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Welcome to the Summer Edition of Hallmark



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This is the time of year when we ask you to make a contribution to the cost of printing Hallmark. It costs us £7.20 per household per year to print Hallmark. All donations are voluntary but much appreciated.

Any profit goes to supporting the Village Hall. Can I take the opportunity of thanking all the distributors who deliver Hallmark and collect the donations - Thank You.

Mike Piercy

HS2 Update

Following the distressing news that the Government has decided to proceed with HS2 our attention, and that of the Federation of Actions Groups against High Speed 2 (AGAHST) has been to consider the most effective way to take the fight to the next stage.

You will see from Paul Rogerson's update that the 51M group of Local Councils has formally sought a judicial review of the Government's decision based on the failings of the business case.

As a parallel exercise, two further Judicial Review requests have been submitted by the High Speed 2 Action Alliance (HS2AA), an organisation we have supported since its inception, based on issues with the environmental case for HS2 and also the compensation arrangements.

Details have also just been released of a 4th Judicial Review, submitted by an organisation called Heathrow Hub, based on the choice of route.

These reviews are evidence of the strength of opinion against HS2 and represent a powerful challenge to the Government's case. It is likely that all 4 review requests will be considered at the same time, and if the requests are successful, proceedings would commence in a matter of months. More details will be provided when the determination of which Judicial Reviews will be taken forward has been made.

Also in recent development, the latest figures issued by HS2 have revised down the economic benefits for the fourth time – suggesting the scheme will barely, if ever, break even.

Originally the scheme was forecast to bring £2.40 of benefit for every pound invested. The revised benefit-cost ratio (BCR) is 1.2-1, which means that further pressure can be brought to bear on Government to abandon this deeply-flawed proposal.

Finally, on behalf of the Speen Area Action Group, I would like to thank everyone who has so far contributed to our fund-raising initiative. Your money is used to support the national groups fighting HS2 and provide contributions to specific campaigns, such as the HS2AA Environmental JR.

Mel Foster

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Chair, Speen Area Action Group
against High Speed 2

Lacey Green Windmill

will be open from 2 pm to 5 pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays until 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.

For the Diamond Jubilee I hope to be able to dress the windmill's sails with their bunting. For further information see www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk

What's On

Sun May 15 11am

National Mills Day
with Horts Club stall

Wed May 16 8pm

Horts Club
The Four Seasons And
Simply Flowers

June 2-5

Diamond Jubilee
See centre pages

June 9 - 11

LGP Alarms & Excursions
see this page

Sun June 16 12.15

Horts Club visit To
Waterperry Rare Plant
Fair And Gardens

Sat July 7

School Summer Ball
See page 14

Sun July 8 2.30pm

Jane Austen Dancers
see this page

Wed July 18 8pm

Horts Club: 'What A
Domestic Judge Looks For'

A SUMMER AFTERNOON BALL

hosted by the Chinnor Jane Austen Dancers

*in the Assembly Rooms at the Grand Marquee in the
grounds of St John's School, Main Road, Lacey Green*

Sunday 8th July, 2.30 - 6.00 p.m.

*Tickets: £8 plus please bring
a plate of food to share.*

*Tea and soft drinks
included.*

*Plus Jane Austen quiz
with sumptuous prize.*

*Non-dancers, try your
luck at the whist table.*

Contact Jenny for tickets
or further info, jennystothard@btinternet.com
01844 344441,



Lacey Green Productions "Alarms and Excursions"

by Michael Frayn on Friday, June 9th at 7.30pm, Saturday June 10th at 7.30pm and Sunday June 11th at 2.30pm. Open air performances (inside if wet).

Ticket price £12 to include one course "Jubilee Supper" on the Friday and Saturday and "Jubilee Tea" on the Sunday.

Phone 01844 347518 or 01844 344207 for tickets and details.

Glow Worm Walks

See page 21

June 16

July 14

July 27

T@3

Village Hall

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

Mobile Library Service

Eastlands 12:05 to 12:20

May 16 & 30

June 13 & 27

July 11 & 25

Parish Council

May 14 7pm AGM

At Lacey Green

July 2 7.30 at Speen
Aug 6 7.30 Lacey

Chairman's report

Well I think this has got to be the most exciting upcoming few months for years.... This Summer will see a whole host of Street Parties and celebrations closely followed by the London Olympics. At the last count I think we were up to 8 separate street parties in Lacey Green and Loosely Row alone.

At the time of writing it is still cold and wet but I hope by the time of the celebrations we are in the grip of a heat wave and we are all basking in sunshine.... There that's said it now!

As soon as we can, we hope to bring you all as many reports and pictures as we can on our website at www.laceygreen.com so if you have any pictures and news to share, please let us know?

Also on the website, please have a look on the "Hall" page. It is especially useful if you are planning a party as it's only a click away!

With all the busy-ness of the forthcoming months ahead, sadly we have had to put the Strawberry Tea afternoon on hold, but it will be back next year.... Promise!

Various maintenance tasks have also now been completed to ensure we provide you with the best possible Village Hall experience we can.

If however, there is anything you think we have missed, please inform us and we will try our best to remedy the situation as soon as possible.

Finally, I really hope you all have a great summer and if we (here at the Hall) can be of any help whatsoever, please get in touch.

Clive Hodgton

Save the Date!! Sept 22 for the Sports Club Summer's End Event

Live Music – Pig Roast - Marquee

Hills Angels

Chiltern morning, bracing breezes,
Lively ladies walking dogs.
Morning greetings laced with laughter
Charge the air on Whiteleaf Cross.

Old man, slow and walking carefully,
Using Trek-Poles, face set grim.
Smiling ladies greet him warmly,
His morning glows, the day begins,
The jaunty swirl of conversation
Delights still more, his pace grows trim
Then stepping lighter to the car park
Drives blithely off to breakfasting.

Brian Panter

RISBOROUGH COMMUNITY BUS SPRING OUTINGS

WORLD'S END GARDEN CENTRE

Saturday 12 May - 1.30 to 4.00 pm
£3.00; children (5 to 16) - £1.50; under 5s - free

ART IN ACTION at WATERPERRY GARDENS

Wednesday 27 May - 1.30 to 4.00 pm: £8.00
Normal admission terms apply

BICESTER VILLAGE and GARDEN CENTRE

Sunday 10 June - 12.00 to 4.30 pm: £10.00

HEARING DOGS SUMMER CELEBRATION

Sunday 17 June - 1.30 to 4.30 pm
£3.00; children (5 to 16) - £1.50; under 5s - free
Normal admission terms apply

PICK-UPS BY ARRANGEMENT

Information and bookings: call **07941 963097**

Sports Club

The Sports Club has recently undergone the first phase of a redecoration programme, we would like to thank all the people who volunteered their time and turned out for our working party over the Easter weekend.

The Lacey Green Football boys turned out in force and we really wouldn't have been able to achieve so much without them. We would especially like to thank Tony Shadbolt for providing us with paint and materials.

Huge thanks for all their help to Jim, Paula and Miles from Windmills preschool, Jon Dell, Chris Oakford, Cath Saunders, William Carter and Sam Jones (Cricket Club affiliates) and Patricia Johnstone from the Tennis Club .

The second phase of the redecoration will happen during the summer and include replacing the carpet and improving the changing room facilities.

Huge thanks to the team of guys who put so much effort in all year round to maintain the grounds and ensure the playing surface is in good condition. They mow and roll the grass, paint the lines, cut the hedges and treat and weed the field keeping the surface safe

and looking good for the sportsmen who use it every week: Nigel Kelloway, Chris Oakford, Dave Saunders, Dave Highgate and Duncan Palmer; thank you.

Social Membership

Please come and enjoy the facilities of the club. Over the summer months cricket is played every Saturday from 1.30pm and the bar is open in the afternoon. Football is played from September to April and tennis all year round.

Social membership is only £5 per person, per year and it's a great place to meet, watch sport and enjoy a drink in the sunshine (if you are lucky). If you would like become a social member please contact Steph Dell steph.dell@btinternet.com (07768 831196) or pop into the club on a Saturday afternoon.

Original live music

Two original live music events are planned at the sports club in Autumn/Winter 2012 – Look out for posters and more info.

Support your local club

Many Hallmark readers may not be aware that the Lacey Green &

Loosley Row sports ground and club house are privately owned and are managed by a team of volunteers from the local community.

As it is not a council-run facility it receives no financial help from the parish or district councils. All the facilities are paid for and maintained by subs from the sports sections (Cricket, Football & Tennis), contributions from Windmills Pre-School (who hire the clubhouse Mon-Fri mornings in term time) and fundraising events organised by the sports club committee and members.

We are actively looking for new members to play cricket, football and tennis, alternatively you can become a social member.

The clubhouse bar is open most Saturday afternoons during the cricket season. Please come and join us. For more information on joining a team or becoming a social member email steph.dell@btinternet.com or call the relevant sports section representative in the list of contacts at the back of this publication.

Stephanie Dell

Secretary LG & LR Sports Club

LOOKING IN THE CHILTERNs



We live in Lacey Green and have been successfully running an organic rural business in the Beaconsfield area and want to move it closer to home. We need 5+ acres of land, to buy or long-term lease, around the Lacey Green area. All land types considered, including woodland, pasture, mixed, odd shapes and hilly! To base a low-impact permaculture vegetable garden and related ecologically based projects on a small local scale.

NOT for development, dwelling or building.

Alternatively we'd be interested in a property, with at least three bedrooms, that has 5+ acres in the same area.

Any further questions or information on land available please e-mail us on chilternidyll@gmail.com or call 07811 812627.

Windmill Under 5s Preschool

The preschool children had a great Spring term, spending lots of time outdoors in the sunshine and taking part in seasonal activities including; planting flowers and vegetables, discovering the world of mini-beasts and bugs and Easter craft.

Windmills took part in Sport Relief with the children coming to preschool in their pyjamas and running around the sports field at top speed, luckily it was a warm day!

In March the parents kindly gave a morning of their time to give the outdoor area a good clean and tidy, a big thank you to all those who helped out.

The Summer term has just begun and the staff and children returned to a beautifully redecorated interior, the Sports and Social Club have done a great job. This term the staff will be preparing the older children for school, helping to make the transition as easy as possible.

The children will also be exploring the animal kingdom, making music, dipping under the sea, reading their favourite fairy tales



and talking about transport and summer holidays.

The preschool will of course also be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, with a tea party on the sports field with their friends in Reception at St John's.

Towards the end of term the children will be learning about the Olympics, with lots of opportunities to talk about and practice keeping fit and healthy, including Sports Day.

The Summer term is always a wonderful time at preschool with plenty of outdoor activities and time to watch the younger children building friendships and the older ones growing in confidence and getting excited about moving on to big school.

Sarah Uhart
Chair

District Council News

By now, everyone should have received their 2012-13 Council Tax bill and noted that both Bucks County and Wycombe District were able to hold charges at last year's levels. Savings are being made through Council efficiencies to maintain front-line services.

The most significant recent development affecting the District is the publication on March 27th by Government of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which replaces over 1,000

pages of planning policy with a 50-page framework, at the heart of which is the new 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'.

It will take some time to fully understand the implications of the NPPF, however there is a clear requirement for a thorough Local Area Plan, which will be crucial in determining planning policy and decision-making in the District.

WDC already has a Core Strategy and Local Plan which been kept up

to date, but which will need to be reviewed and revised in light of the new legislation over the coming months.

Further updates will be provided as the work to revise the Local Plan develops.

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District Councillor, Lacey Green,
Speen & the Hampdens

The Black Horse and The Whip



I opened the Swan Supping the other night and read this letter that Nick from the Whip put in to the editor and I felt that the people of Lacey Green should read it as it was such a good letter. I say thanks to Nick for the credit he

has given to all of us, yes we do all work very hard to keep our pubs running it was a very kind gesture.

(Editor.... The article from the CAMRA magazine is reprinted below. For more details see www.swansupping.org.uk)

What news has the Black Horse got to give? Well we did Burns Night; it was a great night and we are now booking for St George's day which we hope will be just as good. Congratulations to Guy and Fiona on the birth of Barney, a brother to Charlie; also to Ian and Becks for the birth of their little boy Zach. We also give Jim Duncan, Luran and all the family our deepest thoughts over the loss

of their mum and wife Marjorie, she was a very special lady and will be deeply missed.

Well done to the Whip for winning the domino and crib league and to the Black horse B Team for coming runners up and also the A Team for coming 3rd.

We are doing an Aunt Sally league again this summer on a Friday night but unfortunately we only have one team as our A team have split up and are now playing at different pubs. We are going to do a BBQ for the Jubilee so look out for the notice boards. Have a good summer

Lynne

The last few issues seem to be focused on the doom and gloom climate we are all currently enduring; difficult economic conditions, rising beer prices, with an emphasis on those pubs that have closed or have an uncertain future.

May I suggest a bit more hooray for the successes rather than-boo hoo for the failures, because if we are honest about it many of the failures are simply down to poor operators who have not put their heart and soul into making their great British pub a success. If anyone thinks running a pub is easy then they simply shouldn't do it as it will never work.

If you take a trip between the Wheel at Naphill and the Hampden Arms, Great Hampden, you have five pubs that should be lauded for their efforts in trading successfully during difficult times.

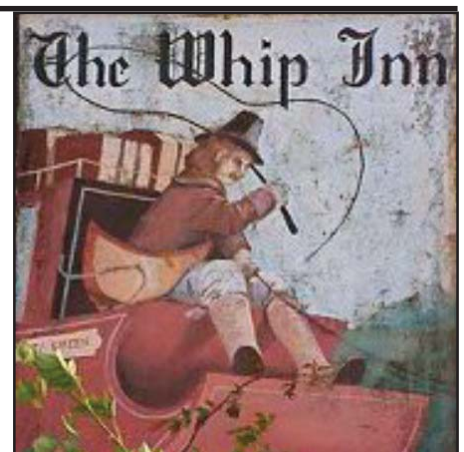
These are Mark and Clare at the Wheel, Bob and his team at the Black Lion, Lynne and Ian at the Black Horse, Constantine and

Louise at the Hampden Arms, and myself and Julie at the Whip Inn.

Anyone who knows me well will tell you that I don't believe in competition, but I do believe in centres of excellence, and I am delighted that everyone I have mentioned through sheer hard work has, I believe created a microcosm of excellence in this area.

This is even more exceptional when you consider that it is the rural areas that have been hit hardest. But these committed individuals have produced an area that offers a range of well kept ales and ciders, a varied selection of food and comfortable and clean environments in which to enjoy their offerings.

In the last nine years, since Julie and I have been at the Whip we have managed to turn the pub around from a loss making pub possibly in danger of closure into a successful operation with a year on year increase in trade.



We have increased our hand pumps from three to six and have served in excess of 3325 completely different ales from around the UK.

So it is possible, but rarely easy whatever the circumstances, and we are not alone , so lets give a large thanks and raise a glass to all those landlords, landladies, cooks, chefs and bar staff who put the effort in to make that world famous institution, the British pub, great!

Nick

Lacey Green Productions



A "Mystery Person" in rehearsal for the next play

Over the years LGP has performed in 7 different village halls, in a barn at Stocken Farm, in a private house at Parslows Hillock, in the Quaker Meeting House at Jordans, in the community centre at Princes Risborough and NOW we are pleased to announce yet another new venue – our first "Open Air Theatre at Home".

"Performing in the open air in England? You must be mad." Never fear we have a cunning plan that will allow us to perform inside if the weather is unkind. So, from June 8th to June 10th we shall be performing Michael Frayn's "Alarms and Excursions" in a garden in Princes Risborough or inside if wet. The ticket price of £12 includes a one course "Jubilee Supper" before the Friday and Saturday evening performances and a "Jubilee Tea" after the Sunday matinee.

"Alarms and Excursions" is a series of humorous one act plays which examine the difficulties that modern technology has added to life. We will be performing four of the plays that Michael Frayn wrote in the mid 1990's plus we will entertain you with poems and music.

For full details and ticket availability please phone either 01844 347518 or 01844 344207.

In late March we performed "The Dove" to a sell-out audience in the Quaker Meeting House at Jordans and the following evening to a full U3A audience at Princes Risborough Community Centre. As our performances of this thought-provoking work have progressed, our "jury audiences" have become more lenient. The full results from these juries can be seen on our website at www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk

As a result of our latest performances, the grand total of all LGP's charitable donations is now £48,500. In 2012 we hope to break through the £50,000 mark with your help.

We shall soon start to prepare for our dinner theatre performances in the village hall at the end of November. So if you are interested in joining us to perform, to be backstage or to help in any way at all, now is the time to make contact with us on either of the two telephone numbers above.

Peter Brookhouse

End of term fun at Kinder Gym & Melody Minors

Two little pigs meet the fearsome wolf at our end of term mini opera - whilst someone else is hiding!



St John's School

Can it really be the summer term already? Life at St. John's is as busy as ever with all of the children working extremely hard.

Each class has chosen a charity to support and they have held raffles, cake sales, Easter egg hunts and various sponsored events.

Our main focus is to refurbish the libraries, and to coincide with World Book Day the whole school took part in a 'Readathon' and raised £3,000! A huge thank you to all of the pupils who read books from a variety of genres even when they wouldn't normally choose them!

As we enter the summer term it will be 'eyes down' with everyone looking forward to a fun, family bingo night. The Queens Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated with a tea party on June 1st and the Parents Association has purchased a celebration coin for all of the children and staff to keep as a memento. After that, if they still have the energy, they can come along to camp night held on the school field.

Finally the annual Summer Ball will take place on July 7th with this year's theme being 'The Best of British'. The preparations are well under way and it promises to be a great night out.



St John's School Summer Ball 2012

If you would like to join us please contact the school office for tickets.

Have a great summer.....

Julia Spittles

Parents Association secretary

Lacey Green Stores: needs more volunteers

Could you spare 2 or 3 hours now and then to help in the Village Shop?

The shop provides a useful facility for residents of Lacey Green, much appreciated by both regular and irregular customers, as well as casual visitors. An excellent team of volunteers runs the shop but we would like to spread the work amongst more people. We would ask you or another member of your household to help the community by becoming a shop volunteer.

It doesn't have to be a lot of work, and the more volunteers we have, the easier it becomes for everybody. A couple of hours occasionally is always helpful, although anyone that can do a little more is obviously welcome.

If you are not doing anything at present for the local community (and even if you are!), why not give it a go? Your input would be much appreciated.

New people can mean new ideas, and would be a further asset to our organisation.

Volunteers, by definition, don't get paid. But you can add retail experience to your CV!

Whilst we don't have a lot of space in the shop, we have been asked whether we could stock fresh vegetables. This could be an opportunity for keen local gardeners or horticulturalists to use an outlet for any surplus produce.

If anyone out there thinks that they could help, please let us know.

The shop is open at present on weekdays from 8:30 AM until 1 PM. If we had a larger team of volunteers, we would consider extending the opening times. There is also a Post Office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 12 AM

To find out more, call into the shop any weekday morning, or contact:

Angela Roberts 01844 347603
Angelaroberts100@hotmail.co.uk
or
Tony Molesworth 01844 344975
molechem@yahoo.co.uk

The Village Hall Committee would like to extend their thanks to TaxAssist Accountants for auditing our accounts. See their advert on page 36.

Sports Club: Tennis section

Thanks to the mild weather during the winter months we have been able to continue a reasonable tennis programme with the courts being used on most days of the week. However the playing surfaces were becoming unsafe due to the amount of moss and surface water remaining on the courts after any rain making them a bit slippery. The good news is that we have had contractors in to power wash (before the hose pipe ban) and treat the surfaces to remove all the moss and restore the 2 main courts to the condition they were when repainted 3 years ago.

Club development continues to focus on raising the profile of junior competitive tennis. Building on the success of the internal club tournaments during 2011, there has been several matches for the junior Under 14 boys against clubs in the area. The format of these fixtures requires a team of four to play a combination of singles and doubles matches all counting towards the individuals' Lawn Tennis Association ratings.

The result of their first match against Prestwood on Saturday 22 January was mixed, with rubbers won and lost on both sides, but overall it was considered an excellent result for Lacey Green at the first outing.

Another good result against Princes Risborough on 26 February saw Sam King win his singles rubber against Ed Lidington following a closely fought match tie-break (2-6, 6-3 and 10-8). In the doubles, Sam partnered by Piers Malden, won in straight sets 5-3, 4-0. Unfortunately, their team mates Charlie Morris and Tom Mole lost their match with another tie-break 4-10.

The club has also entered the boys as well as a girls' team in the county-level Aegon Team Tennis 2012 15&U match play. On 2 April, the girls, Rebecca Malden and Georgia Morris won their first match at home against Farnham Common - well done!

Older members have plenty of opportunity to play tennis among friends, family and other clubs from time to time. There are a number of regular sessions organized during the week and at weekends. Players interested in competing in the summer leagues should also join in the match practice to be arranged on Sunday morning starting at 11am and Monday evening at 6.30pm.

As usual there will be Ladies and Mixed teams entered in the Aylesbury and District Tennis league but we do need members to contact the team captains to let them know availability.

New members are always welcome with coaching available from Steve or Libby. Club membership includes LTA British Tennis Membership with opportunities to bid for Wimbledon Championship tickets

through the club ballot which will be closing very shortly for the 2012 championships.

Members who wish to be included must be paid up to date and anyone wishing to join the club should do so as soon as possible if they wish to be included.

Upcoming events are

Clean-up Day:

Sunday 13 May 2012, 10.30 am

Annual General Meeting - Clubhouse

Wednesday 9 May 2012 - 8pm

You can join us through email, or by using the LTA web-site

Email:

LGLR_TennisClub@btinternet.com

Phone: Ian on 01844 345567

Find us through:

www.LTA.org.uk

Click Places to Play and type in your postcode.

Ian Ward





The Parish Council continues to look after the interests of the villages of Lacey Green, Loosley Row & Speen.

We have 7 councillors overall, representing these villages, one for Loosley Row, four for Lacey Green and two for Speen and our Clerk overseeing all.

All of your councillors work for you and should you wish to raise any issues, please contact our clerk who will pass on your comments for discussion or action as necessary.

The Parish Council has the option of purchasing one or two SIDs (speed indicator device) similar to the ones recently installed near the common in Naphill and also just before the railway bridge on the A4010. These units do not record speed motorists are travelling at, they are purely an indicator/reminder to motorists of the speed they are travelling at.

We are aware that there are members of the parish that do not want anymore 'street furniture' and there are others that are concerned about the speed of motorists travelling through our villages, hence, we would appreciate some feedback on these units, as they are reasonably expensive.

We do not wish to purchase them and then find that they are not what the majority of the villagers want, so please let us know.

On a more constructive note, we have had formal notifications from Bucks County Council that the public footpath has been reinstated from Main Road and down Goodacres to meet the public footpath L20 that heads off right to meet up with Kiln Lane. This section between Main Road and Goodacres was left off the definitive map drawn up in 1950, so lots of correspondence, lots of map evidence and walkers evidence was required to have this reinstated.

We began this task in March 2010 and it has taken until now to have the formal notification of reinstatement; our thanks go to Councillor Claydon, our Clerk and the many others in the village who provided evidence of use.

We are continuing to improve the Garden of Rest. We have now sent out tenders for the build of the memorial for the members of the Methodist Chapel who fell during the war.

You may remember there were tablets in the gateway of the Chapel, these, unfortunately, were badly eroded and we intend to

replicate the wording onto slate panels built into the walls.

We hope to have the Memorial finished by the end of the summer and will then look to planting and landscaping the Garden of Rest for the benefit of the villagers.

We would like to remind residents of the village, that the Garden of Rest is a non-denominational burial ground and is open to anyone of any faith from the village. Contact details are on the Notice Board in the Garden of Rest.

We are continuing to improve the playground in the grounds of the Sports Club, having recently replaced and added new equipment. Our next project will be to resurface under some of the equipment with a 'pour on' rubber surface, this is now available in many colours and will brighten up the playground for the benefit of the children and parents that use this area.

We welcome members of the villages to our monthly meetings, dates of which are diarised in each issue of Hallmark

Cathryn Davies

Lacey Green Parish Council

T@3

The T@3 meetings continue on the second Wednesday of the month in the V.H. They are intended as a place to meet, chat and enjoy tea and a piece of cake. Any money raised will go to the Village Hall.

Last time one person was missing. Kath Turner had stayed home to watch TV. It was the National Hunt Cup at Cheltenham and her chosen horse 'Teaforthree' won. An omen? Congratulations!

Names were taken of anyone who wanted to go to an Open Garden for the Scannapeal. Tickets will be sent for and car sharing arranged.

Sally Pilkington

On the Farm

Now comes our busiest time for looking after our crops. Our whole farm business revolves around successful growing of crops.

The grass fields have been tested for lime deficiency. Over time the land turns acid, especially north facing banks and level top Chiltern land. Untreated this often has a ph of 5.3-5.6. Most crops need a ph of over 6. This year we have put on over 200 tonnes of chalk.

We started to turn the cattle out in April keeping the fields shut off where we intend to make silage (grass preserved for next winter feed). We have harrowed where necessary and rolled in stones so they do not get picked up by the forager which can break the blades. We should make first cut silage in May. Fertilizer has been applied, again after soil testing for deficiencies.

Arable crops, also going through their growth stages, have been fertilized and early germinating

weeds controlled, but more will come later in the season. Rape is coming into flower and we hope any late frosts will not be too hard thus killing the buds that eventually turn into the seedpods. Rape and wheat will both be sprayed with suitable fungicides. It is one of the most important aspects of growing these crops. Moulds can soon ruin crops. Maize will be planted end of April/early May as it is not frost hardy.

A hose pipe ban has been imposed. Since then there has been some rain here every day, plenty to get the crops growing although for the bigger picture there must still be a shortage. As far as the farm is concerned we cannot irrigate our crops so are dependent on the weather.

For example: last year we were short of grass for silage. Solution: we cut some of our wheat crops before harvest and made them into silage. Result: enough feed for

the cattle, but down on our wheat sales, so a costly success.

A major problem arose recently. It was caused by ten of a neighbour's cattle being chased by an uncontrolled dog. The animals got very upset, broke onto our land on the Naphill side of our farm, through all our fences down to Highwood Bottom up to another neighbour's land near the Pink and Lily.

Nine were retrieved, but one that had lost the others turned up at another farm so traumatised that it was impossible to do anything with it. I believe it was four days before it was returned to its home. All this was at a cost of about 25 man hours spent searching and catching them, considerable damage and very exhausted and upset cattle.

All because of an uncontrolled dog.

Joan West



WINDMILL UNDER 5s



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Wildlife Notes

In most years one of the first signs of spring is the appearance of blackthorn blossom, forming pure snow-white masses in otherwise lifeless hedgerows and making the hawthorn flowers which will follow a few weeks later look almost grubby. But for centuries observant country folk have noticed that the arrival of the blackthorn blossom often coincides with a brief return to wintry weather: a so-called 'blackthorn winter'. That has certainly been true this year, with heavy downpours and even hail. Not that that will do much to fill empty reservoirs or reverse the hosepipe ban, and of course our weather affects animals and plants as well as people. Having spent millions of years adapting to life on the chalk, where any rain disappears into the ground almost instantly, our local wildlife is probably more drought-proof than most, but there are still plenty of creatures which can find a dry summer a real struggle.

One of these is the glow-worm, whose brilliant green light can be seen on a number of sites in our area. It is actually a type of beetle and, like many species, its young have some fairly disgusting habits. They feed on slugs and snails,

injecting them with a poison which dissolves them into a lumpy soup that the larvae can then lap up. In a particularly dry summer snails will often conserve water by sealing up the mouth of their shells and staying indoors, which puts them beyond the reach of hunting glow-worm larvae.

But even in the driest of summers at least some glow-worms will make it through and emerge in June and July to begin their courtship display, the females lighting up in the grass and the males taking to the air to seek them out. If you would like to see these charming creatures for yourself, I shall be running Glow-worm Walks again this year, on 16th June, 14th July and 21st July (adults £5, children £2.50). For more information, or to book a place, please contact me on 07814 392335, by e-mail at johntyler@gmail.com or visit my website at www.johntyler.co.uk.

Finally, another sight well worth seeing if you're out and about is a field at Bradenham which is absolutely peppered with fairy rings. These circles of lush grass were once thought to be made by the dancing feet of the little folk, but sadly it turns out that they are the work of toadstools which grow



outwards from a point, fertilizing the soil as they go. They are very often seen in ones, twos and threes but I counted well over a hundred in just this one field. Some were neat circles several yards in diameter, some were small discs just starting out and others were large irregular shapes where several rings had met and merged. To find them just follow the footpath beside the old Bradenham youth hostel: they are at the top of the third field, on your right.

John Tyler

Risboro' Lacemakers

Held their seventh Lace Day in the Village Hall on Saturday March 24th. The day was very much enjoyed by about 90 Lace and Craft workers from various villages in Buckinghamshire.

There were three traders in attendance selling a range of craft materials including bobbins, beads and threads.

There was also a beautiful exhibition of articles made using the Hardanger method of embroidery ranging from tablecloths, cushions, Christmas decorations, bags and various other items.

The usual raffle was held and as a result we again were able to send a donation of £350 to the Chiltern Air Ambulance.

Risboro' Lacemakers meet once a month for their evening meeting and usually once a month on a Saturday for a 'Do' Day when members take any craft they are working on. If there are any lacemakers who wish to join us they are always welcome, although we are not a teaching group, support and advice is always available.

Jill Baker 13

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee



Friday 1st June at 7.30 pm

Dinner Cabaret in aid of MacMillan Nurses

by Amy Stothard, Tara Chapman and friends, accompanied by Gavin Mole

At St John's School Hall

3 course meal by Rachel Panter, cash bar.

Tickets £20 from Jenny Stothard 01844 344441

Saturday 2nd June 10.30 - 4.00 & Sunday 3rd June 2.00 - 4.00pm

Exhibition of Royal Memorabilia and Local Pictures

In the Church Upper Room

Organised by the Village History Group.

Flower Arrangements on a Royal Theme

All weekend in St. John's Church. Teas will be served on Sunday afternoon. Admission to both events £2. (children under 16 free)



Saturday 2nd June morning

Kindergym Princes and Princesses parties in the Village Hall

Details and tickets from Gabby 07793 807454

Saturday 2nd June from 2.00 pm

Village Fete

in the Vicarage garden. Admission free.

Cake stall and afternoon teas.

Games for children, fancy dress competition

Face painting and Treasure Hunt

Traditional stalls and bargains to buy



Saturday 2nd June at 7.00 pm

The Music from the Coronation

by Lacey Green Singers

Tickets available from any choir member.

For further details see programme of events.

Sunday 3rd June at 10.00 am
Family Service celebrating the Jubilee.

Sunday 3rd June 6.00 pm
Songs of Praise

Join in the singing of all your favourite celebratory hymns.



*On Monday 4th June 2012
at 12noon -8pm, in Lower Road .*

Loosley Row are holding their own traditional street party, with 'bring and share' picnic food and drinks, entertaining, dressing-up, bunting, street games, 'history corner' and raffle. It promises to be a sociable, fun-filled day for our community!

If you are a resident in Loosley Row, and are not already involved, but would like to be, please contact Sarah Halliday on sarah@shgd.co.uk or 01844 343251.

Lacey Green Street Parties: Mon June 4

On Monday June 4th street parties are planned in Kiln Lane, Goodacres Lane, Roundlands & Eastlands, Pink Road, Meadow Rise. If your street is not having a party then the Black Horse will welcome you to its evening barbeque.

A travelling Children's entertainer will visit Kiln Lane at 1.30.p.m., Goodacres at 3.00.p.m., and Loosley Row at 4.30.p.m.

There will also be musicians and street dancers.

House Decorating and Crown Making Competitions

If you can provide prizes they would be much appreciated.

For further details, please see the Jubilee programme, which will be on sale when Hallmark is delivered at a cost of £1. Or from Entertainment House, the village shop, the church, and village organisations.

Contact phone numbers:

Jenny Stothard 01844 345863

Margaret Gray 01844 347094

Rosemary Mortham 01844 345863

Jubilee pictures

Thanks to Val Webster for her pictures of the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in Lacey Green in 1977. It looks like the village put on quite a show in times gone by.

Thanks to local resident Charles Middleburgh for the cover picture that he took at the Queen's Golden Jubilee



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 and have supported the Council's stance that to spend £32 billion on a scheme, that many say will not deliver additional prosperity for the country, cannot not be justified.

The Government decision has triggered a response from the 31M group to seek a judicial review of the project. This opens the way for a hearing into the claim to be heard later this year should the High Court accept that there is a case to be argued. A decision is expected by the end of April.

Health

The enactment of the Health Care Bill in March now means that the way Health is delivered, both for the individual and the public, will change in April 2013. There should be very little change experienced by patients and public in the care provided. However it does mean significant change for the processes of commissioning the care we all receive. GPs will now be

an integral part of the health commissioning process which opens the way to access to private care providers.

The Primary Care Trust (PCT) will cease to exist. Those working for it will either be subsumed into the County Council for the delivery of public health or move to other organisations with responsibility for medical care.

The process of transition is already under way with the establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This board consists of County and District council representatives together with GPs and patient representatives. The board is charged with developing strategy for Buckinghamshire health care. A consultation by the Board is underway which asks the public to provide their views on the priorities for health provision. You can find more about the proposals and the work of the board by going to www.buckscc.gov.uk/healthandwellbeingboard.

For Public Health, the County Council together with the NHS and PCT have launched the **5 Ways to Wellbeing** campaign. The campaign aims to promote how five simple actions can help people of all abilities feel better and get more out of life. The five actions focus on 'Connecting' with others, being 'Active' and 'Aware', keep 'Learning', and 'Giving' back to the community. The programme was launched at an event in the Burnham library where people suffering from memory loss came together to sing songs which hold special memories for them and in so doing help them to engage in community activity. I am sure we all know those who would benefit

from this type of help. If you do and would like to know more then contact

www.buckinghamshire.nhs.uk/wellbeing

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/>

Live 'On line' Screening

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

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

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

Paul Rogerson

County Councillor

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Horticultural Society

I am writing this on a glorious April day, with bright sunshine flooding the garden. It is perfect weather, with showers to help the seedlings grow and my sweet peas, just planted out, should be perfectly happy. We now face a hosepipe ban, which means resorting to recycling the bath water and every scrap we can find if we have a warm summer. The chalk slopes drain very quickly and even with copious amounts of organic matter dug into the vegetable patch each year we will have to water if we are to have any delicious vegetables in the summer. As last year, we had a very hot spell in March and the asparagus shot up well over a month before expected. The weather and our geographic positions are constant challenges to anyone who enjoys gardening!

We lost another member of the society and long term supporter in Vic Lindsey who died in April. Vic was a highly skilled grower and won many of the society's trophies over the years. He tackled the most challenging of growing problems and always supported the society's activities. Many people now have wonderful grape vines thanks to Vic's propagating. I was astounded to see in Mary Lawrence's house before Christmas a wonderful poinsettia that Vic had maintained from the previous year and brought into colour in time for the festive season. Such dedication meant covering and uncovering the plant to allow increasing amounts of light so that it coloured up at the right time. A feat that only industrial growers usually tackle! But the skill and challenge it presented to Vic was indicative of his abilities; he will be sadly missed by members of the society.

We will also miss Chrissie Hollingdale who died on Good Friday. Chrissie and her husband Graeme have judged our annual show for many years and have demonstrated their excellent knowledge of flowers and vegetables, both in judging and in encouraging us to try new challenges. Chrissie grew prize-winning sweet peas, roses and coleus as well as being an active member of several horticultural societies. Acting as show steward whilst she judged the floral sections was a great privilege. She always encouraged people and had a great sense of humour; it was an honour to have known her.

The society has some excellent events lined up. By the time you read this we will have had our annual plant sale in conjunction with National Mills Day. We have just taken part in the spring show for the Bucks Association of Horticultural Societies where we had to present a selection of plants and domestic items. Rhubarb has been the mainstay of our spring show exhibits and proved to be so again; our cooks excelled themselves and we managed to find 6 more or less perfect narcissus of the same cultivar, a challenge in spite of the copious number of them in our gardens. We managed a third in the floral art in spite of our novice status. We are still looking out for experienced floral arrangers, so if you are keen to take part please contact us!

We look forward to a visit to Waterperry's Rare Plant Fair and gardens in June and to learning more from our bi-monthly talks in the Millennium Hall. If you are interested in entering our domestic section at the annual show on September 1st then come



along to our talk on Wednesday July 18th to hear from a very experienced domestic judge about what she looks for when judging entries at similar shows throughout the county.

Try and enter something for the show. If you enjoy baking, photography or growing there are classes for everyone. The Show Schedule is included with this edition of Hallmark and classes are only 20 pence to enter and free for under 16s. The hall looks splendid and shows just how many people in our villages are good horticulturalists and excellent cooks, so come and join us and keep this village tradition alive. Further details are also available on the village web site. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events this year.

Alison Shreeve



The Windmill WI

Our first meeting for 2012 was in February when the speaker was local man Ian Saxton. Ian is a Consultant with a leading national company providing wills, estate planning and probate services.

What could have been a boring, sombre talk turned out to be very interesting and informative and it gave us all food for thought.

In March Mr Jim Foy, General Manager of the Hughenden area of the National Trust gave us a very interesting talk about Hughenden Manor and other local properties. Mr Foy proved to be a very able speaker and his talk was accompanied by some excellent slides.

Our speaker for April was Sandra Webb and she talked about and cooked some very exotic vegetables. Now we all know what to do with our eddoes, okra, plantain and dhudi!

Sandra's son suffers from Xeroderma Pigmentoseum which is a rare genetic disorder that causes extreme sensitivity to the

sun's violent rays and she always donates her talk fees to this cause.

Several members recently attended the Disraeli Group Meeting held at Flackwell Heath when the speaker, Mr Mervyn Edwards talked to us about 'Policing Then and Now'. Mr Edwards had served for just over 30 years with Thames Valley Police and he brought several artefacts with him showing the different ways that policeman are equipped now compared with when he joined the force. The Group Meetings are good evenings when all 7 WI's in our group get together.

Early in April 14 members went to the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury for the Bucks Federation of Women's Institutes' Annual Council Meeting. These are very well run, interesting meetings and this year we had a real treat as the main speaker was Adam Henson of 'Countryfile' fame. Adam was an extremely able, interesting and amusing speaker.



Book signing by Adam Henson

During this meeting our President, Mrs Pat Richards was presented with a certificate acknowledging our 25th anniversary which we shall be celebrating later in the year.

Once again we held a very successful Jumble Sale In March - I think we are getting well known in the 'Jumble World' for holding good quality sales! We would like to thank everyone who supported us by bringing jumble or by coming to buy and special thanks for all our members (and husbands) who worked so hard during the day.

We have several events and outings to look forward to in the coming months, so why don't you come and join us - we will make you very welcome.

We meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 7.45 in the Village Hall.

Lunch break at the Annual Council Meeting



Daphne Williams

Sports Club - Football section



The 2011- 2012 season has come to an end. It has certainly been nail biting to see our position after the Christmas fixtures, but did we manage to get the accolades we set out to do? Only a fine string of results would see us firmly in control.

We started to feel by the end of Christmas that we were letting a few results slip out of our hands, we didn't seem to be playing with the pomp and prestige that past games had seen us flaunt. Although in our heads we needed to get back into the swing, a 6-3 home defeat to Jager Athletic was not the way to patch up the confidence. To make matters worse, the usual mid-winter weather saw our games being

postponed left, right and centre, damaging the rhythm the team was desperate to get back into.

A very hard fought 4-3 away win against Red Lion Rangers harvested a relief; a certain black cloud was starting to shift, and hopefully onto

some clubs that we could see with losing a few games.

Naphill FC was going to be our next victim; once again a sunny day at The Crick, both teams wanting to stamp their dominance in the rivalry. In our mind, a fully fit, complete and capable team was going into a game with only 3 points on their mind. 0-0 was the full time score. Both teams felt it was a fair result, a couple of chances by both sides. Our focus was now to gain maximum points in our last 3 games.

Due to some very freak weather, our game against Seer Green at home was abandoned at 72 minutes in. We were winning 6-1, feeling comfortable and just playing the rest out. No worries, we'll have to beat them again. An unlucky defeat to top of the table Wycombe Town Reserves and a convincing 5-0 slamming of Naphill on our own turf saw us one game away from promotion. All we needed was not to lose. We were playing the re-arranged game against Seer Green. Although, Seer Green since our last meeting had strung a few victories together, meaning that a win for them would also clinch them promotion. This game now had a completely different slant to the emotion and purpose. Game on. A draw was always on



the cards, both teams pushing forward to get the elusive goal. 92nd minute. Seer Green 40 yards out with a free kick. Why not they thought. They did. Top of the net. Full time. Lacey lose 1-0. Seer Green promoted. There is nothing I could write to explain what the feeling in the camp was. After a hard fought, topsy-turvy year, it was all over in just one goal. One kick. One fluke.

This was the first time in 3 years that the club has been shaken so dramatically. We know that next year, it won't happen again, we will strive to accomplish what we deserve and what we can achieve, only on the basis that we can. We are capable. We will prove it next season.

Away from the field, the football club decided to organise their first fund-raising event at The Sports Club on Saturday 3rd March. We thought a Poker Night would be fitting, and as 30 people wandered through the door to test their playing skills to scoop the £200 first prize, a very enjoyable night was had by all. The night managed to raise £340, with a special thanks to Nick Fisher and Dave Pocock for splitting their winnings to help put even more money in the kitty. We will definitely be holding another one in the summer, and will heavily advertise the next event to make sure everyone who wants to attend, can. Watch this space!

We will be having our end of season bash/AGM at The Golden Cross on Saturday 26th May. All supporters and well-wishers are welcome to join us in the party after 9pm, it'll be good to see you and have a bit of a knees up. A special thanks to our sponsors for looking after us so well this season.

Also, our extended gratitude to everyone at the club, in the village and beyond for making this football team what it is today, a successful, confident and vibrant one. Thank you all.

On a personal note, I recently completed my 2nd 26.2 mile slog at The London Marathon on Sunday 22nd April 2012. My time was 4:59:20, which was quite a shave off my first time, but a sub 5 hour I don't think is an embarrassing feat to accomplish. I hope that I can always count on your support. I am always running for Helen and Douglas House, to try and raise as much as possible. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please visit

www.justgiving.com/PinkChef2 to direct you to my running page, Dig deep, 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. 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 can be found at www.football.mitoo.co.uk. We are also in The Bucks Free Press every



Friday week 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 third season, and hope to see everyone again, Training sessions will now be put on hold until August as the team takes a well deserved break after the most grueling season to date. We hope to see some new faces for 2012-2013, even if keeping fit or competing for a place in the team.

Ben Foster

10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
Wycombe Town Reserves	17	11	3	3	46	23	+23	36
Seer Green	18	10	3	5	38	28	+10	33
Lacey Green	18	10	1	7	62	38	+24	31
Sunters Wood United	18	8	5	5	43	31	+12	29
Jager Athletic	18	9	1	8	61	50	+11	28
Downley Albion	18	8	2	8	47	44	+3	26
Naphill Mens	18	6	5	7	27	32	-5	23
Roundabout	17	6	5	6	29	36	-7	23
Red Lion Rangers	18	6	3	9	40	52	-12	21
Hithercroft	18	1	0	17	29	88	-59	3

Happy Wanderers Walking Club



February 26th A.G.M.

On a pleasant spring morning the Club was fortunate to have 43 of the 61 members attending the annual A.G.M.

This followed the usual format with the Club's archives of photographs on show together with a rolling display of pictures on a laptop computer before and after the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 11.30 a.m. chaired by Ian Goodearl, assisted by Kim Ellis /Liz Lewin as secretary and Ron Goodearl as treasurer.

Following the meeting the members enjoyed their picnic and after we had finished tidying the hall, 26 members went on a local walk led by Leigh and Yvonne Axe.

Another successful day.



The March 25th walk

was led by Phyl and Adrian. We were about 25 in number. We started at Wendover High Street, set off down the High Street and picked up the canal.

We walked along the canal as far as Halton, crossing towards the church, going through the RAF grounds, through woodlands up to Wendover Woods. We stopped to admire some spectacular views over the Aylesbury Vale (plus to get our breath back!).

The walk was about 4.75 miles, the weather was kind to us, and the sun shone.

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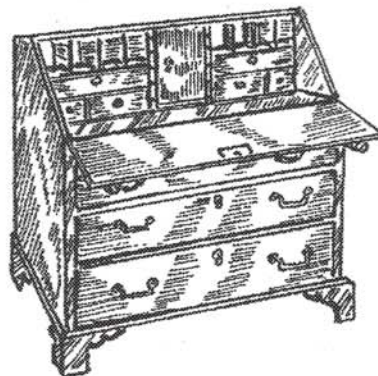
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Obituaries - Lillian Curnow: Born Nov 1916



Lilian was born in Kennington, London. In the mid 1930s, she joined a motor cycle club, where she met her husband to be - Ron Curnow. They married in 1939, and in 1943 moved to Church Lodge to be caretakers at Acton Congregational Church. Her mother came to live with them after

her house was demolished during the Blitz. Their son Robert was born in 1947.

Lilian suffered from chest problems, and was advised to move to the country. She came to Lacey Green in 1955, and lived in a cottage in Kiln Lane, called Datcha. It is one of the oldest houses in the village. Ron had a workshop, and set up in business as a locksmith.

They loved the British countryside, and enjoyed touring Britain in their caravan. They were real soul mates, and very content in their own little world. Sadly, when Ron was admitted to hospital for surgery, he developed an embolism and died. It was a blow from which Lilian never really recovered.

She filled her life with village activities, and became known by everyone. We all remember that she was extremely good at extracting money for raffle tickets. At parties she was always a leading light.

For many years, Lilian was a member of the local Women's Institute, and also served as President. She was a member of LGP in their early days, a member of the PCC, and helped with the Strawberry Cream Teas. She was very artistic, and enjoyed painting. She loved flower arranging, and helped with several flower festivals. For a long time, Lilian was part of church life at St. John's.

Her last major activity in Lacey Green was her 90th birthday party, which was attended by many of her village friends, her son and three grandchildren, Ben, Zoe and Jenny. After that it was decided that she should live nearer the family, and she moved to Deddington.

This required a huge readjustment, but she settled into life there, and made many friends at her local church. She died quite suddenly after a heart attack. St. John's Church was packed for her funeral. She will be long remembered by all.

Rosemary Mortham

Marjorie Palmer: Born Sept 1939

Marjorie and I have been friends for some 20 odd years and of course we have spent a number of years on PCC and also as Churchwardens for the last 8 years. We used to speak on the telephone most days and we worked well as a team.

Along with Margaret, we arranged many fund raising events and had great fun and plenty of laughs in the process. On one occasion, having made what seemed to be gallons of chilli to feed 80 people at a quiz night supper, we decided to make a pudding of apple crumble - having bought the ingredients, we realised we did not have enough oven space to

cook or warm them on the night! A frantic morning was then spent making pavlovas on a 'conveyor belt system' in my kitchen. All was well in the end - except for the fact that we were eating apple crumble for some time afterwards!

Marjorie was particular in all things and took on so many jobs sometimes because she thought others would not do the jobs properly. Just a few weeks before she went into hospital, I volunteered to take the Church laundry to wash (and much to my amazement she agreed). She inspected it when I brought it back to Church and I think I must have

got the seal of approval as I was allowed to carry on!!

Her whole life revolved around her family and St John's Church. She was utterly dependable and would always go the extra mile to achieve what she set out to do. She was a very caring person and has touched many people's lives with her kindness. She was a great personal friend and a person one could depend on. She will be greatly missed by us all.

I know that this is a very sad time for her family and for us all but take comfort that she will now be at peace and no longer suffer pain.

Pat Richards

Sports Club: Cricket section

Hurrah! The cricket season's here again. That should end the drought!

Forget your hosepipes, watering cans and buckets and invest in good waterproof clothing - or maybe even a boat. I hope it won't be like that but years of experiencing our English weather has perhaps made me cynical.

Anyhow, the good news is that our first XI haven't been relegated despite finishing bottom of Div. 1. Had they been it would have meant the 2nd XI dropping down a division too. That would have been a tragedy, as despite losing valuable players at crucial times they managed to finish the season a credible fourth.

At the A.G.M. Christine Marshall was elected cricket secretary to replace Derek Briscoe who has decided to retire from the post after many years of service for

which we thank him and hope he continues as one of our umpires.

Also at the meeting the captains of the 1st XI, Luke Weston and 2nd XI, Mark Janes were re-elected to lead the teams. We wish them every success. To help them, during the off-season we have managed to sign a few new players which should give both teams a boost.

Over Easter the lads were busy preparing the ground for the new season, rolling, seeding, tidying up, all done voluntarily. Every year they give their time to make our ground one of the most pleasant around. I think they deserve a medal - or at least, some recognition from the rest of the village for their efforts.

I've since learned that not only the lads but the lassies too turned out at Easter. Our delightful Club Secretary, Steph Dell tells me that she and (male) members of the

football team worked hard painting around the pavilion. She now wishes to be called 'Stiff' Dell!

It's nice to see co-operation between the sections (after all they are all using the facilities). For far too long it's mostly been left to the cricket section to maintain the ground.

Now why don't some of you villagers come down and enjoy the facilities? You don't have to be a cricket-lover. Bring a picnic. Bring the children. There's a playground for them out of the danger zone. You can lay back under a blue sky and blazing sun and get a nice suntan - now I'm going too far...

By the way, if any young cricketers have come to live in the village do make yourself known.

Geoff Gomme

1st XI Fixtures				2nd XI Fixtures			
May 5	Potten End	v	Lacey Green	May 5	Lacey Green	v	Potten End 2
May 12	Lacey Green	v	Lt. Gaddes den	May 12	Hampden	v	Lacey Green
May 19	Challoners	v	Lacey Green	May 19	Lacey Green	v	Ley Hill 2
May 26	Lacey Green	v	The Lee	May 26	Frieth	v	Lacey Green
June 2	Waddesdon 2	v	Lacey Green	June 2	Lacey Green	v	Downley 2
June 9	Lacey Green	v	Bourne End	June 9	Waddesdon 2	v	Lacey Green
June 16	Lacey Green	v	Prestwood	June 16	Wendover 2	v	Lacey Green
June 23	Holmer Green 2	v	Lacey Green	June 23	Lacey Green	v	Phoenix OB
June 30	Lacey Green	v	Widmer End	June 30	Widmer End 2	v	Lacey Green
July 7	Lacey Green	v	Potten End	July 7	Potten End 2	v	Lacey Green
July 14	Lt. Gaddes den	v	Lacey Green	July 14	Lacey Green	v	Hampden
July 21	Lacey Green	v	Challoners	July 21	Ley Hill 2	v	Lacey Green
July 28	The Lee	v	Lacey Green	July 28	Lacey Green	v	Frieth
Aug 4	Lacey Green	v	Waddesdon	Aug 4	Downley 2	v	Lacey Green
Aug 11	Bourne End	v	Lacey Green	Aug 11	Lacey Green	v	Waddesdon 2
Aug 18	Prestwood	v	Lacey Green	Aug 18	Lacey Green	v	Wendover 2

St John's Church



Rector: Reverend Denise Critchell.
Tel. 347741.

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

Jubilee at the Church

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June - open all day.

Jubilee Flower arrangements in the Church. Please contact Margaret Gray if you wish to create an arrangement. 347094.

There will also be an exhibition of Royal Memorabilia and Local celebrations in the Upper room.

Saturday 2nd June during the afternoon, there will be a Fete in the Vicarage garden with Fancy Dress, games, stalls and teas. Help needed here please.

Saturday 2nd June during the evening, there will be MUSIC FROM THE CORONATION by the Lacey Green Singers.

Sunday 3rd June 10.00am Special Celebration Church Service. 6.00 pm Songs of Praise – Dedication and National Hymns.

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 the last Sunday in the month our 11 – 15 year olds are welcome to attend 'LATER' from 6-8 pm at Jim and Gill Taylor's house in 26 Summerleys Road, Princes Risborough.

It's all fun, laughter, food, making friends, crazy games, and just being there.



We had our rather spectacular EASTER CROSS, covered in daffodils, on the main road for all to see on Easter Sunday – a special day in the Christian Calendar when Jesus rose from the dead. He stayed on the earth for 40 days afterwards, and was seen by many people, his disciples included, before ascending into Heaven. (If only one person had seen him, it could be assumed it was an hallucination.)

We enjoyed the service even more than usual as Easter eggs were given out at the end, the egg being the symbol for new life.

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

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

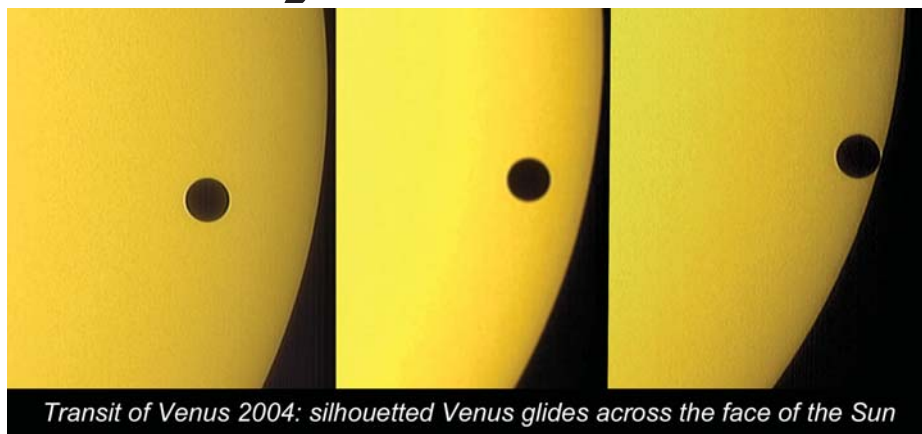
If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or would like a home visit, please contact Rev. Denise.

Contact Rev. Denise to book Weddings or Christening services.

Please remember Wednesday is her free day.

June Brazier

Heavenly Bodies



Transit of Venus 2004: silhouetted Venus glides across the face of the Sun

An historic event takes place in the sky in a few weeks' time, while Saturn shows off its rings amidst the constellations of spring. And the summer Solstice arrives on June 20th!

As the winter showpiece star patterns of Orion, Taurus and Gemini fade into the evening twilight, our planet begins to face more open night skies where we can see beyond our own Galaxy towards other 'star cities' millions of light-years away. All the stars that we can see are within our own Milky Way Galaxy. The main constellations on view just after dark are Leo, Virgo, Boötes, Hercules and Coma Berenices. Between Leo and Virgo lies the so-called Realm of the Galaxies where hundreds of other galaxies, each containing billions of other stars, are visible using a telescope.

Within Virgo, Saturn currently resides, having been closest to Earth on April 15 when it was 809 million miles away. The most convenient time to spot it is in early May when it's dark at about 11pm and Saturn is south. The planet appears above the star Spica, and on **May 4**, the Moon is just below the two (see diagram). It's a good idea to get to see Saturn by then as it will become much smaller and less bright as Earth races ahead at 67,000mph on the 'inside lap' around

the Sun. Mars is fading in Leo but still shines bright orange.

Saturn can be seen every year, but there's a rare sight in early June that nobody alive today will see ever again as it will not happen again for another 105 years. It's the incredible Transit of Venus when our 'sister planet' can be seen gliding across the face of the Sun (NB: do not view this with the naked eye as it will cause blindness – a proper Sun filter must be used). The event is so rare because Venus usually orbits above or below the Sun as seen from Earth, but once every 120 years or so the angles of the planetary orbits line up so we can see Venus silhouetted against the Sun's disc – twice within a few years.

Transits of Venus were used in the 17th to 19th centuries to measure the distance between the Earth and Sun, and so were regarded as hugely important. European rulers sent their scientists all around the world to accurately record the event, calculate the Sun-Earth distance and thus determine the size of the whole Solar System. The legendary Captain James Cook was taking scientists to Tahiti for the 1769 Transit of Venus – and discovered Australia on the way back.

The first in the current 'Transit' pairing took place on June 8 2004, and I was in France ready with a Sun filter, telescope and camera to record it. Some of the images I took are on this page. In Britain, the second Transit in the pairing takes place just after dawn on **June 6**, as the Sun rises from the north-east horizon just after 5am BST. Weather-willing, the Transit can be seen for about 40 minutes before the planet disappears off the Sun's edge. Future generations will have to wait until December 2117 for the next one.

Chris Dignan



Organisation	Meetings	Contact	Phone	Email address
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
Windmill Under 5s	Mon-Fri 9.00-12.00 or 1.30 if your child stays for lunch	Sarah Uhart	07951 485436	admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm	Stella Boll	347268	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High Wycombe & District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Ted Chapman	01494 563034	
Youth Club	Alternate Fridays - see laceygreen.com web site for details 7.30pm	Joan Smith	342322	joansmith38@googlemail.com
Over 50s Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse. First Tuesday of the month	Betty Tyler Yvonne Axe	344606 345216	
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The Black Horse	Quiz night last Sunday of every month at 8pm	Lynne Comley	345195	lynnecomley@btconnect.com
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