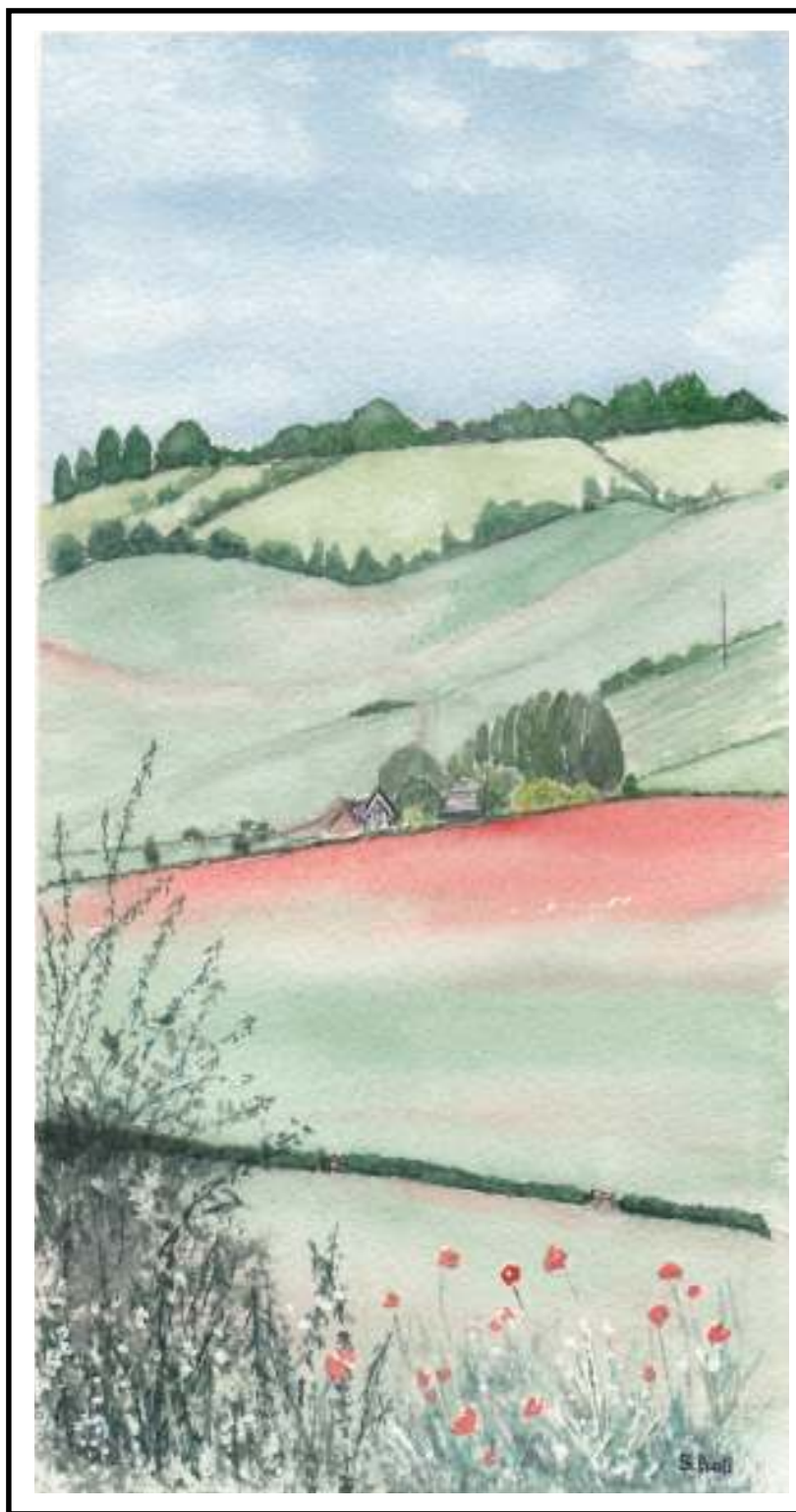


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Welcome to the August Edition of Hallmark



Wayne was wonderful, the rain held off (mainly) and the streets were full of parties.

There cannot be many villages our size that managed to arrange six separate street parties.

A fantastic effort - well done everyone! I think this shows that if we can get people's interest then there are lots of people willing and happy to get involved and organise things. We do have lots of community spirit, it's just a question of getting people engaged and mobilised.

It's been wonderful to hear how much people enjoyed themselves - I keep hearing people saying "when can we do it again"

I would particularly like to thank Jenny Stothard who put together the programme, organised Wayne, the dancers and some of the musical events. She put a massive effort into this.

Jenny, Rosemary Mortham and Margaret Gray also liaised with all the people organising the street parties and made sure everyone knew what was happening overall.

Thanks also to Norman Tyler for continuing to supply us with photographs - and thanks to all the other contributors as well.

Finally, thank you all for your donations to the running cost of Hallmark - these enable us to produce the magazine and provide a little bit of support for the Village Hall.

Mike Piercy
Editor

Harvest Time

The combine sails the sea of corn working all day till night from morn.

Oil levels and belts have all been checked failure now is harvest wrecked.

While rain holds off the crop is dry so the hungry machine goes rumbling by.

What took many to reap and thrash now takes one man in a single pass.

Golden fields of ripened wheat will soon make the bread for all to eat.

So do not moan if delayed on the road by tractors and trailers or a wide load.

There will be no rest till the fields are clear harvest is home for another year.

CB

Maize Maze

Unfortunately, due to the terrible weather we are unable to run the maze during 2012, but plan to re-open in July 2013.

The excessive rain has negatively impacted the maize plants to such

an extent that we are uncertain how they will grow on in the season. We would never want to reduce our customers' experience and therefore took the difficult decision not to open.

The Chiltern Society

This Spring, a team of volunteers from the Chiltern Society spent a day working on the footpaths in Lacey Green. We installed waymark posts and discs near

Stocken Farm, George Farm and Turnip End to make clear the footpath directions. We also installed a new metal gate on the path between the school and Sports Ground.

Police

On Thursday 16th August the local Police will be at Lacey Green Village Hall shop between 9.15 and 9.45 to listen to your thoughts on local police matters

Hopefully you'll not need to use the Risborough Police Counter Service anytime soon but you

should be aware that the Opening Hours have now changed.

The Risborough Police Counter is now only open from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Police Counters at High Wycombe and Aylesbury are open daily from 8.00am to 10.00pm every day

What's On

Sat Sept 1

Horts Club Show

Staging at 1.30pm

Wed Sept 19 8pm

"Bulbs, Corms, Tubers & Rhizomes"

Thurs Sept 27 9.30

MacMillan coffee morning

Sun Sept 30 12.45

Harvest Lunch

St John's School

Wed Oct 17 7.30

Village Quiz

Sat Nov 3 10.30

Windmill Artists Bistro

Wed Nov 14 7pm

Annual Pumpkin Competition & Supper Social

Nov 22-24

LGP Dinner Theatre in the Village Hall'

Youth Club

Village Hall 7.30pm

August 17 & 31

September 14 & 28

October 12 & 26

November 9 & 23

INVITATION TO THE VILLAGE QUIZ

Members of The Windmill Women's Institute would like to invite all villagers and those who use the Village Hall, to enter one or two teams of four people for this fun evening.

It will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 17 October 2012 at 7.30pm for a 7.45 start.

Entry is £2 per head

We shall also be raising money for the Village Hall by means of a raffle and a collection box, so please bring your spare coins and contribute generously to this very worthwhile cause.

For further information please contact either Mrs Pat Richards on 01844 345452 or Mrs Daphne Williams on 01494 562455

HARVEST LUNCH

St. John's Church Choir invite you on Sunday 30th. September at 12.45. for 1.00.p.m. in St. John's School Hall.

Anyone is welcome. A special Harvest three course lunch will be served, followed by tea or coffee, at a cost of £12 per head, (Children under 11 £5).

You might like to make up a table of 8 or 10.

Tickets are available from any choir member, or from Ann Eden 01494 563386.

Please book early, as numbers are limited.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

You are invited by the Thursday Village Coffee Morning Folk who will be raising money for the Macmillan Cancer Support at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Thursday 27th September from 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Admission £1.50 including coffee and biscuits There will be stalls including Bring and Buy, Cakes, Produce, Handbags, Cards and more.

We do hope you will support this event.

Jill Baker 01844-275442 and Joy Lawrence 01844-346715

WINDMILL ARTISTS EXHIBITION AND BISTRO

This popular annual Art Exhibition and Bistro will once again be held in Lacey Green Village Hall on Saturday 3rd November from 10.30 - 4.00pm

As usual the all day Bistro will be there to serve morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea and we

look forward to seeing you at this sociable village event where a variety of works of art will be on display.

Put the date in your diary now!!

National Mills Day

Lacey Green Windmill had a successful National Mills Day on Sunday 13th May. Most importantly, we had a dry day, and we fitted a pair of sail-cloths in the morning. The sails turned rather reluctantly in a light wind, but by lunchtime the wind had picked up and kept the sails turning at a good speed all afternoon.



We had 186 visitors inside the windmill during the day, and as usual on that day, many hundreds of others walked up the drive to see the sails turning, visit the Horticultural Society's Plant Stall, and this year were also able to sample the products of a local producer of apple juice from Drovers Hill Farm.

For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we opened on three afternoons, over which we had 98 visitors despite two of the afternoons being very wet.

We had decided to dress the windmill for the occasion with bunting, but I also added a couple of Union Jacks on the top sails. There were plenty of flags flying locally, but as the windmill is on ground 745 feet above sea level, and these flags were 55 feet above the ground, I think that they must have been amongst the highest flags for many miles around, flying at 800 feet above sea level.

Many thanks to John Burnett and Bob Gosling for helping me to put the decorations on the windmill on the Friday, and remove them on the Wednesday.

For the end of our 2012 season, we will be open from 2 to 5 on Sundays (and Bank Holiday Monday 27th August) until Sunday 30th September.

Admission is £2 per adult and £1 per child aged 5 to 15. For further details, please see our website at www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk or telephone 01844 275871.

There is a new information board in the windmill for 2012 showing the vast difference in scale (and potential power output) between a historic windmill and a modern wind turbine.

There are other display boards showing how millstones operate, how grain and flour would move around the windmill, the



dimensions of the windmill, details of the patent sails that the windmill had in its last working years, and a map aimed at showing the number and importance of local mills.

There is also a large display showing the history of the windmill since its earliest machinery was built around 1650, and how it was developed to keep up with new technologies until it fell out of use around 1915. Its decline over many years, despite some repairs being done is also detailed, and the major restoration of the windmill since 1971.

All these are in the basement (or meal floor), the three upper floors are deliberately kept as closely as possible to how the mill would have looked when it was operating.

Michael G Hardy

Hon Secretary, Lacey Green Windmill Restoration Committee

T@3
Village Hall
September 12
October 10
November 14

Parish Council
Sept 3 7.30 at Speen
Oct 1 7.30 Lacey Green
Nov 5 7.30 at Speen

Mobile Library Service
Eastlands 12:05 to 12:20
August 8 & 22
September 5 & 19
October 3, 17 & 31

The Black Horse



I am sitting here in my office wondering what news I have to tell you all at Lacey Green. The rain is pouring down, the sky looks very dark and there is no sign of the sun.

That's how it was for us at Jubilee. We arranged a BBQ for the Sunday and the Monday but it was very, very quiet due to the weather on the Sunday and everybody going to street parties on the Monday. I am glad from what I hear they were all a great success and a lot of fun was had by all.

It was one of my longest running staff's 60th birthday. So we held a surprise birthday bash for Janet at Lacey Green village hall. We had a great night, many of her friends and locals came. Plenty of dancing and fun was had by all.

It was Connie Baker's 104th birthday and we celebrated it with a cake at the community lunch at the Black Horse. She looks amazing and Connie reckons it's all to do with plenty of cabbage.

Also I have to mention another one of my staff Tina, she has given up smoking and we are all very proud of her as we thought it would be an absolute no-no. She may be grumpy now but at least she isn't smoking and being grumpy keeps the chef company!

Well done to my summer dart team run by Diane, they won a game this month! Congratulations, you would have thought they had won a gold medal. Well done to the Black Horse B dom and crib team for coming runners up to the Whip this year.

A little band of girlies Lisa, Tina, Pam, Wendy and myself did Walk For Life on the Rye (see photo below). We raised over £500 for breast cancer. Well done girls I am really proud of you. Thank you to everybody who sponsored us.

We had to close for a couple of days to have a new bar fitted. We now have a really nice wooden bar as the picture shows. We now have our 4 real ales displayed so everyone can see them; these are changed every fortnight to put new beers on. Brakspears is on all the time as this is our house real ale. We now have two ciders, three lagers, Guinness and four real ales on tap.

It was really sad when one of the young villagers past away from a short illness. He will be missed especially by his friends and family. Rest In Peace Pete.

Look at the blackboards outside for coming events, not sure what's happening in the next couple of months it all depends on the weather! I hope everybody has a good summer.

Lynne and Ian



Happy Wanderers

The other side of the coin – 1 July

Only five of us turned up on this occasion, and one of these almost missed it by getting lost en route to the start. Was it the seven stiles, or is there something I should know about?

We started at The Old Swan, in Swan Bottom. Down the road, and over the first stile opposite Cygnet Cottage and into a narrow field then right down a path to cross the road in Swan Bottom, and up a slight upwards slope to an unnamed wood. Left and then right along a path leading to The Lee (Posh).

Immediately after this the intrepid walk leader gave everyone an extra journey by completely missing the right turn on to the path across the open field, and then having to retract our steps to find it. Well, the grass was quite long, the footpath sign almost hidden behind a hedge and the footpath itself barely discernible.

However, after that it was plain sailing with a walk through fields of blue flax up to Kings Ash – very attractive, and a nice change from yellow rape. The path passed through one or two very pleasant private house gardens to then run alongside woodland where a possible short cut was left strictly alone.

Thence into the woodland (Concord), and down a longish slope eventually running alongside a sunken track (Hogtrough Lane) and down to the most North-westerly point of the walk to meet the Ridgeway. We turned back along the Ridgeway, for an uphill climb and a fairly muddy track almost all in woodland.

Tony Molesworth



The first side of the coin - 29 January

I don't remember how many turned up for this walk, but I think it was about 25, which was good.

This walk also started at The Old Swan, and for the first 10 minutes or so, followed the same route described for the other side of the coin.

This route then took us along the main street, with some very attractive old houses, and then left into Crockets Lane. We followed a path through more woods, crossing at a road junction to a longish walk through fields and finally a short climb up to another road (Arrewig Lane). We turned right towards Erriwig Farm (what names!), and then immediately left following a path to enter Lady Grove wood, where we turned left for a long steady climb to the most northerly point of the walk, in Stonehill wood. Left again for a short climb up to Old Brun's Farm.

Some took the short route directly back to the Old Swan, others followed the leader along a couple of paths, the last section of which passed through a private garden. Thence into the pub for an excellent lunch.

Sunday 27th May

Eighteen Happy Wanderers met at the war memorial in Waddesdon for our usual Sunday morning walk.

The morning was bright sunny as we left the High Street and took the path past the garden centre towards Westcott. This is where the old railway line ran which was used by Waddesdon Manor, it joined the Brill tramway at Westcott.

However, before Westcott village we turned left on a path heading for Windmill Hill farm, enjoying a wide panorama of distant views towards Bicester. Just before the farm we turned north making our way through part of the Park back to the village.

Some of us then took lunch at The Long Dog Inn to complete a very pleasant morning.

Many thanks to Rita and Thornley Bryant for leading the walk.

Ron Goodearl

Windmill Under 5s Preschool

Thankfully the awful weather has not dampened spirits at Windmills this summer term. The children have explored quite a variety of themes, from farming and baby animals through to music. Louisa brought in her violin for the children to have a go on themselves, and they made some loud, shaking and banging kinds of musical instruments to take home (lucky parents!). The fun continued with the creation of a giant yellow sub-marine, which was made while learning about life under the sea.

Jubilee Party and Fete

Windmills had a wonderful Prince and Princess's Jubilee Party and St. John's reception class was invited, all were dressed very royally, with gorgeous home made sparkly crowns of course. The pre-school looked fantastic with lots of bunting and all the children had a great time. St John's reception class sent a beautiful book of drawings about the day as a 'thank you', which was very much appreciated.

We had a little stall at the village Jubilee fete, and we managed to raise £95 in only a couple of hours, big thanks to all parents who contributed great stuff to sell, Jude for making such a good 'lucky dip' and Heather who helped throughout.

Keeping Healthy

Themes after half term continued with keeping healthy and looking after our bodies, there was a hospital role-play area and a fantastic hairdresser's – lucky teachers had their hair done several times in some amazing styles. There was an emphasis on exercise and health and plenty of dancing and trips to the play park. Connected to this was 'healthy foods' and a fruit and veg shop was made. The five senses were explored with things being 'smelled' at circle time and 'felt' in a mysterious large box.

Summer? BBQ

The annual BBQ, which is the pre-school's main fundraising event, went ahead despite storm clouds (what day hasn't had them!) and the Peppa Pig bouncy castle endured the downpours and was great fun, thanks to Sarah who did a brilliant job gathering the raffle prizes which were generously given by some local businesses. A grand total of £446 was raised, which will go towards a much-needed new carpet, being fitted by the Sports Club soon. Paul, Colin and Simon did an amazing job keeping the BBQ going under the umbrellas and with the help of many other parents too we managed to have a lot of fun.

Goodbyes and Thanks

Now the end of term is upon us, and we are all are looking forward to the Olympic Party on the last day. 22 children are heading off to big school, and it will be very sad to say goodbye but we really wish them all the best for the next big step.

On the committee we are losing Heather who has been a fantastic support, not only as Treasurer but also undertaking other valuable roles such as face painter at the BBQ! Also going is Johanna who has been the Secretary and again very generous with her time, she came in to tell the children all about Sweden. Lastly, we will also be saying goodbye to two valuable staff members, Sam and Keely, both have been very much loved by the children and will be really missed, we wish them well. They along with Angela, Louisa, Annie and Elise have made it an excellent year at Windmills!

So many parents have helped at the pre-school this year too, with everything from preparing snacks to painting sheds, to setting up the pre-school on Sundays, it is appreciated enormously by everyone – Thank You!

Kay Bolton - Chair



Horticultural Society

In the last Hallmark I was worried about hosepipe bans and now in July we have too much rain! We seem to be living in extreme weather times after the hottest Spring and wettest June, who knows what we will be facing in the next few months. The weather is bringing out all the slugs and snails and grass grows so fast and is so wet we can't cut it.

However, the intrepid garden lovers amongst us rolled up in wet weather gear for a day out at Waterperry Gardens one Sunday in June. Walking through the river that ran down Woodway to pick up the coach at the Millennium Hall we never dreamt that the afternoon would be hot and sunny, but were rewarded for our stoicism!

The gardens were full of beautiful borders, old roses and perennials for sun and shade, which were classic examples of traditional English planting. Added to this we were treated to a range of stalls selling magnificent plants from specialist Delphinium growers to unusual alpinas, perennials and shrubs. The back of the coach became a nursery for everyone's plants on the way home and all



arrived back safely in bright sunshine at the village hall.

As well as the plant sale Waterperry has a museum of old and interesting artefacts, including sheep, Wellington boots and agricultural machinery. We spent a happy afternoon wandering through the gallery and exhibits enjoying a marvellous cream tea before returning.

The weather has played havoc with our vegetables and no one is very sure what we will have to

show in September for our annual produce show.

However, we hope that you will join in and enter something. The show schedules were sent with the previous edition of Hallmark and if you have lost your copy we have one on the village web site. An extra class for photography has been added this year, so we hope to have a few more people demonstrating their expertise, do come and join in.

Alison Shreeve





LGP would like to apologise for this summer's weather so far. The weather gods clearly had it in for LGP when we announced in the previous Hallmark that we were to perform in the open air for our Theatre at Home production in June.

We did have some rehearsals out of doors when the weather was kind in March! But as soon as June appeared on the horizon the rain came down and all our performances had to be indoors.

Undaunted LGP carried on regardless and performed "Alarms and Excursions" by Michael Frayn plus other excerpts of poetry, songs and music. Our magnificent audiences turned up trumps as well with some of them even thinking that we might be performing outside even though the rain was hammering down and the temperature was hovering about the 10°C mark!

As well as performing plays we also served supper for the evening performances and tea for the Sunday afternoon. Our photos (kindly taken by Norman Tyler) show some of the action from the Sunday performance.

And the end result was that, with your help, LGP has sent cheques of £200 each to our two local charities for this summer, namely "Royal Mencap Society" to help with their work at their house in Stratton Road, Princes Risborough and "Community Christmas Lunch" – a project in Aylesbury to provide a good Christmas Day's food and entertainment for those who are on their own or cannot provide for themselves.

With these contributions LGP has now raised just over £49,000 for charities since we started nearly 30 years ago. And now we want to reach £50,000 this year – read on.

At the end of November the Village Hall will once again resound to the sound of the LGP annual dinner theatre.

But this year it will be rather different. "Oh no it won't! Oh yes it will!" That's right - we are planning to perform a pantomime for the first time. But it will be a pantomime with a difference. Not your usual Cinderella, Snow White or Babes in the Wood. Oh no – this will be a panto (for all ages) as you've never seen panto before.

Written and devised by LGP, this panto will include many characters and references from those well-known other pantos just to confuse you but it will also include more than the usual audience participation.

You won't be called upon to just sing along with the audience song, your table will be asked to solve the LGP Pantomime Mystery. A Pantocrime has been committed and you will be asked to solve it. And there will be prizes!

So please make a note in your diaries for Thursday, Friday, & Saturday November 22nd, 23rd and 24th at the Village Hall. As well as the usual dinner theatres we may also put on a matinee on the Saturday – see our posters nearer the time or keep looking at our website at www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk during September for more details.

Tickets will be available from September – please contact 01844 347518 or 01844 344207. And, of course, if you want to join LGP, now is the time. There will be plenty of parts available and plenty of help needed backstage etc.

Peter Brookhouse



Sports Club: Cricket section

When, in the previous Hallmark, I wrote that the start of the cricket season would see the end of the drought, I little realised how prophetic it would turn out to be.

Remarkably, to date (Mid July) only two league matches, so far, have been washed out. True, conditions haven't been great with slow pitches and a cold half-gale blowing across the grounds not making it very pleasant for the players - or the umpires! We supporters, too (All four or five of us) have had to huddle in our cars to keep warm.

Still, that's England. Would we have it any other way? Don't all shout at once!

Both teams have made a poor start to the season. It seems to be the norm these days. The only reason I can think of to explain this is lack of pre-season practice. I would guess that most of our players never touch a bat or ball from the end of one season to the start of the next.

Surely it's not beyond the wit of the players to arrange some pre-season limited-overs matches a couple of evenings or even a Sunday match or two in April if the weather's decent. It's the best practice there is - out in the middle. It can be all 1st or 2nd XI or a mixture of both. We used to do it and the games were very popular with the players and were very well supported. An added bonus, if the matches were played on our ground, it was great for the bar-takings!

I'm sure if it was suggested to Downley, Prestwood, Hampden or even Monks Risborough they would love to take part. Then there are the factory teams in and around High Wycombe that play

friendly and K.O. Cup matches. Try it; it gives the senior players practice and is good experience for the younger players, everyone gets a chance to show what they can do with bat and ball. And, of course, it's a good way to sharpen up the fielding.

I wrote that both teams had made poor starts to the season but fortunately they have started to perform a little better now. In Division 1 the 1st XI have won four, lost three, had one losing draw and three matches rained off. At present they are in seventh place in the table. I've noticed some of the bowling has improved slightly in accuracy in the last couple of matches and they seemed to have picked up a very good wicket-keeper - essential for any team.

The 2nd XI's record is poor. In Division 2 they have only managed to win two matches, lost five, had one winning draw and three washed out. But, as I always point out, it's never easy for a second team when the 1st XI, naturally, has the pick of players. But it was good to see in their last couple of games a couple of our veterans getting their heads down and battling away and in the last match played Bob Dell turning out to post a valuable forty runs.

Incidentally, mentioning Bob, talking to a couple of friends while we were watching a match we did a count of the number of players who were playing last season and who are now for various reasons not turning out. The total, amazingly came to more than a full team. What a team we could have if they were all available!

Unfortunately, watching a 2nd XI match recently it was quite obvious that half the team would

have been better off playing rounders. But a 2nd XI captain has little choice. He's just grateful to get eleven bodies on to the field. I know people have all sorts of commitments but it would help to ensure we still have a cricket team for future generations if some could find time to turn out, even if just now and then.

Without the cricketers and all the work they put in there would be no sports ground for youngsters to play safely - just long grass and bushes. Or fifty houses.

I've just been told that today's matches have been cancelled (July 14th) due to waterlogged pitches. So that makes three matches each team has lost so far this season. I wonder how many more?

In my playing days wives, sisters, girl friends and some unattached to anyone at the club would come to the ground on Saturday afternoons and prepare tea for the players - all on a voluntary basis.

Now, I've just realised, the ladies occupy the main positions in the club. We have Club Secretary, Steph, Chairperson, Jane and Cricket Secretary, Christine - all unpaid, I must add. And they are all doing a grand job. We have Women's Lib in Lacey Green!

Regarding the Mid Bucks Knockout Cup Competition it has been difficult to keep up to date with so many matches being postponed due to the inclement weather. I believe a coin had to be tossed in some cases. All I can definitely report is that both of our teams are through to the semi-finals.

Geoff Gomme



Parish Council meetings are held each month, alternately in Lacey Green and Speen (see bottom of page 5). Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting and may listen to the proceedings.

A 10-minute period before the start of the meeting is normally set-aside for members of the public to raise any issues of concern to them. Regrettably, we don't have too many visitors, and it would be nice to see a few more from time to time.

At every meeting, there are always planning applications to consider, the Parish Council being one of the statutory consultees. However, it must be remembered that the PC is not the planning authority and therefore has limited influence.

We do try to use the Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Design Statement and the Parish Plan, both of these making references to various aspects of housing development.

We have made no decision on the matter of a neighbourhood development plan, and although we invited comments and submissions on this topic from Parish residents, none have yet been received. In the light of my comments below about the loss of yet another pub, perhaps it may generate some interest.

Recent activities have included work, planned or in hand, on the bus shelters, the Garden of Rest, the children's playground and the council website. A memorial will be built later this year in the

Garden of Rest, and will incorporate the memorial plaques with the names of members of the Methodist Church who gave their lives in the World War. There will also be a seat for visitors to the Garden.

The Council's website has been out of action since the end of 2011, and a new Webmaster has been appointed to set up a new website. We hope to have this operational within the next month or so.

Some of you may have seen the recent newspaper article and correspondence concerning the Live and Let public house in Booker Common. This was closed and a planning application submitted for replacement by housing.

Nothing unusual, it is taking place all over the country. Pubs are often seen as a valuable community asset and there was considerable local support for the pub to be retained. The planning committee of Wycombe District Council were tempted to not agree with the application. There was a 50:50 vote the committee chairman reluctantly giving his casting vote in favour of the application.

What was interesting was the advice from the planning staff of the Council that an appeal against an adverse decision by the Council could involve the Council in expensive costs. It seems that the Council is unable to protect a community facility even if it wishes to do so, in this case because the proposed application

did not contravene the Council's own planning policies. You would think, wouldn't you, that a District Council would be able to decide on what facilities should exist within its borders? But it seems that it's not so easy.

You will have seen recent news indicating that the government is considering applying 40 mph limits on rural roads. As a sometime cyclist, I do have some sympathy with the concept, although I suspect that it won't endear itself to most motorists.

If applied universally, it might perhaps eliminate one of the many speed limits that presently exist and cause such confusion (30, 50, 40, 30, 40, 30, 50, 40, 30 from Lacey Green to High Wycombe).

As a fairly recent attendant at a speed awareness course (I was doing 36 mph, where the limit is 30), I did learn a few things. One is that there is no great advantage in going faster than the limit. The time saved is hardly worthwhile, and you may find yourself on the receiving end of a summons.

Even if you think that the arbitrary limit in any particular location is inappropriate, you might just as well stay within the limit. Try it – it works.

Cllr Tony Molesworth

On the Farm

20th July and if you think the farmers always grumble about the weather, well, 2012 looks like being the worst for years so I am about to prove you right. First drought, then flooding caused many events to be cancelled.

Here, our summer holiday maize maze went, and three/four day events such as The Yorkshire Show, The Game Fair, in the Midlands, Steam rallies to name but a few. Also many one day events had the plug pulled, all causing havoc for organisers, competitors, stall holders and public alike and wasting vast sums of money in planning and set-up costs.

Stocken Farm has had it's difficulties. At least we don't get flooded. Note, one good point! But the ground is often saturated beyond use. The milking cows are still in winter yards, disruptive for them and expensive for us.

The maize was planted three weeks late in a brief dry gap followed by wet and cold which it hates. Now when we should be opening the maize maze tomorrow it is sparse and barely knee high when it should be over waist, hence the cancellation. Another forty acres have been lost, either it didn't germinate, was pulled up by rooks or eaten by slugs.

T@3

On 20th of June a group of ten had an enjoyable afternoon exploring two gardens open in aid of Scannappeal.

We appreciated the fine weather in this strange summer. Such a contrast between a cottage garden and one which had a moat, arboretum, rose and vegetable plots and formal area

Several other fields of maize, grown for winter feed as silage are stunted and look like yielding very little. It should get to eight feet high when harvested but no way will it get there. At the end of May, the first cut grass silage was on time. Ironically, heat wave conditions virtually turned it into hay in one day, when we only want it to wilt. Second cut is now three weeks late (too wet) and the quality is deteriorating fast. Hay making, ideally in June looks like being nearly August, but by then quality is lost. Milling wheat, for bread making is showing signs of fungus it has been damp so long, downgrading it to cattle feed.

We also have a double whammy of milk prices coming down and feed (grain) prices going up. We do grow wheat as well. Unfortunately with such poor crops for winter conservation we will have to purchase more feed to get us through. It will have to be imported and world market prices have risen to record highs for the time being. Milk prices have already been slashed by 2p litre. It may not sound much but imagine a big tanker full every day. On August 1st another 2p cut should come into effect. The crisis caused has been brought up in parliament and last week about three thousand dairy farmers went

to Westminster from all over the U.K. There are not that many dairy farmers and they cannot easily leave their cows for a day. It speaks for itself how desperate they are feeling. Apart from manufacturing all milk goes through dairies to supermarkets. Currently the good guys are Tesco, Sainsbury, M & S, and Waitrose paying cost of production. Others could be up to 6p less. Dairy farmers have been leaving the industry faster and faster over recent years. Will this become a mass exodus? I fear it might. They are an endangered species. In 1996 there were 34,570 dairy farmers, latest figures give 14,500, a loss of over 20,000.

I like to end on an up-beat thought. I asked Richard if there was anything good I could report. He said 'Er,um' and his reply tailed off. So I guess that sums it all up.

Today the school breaks up for the summer. Surely the sun must shine after all we have weathered. I do hope so. I am sorry I won't have the maze to meet you - I shall miss that - but next year all being well I look forward to seeing you there, meanwhile I wish everyone a great summer.

Joan West

around the house as well as somewhere for tea.

Our last meeting broke all records with thirty four people. It was rather special being the day before Connie Baker's 104th birthday! As a treat for her we had sandwiches as well as cake.

Some of the Lacey Green Singers and children from the school sang for us including a small group of children with a special song "Mrs Baker, a hundred and four." Of course there was also a special cake and fizz.

These afternoons will continue over the summer, see page 5 for dates

Sports Club: Tennis Section

Quite a lot of tennis has been played despite the wet and generally unpredictable weather. There has been a mix of senior match play in the Aylesbury and District Tennis league, less formal friendly matches against Speen, girls and boys playing in the Buckinghamshire AEGON Team Tennis and a couple of internal club tournaments.

The recent senior ladies and mixed doubles matches have been challenging and the results reflect the difference between us and the larger clubs who have more players available. For us, it has been a challenge just simply putting a team of 4 together for some of our mixed matches. The ladies teams have fared better, winning and drawing a number of matches home and away. As they have around 8 players to call upon and play together once or twice each week they are more consistent. They have also entertained Speen tennis ladies to friendly tournaments, edging a closely fought victory on the first occasion and an outright win on the second meeting. We had too few men available to enter a Men's team this year and next year will be another close call without a few more men committing to play more often.

The profile of junior competitive tennis has really taken off with Georgia Morris and Rebecca Malden winning the AEGON County Division 2 round robin comprising 5 clubs. Apart from an early defeat by High Wycombe, (5-2 in sets) the girls won every other tie including an outright win (without dropping a set) against Richings Park at home on 16 June. This was an important victory as their opponents finished their series with exactly the same

number of points. Overall, the girls won 8 from 12 matches played and were undefeated in all their doubles matches. The reward will be a personalized pennant to hang in the club house.

Well done, Rebecca and Georgia, be proud of your achievement and a great result. The boy's team comprising Sam King, Piers Malden and Olly Eades had stiff competition in the Under 16 Division 2b giving way to older players with more experience. Well done, though, to Sam in picking up a straight sets singles victory (6-3, 6-3) against Chalfont St Giles on 26 May. The boys also played a friendly doubles tournament against Princes Risborough on 8 July and managed a draw without missing too much of the Wimbledon men's final!

As the juniors move on, the club will need to bring on younger players. We are looking to introduce a mini-tennis programme aimed at 5-11 year olds with sessions on a Saturday morning starting in September. If your children are interested in tennis or looking for a sport then please look out for more information on our mini-tennis and let the club know if you are interested so we can send you details. Also the club's head coach Steve Bell is running 2 summer camps during the holidays between 13-23 August 2012 for children between the ages of 5 and 16 years – all about fun. Members and non-members children can apply – contact the club for details.

Aside from playing tennis, the club was allocated 12 pairs of tickets for Wimbledon this year including a pair for the men's final. Ticket pairs were allocated to everyone

who made a bid - worth bearing in mind when we get next year's allocation.

A surprising discovery recently of the original tennis club Minutes Book and correspondence gives an interesting insight into how the club was founded in 1962 and development to 1982-83. On 4 July 1962, the Sports Club formed a Tennis section. Mr W Lacey chaired the inaugural meeting and formed a committee comprising R Biggs - Secretary, G May - Treasurer and 3 other members: A Luxford, E Mines and G Baker. Annual subscriptions were set at 20/- (£1) for seniors and 10/- (50p) for juniors. The one and only court was built in September 1962 at a cost of £900 with grants of £300 from the Ministry of Education and £600 from the Sports Club. Whilst having only one court, the club used other private courts around the village for league fixtures. Membership in 1965 was 18 seniors and 12 juniors. With a tremendous fund-raising effort and various grants, the original court was resurfaced and the second and third courts were built in the early 1980's on land generously donated by the late Mr John West. Issues discussed at the early AGMs concerned the state of the court, grass cutting, nettles, tournaments, social evenings, and of course much needed fund-raising for court repairs and improvement. Sounds familiar - some things never change – apart from the subscriptions!

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Jubilee Street Parties

This Jubilee supplement celebrates the seven Street Parties that were held across Lacey Green and Loosley Row on the Diamond Jubilee Monday. They range from the massive event in Loosley Row through to the intimate events in the centre of the village.

Goodacres

"Well!" I announced to my family at the breakfast table. "It looks as if it's going to be Plan B:- off to the Millennium Hall." At that very moment the door-bell rang and the visitor asked -"Is that car in the lane belonging to someone here? Could you move it please we're erecting the food tent!"

Sure enough Goodacres Lane was in action!

Shirley's splendid banner was hung high across the entrance to the road and Sarah's life-sized figures of the Queen and Prince Phillip were placed on a bench in the garden of her family's fabulously decorated house. Not to be outdone our new residents contributed a bouncy castle for the youngsters and before long a barbeque was placed either end of the Lane for sausages and chicken.

The fun was planned to begin with Pimms in the garden of 'Millbrooke' but the rain had reduced the farm track approach into a series of small lakes so the Pimms and glasses were carried next to the food tent and served in

Whatever the size, it is clear that lots of people had lots of fun and there was a great amount on creativity and ingenuity shown. Thanks to everybody who made it a great time.

Editor

great style by Tom Gabbitas - so clutching icy Pimms the party began. Gratefully this was accompanied by fresh hot homemade Cornish pasties made by Vicky.

Before long the food tent was heaving with a delicious 'bring-and-share' buffet and so seated at our garden furniture with wine organised by Ed we all munched, laughed and chatted through the day. Entertainment was provided by a team of visiting country dancers and music set up by Clive with the the finale in the Stothard's garden by the conjurer with his wonderful balloons. Then with the loyal toast we called it a day.

P.S. (The weather did finally put a chilly damper on the cheese course, so undefeated a cheese and wine party was held at Goodacres house on the following Sunday!)

Thank you everyone for making our Queen's Jubilee a day to remember.

Jean Gabbitas

Loosley Row

What an amazing, successful 'Jubilee Street Party' we had, and the best day of weather, during the whole bank holiday weekend!

It was held in Lower Road, Loosley Row where the street was closed off from Loosley Hill down to Woodway. We had a long, quarter of a mile stretch to spread out and revel in the celebrations.

The day started at 12noon, and was opened by our most senior resident, Mrs Connie Baker, wielding her own 'Olympic torch'! we then all sang the first verse of the National Anthem.

Shortly after the opening, we were treated by the flyby of 'Alvin the Chipmunk' aircraft, which was built and piloted by resident David Spicer.

All the residents brought a traditional 'bring and share' picnic, quite an extravagant picnic, with a delicious variety of platters on the tables, including warm roasted British beef, helped along with Pimms and 'Jubilee' Ale from the Chiltern Brewery.

After a plentiful lunch, later in the day, we enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea, with scones and cakes. All the incredibly artistic and mouth watering cakes had been made by residents entering them into the cake baking competition, which gave the judges a difficult job!

This was the first time that Loosley Row community have held a street party of their own and it gave residents, old and new, a great opportunity to meet, chat and reminisce.

The 'History Corner' was a particular success, including many old photographs and memorabilia, from days gone by in the village. Other events of the day included a treasure hunt, pony rides, children's jubilee races, crown making, a village quiz, a grand raffle, children's musical mayhem, and live singing and entertaining from our star musician Martin Sutton and resident DJ, Jim Maynard.

The money we raised through raffle ticket sales will go Mercy Ships, Help for Heroes, and Florence Nightingale Hospice. All in all, we had a fantastic day, it was a perfect way to celebrate the 'Queens Diamond Jubilee'!

We hope some of these pictures reflect our most 'jubilant' day! The photo in the bottom corner shows our oldest resident Connie, with the youngest of the day Lily, 2weeks old!

The organisers would like to thank everyone who helped in many different ways, the Parish Council for their support and bunting, and all the residents for joining in!

Sarah Halliday



Kiln Lane

The residents of Kiln Lane will use any excuse for a party, but this was the biggest and best so far. They were joined by residents from Hets Orchard and a few visitors from elsewhere in the village.

Planning had begun months before. Rather than holding a street party in the lane, the event was held in a field, where a "tent city" provided by the scouts was erected. A large number of volunteers helped Philip Baker and his sons put this up on the Saturday, and a great time was had by all.

On the Monday, Mike Williams provided a small tractor and trailer to transport tables, chairs, food and drink direct from people's homes. Mike Piercy and his trusty team organised the barbecue, Chris Roberts and helpers set up the bar, and the ladies presided over an absolute mountain of delicious food.

Everyone arrived at 12 noon for the opening performed by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cathryn. We were lucky with the weather, and in spite of two small showers, many people preferred to remain outside, enjoying the beautiful scenery, and watching the children on the bouncy castle and football game.

After an enormous meal, Wayne Wonder arrived with his balloons. The adults enjoyed this almost as much as the children, who each received some balloon art to take home. Anyone needing a quiet sit down was invited to coffee at the home of Gavin and Cher Mole, where they could enjoy live music, and listen to Gabriella sing.

During the afternoon, the gardens of Malmsmead and Walnut Cottage were open. It was a joy to stroll around these two very contrasting gardens, one making a feature of the beautiful scenery, and the other full of colour and features. Across the road at Pondside, the dancing group from Chinnor were entertaining.

At 4.00 p.m. everyone reassembled on the field to share the Jubilee cake, and toast the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This was also an opportunity to celebrate the birthdays of Joyce Delnevo and Pat Richards.

Finally, some very professional photos were taken of the whole group. What a lovely memory to look back on in years to come!

Thanks are due to everyone who worked so hard to make this a really perfect day. Everyone is asking when the next one will be!

Rosemary Mortham



Church Flowers & History

A display of Jubilee flowers and a History Exhibition were held in the church. The exhibition featured the major royal events from the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria to that of our present Queen, and compared them with what was happening in our villages at the same time.

The Fete, which was scheduled to be in the Vicarage garden on Saturday afternoon had to be

moved to the school, due to bad weather.

The church also hosted an excellent concert by Lacey Green Singers and a Songs of Praise for the whole village.

All were well supported and the weekend was a great success.

Our thanks go to everyone who helped. £1,025.20 was raised for the church.

Roundlands

On Monday 4th June, the residents of Eastlands and Roundlands gathered on the green to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

With marquees, flags, bunting and tables decked in red, white and blue, it all looked very festive. Everyone brought food to share and it all looked wonderful, especially the beautiful jubilee cake and cup cakes!

At 12 noon the party kicked off with a visit from Wayne the entertainer, who kept children (and some of the adults!) entertained for a good hour. There was some wonderful balloon sculptures produced.

Then at 1pm everyone sat down to eat, and luckily the few drops of rain that we had did not last for long. Soon the sun was shining and we were all enjoying the

wonderful feast to the accompaniment of music from through the years! There was plenty to keep everyone amused through the afternoon with a jubilee quiz, guess the baby competition and crown making for the children.

We were delighted to receive a visit from the Jane Austin Dancers, who entertained us with their dancing and soon many of us were joining in! The children all loved the elephant and crocodile dance!

The fun carried on into the early evening, the weather got better and better and everyone really enjoyed the fellowship and the chance to get to know their neighbours. Everyone agreed it had been a lovely occasion.

Jenny King





Jane Austen Dancers' tour

Most of the leading dance troupes kick off their careers with a tour of Europe or America. Having been dancing together for nearly 2 years we decided that we wanted to follow this tradition, so on the Monday of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend, we set off on a whirlwind tour of Lacey Green.

The delights of the crocodile and elephant dance were experienced in Roundlands along with the sunshine, with lots of people able to join in on the grassy area. Nathalie deserves a star for being the youngest dancer, at 4 years, although never being quite sure whether she was a crocodile or an elephant!



We started with a hearty picnic lunch at Goodacres Lane where our performances began to an appreciative audience. Sadly no time to sample the many sweet treats as we, leaving the Goodacres Lane crowd, (a proper British street party with their umbrellas, in the rain, but still smiling,) hot footed it to Woodfields.

We finished off at Pondside in Kiln Lane, where many people managed to tear themselves away from the delights of the field, and the music at Cher's to appreciate our Grand Finale. Madeleine Smith managed to display her Lancashire Clog dancing, which did seem to worry a small dog, but earned a resounding clap from the audience.



Here we danced in the centre of an arena made up of round wooden tables with parasols. Bette, amongst others, joined in with gusto, embarrassing some of the more experienced dancers with her natural ability and great energy. The dancers were then forced to accept refreshments by way of a large glass of Pimms. Sadly unable to stay for proffered cake (definitely best display of cakes here!)

For those of you worried I would like to reassure you that there was tea and cake left at Goodacres Lane. Next summer we are booked for Towersey fete, but nothing will be a patch on the welcome we received on our first tour!

Jenny Stothard



Jubilee Cabaret

Thank you to all who attended the dinner cabaret on the Friday of the Diamond Jubilee weekend. We raised £750 for MacMillan nurses and are hoping this will become an annual event!

Thank you also to our efficient waiters and waitresses, Prya, Holly, Jonny, Thomas, Charlie and Sam and of course our Head waiter Billy, who kept them all in order.

Amy Stothard



The oldest Torch Bearer?

At the Loosley Row Jubilee street party, Connie Baker was able to parade the street with our own 'homemade' Olympic torch. Subsequently we were able to organise a special treat for her! She had the chance to hold the REAL Olympic torch yesterday at the Synter BMW Dealership in High Wycombe! The guys at BMW treated her like royalty,

and she thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. We later found out that the torch that Connie held, is the actual torch that Daniel Craig will light the Olympic flame with on the 'Olympic Opening Night'! What a way to start off Connie's 104th birthday celebrations this week! and doesn't she look radiant!



Meadowrise

Size didn't matter except when it came to the barbeque. At 2 o'clock our little group sat down in the street for tea and cake and spent an hour trying to solve '76 T in the BP' and several others like it.

After everyone woke up from their afternoon nap it was decided to barbeque in a back garden where we had a lovely view down

the valley and were entertained by a Red Kite taking off and landing from a very nearby tree. Amazingly it took off just as I tried to photograph it and didn't return.

Food and company proved to be excellent and I think we should do it every year in nicer weather.

Leigh Axe



Woodfield

We didn't let the forecast for rain deter us from us from holding our Woodfield street party. It was delightful to meet up with neighbours and friends in such a friendly atmosphere. Everyone was most generous with donations of food and the entertainment with the musicians and street dancers was most enjoyable.

I am sure the children enjoyed the bouncy castle provided by our new neighbours, Alison & Eddie. We also had guests from our Main Road, who couldn't have their own street party, and from Loosley Row. Sincere thanks to all those who made it such a successful party.

Bette Tyler



Dance your way to Well Being

Britain's best kept secret is that Movement and Dance is a fun and effective way to keep fit and active. There has been, in recent years, a renaissance concerning participation levels in movement and dance. The benefits are numerous - it is great way to build up your stamina and strength, so you don't get so tired and can keep going for longer. You find it is easier to reach up high and bend down low because you are more flexible and supple.

As we are all living longer our mental agility is taking on greater importance. Medical research is underpinning what, we in the dance world, have known for a long time, that movement and dance improves all your motor skills - coordination, balance, posture and reaction time. Challenging the brain-muscle link is vital to offsetting the ageing process.

Movement and Dance, because it's non-competitive, because it is an activity that involves meeting people and is performed to music, lifts the spirit. It is a great antidote

to loneliness, depression and stress. There are no barriers to participation. It is non-injurious and anyone can do it, from any age and up to any age.

Our bodies are designed to move and be active - we are not happy unless we are moving. We need to be stimulated, challenged and active. Movement and Dance is a fantastic way to achieve all this.

To find your nearest class, or even better to find out about becoming a Movement and Dance teacher just visit www.emdp.org/teacher-training or email trainingeng@emdp.org or call 01403 266000 or text "teachit" to 07551 656420.

If any readers are interested in bringing dance fitness to your community they might like to know about a forthcoming training course in Milton Keynes and our free "come and try" taster days in the area in September and October 2012. The taster days will allow people to find out more about the course content and

Level 3 qualification in Advanced Fitness Instructing and experience a typical class.

Our training has its roots in education and our teachers enjoy all the benefits of a freelance teacher with a national network behind them, without the huge financial commitment of a commercial franchise. The Keep Fit Association and the Fitness League are founder members of the Exercise Movement and Dance Partnership, the National Governing Body for Exercise, Movement and Dance, which is a non-profit making organisation delivering community based classes to adults and children of all ages and abilities. You will find us in the Sport England National Governing Bodies of recognised sports at http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/how_we_recognise_sports/recognised_sports.aspx under 'movement and dance'.

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County Council News



Superfast Broadband

Buckinghamshire County Council and Buckinghamshire Business First have together secured government funding to improve access in areas which currently have no broadband access or suffer very slow speeds.

You can do something about it today by visiting www.superfastforbucks.org and backing the Council's campaign to bring superfast broadband to Buckinghamshire. By registering your interest you will be helping the campaign to demonstrate to broadband providers that there is a demand for this service where you live. There is a help line if you are unable to register on line, please call 0845 3708090.

Energy from Waste (EfW)

With the ever increasing cost of landfill, the County Council has been looking at alternative ways to dispose of Buckinghamshire's waste. The initial response was to invest, with the Districts, in Recycling which now accounts for 45% of household waste.

Even with this success the projected rise in landfill tax from £11.6M per year to £16.5M per year by 2020, means that other

ways have to be found. The decision to invest in an 'Energy from Waste' plant seeks to provide the answer. By entering into a contract with FCC Environment which will provide a 300,00 tonnes EfW facility near Calvert in the north of the County, it is estimated that landfill will be greatly reduced and enough power to service 36,000 homes will be generated.

Green Waste will still need to be diverted from landfill. The County Council working with **getcomposting.com** continue to make available Compost Bins at special rates. Bins at a RRP of £39 are now only £16 with "buy one and get one half price" offer as well it is worth considering. You can get more details at www.getcomposting.com or call 0844 571 444 for details.

High Speed 2

The County Council, together with its partners in the 51M group, has continued to keep the pressure on the government to think again on these proposals. The group has been encouraged by various government departments, including the Treasury, casting doubt on the viability of the project as it stands.

The 51M group has itself been encouraged by the London Borough of Camden joining the group making a total of 19 member authorities actively campaigning against the proposals.

Health

The Council is consulting on the priorities for Health Commissioning for the County. This consultation will influence the strategy for health provision when the formal transfer takes place in

April next year. You can find more about the proposals and the work of the Board by going to www.buckscc.gov.uk/healthandwellbeingboard

In April 2013 the Council will also take responsibility for Public Health. This is public awareness of health issues and a programme for early intervention. The County's response to this has been to develop a programme called **Prevention Matters** aimed at: promoting independence and delaying the debilitating effects of ageing, illness and disability. Recognised as best practice within the Government, it is anticipated that, through this programme, many Bucks residents will enjoy independence for more of their lifetime.

Encouraging walking is high on the list and together with our partners, the County Council is promoting the Simply Walk initiative. This initiative covers walks for all abilities from Getting Started, lasting about 45mins over level ground, to Red Walks lasting about 90 mins and usually including gradients. Walks are detailed either online at www.buckscc.gov.uk or ask for the booklet by calling 01494 475 367.

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

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LG Singers

On Saturday 2nd June at St John's Church, Lacey Green, we were treated to an ambitious programme of choral music that had been heard fifty-nine years ago at the coronation of our present queen, Elizabeth II.

The programme of music was interspersed with excerpts from the 1953 Order of Service read with authority by Brian Panter.

"I Was Glad" by C. Hubert Parry was followed by Handel's ever popular 'Zadok The Priest' with Kate Laughton, Jo Saul and Fiona Insley giving the piece an orchestral feel with their excellent violin accompaniment. The work was conducted by Ben Saul with energy and precision.

We were then treated to three unaccompanied works, 'Rejoice in the Lord' (att. John Redford) 'I will not leave you comfortless' (William Byrd) 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace' (S S Wesley).

The group had a little trouble with the ensemble but this was remedied after a restart and the result was an excellent performance, enjoyed by all.

After the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell' that we all joined in, Sereta Parker sang the solo beautifully in R Vaughan Williams 'O taste and see'.

C. V. Stanford's 'Gloria in Excelsis' and the hymn 'Jerusalem' completed the programme before we all sang 'God Save The Queen'.

The evening was a triumph and received with great enthusiasm by the large audience. The Lacey Green Singers had worked with great care under the excellent musical direction of Fiona Insley, and mention was made of the talented and patient accompanist Alan Lewis who had been involved with the many months of rehearsal. For the performance the organ was used and was played superbly by Sam Laughton.

After the concert the audience stayed for wine and nibbles in the church. The evening was a great success!

Gavin Mole



Lacey Green Singers were some of about 2,500 in the chorus performing the Mozart Requiem at the Royal Albert Hall on Sat 12 May. As previously, some of the singers came from as far away as Canada and even Australia. The singers were split up according to their singing pitch. Sopranos were above and out of sight from us.

All the audience enjoyed the whole evening I'm sure. I think most of them were friends or family of the performers.

The programme also included Mendelssohn's orchestral favourites *Hebrides Overture* and *Violin Concerto*, played by The English Festival Orchestra and the conductor was Jonathan Willcocks. Soloists included 4 singers and a violinist.

Our coach left the School at 2.30pm and arrived exactly an hour later at the Albert Hall, where the singers rehearsed for an hour from 4.30 and this time we had dinner at the Hall's own Consort

Restaurant in comfortable time for the concert at 7.30. The coach home was even quicker and reached the school, where we'd parked our cars, at about 10.50pm.

Altogether a marvellous experience! Thank you, Ursula Glyn Jones, for all the hard work & efficiency you put into it for us all!

Norman Tyler

The Windmill WI



It just doesn't seem possible that we are halfway through the summer and yet we are still waiting for it to start! We were however, very lucky with the weather for our Summer Ramble back in June. We had a lovely evening 'rambling' round Hughenden Park and then back to the 'Black Horse' for a well-earned drink and supper. Thank you Margaret and Bunny for organising this event.

Fifteen members had a fantastic day out at the end of May when we visited Jill Fraser's home at Aston Cantlow, near Stratford-upon-Avon. Jill came to talk to us about 18 months ago about the book she had written called 'More Tea Less Vicar' and at that time invited us to visit her. Jill welcomed us with a cup of coffee and then talked to us about the charity, 'Kissing it Better' of which she is the co-founder.

We were then taken on a tour of her beautiful home at the Vicarage and then over to the Church where it is believed William Shakespeare's parents were married. After a good lunch at the local hostelry we went back to the Vicarage and Jill showed us videos of some of the programmes she has appeared in over the years including Newsround and Breakfast Time.

The afternoon concluded with a cup of tea and a slice of cake which had been made by one of Jill's daughters. It was a great day out and thanks must go to Vanessa

and Pat for making all the arrangements.

In May several members made cakes and helped serve teas at the Horses Home of Rest Family Fun Day and again, in June we made yet more cakes for our cake stall at the Church Fete. We were delighted that we raised around £80 on this stall which we were pleased to hand over to the Church for their funds.

Two of our members recently attended a Literary Lunch run by the BFWI at the Holiday Inn, Weston Turville. After a 3-course lunch they were entertained with a talk from Roma Tearne whose novels include Brixton Beach and The Swimmer amongst others. Roma proved to be a most interesting speaker and altogether it was a very pleasant afternoon.

Our May meeting was our Resolution meeting when we discussed and voted on the resolution to be put forward at the National Federation Annual General Meeting held at The Albert Hall. The resolution this year was concerning Midwives, asking for Government to increase investment in the training,

employment and retention of midwives in England and Wales. This resolution was passed unanimously both at our meeting and at the AGM.

Our recent speakers have included Hugh Grainger who gave us a talk on interesting and quirky facts and Mr Barry Hughes who talked to us about 'Bio-detection dogs'. These dogs can be trained to help people with life threatening conditions, giving them greater independence.

Dogs can also be trained to identify the odour of cancer. This has the potential to develop a method of diagnosing cancer which would be simple and non-invasive. This was a subject that most of us knew little about and we found it most interesting and informative.

In September we are looking forward to celebrating our 25th birthday and later on in the month we are going to the seaside – Brighton to be exact. Don't forget we meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45 in the Village Hall – do come and join us.

Daphne Williams



Local Police matters in the area

This is an excerpt from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT) August 2012 newsletter. If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial **101**, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message.

Anti Social Behaviour

Reports about ASB in the last month have been very low. This is probably attributed to the poor weather that the country has been experiencing for the past few weeks.

During the school holidays the PRNPT will be implementing **"Operation Good Behaviour"**. This operation will include increased patrols at highlighted ASB hot spots, interaction with the young people of the community and dealing with any ASB related offences or problems as quickly as possible.

Crime

In the early hours of the July 17 a Chinnor Parish Council logoed, white Iveco flat bed van, a trailer and an orange Kubota tractor were stolen from the council offices in Chinnor. The Iveco van was found abandoned in Woodfield Road, Princes Risborough minus the trailer and tractor.

If anyone has any information about the above then please get in touch and quote crime report number MT/4085396/12 to the police operator.

Road Safety

Staff from the PRNPT are utilising the Speed Indication Device (SID) to provide a visible presence and speed deterrent within the community. The exercise is to gather speed data only and no tickets are issued.

A road safety operation involving PRNPT and a representative from the Roads Policing department was carried out at two locations on Tuesday July 10. During the rush hour the police concentrated on Ellesborough Road, Ellesborough where 14 motorists were dealt with at the roadside by way of fixed penalty notice (£60 fine and 3 penalty points) or the driver was referred for a speed awareness course. The fastest speed recorded was 46mph in the 30 mph zone. Several motorists were also dealt with for not wearing seatbelts and exceeding the weight limit of the road.

The police then headed to Thame Road, Longwick where 11 motorists were dealt with for exceeding the speed limit. 51 mph was the highest speed recorded in the 30 mph zone. This driver was reported for speeding and may have to attend court. Two motorists were also dealt with for seat belt offences.

On June 29 a Community Speed Watch (CSW) exercise was conducted on Aylesbury Road, Monks Risborough outside Monks Risborough Primary School. During the session, the details of 4 drivers that exceeded the speed limit were documented. CSW letters will be

sent to the registered owners of the vehicles. The PRNPT would like to say thank you to the volunteers who participated.

Sgt Andrew Deane

Princes Risborough
Neighbourhood Police Team

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Crime Rate Falls

Thames Valley Police has recorded the second largest fall in crime out of all 43 forces across England and Wales, according to Home Office figures released today (19/7).

The recorded crime statistics, which are the number of offences recorded from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, show the Thames Valley had 149,766 offences compared to the 172,422 recorded in 2010/11, a drop of 13.1 percent.

The national reduction is 4.2 per cent, meaning Thames Valley Police are the second best performing force in the country, coming second to Gwent with a reduction of 14.7 per cent.

One of the biggest reductions is in violence against the person offences, which dropped from 35,906 in 2010/11 to 27,327 in 2011/12, a drop of 23.9 per cent compared to the national average of 7.2 per cent.

Domestic burglary offences fell by 8.1 per cent and other burglary by 10.4, compared to national averages of 5 and 3.3 per cent respectively. Offences against vehicles fell by 17.4 per cent.



The Whip Jazz festival



It was so very enjoyable seeing so many people of all ages enjoying their time together! Family trees, both known & unknown to us, were chatting and listening to the live trad jazz being played in a marquee from 1 - 4.30pm on Saturday 19th May.

Apart from hot and cold meaty and veg rolls, as well the usual alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, there was a special choice of 25 local and mini-brewery ales and 7 ciders, as well as wines. The list stated the ABV alcoholic percentages to help you choose.

As a leaflet pointed out, you didn't have to drive after your drinking because there was a regular 300



bus stopping just outside for anywhere between High Wycombe, Lacey Green & Loosley Row, and Aylesbury .

The photos set the scene for the good times had by so many people.

Norman Tyler



St John's School

Can it really be the end of another year already? Since Easter we have held a hot dog day, bingo night, jubilee celebrations and the highlight of the year – the Summer Ball.

This year the theme was “Best of British” and the decorating team really came through with an amazingly decorated marquee.

Lou Salmon chaired the ball committee and must be thanked for all her hard work ensuring it was again another successful evening.

Throughout the year we have been raising funds with a view to updating the school library. Over the summer holidays the middle school library will be updated, with new furniture, books and a computerised loaning system. We are all very excited about the new library and look forward to the grand opening in September.

In the autumn term we are already planning a Barn Dance for all the family as well as a school disco in October.

We wish all our Year 6 children who are leaving us to join “Big”

school the best of luck and look forward to welcoming our new reception children in September.

Have a great summer.....

Julia Spittles
Parents Assoc Sec



Sports Club: Football section

Sitting here in the sunshine, it's a pleasure to write the first article of the 2012-2013 season for many reasons.

First, our demise at the hands of Seer Green wasn't the end of the world. It was decided at the High Wycombe AGM that we had merited our place in the higher echelons of the league, and have therefore been promoted to Division 1.

I'm sure the lads were relieved to hear the news, our bunch are adventurous and willing to compete to the highest ability. Other clubs can now look at us with character and success. We have achieved promotion every year, a very difficult challenge to pursue.

Second, it is with great pleasure to announce Nick Fisher as the new secretary of Lacey Green FC. Nick has been with us since 2010, and has shown great willingness and diligence in taking the club far and beyond. It will be enjoyable to see him work his magic with the lads, as he has now taken responsibility in coaching, training and running the team. Everyone is behind him 110%, and wish him the best of luck with his ventures for the upcoming year.

The news since the end of last season... Not a lot. We are currently between end of year celebrations and pre-season training, working out new tactics for the club, and

discussing what directions we can take LGFC, on and off the pitch.

Our AGM was held at The Golden Cross in Saunderton, which as always, ends up not being the usual tea and biscuits. Mark at The Cross has decided to sponsor us for the next year, all our thanks to him for his efforts in the past and the future.

Steve Evans walked away with three awards, and thoroughly deserved each and every one of them. After originally playing full back, he has worked well with Nick in moving up to responsibilities in midfield, and has excelled beyond expectation, banging in a few goals in the process. Matty Gayler is now back in being top dog as Golden Boot.

A special mention to Jamie Blackburn, who, as always, has been reliable week in week out, filling in the goal keeping duties when necessary and always improving his game and confidence year after year.

We are always looking for new players to join the team, and as our promotions have become common knowledge to everyone in the district, we seem to be drafting players and drawing attention from those in The Premier Division.

Training has already started down at the Playing Fields on Wednesdays from 7.15pm until we're tired. Due to the bad weather, we will mostly try and establish our sessions down at Walters Ash Astro Turf.

Our gratitude to Brian Kamara for making the necessary arrangements.

Talks are still being held between clubs for pre-season fixtures in August. We will hopefully be challenged against Main Road rivals Naphill, and may head up to Harpenden FC in Hertfordshire for a real challenge over a weekend. It's always a pleasure to go somewhere different and try and make our success county wide. You never know where it might end up...

We will also be organising our second Poker Night later in the year, after a successful first time attendance, an impressive amount raised and an enjoyable evening all round. We'll make sure we shout the date out far and wide, as I have the feeling a few of you missed out.

Our best goes out to the Cricket and Tennis Teams over the summer as per usual to keep the Lacey Green spirit alive. A lot and more of volunteering and hard work goes on to keep the sporting theme and cogs of the village working, my respect to everyone who gives their time and efforts in doing so. Keep on going.

I hope to be writing next time in adulation of our early season successes in Division 1. I'm sure the lads will reap the contests that they face. Come on The Windmills!

Ben Foster

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The News in Brief

Speen and St John's School have had their end of term services where leavers receive a special gift of a Bible. We wish them well as they prepare to attend Secondary School.

The Jubilee weekend proved to be a great success with Flower displays and History Exhibitions in Church, a fete in the school (due to yet more rain) an excellent concert by Lacey Green singers and Songs of Praise on Sunday evening.

Thanks go to all those who supported the events, particularly Village Organisations, in providing prizes, bringing cakes, hanging bunting, and moving anything that needed redirecting. Well done everyone.

There was a very enjoyable Men's Breakfast held in the Black Horse pub on May 19th – all thanks to Lyn and the team for excellent food. This was well attended, and participants look forward to the next one which will now be held in September. Date to be decided.

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.

Further dates for diaries.

Sat 15th Sept: At the school - a Car Wash.

Bring your muddy, rain splashed vehicles along to allow experts (top year at school?) to wash and make them gleam like new. Contact Claire McWilliams for further details.

Harvest Lunch will take place on Sept 30th in St. John's School hall. If you remember last year's delicious lunch you will want to book your place early - the Choir did a fantastic job, as well as singing, the food was superb, and the company delightful and amusing! See Ann Eden or Rosemary Mortham for details.

Our Harvest Festival will take place the following week – Sunday 7th of October, and we would be very pleased if members and friends could bring gifts to give thanks to God for his goodness to us. We are so fortunate and it will be wonderful to take gifts to those who need a little more to live comfortably.

We still need new Governors for both schools – please contact Pat Richards if you are interested.

AND finally, many thanks to all those working parties who turn up on a regular basis to clear the churchyard – a most enjoyable time is had by all and sometimes bacon sandwiches as well.

Regular Services at St. John's Church

During July and August we shall have some very kind visiting Clergy whilst our own Vicar, Rev. Denise, is recovering from surgery. Please remember her in your daily prayers.

There will be no attending choir during August.

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.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or would like a home visit, please contact churchwardens Mrs Pat Richards on 01844-345452 or Mr Dick Field on 01494-562231.

Also, to book Weddings or Christenings or funeral services.

June Brazier

Obituary: Ray Hewinson born July 1931



Ray was born in Caerlion, South Wales and attended West Monmouth Grammar School. He was a scout leader for many years, then a Lance Corporal in the Army. He trained as a teacher at Chalfont St Giles. His first teaching jobs were in Slough and Suffolk.

He then went to Residential School at Horsley Green as a

teacher for deprived/difficult children from the Midlands. Then he was recruited to work for a charity in Petzallotte Children's Village, then to work for the Oakenden Venture, a scheme to take children directly from prisoner of war camps, whose parents had not been accepted by countries to resettle after 2nd World War due to ill health. Ray opened a new home in Barmouth, North Wales, taught them English and social skills to the stage where they could attend normal local school. One of the camps Ray returned children to was Dachau. Many of the children were still in touch with Ray to the day he died.

It was through the caring profession that Ray met Sylvia and they married in 1973. They moved

to Bucks, where Sylvia opened Merryfields, the first new home in Bucks for children with very special physical and mental needs and lived there for a year before moving to Naphill, then Lacey Green.

Ray was Chairman of our Twinning Association. He and Sylvia accompanied children to Hambye for school exchange visits. He was also Chairman of our Village Hall Committee for many years. Ray had Parkinson's disease for about 9 years and, despite increasing difficulties throughout, never complained.

He was a dear friend to many of us and will be sorely missed by all of us who knew him.

Bette Tyler

Obituary: Martyn Taylor born October 1938



Born in Seer Green the youngest of 3 children, the only boy, so his mother doted on him.

He had an idyllic childhood in the fields and woods of Seer Green. He loved animals and would often bring home his neighbours' and stray cats. He was top of his class at primary school and got into the Royal Grammar School. However he decided to leave school at 14 and get a job to earn some money.

Soon after joining British Aluminium he met Linda, who also worked there, and they were married in 1959 and moved to live in Hazlemere. They had 2 children, Amanda and Nick. Martyn became a rep for a firm of grocers, where he became the top rep.

He left employment when he decided to set up his own shop-fitting company, which he ran for nearly 30 years.

He and Linda moved to Loosley Row in 1994.

He only joined Hazlemere Golf Club in 1985, but by 1988 they had asked him to be Captain for 1989. He was easy going and rather laid back but when it came to golf he was very competitive. He also loved cricket, rugby, squash and latterly table tennis. He was a single figure golfer for many years.

He was still entering the club championship up to a year or two and playing club matches up to a few months before he died.

But golf was not his only interest. Recently he enjoyed playing indoor bowls at our village hall on Monday afternoons. He and Linda went walking with the Happy Wanderers and got involved with the Horticultural Society.

He was also extremely proud of his family and had trips to Penzance to see Nick and go swimming with the grandchildren.

At his funeral, many said he was one of the nicest men they had met, a true gentleman. Everyone loved him, as is demonstrated by the 200 or so people at his funeral.

David Balfour

Kindergym



Parachute games at the end of our half terms are always fun. Reception and Year one always have more energy to expend at the end of Friday afternoons



Here is Felix trying out our new baby gym equipment. How lucky to find a friend as good looking as himself! Thank you to everyone who bought Phoenix cards from me last year. This is where the profits went, along with some new drums still on their way.



Thank you to all who attended the teddy bears picnic and raised £50 for the church and £12 for the school for letting us use the hall.



We are at the Millennium Hall most Fridays during the Summer holidays 10am – 11.30am. Check out the website if you would like to see the theme of the day and details.

www.kindergym.co.uk

Jennie Stothard

LOOKING IN THE CHILTERN



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

Heavenly Bodies



We begin this time with 'Apologies for Absence' – from the Sun and Venus. The much-anticipated Transit of Venus, the rare event when the planet can be seen crossing the face of our nearest star, was obscured from view for us on June 6 due to the endless procession of clouds we've all endured over the last few months. A mini-trek of the hardy few from Lacey Green was planned, but had to be aborted the day before due to the miserable (but accurate) cloudy forecast. Due credit to those brave LG explorers who were ready to wake up at an unearthly hour and trudge to the Coombe Hill vantage point before dawn. Apology accepted? (At least, we all got a lie-in!) The next one in 2117 may prove to be trickier for us to see.



I did manage to image Venus (see picture below left) 10 days before the Transit, as it showed a very thin crescent before becoming a complete circular silhouette in front of our star. The Sun itself has been busy as it builds towards solar maximum next year – the most active period during its 11-year cycle. Many more, and larger, sunspots are now bubbling up on the Sun's photosphere layer. Sunspots are areas of intense magnetic activity which are comparatively cooler than their surroundings so look darker. Many are larger than Earth, and a nice cluster can be seen in the image below right which I took recently.

August heralds one of the best meteor showers of the year – the Perseids. The peak is due around August 12 as the Earth slams into dust particles left behind in the tail of Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle. The shower actually begins on around July 25 and lasts until August 20, so it's worth looking out for those shooting stars on any clear Moonless night during this period, especially a day or two either side of the 12th. Get a sun lounger and look high and south when it's dark.

While you're there, pick out the ribbon of stars in the 'Milky Way' (see image) and enjoy.

The planets have gone from the feast of spring when four were easily visible, to famine in the summer as they appear too close to the Sun for us. But early risers, or late-night revellers, can spy a blazing and bright Venus in the eastern sky from 4am over the next three months. This is its "morning star" phase while it is to the west of the Sun. Our largest planet Jupiter is set to make a glorious return, and starts to rise over the north-east horizon at about 9.30pm in September. It will be very bright, and hard to miss nestled in the distinctive constellation of Taurus and above Orion. Jupiter gets higher in the sky earlier each evening as the months progress, becoming the sky's autumn and winter showpiece. See next issue.

Finally, good luck to the Mars rover 'Curiosity' scheduled to land on the Red Planet on August 6. It's about the size of a Mini Cooper and is the largest probe ever sent to land on a planet. It's been hurtling to Mars for the last eight months, and is equipped to seek out signs of life. Look out for it on the news to see if it survives the "7 minutes of Terror" as it enters the atmosphere, descends and attempts to land.

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	Pat Syrett	347596	
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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LG Windmill	Sundays & Bank holidays 2 to 5 pm May to September	Michael Hardy	275871	contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk
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