

# **HALLMARK**



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# Welcome to the Spring Edition of Hallmark



Thirty five years ago, my wife and I had just moved out of London to deepest rural Suffolk - and it was a different world, moving at a pace and slow rhythm that we ex-

Londoners could not fathom. Soon after we arrived the Queen and the country celebrated her Silver Jubilee.

Jubilee Day was celebrated with the traditional Village Fete, similar to those still held in many villages today. The difference was in the evening. One of the farmers cleared his biggest barn and the entire village turned out for the evening. There was no question of buying tickets - it was just assumed that every villager would be there. The entertainment was local, loud and robust - every Suffolk village was doing the same thing so there were no outside bands or entertainers to be called on - just

whatever talent the locals could muster. Even as Outsiders (ie not born in the village) we were welcomed and embraced - so much so that I still remember the community sentiment today.

This year's Jubilee (see page 21) is an opportunity to recapture the sense of community that was core to the life of previous, less socially mobile generations. Set aside modern cynical commuter weariness, set aside royalist cynicism, and join your neighbours in this opportunity to celebrate the lovely place where we live.

**Mike Piercy**

Dear Editor,

I am sorry to learn the Afternoon WI have decided to end their organisation in Loosely Row and Lacey Green. However I feel that it must not be forgotten that over the years the members have contributed a good deal to the welfare of the villages.

For instance they helped to make the curtains in the Village Hall, must have spent hours making the hangings and lately repaired the upholstery on the new chairs.

They have provided teas for various celebrations and of course I must not forget to mention organising the village quiz.

There must be numerous other occasions where they have made a substantial input.

Thank you ladies for your contribution to making our villages such a delightful and enjoyable place to live.

**Susan Morris**

## T@3

The committee of the earlier Loosley Row & Lacey Green WI organised & publicised the new "T@3" event in the village hall on Wednesday 11th January. The title couldn't have been shorter nor more modern!

Delicious slices of a choice of home-made cakes & cups of tea

were served in the hall's entrance. You then went in to the adjoining smaller room, paid Kath Turner and sat down at one of the tables to enjoy them with a chat. Both sexes were welcomed.

I think everyone enjoyed their time and the tastiness of the food - I certainly did! If more people turn up, future events would have to be in the main hall, I think, because all seats were taken up.

**Norman Tyler**

The first meeting got off to a good but modest beginning with attendance of sixteen. A variety of cakes were available with tea and at the end of the afternoon we all enjoyed a sample of German Friendship cake. We meet again in March.

**Jean Gabbitas**



# What's On

**Sat Feb 18**

LG Singers

**Sat March 3**

Football Club Poker  
Night  
Ben Foster: 07885 203249

**Sat March 10**

WI Jumble Sale  
See page 13

**Wed March 14**  
T@3

**Wed March 21**

Horticultural Soc AGM &  
Talk "Life in a Nutshell"

**Sat March 24**

Chernobyl Children Quiz  
See this page

**Fri/Sat April 5 & 6**  
Easter Church Services

See page 38

## Chernobyl Children's Life Line

Our annual fund raising Quiz evening will be at Chinnor Village Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Doors open at 7:15pm, Quiz starts 7:45pm.

After the success of last year we are going with the same format - where we sell tickets in advance which includes a ploughman's platter. Tickets are £8.50 per person to include a selection of cheeses, pate, tomatoes, pickles, and crusty bread.

A Licensed Bar will be open as well selling bottles of wine, beers, and soft drinks. Tables for teams of up to 8 people are available.

Please purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment as places are limited at this very popular fund raising quiz. Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event and are not available on the door.

We are still looking for a few host families for July/August this year exact date still to be confirmed and we also have a couple of vacancies on our committee. If you think you can help then please get in touch.

To purchase your Quiz tickets email [christine.breden@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.breden@btinternet.com) or call me on 01844 353192.

## Lacey Green Windmill

In 2012 Lacey Green Windmill will be open from 2 pm to 5 pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays from Sunday 6th May to Sunday 30th September. Admission is £2 per Adult, and £1 per Child aged from 5 to 15.

The windmill's restoration was started in 1971 to preserve its unique 350 year old wooden machinery. Please park in Pink Road and walk up the path on the right hand side of The Whip.

This year we will be open on 4 Bank Holidays, 7th May, 4th and 5th June, 27th August.

On Sunday 13th May the windmill will be open from 11 till 5, and we will hope to have the sails turning, as part of National Mills Weekend. This, as always, will depend on the weather, and various other factors.

Also on the 13th May, Loosley Row and Lacey Green Horticultural Society will have their Plant and Produce Stall at the windmill, open from 11am.

For further information see [www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk](http://www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk) or telephone Michael or Betty Hardy on 01844 275871.

**Sat April 28**

Astro talk & live viewing  
Princes Risborough

See page 40

**Youth Club**

Fridays 7.30pm

Feb 17, Mar 2, 16 & 30

# Windmill Under 5s



Preschool finished off the winter term with a Messy Craft Morning, which raised some much needed funds for resources and covered everyone involved in a thick layer of glitter. Also a wonderful musical Christmas performance, that was very well attended by friends and family, and of course a party with a surprise visit from Father Christmas! A big thank you to the parents who arranged educational and fun sessions at the preschool last term including; Fire Safety, the Police and even ponies to pat. If anyone has an

interesting job or hobby they would like to share with the children, we would love to hear from you.

The new term began with the children learning about the weather, dressing up for role play and with fabulous craft activities in preparation for the Chinese New Year. The staff are also introducing letters and sounds and encouraging the children to solve simple maths problems, building their communication skills and giving the older children new challenges.

Following feedback from recent inspections the staff have upgraded the home corner. The children simply love this resource and now have some great new pieces of equipment to use. The old kitchen units have been moved out to the summerhouse to improve the outdoor play offer and once the weather has warmed up the children will be able to test the new digging box out in the garden, kindly installed by Colin Ashdown.

Our recent fundraising events have also paid for a bright and squishy sofa, more dressing up outfits, dolls and accessories, a play petrol pump and the amazing castle of doom!

The preschool is looking good and working well and this is reflected in the number of children attending. We are full for the rest of this school year and September is also very busy. If you have child approaching preschool age and are interested in Windmills please contact us on 07502 198405 to arrange a visit.

**Sarah Uhart - Chair**



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# On the Farm

Mid January and the days are lengthening just a little. It is now three weeks since the shortest day and the change at first is so slow, but it is happening and it will soon speed up. Throughout winter the farm work is largely routine back at the farm, but there is field work to be done as soon as the conditions and the time are right.

We are looking to update the milking parlour. This would be a costly and major upheaval, but things move on so quickly and it is worth keeping up to date if possible.

Yesterday I found a diary I had kept in 1963. It was in the January that we were installing our first milking parlour. Prior to that the cows were milked in the cowshed, the milk cooled in a plate cooler, put into churns then lifted onto a stand and from thence collected daily.

The parlour changed all that. The cows came to the man, stood at hand level and the milk went through pipes into a stainless steel refrigerated tank to be collected by a tanker. The whole setup has been improved and enlarged several times since then.

January 1963 was bitterly cold, well below zero with driving sleet and drifting snow. The cows had steps up into the parlour and the concrete was mixed with virtually neat antifreeze.

The cows quickly adapted to the new system but it was the end of February before all the drifts had gone. That was nearly fifty years ago and the parlour has been gutted, redesigned and enlarged several times since then and we should probably do it again soon.

That whole year proved difficult weatherwise. We let the cows out in April with barely any grass it had been so dry and cold. A cut was taken in May for silage, but we like to take two, even three in a good season. June came and hay rotted in the fields with too much rain. Storms bashed the arable crops.

Harvest started late. Oats were completely flat and the combine had great difficulty picking it up. The machine broke down continually as well as getting jammed. In despair we decided we must get a new combine. A contractor was brought in with his. Ours arrived. With two combines we should catch up. Then the contractor's broke down. The best laid plans of mice and men!!!

Baling the straw was almost as bad. It was, all in all, an appalling season and we had to get things dry in the fields for at that time we had no drying facilities. And so the year went on.

Reading that sorry tale made me think about the present predictions for global warming. Longer wet times and longer hot times I have heard. I do believe we are reckless in the use of fossil fuels, but that could be another issue.

Certainly over the last sixty years the winters are not so cold. Last winter's cold snap before Christmas brought everyone in a tizzy because nowhere was prepared for it. Up to the 1980s snow barriers were put in all the fields adjacent to the roads. They worked, but they haven't been used for thirty years. The trees, flowers and crops are earlier.

Some birds that migrated are now overwintering here. Is it caused by global warming or part of much greater cycle? The debate is open.

Meanwhile the farm goes on. In summer 2010 we lost John, the senior partner. There are still three partners in R.M. West and Son. (R.M. West was John's father.) Last year was the first full year without John.

As usual we entered classes in the Chiltern Hills Agricultural Society which covers ten miles radius of Wendover. I was thrilled for Richard, who does the day to day management of the farm, when we won the class for the best large farm, best arable, best winter wheat, seconds in grassland, dairy young stock, winter oilseed rape, and forage maize. With a sprinkling of thirds it was a good result overall. It was so gratifying that the standards we had always adhered to were being so well maintained.

Although there are calves born throughout the year a large proportion of the cows should be in-calf now. The vet was here one day last week pregnancy testing by examining the animals - quite a skilled job.

In all we have over three hundred and twenty to calve in 2012. The cows have a two month holiday from milking before they calve and then start producing milk again.

It will be interesting to see how the new crossbred cows perform. We think they may not produce as high a yield but hopefully might not incur as many vet bills. Something to watch carefully.

**Joan West**

# Horticultural Society



Since the last edition of Hallmark we have lost our previous Chairman, Terry Fendom, who did so much for our society over a considerable number of years. Michael Hardy, our president has written an obituary elsewhere in Hallmark; our thoughts and thanks go out to Marcia, his wife, who, as a staunch member of the committee, continued to support our planning and our events throughout Terry's illness.

The planning includes booking our speakers for the year, and these have included a wide range of topics and delivery styles, from the practical to the visual and historic. Marcia has included something for everyone, from ancient tools to our local wildlife, as well as growing flowers and vegetables.

We welcome new members of any age, not only those with mud on their boots! Our aims are to enjoy ourselves and to learn.

Our last social, the Pumpkin Supper, with pictures and a report on the village website was a great success. It sums up our joint passions, growing things, eating many of them and talking to friends. Do consider coming along to our meetings to find out more about us. Just turn up on the night, or ring John Burnett, our membership secretary. It costs very little and provides entertainment and sociable opportunities.

Now is the time to start growing. The nights are getting longer, the birds are singing and we need to sow seeds. Our onions were sown just after Christmas and should be ready to go out in April. It is so satisfying to see something develop and then to have a supply of your own produce over the winter as well.

If you have any plants or cuttings to spare, please bring them along to our plant sale, courtesy of the Windmill Day on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>. We have all kinds of vegetables, bedding and perennials for sale as well as a selection of home made cakes and your chance to win a local produce box too. Wander along to see if there's something to fill a corner in your plot and



have a look at our wonderful mill too. We hope to see you in 2012 and wish you all a good growing season.

**Alison Shreeve**



# Happy Wanderers



The post Christmas walk this year started from Horns Lane car park Princes Risborough at 11.00 a.m. on January 1st. Half an hour later than usual on account of this being New Year's Day.

Twenty two hardy walkers turned out and we proceeded on a little used footpath through Berryfield

estate towards Whiteleaf, crossing a rather muddy field to the Icknield Way, where a short cut option was offered but there were no takers. We continued up the road past the foot of the cross where we took the footpath to the left up the side of the hill, quite a climb!

We went to the top of Whiteleaf Cross to admire the views, then turned back along the top of the hill to cross the road to the top of Brush Hill another viewing point, then down to the Icknield Way and the football pitch to return to the car park. Most of the walkers went on to enjoy a New Year's drink and mince pies with Beryl and Ron.

## The October 2011 Happy Wanderers walk

Started in Stone, near Aylesbury. About 20 walkers had a pleasant stroll in good weather, it was a circular walk of four and a half miles.

We walked into the Hartwell Estate, passing the church and Egyptian Well.

After walking across open fields, we picked up the River Thames, through woodland next to Eyghrope Park and back to Stone.

**Ian Goodearl**

## Ron Goodearl



# Black Horse

Happy New Year to you all !

We had a really good Christmas; thank you to all our loyal customers, without you the Black Horse would not be what it is today.

Looking back in 2011 a lot of things happened: we had a fantastic New Years Eve, once again great fun was had by all. New additions such as Lilly Stallwood, Franchesca Palmer,

Evelyn Rose Trott. Also some sad goodbyes, one of which was my cat Murphys who has been at the pub for 15years, he will be sadly missed . My mum moved up to Lacey Green to live with me.

But here we are in 2012 and what is going to happen this year? We have Burns Night coming up and we are fully booked for this yet again which is really good news.

The over 50s club is still going strong on the first Tuesday of the month. Doms, crib etc is still going on as well.

Hopefully we are going to have works in the garden. That's after we find the smoking area that blew away in the wind. Look out for coming events on the blackboards outside.

**Lynne Comley**

# Windmill WI

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

Once again the year ended with members enjoying themselves at our Christmas party when the Committee prepared a delicious buffet.

During the evening we held a draw for two bursaries which are to be spent by the winners on an educational or recreational course. Members kindly brought items along for the British Red Cross Fire and Emergency Support Service and we were pleased that we were able to donate a whole range of goods for this worthy cause.

Previous to this at our November meeting we were entertained by Dr Peter Brandham talking about 'A Year at Kew'. Dr Brandham used to work at Kew Gardens and is a professional photographer – his slides were stunning.

At the end of November 23 members had a great day out at the Xmas Market in the Guildhall, London. There were lots of interesting stalls and most of us came away with bulging bags!



*Having a well earned rest at The Guildhall*

However the best bit was seeing the fantastic rooms of the Guildhall – they were truly magnificent!

We were treated to a visit during the morning by the Lord Mayor of London, the Rt Hon David Wotton. Thank you Pat for arranging yet another fantastic outing.

We don't have a meeting in January, so our next get together will be on February 1 when the

speaker will be local man Ian Saxton talking about the Legal Services.

At our March meeting we will be having a talk from Mr Jim Moy on Hughenden Manor and other National Trust Properties, and in April, Sandra Webb will be showing us what to do with exotic vegetables!

If any of these subjects interest you, please do not hesitate to come and join us for the evening.

A date to put in your diary – SATURDAY, 10 MARCH – our spring JUMBLE SALE! If you have any jumble you wish to donate, please bring it along to the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon and then please come at 2pm and buy some more back again!!

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're a friendly bunch!



*Members enjoying themselves at our Christmas party*

**Daphne Williams**

# St John's School

The children have enjoyed a busy half term to Christmas. We held two PA events, the first being an Art & Craft Day on 12<sup>th</sup> November. The children were able to pick two activities to take part in, from canvas paint and door hangers to catapult making. The afternoon was really well attended and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning a new craft.

Our next PA event was the annual Christmas Fayre held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was again a very busy afternoon, in which the children were able to visit Father Christmas, play games designed by year 6, enjoy face painting and

buy presents for their family and friends at the secret room.

The parents enjoyed craft and toy stalls to name but a few, as well as a cup of tea and cake! Thank you to the parents, relatives and friends who visited and supported the Fayre during the afternoon. We raised an amazing £2,881 for school funds!

The children worked very hard to practice and learn lines for the school Christmas performances. The first school performed a traditional nativity and the middle school performed "Dick Whittington".

Thanks must go to the teachers for again putting on two incredible performances.

This term the children are looking forward to a Hot Dog lunch and a School Disco.

We have confirmed the date for this year's Summer Ball which will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup>, with a theme of "Best of British" watch this space for more details!

Happy New Year!

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

## Kindergym

I know it seems a long time since Christmas, but I wanted to share some of our favourite moments from our music and singing classes that we run on a Friday morning in the meeting room.

We take the idea of Father Christmas for granted, but some children will be meeting him for the first time. When I showed the children my lovely cuddly Santa, clutching his little sack, I asked if anyone knew who this is. One child piped up confidently "It's Santa, with his mobile phone!"

All the adults thought this made perfect sense, .... How else does he keep in touch with all his helpers and keep Rudolph on the right track? I hope he's on a good contract!

Another 2 year old was singing Farmer Christmas instead of Father Christmas. Now we know what he does during the Summer months!

Our Christmas songs are always good fun although I think poor Santa had to be pulled down the chimney at least 20 times a week,

as everyone had to have at least one turn.

I never get fed up with jingle bells, especially when you have circles of bells on your wrists. I have a sneaky suspicion Mums and Dads enjoy this as much as the children, and the spirit of Christmas never waned at Kindergym and Melody Minors and we were going strong until the final workshop the week before Christmas, with more Jingle bells and gallons of glitter!

**Jenny Stothard**

## *In Memoriam: Ken Templeman aged 95*

Born in early December 1915 and possibly the oldest man in Lacey Green & Loosley Row, Ken Templeman died last November.

He was a member of the Happy Wanderers Walking Club for years

and a lot of the longer-standing club members will have known him.

In fact, he was rescued from an awkward area on a club walk by an air ambulance and became the inspiration for the club's regular

donations since to the Thames Valley & Chilterns Air Ambulance Trust.

He will be fondly remembered with a smile by people who knew him.

# Windmill artists

Judging from the visitor comments during the Art Exhibition and Bistro on Nov 5th this year's show appears to have been 'one of the best'.

It is now ten years since this event started and it is established as a very successful and sociable village occasion.

The Village Hall was its usual lively hubbub with people enjoying the varied works on show.

Visitors were fortified by the excellent Bistro food ( a sell out!) and enjoyed meeting up with friends old and new. This is shown

by the excellent photographs taken by Norman Tyler.

The hard work starts on the Friday evening when the heavy boards are erected to enable us to stage the show. Many thanks to all those who helped with the setting up and the dismantling on Saturday afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event, we look forward to seeing you next year on November 3rd - same time same place!



## District Council News

The most significant development over the last few months has been completion of the Tenant-Led Transfer which has seen all WDC council housing stock move over to Red Kite Community Housing. This represents a landmark achievement in securing a better future for all tenants, with the provision of better homes, communities and services.

Major projects which are now being worked on include planning for the new Sports and Leisure facilities to replace Handy Cross, scheduled for completion in 2015. In the immediate future, and in

concert with Bucks CC, WDC is aiming to hold Council Tax at last year's levels, whilst at the same time protecting services and service levels. This requires an aggressive programme of cost reduction and efficiency measures within WDC, which is ongoing and being further developed to offset continuing reductions in Government funding.

As a quick update on the 2 traveller sites in the area, the appeal relating to the Walter's Ash site took place on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> - final results should be known within 4 -

6 weeks. In March (date to be confirmed) the Judicial Review in the High Court relating to Hemley Hill will take place, so in both cases, the outcome will be determined by the appropriate legal process.

If you have any comments, questions or inputs, please contact me via email at [mel.foster@wycombe.gov.uk](mailto:mel.foster@wycombe.gov.uk), or on 01494 488905.

**Cllr Mel Foster,**

Lacey Green, Speen & the Hampdens

# LG Parish Community Planing Group

It is now 10 years since the Community Planning group was set up. You may recall that the then government was encouraging local communities to develop community plans for which government funding would be available.

In the event this turned out to be a damp squib. Although we were told that funds had been set aside for Lacey Green, the source of funds evaporated due to overspending by Defra on other areas of rural activity. And that was that!

Despite this annoying set back, we were able to set up a working group, and obtained financial support from various other sources. We discovered that there were some 60 or so issues of concern to the Parish residents, a few of these being particularly important.

We achieved several successes: broadband in Speen, helping the Windmill U5s relocate to the sports club, getting a part-time post office into the Millennium Hall, and arranging for a Welcome Pack to be given to new residents moving into the Parish.

We were unsuccessful in our attempts to set up a shop and affordable housing complex, something that is still on the agenda. We did get financial support via a section 106 agreement for a more intensive survey of village requirements.

This showed that we needed more facilities for young people (in practice a youth club), and a village shop. Both of these were initiated in 2009 and have been operating successfully ever since.

The recent government initiative with regard to neighbourhood planning has naturally raised the question as to how Lacey Green and Loosley Row might be affected.

The answer is that no one really knows, although the existence of green belt and the AONB status of the area should provide a substantial degree of protection against unwanted development. Defining 'unwanted' may cause a little difficulty.

For the time being, the Parish Council has decided not to pursue the preparation of a local community development plan. It is likely to prove expensive in both direct cost and effort, and

there is a question mark regarding the level of response from the community, which does have to be involved.

The topic has been mentioned previously in Hallmark, and readers' views requested. So far as I am aware, there has been no response to date, which suggests a low level of interest on the part of residents.

Apart from managing Lacey Green Stores, as an on-going activity, the Community Planning group has not dealt recently with any village issues. We would welcome suggestions from readers.

Last year, our new District Councillor, Mel Foster, was a very useful addition to the team of volunteers that runs Lacey Green Stores. However, we would still like to have more volunteers. Even if you put in just a couple of hours a month, it is extremely helpful.

**Tony Molesworth**

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## Lacey Green is planning

## Loosley Row Street party in Lower Road

Friday 1st June

### Dinner Cabaret

with Amy Stothard and Tara Chapman, with local guests in Millennium Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd

### Jubilee Flower arrangements

in the church. Please contact Margaret Gray 347094 if you would like to do an arrangement.

### History group Exhibition

of Royal Memorabilia and local celebrations. In the Upper room of the church.

Saturday 2nd June

### Kindergym Prince and

Princess parties. 9.30 – 1pm in the Millennium Hall.

### Fete

in the Vicarage garden with fancy dress competition, games and teas. 2pm

### Music from the

Coronation by Lacey Green Singers in the evening at St John's church.

Sunday 3rd June

### Special Celebration

service at 10am., followed by choir singing National Songs and hymns in the afternoon

Monday 4th June.

### “Street Parties”

To date: Kiln Lane, Goodacres Lane and Loosley Hill. Could you set one up?

As coordinators we are hoping to arrange an entertainer, an ice-cream van, and traditional English dancers to tour the street parties.

There will be a house decorating competition and a crown making competition, judged by touring judges on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Sumptuous prizes!!

Any other ideas, prize donations or requests please let us know.

Rosemary Mortham 345863  
Jenny Stothard 344441 Margaret Gray 347094

We will be producing a programme so e-mail Jenny with details of your event.

jennystothard@btinternet.com

Are you interested?

Please contact us if you would like to participate or help in any way, and to give us your ideas on what YOU would like.

We would like feedback on:

### Food:

bring your own picnic or BBQ? Or come along and buy food?

### Drinks:

bring your own or paying bar or beer tent?

### Decorations:

bunting, flags, hanging baskets?

### Entertainment:

music, dancing, bouncy castle, street games?

### Competitions:

decorate your own cakes, cups, dressing up?

### Fund raising:

raise money for a royal charity, cake sales, raffle?

Contact Sarah Halliday on  
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or Angela Gibbings  
[angela.gibbings@virgin.net](mailto:angela.gibbings@virgin.net)

# Terry Fendom: 17 May 1941 to 17 Oct 2011



*Terry Fendom presenting Linda Taylor with the Horticultural Society's Floral Cup in November 2010*

Terence Andrew Henry Fendom was born to Eva and Harry Fendom in 1941, Terry's sister Janet was born 3 years later.

They lived in Plumer Road, High Wycombe, and Terry attended schools at Green Street and Mill End Road, and High Wycombe Technical College. Terry lived in High Wycombe for 30 years, and kept strong ties to his home town for his whole life.

Terry's grandfather had quite an influence in Terry's early life. He took Terry to matches at Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, a passion that remained for the rest of Terry's life.

His grandfather also introduced Terry to the novels of C S Forester, the books featuring Horatio Hornblower have always remained close companions for Terry.

Terry and Marcia were married at St Lawrence's Church in West Wycombe in 1967, moving to Naphill a couple of years later.

Duncan and Andrea were born in 1969 and 1974, and by the late 1970s, Terry had a nephew and niece, so children were then a strong feature of Terry's life.

After 18 years in Naphill, the family moved to Lacey Green in 1987. Duncan and Andrea both married in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, and by 2009, Terry and Marcia had three grandsons and one granddaughter, which gave Terry much pleasure.

## Working Life

Terry's working life started in the early 1960s, being articled to the Town Clerk's Department of High Wycombe Borough Council. In 1969 he qualified as a Solicitor, and was presented with his Certificate by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls.

Terry became a sole practitioner in Castle Street, later going into partnership with Roger Towner, Keith Haines and Jeremy Dawson. The practice is now known as Fendom, Dawson & Towner.

Terry was a popular solicitor who had a relaxed but professional manner, coming from a time when solicitors handled most aspects of the law, rather than the trend in today's complicated world for solicitors to specialise in different fields.

Terry was well known for his filing system. It started as he originally had a very small office, with no room for filing cabinets, so his case files were stacked on floor, desk, and any other available space. This became a habit for the rest of his career.

Terry was popular with High Wycombe's Asian Community, possibly because they could open negotiations over his fees.

In 2002 Terry retired as a Partner, fully retiring in 2008. He is missed by many people who came into professional contact with him, and respect for Terry is clear as the Partnership's offices closed on the day of Terry's funeral, so that all staff could attend.

## Charity Work

Terry has always been keen on charity work and was a highly valued member of the High Wycombe Lions Club for over 35 years. Lions Clubs (such as the 8 clubs in Bucks) are part of an international network (of 45,000 clubs) dedicated to helping communities and individuals at all levels.

Wycombe Lions were very grateful for Terry's help with the necessary legal advice concerning potential projects. Wycombe Lions prepare and distribute Christmas Hampers to the needy, and Terry persuaded other local people to help, and received justified praise from Wycombe Police Station for his commitment.

At different times, Terry headed the three main committees in the Wycombe Lions, and has been the only person to serve as their President on three occasions. The third was from June 2010 to June 2011.

I have seen a remarkable collection of photos of events that Terry attended during that year, all part of gaining support for various local deserving causes. It would make a hectic schedule for anybody, let alone somebody undergoing treatment for cancer at the time.

As well as a great camaraderie spirit to the work they do, the Lions have a social side. At Terry's funeral Malcolm Johnson recounted some of the more 13

light-hearted experiences of friends who volunteered and socialised together for many years. One long time friend was John Crick, Terry's companion as a fellow season ticket holder for Wycombe Wanderers, but sadly died less than three weeks before Terry.

## Holidays

Holidays were an important part of life for the Fendom family. Some of each August was usually spent in France, staying under canvas for many years, before enjoying the luxuries of a caravan.

Once their children had moved away, Terry and Marcia ventured further afield, and have been to many diverse countries, including India, China, Cambodia, Thailand, Peru, New Zealand, Australia, America, Burma, South Africa and Zimbabwe. However they also still enjoyed going back to France.

## Horticultural Society

Having a long garden, an interest in gardening develops, and with their children growing up, Terry and Marcia joined the Loosley Row and Lacey Green Horticultural Society in 1992.

In March 2003 appeals were made (by Ginnie Brudenell and myself) for new Committee Members, and Terry was one of four who answered the call. Most importantly, the Society had no Chairman, but Terry was soon appointed Chairman. As most of us before him, he pleaded that he was no gardening expert, but I assured him that we needed some-one to steer the ship, whilst having a good crew of volunteers doing the work.

I told him Committee Meetings, held in people's houses, had always been enjoyable sessions, and they continued to be with

Terry at the helm. Terry served nearly eight years as

Chairman, during which Terry and Marcia even hosted one demonstration meeting in their own back garden.

The society had run very successful social events in the 1980s and early 1990s, and Terry was keen to run some more. Thanks to his skill in recruiting new and enthusiastic committee members, pleased to tackle the challenges, new social events built a good reputation.

The Annual Show also continued to be successful, again with new organisers being found when required. The Society used to run regular Plant Stalls, particularly at the fondly remembered Village Days. However it was difficult without a regular venue, so Terry suggested having the Plant Stall at the windmill, on National Mills Day, suitably in the first half of May.

With the necessary permissions, this is of mutual benefit to the Windmill and the Horticultural Society (I can confidently say this as Hon Sec of one, and President of the other).

## Dog Walking

Otherwise, and over many years, many local people will probably know Terry and Marcia best from seeing them walking their dogs. The dogs obviously got their exercise along Pink Road at least twice every day of the year, whatever the weather would throw at them, and there cannot be many more extreme places to be out in bad weather than Pink Road. It was usually obvious that one of them found it easier to control their dogs, and it was not Terry.

## Motor Sport

An interest of Terry's from a young age was Motor Sport. He used to rally a 'frog-eyed' Sprite with Terry at the wheel and his friend Doug

Tuckett navigating, until the car was somehow driven into the side of a Welsh mountain.

Remarkably, this interest twice revisited Terry during the last few weeks of his life. Terry and Doug had lost contact, but I was able to put them back in touch to meet again in October 2011.

A week before then, thanks to Roger Springall, Terry had made his last outing, to the Kop Hill Car Climb, where he spent three hours sitting at the top of the hill watching the cars and motorbikes going past.

## 70th Birthday

Terry was diagnosed with cancer in January 2011, but by May he decided to stop his chemotherapy treatment. In May Terry celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, and in July he attended the Horticultural Society's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Thanks to Iain Rennie Nurses, and Marcia's care, Terry was able to stay at home for most of the time until he died on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Terry has justifiably been described as an optimist, and not solely for his years of support for Wycombe Wanderers. I, and everybody I have spoken to over the last year who knew Terry and Marcia, have been truly amazed at the optimistic approach they both managed throughout Terry's illness.

## Thank yous

For their help in enabling me to write this, I would particularly like to thank Duncan Fendom, Keith Haines, Malcolm Johnson, Doug Nower, Roger Springall, and, of course, Marcia.

Marcia, Duncan and Andrea have asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone for their help and support during Terry's illness.

**Michael G Hardy**

# County Council News



## HS2

The decision by the Coalition Government to go ahead with HS2 has been condemned by County Council leader Martin Tett. Martin, backed by Council Resolutions continues to play a vital role in opposing the scheme. I agree with the Council stance that to spend £32 Billion on a scheme that many say will not deliver additional prosperity for the country, cannot not justified.

Martin comments that:

*"At a time of national austerity with rising unemployment and a massive deficit how can spending more than £32 billion on a rail line be justified?"*;

*"Virtually all objective analysts have condemned this project"*;

*"The business case is fundamentally flawed, it doesn't deliver the extra capacity where and when it is needed, on the main commuter routes and it fails to help regenerate manufacturing industry in this country."*

This sums up the position related to the National Interest.

When the Environmental case for the immense harm still present to the countryside is added, then the

case against becomes even more compelling.

The County Council has resolved to take the matter as far as it can and is now considering triggering a judicial review of the process that had led to this decision.

Obviously this is not a matter that can be taken without sound legal advice so no final decision on whether or when this will happen has been taken.

What is certain that this is just the start of the campaign. The decision has spawned many opinion polls seeking views which may influence the way the project proceeds. If you do have the time please register with these as the more that respond the greater the weight they will carry.

If you have other family members who live away from line they too should be encouraged to respond as the cost is £51 million for every parliamentary constituency.

## Health

The second phase of the NHS consultation for 'Better Health Care for Bucks' launched on 14<sup>th</sup> January and will be open for several weeks.

There will be many advertised events where information will be available but at this time final details are not known. The consultation questions will be based on the results of the first consultation which set out to identify the key issues that matter to residents and will include such issues as A&E provision.

Obviously taking part is really important if we are to get the service we want, so please look out for the timetable of events.

## Fire and Rescue

The subject of the location of the Fire Control Room has been in the news recently. As a member of the Fire Authority I can say that any decision to relocate this facility will not be taken lightly and only when assurances are given that there will be no impact on the ability of the Authority to deliver the front line services.

The Chief Fire Officer has advised that this will be the case and also made the point that there will be no closures of Fire Stations so retaining the best local knowledge of the area. If you would like to know more please use the link: <http://www.bucksfire.gov.uk/BucksFire/News/>

## 300 Bus Route

Changes are to be made to the 300 route which will affect Butlers Cross. Arriva have taken a commercial decision to increase the service generally to provide four buses an hour between High Wycombe and Aylesbury starting in early February. On the face of it, good news but the change includes the removal of the Butlers Cross / Chalkshire road section and to replace it with one that passes through Kimble.

I did express my concerns that the removal of the Butlers Cross link would present difficulties for those who relied on the service and, as now an even number of trips per hour, why the original two way routing could not be readopted. *Continued overleaf.....*



# Lacey Green Singers

## Faure's Requiem at the Church on November 12



I'm sure we all enjoyed the concert, as Bette & I certainly did. I think the Singers also enjoyed it and I hope that the donations brought a satisfying total.



## Lacey Green Singers and School Carol Concert on December 10



Thanks to everyone concerned for another most enjoyable evening to start off the Christmas season - it was marvellous!

**Norman Tyler**



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# County Council News - continued

Some concession appears to have resulted with the time table including the Council subsidised 321 Red Line service operating a weekday 2hr service through Butlers Cross with tickets issued by both operators valid for the each other's service.

## Budget Scrutiny

This year's budget proposals have been the subject of Council Scrutiny. The ever increasing pressure to reduce Council spending is expected to ensure another year of zero increase helped by a 'one off' Government payment. This will be the second payment reward for keeping Council Tax down by the Coalition Government.

The County Council remains determined to 'freeze' Council tax again for as long as possible to help hard pressed residents. The Coalition Government's grant towards a 'freeze' is therefore very welcome but because it is a 'one off' i.e. money for one year only, it cannot be taken into the 'base budget' or used to fund most ongoing council services.

Therefore significant efficiencies, increased charges and some cuts have been needed with priority being given to fixing our roads, protecting the vulnerable and promoting local job growth.

This being the case then there could well be difficulties next year if the grant is removed and inflation and other pressures continue to rise.

## Live 'On line' Screening

A new innovation, aimed at bringing more accountability to the Council's work, is the ability to watch the Scrutiny sessions online. Directions to the appropriate web page can be found on.

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/overview\\_and\\_scrutiny](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/overview_and_scrutiny) or contacting Overview and Scrutiny, Room G9, County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1AU, email [scrutiny@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@buckscc.gov.uk)

If you have any concerns regarding County Council issues or notice areas where action is needed, then please let me know and I will do what I can to help.

## Paul Rogerson

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# Sports Club - Cricket section

First of all, a Happy New Year (hopefully) to all our members and anyone else who happens to read this.

Nothing is happening in our cricket world at present due to inclement weather. It's too early to know the make-up of the Mid Bucks League - which divisions our two teams will be in - at present. By rights, as the 1st XI finished bottom of their division last season, they should go down. But that would mean that the 2nd XI would have to go down too, and they certainly don't deserve that. I believe that the league compilers in their wisdom will leave our two teams where they are for we hope

to improve our playing staff in the coming season.

Which brings me to something I've observed over the years. We have had players in our teams (and still have) who have real talent but never seem to realize or believe just how good they could be with just a bit of application and a real belief in their own ability - even a bit of arrogance!

I understand that Russell Turner has agreed to play for us again this season. Now there's a player who knows his own ability. A forceful opening bat and a very useful bowler - he'd make a good captain in my opinion.

It's no secret that I would like to see James Shrimpton return. With those two in the 1st XI we could really go places. With the example those two would set with bat, ball and in the field, the other players would be almost bound to up their game.

Lastly, I'm sure all at the club will join me in offering our sincere condolences to our friend Brian Kirby on the loss of his wife Pauline after a long illness. We haven't seen Pauline for a long time but we who knew her will never forget her radiant smile given to all she met. R.I.P.

**Geoff Gomme**

## 1st XI Batting Averages

Name	Innings	Total Runs	Best Score	Average
Derek Marshall	15	368	59	28.3
John Jones	8	198	47	28.28
Martin Exley	12	205	34	20.5
Luke Weston	9	113	36	18.88
Jono Dell	13	176	32	17.6

Best score for the season: Dave Highgate 77

## Reserves Batting Averages

Name	Innings	Total Runs	Best Score	Average
Nab Khan	7	228	95	32.57
Roger Whipp	8	190	64	27.14
Duncan Palmer	6	119	39	19.83
Tim Page	11	198	50 NO	19.8
Mark Janes	12	216	49	19.64

Best score for the season: Kevin Kelloway 98

## 1st XI Bowling Averages

Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
Lewis Craker	34	131	10	13.1
Joe Stevens	70	234	14	16.71
Kenny Woodward	115	421	19	22.15
Dave Sanders	74	145	6	24.16
Martin Exley	71	321	12	26.75
Luke Weston	137	528	18	29.33
Jono Dell	58	297	6	49.5

## Reserves Bowling Averages

Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
Roger Whipp	42	137	10	13.7
Tim Page	119	343	25	13.72
Mark Janes	50	261	14	18.64
Joe Stevens	67	206	11	18.73
Abid Khan	42	203	10	20.3
Nab Khan	49	127	6	21.16

Name	Catches
Dave Highgate	7
Luke Weston	4
Joe Stevens	3
Duncan Palmer	3

Name	Catches
Simon Williams	7
Mark Janes	6
Duncan Palmer	6
Tim Page	5

# Sports Club - Football section



*Lacey Green Football Club 2010/11*

Lacey Green FC are full swing into the season, already half way through, and as always the lads keep on going to impress their success upon The High Wycombe Sunday Combination.

A fine string of results saw us firmly in top spot at Christmas. The lads celebrated this fact on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. Fair to say the parties get messier every year, which must mean that the camaraderie of this club is growing ever larger!

We have faced some adverse competition so far, none of the games have been easy. We are now in a position where consistency is the key to winning games, and the players raise themselves to cope with this pressure. More and more players seem to be sneaking into our training sessions, making Nick's squad rotation ever easier.

A few players are currently in need of mending, however Paul Johnstone at Woodbyne Gym is working hard to get them back on their feet.

James Taylor has unfortunately been admitted into A+E for the second time, quite simply put down to 'a stud in the head'. It certainly doesn't seem to be his year...

A recent 4-2 defeat by Wycombe Town Reserves sees us in a promotion battle with five other teams, any of them capable of making it into the top two. As we know and love, we never make it easy for ourselves. We are still waiting to play Main Road rivals Naphill FC, and these fixtures won't be arranged until the start of March at the earliest. We've been looking forward to this for nearly 3 years now. Bring it on!

On a personal note, I will be taking part in The London Marathon this year on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. I hope that I can always count on your support. I will be running for Helen and Douglas House as always, and if you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please contact me at [laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk) for further information. Every penny counts!

If you require information regarding Lacey Green FC, or if you wish to sign up to our regular score updates every Sunday, 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 up to date news surrounding the clubs players and supporters. More results and league tables are found at [www.football.mitoo.co.uk](http://www.football.mitoo.co.uk).

We are also in The Bucks Free Press every Friday during the season 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 for all the support that you've shown the club in their second season, and hope to see everyone again. Training sessions are now back in full flow, every Wednesday, 7.30pm prompt. We hope to see some new faces, even if keeping fit or competing for a place in the team.

LACEY GREEN'S GREEN AND WHITE ARMY!

## Ben Foster



# Lacey Green Productions



Our performances of "Arabian Nights" at the end of last November transformed the village hall into a land full of eastern promise. With some extensive lighting and sound effects, a large cast and very colourful costumes, our audiences were carried all over the Middle East, Persia, Yemen and as far as India to hear Sharazad's stories to her sultan.

With full houses for the dinner theatre nights and great support for the first night as well, we managed to raise £1500 for our three charities:

- The arts committee at the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville – promotes the use of art and drama in the rehabilitation of spinal cord injured patients.
- Body and Soul - encourages the respect, dignity & wellbeing of children, young people & families who live with HIV.
- Storybook Wings - allows mums & dads who are abroad with the RAF to record nightly stories for their young children to hear at home.

LGP has now raised a total of £48,400 for national and local charities since we started nearly 30 years ago.

We are now planning to go "on tour" again. Our performances of "The Dove" have aroused a lot of interest and discussion so that we have been asked to repeat this thought-provoking entertainment at a U3A evening in Princes Risborough and at the Quaker Meeting House in Jordans. These performances should take place in March/April and we are open to suggestions for further venues.

Our next Theatre at Home production will take place in June this year and at a new venue – a house and garden in Princes Risborough, which is not that far away! This play will be performed in the garden in the open air, hence the June performance when the weather is bound to be wonderful. We will have contingency plans for performing inside if wet! We haven't made the final choice of play yet but our website

[www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk](http://www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk) and posters will announce the details nearer the time. If you would like to be involved in any capacity, now is the time to make contact either through our website or telephone 01844 344207.

You can make a date in your diaries now for our end of November play this year (November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> in the village hall). Once again this will be a large cast production and, by then, we should be aiming to make our total charity contributions up to the £50,000 level!

**Peter Brookhouse**



# SANTIAGO REVISITED

For the third year running, I have been cycling one of the Pilgrim routes (Camino) to Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain. Last year I did part of the Camino Frances (French route) having previously done the whole of the Camino Ingles (English route). This year it was my intention to do part of the Camino del Norte (Northern Route). On each occasion it has been to raise money for Mercy Ships – [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk)

It did not start off well. We arrived at Stansted at 4.20am in good time to catch the 6.30 flight to Santiago. This year we decided to take our bikes with us as hiring bikes is surprisingly expensive and they have razor edged rock hard saddles, no mudguards, no lights and no bell.

In strict accordance with Ryanair's instructions, the bikes were properly wrapped up in bags and we just had hand luggage to take on the plane.

We joined a long queue to check in and then took our bikes to oversize baggage. Unfortunately, the man in charge did not know his job and refused to accept them. We had to join another long queue at the Ryanair ticket desk where they eventually brought down a supervisor who agreed we were OK. Back to Mr Jobsworth at oversize baggage. He made us unwrap the bikes (for a second time) so he could check we had not packed explosives down the frames of the bikes. He then checked my small saddle bag which had a few tools in it and expressed deep concern at the puncture repair kit which he really did not like the look of. Eventually I persuaded him it was safe so we wrapped up the bikes again. He then

noticed our panniers which he said had to be weighed and tagged. So we unpacked the bikes again and joined another long queue. At long last everything was in order so we went to security.

The queue here was enormous and by the time we had got through it, we reached the departure gate just in time to see our plane taxiing off down the runway. We had done absolutely nothing wrong but had missed our plane.

We went back to Ryanair's ticket desk and explained our problem. The next flight was in two days' time which meant we could not possibly complete our journey in time. The best they could do was to offer us seats on a plane to Porto in Portugal. This was 500km from our intended starting point. However, I knew there was a Camino Portuguese but I had no idea where it was or how to join it.

Anyway, we decided to go there and hope for the best. This cost us a further £220! Also, because we arrived there at 11pm, we had to stay at the airport hotel at 75 euros.

The next morning we set off in what we thought might be roughly the right direction, i.e. north. Amazingly, we found the Camino quite quickly and from then on it was very well signposted. We passed through some very pleasant countryside along deserted tracks and country lanes. This was by far the most enjoyable of the three Caminos.

Because we did not have a proper guide, we did not know that part of the route was entirely unsuited for cycles.

Having spent nearly two hours pushing our bikes up a steep, rocky path in a temperature of 38C, we came to a boulder strewn trail which even walkers would find hard going. We had no choice but to push the bikes all the way back again and try and find a road. This we did and even found the Pilgrim's hostel. Unfortunately it was full and it was getting dark. We really thought we were going to have to sleep al fresco but managed to find a house where we could stay. What a relief.

Throughout this day, I had been very poorly having had something which violently disagreed with me. I was very sick and could only cycle downhill. Even walking was difficult. Fortunately, the next day I felt much better and was soon back to normal.

We continued along the Camino with no more problems. We went over some lovely old Roman bridges and passed some very interesting churches and monuments. The pilgrims' hostels in Galicia are extremely well organised. They provide toilets, hot showers, cooking facilities and some even have washing machines and tumble driers. They provide a disposal sheet and pillow case and charge you the outrageous sum of 5 euro a night.

We reached Santiago exactly on schedule which gave us a few hours to look round before catching our flight home. We had no problems at all with check-in and got home on time. I had intended that this would be my last trip. At the age of 71 you have to draw the line somewhere. However, these trips become quite addictive and I have some unfinished business in Spain .....

**Ken Brazier**

# HS2 Update

As feared, the Government has ignored the facts, ignored the considered opinion of independent bodies, ignored the views of the 55,000 people who responded to the HS2 Consultation and announced on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> that they have decided to proceed with High Speed 2.

Initially committing £17 billion for the London to Birmingham section and ultimately £33 billion to include a further extension to Leeds and Manchester, this represents a monumental folly and a triumph for political vanity over common sense. Reflect for a moment on the number of schools, hospitals, libraries and local services that could be provided with £33 billion.

Apart from the political classes and vested interests, including those who will make a lot of money from construction, just about every major newspaper, journal and independent organisation that has studied the facts has concluded that HS2 just doesn't make sense: the demand case is overstated, the much-vaulted benefits in the business case rely on the assumption that nobody works on a train (!), and there are – despite some wild claims – no real carbon benefits.

Oh, and let us not forget that tunnels or not, construction and

operation of HS2 will destroy huge swathes of the countryside in the Chilterns and beyond.

Even the recent Transport Select Committee report was highly critical of the scheme, but this was ignored completely by Government, as was the earlier TSC report into High Speed 1 which laid out the mistakes with that scheme which said they must not be repeated – but they have been with HS2. Clearly, the new transport secretary, Justine Greening, has simply picked up where the previous incumbent, Philip Hammond, left off.

So why has Government decided to go ahead? It is widely believed that this is pure political vanity: a project that can serve as David Cameron's jewel in the crown, maybe even something that might persuade enough people up north to vote Conservative, if they fall for the deceit that HS2 will solve the North-South divide.

Sadly, therefore, the fight goes on – the only good news being that in the face of a deteriorating business case for HS2, an even worse economic environment in which to waste £33 billion, and growing understanding of the real issues with the project instead of political spin, there is still plenty of opportunity to stop HS2, provided we keep the pressure up.

The summary timeline published by Government includes a full Environmental Impact Assessment in 2012 with other events leading to the crucial Hybrid Bill in Parliament scheduled for the end of 2013 giving the final green light to the scheme.

Next steps in the fight against HS2 include a series of legal challenges to the process so far, continuing activity to raise awareness of the issues along the route and across the country and increasing political pressure on all parties to realise that HS2 is a mistake.

The Speen Area Action Group, which represents Lacey Green, Loosley Row, Speen, the Hampdens and Princes Risborough is working closely with AGAHST (Action Groups Against High Speed Two), the national organisation, to continue and intensify the fight. In turn, AGAHST works closely with the 51M group of councils, headed by Bucks CC Leader, Martin Tett.

For up to date news, please visit [www.speenbucks.org.uk](http://www.speenbucks.org.uk), or contact Mel Foster on [hs2@speenbucks.org.uk](mailto:hs2@speenbucks.org.uk) or 01494 488670

**Mel Foster.**

Chair, Speen Area Action Group against HS 2

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# St John's Church



Rector – the Reverend Denise Critchell. Tel. 347741.

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

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

Contact Rev. Denise to book Weddings or Christening services.

Please remember Wednesday is her free day.

## 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.

On Epiphany, the time when the three wise men visit the baby Jesus, we held a Service of Light followed by a Children's party which was a great success and enjoyed by all.



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

.... We do need at least two more members to serve on the PCC, so if you are already a church member and would like to become more involved with the running of the Church please make enquiries to Mrs. Pat Richards on 01844-345452 or Mrs. Marjorie Palmer on 01494-488353. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Church.

## For your Diaries

February 18th There is a concert by Fran Hall. Tickets available from Rosemary Mortham. Various Lent opportunities including Tuesday evenings at Costa where speakers include David Liddington MP and Margot and Martin Hodson speaking on Creation and saving the planet.

Thursday 5th April at 8.00pm  
Maundy Thursday service

Good Friday 6th April. 2.00pm  
Easter Meditation

Easter Sunday three services -  
8.00am 10.00am Holy Communion and 6.00pm Easter Evensong

## Regular Services at St. John's church

### SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion(1662)  
1st, 2nd, & 4th. Sundays

10.00am All age Worship  
Communion  
1st Sunday of the month.

10.00am Parish Communion  
2nd, 3rd, 4th, (&5th) Sundays

6.00pm Choral Evensong  
1st Sunday in the month

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

### TUESDAY

9.30am. Communion Service in Lady Chapel at St. John's. This is a quiet time for peace and reflection of your own Spiritual journey .

2.00pm Toddler Praise –  
Toddlers meet Tuesday afternoons during term time. Dads and Grandparents are very welcome, as well as mums. Our new leader is Antonia.

### WEDNESDAY

10.30.am Team Communion Service at Chapter House, St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough.

## June Brazier



# Heavenly Bodies

Our skies are beginning to pulsate with a squadron of alien worlds lining up Earth in their sights. It doesn't happen often, so be prepared to witness with the naked-eye when five of the seven other planets in our Solar System swoop across the heavens. From the smallest to the largest, we're going to be treated to a planetary Air Show.

Two of these "wanderers" have probably caught your eye already. That blazing white torch low in the south-western skies after sunset is Earth's sulphur-ridden "twin" Venus. She's orbiting to the left of the Sun and will remain in our skies for several weeks to come. At the same time, the largest planet Jupiter, can be seen higher in the south, but is fast-approaching Venus. The two are due to pass one another in the western sky on 12 March, and it will be fascinating to watch as they are drawn to each other from now until then. Jupiter is not "pulling" Venus with his impressive gravity – it's just how the tick-tock of the Solar System appears from our vantage point. Jupiter, 1500 times the volume of Venus, will be half a billion miles from us, while Venus

will be a comparative next-door neighbour at just 74 million miles.

During this journey, the crescent Moon interlopes, first nestling next to Venus on 25 February, and next to Jupiter the following evening (see graphic). You'll notice from this graphic that Mercury, the smallest planet, has also flown into view. Naturally, the diminutive fleeting ball of boiling iron is tiny in the sky and can be hard to pick out. But just after the Sun has set during the first two weeks of March, look just above the western horizon and you should see it glowing white against a darkening blue-red backdrop. Apparently, only 1% of the world's population has ever seen Mercury, so it's time we were all on that A-list!

Then we see the planets which need no media agents or make-up artists. Mars the Red Planet, and Saturn with its magnificent rings. But have you ever "met" them? TV pictures are all very well, but knowing that you are actually *seeing* these planets with your own eyes is something very different. We only get to see Mars once every two years, so it's worth it! Earth's orbit is catching up with

Mars so the rusty orb appears larger and brighter. The best time to see it is in early March when it's closest to Earth at just 62 million miles away. It's at a good height above the horizon by the end of the first week (it looks like an orange star) and you can see both Mars and Saturn in the same eyeball (see left graphic) as the weeks progress. Saturn's rings are now tilted and look spectacular through a telescope.

I was lucky enough to capture the four planetary images you see on this page, and would like to invite you to an Astro Talk, and "live viewing" - if the weather is kind - with an unfeasibly large telescope on Saturday 28 April at 67, Manor Park Avenue, Princes Risborough (Sat Nav postcode: HP27 9AS). Tickets are £3.50 (£2 for under-18s) and include the presentation, telescope viewing/demonstration, hot drinks, wine and nibbles. To book a place, email: [valbrookhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:valbrookhouse@btinternet.com), or call 01844 344207.

In the next issue – Venus crosses the Sun for the last time for more than a century...

**Chris Dignan**



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