

# ***HALLMARK***



Artichokes by Di Bradley

## ***The Lacey Green and Loosley Row Magazine***

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# Welcome to the Winter Edition of Hallmark



It's been a bit of a sad week whilst preparing this edition. Firstly we heard of the demise of the afternoon WI, and then heard of the death of Terry Fendom who contributed so many articles to Hallmark.

There are however many happy articles in this edition and some good pictures of Fancy Dress and Hollywood Nights.

We've included the details of Xmas lunches at the Black Horse and the Pink - please support our local pubs.

Also I must recommend Pickels Farm - we've recently tried the pork, lamb and venison and been delighted (see p10).

Thanks again to Norman Tyler for the photos in this issue.

**Mike Piercy**

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## Dear Editor,

In reply to the letter published at the beginning of the last edition of Hallmark. It is true that there has not been a big village event for some time, and a group of us have already been hoping to organise something for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which occurs over the Spring Bank Holiday next year.

We hope that village organisations will rise to the challenge, and play a part in this. The church has already made some tentative plans.

We would love to hear of any ideas which others may have, and will be arranging a meeting in January 2012 to coordinate any planned events. Residents might also like to consider holding a "street party" in their local area.

Further details will appear in the next edition of Hallmark.

If you can help in any way, please contact one of us.

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## Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI

### 89 years old but will not live to be 90!

Sadly at our AGM in November the representative from HQ will instruct us to close owing to our failure to attract sufficient officers to serve on our committee.

It is ironic as this year we have had the largest committee ever but most are ready to stand down. However several of our members also attend the evening WI - "Windmill WI" which is still flourishing and which has agreed to take over the organisation of the Village Quiz.

This year has been exceptionally busy with not only the usual selection of speakers at

monthly meetings, but provision of tea for the Windmill Supporters 20th and lunches and teas for the History Group Exhibition.

We have enjoyed a trip to Enid Blyton's house and garden with cream tea and our regular trip to the Swan Theatre's Summer Youth Project where we saw a performance by 200 young people of Bernstein's West Side Story. We had our most successful 'HEN PARTY' at Hartwell House to celebrate the Royal Wedding. But without new people to take over the organization we must close.

The following will continue:

- The Sewing Group .
- The Thursday weekly coffee to support the Post Office.
- The monthly Tuesday Pub Lunch at the Black Horse.
- Finally a new "T at 3" will begin in Jan on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All welcome (including men) to tea and cakes.

**Jean Gabbítas**

# What's On

**Nov 11 & 12**

Speen Christmas Market

See this page

**Sat 12 Nov: am**

Arts & Crafts Fair

St John's School

**Sat 12 Nov**

LG Singers: Faure Requiem

St John's Church

**Thurs 16 Nov: 7pm**

Annual Pumpkin Supper

See page 25

**24 to 26 Nov**

LGP: Dinner Theatre

See page 11

**Sun 27 Nov: 7.30pm**

Risborough Music Society

Handel's (Big) Messiah

Wycombe Swan

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Outings during the run-up to Xmas -

**Buckinghamshire Railway Centre** at Quainton on Sunday 30 October - 1 to 4.30 pm  
Steaming Day, Witches and Wizards, and Children's Fancy Dress

£6.00; children: 5 - 16 - £3.00; under 5s - free.  
Normal admission terms apply.

**Bicester Village and Garden Centre** on Saturday 12 November - 1.30 to 5.30 pm

£7.00; seniors and children (5 - 16): £3.50; under 5s free

**World's End Garden Centre** at Wendover on Saturday 26 November - 1 to 4.30 pm.  
£3.00; children: 5 - 16 - £1.50; under 5s - free

**World's End Garden Centre** at Wendover on Saturday 10 December - 1 to 4.30 pm .  
Price as above

**Waddesdon Manor** on Sunday 11 December 12.00 to 4.00 pm.  
House and Gardens, Christmas Food and Gardens and Carols

£6.00; children: 5 - 16 - £3.00; under 5s - free.

Normal admission terms apply.



*Friday 11th November*  
11am - 4pm

*&  
Saturday 12th November*  
11am - 3pm



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# Chairman's Report



At last... the car park is finished! I'm sure we all agree that it is now looking a lot better and the horrible 'slush' has gone making it much more weather proof. We would like to thank the contractors for completing the work on time and without causing disruption to the use of the hall.

We recently had a wedding in the hall and the whole interior was transformed by using a marquee lining. Please have a look on the website [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com) to see some amazing photographs.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the regular hall users for taking such good care of the hall and working together to keep everything running smoothly.

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**  
**Chairman**



## Terry Fendom

As we went to press we heard of the death of Terry Fendom. Terry had been a stalwart contributor to Hallmark and will be much missed. A full obituary will appear in the next edition.

## What's On

**Sat 2 Dec: 2pm**

St John's School Xmas  
Fayre with Father Xmas

**Sun 11 Dec: 6pm**

Carol Concert  
Village Hall

**Christmas services**  
at St John's - see page 42

**Wed 11 Jan: 3pm**

WI "T at 3"  
Village Hall

**Wed 18 Jan: 8pm**

Horticultural Soc  
Indiana Jones meets  
Horts - see p25

**Youth Club**

Nov 11, Dec 9, Dec 23

**Parish Council**  
**Meetings**

Nov 7 Lacey Green  
Dec 11 Speen

# Viper Explorer Scout Unit News

The Viper Explorer Scout Unit had an exciting week at Towersey Festival this summer. As in previous years the Explorers swapped their neckerchiefs for bright orange boiler suits as we spent the week keeping Towersey free from rubbish during the festival as the Towersey Wombles.

We all arrived at the Scout Hut on Wednesday 24th August to load up the van with everything you could possibly want for camping, from washing up bowls to juggling clubs. We set off for Towersey and arrived to set up camp and lounge in the sun.

Thursday brought more sun and rounds of checking bins for bin bags and making sure all was ready for the days ahead.

Over the next 4 days we emptied bins and litter-picked and had a lot of fun dressing up as silly things in the evening, one of the themes was horticulture, two of us won prizes for the best dressed. One as a flowerpot man (that was me) and the other was a giant sweetcorn. We had hired a transit van and decorated it with magnetic sheeting painted with colourful pictures and patterns, by the end of the week it was more than a little dirty!



After the campers had gone home, we started the real work, litter picking the whole site. It sounds horrid, but it was quite fun to be walking in the sun, talking and joking.

On Wednesday 31st August we set off home all feeling tired and a little bit smelly, thinking about the great week that we had just enjoyed.

Unfortunately our regular Leader is stepping down from the position and we are looking for someone to step in to take the lead. If you are interested in taking up the challenge then

please telephone Nick George on 01494 562846. Thank you.

Over the next few weeks we have got a fun packed programme planned including ready steady cook, camping and lots of fun!

If you're between 14 and 18 years old and interested in coming along to one of our meetings, just turn up on a Friday evening at 7:30pm at the Scout Hut in Naphill (behind the village hall). We look forward to seeing you ☺

**Billy Stott**



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# Lacey Green Singers perform ZIMBE!



Our Summer Concert of African Music raised £ 600 for the Gideon AIDS Foundation.

We are grateful to everyone who helped to make it such a resounding success.

Our next concert will be a performance of the Faure Requiem in St. John's Church on Saturday 12th November.

The Village Carol Concert will be in the Village Hall on Sunday 11th December at 6.00pm, and will feature Lacey Green Singers and St. John's School Choir.

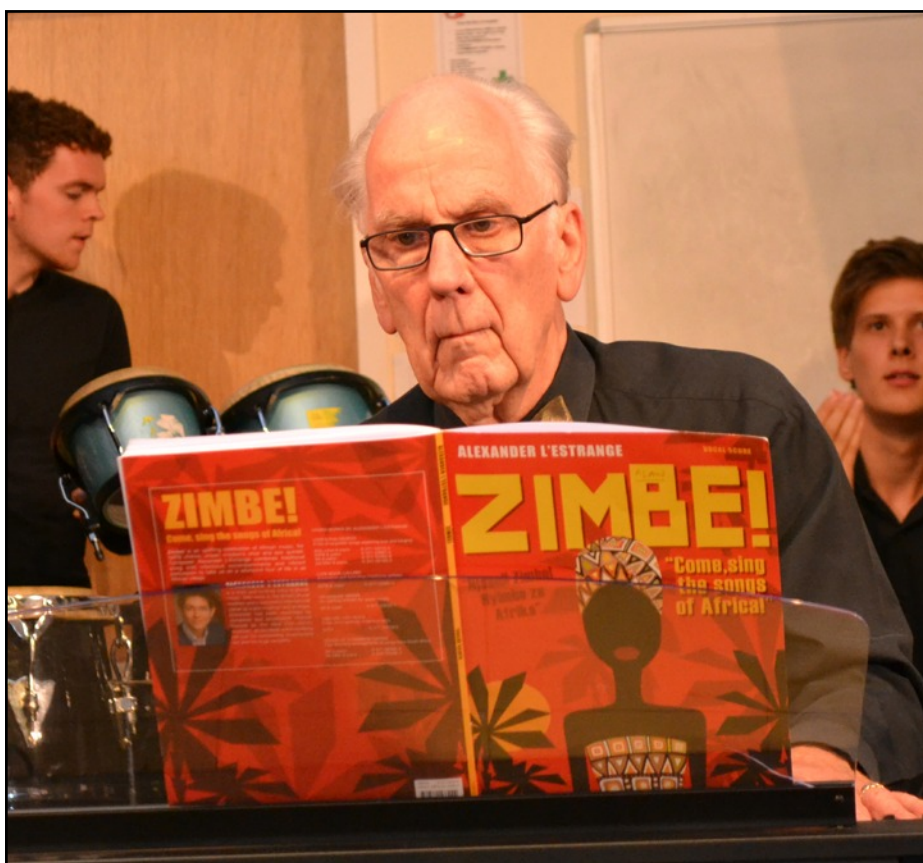
Sadly this will be our last concert with our present conductor, Mrs. Fiona Insley. If anyone knows of someone who might like to take



over this role, please contact Mrs. Fran Hall on 01494 562842.

Fran will also be able to help with tickets for forthcoming performances.

**Rosemary Mortham**





# Lacey Green Productions

LGP's sixth Theatre at Home production transformed "Chipko" into a courtroom and our audiences into juries. "The Dove", written by Paul Honigmann, presented our audiences/juries with legal, personal, emotional & moral dilemmas in the form of a judge's summing up and dramatised scenes. But our audiences/juries rose to the challenge and delivered their verdicts (and ate their suppers!) over three nights at the end of September.

However, everyone may wish to revise their opinions of the wisdom of jury trials as a result of these performances.

After much serious, and at times heated, discussions our various audiences/juries managed to return all three possible verdicts – guilty of murder, guilty of manslaughter and not guilty! And we are pleased to print for the first time ever, pictures from a jury room. Amazingly we even had one hung jury with nine members!

The complete results of our juries can be seen on our new website [www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk](http://www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk)



Whatever our audiences felt they were certainly very generous with donations for our charity for "The Dove", Peace Direct. Just over £1,000 was raised for them.

Every week 1,000 people are killed in wars. In addition 15,000 more die every week from related causes such as disease or malnutrition.

Peace Direct's mission is to find and support these local people in war zones worldwide. Peace Direct works to build a world where conflict is resolved without the use of force – see [www.peacedirect.org](http://www.peacedirect.org)

The total of LGP's donations to charities now stands at just under £47,000 and we hope to give this another big boost with our November dinner theatre performances of "Arabian Nights". This adaptation of the well-known 1001 nights story of Scheherazade and the stories she told to the Sultan is funny and fast-moving and at times humorously gruesome!

We are not using our normal stage for this show in the Village Hall and this will bring the action closer to the audience.

As usual, our performance on the Thursday night, November 24<sup>th</sup> will be the play only with the bar open for drinks – ticket price £8.

On the Friday and Saturday we shall perform the play with a two course dinner and the bar open for drinks – ticket price £20.

Tickets are available from 01844 347518 and 01844 344207 or from our new email address [info@laceygreenproductions.co.uk](mailto:info@laceygreenproductions.co.uk) Please book early.

**Peter Brookhouse**



**FRIDAY SOLD OUT!**

# Wildlife Notes

This is the time of year when it pays to be on your guard against unwelcome guests who drop by uninvited and stay for weeks on end.

No, not the in-laws this time, but the equally-dreaded harlequin ladybirds. Their natural home is thousands of miles away in eastern Asia, but over the past thirty years they have deliberately been spread around the world in the hope that they might help to control 'pests' such as greenfly.

They first appeared in this country just seven years ago (perhaps by making their own way across the Channel or by hitchhiking on imported items from Europe or North America), but already they have made themselves comfortable right across England and are now a common sight in our area.

Harlequins can breed at an astounding rate (a single female can produce over a thousand offspring, each of which will be ready to start a family of its own within about three weeks) and eat as if there is no tomorrow, demolishing aphids by the thousand.



*Fungi in Church Lane*



The trouble is that once all the local greenfly have been polished off the harlequins are happy to prey on the eggs and caterpillars of our native butterflies and moths, and even on other ladybirds.

Like so many introduced species, such as the grey squirrel, the muntjac deer and the edible dormouse (*Glis glis*), harlequin ladybirds are already far too well established to ever be completely eradicated from Britain.

As yet it is too soon to know what effect they may have on our local wildlife. But the problem doesn't end there, because after a busy year's feeding the harlequins like to come indoors for the winter, often in their hundreds or even thousands.

A lady in Downley told me that she sometimes gets so many of them in her house that she has to vacuum them off her window to stop them from darkening the room! Their droppings can stain curtains and furniture.

If they wake up peckish during the winter they have been known to give unwary householders a gentle nip to test whether they are edible (suddenly the thought of a visit from the in-laws doesn't seem quite so bad does it?).

Harlequins do seem to be quite selective about where they hibernate and, with a bit of luck and some good draught-excluder, your house won't get the harlequin 5-star rating, but if you do find yourself invaded please let me know before you get out the vacuum so that I can come and take some photographs (01844 344606; [johnclarketyler@gmail.com](mailto:johnclarketyler@gmail.com)).

Who knows, your home could appear in the next issue of Hallmark! Meanwhile if you would like to know even more about the unsavoury habits of harlequin ladybirds, there is an excellent website devoted to them at <http://www.harlequin-survey.org>.

**John Tyler**





## Footpath Success

Due to an 'oversight' on the part of the County Council well over sixty years ago, part of public footpath L20, Kiln Lane to Main Road, via Goodacres Lane, has never appeared on the County's Definitive Footpath Map.

Despite 'Public Footpath' signs having always been in place throughout those many years, directing the walker along Goodacres Lane, the County Council claimed this section of the path was not a public footpath!

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that after a prolonged campaign by our longest serving Councillor, Cllr. Dennis Claydon, together with letters from members of the public, the Goodacres Lane section of L20 is now officially recognised.

Not many people were aware that this footpath, which runs from Kiln Lane in a north-westerly direction towards the Windmill, according to the map, ended at a field boundary in the middle of nowhere! Local people have walked this path and turned left to reach Goodacres Lane and Main Road as long as Dennis can remember.

Now, after an investigation and public consultation the County Council have confirmed the 'missing link' as a public footpath.

## National Planning Policy Framework

The Government is conducting a consultation on the proposed planning reforms in the draft National Planning Policy Framework.

It has said that its priorities are to rebuild Britain's economy and to increase levels of house building. It thinks that the planning system has a key role to play by ensuring that sustainable development to support this growth is able to proceed as easily as possible.

It has, therefore, drafted a new set of planning rules which mean that there will be a presumption that the answer to all planning applications is "yes" unless there are strong reasons to say "no".

Green Belt, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Conservation Areas will still be protected under the new rules but undeveloped land outside the Green Belt will not be protected.

Where there is not an adopted local development plan in place which identifies the specific areas and types of development required for that neighbourhood, then a developer can present his own proposal and there will be a presumption in favour of sustainable development.

There is opposition to these proposals including that from the Campaign for Rural England and the National Trust. There are likely to be changes to this bill before it becomes law.

## Neighbourhood Development Plans

The Government has also put in place new powers for small neighbourhoods – such as parish/town councils in rural areas or local neighbourhood groups in urban areas - to create their own plans.

These 'neighbourhood plans' offer local groups the chance to get directly involved in the planning process and to shape the future of their own areas.

The plan, developed through public engagement and consultation, would be subject to independent examination and a local referendum. This process would involve a lot of work, time and resources.

Government guidance says that plans should only be used to plan for more development than already planned for and they are not a means of just saying "no" to development.

The Parish of Lacey Green lies entirely within the Green Belt and therefore the opportunities for development may be rather limited.

The Parish Council is considering whether a Neighbourhood Development Plan would be appropriate for Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen.

**John Sherlock**

# County Council News



## Health Issues

Responsibility for Public Health is returning to the County Council. Together with the District Councils they will be expected to deliver on preventative measures designed to improve the County's physical and mental health and tackle issues such as those related to drugs and drink. All of this will present some very challenging times for the Councils charged with delivering better health for everybody.

Health changes are beginning to take shape in Bucks with the new arrangements for considering strategy being undertaken by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board. This board first met in May and includes representatives from the County and District Councils, the PCT, user groups and the GPs Consortium. Together they will map out the priorities for health delivery in Bucks.

The major change will come in 2013 when the PCT will cease to exist and the new arrangements will be in place for health delivery.

Hospital Trusts are again looking to find new ways to deliver their services more effectively. In

September the NHS started

on a process of consultation that will affect us all. The initial work was to identify those specific services which will be formally consulted upon early next year. This includes areas such as A&E delivery which could lead to radical change in the way we access these services.

## Transportation

Improvement of the local roads has remained a priority, so it is good to see improvements coming through. New Road and Rignall Road have seen work done to improve the surfacing and the long awaited works to Bryants Bottom Road and Flowers Bottom Lane have been completed.

New Road was to receive additional surface dressing to seal and improve the running surface; however the weather conditions in early September meant that this treatment could not be laid

effectively and works were rescheduled for spring 2012.

This work followed the release of circa £3M, for road repairs to boost a 2 year programme. problems and track the work.

## High Speed 2

HS2 has been given a renewed focus with Martin Tett leading on the issue. 17 Local Authorities have now joined forces to fight the proposals with your County Council taking the lead. The group is named the 51M Group which represents the cost in millions to each and every parliamentary constituency.

It certainly has made an impact and had its voice heard at the HS2 Parliamentary Select Committee where Martin was invited to give evidence.

**Paul Rogerson**

## Your money, your choice.



Should we be saving or spending on:

- Care for older people?
- Reducing crime?
- Services for those who are vulnerable?
- Further improving roads?
- Supporting businesses to create more jobs in Buckinghamshire?
- Creating more opportunities for young people?

We want to hear from you on your priorities for council spending over the coming year. Your views are important and will help us make the right choices.

We are running a consultation until 13 November 2011 which takes only ten minutes to complete.

Complete the survey and make your budget choices online at  
[www.bucksgov.uk/budget](http://www.bucksgov.uk/budget)

Paper copies of the survey are available in your local library  
or by calling us on 0845 3708090



# The Black Horse



It doesn't seem possible that Christmas is just around the corner. Holidays are over and arranging the festive season has started.

The new season of doms and crib has started and both teams are warming up for the year ahead.

We have just been told that we are again in the Good Beer Guide 2012 which is so exciting; we have four real ales on and one cider. Brakspears we keep on all the time but the others are changed at regular times.

We were delighted to go to our longest member of staff's wedding. Gemma married Paul at Beaconsfield registry office and they had their reception at Lacey Green village hall. It was such a great day and night, the hall had been decorated beautifully with a marquee interior, the hall was transformed. Every

body had a great time, good luck to you both for the future you deserve it.

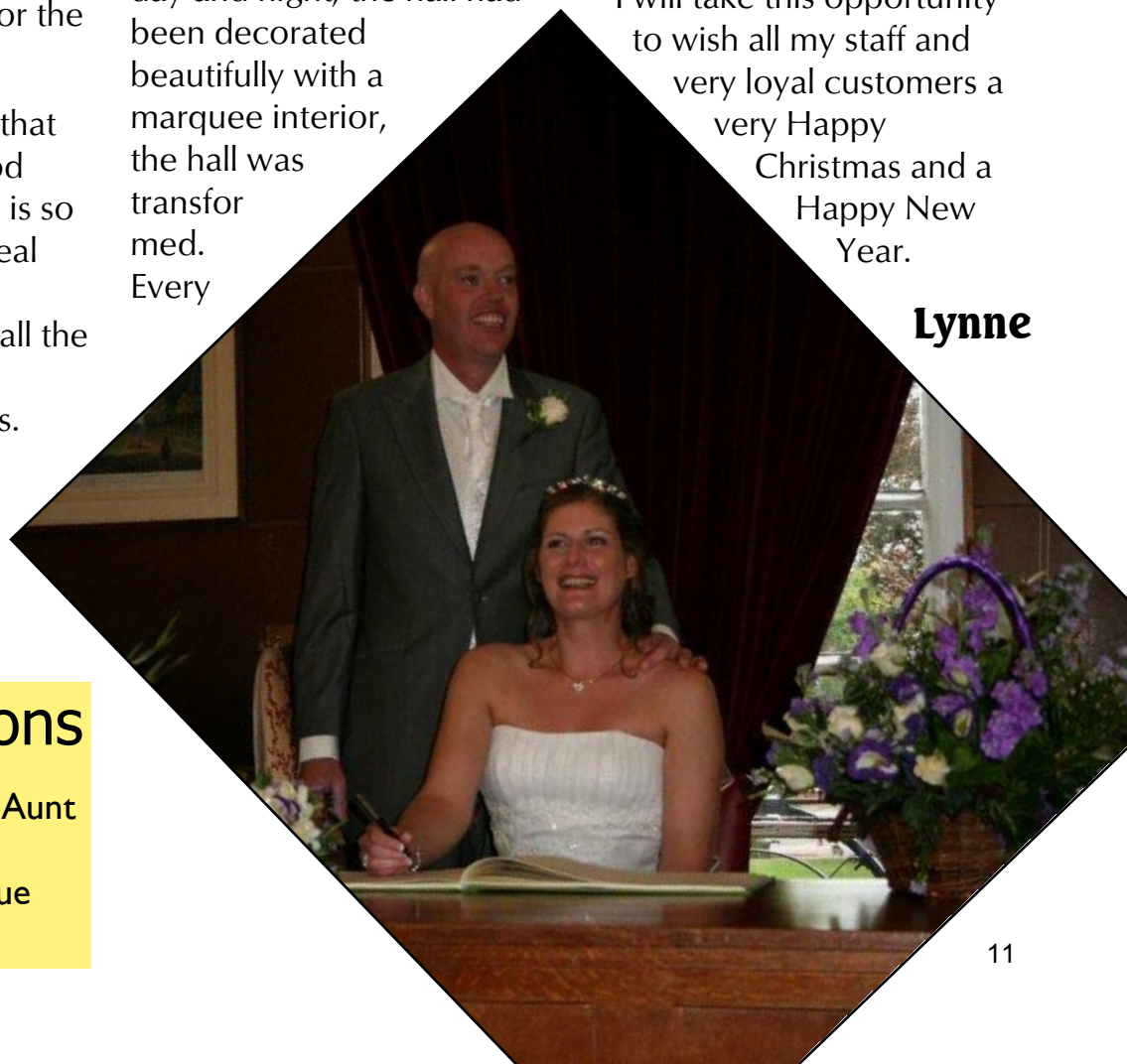
Our Christmas menu is now out and is printed overleaf. It is the same price as last year, come in and book yourself a party. Our quiz has seemed to come to a stand still which is a real shame. Numbers seem to have dwindled to just one or two teams so it seemed best to stop it for awhile. We will do a Christmas one as normal, watch for the boards for when it will be and I will put it on Facebook and the web site. The charity this year will be Cancer Research.

I will take this opportunity to wish all my staff and very loyal customers a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Lynne**

## Congratulations

To the Black Horse B Aunt Sally team for being runners-up in the league this year.





# Kop Hill Hillclimb

The weekend of 24th and 25th September 2011 saw this annual event, started in 1910. It is one of the oldest such sites in the country.

Last year 350 vehicles climbed the hill and there were 300 additional classics in the paddock. There were over 8000 spectators and £30,000 was raised for charity. This year was a real record breaker with perfect weather and over 11,500 spectators, apparently. The Rotary volunteers did a marvellous job of running & manning it. They made every kind of arrangements for Con's and our experience!



John Tyler arranged for Lacey Green's oldest resident Con Baker to be welcomed by the Kop Hill Climb organisers, who got Con a ride in a vintage car even older

than her 103 years! The car, of 1901 running on steam, wasn't able to tackle climbing the hill, so it & Con didn't.

Norman Tyler

# Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

The Village Hall Coffee Morning on the 22nd September was expanded to support the Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning. The team provided refreshments as well as stalls selling cakes, cards, jewellery and a bring and buy table.

Your very generous contributions resulted in a total amount of £575. being sent to the fund and thanks go out to everyone who helped and supported this event.

The team enjoyed staging the morning in aid of this very worthwhile charity.



Who knows, it might become an annual event in the Millennium Hall!

Jill Baker



# LR & LG WI Quiz



*Quizmaster  
Jamie Carter*

## Results were as follows:-

- 1st. U.3 A. - 157 points
- 2nd. The Black Horse - 154
- 3rd. The Golden Arrows -151
- 4th. The Church Choir - 141
- 5th. Afternoon W.I. -140
- 6th. Woodbyne Fitness -135

As usual the quiz was well attended, with twenty teams taking part.

Everyone enjoyed the event, and a good sum of money was raised for the Village Hall.

Our thanks go to everyone who contributed so generously, and also to our regular Quizmaster, Jamie Carter, and to the scorers who so kindly stepped in at the last minute. We would like to congratulate everyone who took part. Some of the questions were quite difficult!

Sadly this will be the last time that this event will be run by the afternoon W.I., as we shall be going into suspension from the end of this year.

We are pleased to let everyone know that the Evening Windmill W.I. have agreed to take over the running of this event, which provides a great opportunity for people from many village organisations to meet together.

We hope that future quizzes will go from strength to strength.



**BLACK HORSE LACEY GREEN**

**2011 CHRISTMAS MENU**

**STARTERS**

**SPICY PARSNIP SOUP [V]**  
Mildly Spicy, Rich and Creamy

**SOMERSET BRIE AND ASPARAGUS CHEESECAKE**  
A Savoury Cheesecake on a Leek and Spring Onion Base

**CHICKEN LIVER AND CRANBERRY PARFIT**  
A delicious Smooth Pate served with Melba Toast

**MELON BALL TRIO [V] [GF]**  
Honeydew, Water and Orange Rash Melon in Sugar Syrup

**PRAWN AND CHAMPAGNE SMOKED SALMON ROULADE**  
Salmon, Prawns a hint of Lemon in a Cream Cheese Mousse wrapped in Smoked Salmon

**MAIN MEALS**

**ROAST NORFOLK TURKEY CROWN [GF]**  
With Chipolata Sausage Bacon Roll and Sage and Onion Stuffing

**VENISON HAUNCH STEAKS SERVED WITH A BERRY SAUCE [GF]**  
Grilled and served with a Wild Berry Sauce

**COD IN SALMON**  
Cod Loin wrapped in Smoked Salmon with Herb Butter and Hollandaise Sauce

**STUFFED GUINEA FOWL**  
A Stuffed Breast of Guinea Fowl wrapped in Bacon and served with a Onion and Red Wine Sauce

**BRAISED LAMB SHANK**  
Tender Lamb in a Redcurrant, Red Wine and Onion Gravy

**ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLE TART TATIN [V]**

**ALL SERVED WITH ROAST POTATOES AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES**

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**TO JANUARY**






*The Winning Team*

**Rosemary Mortham  
(Hon. Sec. Loosley Row  
and Lacey Green W.I.)**

# Pink & Lily

The Pink and Lily, under new owner Steve Worrall, has had a successful summer following its re-opening after refurbishment in June. Alongside the locally sourced, seasonal fresh food menu, a series of special food nights have been held - these include a fish night, a tapas night & a farmhouse french cuisine night.

Steve explains "These nights give our kitchen team the chance to really show off their skills."

The activity has not just been limited to food; on the 13th October the pub held their first charity quiz, raising over £100 for the Iain Rennie Hospice. The Pink will be holding a quiz night every second Monday starting from the 14th November.

The Pink has also launched its Christmas menus - Christmas day is virtually fully booked, but there is still opportunity to sample the Christmas Fayre menu available from the end of November to early January.

Also, to demonstrate some fantastic value, a £12.95 lunch deal for two course has been introduced from Mondays to Thursdays.

Steve went on to explain "Now we appear to have had the last of the late October sunshine, we've had our chimneys swept and are looking forward to cosy nights around a real fire with a nice pint of real ale and some superb seasonal food. If you fancy popping in you'd be most welcome - alongside all the traditional things you'd expect, we can also offer free Wifi."

So in summary - reasons to visit the Pink & Lily this Autumn & Winter:

- Back by popular demand, we are holding another Fish night on Tuesday 8th November - again 3 courses for £25 - special menu nights every fourth Tuesday
- Christmas Fayre & Christmas Day menus launched - just check out the web-ite for details [www.pinkandlily.co.uk](http://www.pinkandlily.co.uk)
- Two courses for £12.95 deal running Monday to Thursday lunchtimes - choose either a starter and main, or a

main and dessert - great food, great atmosphere, great value

- Free Wifi at the Pink and Lily and you can become a friend on Facebook - just search 'The Pink and Lily'; we are also on twitter - @PinkandLily

- Our plans are underway for a great New Years Eve party - get in touch to find out more

**The Pink & Lily team**



*Great Beer & Great Food*

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE MENU**  
**£17.50 PER HEAD**

**STARTER**

Carrot & coriander soup

Chicken liver parfait, red onion marmalade & brioche

Pink & Lily Crayfish Cocktail Martini

Bresaola, beetroot and horseradish salad

**MAINS**

Crown of Norfolk White turkey with all the trimmings

Smoked haddock, crispy poached egg, new potatoes and mustard sauce

Braised shin, savoy cabbage & parsnip puree

Squash, goat cheese & spinach pie

**DESSERTS**

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Pear crumble and homemade custard

Warm chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream

A selection of British cheeses, quince jelly & biscuits



*Xmas Menu*

Tipping is totally up to you - we do not put an extra 'service charge' onto your bill - we would feel awkward if we did that! Any tips are shared out amongst the team, including those hard at work in the kitchen!

All our food is cooked fresh to order, so please bear with us at busy times.  
All prices are inclusive of VAT. Service is not included.

t: 01494 488308 e: [info@pinkandlily.co.uk](mailto:info@pinkandlily.co.uk) [www.PinkandLily.co.uk](http://www.PinkandLily.co.uk)



# St John's School



At the start of our new school year we have had the pleasure of welcoming our new Headmistress, Mrs Grimsey. All of our parents have had the opportunity to meet with her either at individual class meetings or at the recent AGM for both the Governors and the Parent's Association.

We have enjoyed a Harvest Festival Church Service, where the children were invited to bring in harvest boxes filled with non-perishable goods.

These were gratefully received by local charities in Princes Risborough and Saunderton.

St John's has once again held a very successful Summer Ball – this year's theme was "A Night at the Oscars". The evening was very well attended and raised an amazing £7,000 for school funds.

We have already been able to commit some of this towards updating and improving both lower and middle school libraries.

By the time this goes to print the children will have enjoyed their end of half term disco, this is always a popular evening for the children to put on their party clothes!

The run up to Christmas again promises to be a busy one with an Art & Craft Day on 12th November and our annual Christmas Fayre on 2nd December. Everyone is welcome to attend from 2pm in the school hall. This a highlight for the children who get to meet Father Christmas, buy family presents in the "secret room", play games and enjoy tombola, raffles, the toy and book stall, as well as lots of crafts and refreshments for the adults!

Hopefully they will then have enough energy left to perform the much anticipated Christmas plays before they all break up for a well earned break.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Julia Spittles**  
**(PA secretary)**



Working at Kindergym is a constant privilege. Children live in the moment and it is lovely to share their view of the world, and we enjoy many humorous moments.

We live in a modern world of sexual equality, but truth will out.

Ladies of the village may be interested in a small exchange, during our drama class last week.

Niamh, aged 2 years old was decorating a didgeridoo, with her friend, whilst Sara, one of my staff, was making a cup of tea for the Mums in the next room.

Niamh asked what was in our kitchen. Sara said cups and saucers and a kettle, and then

asked Niamh what she found in her kitchen. Without a moments hesitation Niamh answered "Mummy".

I did pass on her comments to the Mum in question. Let's hope Dad cooked tea that night!

**Jenny Stothard**

# Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society has had a busy autumn with our annual show on September 3rd, which had a record number of entries this year in spite of the dreadful summer weather.

This was followed on October 1st with a collective entry by the society in the Bucks Association of Horticultural Societies (BAHS) Autumn exhibition in which 8 other societies took part, hosted by us in the Millennium Hall. The photographs show a range of prize winning entries by members in both shows.

We are pleased to say that we won two sections of the BAHS competition this year, thanks to a combined effort! We were also complimented on our friendly and efficient hosting of the show which is down to some serious teamwork from many members; so thanks to everyone who took part in providing wonderful teas, setting out the hall and clearing away, as well as growing and baking.

Wed 16th Nov 2011 7pm  
Annual Pumpkin  
Competition and Social  
7pm Millennium Hall

Wed 18th Jan 2012 8pm  
Indiana Jones meets  
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# Sports Club: Cricket Section

It's difficult to find words to describe our 1st XI's performances this season. One or two spring to mind... but this is a family magazine! Suffice it to say that they finished rock-bottom in Div. 1.

People say that it is easy to sit on the side and criticize. True. It's easy too to see what is wrong. And a lot is. To point to the obvious; the early batting is far too slow; (Come back James Shrimpton, we need you) the bowling is weak; and the field placing abysmal.

Some of the senior players must know this and I wish they would speak out. Unfortunately they are the ones that get quietly on with the game and never rock the boat.

Well chaps, the boat needs rocking and it's up to you to rock it if we are to continue to have cricket at Lacey Green. You have to recognize why our team is unsuccessful and work together to put it right. Talk about your performances, recognize what is wrong, practice your batting, bowling and fielding and, above all, think about it.

You players will probably think my criticism is harsh but I don't criticise for the sake of it. I want to see you do well. I would love to heap praise upon you. But praise has to be earned.

May I suggest that, well before the summer comes around again, former players like James Shrimpton, Russell Turner, Tahir Mamood and any others you can think of, are contacted and signed up to strengthen the 1st XI.

Just a thought; think about it.

The 2nd XI fared much better than the 1st. They were for much of the season third in the 2nd Div.,

but after losing some key players for the last few games their final position was fifth - not bad considering the struggle the 2nd's have to field a full side. How Skipper Mark Janes managed to conjure up players is a mystery. He must be a member of the Magic Circle!

One thing I will say about our teams; we have some excellent fielders. Jonno Dell, in particular, throwing his body in front of the hardest hit ball, Tom Harrison, very quick across the ground, and normally reliable catchers in Dave Highgate, John Jones, Dave Sanders and wicket-keeper, Duncan Palmer.

In the 2nd's we have Kevin Kelloway, in the field or behind the wickets, Simon Williams, the best gully-fielder I've seen in our kind of cricket, Chris and Jake Dell, Mark Janes, a safe pair of hands, Raj Mahajan and Joe Stevens. All as good in the field as any I've seen in the past.

It occurs to me that if some of the older players in the 1st XI would move down into the 2nd team to help and guide the very young players and some of these good young players went into the the 1st XI we could have two better teams.

I'm not saying that we would immediately have a great batting and bowling 1st XI, but good fielding can and does win matches. And with experience the batting and bowling would come. It will have to eventually or we will have no teams.

At the Sports Club A.G.M. David Highgate announced his retirement from the position of chairman - although he will remain on the committee. Dave started playing for this club at

a very young age. He has served on the committee for many years as member, secretary and latterly chairman. Apart from that, he has turned up every week to help with preparing the ground for matches and anything else that needed doing.

As an opening batsman he's been the 'heads-down-I-shall-not-be-moved' type. It would be interesting to know how many runs he's scored over the years for this club - it must be several thousand. He has been Mr Reliable. He will be there next season facing whatever the bowlers can send down to him. Dave, we salute you.

I'm including the results highlights, supplied to me by Simon. If anyone wants to see the full figures please contact me.

Now it just remains to wish you all A Happy Christmas. There's a lot of doom and gloom about at present. But we can always look forward to next season - if we're spared...

**Geoff Gomme**

## Top batting figures:

1st XI: Dave Highgate - 77

Reserves: Kevin Kelloway 98NO

## Top Bowling figures:

1st XI: Jo Stevens 12/3/29/6  
Kenny Woodward 11/3/29/5

Reserves:

Dave Sanders 12/1/38/6  
Tim Page 12/5/22/5



# Windmill WI

Another summer has come and gone and whilst the weather was once again rather disappointing we have had a busy and interesting time at the Windmill WI.

At our monthly meeting in August our speaker was local lady Annie Silverman who talked to us about Yoga. Annie teaches Yoga locally and after her talk she had us all participating in this ancient discipline.

At the beginning of August a number of us enjoyed a great day out at Highclere Castle. We started the day by visiting a Garden Centre where we had lunch. We then travelled on to Highclere where we spent an enjoyable time looking round the house and gardens.

Highclere Castle has been home to the Carnarvon family since 1679 and is, of course the film shoot location for ITV's period drama 'Downton Abbey'.

There was also an Egyptian Exhibition which was fascinating. This exhibition celebrated the achievements of the 5th Earl of Carnarvon who discovered the Tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922.

Our meeting in September was our 24th birthday meeting, when we invited 2 members from each of the Institutes in our Group to join us for the evening. The speaker was Mel Rees with his talk, 'My Family and Other Setbacks'.

Mel is an author, who over the past nineteen years has written and self published a number of books. His talk which looked at characterisations and situations from everyday life, was very humorous. This was followed by a light supper with birthday cake made by Pat Richards.

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, Pat Richards, were all elected back in office for another term. The business side of the meeting was followed by a quiz, coffee and biscuits.

A week later 25 members enjoyed a good day out at Windsor Castle. Our tour began in the Castle's Winchester Tower with coffee and biscuits and an introductory talk and slide show on royal dining, past and present.



We then proceeded through the medieval Undercroft to the Great Kitchen, areas which are not normally open to the public. Our visit concluded in the magnificent State Apartments which are regularly used for entertaining on State and ceremonial occasions.

It really was a great day out – we were also blessed with excellent weather- a real bonus. Thanks must go to Pat for organizing all of our fantastic trips.

Our recently held Autumn Jumble Sale was once again a great success and we would like to thank everyone who supported us by bringing jumble or by coming in the afternoon to buy and a big thank you to all our members who helped, especially husbands and partners who make our 'Jumble Days' so much easier.

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**



# Windmill Under 5s Preschool

The new year started back with a bang this year with a much anticipated Ofsted inspection in September. The preschool achieved a 'Good', showing it to be strong in every aspect and a wonderful resource to Lacey Green and the surrounding community.

The preschool has been going from strength to strength over the last few years thanks to a talented and dedicated staff team, supportive committee and the regular help for parents.

I'm sure the preschool will build on this success and use the feedback given to make further improvements and advances.

The new children have settled into preschool well; looking at topics such as their favourite things, farm and zoo animals and harvest.

Halloween is approaching as I write and the children are very excited about dressing up as pumpkins, witches and ghosts for a fun packed party day on their return after half term.

In the run up to Christmas the staff have planned some wonderful firework and space themed activities, moving on to Cowboys and Indians and people who help us.

Work will soon begin on the annual Christmas play, which is a fabulous opportunity for parents

to see their little ones on stage for the first time. Unbelievably sweet and usually unintentionally humorous!

A Christmas craft morning is also in the diary for Saturday 10th December. This year we are planning to make some super sparkly decorations and generally get excited about the festive season. The children will of course finish the term with a big party and we have heard Father Christmas may be in the area... fingers crossed.

Once again there have been some staff changes at the preschool; with our Supervisor Sue away on maternity leave Angela and Louisa have been doing an amazing job of leading the sessions.

Another member of the team, Jo, is also taking some time out to have her second child at the end of this term. We all wish her well and hope to meet her new addition soon. We are currently recruiting for staff to cover these absences and should have a full team in place by January.

Finally, the new equipment purchased by our fundraising events and parents at the end of last year have been in constant use. The children love the wet play area and can often be seen whizzing around on the diddycars.

It has been a busy time but the preschool is looking great and we are now full for this school year with a waiting list for spaces.



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**Sarah Uhart  
Chair**



# Parish Community Planning Group

The Community Planning Group has not been in the news recently, but does have two major present activities.

We deliver a Welcome Pack to new residents in the Parish, hopefully within a few days of their arrival. However, I suspect that we may miss someone from time to time, so we would be very pleased to receive appropriate news from residents. If you find that you have a new neighbour, please tell Angela Agate (273916) or me, so that we can do the necessary.

Our other main job at present is to run the Lacey Green Stores, with our very excellent team of volunteers. The Stores has now been going for over two years, and is able to supply basic foods and household requirements. The Stores can also provide newspapers to order between Monday and Friday.

It would be good if we could also stock fresh vegetables, and we would like to know whether any

horticulturalists have surplus vegetables for which they would like an outlet. If you have, please let us know so that we can come to a suitable arrangement.

We do need more volunteers for the Lacey Green Stores. Although it is helpful to have a reasonably regular commitment, it isn't absolutely essential. So if you can only provide a couple of hours or so occasionally, then you would still be welcome to join the team. If we can increase our number we may be able to open the store for longer, and provide better service to the village.

Elsewhere in this copy of Hallmark there is a note from the Parish Council concerning neighbourhood plans. You will all have seen media comment about the potential ruination of the countryside by unscrupulous developers. How true some of the comments may be is still unclear, and I do not know how vulnerable some parts of our

Parish might be to commercial developers. The existence of a neighbourhood plan should at least help provide a better degree of protection. So far there does not appear to have been much action by Parishes, possibly because it is likely to involve considerable effort and may be expensive. So feedback from residents would be welcomed.

The Community Planning Group has produced a Parish Plan, although this covers all aspects of Parish life and is not concerned specifically with planning and the use of land. The Village Design Statement does do so, and identifies areas of Lacey Green and Loosley Row where no development is wanted. However, there is no mention of potential development elsewhere within the parish, and it would appear that some proposals for such development may be required in a neighbourhood plan.

**Tony Molesworth**

# Risborough Area Partnership

Risborough Area Community Action, which gave rise to the Kop Hill Run, and the Community Bus, (which now offers outings to various places) among other things, has now become the Risborough Area Partnership. It is able to seek funding from such as the Leader Fund, and others, which Town and Parish Councils are unable to access.

The Partnership encompasses the Risborough Area Forum, the Town Council and Parish Councils, the business group, and all the other groups in and around

the greater Risborough area, which includes Lacey Green, Loosely Row, Speen, Monks Risborough, Whiteleaf and Longwick.

The main idea is to coordinate events to make the most of the potential numbers attending the wide range of activities in the area, and to inform all residents of these events throughout the year. Likewise, it encourages event organizers to inform the Partnership of their plans so the whole becomes a more organized and coordinated

approach to the basic premise, which is fund-raising.

All businesses and organizations in the area are requested to register with RAP in order to be kept informed of planned activities, and also so we know just how many businesses there are locally, to encourage patronage. Please contact Peter Keen on 01844 348200, or [PK@hypnosbeds.com](mailto:PK@hypnosbeds.com) to find out more.

**Miv Hughes**

# Happy Wanderers' Walking Weekend

It all started back in February at the Happy Wanderers' Annual General Meeting when 41 members signed up for the two-day walking weekend organised this year by Sue Phillips and Liz Southon. The destination was West Sussex as the South Downs has recently been designated a National Park giving access to some beautiful English countryside undiscovered by most of our members.

With fingers crossed that the weather would be kind, everybody found their way to the Goodwood Hotel where we met up on Sunday afternoon, 9 October, for a short walk to the Trundle - a hill which overlooked Goodwood Racecourse on one side and the English Channel in the distance on the other.

On Monday morning all the able-bodied members congregated in Earham Woods where we set off together, splitting off halfway to enable the more energetic to take the high trail through the National Trust property of Gumber Farm where Hilaire Belloc wrote some of his works.

Everybody met up at an excellent pub called The George for superb sandwiches and coffee – and the odd beer or two.

The second day was spent at Petworth House with a very informative tour around the grounds and the opportunity to spot the rutting stags as well as exploring the House itself.

All the members agreed with our Chairman, Ian Goodearl, in his closing speech, that this weekend had been one of the best – a combination of good hotel, excellent food, lovely weather and, most of all, excellent company.



**Liz Southon**

**Happy  
Wanderers**





# Sports Club: Tennis section

The Tennis Club has been well used during the summer with a group of juniors playing almost daily and the ladies playing once or twice each week.

The tournaments on 4 September were disrupted by heavy rain, which curtailed the junior boys tournament after only 3 matches. Although the tournament was meant to be completed on the following Sunday – when the weather was fine and sunny – not everyone turned up!

Having said that, the junior competitions throughout the year have been a great success and has put the club into third place for Regularly Competing Juniors in the Bucks LTA county league table of Restricted Places to Play for clubs without flood lights. This is one of the key indicators that the LTA use to judge whether or not to provide grants or loans to tennis clubs. The other key indicator is the number of British Tennis Members of which the club has more than 100.

We have plenty of scope for new members and to open the club for the wider community including for example Royal Air Force High Wycombe tennis players and the Speen tennis court users. Clearly, we need people using the courts regularly

to maintain active membership and to keep the club going.

The tennis club wrapped up the last of its competitive fixtures in the Aylesbury league with the ladies final match at Great Missenden on 6 September.

Overall, the results this year were a bit disappointing with men's and mixed teams both being relegated to lower divisions basically for winning too few matches and losing too many. At the level we play, the matches are meant to be played in a friendly and good spirited manner at different clubs mostly to enjoy the social aspects of tennis with like-minded people.

Unfortunately, we have had too few men playing regularly at the club during the season to put together regular pairings and have really struggled to put out a team. We even conceded a home fixture due to lack of players. We will need more players coming forward for us to have any chance of entering a Men's team next year.

The Ladies team has had more players to call upon and played all their matches, with mixed results so will remain in Division 7. The good news is that they do hold regular practice sessions twice a week and have entertained a

couple of friendly tournaments against the ladies from Speen. As Speen has just one court they really appreciate the opportunity for friendly match-play, tea and cakes at Lacey Green.

The tennis club needs more help from volunteers to raise money and for people to give whatever practical assistance they can to maintain the tennis facilities. The Sports Club has many volunteers who take care of the cricket-football ground and pavilion whereas we see only the same few people maintaining the tennis club, which is neither fair nor sustainable.

While Sports Club finances are in good shape thanks to income from the tennis, football and cricket sections, the bar and pre-school, the tennis club is reliant only on subscriptions from its members. I am sure no one would want to see the village lose the tennis facilities but it's going to need considerably more effort and investment to maintain the facility, cover the cost of resurfacing, and make the annual fee required by the Sports Club for access to the grounds.

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# Speen Festival



*"The Dreaming" Photo by Anthony Cox*

From the imaginative poetic world of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to the down-to-earth delights of the Food Festival, Speen Festival offered something for everyone in 17 amazing events over 11 days in September. A windy and wet start failed to dampen spirits and visitor numbers were up yet again.

Under the banner of 'celebrating local talent and creativity in the heart of the Chilterns', this Festival included a rich choice of music, from the serene voices of The Elysian Singers, to the stylish Jazz Concert featuring the Martin Hart Quintet, and a 'folk rock' night with Bucks band Dirty Mavis at the King William pub.

Local history and appreciation for the Chilterns countryside were strong themes, with craftsman and artist Stuart King's talk, 'Echoes of Old Village Life', and events to enlighten young and old alike about the flora and fauna of the area. There were hands-on opportunities to try out new skills: a WI-led craft workshop for children and a family DIY photo shoot organised by a local photography enthusiast.

Community collaboration and great local support from Speen and the neighbouring villages were as usual the cornerstone of the Festival's success.

Local schools too were key players, including St John's Combined School Lacey Green, whose pupils (both current and past) starred in the opening show.

Another key element of local support for the Festival is sponsorship by the District and Parish Councils, as well as by charitable and corporate sponsors.

The challenge for Speen Festival – with 2011 marking the sixth biennial – is to retain a familiar brand but stay fresh and vibrant. So this year's new achievements included a 'Youth Takeover' night with young people both in charge and on stage, demonstrating a wide variety of talents from music and dance to graffiti art and daring-do on scooters and stunt bikes.

The Festival closed with yet another new event – a free, family-friendly Prom on the Playing Field, with an 80-piece orchestra drawn from around the county, playing favourites from the classics and film. St John's Combined School gave support there too, by hosting the Prom rehearsal.

If you attended Speen Festival and would like to send feedback to the organisers, go to the feedback page of the website [www.speenfestival.org](http://www.speenfestival.org) or email [secretary@speenfestival.org](mailto:secretary@speenfestival.org)

If you would like to help plan and organise the next Speen Festival, contact [secretary@speenfestival.org](mailto:secretary@speenfestival.org)

**Sue Taylor**



*Jazz Concert. Photo by Loiz Bale*



# On the Farm

It is true that the farm work never stops, but in September a great turn round takes place. The harvest hopefully is in, which I'm glad to say ours was, and the quality was good, despite having to dry most of it. The oil seed rape did particularly well with a very high oil content.

We have fixed the price for much of the grain for different months of sale. Will we end up with above average price? There is no way of knowing. Like all commodities it is traded on the futures markets and can be hedged many times over.

But time is of the essence and close behind the combine, balers and carters, in went the cultivators and seed drills in preparation for next years crops. What to grow had already been decided, the seed purchased and was straightway planted.

As I write this in mid-October there is only one crop still to harvest. This is the maize. We grow several fields of it but it is not native to the U.K. It is not frost hardy, cannot be planted until late April and has to be completely mature before it is chopped up and clamped for cattle food. Hence October. Our main crop of all is grass, which we harvest on off lying land all summer, starting in May until it

stops growing. It is made into silage for the animals in the winter.

Soon the dairy herd will be in their winter quarters. Going in for milking twice a day the ground soon ends up a quagmire as I very well remember. On every dairy farm could be seen cows struggling over their knees in mud, even people leaving their boots behind in it. Who says it was the 'good old days'? It's not what we want and the cows hated it.

Even in the spring when there is enough grass for them and they first go out it only takes a bit of cold and they are right back in again, they have that option. Some beef cattle stay out but get fed in the field if the grass cannot support them. The dry cows, calves and yearlings are under cover of their own and have to be fed appropriately.

Feeding three hundred+ milking cows is quite a commitment. Hungry cows are not happy cows! Our aim is to keep them contented, healthy, able to milk well, get in calf quite quickly so that they calve annually, and maintain their body condition.

With all this in mind it is critical that their rations are as absolutely perfect as possible. In winter the grass in the fields is replaced by grass, maize and wholecrop silage

produced on the farm during the year. To it is added wheat that we grow and other feeds which we buy, mainly by-products from human foods such as rape meal, soya bean meal, confectionary waste, sugar beet pulp, orange peel pulp, and brewers' grains. To this mix is added minerals, yeast, limestone flour, ground linseed, and salt. A nutritionist visits regularly to help formulate the ration. If we get all this right our cows will be productive and give us a return on our efforts to look after them.

It is not only cows that need a healthy diet. It is now repeatedly stressed that we humans do too. But there is one very significant difference. The animals need theirs to stay the same. Changes need to be very gradual and if some commodity becomes unavailable we have to be very careful with what we replace it.

Their routine at Christmas will be just the same as every other day. They will not be given a special Christmas dinner, no rich extra treats, so they won't get upset stomachs, or indigestion. Spare a thought for happy, healthy cows at Christmas, as you celebrate whichever way you choose. Happy Christmas.

**Joan West**

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# Hollywood comes to Lacey Green

Anyone enjoying a quiet evening stroll through Lacey Green on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> July would have been surprised to see a glittering array of Hollywood's finest alight from their cars.

The A-list guests were gathering to support Action Medical Research at an extravagant charity event at Woodbyne Fitness Clinic, bringing together famous faces from Hollywood and the movies.

Charlie Chaplin, Clint Eastwood and at least three Audrey Hepburn's were spotted, to name but a few of those who graced the red carpet that evening.



against Clint Eastwood and Ron Weasley, overseen by Sister Sara, emerged later. The match result was not recorded.

The event raised £2,300 for Action Medical Research – a charity that finds and funds the very best medical research to help stop the suffering of babies and children caused by disease and disability.

Thanks to the ride24 team who worked so hard to put on such a memorable event (and to clear up afterwards!), and to the King William pub for the food and to our neighbours for their tolerance.

**Trisha Johnstone**

The A-list guests were treated to a champagne reception, a 5-star paella and barbeque courtesy of David and Tracey from The King William pub in Speen, and non-stop disco.

Naturally press access was strictly limited and there are no photos of Charlie Chaplin boogying with Shrek and the babes from BayWatch, nor videos of TeenWolf break dancing, though one rogue paparazzi shot of

Uncle Fester playing bar football with Harry Potter





# Sports Club - Football Section

The season is now in full flow, the cup competitions have started and new players have come in, helping the side progress.

There has been a slight switch around in the management team for the start of our third campaign. Henry Craven, who has been phenomenal in driving the side to success over the past two years, will be leaving to study Sports Management and Science in Teeside. Everyone at the club wishes him well, and we are very thankful for all his efforts.

Current manager Brett Hurley will be taking a back step for a while due to family and work commitments. We could not be more grateful for his hard work. Club captain Nick Fisher, who had a fantastic season on the field at centre back, will be taking the reins after picking up a slight injury that will see him out until Christmas.

This will be a perfect opportunity to mix up our regimes and tactics, and try different ideas as we take on harder and more professional opposition.

Following promotion to the 2nd Division, we have set ourselves the challenge of not lying on our laurels, but to take this firmly by the throat and attack each game like it would be a cup final.

Six games in, we have started in dramatic style, winning four and still in both cup competitions. We are being helped by some strong additions to the squad. Our newly named captain Brian 'The Angry Geordie' Kamara is certainly keeping the boys on their toes in the midfield, whilst young Jamie Blackburn is coming on leaps and bounds. Keeper James Bartington is tidily keeping a few clean



*Jamie Blackburn*

sheets along the way, whilst replacement striker Ben Lelyveld scored on his debut for the club.

We noticed right from the off that our competitors were going to be no pushover. Our first game against Roundabout FC saw us, to say the least, completely under the thumb in the first half, only to get our acts together, and come out with a 2-0 steal.

Currently 4th in the table, we have been resigned to two losses already, but on the whole, some very positive play throughout the 90 minutes. We still have some tough ties in both of the cup fixtures, including an away trip to Wycombe Town, who have an incredible record for all

competitions since their formation in 1994.

Some of the lads from the team ventured off onto the international screen by representing Lacey Green FC in a 5-a-side competition held in Valencia, Spain. It's fair to say that all did not go swimmingly. Although I'm sure a good time was had by all, being beaten in all games by a single goal, a dislocated knee and a broken wrist was probably not what they had on the cards.

We are glad to welcome our new shirt and club sponsors for the season 2011-2012. The Golden Cross in Saunderton are backing our campaign in the third season, and we are pleased to welcome them to the club. Mark Malin and his team have been developing the trade at The Cross for over 14 years now, and is very passionate about running this pub. We look forward to spending our Christmas celebrations and end of season AGM party with them.

Training sessions are now back in full flow, every Wednesday, 7.30pm prompt. We hope to see some new faces.

Lacey Green are on the up!

**Ben Foster**



*Celebrating the first goal of the season*

# St John's Church



## The News in brief...

SPLASH after school Club. - successfully continuing with Rev. James Tomkins and Lucy Freeman for years 1 and 2 after school on Mondays.

Toddler Praise – also off to a good start. Parents and Grandparents are all welcome to attend Toddler Praise with your toddlers –and join in the fun, whilst learning more.

We had a superb Harvest supper as always, delicious food and singing along with the Choir. Well done Junior Choir for raising those lovely voices.

Rev Denise conducted a Bereavement Service on Oct 30. This was to remember our loved ones, not so much in a sad way, but as a positive reminder of our joy in sharing their lives.



## Future dates...

Remembrance Services:

Friday Nov.11 A joint remembrance service (Church and School) will be held in St. John's School.

Sunday Nov 13. Remembrance Service in Church at 10am.

Advent Services:

Sunday Nov 27. "Bring a Toy" to the Advent Service at 10am. Please bring a new toy – unwrapped - for either a boy or girl. These will be collected by the Salvation Army for distribution in some of the deprived areas of High Wycombe.

Christians Together in Risborough (CTR) will be holding an Advent Service at 6pm on Nov 27 in The British Legion Hall which is now owned by Chiltern Christian Fellowship. All are welcome.

Friday Dec 2. " Lights on" in Risborough at 5.30.pm. (CTR) Come and sing Carols in the open air and enjoy that Festive feeling. Gather before 5.30.

Sunday Dec 4. Advent all age worship. 10am

## Christmas Services... Sunday Dec 4. Advent Carol Service at 6pm.

Friday Dec 16 at 9.15am. Nativity Service. At Speen School.

Friday Dec 16 at 2.15pm Carol Service at St. John's School

Sunday Dec 18. CANDLELIT CAROL Service at 6pm. Always a favourite – please arrive early to find a seat.

Saturday Dec 24 Christmas Eve. 4pm Crib Service.

Saturday Dec 24 11.15. Midnight Mass. Come along to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Sunday Dec 25 Christmas Day 8am. Book of Common Prayer Communion.  
10am. Family Christmas Service with Communion.

Sunday January 1 – Parish Communion.

Please note - No communion on Tuesday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.30 am.

Sunday Jan 8: Epiphany – a service of Light followed by a Children's party.

Watch this space for more news about a MEN'S BREAKFAST with the Risborough Team.

**June Brazier**





# Heavenly Bodies

Now is the glorious season of sky-gazing! Those tantalising twinkles in the night sky are even more enticing as they glow more intensely against winter's inky black backdrop. On a clear night, you can see a blizzard of more stars in the early evening than at any other time of the year.

As the chill increases, we see some very classy constellations showing off their frosted jewellery. Look at the stars, and then look again and notice that they are not all white. Oranges, blues and reds speckle the heavens as we witness the stars at different stages of their life.

Among those distant droplets, our Solar System assembles an aerial winter wonderland. You've probably noticed a very bright looking 'star' recently in the southern skies, sometimes flirting with the Moon. This white blaze is Jupiter, big enough to swallow 1,500 Earths. The gas giant was

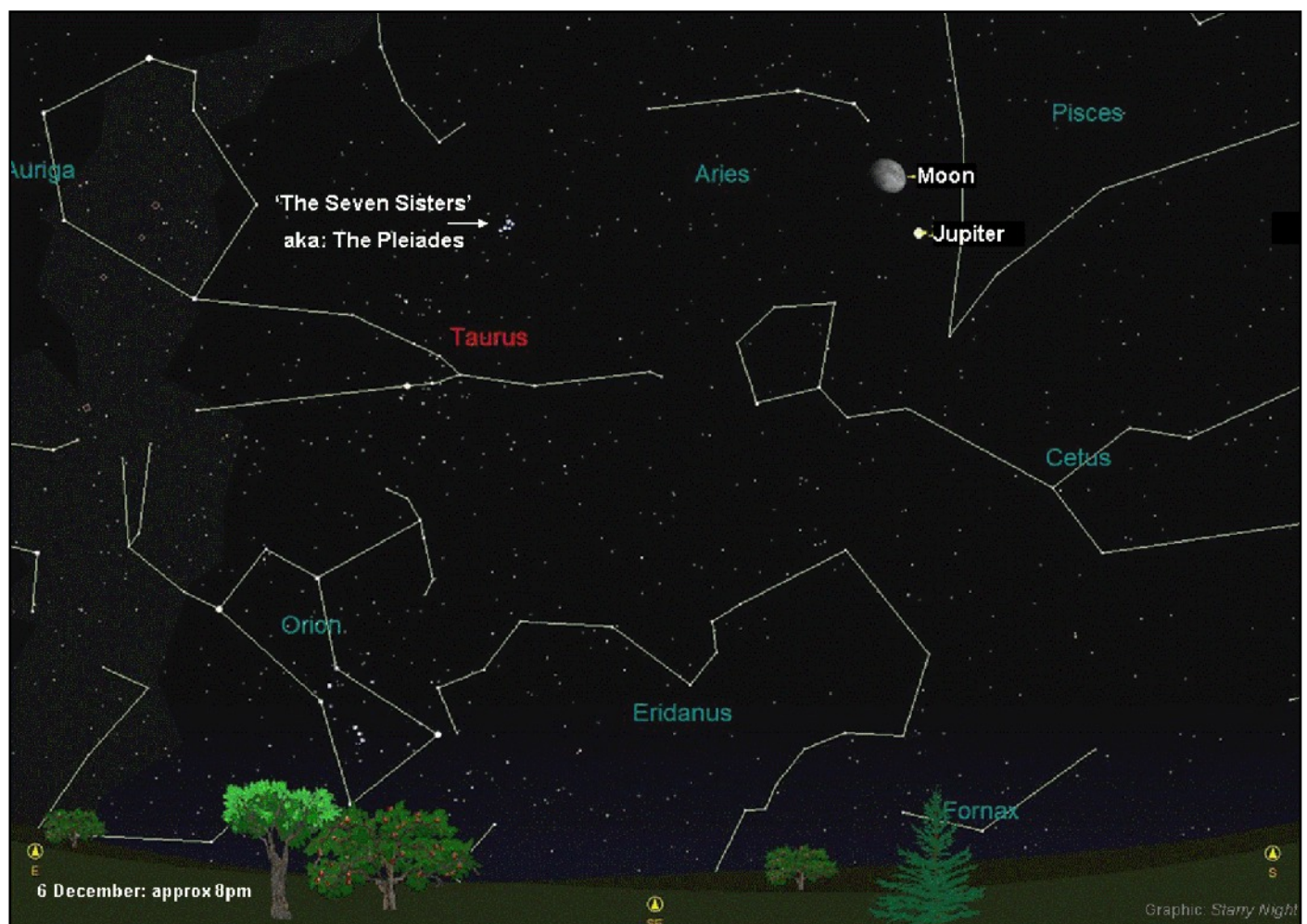
closest to us at the end of October – a mere 369 million miles away. You can't miss it if you gaze southwards. Using a pair of binoculars, focus on a star so that it becomes the smallest dot of light possible and then find Jupiter and see how many of its four largest moons you can see. Look out too on December 6 when the Moon flies above the planet - see sky map.

Jupiter stays with us well into the New Year, and is joined by two more of its planetary siblings – a goddess of love, and a god of war. Venus, about the same size as Earth, remains shy until mid-November when she starts to dazzle above the horizon where the Sun has just set (southwest). Venus too flirts with the Moon, and one rendezvous can be glimpsed during a very thin crescent Moon just above the planet on December 27 (4.45pm

to 6.30pm). Over the weeks, Venus climbs higher and shines brighter, always just after sunset. By late December and into January, you'll see Venus and Jupiter in the same half of the sky

The bellicose planet is, of course, the Red one – Mars. About half the width of Earth, it starts to take its place in the sky about now but late at night. It becomes larger, brighter and earlier during spring as Earth closes in on its rocky neighbour. More on spotting Mars in the next issue, but for now keep your eyes on the news. The largest Mars rover yet is set to launch on November 25. NASA's 'Curiosity' Mars Science Laboratory is the size of a car (compared to the 'washing machine' dimensions of 'Spirit' and 'Opportunity'). Will it find evidence of life..?

**Chris Dignan**



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Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Full walk last Sun of the month 10.30	Ronnie Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed 10.30	Linda Taylor	345261	
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm	Alison Shreeve		a.shreeve1@btinternet.com
Kinder Gym & Melody Minors	Baby to 5 years. Fridays during term. After school classes for up to Year 3	Jenny Stothard Gabby Kenny	344441 07793 80745	jennystothard@btinternet.com
LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time	Fran Hall	01494 562842	fran.hall865@mod.uk
Lacey Green Productions	Theatre, drama, and sometimes food			info@laceygreenproductions.co.uk
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Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm	Stella Boll	347268	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
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