularity of Windmills and changes in the admissions policy, we strongly recommend putting your child's name on the waiting list now for a place in 2012. For details see our advert on page 7!

**Michelle Whiting**

## A Very Dedicated Person

I would like to bring to your attention a very special and dedicated member of Windmill Under 5s Pre-school, Jane Oakford who has just stepped down from her post as Treasurer. As Chair of the pre-school for the last two years I have been very fortunate to have worked with Jane and also to have her as a true friend, but had no idea just how much hard work she has put into the pre-school over the years. Jane worked for Windmills for 9 years. At the AGM she described her experiences:

"This is the end of an era for me. When I first became associated with Windmills my eldest son, Sam, was only a year old and now he is in Year 6, taking his 11+ and will be leaving St John's next year.

When I first knew Windmills it was led by Leander who had been the leader for 15 years, with her 2 members of staff Jo and Helen. The pre-school at the time was in Hampden Village Hall and was looking to come back to Lacey Green which was when I first got involved through the Sports Club. The Sports Club then was really run



down and with no proper heating, kitchen, toilets - I could go on!

A plan was hatched between the then chair Amanda Williams, myself and a few other dedicated mums

and sports club members to raise the money required to transform the Sports Club to nearly what it is today. We held coffee mornings, the first Indoor Car Boot Sale and the first infamous Ladies Night among other events. We managed to secure a grant from the parish council to help with the heating and a substantial anonymous donation from an elderly sports club member. Without the help of Robert Dell, the building work would never have been completed. We moved into the Sports Club in April 2004 for the Summer Term.

I have worked for 9 years on the committee in various positions with 6 different chairs, 7 different supervisors and numerous members of staff and committee members. Windmills was slowly moved to the

pre-school we know today with the introduction of policies and procedures (I remember our first proper set in 2002) which seem ever changing and more recently the introduction of EYFS and of course not forgetting Ofsted. Not many people appreciate how difficult it is to be a committee-led pre-school relying on volunteer parents to step forward.

The turning point for me for Windmills happened during April 2008 when both Sue, our supervisor, and Paula joined Windmills. I have met some very special people who I will always be friends with and have had some of the best and worst times of my life but I would not change a thing."

**Joan Oakford**

## Lacey Green Singers Review

### Stainer's Crucifixion

Lacey Green Singers performed an act of worship and outreach in St John's Church on Palm Sunday. They performed John Stainer's Passiontide classic of "The Crucifixion".

Due to problems encountered with soloists, the Choir Director Amy Stothard took the unusual step of turning the Tenor soloist part into 2 Soprano solos; namely one sang as the Narrator and the other as the Tenor, singing the main solos of the piece. This worked extremely well on the night and all the soloists were to be congratulated for a fine performance.

On the night the Singers sang to a large audience of about 100 – 120 people from all over the Buckinghamshire area. The choral work was performed exceptionally well under the baton of Amy Stoddard and accompanied by Graham Nash.

David Cook sang expressively as the Bass soloist. Tara Chapman sang as the Tenor soloist with Fran Hall singing the part of the Narrator.

The Choir had worked hard to ensure the performance was a resounding success and they pulled it off on the night with their own unique interpretation of the music. From the comments after the performance from the audience their interpretation had made for a highly enjoyable evening. One gentleman was reduced to tears by the passion and musicality involved.

### Songs from the UK

Following this successful concert the choir set about their summer concert with gusto. They chose to sing songs from around the United Kingdom. A number of venues were investigated and it was finally agreed to hold this year's concert in Great Hampden Village Hall with wine and canapés as usual for our summer event. Songs ranged from ones previously sung like "Where the gentle Avon flows" to new folk songs from around the country. This concert proved to be a success all round. The weather was good to the event and a sell-out audience listened to the wonderful singing. Once again the choir showed their

true potential as a well-rounded community choir. This concert sadly had to finish with the choir saying goodbye to their Musical Director Amy Stothard who left us to take up a teachers post in St Albans. The choir gave gifts of their appreciation for all her hard work and wished her well in her new career.

Lacey Green Singers are to be congratulated on yet another couple of stunning performances and the village can look forward to their Christmas Carol Concert with relish on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 pm in Lacey Green Village Hall. Please come along and support your local choir and village at this forthcoming concert.

PS. If there are any budding Pavarottis, Robbie Williams or Shirley Basseys out there who would like to come and join us please do come along. We rehearse on a Thursday evening at 8.00 pm in St John's school hall. For further details please contact [fran.hall865@mod.uk](mailto:fran.hall865@mod.uk)

**Fran Hall**

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010

The morning was sunny but rather humid. Twenty three Happy Wanderers came to Saunderton Lee for the regular end of month walk.

Leaving the lay-by close to the Rose & Crown we took the road over the railway bridge to the corner by Pound farm where we crossed a stile to take a footpath heading for Rout's Green almost at the top of the ridge.



Happy Wanderers 27.09.2010

## Weekend Away

Our weekend away this year was again in the Cotswolds, but to a different area. Forty three enthusiastic members were led by Ron and Beryl Goodearl on a fitness course in the Chipping Campden region.

Arriving on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September we settled into the Three Ways Hotel in Mickleton, the home of the famous Pudding Club. Almost immediately we set out on an overcast afternoon to explore part of the Cotswold Way north of Broadway, divided as always into the 'short walkers' and the 'long walkers'. This has nothing to do with stature but alleged stamina. It is what our previous Chairman, Ronnie Lewin, describes as 'the ramblers and the amblers'. That evening the meal at the hotel was greatly enjoyed and particularly the traditional puddings.

Little did we know of the extent of the adverse weather conditions we would face the next morning. We set off for Fish Hill car park in fine rain and dense mist. After members had been persuaded to get out of their cars, we battled through dense woodland and steep valleys to a viewing point where we were assured that on a fine day, it was possible to see ten

counties! The visibility for the whole six mile walk was never more than 150 yards, but amazingly spirits were high with the thought that most of us would survive to the pre-planned rendezvous for lunch.

Our route took us through picturesque Broadway, where we spotted one coach and a party of bedraggled Japanese tourists – definitely the end of the season! Safely back at the hotel, showers and baths were never more welcome and we had those puddings to look forward to.

Thank you Ron and Beryl for all the planning you put into making such a success of our annual weekend away. It was greatly appreciated.

**Roger Brudenell**



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# rs Walking Club

Quite a climb on a warm morning, but we were rewarded with great views over ripe corn fields to Lacey Green.

Then we turned due north down a leafy path past Gallows Down farm and round behind Lodge Hill joining the path taking us back past the small herd of Red deer to the end of the walk.

Our thanks to Marion and Les Hazell for leading the walk.

**R.G.**



## Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>

We were delighted when 26 members met at West Wycombe Garden Centre including Andy who is totally blind, and who was an absolute inspiration on the walk. We hope we see him on a regular basis.

We made our way uphill to the West Wycombe ball along the ridge to Bradenham. From there we climbed up to Naphill woods and then along to Cookshall Farm

before descending back to the Risborough Road and West Wycombe village. Our walk was slightly longer than expected - approximately six miles so we arrived back at the car park a good thirty minutes later than anticipated - leaving some members late for their booked lunch!! However, it was well worth it as it was a good walk, good weather, and good company. What more could you ask for!

**Helen and Ron Collins**

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# Sports Club - Football Section



## Welcome

one and all to this November article from your local village football team.

The second season for Lacey Green FC has not come too soon. The team are already in full flow and as the table shows, in complete control. We knew after a successful first campaign, it was vital that the winning streak must continue.

## Pre-season friendlies

Our friendly games against 'Main Road Rivals' Naphill FC and Wantage FC finished 0-0 and 2-2 respectively, and although stalemate on both occasions, impressive performances were displayed all round. Our friendly against Hazlemere always proves to be a close one; a 1-0 win was achieved. Although a 2-0 loss was met at the hands of Wye Rangers, it was some of the most inspiring football I have ever seen at the club. The integration of new players and trial formations into the squad has worked positively, and has provided ourselves with ideas to present to our opponents over the next year.

## Injury crisis

Without sounding too dramatic, the injury crisis

that we now face in defence has not rattled the side, but has given opportunities to other members to prove their mettle. Solid performances from newly signed Tom Messenger to cover the absence of captain Nick Fisher has been heartwarming to watch. Also innovative at the club is young Mark Johnson, a speedy winger with lots of skill at hand.

## The season begins

And so the league began on a drizzly September morning. Apart from a 2-2 draw against AFC Wellesbourne on the first day, we have accomplished a seven game unbeaten run in all competitions, progressing into the second rounds of both the cup fixtures. A tough tie at the hands of Aylesbury Cosmos in 'The Three Counties Cup' will determine whether we can be among the top sides pushing to win this prestigious award.

An impressive partnership in attack has seen Mark Johnson and Ryan Maguire notch up twenty goals already this season, serviced by valiant workmanship from our central midfielders Dan Lay and James Taylor. Goalkeeper James Bartington has also gone from strength to strength, making some miraculous saves to keep us in the tightest of games.

## Dreams of promotion

By the way the league has set itself up in the early phase of the season; it is obvious to see that we are not the only team with promotion dreams. Last years' promotion rivals The Stag FC and Beech Tree FC are marking their territory in the race, whilst Sunters Wood United FC also look like they'll be a hard force to crack.

Like I have always said, these are the games that test a real character, and the lads have risen to the task

and are consistently taking 3 points home. The atmosphere in the camp could not be better, and is fantastic to see such a vibrant mood amongst the players.

Over the next couple of months, we can expect the weather to become more rough and rugged, the greenest of pitches turning into mud baths and Ali Gayler tearing her hair out trying to keep the kit spotless. Asides from the football itself, we hope to be taking part in the Lacey Green 5K Fun Run, and to be holding a mid-season get together at The Sports Club before Christmas.

We shall also be attending our festive celebrations at The Pink and Lily this year, and shall be hopefully arranging our traditional Boxing Day friendly against The Lacey Green Cricket Team, when I hope the village will turn out to watch their local sportsmen play.

## Thanks to sponsors

Our continued thanks to our team sponsors for next year. Duncan and Shakira at The Pink and Lily, and Lynne, Ian and Tony at The Black Horse in Lacey Green have been phenomenal in their support for Lacey Green FC. We cannot be more appreciative of their financial kind will and gestures for last season, and am delighted of their sustained support for our second season.

We would also like to forward our best wishes to the Cricket and Tennis teams who I hear had a good summer which was all well attended. The Black Horse will always be entertaining their winter darts team and Aunt Sally squad during the year. Come up and rally your locals on, it will always be a good pint and a giggle.

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# Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

Anyone who visits Aylesbury will have noticed the construction of the new Waterside Theatre with the exterior clad with 112 'timber fins'. The architect said that he was inspired by the sleek pines which cover the horizons of Aylesbury Vale.

The theatre is large by provincial standards, seating 1,200 comfortably and rising to 1,800 people when converted for standing-room only. The theatre will be run by a management company who manage a dozen other big regional theatres - so they should be well placed to book good touring acts.

I was sent a press invitation to tour the theatre before it opened (the first perk I have seen for being editor) but was unable to go at the time allotted. As this will mean a doubling of the entertainment



opportunities for the area, it seemed too significant an offer to refuse. But who to send? We needed a seasoned Thespian, steeped in theatrical tradition who would know what to look for.

So into the breach stepped noble Brian Panter, whose theatrical background probably goes back to the era of gas lights.

Unfortunately the provision of easy access for the less sprightly members of the audience was not replicated back stage and multiple sets of steps took their toll on our intrepid reporter. Anyway, he survived the experience in good enough humour (retrospectively) to recount the tale, so I offer you his first thoughts:

## ***The inside story***

“ By the time this is read, everybody will have seen the Grand Opening on TV of the long awaited new theatre .

I was invited by the Editor to take his place on a tour of the theatre. It is an impressive place. From the outside it is not, in my opinion, an

architectural gem, but then hardly any modern building is in Aylesbury, starting with Pooley's Folly (the Council offices . Ed)

Inside it is a gem. The foyer is spacious and tall, designed as a place to socialise outside performance hours. Technically it is a universe away from the theatres server my apprenticeship

in, and the dressing rooms are better than the Swan's. Alas 86 years and an arthritic knee cut the tour short for me on a flight of backstage stairs, but I had seen enough to know that this is a theatre we are lucky to have and can all enjoy.

**Brian Panter**

# Football continued

If you require information regarding Lacey Green FC, please email us at [laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk).

We need trainers, coaches; whatever you can bring to the team will be more than appreciated.

We are also on Facebook under Lacey Green FC, so you can have regular updates on the scores and news surrounding the clubs players.

More results and league tables can be found at [www.football.mitoo.co.uk](http://www.football.mitoo.co.uk). We are also in The Bucks Free Press every Friday under the sports section, which gives a round up of all the action in the High Wycombe Sunday Combination.

Lacey Green FC would like to send their utmost thanks to all their

supporters, and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Ben Foster**

# Hampton Palace prizes



James Callicott is a keen young gardener who is one of the youngest designers to have entered a show garden at the Hampton Court Palace flower show. James designed a garden called “The Artist’s Garden” based on the idea of “why do painters paint plants”. Half of the garden is planted while the other half of the garden is

painted. An easel in the middle of the garden has a replica of the garden but in reverse.

When it came to constructing the garden, James’ mentor recommended Alex Stallwood who lives in Lacey Green (see his advert on page 31). Alex and a colleague built the exhibit. Due to the wonders of health and Safety, James

was deemed too young to be allowed on site and had to view and direct progress through an Internet webcam.

Alex was delighted when the garden won the Silver Gilt medal for small gardens.

Ed



# 5KM Fun Run

Gets under way on October 3rd at the School. Not so many entrants as previous years and poor weather. But I’m sure the runners had fun



# On holiday in Vancouver

Pat and Dennis spent their summer holidays in Vancouver, guests of Pat's younger sister Sheila. They looked forward to a wonderful trip, including meeting up with their new great niece Kensie van de Velde.

They write "A fortnight was far too short a time to 'do' everything in this imposing, exciting city of skyscrapers, still glistening and sparkling after its pre-Olympic 'wash and brush up'.

## Vancouver Art Gallery

A visit to the Vancouver Art Gallery with its highly acclaimed collection of national and international art was an obvious 'must'. We went on a 'donation' evening, no entrance fee but a donation as one's bag was security checked. The queue for entry seemed to stretch for ever through the city streets; a powerful reflection of the general public's interest.

The current exhibition 'The Impressionists' includes many sketches of ladies stepping into baths. Chilly! We decided this was not for us, so moved upstairs to an interesting display of works by, and inspired by, Emily Carr, a well known British Columbian artist whose works span much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Her earlier works, simple paintings of North West Coast Indians, their wooden houses and their totem poles, were a fascinating way to learn more about these people. This was nothing to do with the Great Plains Indians with their feathers and wigwams as depicted by Hollywood and absorbed by us in our youth!

The only really wet day of our holiday saw us in the Vancouver Museum of Anthropology at UBC. By now we had become more PC aware and understood that the aboriginal people of the country are known as the First Nations; the word tribe is replaced by band.

With these facts well to the back of our minds (!) we concentrated on the showcases of First Nation artefacts; many hundreds of pieces boldly carved from pine and painted brightly in traditional and significant patterns. In the end we simply tired of trying to read the accompanying information and just focussed on absorbing the sights. We did learn much of the subjugation of the native peoples however and are newly aware of their twenty-first century concerns.



## Maritime history

Vancouver is a city with a fine maritime history, a city of bridges and waterways which teem with shipping of all kinds, from the tiny waterbuses, to the vast ocean-going liners and loaded container ships, a far cry from the Indian braves of the past who would paddle their canoes thousands of miles south through the Pacific as far as present-day California to trade.

For his maritime experience, Dennis signed on for a 'whale watch' a six-hour adventure in a small boat tracking a pod of Orcas to the mouth of the Fraser River. Patience was rewarded with some

fine sightings, accompanied by hefty snorting and blowing as the whales broke the surface, followed with an almighty splashing and thrashing as they arched up and over and back again into the heaving water.

## Famous market

To be at your best on a hectic trip, as ours proved to be, you need to eat well - and so we did. A ten-minute walk from Sheila's apartment is the justly famed and incredible Granville Island Market. Meat, poultry, bread, confectionery, fish, cheese - it's all there and if we've not mentioned 'fruit and veg' it's because the displays of these are an art form in themselves. Banks of pineapples, carefully stacked pyramids of apricots and black cherries - custard-yellow gourds tastefully surrounded by dense clumps of broccoli - an endless list to make the mouth water!

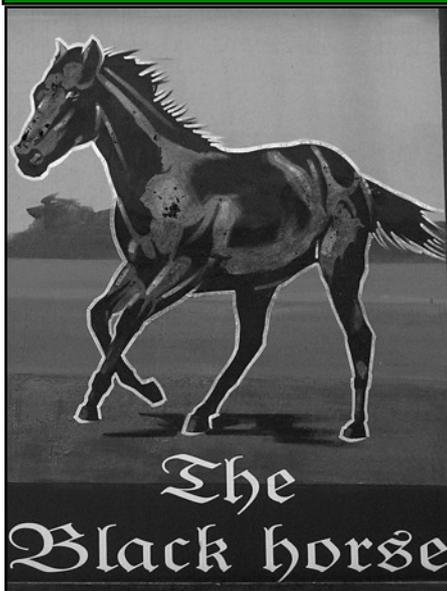
## Day trips to mountains

Each day, accompanied by Sheila, an excellent and experienced city guide, we visited yet another interesting venue: Stanley Park, with its spectacular totems and fearless racoons running wild amongst the visitors, Cypress Mountain with its incomparable views, and on our last complete day, the two hour drive to Whistler, major venue of the Winter Olympics. This was the highlight of our holiday, with a twenty five minute cable car journey, almost to the top of the mountain, and a second ride for ten minutes on the amazing 'Peak to Peak' stretch, considered a great engineering achievement.

We were happy to celebrate our 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at the Teahouse Restaurant in Stanley Park. Perhaps we'll go back there for our Diamond bash!"

**Pat Syrett**

# Black Horse



It just does not seem possible that we are taking bookings for our Christmas dinners, time just seems to fly by these days, the older you get the quicker time rolls by. Our Christmas menu is now out: we are doing a two course plus coffee and mince pies for £18.99 per head and a three course plus mince pies and coffee for £21.99 per head. If you are interested look on our web site or call in to the Black Horse and get a menu. We are doing the Christmas menu through November to the end of January, bookings only.

Community spirit is alive and kicking in Lacey Green. With the support of the local council we now hold an over fifty's club on the 1st Tuesday of the month. The support

for this has been tremendous, people who have lived in the village for a long time who never knew each other have met over lunch, long may it continue. If you are interested ring the pub and I will pass you on to the organisers to book you into the next one.

We are proud to say we are in the Good Beer Guide 2011 and the Good Pub Guide 2011, this is such good news, we have worked hard in the last few years to get into these publications, especially the good beer guide, both of these are now on sale.

Breakfasts are still doing okay, if you haven't popped in and tried one, come in and have a go you will not leave hungry. The new season of dominos and crib have started and darts start next month. We need some new darts players, are you interested? Good luck to all my teams. We also now do a poker night 2nd Sunday of the month. This seems to be going well, if you are interested in this please ring me and I will let you know when the next one is and put your name down. Once again we still need new teams for our quiz night, last Sunday of the month.

Congratulations to the Lacey Green Football team on their promotion. I hope this year they will have the same success in their new league.

I would like to wish my customers and staff a really happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

Well done Lisa, Ian, Jo, John and Charlie and of course not forgetting Rubble for doing the charity walk for Iain Rennie Hospice, I am very proud of you all and especially of Rubble. Also well done to Ian Smart and his brother for the tandem ride they did for charity.

**Lynne and Ian**

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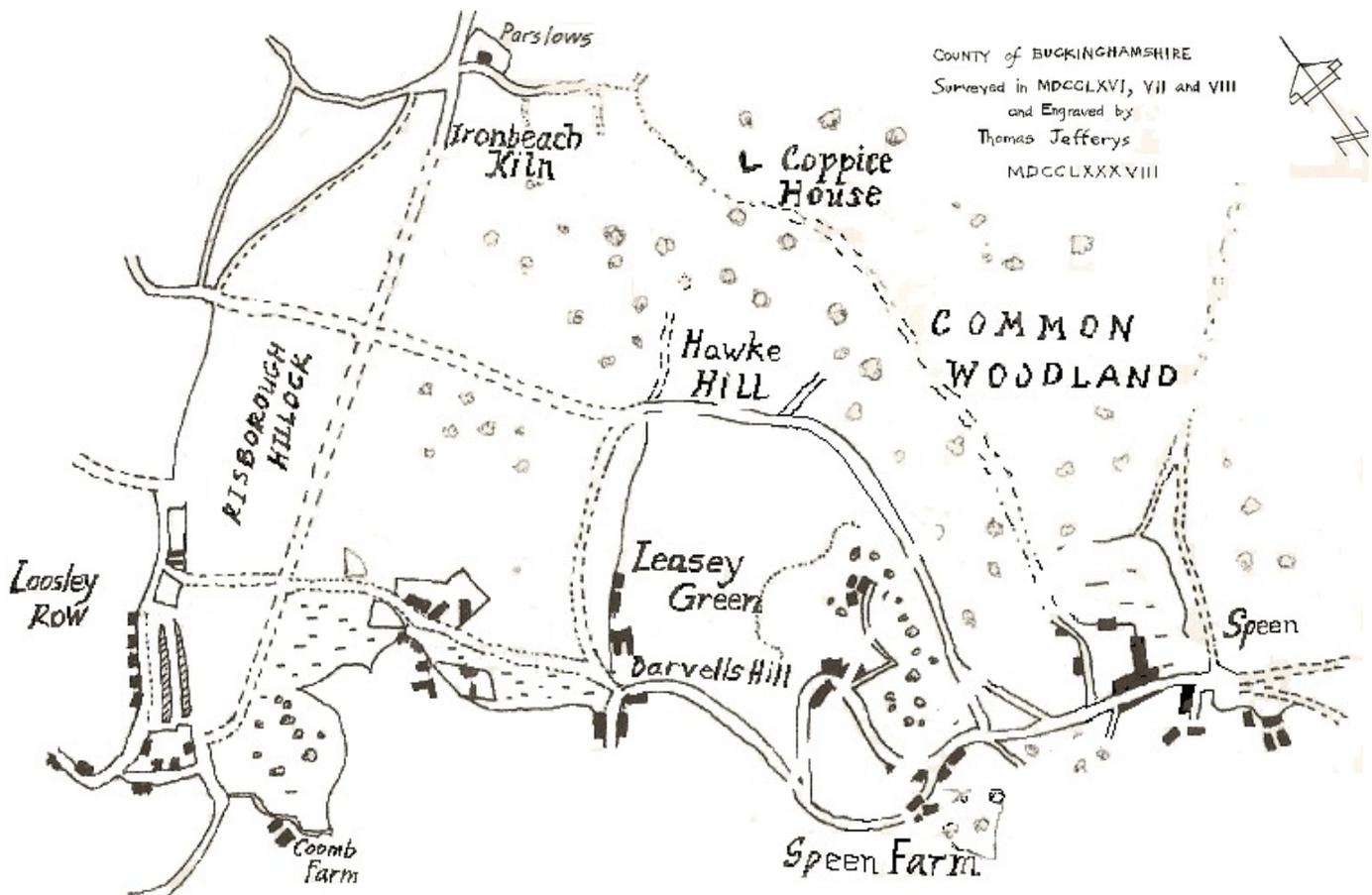
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**(children under 12 FREE).**

Tea and coffee will be served. A traditional lunch of bacon badger and other local foods will be served on Sunday lunchtime.

Advance booking will be needed. Full details will appear in the next edition of Hallmark.

## CAN YOU HELP?

If you can help us to staff this event, either with the displays, catering or demonstrations, please get in touch.

Also if you have any items of interest which could be put on show on the Sunday, especially old clothes.

(We will take great care of them)

Please contact Rosemary Mortham  
01844 345863

A book by MOSH SAUNDERS, entitled

## CHILDREN IN A BODGER'S WORLD

**Illustrated by many of Mosh's paintings will be on sale from November or at the Exhibition. Price £10.00 per copy.**

If you would like to reserve a copy in advance, please contact Norman Tyler on 01844 344606.



## Speeding

Residents of Lacey Green continue to be very concerned about drivers speeding on Main Road. Recently there was an accident near the Village Hall involving a cyclist who, fortunately, was not seriously injured. The Parish Council have been told by the local police that they have only limited resources to deal with these problems and that those resources are allocated to areas of higher priority.

There is one way that local people can help to reduce the incidence of road traffic accidents and that is to volunteer to join the Community Speedwatch team. The scheme is co-ordinated by the Police and Buckinghamshire County Council but run by local volunteers. The volunteers are trained to use a detection device to monitor the speeds of vehicles travelling through the village. The registration number of speeding vehicles is recorded. Warning letters are then sent out by the Police to the registered keepers stating that their vehicle has been reported as speeding.

Volunteers will be given training in the use of the Speed Detection Radar equipment and how to record the required data. If you would like to volunteer you can contact the Parish Council through our web site [www.laceygreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.laceygreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Forty nine paths

Living in the parish of Lacey Green we are very lucky to have beautiful

countryside with fantastic views on our doorstep and so many footpaths to explore. There are forty nine, actually, and when I first came to the village I set myself the challenge to walk all of them. I think that my favourite is L16. I start with a pint in the Pink & Lilley then stroll through the magical Hillock Wood down a flight of steps to a stile where a wonderful view opens out towards Kop Hill and over Brimmers Farm to Princes Risborough beyond.

## Footpath checks

My fellow Councillors and I recently had the opportunity to carry out the Parish Footpath Survey where we checked the condition of every signpost, kissing gate and stile in the Parish.

This was a box ticking exercise of which they all approved! You can find a link to the footpath map on

our website, (the map was hand coloured by Cllr Claydon, I think) you might not want to walk all of them but it is useful to know what the numbers are when you need to report a broken stile.

The Government's spending cuts are going to affect everyone. The forthcoming Decentralisation and Localism Bill, which is going to put "more power into people's hands", and the Community Right to Build which will enable developers to bypass the planning system, are going to present challenges as well as opportunities for the council. The future is going to be very different but there is no detail at present; we will know more when the bill is published in November.

In the meantime I am going to check the stiles on L29 and enjoy the view from Turnip End.

**John Sherlock**



# Windmill WI

It doesn't seem possible that we are again heading towards another winter. However, we at The Windmill WI have had a good summer and autumn.

At our monthly meeting in August the speaker, Edwin Rye talked about David Austin roses. Mr Rye has become a firm favourite with us and we really do enjoy his talks and gardening tips.

Also in August a number of our members attended the BFWI 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at Stow House. This should have been a really lovely day if the weather had played ball! It was most disappointing for the BFWI committee who had put in hours of their time in organising the event. However, as true Brits we wouldn't be beaten and we enjoyed our packed lunches underneath our brollies!

Our meeting in September was our 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday meeting, when we invited 2 members from each of the Institutes in our Group to join us for the evening. We were entertained by Mr Arthur Evans who gave us a talk entitled 'Most Teachers are Human – Just'. The talk was followed by a



cheese and wine supper with birthday cake made by our president, Mrs Pat Richards and iced by Mrs Doreen Lett.

At the beginning of October we held our Annual General Meeting when our President, Secretary and Treasurer all reported on a very successful and entertaining year. The Committee and President, Mrs Pat Richards, were all elected back in office for another term. The business side of the evening was

followed by a quiz, coffee and cakes.

A week later 24 members and friends enjoyed a good day out in London. They visited the Victoria and Albert Exhibition at the Queens Gallery, Buckingham Palace, followed by lunch in the restaurant at The Royal Albert Hall. This was then followed by a tour of the Albert Hall which proved to be really interesting and informative. Once again it was a great day out – thank you Pat for making all the arrangements,

Also in October we held our autumn Jumble Sale which once again was well attended and proved to be our best ever! Our grateful thanks goes to everyone who supported us by donating jumble or by coming in the afternoon to buy and of course to all our members (and husbands) who helped on the day.

Don't forget – we meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall - do come and join us – we are a friendly bunch!



**Daphne Williams**

# St John's Church



*A HAPPY HEALTHY  
CHRISTMAS to  
one and all !!*

**YOUNG PEOPLES BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Young people from age 11+ will meet to have their own study group during main worship in our church.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** - the first Monday in each month from 2pm till 4pm.

**SPLASH** after school Club. Every Monday at 3.15 with Melissa Stone and Rev. James Tomkins.

**RETREAT** - To find more time with God, to rediscover His Peace....

Offa House have retreats for individuals,  
[www.offahouseretreat.co.uk](http://www.offahouseretreat.co.uk)

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.

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

**June Brazier**

**Rector – the Reverend Denise Critchell. Tel. 347741.**

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

Saturday 30th October	Jumble Sale in the Millenium Village Hall at 2.00pm
Friday 12th November	Fun Quiz with Supper in St John's School Hall at 7.00pm. Make up a Table of 6 – Bring Your Friends along. £10.00 per Ticket
Sunday 28th November at 6pm	Advent Carols
Friday 3rd December and Saturday 4th December	Christmas Craft Coffee Mornings. In St. John's Church from 9am to 1 Pm.
Friday 3rd December	Lighting Up Ceremony with Carols in Princes Risborough
Sunday 5th December	8am Holy Communion. 10.00am.No Service Because..... 3.30pm. Christingle Service and the lighting of our tree
Sunday 19th December at 6pm	Candlelit Carol Service. Arrive early to find a pew, or chair.
Friday 24th December at 3.Pm at 11.15pm	Crib Service Midnight Communion
Saturday 25th December at 10am	Christmas Day Family Communion.
Sunday 26th December at 10am	Holy Communion

## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am: Holy Communion (1662)1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>. Sundays

10.00 am: All age Worship - Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of month

10.00 am: Parish Communion All Sundays except 1<sup>st</sup>

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month

6.00pm: Junior Church at 10.00am – all services other than 1<sup>st</sup>, held in upper room.

Tues 9.30am: Communion Service -St Johns Lady Chapel

Tues 2.00 pm in term time: Toddler Praise – 21 toddlers meet Tuesday afternoons during term time. Dads & Grandparents also very welcome.

# Sports Club - Cricket Section

It has not been the greatest Season we have ever known. The 1st XI, by dint of winning four out of their last five matches (one was rained off) managed to finish fourth in Division One. The 2nd XI, I'm afraid, finished bottom of Division Two.

That was inevitable considering the difficulty of fielding a full eleven. Hopefully, next season, Simon Williams, Joe Stevens, Robbie Brown will be available again. And I would like to see Jake Dell and Raj, both superb fielders and with potential with bat and ball reconsider their decision to drop out.

The highlight of the past season had to be the batting of James Shrimpton. When first taken into the

1st XI he struggled but now he has developed good foot work to take him to the pitch of the ball and gets nicely into line when forced to play a defensive shot. The best thing about James's batting is that he takes the bat to the ball - unlike too many who wait for the ball to hit the bat. That's why I believe that if he wants to he can go on to play a higher class of cricket.

If you look at the batting averages, in general they look quite good - some very good.

But now look at the bowling. Runs per over and runs per wicket are far too high. That, I think is where our team's weakness lies. I know it's unfashionable these days - even among some professionals - to bowl

straight - but I see no reason why six balls shouldn't be bowled straight at the wickets. It could have surprising results!

I still think there needs to be a time limit on matches. There needs to be more urgency about the games. Nothing is worse if you are a spectator - or even a fielder - of watching batsmen 'sitting on the splice' or fielders out for a Saturday afternoon stroll. Knowing they were playing to a set time would keep the players focused. I'm not advocating the biff-bang of some of the Twenty-Twenty matches, but in two and a half hours forty overs could be bowled or a good score posted. Think about it, lads.

Just quickly, I must mention again I've scanned the Bucks Free Press weekly for any mention of our local cricket. Not a word. I can only assume the Sports Editor doesn't like cricket or is not competent to comment on the game.

At this point I must thank our scorers, Maureen and Christine, our umpires Derek and Les and all the lads who keep the ground in such good condition. Well done.

I have to end on a sad note I'm afraid. This year we lost two good friends. John West was well known to most people locally. John, together with Joan, have given to and worked for this club over many years. John was well-liked by everyone and I've heard of many kind acts never publicised. He will be missed.

Not so many knew our friend Roger Dell of Hampden. He gained respect from all who played with him or against him for his sheer love of cricket, his dedication to the game and for the hours he spent keeping the Common in excellent condition. Play on, Roger.

**Geoff Gomme**

1st Team batting averages				
	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average
J Shrimpton	14	3	546	49.6
S Walker	6	4	92	46.0
L Craker	3		117	39.0
D Highgate	16	3	440	33.9
J Whipp	1		31	31.0
R Dell	8		198	24.8
M Exley	9	4	109	21.8
D Palmer	10	3	150	21.4
D Sanders	9	4	81	16.2
D Marshall			31	15.5

1st Team bowling averages					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J.Dell	7	0	19	2	9.5
J.Hedgeland	43	11	148	10	14.8
K.Woodward	62	15	205	13	15.8
L.Weston	134	19	528	33	16.0
D.Sanders	90	21	25	14	18.1
M.Exley	103	14	431	20	21.6
L.Craker	5	1	23	1	23.0
S.Walker	74	13	26	11	24.2
J.Shrimpton	46	3	199	8	24.9

2nd Team batting averages				
	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average
J.Jones	9	1	289	36.1
O.Murphy	5	0	138	27.6
T.Page	12	0	301	25.1
A.Khan	2	0	48	24.0
D.Marshall	12	0	224	18.7
Naib	11	0	153	13.9
P.Smith	12	2	106	10.6
Janid	7	0	74	10.6
K.Exley	8	1	70	10.0
J.Dell	14	0	138	9.9

2nd Team bowling averages					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W.Carter	2	0	7	1	7.0
J.Hedgeland	12	2	40	4	10.0
C.Williams	7	0	43	3	14.3
O.Murphy	34	8	92	6	15.3
M.Janes	2	0	16	1	16.0
N.Khan	77	9	249	15	16.6
Abid	73	10	324	13	24.9
D.Sanders	12	0	58	2	29.0
D.Marshall	63	1	390	13	30.0

# Sports Club - Tennis Section

The tennis club membership has been on the increase throughout 2010 with a group of very capable junior players making good use of the courts during the school holidays and demonstrating their tennis skills at the club tournament on 13<sup>th</sup> September. The junior section tournament was as ever popular and from a combination of doubles and singles matches was won by Sam King and Georgia Morris. The 'grown-ups' tournament had partners drawn from the hat.

Matches were played as a round robin with each team playing a short set of four games against each of the five other teams. After a hard fought competition, the winners were Sam Johnston and Ian Ward.

The tennis club fielded three teams in the Aylesbury and District Tennis with mixed results. Club honours go to the Mixed Doubles team captained by Trisha Johnston. After having been promoted only last season, they won their division again earning promotion to Division 5.

The Men's team, captained by Gautom Biswas, performed better this season finishing mid-table in Division 6. The team augmented by players both young and old did quite well despite fielding different players in every match.

The Ladies team had some hard fought and close matches finishing only marginally behind their closest rivals. Better luck next year!

<b>Mixed Division 6</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Sets for</b>	<b>Points</b>
Lacey Green 1	7	6	1	0	32.5	12
Marsh Gibbon 2	7	5	2	0	38.5	10
Princes Risborough 2	7	5	2	0	36	10
Aylesbury 3	7	4	3	0	29.5	8
Quainton 1	7	4	3	0	27	8
Great Missenden 3	7	2	5	0	21	4
Haddenham 3	7	2	5	0	18.5	4
Cheddington 3	7	0	7	0	18	0

<b>Mens Division 6</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Sets for</b>	<b>Points</b>
Chesham Bois 3	6	5	1	0	37	10
Wingrave 1	6	5	1	0	33.5	10
Oving 2	6	4	2	0	25.5	8
Cublington 2	5	2	2	1	26	5
Lacey Green 1	5	2	3	0	19.5	4
Cheddington 2	6	1	4	1	18.5	3
Cuddington 2	6	0	6	0	0	0

<b>Ladies Division 7</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Sets for</b>	<b>Points</b>
Long Marston 2	5	3	1	1	22	7
Thame 3	4	3	1	0	24	6
Aston Park 2	5	3	2	0	21	6
Great Missenden 2	5	1	3	1	15.5	3
Wing 1	4	0	1	3	15	3
Lacey Green 1	5	1	3	1	14.5	3



For more information and membership forms, please contact:

Ian Ward PR 345567 or Linda Malden PR 275296

The Lacey Green and Loosley Row Lawn Tennis Club is registering with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). This will benefit the Club membership in many ways, not least of which will be the opportunity for each member to become a British Tennis Member (BTM). This will enable the club to obtain an allocation of Wimbledon tickets based upon the number of BTMs registered through the club.

The LTA is also very keen to help clubs such as ours to develop its facilities to help anyone in the community to become involved in

tennis and especially to encourage young people to have a go. Inevitably, the best players start young and the younger one starts playing then the better the prospects for future success.

With this in mind, the club will be looking at ways to expand youth membership during 2011 and develop tennis opportunities for school children in the village. Who knows – perhaps there is a future Wimbledon champion living out there right now in HP27!

**Ian Ward**



# Heavenly Bodies

Over the next few weeks, you can get to grips with some of the Galaxy's most deadly stars; as well as spot Venus and Saturn, and witness a total eclipse of the Moon.

During late autumn and winter, the night sky becomes dominated by the fabulous constellation of Orion 'the Hunter'. Look out for it when it rises from the east at about 9pm at the start of November, appearing earlier and earlier as the weeks pass. It is highest in the sky when due south (11pm in late December). The image of Orion (below) which I took using a DSLR camera on a motor-driven tripod, shows the main stars and the Orion nebula.

Top-left of the rectangle is the orange-coloured star Betelgeuse, a red supergiant 500 times the volume of our Sun which would extend as far as Jupiter if it was at the centre of our Solar System. But the star is dying because its hydrogen fuel is running out. It will eventually explode in a supernova which will be the brightest ever recorded and should out-shine the Moon for up to three months, while

casting shadows on the Earth at night. At about 600 light years away and its axis pointing away from us, it poses no danger and will push less radiation towards us than our Sun does. However, no-one is certain when it will go bang – the best guess is anytime within the next 1,000 years...

In stark colour contrast is the blue-white supergiant star Rigel – about the same size as Betelgeuse and 85,000 times more luminous than the Sun. It's comparatively young, so has no surprises in store for a long, long time! Below Orion's Belt and within the Sword is the famous Orion Nebula. This immense cloud of gas and dust is making new stars, which light up the nebula and make it visible. If you use binoculars, the stellar nursery looks like an eerie, misty cloud. Remember that what you are seeing is 20 light years wide and 1,600 light years away!

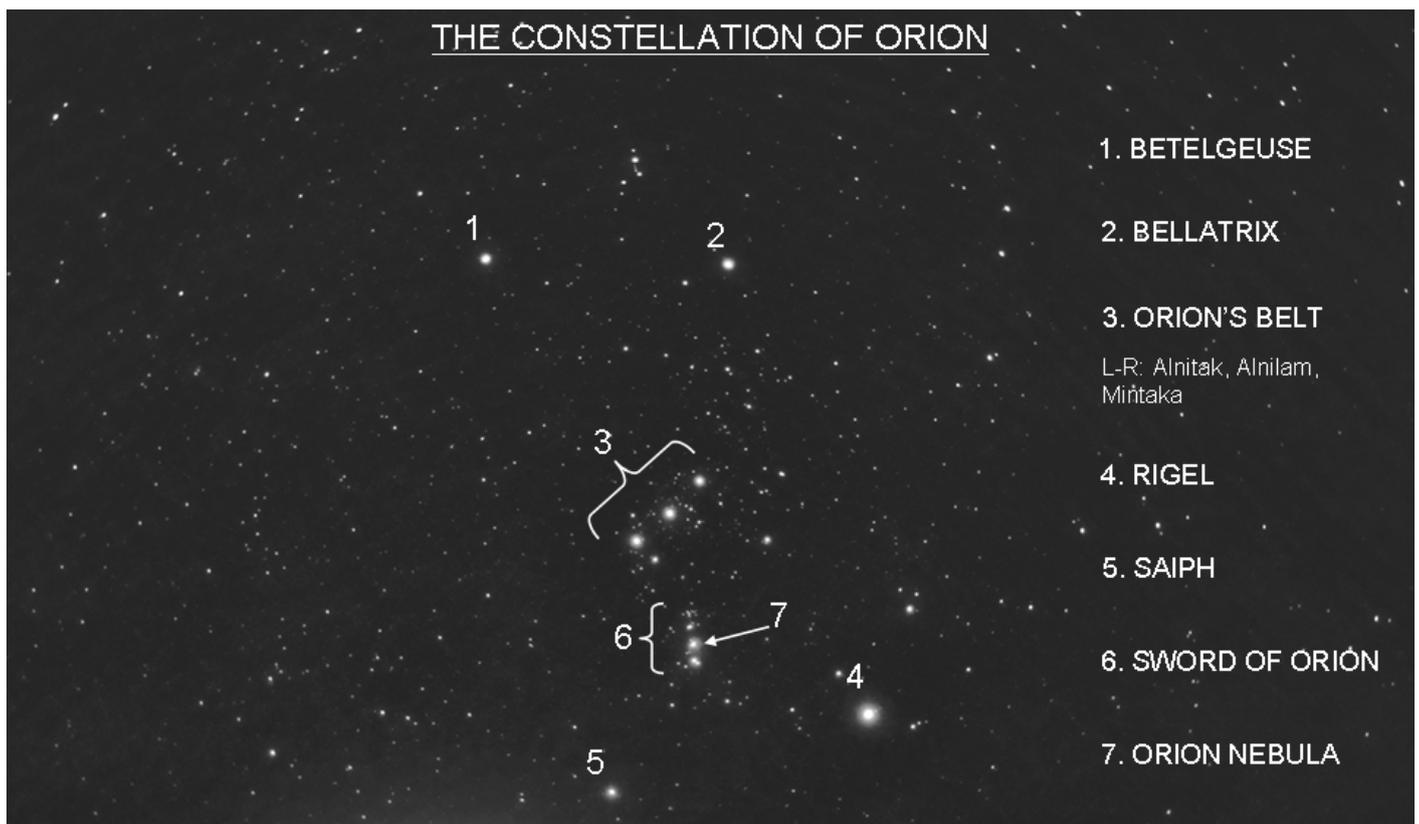
Once you've mastered a bit of star-naming, you'll be rewarded on December 21 (the day of the Winter Solstice which occurs at 11.38pm) with a total eclipse of the Moon. It's

a tricky one this year, taking place very near the north-western horizon early in the morning. The Moon's disc will start to darken from its left side at 6.32am until it becomes completely immersed in Earth's shadow at 7.40am. Make sure you have a clear view of the north-western horizon to see how orange or deep-red the Moon glows before it falls below the horizon.

During the hour between partial and full eclipse, turn around 180 degrees and you'll see an extremely bright Venus rising from the east, with Saturn to its upper right (and the star Spica in between them). Later that night will be the highest Full Moon of 2010. All in all, not a bad day's sky-watching!

This year's Astro Talk covers two topics for the price of one! "Astronomy vs Astrology" and "The Big Bang Machine" takes place on Sunday 19 December at Lacey Green Village Hall. See page 2 for details.

**Chris Dignan**



Village Organisation meeting schedule and contacts sheet - all meetings in the MilleniumHall unless specified

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email address</u>
<b>Associations</b>				
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed 10.30 Full walk last Sun of the month 10.30	Ronnie Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov 8pm	Terry Fendom	342636	terry.fendom@btinternet.com
Jingle Tots & Kinder Gym	Baby to 5 years. Music, play & gym Fridays during term	Jenny Stothard	344441	jennystothard@btinternet.com
LR&LG WI (afternoon)	2nd Thursday except August. 2pm	Jean Gabbitas	346469	
LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time	Fran Hall	01494 562842	fran.hall865@mod.uk
Lacey Green Productions	Theatre, drama, and sometimes food	Val Brookhouse	344207	valbrookhouse@btinternet.com
Windmill Under 5s	Mon-Fri 9.00-12.00 or 1.30 if your child stays for lunch	Paula Cunningham	07502 198405	admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm	Stella Boll	347268	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High Wycombe & District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Roger Smith	01494 562554	
Youth Club	Alternate Fridays: Nov 12, Dec 16 see laceygreen.com web site for times	Joan Smith	342322	joansmith38@googlemail.com
Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse. First Tuesday of the month	Betty Tyler	344606	normantylor31@gmail.com
Short Mat Bowls Club	Monday 2pm	Leigh Axe	345216	leigh@laceygreen.com
<b>Sports</b>				
LG Sports Club Secretary		Stephanie Dell	07768 831196	steph.dell@btinternet.com
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LG Sports Club - Tennis		Ian Ward	345567	ian.ward21@tiscali.co.uk
LG Sports Club - Football		Ben Foster	344906	laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk
Jazzercise	Tuesday evenings	Sue Morris	01494 813968	info@jazzsue.cp.uk
Karate	Monday evenings	Richard Peace	07768 896078	
Whiteleaf Bowmen	Wed, Thu & Fri evenings, Apr to Sep	Brenda Cordwell, Sec	01494 485037	www.whiteleafbowmen.org.uk
DART Self Defence	Tues 7-9pm in Hall. Sat 10am-12 in the School	John Titchen	07810 568656	jwt.dart@gmail.com
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Police		Andy Ralph	0845 505 505	
Parish Council		Susanne Griffiths	342685	clerk@laceygreenparishcouncil.org.uk
LG Post Office	9am - 12 noon Mondays and Thursdays	George Crombie		gcrombie.greathampden@ukonline.co.uk
LG Windmill	Sundays & Bank holidays 2 to 5 May to September	Michael Hardy	275871	contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk
Millennium Hall		Clive Hodgton	343113	clive@laceygreen.com
Millenium Hall bookings		Karen Hodgton	274254	karen@laceygreen.com
The Black Horse	Quiz night last Sunday of every month at 8pm	Lynne Comley	345195	lynnecomley@btconnect.com

# Local Information

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Diary are always welcome. In addition, any suggestions for improving Hallmark.

A version of this printed Hallmark may be found on our website [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com), which also has breaking news and many additional articles & photos of local interest.

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## LACEY GREEN POST OFFICE

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Friendly chatting with tea or coffee & biscuit

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## LACEY GREEN WINDMILL

In 2011 the windmill will be open from 2 pm to 5 pm on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from Sunday 1st May to Sunday 25th September. Admission is £2 per adult, and £1 per child aged from 5 to 15. 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. For further details see [www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk](http://www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk)

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