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Final Creation by Ronnie Lewin

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Welcome to the August edition

For this edition of Hallmark I've visited artists from two ends of the spectrum. Firstly Ronnie Lewin who created our first edible cover painting (see page 13) and then Sally Fisher whose wide range of art is featured on the centre page.

I was surprised when Joan West asked me if we have a What's Off section as well as a What's On! Unfortunately the Maize Maze has fallen foul of the weather again; the maize is planted but is only about a foot high and so the maze has had to be cancelled. I sympathise, my courgettes are tiny too;! Let's hope the current hot weather enables the plants to catch up with the normal crop timescale.

On the same subject, it was sad to hear that the T@3 sessions have been cancelled and there will be no more meetings.

The weather has been good for some things - we have a fantastic

display of pink roses in our garden and we have a brand new Pink and Lily in the village with a totally refurbished garden for eating outside. We had a meal there the other night and it was great quality and reasonably priced. I hope it works out well for Alice and her team after a shaky few years at the Pink.

I also had a nice visit to the Village Hall for the Lacey Green Productions 30th birthday party, it was good to see some faces from way back and to swap stories of acting in Stocken Farm's barns.

Finally congratulations to Michael Hardy for running an excellent event when the Windmill was presented with an achievement award by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. It was a beautiful day and the mill looked splendid with bunting flying from the sails. See the full story on p23.



As always, thanks to Norman for taking pictures for us - the photo of Connie Baker's birthday party on page 17 is cute.

Lastly, don't forget to go to one of the events at the Speen Festival, it would be a shame to miss out on such a good event in our back yard.

Mike Piercy
Editor

Our cover story

I think that Professor Brian Cox's dad is living in Lacey Green!

Ronnie Lewin has the same engaging enthusiasm for all things scientific as the TV Professor, and every few minutes he enthuses about a new idea or scientific development.

Scientists have a reputation for being withdrawn and geeky, but all Ronnie's stories have a personal touch and so are both fascinating and entertaining.

I asked him why the painting he created is entitled "Final Creation". He told me "Scientists at CERN have finally confirmed the existence of the Higgs boson predicted by Prof Peter Higgs fifty years ago. This discovery hopefully completes the Standard Model of the physics that describes the

particles, forces and interactions that make up our Universe."

He and his wife were invited to go to CERN two years ago to visit the Large Hadron Collider and he says that the picture shows the plumes of energy blasting out, with a few tiny particles just visible in the flares. In one of his trips to the Royal institution, Ronnie even met the famous Professor Higgs after whom the elusive boson is named.

Ronnie worked for years as a research scientist for the Institute for Physics – mainly doing work on specialised substances for NASA's space programme. However he always had an interest in encouraging children to get involved in science and

persuading them to study it further. His interest came to the notice of the Department of Trade and Industry who invited him to advise them, and soon he was involved in the development of the National Curriculum for Science in schools.

He has now retired but is still called on to design the project challenge for the Annual Young Scientist of the Year competition (it sounds a bit like The Apprentice but without the tears). Read his article on page 13 for the full account.

Mike Piercy

What's On

Sat 7 Sept 4pm

Horticultural Show
Village Hall

Sun 8 Sept 1pm

Village History
Village Hall

Wed 18 Sept 8pm

Horts Soc Speaker
Village Hall

Thur 19 Sept 10am

Macmillan Coffee morning
Village Hall

Sat 5 Oct 7pm

Lacey Green Singers
St John's School Hall

Sat 2 Nov 10.30am

Windmill Artists
Village Hall

Sat 9 Nov 7pm

2nd World War Music
St John's School

Nov 28 - 30

LGP Dinner Theatre
(see page 9)

Mobile Library Service

Eastlands 12:05 to 12:20
August 21
September 4 & 18
October 2, 16 & 30

What's Off

Maize Maze & T@3
have been cancelled

Windmill Artists Exhibition and Bistro

This popular annual Art Exhibition and Bistro will again be held in Lacey Green Village Hall on Sat 2nd 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!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Village Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning is to be held again this year in the Village Hall on Thursday 19th September from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. There will be a Raffle, Tombola, Bring and Buy, Cake and Produce stall. We do hope you will be able to come and help us raise money for this very worthwhile cause. If you have any item you would like to donate prior to 19th Sept. please contact either Joy Lawrence 346715 or Jill Baker on 275442



Dinner Cabaret: "All Clear!" Music of the Second World War

A dinner cabaret to recreate the spirit of that time, in particular the power of the human spirit to overcome all odds through humour, song and camaraderie. Profits to St John's Church and St Dunstan's Hospital for wounded soldiers.

Saturday November 9th 7.00pm – 11pm at St John's School

£20 a ticket including canapes, 2 course meal and coffee.

Bar available.

Tickets from Jenny Stothard and Ann Eden.



Lacey Green Singers Upbeat Concert

Saturday October 5th 7pm at St John's School Hall

This concert was originally scheduled for May but had to be postponed. The programme includes 'Feel the Spirit' a cycle of spirituals arranged by John Rutter, and a selection of favourite numbers from 'Zimbe' by Alexander L'Estrange.

Village History Open Meeting

"How we were"

Sun Sept 8 in the Village Hall

This year we have been fortunate to have been given a tape recording made by John Brandon, describing the village, its houses and inhabitants in the 1930s. This covers one side of the Main Road, from the Whip to the school end of Lacey Green. Originally there was a similar record of the other side of the Main Road, but this has been lost. Dennis, Doug and Gordon have now produced one describing this area, from their memories of just before and during the Second World War.

Rita, Joyce and Mary Lawrence have completed a similar one for Loosley Row. We would like to thank Clive at the shop for his help and encouragement. We could not have done this without him. The last area which we hope to cover is Pink Road, Parslows Hillock and Redlands End. If you can help with any information about this area, please let us know.

We shall be playing these recordings, and also showing slides of some of the houses and people referred to from our collection of archive photographs. We now have an even larger



collection, thanks to the generosity of Stephen Brandon (son of John).

2pm Recordings and 1930s photos of Lacey Green.

4pm Interval tea and cakes £2.50

4.30pm Recordings and 1930s photos of Loosley Row, Pink Road, Parslows Hillock and Redlands End

There will also be an exhibition of family trees in the Committee Room, from 1pm including the Saunders, Floyds, Dells, Parslows and the very extensive Janes family tree, which has been occupying Joan for most of this

year. We should be interested in hearing from anyone who has their own local family tree, and would be willing to bring it to the meeting.

These records have been made from the memories of History Group Members, and there may be some inaccuracies. We should be grateful for corrections from anyone who has more knowledge than us.

The Group would be very grateful for anyone who can help setting up, or providing and serving refreshments.

For further information, please contact Rosemary Mortham on 01844 345863.

Admission £2.50 for adults. Free for children in full time education.



Parish Council

2 Sept 7.30pm Speen

7 Oct 7.30pm Lacey Green

4 Nov 7.30pm Speen

Lacey Green Productions

We have just celebrated our 30th birthday!

To mark the occasion, LGP held a tea party in the village hall for all past and present members. About 70 people (including several who were teenagers last time we saw them and who now have nearly teenagers of their own!) attended.

Photographs from the past were looked at with fond memories. Several people had no recollection of taking part in some shows, although there was photograph evidence to prove it!

Our oldest member, Brian Panter, was given the task of cutting the magnificent LGP birthday cake, made for the occasion by Rachel Brown (nee Lawrence). The iced cake depicted a stage and several characters from some of the musicals that we staged in the barn at Stocken Farm some years ago. Our aim now is to raise another £50,000 or more in the next 30 years. See you in 2043!

We now have two productions in rehearsal. The first is a murder mystery based on a topic which is currently receiving a great deal of

press coverage. LGP is always up with the times! We shall be performing this murder mystery in October for the WI at Great Hampden and then again in early 2014 for the PTA at St John's School, Lacey Green and for the PTA at Radnage School. We shall also be venturing as far afield as Gerrards Cross for a performance for the Wycombe Hospitals Scannappeal.

Our second production will be for our dinner theatre performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday November 28th, 29th and 30th. The play is a riotous comedy called "Holiday Snap" written by Michael Pertwee and John Chapman and is set in a Portuguese timeshare, which has mysteriously been double-booked. Chaos and hilarity ensue. As usual our Friday and Saturday performances will be dinner theatres, while on the Thursday night we shall have snacks and nibbles.

Please note that we shall be changing our method of selling tickets for the performances of "Holiday Snap". To give you time to sort out who is definitely in your party, we shall be delaying the



start of taking bookings until October 1st. Therefore, as we can no longer take provisional bookings, please let us have your definite bookings as soon as possible after that date.

LGP is also starting to plan performances for later next year, so if you would like to be involved in any capacity, please contact us now, either by phoning 01844 344207 or through our website www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk

New members are always welcome at any time.

Peter Brookhouse

Black Horse

It has been an odd start to the year and we are over half way through it, it doesn't seem possible. Even the longest day has gone but as I type this it is saying temp 29 - really hot.

It was a sad loss of Rose Cato who had lived round at Eastlands for many a year until she went to be looked after in a home. I can remember taking meals on wheels to Rose every Sunday for many years. At that time we used to do a little gang of people round at

Eastlands and Rose bless her is the last of the bunch.

When this edition comes out to press we would have had our first beer festival and hopefully it will be a good one. Tilly will have married Kevin, and Roger will have made 50 so in the next issue I will tell you all about it.

Congratulations to all my staff on their exam results and good luck to those that are leaving me to go to university, you will be missed.

We now have Sky Television in the front of the pub so if anybody wants to watch footie etc. come along and we will do our best to show it unless we are fully booked with food in the front area.

Don't forget we still do breakfasts Tuesday to Saturday 9 till 11 and we are open all day Friday Saturday and Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Lynne

Cricket

The 1st XI are sitting in 4th place at the moment after an erratic first half of the season. We had good wins against The Lee (9 wickets), Little Gaddesden (181 runs), and Ley Hill II (7 wickets), but too often failed to score enough runs.

It's good to see some of the younger players coming through, and breaking into the 1st XI, as well as some older members returning. Tahir "T" Mehmood has transferred back to Lacey Green from Knotty Green and makes his return debut on the 20th July.

We got through to the semi-finals of the knockout this year with some standout performances from Jonathan Dell, James Whipp and Owen Murphy, but were beaten by a strong Holmer Green side in the semis.

Fifties from David Highgate (55), Lewis Craker (67), Tanvir Mehmood (68), Jonathan Dell (54), and Martin Exley (50).

Highest run scorer was David Highgate with 183 runs at an average of 26.14. Highest Average was Lewis Craker with 121 runs from 5 innings at 30.25.

Best bowling: Luke Weston 10-4-10-6, Dave Sanders 10-1-39-6, Luke Weston 10-4-21-5.

Leading wicket taker and lowest average, Luke Weston: 85-21-208-25 Avg 8.32, Ec 2.4. Most Catches: Tanvir Mehmood (6), Michael Byrne (5).

The 2nd XI are also in 4th place in their division, but with the benefit of a game in hand on two of the top three, and two games in hand

on the other. Hopefully we can push on and gain promotion to the 2nd division.

Fifties from Tim Page (54), Mark Janes (79), Chris Dell (50), and Roger Whipp (65).

Mark Janes is the highest run scorer (in the club, as well as the 2nds) with the highest average, with 229 runs at 45.8.

Best bowling: Tim Page 10-5-15-7, Naib Khan 10-3-21-4, Roger Whipp 10-2-33-4.

Leading wicket taker and lowest average, Tim Page: 63.5-12-169-17 Avg 9.94, Ec 2.66. Most catches: Kevin Kelloway (7), and Mark Janes (5), Will Trott(5), Chris Dell (5).

Luke Weston

Letters to the editor

I am in the process of writing the history of Grace Cottage which has been our home for the past 38 years.

The research required is more difficult than normal because until 1949 Grace Cottage was not a separately owned property but part of Gracefield 'estate'. Although I have the deeds for Grace Cottage, post 1949, I regret that the early deeds for Gracefield, which included Grace Cottage, were lost in a fire in the 1960s.

I have established that Grace Cottage was not built at the time of the Buckinghamshire Inclosures Act in 1823, although I have some evidence to suggest that the first part, a two up – two down cottage, was built shortly after this. It is my understanding, at the moment, that at sometime after

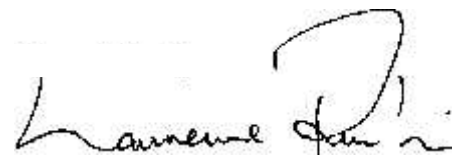
1828 the Gracefield 'estate' consisted of Gracefield, Gracefield Cottage and Grace Cottage, plus stables, outbuildings and over 4 acres of land.

I am now looking for any information that anyone in the village may have about Gracefield, Gracefield Cottage and particularly Grace Cottage - post 1823. This information could come in the form of photographs of the properties, photographs of past inhabitants, memories passed down from distant relatives, legal documents, old newspaper articles, etc.

This is the first time that I have carried out research of this nature and I have discovered that it rather like completing a jigsaw puzzle. Each tiny piece of information may look unimportant but without it

the total picture cannot be completed.

So perhaps I can ask, through the pages of Hallmark, if anyone in the village has any information on any of these properties, no matter how small, could they please contact me at the address, telephone number or e-mail address shown below.



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A tasty bit of art

The standard of paintings at the Annual Village art show is very high and includes pictures by artists of national repute. I always enjoy visiting the exhibition and during this last year it inspired me to venture into the world of the amateur painter.

This was solely by accident and arose from my work as a scientist; perhaps I need to explain.

For several years now I have been involved in designing a project for the Finals of the Young Scientist of the Year Competition. This year six teams of young scientists were given the challenge to design a new paint from first principles, make samples and to finally convince the senior management from DULUX that their school team's product was the best.

Prior to the Competition my task was to investigate the fascinating science of paint making and decide what a group of enthusiastic young people could do within a day. The final choice was to design an emulsion paint to decorate for example, the walls and ceilings of classrooms, bedrooms, hospitals and prisons.

When I spoke with paint scientists I soon found that making emulsion

paint was more difficult than I first realised. One particular problem is how make it the correct viscosity (or thickness) so it will flow smoothly, stay on the wall and not drip onto the carpet.

My first challenge was to design a machine to measure viscosity. Essentially it was a paddle that rotated inside a vessel containing the liquid to be tested. In my enthusiasm to test my machine at home I decided to use some domestic materials including tomato ketchup, custard and mayonnaise. This was a fortunate choice because it was easier to clean up the tomato ketchup on the kitchen walls than paint.

It was at this point that it occurred to me that these domestic materials could be used to produce works of art and so armed with some large brushes and an artist's canvas I produced my first painting. The joy of painting with ketchup, custard and mayonnaise is strongly recommended for amateur artists with a creative streak.

Inspired by the recent NADFAS Salvador Dali lecture I thought I would offer my painting to the annual Art exhibition. When I



explained the origin of my picture I was told that unfortunately the exhibition was fully booked and suggested that it might be more suitable for the Hallmark magazine.

I have shown my work of art to several people with mixed response. For example:
What a waste of tomato sauce!
Unique and inspirational!
Shows very good taste!

In fact I have just returned from a Picasso exhibition in Spain and remarks about some of his works were, in relation to mine, much more discouraging. However it does seem important to give a painting a more inspiring name than 'blue object'.

I feel I could do better than that and have decided to call the painting – 'Final Creation', inspired by a visit to the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva where the Higgs' Boson has recently been found. If you look carefully at the painting you will see small particles representing the bosons flying out from the collision of highly accelerated protons.

Ronnie Lewin



Windmill Under 5s

The summer is well and truly here and the themes at Windmills Under 5s this last half-term have been transport, travel and holidays. The children have been bringing in amazing things for show-and-tell including passports and souvenirs from travels far and wide. The new large-scale building blocks have been well used to make various vehicles and an aeroplane. There was an airport check-in desk and security set up where various toys were put in baskets through the scanner – tickets were issued and passports checked – all very exciting and good practice for the real thing!

The children really enjoyed a visit from 'Number Fit' who came to do a session. They use physical activities and game playing with counting and numbers; a really fun and energetic way to begin learning numeracy. The children loved it and we will have them back next year on a more regular basis.

Windmills introduced 'School Ready Sessions' this last half term for children heading off to big school in September. They have really engaged with it and enjoyed getting changed into P.E. kit by themselves (a few garments on back to front and buttons on wrong holes, but that's all part of learning!) plus they got to do some special 'work' about letters to introduce a more focused learning idea to them. Part of the aim of these sessions was to get

them used to a longer day. They ran until 3pm, much longer than they are used to, so we had some very tired little ones at the start but even by the end of the 6 weeks they were able to cope much better. The staff, in particular Angela and Louisa have been incredible committing extra time and effort. I'd like to thank them on behalf of parents of all 20 children leaving Windmills this year for their enthusiasm and creativity in leading such a great additional benefit to the pre-school.

The other staff members also have continued to strengthen Windmills. Annie, Elise and Lucy have all continued on courses and developments and Keeley is back part-time which is a great bonus. Paula now quite rightly has the job title of 'manager', as she keeps the whole organization on track. It is no surprise that the pre-school has a waiting list for next year (registrations for Sept 2014 are now open) and this good reputation is down to the staff. They are all excellent at their jobs, which makes being on the committee of such a dynamic organization such a pleasure. BIG THANK YOU from the committee to all staff and hope you have a lovely break.

The committee is looking for new parents to join in September, I can really recommend it as a great way to meet others, to know what's going on at the pre-school and support your child. We meet once every half-term and the next meeting is on Oct 2nd at 8pm at the pre-school, do come along just to be nosey, nobody will expect you to sign up for anything at all, and you can just see what goes on, there is usually even a glass of wine on offer!

The Summer BBQ was held despite it being rather chilly and very windy (in June!) and a huge thank you is owed to St. John's School for allowing us to hold it there at the last moment. Thanks to everyone who helped, particularly Julia. The children seemed oblivious to the weather and really enjoyed the hot dogs, cakes, ice-lollies and bouncy castle. We managed to raise a very decent £288.

The Sports Day was held in blazing sunshine and the children were brilliant at their races and unlike the Mum's and Dad's, they didn't even resort to cheating! (you know who you are!) The children each won a medal and then we all had a lovely picnic on the playing field.

Tomorrow it will be the end of term and the end of a fantastic year. We will have a 'Princesses and Wizards Party'. We have the 'Magic Man' entertainer coming and then the children leaving for school will get a gift and their folders of work made during their time at pre-school. It will be very emotional for us all I'm sure. Have a great summer holiday everyone and thank you for everything.

Kay Bolton



105 not out! (no, not the cricket team!)

The special day arrived and it fulfilled all expectations:

It was Connie Baker's special T@3

Her 105th Birthday Party

Fifty or so villagers arrived to wish her well with a champagne toast and a beautiful cake baked and decorated by Rosemary Mortham.

She was serenaded by a choir from St John's School and photographed by several folk including the Bucks Free Press! She looked quite radiant, said the grace before tea and gave a thank you speech at the end in a good clear loud voice.

What a woman!

She was joined at her table by a friend who had been her youngest bridesmaid (still pretty and dressed in pink).

We would like to thank everyone who helped, for the many contributions of delicious food, and to Diane Paul for her many beautiful flower arrangements.

Village life is made all the richer when we can join together to celebrate special occasions.

Jean Gabbittas



The 5 year-old and the 105 year-old both show an interest in the cake

Windmill WI

At our May meeting we discussed our resolution to be voted on at the NFWI Annual General Meeting. We only had one resolution to discuss 'Decline of our High Street and Town Centres'. We had quite a lively discussion but in the end all but two members voted to help bring an end to the decline of our high streets. This was followed by cheese and wine and an interesting talk by Louise Grafton Mitchell about a new Kick Start Fat Loss Diet.

Our June meeting was a very interesting one. Two of our members had joined up with members from other WI's to go to Royal Greenwich to see the Cutty Sark and the Cable Car. They had a lovely day seeing many of the popular London sights including the National Maritime Museum and Queens House. They also had a trip on the Cable Car from the O2 to the Royal Docks.

At the beginning of June five members went to a 'Taste of Denman Day'. This was held at Denman College, they enjoyed an excellent cookery demonstration by a Denman Chef and a tour of the college and grounds.

Our Bucks Federation Chairman and also a member of Speen WI, Jean Morris, had represented our Link Group at the NFWI's AGM in Cardiff. Jean gave us a very interesting talk about her meeting and the results of the resolution. High streets and town centres won the backing of the WI members at the AGM, who voted to support a new resolution calling on every member of the WI to support their local shops' and high streets.

After Jean's talk our speaker for the evening was Mike Payne talking about 'The Shops and Shopkeepers of a Buckinghamshire Town'. Mike is a local man and gave us a fascinating insight into the shops and shopkeepers of Princes Risborough. He also had a photo of the cows walking up the high street before turning left and right, going to their field.

Another two members enjoyed themselves at the annual Literary Lunch. After a very good meal Duncan Mc Nair was the speaker. Duncan has written 'Morello Letters' and 'More Morello Letters'.

These books were about letters that Duncan had written to various personalities and the replies, it was a very funny talk and everyone enjoyed it very much.

Our July meeting speaker was Josie Jeffrey talking about 'The Secrets of a Store Detective'. Josie had been a Store Detective for many years and had worked in numerous towns and for many well known stores. She gave us a very interesting insight into how she recognised people who would shop lift, some of her stories were very funny but some were sad.

This month we have our annual ramble. This year we will be rambling around Speen, then at the beginning of August we have a trip to Frogmore and the Saville Gardens. Our speaker for August is Jan Dunsterville who will be 'Talking about Aspergers'.

If you would like to join us at one of our meetings, we meet on the first Wednesday of the month, we are a very friendly crowd and you would be very welcome.

Ann Bartlett

District Council News



Roger Emmett, Chairman of Wycombe District Council, passed away suddenly on Saturday June 22nd. This was a sad loss of a colleague and valued member of the Council. Ian McEnnis, District Councillor for Chiltern Rise and a previous WDC Chairman, has been named as his successor for the remainder of the Council year.

In June the Government announced details of the Comprehensive Spending Review, which has resulted in further cuts to Local Authority funding. These cuts, on top of the 50% reduction over the last 5 years, are going to make the task of balancing the books whilst retaining services increasingly difficult in the coming years.

We are looking at further ways to save money by combining services with other authorities, re-engineering our processes even further and other efficiency measures. Our intent is to continue to freeze Council Tax in the coming year – please let me know if you have any specific ideas you believe we should be pursuing.

During August and September, WDC will be providing more details of the new waste collection services. This includes a greater range of materials such as glass,

Tetra-Paks and a wider range of plastics. Some new recycling containers will also be distributed. Information packs are planned as well as a series of roadshows – unfortunately, these dates are not available in time for this edition.

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District Councillor, Lacey Green, Speen & the Hampdens

HS2 Update

There have been several key developments recently – below are some highlights:

In June, the Government was forced to admit that the cost of HS2 had risen by another £10 billion to £43 billion, so with the costs of the trains (conveniently omitted in the past) this is now a **£50 billion** waste of money. This revelation has taken the Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) - the return for every pound spent, to around 1.1, breaking Treasury as well as common sense rules. Amazingly, this calculation still includes over £20 billion of benefit as ‘people don’t work on trains’!

Apart from forcing some high-profile names to speak against HS2 (Alastair Darling & Peter Mandelson), there is now a growing storm in the media and a growing feeling amongst ‘ordinary’ MPs and people that the project cannot go ahead, particularly with other critical funding needs, such as roads, other rail infrastructure, the NHS, etc;

A YouGov poll in July showed a significant reduction in public support for HS2 compared to February this year:

Question	July	Feb
Do you Oppose HS2?	46%	43%
Do you Support HS2?	34%	41%
Don't Know	20%	16%

This is excellent news and shows that the politicians must soon realise that this is not what people want. The survey was national, not just NIMBYs on the route and this survey was taken BEFORE the announcement of the extra £10 billion.

On June 26th, the second reading of the HS2 Paving Bill (to provide funds for the project) took place in Parliament. Cheryl Gillan, Amersham MP, tabled an amendment to scrap HS2. Even though this was defeated, 37 MPs overall supported the amendment including 23 Conservatives, perhaps the most vocal in addition to Cheryl being Steve Baker from Wycombe. Let us hope this is the thin edge of a very fast-moving wedge – this vote took place before the £10 billion rise in costs.

These developments are highly significant as the campaign against HS2 has to be a national effort based on the economic argument, not just concerns of the communities along the route.

Now the truth is emerging over HS2 costs, other concerns are being looked at more closely and taken seriously. Hopefully, we are approaching a ‘tipping point’ where the balance of opinion will consign this project to the history books.

Please continue to help by pressing David Lidington on HS2 wider issues, not just the Chilterns. Contact friends and relatives to ask them what they would rather have the country spend £50 billion on – wherever they live they will have a better idea than HS2 – and ask them to tell their MP what they think. The fight is not over.

More information on High Speed 2
<http://hs2aa.org/>
<http://www.51m.co.uk/>
<http://www.hs2.org.uk/>

Horticultural Society goes to Kew



The Horticultural Society has had a very busy few months. At our annual general meeting in March we welcomed more than 13 new members and enjoyed a thoroughly informative presentation with lots of growing examples. We were impressed by our speaker and his wife who manage to grow their own vegetables for the table all year round and never buy any!

The plant stall at the National Mills Day in May was very successful and we would like to thank everyone who supported us with plants, cakes and gardening sundries and to all of you who bought plants. Don't forget to put the event in your diaries for next year, when you can combine a visit to our wonderful windmill with an opportunity to go away with a barrowful of horticultural bargains!

On 23rd June we left Lacey Green at 10.00 am on a fine sunny day in two coaches for a visit to Kew Gardens in London. The day was surprisingly fine and we managed to avoid any showers until we had returned in the evening. Kew was a fantastic opportunity to see a vast array of different kinds of

plants from around the world. There is something for everyone and everyone's interests here. Students have a small plot of land each and demonstrate their ideas for growing vegetables. The best plots were absolutely stuffed full of vigorous healthy plants demonstrating their horticultural skills.

The roses were just beginning to come into their own and beds of different family order groups were laid out showing how great a range of plants we have come to employ in our gardens. Beautiful beds of perennials with groups of unusual plants next to old favourites provided ideas for planting schemes.

The architectural variations in the glass houses ranged from the newest and smallest Davies Alpine House with its clever design to draw in cooled air at the bottom and vent out warm air at the top in order to provide the dry cool conditions required for the plants. In contrast the Princess of Wales Conservatory is a complex arrangement of ten different tropical conditions from desert to

rainforest taking you through combinations of climate with distinctive flora in each.

The older temperate house which dates from 1859, houses temperate collections from America to Australasia. It is now being restored as the wood and paintwork is disintegrating. This means a massive task for the gardeners who were taking cuttings and moving fully grown trees to clear space for the workmen and also ensure the collections were safe.

The palm house is perhaps the most iconic building at Kew, representing the start of the iron and glass building construction of the 19th century. It is the best example of a Victorian glasshouse surviving today. Whether you are interested in plants, parklands, architecture or simply having a good day out Kew is a wonderful place to visit and everyone enjoyed this trip. Thanks to John, Laura and Marcia for organising it.

Alison Shreeve



Community Planning Group

Post Office news

We gave George Crombie a send off on 10 June. The collection to which you subscribed went to provide vouchers for the Worlds End garden centre, the Firecrest and the Old Swan.

A new sub postmaster has been lined up to start the Lacey Green post office up again in the near future. The date proposed by the Post Office authorities is 9th September. The new face will be Mr. Singh, who runs the post office in Naphill. He is being trained to operate the computer system that is used here. Some work is also being done by BT to check the line and ensure that the system is functioning properly.

Lacey Green Stores

We have just passed our 4th anniversary, and the shop continues to provide a useful

service to the community. Kate Brown joined the volunteer team in June, and Lizzie Donaldson is about to come on board for several weeks. Both are very welcome.

Don't let this news prevent you from putting your name forward. We can always use more help, even if it is only for an hour or so, now and again.

Wycombe District Local Plan

We are keeping in touch with the planners who are working on the new District Plan. We attended a meeting recently together with various groups including some parish councils that had not previously had a specific one to one initial consultation. A draft scoping report has just been published, and provides a clear description of the preparation process.

The Village Design Statement is mentioned as a reference document, and we have asked for the Parish Plan to be included as well (if you haven't seen these documents, you can find them on the Parish Council web site under 'publications').

The plan, which covers the period to 2031, is mainly about the provision of housing although other services and aspects of infrastructure are also involved. So far as we can tell, Lacey Green is unlikely to be submerged in a proliferation of new housing developments, but of course, you can never be quite sure!

Tony Molesworth

Community Plan Steering Group

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George Crombie's farewell

I have known George for a long time, ever since I joined the Parish Council, when George was our Parish Clerk. It's worth noting that George was Parish Clerk at Great Hampden for 54 years, but a mere 23 years at Lacey Green.

In 2003, the Community Planning Group managed to get a sub-post office set up in Lacey Green, for 2 days a week, as a satellite of the Great Hampden post office where George was the sub-postmaster. We didn't expect it to survive for long because of the quite impossible targets that had been set by the Post Office authorities. However, survive it did.

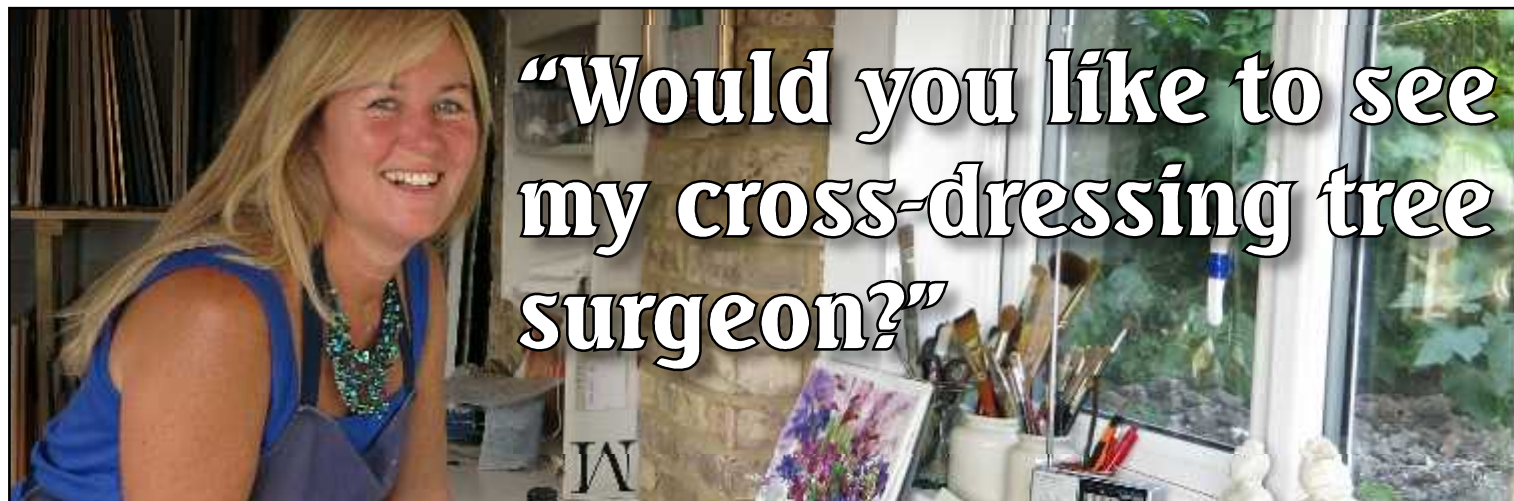
The Planning Group started Lacey Green Stores in 2009, and the shop and post office worked together since that time. George was very happy to have someone else on the premises, and I know that our volunteers found George to be very pleasant company. The symbiosis was so good that George subsequently opened the post office on Tuesday morning as well as the two official opening days.

But all good things come to an end, and early in 2013 George decided that it was time to retire, and today is George's last official day.

George, we have collected for you a small leaving present that we hope you and Mrs. Crombie will enjoy. Thank you for all your support.



Tony Molesworth



I went to see Sally Fisher as she had been the District Council election candidate for the Green Party. Sally is a full time professional artist with many different interests and she was great fun - hopping up and down to find examples of sculptures, drawings of local people I knew, pictures that she had exhibited; she has loads on the go at any time.

I was unsurprised to hear that she sells her art works and teaches classes, but I was fascinated to find out that she is also a professional cartoonist. She draws a cartoon every day for the Daily Mail's Astrologer, Jonathan Cainer, illustrating his 'comment of the day' on his website at www.cainer.com. I imagine it must be very difficult to be able to generate fresh ideas and bespoke designs every day without fail.



Sally told me that she's a local girl, born in the area and went to school in Naphill. She married and lived in London for many years where she raised two sons, then moved to Devon for ten years, before coming back in 2010 to live in Loosley Row in a lovely old house with views across the valley. She's a member of the local Windmill Artists and exhibits in the Bucks Open Studios event in June and various other exhibitions in our area and Devon. She has exhibited widely in London and as far as Kuwait.

Whilst most artists specialise in one or two media, Sally revels in being an artistic polymath. She gave me a quick tour of her studio; it's crammed with works in oils, pastels, water colours, line drawings and even sculptures. She even writes about art and has been published in *The Artist* and contributed sections to various books on art including Harper Collins 'Water Colour Problem Solver'.

Sally also teaches, she will be teaching Oil painting class at The Phoenix Studios in Towersey and life drawing at Stewart Clough's classes in Longwick. She's thinking about starting a water colour class in the Village Hall - contact her if you might be interested. She was telling me of her experiences at the Portrait class in Studley Green, run by Lucy Stopford. The model was a cross-dressing tree surgeon. He requested to be painted tied to the chair, unintentionally making many interesting contemporary contentious issues about gender and freedom of choice - hence the title of this piece.

If you want to see more of Sally's work, she will exhibit at the Phoenix Studios Exhibition in Towersey the same weekend of the music festival on August 23 -26, free entry, tea and cakes for sale along with paintings and sculpture. You can contact Sally on 01844 344001 or email sally@cainer.com



Engineering Heritage Award for Windmill

Lacey Green Windmill has been awarded an Engineering Heritage Award by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. To date only 84 of these awards have been made since they were instigated (originally as the Engineering Heritage Hallmark Scheme) in 1984.

The list of Award Recipients includes some very prestigious

items, including historic ones such as Tower Bridge, SS Great Britain, and Locomotion No 1. There are also many modern items on the list, such as the Channel Tunnel, Falkirk Wheel, and Rolls Royce RB211 engine. There are two watermills on the list, Eling Tide Mill in Hampshire, and Quarry Bank Mill at Styal in Cheshire. However, Lacey Green will be the first windmill on the list.



On Sunday 14th July, 90 people attended the presentation ceremony at the windmill. There were around 50 members of the IMechE present. Other guests included some of our current windmill volunteers, and representatives from our three tiers of local government.

Michael Hardy welcomed the guests to what was a very important occasion for the windmill; so she had been dressed in her traditional celebratory bunting. He listed some of the people who were present, and explained to them that Lacey Green was the oldest smock mill, and why they tended not to be long-lived.

He considered some of the engineering aspects of the

windmill, detailing that it was clear to see how much of the improving technology of windmills had been fitted to this windmill in the 18th and 19th centuries.

He also explained that the most important piece of mechanical engineering for the mill was the fact that since 1985 the fantail has once again been automatically turning the cap into the wind, a crucial measure for the safety of this windmill whose sail tips reach 800 feet above sea level.

The main speaker of the day was John Wood, Chairman of the Heritage Committee of the IMechE.

He began by thanking Michael Hardy for his introduction. He gave some details about IMechE's

Engineering Heritage Award scheme, and how it had recently been rejuvenated. It coincides with a welcome interest in our Industrial Heritage. He said that Lacey Green was the first windmill to be recognised by the award, and would be amongst the very earliest recipients.

He described how, when this mill was built, there were really only two examples of mechanical engineering technologies, mills and clockwork. The term millwright is still used to describe a highly respected trade.

John Wood talked about the restoration and said that "Christopher Wallis's determination, passion, and engineering ability had been instrumental in saving this marvellous mill, to ensure that we can now enjoy it today, and hopefully it will survive for many generations to enjoy in the years ahead."

John Wood then presented the plaque for the Engineering Heritage Award to Barbara Wallis. Barbara received it on behalf of the Windmill Restoration Committee.

This article is a precis of extensive information on the event which can be seen on the web page at www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk



Pink and Lily - from ponies to pints



As readers may have realised, local landmark pub, The Pink and Lily, has recently been saved and reopened by a Lacey Green family.

While many villagers feared that this well loved pub would fall into the hands of developers having been empty for 18 months, the involvement of Patrick and Lara O'Connor has meant that The Pink reopened at the beginning of July.

As we all know, many country pubs are closing down with The Bricklayers Arms being just one example, but the O'Connors' intention is that The Pink will return to its roots as a great pub with fabulous beer and fantastic, well-priced food. To this end they have put in a young, vibrant and local team. While they may lack experience, at their helm they have popular ex-riding instructor Alice Hill keeping her beady eye on them!

Alice, although hailing from Dorset, has been a familiar face around Lacey Green for over a decade, due to her long stint as assistant manager at Widmer Equestrian Centre. She has taken on the role of The Pink's new landlady. Having worked at the

pub under Duncan and Shakira 7 years ago she laughs that "No one knows The Pink's nooks and crannies as well as I do!"

Although lacking in hospitality management experience, Patrick and Lara, who have known Alice since their arrival in the village 9 years ago, decided to trust her with the job because as Lara says, "I've trusted her with my four children over the years so trusting Alice with The Pink seemed like the right idea!"

The pub has undergone a reasonably extensive refurbishment over the past few

months, although readers will be relieved to hear that the Brooke Bar remains intact! Patrick says, "Our plan was to update The Pink but without messing it about too much".

The historic heart of the building has been preserved but, while the dining room has been updated and the whole place has had a bit of a facelift, it is the garden that has changed most dramatically. A new play area for children containing an exciting pirate ship climbing frame has been added where previous tenants used to have their own private garden. Alice points out, "The new children's garden has always been part of The Pink's land, its just that we have decided to open it up for the public".

The other major change in the garden has been a decking area over the old patio and the addition of heated al fresco dining. Alice explains, "The booths have become extremely popular in a very short space of time, but then nobody has seen anything quite like them! Each booth not only has a table and seating but they're also heated which means that our customers have really been able



PINK & LILY

The recently reopened Pink & Lily has gone back to its roots as a friendly, quality local – muddy boots, muddy families and muddy dogs welcome.

With a stunning new menu and a range of local and real ales on tap, The Pink looks forward to welcoming all comers!

PINK ROAD, LACEY GREEN, HP27 0RJ

Tel. 01494 489857

to enjoy these long summer evenings". Alice further added that the booths are not just for people eating at the pub, saying that "drinkers are using them a lot too!"

Further seating is available on the pub's lawn, and a new barbecue has meant that The Pink has already been able to hold its first outdoor eating event. Head chef, Sam Morgan explains, "With the barbecue, we've been able to really make the most of the outside space, although I prefer to call it a summer kitchen!"

Chatting to Sam, he explains that while he has worked all over the UK and spent some time working in Italy, he is happy to call Lacey Green his new home! "I love it here, although I've been too busy to explore much of this stunning scenery yet!"

Sam's knowledge and passion for using the very best ingredients

shines through. "All of the produce we use is sourced locally. We've been really lucky to find Bob who supplies us with all our fruit and veg and David Nicholson, who brings all our meat from Scotchfield Farm in Haddenham. I would love to be able to source cream and milk locally if anyone can help? Maybe someone in the

village keeps bees, or chickens? It would be amazing if they could get in touch!"

The Pink and Lily is open seven days a week, from midday to 11.30pm. Call 01494 489857 for reservations.

Lara O'Connor



Happy Wanderers

Mid Summer Stroll.

June 12

On an overcast evening twenty eight Happy Wanderers arrived promptly at The Cock and Rabbit public house at The Lee to pre order their supper. However, the establishment was not open, it was the owner's birthday; but he arrived before too long and all was well.

We commenced the stroll at about 6.30pm in light rain, twenty two of us braving the damp weather. The stroll was a circle of about three miles, passing a large field of peas and others of horse beans, we passed by the old, now closed, Gate P.H.

Then on to Swan Bottom and the Swan P.H. which looked busy. We continued through the woods and



back over the Common, to the Cock and Rabbit.

Others who did the short walk and those who joined us for supper were already enjoying a drink,

making altogether a total of thirty one.

In spite of the wet we enjoyed a good social evening.

Ron Goodearl

Rotherfield Greys.

June 30

This was an absolutely splendid walk (well you wouldn't expect me to say anything else, would you?), so it was rather a shame that only six of us were involved. I suppose that there were some reasonable excuses - it was too far away, start time 10.00 instead of 10.30, can't think of anything else (but it could be my habit of poking people with my walking pole). It was only 3 ¾ miles, with one stile and not much in the way of ups and downs.

It didn't start off at all well, since Roger and I got slightly lost driving there, only a quarter mile from the start point. So when we arrived at the Maltsters Arms there were two people making rude signs with their wristwatches. But we finally got off at 10.15, going down an enclosed path between Churchfields and the churchyard, thence past a golf course on our

left and back on to the road at Greys Green. As this wasn't that far from our starting point, we looked out for any late arrivals that might be around, but didn't see any. We followed the road through the village and took a short cut round the edge of the cricket pitch, to find a path leading into woodland and then through a valley emerging on another road opposite Greys Court farm.

Our route then took us up into the Greys Court estate, passing the old manor on the left, then the entrance to Greys Court itself, and the visitors pay booth. This looked a suitable spot to sell ice cream, but there was none on sale (a lost opportunity, I thought). Greys Court has been owned by the National Trust since 1969, and has recently had extensive conservation work. The manor dates from the 16th century and has been occupied continuously for the last 600 years.

We left through the car park and along the side of a wood eventually reaching the road at Broadplat. The least attractive stretch of the walk was along the road until we reached Lime Tree farm, where we turned off into a lane and down into another valley. A right turn took us along the edge of a wood and then over the only stile, into the wood for a fairly stiff climb, emerging in a field where someone wanted to know how much further we had to go. Fortunately, we could see the Maltsters Arms very clearly.

Tony Molesworth



County Council



Firstly, can I thank all the Residents of Lacey Green and Loosley Row for allowing me to represent you at County Hall as part of the newly created division of Ridgeway West. Whether you voted for me or not on 2nd May, I am here to answer any concerns that you may have within the Parish and to bring these if necessary to the attention of Buckinghamshire County Council for a resolution. It may even be a District Council issue which I will happily pass onto my District Council colleague Cllr Mel Foster on your behalf.

I would like to take this opportunity of paying tribute to my predecessor, Paul Rogerson who has now retired, but who worked tirelessly for you for 12 years on Bucks County Council as well at District Council level. Paul will be a hard act to follow, but I will do my utmost to ensure that you will have the confidence in me to carry on the work that Paul has done so well for so many years.

Fortunately I am not a novice at local politics so can be up and running immediately. I already have served the Residents of the Risboroughs Division for the last

10 years on Town, District and County. The reason why I changed Division was solely that Paul was retiring and I live in Saunderton which is within the new Ridgeway West Division. So I could for the first time in 10 years represent the residents of my own area.

So what is new at County Hall? Well we have a Council newly elected in May for the next 4 years, there are now 36 Conservative, 6 UK Independence Party, 5 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour and 1 Independent Members which takes the total to 49 which is a reduction from 57 within the last Council.

The Conservatives continue to be main political party, with the UKIP with the Independent Member being the main opposition party. The Liberal Democrats have links with the sole Labour Member as the secondary opposition.

On 23rd May at our AGM I was elected Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming year. I am deeply honoured to be able to represent the County Council as the Civic and Ceremonial head at events. This role also enables me to be President of the Bucks Ambassadors, which aims to promote the County to other authorities from a sporting perspective through the world of commerce and business. I am delighted to say that I am supported this year by Cllr Zahir Mohammed who is my Vice Chairman.

Now the subject of roads. As you are aware the road network is in desperate need of a major investment for maintenance which has not been there for many years. Since 2011, the Conservative Administration spent an extra

£30m on roads to bring them back to a respectable standard. However last winter, we were deluged with rain which destroyed many road surfaces within the County. On the door steps during the elections, this was the main priority for the Council to put right.

Cllr Tett along with Council agreed that there would be an extra £25m spent in the forthcoming 2 years. At the Council meeting held on 23rd May, it was agreed to spend in addition to the extra £25m, the sum of a further £3m this year from Reserves to accelerate the road repair programme.

This unfortunately is still insufficient. It has been estimated that we need to spend a massive £300m just on our main road infrastructure. We are looking at ways as to how this amount could be raised if at all and different ways of repairs. We do not want to increase Council tax, which incidentally we have maintained at a level without any increases for the last 3 years.

My home life is family centric. I have been married to Joanna for the last 30 years, have a son Alexander and daughter Olivia who are now grown up and I work within the family business providing Sales & Marketing Consultancy.

I wish that I could write more but I have already exceeded the number of words permitted.

I will end by saying that thank you for electing me to be your County Councillor. My door is always open so please don't hesitate to contact on either 01844 340177 or cetholen@buckscc.gov.uk

Carl Etholen

On The Farm

Mid July and this month has been scorching. I have commiserated with those who work inside, but if you work outside it is now just too hot, not only for the men but also the cows whose optimum temperature is 4 to 8C, so they are suffering from what we describe as heat stress.

They have been milking well since Christmas, currently averaging 29 litres a day, approximately 50 pints from two milkings. The grass growth is slowing down now and soon we will have to supplement the grazing cows. If you notice those in the front field, they will be seeking out the shade, and sitting for hours chewing the cud but their coats have benefited from their time grazing in the sun and are looking really good. They are not being milked, on two months holiday before calving again.

Quite a few more will be dried off soon. Calves keep being born, and although we haven't done an analysis of data it does feel that recently we are getting far more bull calves to heifer calves. This is not good when trying to breed replacements for a dairy herd.

Each year Richard and Maxine visit a European country with the

"European Dairy Club". Last month they went to Sweden.

They said they were mainly in the south of the country and it was very similar to here. The Swedish dairy farmers spend a fortune on cow housing, which has to cope with warm summers and regular minus 20C in winter. One Swedish farmer from the north said it got down to minus 46C last year. Now that could just be enough to put you off milking cows.

One farm visited was the farm of the Arla chairman. Arla, as you may be aware, are building one of the biggest dairy milk processing plants in Europe at Aston Clinton, due to open later this year. Arla is a Swedish, Danish Farmer Co-operative. Recently a co-operative of English dairy farmers also became members. They will be paid a European price. We have been supplying Arla with our milk for some time, but we are not members. It is a situation to watch for it has every appearance of a company with big ambitions.

We have just done our second cut of grass for winter silage, just over five weeks after the first cut.

Yields were acceptable considering that we had little rain since the beginning of June.

Shortly we will be ready for harvest. Crops have improved since their very poor start and hopefully the yields will be reasonable. However we will never forget last year when the crops had looked really good at this stage and we ended up having the worst harvest in memory. Nothing is ever guaranteed!

It is with regret that we have again felt it necessary to cancel the maize maze. This is not planted till the end of April. It is a warm weather crop and it couldn't cope with the ground after the coldest spring for decades. It has only now begun to grow. Only inches, not feet high.

We hope it will be a good summer for everyone. We have to get the harvest in whatever the weather and we apologise now for the extra tractors and implements on the road if they cause hold-ups; and the long hours that we work, but every hour counts when we can use it. Before the next edition we must get in the harvest, collect straw, spread slurry, prepare the land and plant next year's crops. The pressure is on for us. Your patience is appreciated! Happy hols!

Joan West

Update on Princes Centre Appeal

Heartfelt thanks to those who have donated towards the purchase of the Day Centre. The fundraising has now topped £100,000. There is still a very long way to go to ensure that enough money will be raised in order to secure the future of the Centre and so it is hoped that lots more generous residents will come forward and donate to the Appeal.

Future fundraising events include a Polo event which is taking place on Sunday, August 18th, a Black Dog Band Concert on Saturday, October 12th and a Christmas Ball on Saturday, December 7th. If you can support these events, details will be on posters around the locality. If you cannot come along please consider sending a donation, made payable to The Princes Risborough Centre Ltd to: - The Treasurer, The Princes

Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough HP27 0DP. If you wish to know more, please visit the web site: www.princescentre.org.uk or to visit the Centre please ring Kim on 01844 345105.

Thank you very much for your support.

Maggie Wooster

St John's School

Can it really be the end of another year already? Since Easter we have held a hot dog day, Usborne book sale, plant sale, camp night, and the highlight of the year – the Summer Ball. Lou Salmon chaired the ball committee and must be thanked for all her hard work ensuring it was again a successful evening.

Hot School Meals

Work has now taken place at the school and the new kitchen is installed. We are offering 3 days of hot school meals in the last week of term to test the kitchen before going “live” with the hot meals in the Autumn term. The children are very excited about the tester sessions, although it does seem funny that they are being given hot meals during the hottest end of term we can remember for a few years now! A big thank you must be given to Kate Collet-Fenson for all her hard work in making the hot school meals happen.

St. John's Gardening Club

The school gardening club has been very successful this term. They spent a busy working Saturday tidying up both the

Millennium Garden and the Outdoor Classroom which included putting gravel and bark into these areas, kindly donated by Country Supplies. The children have all enjoyed helping to water and watch their plants grow into vegetables, fruit and flowers. It has been lovely to see the children in the garden area through their lunch times, genuinely excited about this area. A big thank you must go to Maggie Robins and her team of helpers for transforming this area and running the gardening club.

If you have a particular area of expertise you would like to share with parents and children alike please let us know.

In the autumn term we are already planning a Barn Dance for all the family, a Gig Night as well as a school disco in October and a Christmas Fayre in December!

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 Association Secretary

The St. John's School Ball took place on 13th July with the colourful theme ‘Copacabana’. 169 guests, danced, drank and raised money for the restoration of the outdoor fitness trail and we have raised in the region of £8,000 which is a record! Work to the fitness trail will take place through the summer holidays.

Our huge thanks goes out to the patience of all the neighbours in Lacey Green, for tolerating the noise on the night and for our very

kind Lacey Green sponsors including; Paula Paintbrush, Pot-tastic, Lantern House, Simply Alpa, Midway Sweeps, Clickettyclack, P.A.Spittles Landscapes Ltd, The Black Horse, Village Environmental Services, Leigh Lewis and Lacey Green Tennis Club. Without our very generous sponsors we would not have been able to raise so much money.

With heartfelt thanks,

Lou Salmon



T@3

By the time you are reading this, the 10th July – our “last” T@3 – will be over. We shall have celebrated the birthday of Connie Baker, her 105th! Well done Connie.

Unfortunately we have decided to discontinue the teas, except for possible future special occasions.

During the time we have been meeting we have raised £221 to buy a trolley to store tables in the hall, given £50 to Scannappeal and £200 remains to be donated to the Village Hall Car Park Fund.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this venture, both workers and clients. It has been both worthwhile and fun.

Sally Pilkington



Your Parish Councillors are here to listen to you and provide a link for you between your District and County Council.

We have entered into correspondence with the Gas Board to have gas supplied to Speen. This project was brought to our attention by one of the Speen residents who has campaigned and spoken to all the residents of Speen. We have worked together and hopefully British Gas are now looking seriously into running in a gas supply.

We are still waiting for Bucks County Council to finish Main Road resurfacing. So far, they have tarmacked the worst sections and I believe we are waiting for some cooler weather (who ever thought we would say that!) when Main road will be completely surfaced dressed, this is scheduled for July, unfortunately the weather is against us – we can't win.

Once this has been done, we will have all the white lines reinstated including those marking driveways

on St John's School side of Main Road.

We have discussed amongst ourselves ways of averting the traffic congestion along Main Road at school start and finish times, we would appreciate any and all ideas that you may have, these can be put forward to the local Bucks Area Technician and the Thames Valley Police for their further consideration.

Does anyone have any thoughts on a hatched area whereby vehicles cannot park or stand and this would then be a passing place for buses, cars etc. ?

Through the local 'NAG' – Neighbourhood Action Group, 30mph stickers were obtained for wheelie bins along Main Road, as a reminder to passing motorists of the speed limit through our village

The Parish Council has a presence at the local NAG meetings (held every 3months) along with representatives from the surrounding villages. We would welcome any residents to these meetings who wish to raise

matters with our local Police, discuss how other villages deal with matters or even just to see who and what happens in and around our area.

We have decided on a surface for the playground at Lacey Green Sports Club, and this should be done over the summer. We have decided on a synthetic grass effect to be laid under the swing areas and under the climbing frame, the beauty of this grass is that it will require no mowing!

We learnt this week that the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Griffiths, had won the prestigious award of 'Clerk of the Year' for Buckinghamshire. This was a nominated award and was well deserved, our congratulations go to Sue and we wish her a successful year.

On this pleasant note, should anyone feel the urge to attend any of our meetings or contact us, please do so and our contact details can be found in the back of Hallmark.

Cathryn Davies

Lacey Green Parish Council

St John's Junior Choir



It was so lovely to see the young members of our church choir singing at our church concert, supported by their families both in the church and at the enjoyable "posh tea" with most tasty sandwiches and cakes at the school hall afterwards!

"The Music We Love" concert started in our church at 3pm and the "posh tea" started in our school's main hall at 4pm.

The events were partly to raise funds for the church but it was an enjoyable village social time together.

The overall organizer, Rosemary Mortham (nee Oliver) contributes so much to our villages in different ways, she can be very proud of what she does in all modesty.

Norman Tyler

Village Hall loses stalwart member

An era came to an end last month when Norman Tyler stepped down from the Village Hall committee. Norman has been on the committee for the best part of 20 years, and was very involved in the building of the Millennium Hall. Many of us will have enjoyed his epic film recording of the demolition and rebuilding of the hall.

Norman has been the champion of Hallmark over this 20 years and through it has raised substantial funds for the Millennium Hall. He was Advertising Manager for 8 years, Editor for 5 years and then Chief Photographer for the past 4 years. He revolutionised the look of Hallmark by bringing in many more pictures and making it much more attractive to read.

Norman continues to contribute towards the community by taking photos of village events and frequently ferrying less able people wherever they need to go.

We wish Norman well in his retirement and are happy that



Bette is still able to stay on the committee and give the Tyler family input.

The photo above shows Norman and Bette when they were presented with an Outstanding

Achievement Award by the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire for their contribution to village life.

Mike Piercy

Woodfield Street Party

I think that, as Lacey Green in particular has a lot of cul-de-sacs leading off the Main Road, our villagers could really improve their lives by having street parties at least annually. They can meet other people living near them



but they don't know very well. In fact, even everyone who lives in the Main Road could be invited to the street parties in one of the cul-de-sac parties.

John Tyler had the idea of a street party to be on the nearest Sunday to last year's successful Diamond Jubilee street parties. He composed and printed an invitation, which 9-year-old Max Schreiber delivered to all houses in and near Woodfield. Max also helped John in other ways.

The street party started at 1pm on Sunday 16 June at the turning

end of the road and participants very much enjoyed their time and thought it should become a regular annual event.

42 people of all ages came there, from 2 to their 90s. People met others they'd never or rarely chatted to and they ALL enjoyed themselves, as my photos on www.laceygreen.com show.

Why not arrange one in your area? It turns out to be fun for everyone there!

Norman Tyler

St John's Church



Time to say Goodbye

We wished Norman and Rev Denise all future happiness in their retirement at a special service in St. John's on July 7th.

This was Denise's last 'working' sermon, and she only faltered as she seemed emotional when she pronounced the final blessing.

The choir performed at their usual high standard. There was hardly a dry eye in the Church as the Junior Choir sang/replayed the 'Adieu Song' from the Sound of Music – but with slightly changed lyrics, appropriate to the day. They were all in tune and bravely sang solos to a packed congregation. Tissues were passed out accordingly.

Then there was a superb 'Bring and Share' lunch in the school attended by approximately ninety people – a happy and sad occasion all at once. A delicious cake made by Rosemary was the grand finale.

Tennis enthusiasts left in time for the Andy Murray match. By an amazing coincidence, Andy achieved success just in time for those attending Denise's final send off from the Risborough Team to reach St. Mary's Church with minutes to spare.

Many of Denise's and Norman's friends and mentors from their Pastoral life attended to give professional and personal tributes.

Two beautiful 'loungers' just right for this weather were presented to them at the end of the service. We can imagine they are being put to very good use already.

Refreshments were served, a time for greeting old friends and saying 'Goodbyes'. Denise and Norman are fortunate to move to Kent to a house overlooking the sea.

The Vacancy

At this stage, we do not know who will be our new Vicar, as the Church of England rules dictate that a vacancy cannot be advertised until the present incumbent has actually retired.

The position will be advertised in the next few months and hopefully we will have news for the next issue of 'Hallmark'.

Meanwhile, services will continue as usual with the Risboro' clergy.

Future dates for the diary

It comes round every year – our Harvest Festival - **September 28th and 29th**. "We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land".

We will celebrate with a 'Bring and Share' Lunch on Sunday 29th, and possibly a sale of Produce.

November 9th. Musical concert in the school, organised by Ann Eden. See page 4 details.

December 7th – definite date for the diary – Christmas Fayre – in the Village Hall from 10am till 1pm. Usual stalls plus some new ones, plenty of refreshments too.

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

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

NOTE – Evensong will be held ONLY at key points during the Church year.

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.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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, PR Fun, laughter, food, making friends, crazy games, being there!

Youth Club

We have had lots of fun at Youth Club this year. Moments that I remember:

Our search for the rarely seen Loch Ness Monster, occasionally seen amongst the fog in the meeting room in the Hall.

Maypole Dancing, probably the most dangerous activity we have undertaken as a group!

Knickerbocker Glory creations – possibly a personal favourite as I had to undertake quality control of the ingredients first!

Relaxing evening at St John's field playing rounders and chatting.

Making dragons with gallons of paint.

The youngsters always seem to have a good time, but so do we, the helpers. We would love to

have more adults. It is a great way to keep in touch with all ages in the local villages. We meet once a fortnight but there is no pressure to come every time. You can contribute in any way you like,

sharing a skill, playing games, helping with crafts or just chatting. Contact Leigh Axe, or Karen Hodgkinton to learn more.

Jenny Stothard



Escaping Nessie



Experimenting with nail polish

Kindergym

It is a good job we don't take ourselves too seriously in our Kindergym classes. Recently Harry Patient asked me if I was a "real teacher". Gabby suggested he pinch me and one of the girls answered, with a laugh, "No, she's too silly!" I took that as a compliment.

On the same day Gabby was accused of smelling of courgettes. I was impressed the child in question knew what a courgette smelt like. I don't!

We also rely on the children to tell us what is going on in the village. Harry Baraclough telling me how sad it was that the "Relevant Denise" was leaving, and the children's excitement at singing to Connie on her 105th birthday.

The Melody Minors children did us proud in our end of term showing, with fierce pirate faces and a spirited rendition of "Boop boop a didum dodem waddem choo". We like to cover the classics!

It is always sad when the children leave for "big school" especially when they have attended since baby singing, but we hope to see them all at some stage in our holiday activities and know they are all ready to move on.

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Heavenly Bodies

There's a buzz of excitement in the air about an impending comet – so let's talk about a meteor shower, for good reason. This one is happening now, so get ready...and ok, we'll check what's happening with the comet.

The Perseid meteor shower is with us now, and peaks on the evening of **Monday August 12** (and into the small-hours if you can stay up). But don't panic if you can't make that night – a few evenings either side of that date should be worth viewing. There's no Moon to dilute the sky, so the Perseids should put on a good show. The best way to see them is to wait for dark, grab a sun-lounger, look south-ish and lie back. The meteors will emanate from behind you (in the constellation of Perseus), and streak across the sky in any direction. They are caused by dust particles, left over by the comet Swift-Tuttle, slamming into the Earth's atmosphere and burning up. There could be 60 or more meteors – “shooting stars” – per hour. Their comet creator returns to our skies in 2126.

Closer to home, you may have been wondering where the Moon has been hiding over the last couple of months. It's been laying low and hugging the horizon, because at night the Earth's northern hemisphere tilts above the plane of the Moon's and planets' orbits so they appear low in the sky. Also, the light evenings make the Moon tricky to spot against the relatively bright sky. But as the equinox on September 22 approaches, the tilt is changing and the Moon is starting to climb the sky once again. Every full moon has a folklore name, and the one on August 21 can be the Red, Fruit, Barley or Green Corn Moon. September's is the Harvest Moon

– of course (and wordplay resulted in the TV series “Shine on, Harvey Moon”), followed by Hunter's Moon in October.

Another reason to look up is because the night skies are so fabulous at this time of year. The “summer triangle” shape is marked out by the stars Deneb, Vega and Altair, with the ribbon of the Milky Way flowing behind them (see sky map below).

Glowing within the constellations are some of the wonders of our Galaxy. In Lyra, a telescope reveals a star in its death-throes peeling off its outer layers as the Ring Nebula. Another dying star has a different pattern to produce the Dumbbell Nebula (see images I've taken on the sky map). The dusty elements being thrown into space by these old stars will probably go on to form new stars.

Looking left, the constellation of Pegasus gallops into view, heralding the beginning of the autumn night skies. The outer planets Neptune and Uranus are also marked on the sky map, but these require binoculars or a telescope to be seen.

You may also have spotted something called “Juno” on the map – this is one of the larger asteroids in the Main Belt between the orbits of Jupiter and Mars. It is the third asteroid ever discovered (in 1804) and is about 145 miles across. Orbiting at a safe distance from Earth, the stony lump reflects light well and can be seen in binoculars.

So what about this comet? Firstly, the word derives from the Greek *kometes*, meaning long-haired, due to a comet's tail. Comet ISON is now between the orbits of Jupiter and Mars. It's currently barrelling towards the Sun at a blistering 55,000 mph and is due to whirl around our star in November at a staggering 425,000 mph as it receives a solar gravity boost. ISON is predicted to be a binocular object in October, but could become a naked-eye object as bright as the full Moon if it survives its close encounter with the Sun. News bulletins will, no doubt, provide updates. Savour the skies, and cross everything for the comet.

Chris Dignan



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Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Full walk last Sun of the month 10.30	Ronnie Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed 10.30	Linda Taylor	345261	
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm	Alison Shreeve		a.shreeve1@btinternet.com
Kinder Gym & Melody Minors	Baby to 5 years. Fridays during term. After school classes for up to Year 3	Jenny Stothard Gabby Kenny	344441 07793 80745	jennystothard@btinternet.com
LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time	Denise Kinnard	274731	lukeden@hotmail.co.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	Paula Cunningham	07502 198405	admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm	Daphne Willash	01494 562455	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High Wycombe & District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Nadia Ellis	01494 451295	nadia.ellis@homecall.co.uk
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