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Welcome to the August edition of Hallmark

Some people bemoan the lack of any major festival or Village Day in LG & LR. They say we have no community spirit.

However there are great social events going on practically every summer weekend, we are going out and being sociable - just not all on one day.

In the past few weeks we have seen the Sports Club and Windmills Fun Day, the Church Fete, the Strawberry Tea and the Flower Festival. What a selection!

In August we have the beer festivals at each of our pubs to look forward to. Another good

opportunity to get out, enjoy some music and meet the neighbours - village spirit is alive and well.

The Village Hall has recently had a face lift with upgrades to the floor and the car park to improve the facilities. Bette Tyler has decided to step down from the Village Hall committee, we would like to thank her very much for the good work she has done over many years.

Our cover photo is a dramatic shot of the view from Loosley Hill to Chinnor Hill taken by Jamie Buchanan.



Mike Piercy
Editor

Youth Club

In the February issue I asked if anyone was willing to lend a hand at Youth Club on a regular basis.

Well this turned out to be a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody:

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Although we didn't expect Everybody, Nobody stepped forward.

The job involves two hours once a fortnight, less if there are many of us. It takes half an hour setting up and clearing up, then just watching to prevent any mishaps.

A YEAR amounts to less than 50 hrs community service – TWO DAYS. Didn't you attend Guides or Scouts or a youth club when you were growing up – someone gave their time for you.

Lack of staff in the NHS results in more staff sickness – in our case the club will just close.

What's in it for you? A free first aid course but only if you wish; satisfaction in having given something back; the pleasure of watching kids interacting and sometimes squealing with excitement if we run a game.

Be warned, table tennis is played anywhere but on the table and snooker is often played one handed. You might also have to try some of their cooking.

Youth Club dates are on <http://www.laceygreen.com/Sections/index.php#youth>

Call in to check it out with no obligation and we won't lock you in - or is Everybody content to take and not give anything back?

Leigh Axe

What's On

Wed 5 Aug 7.45pm

WI talk by speaker from RSPB

Sat 8 Aug noon

Pink & Lily: Local food and booze fair. See p24

14/15 Aug

LGP: Phar Phetched Phantom see p8

23/24 Aug

Black Horse Beer Festival
See p15

Wed 16 Sept 8pm

Horts Club: Plants in outdoor containers

Thur 17 Sept 9.30am

MacMillan coffee morning

Sat 31 Oct 10.30am

Windmill Artists Exhibition and Bistro

Mobile Library

Eastlands 11.30 to 11.55
5 Aug, 2 Sept, 30 Sept

Parish Council

7 Sept 7.30 pm
Lacey Green Hall.
2 Nov 7.30 pm
Speen Village Hall

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On 17th September the Thursday Coffee Morning volunteers will be once again holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Millennium Hall.

Entrance will be by a donation of £1.50 and we shall have the usual coffee and biscuits. In addition there will be homemade cakes for you to buy with your coffee. The event will start at 9.30am until 12 noon.

We will have our usual stalls selling cakes, produce, crafts,

cards, books, handbags and jewellery. We will also have a raffle and the ever popular tombola stall. Items for the stalls are always gratefully received.

We hope that, as in the past, you will again give us your support at what will be a great morning in helping to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Fund.

Thank you

Jill Baker and Joy Lawrence

Windmill Artists Exhibition and Bistro

This popular art exhibition and bistro will once again be held in Lacey Green Village Hall on Saturday October 31st from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm.

There will be refreshments throughout the day and we look forward to seeing you on 31/10/15

Parish Councillor needed

Following the May elections there is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor for Lacey Green. The work is interesting and not onerous, and only

requires meeting one Monday evening per month. If you might be interested and would like more information, contact Cathryn Davies on 344765.

Risboro Rangers FA Cup match on Aug 15

Risborough Rangers Travel Club will be running a 63 seater executive coach to this Inaugural Match, as this is the first time in the Club's History our local team

will be appearing in this famous competition.

The cost is only £10 per person. Please contact Stephen Burnett (07546 538263).

LGP Murder Mystery - "The Phar-Phetched Phantom".

To be performed on Saturday and Sunday, August 15th and 16th and served with lunch or afternoon tea!

Tickets available from the LGP website or phone 01844 344207.

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre has a host of must-see shows from West End musicals, to breath-taking dance and spectacular opera.

A real coup for the town, Strictly stars Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace are making their world premiere of their final ever tour, The Last Tango, Thu 17 – Sat 19 Sep. After 20 years of dancing together, this is the last chance to experience the Nation's best-loved dance couple doing what they do best in an intimate, passionate and explosive performance.

If dance isn't your thing, the Jersey Boys are! The smash hit musical takes to the theatre for 2 weeks Tue 22 Sep – Sat 3 Oct, and has won 55 major awards. It tells the true life story of four boys from the wrong side of the tracks who wrote their own songs, invented their own unique sound and sold 175 million

records worldwide. Featuring hits including Beggin', Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Walk Like A Man, Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry and many more, this is a story full of heart, humour and musical razzmatazz.

Opera enthusiasts do not miss the return of Ellen Kent Opera as she brings Bizet's Carmen to the stage on Sat 17 Oct with a stunning set reflecting the architecture of Seville and its main square with Roman and Moorish influence.

With one night shows including Hello Kitty Live (Tue 6 Oct), The Dreamboys (Thu 8 Oct), Michael Palin (Fri 9 Oct) and comedy must-sees including Jim Davidson (Tue 13 Oct) and Noel Fielding there's something for everyone, so make sure you don't miss out!

Book now by calling 0844 871 7607 (bkg fee) or visit www.atgtickets.com/aylesbury (bkg fee).

Free tickets competition

For your chance to win 2 x tickets to see Olivier award-winning Best Comedy 2014, Jeeves and Wooster at the Waterside on Mon Sept 7 at 7.30 pm simply answer the following question:

What is the name of the landlady of the Black Horse?

Email your answer, name and telephone number to editor@laceygreen.com by Mon Aug 24. The winner will then be drawn from a hat. Good luck!

Millennium Hall update

For some while we have been suffering problems with the Millennium Hall car park and in the Spring we did repair work to reduce the puddles and we improved the outside lighting.

However there was still a problem with stones being washed out of the car park into the main road and blocking the drains. So at the end of May we hired contractors to build a retaining ramp which both gives a smoother entrance to the car park and also holds back the stones.

As the Hall would be inaccessible for the weekend we took the opportunity to do some major refurbishment of the floor. The entire hall floor was stripped and sanded down. Multiple coats of hardwearing lacquer were then applied leaving a new smooth resilient surface.

The Hall will have a deep clean at the end of July and then we will replace some of the carpeting that is showing signs of wear.

Mike Piercy

Singers Summer Concert report

Congratulations to Fiona, Lacey Green Singers and Brian Panter for giving us such an enjoyable evening at their Summer Concert in June. Also thanks to Carla, Lucy and Charlotte for such an entertaining rendition of 'Putting on the Ritz'! It was a delight to listen to Jack and Toby on trombone and saxophone. How lucky we are to have such talent in the village to entertain us! The music was great and the atmosphere so relaxing. Here's to the next time!

Bette Tyler

Windmill WI

At the end of April some of our members went to the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury for the Annual Council Meeting. We had three very interesting speakers; Diana Birch NFWI Vice- Chair, Chair of the WI Enterprises Ltd Board; Anna Turney a Double Winter Paralympian who is a remarkable lady; and Jo Fairley co-founder of Green & Black Chocolate.

During the meeting the Centenary Baton arrived and we were invited to see it leave the Theatre by canal boat on its way to the new marina before travelling to Winslow by vintage car.

During our May meeting we discussed the resolution to be voted on at the NFWI Centenary Annual Meeting. *The 2015 Resolution: "Failing to care - assessment of need in long term care" This meeting calls on HM Government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals, in order to advance health and well being.*

Following this we had a very interesting talk from Mr Malcolm Peckham on his work at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court.

At the beginning of June one of our members, Jane Brown who had represented our WI at the WI Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, gave us a very entertaining talk about her day in the Palace gardens, the lovely tea they enjoyed and mixing with royalty.

For our June meeting the speaker was Malcolm Nelson who talked about 'Fourty years of catching Smugglers'. Malcolm worked for 40 years for HM Customs, catching smugglers at Heathrow Airport. He gave us a very entertaining insight into his job. Since his retirement he has written a book and also gives lectures on-board cruise ships.

Also this month several of our members attended the streaming of the NFWI Centenary Annual Meeting at Cineworld in High Wycombe live from The Royal Albert Hall. This was an incredible event; in attendance were HM The Queen, President of Sandringham WI, HRH The Princess Royal and HRH The Countess of Wessex.

HM The Queen opened the Centenary Annual Meeting and praised the WI for remaining relevant and forward thinking. The Centenary Baton finished its 18 month journey in the hands of the Queen. We then watched the story of the baton's journey around 69 federations in England and Wales.

The day's agenda was peppered with live links to Federations across the country. The Resolution we discussed at our May meeting was discussed again but members of the Centenary Annual Meeting did not vote on the Failing to Care Resolution after agreeing to move onto the next agenda item.

It was felt that the resolution could encourage the draining of money from the NHS into social care.

We enjoyed three very good speakers:- Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson telling us about her life as a paralympian wheelchair racer - what an incredibly brave lady. Lucy Worsley - Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces gave us a spirited account of the history of the WI. The last speaker was Helena Morrissey CBE, a mother of nine! Helena heads up an organisation, 'Thirty Per Cent Club' which encourages more woman into the boardroom. This was really an excellent day out for the WI.

Five of our members attended the Centenary Garden Party at Waddesdon Manor. The weather was perfect and we celebrated with a lovely cream tea on the lawn in front of the Manor. There were lots of WI stalls and many ladies had dressed in the fashion of 1915 and looked very beautiful.

On Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July there will be a Flower Festival and Exhibition of the history of wedding dresses over 100 years. This will be organised by The Local History Group and The Windmill WI and held at St. John's Church Lacey Green.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th August at 7.45pm, the speaker will be Mr. Brian Fisher from the RSPB, if you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

Ann Bartlett

Lacey Green Productions

It's not too late for you to come and see the latest LGP murder mystery entertainment. "The Phar Phetched Phantom" is being performed as part of our "Theatre At Home" series on Saturday and Sunday, August 15th and 16th.

There will be two performances on each of those days – one accompanied by lunch and one by afternoon tea. If the weather is clement, we shall be eating al fresco – indoors if wet. The venue is 67 Manor Park Avenue in Princes Risborough and tickets are available by telephoning 01844 344207 or 01844 347518. Full details are on our posters and our website www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk.

As is usual with LGP's murder mysteries, the audience will have their brains teased by lots of red herrings and false clues as to the murderer's identity. In addition, the audience will have a chance to question the suspects at close quarters and, while consuming their lunches or teas, they will be able to decide on the guilty party. There will, of course, be prizes for the winners and sometimes we even give prizes to the most inventively wrong answers!

Whether you win or not, these LGP murder mysteries are great fun and you are sure to have an enjoyable social occasion.

LGP will, as ever, be contributing its profits to charities. In 2015, we are supporting "Educate for Life", a charity which has built a school/community centre in a

remote farming village in India – see www.educateforlife.org.uk. We are also supporting as usual the St Mary's Church in Aylesbury's Free Christmas Lunch. This provides lunch and entertainment on Christmas Day to the homeless and lonely in the Aylesbury area – see www.freechristmasdinner.com. LGP's charitable contributions so far total over £57,000 to charities both locally and overseas.

In addition to writing and performing our new murder mystery, LGP members are also gearing up for their 2015 dinner-theatre production in November in the Village Hall. So now is a good time to join us and take part in any capacity. Please call 01844 344207 or visit our website.

Peter Brookhouse

Princes Centre Update

We are delighted to inform you that the replacement of the large windows in the Peter Robinson room took place recently and the new ones are looking wonderful. It is very satisfying to see some end result from the fundraising efforts. Plans continue to replace the boiler and heating system, install a wheelchair lift [which will entail reordering the internal area of the building and relocating the kiln], relaying the paving in the patio area, upgrading the electrical system and providing RCD protection throughout the building, redoing some of the roof and replacing the rest of the external doors and windows. We are hoping to acquire some grant funding towards the costs.

With the warmer weather, some of the clients of the Princes Centre, with the help of volunteers, are enjoying gardening one morning a week, and the Centre has been entered into the national competition of 'Britain in Bloom' in the Community Garden section. We wish them every success.

Others have enjoyed small trips out to local attractions such as the Hellfire Caves and Waddesdon Manor and enjoyed pub lunches. Other trips are being planned and these give the clients the opportunity to enjoy the small outings in life that the rest of us take for granted.

The recent Polo Event held by the Fundraising Committee and kindly sponsored by the Lacey Green Polo Club was not quite so well attended as we had hoped, due to the cold, damp and windy weather, but it was still very successful in that a further £1,400 was raised towards the refurbishment of the Centre. The trustees would like to thank Mariano Darritchon of La Mariposa Polo Club, Jairo Rojas and Elizabeth Humphreys for their support for this event.

If you would like to offer support in any other way Kim would welcome a phone call on 01844 345105 or see www.princescentre.org.uk.

Maggie Wooster

Windmills Under 5s



I write this as the end of another successful academic year at Windmills draws to a close. The preschool remains as busy and lively as ever. Over the last half term the children have been enjoying the good weather, and have made the most of the sunshine playing outside and exploring our new mud kitchen.

Our new portable fences have proved extremely useful in recent weeks. Combined with the sporting expertise of Joel, the newest member of our fantastic team of staff, the children have had plenty of opportunity to burn off some of their boundless energy!

Following the success of last year's summer fete, we held a joint event with the Sports and Social Club at the beginning of June to raise much-needed funds for the Sports Club roof. The sun shone and the day was once again very successful. Attractions included face painting, tombolas, a cake stall, bouncy castle, BBQ and five-a-side football competition. Special thanks go to Liam from Creature Curriculum for bringing his

travelling farm, the RAF firemen for bringing along their fire engine and Jenny from Kinder Gym. Thank you also to everyone who came along and supported us on the day – we raised a magnificent £1,100 towards repairing the Sports Club roof.

Topics over the last half term have included "Under the Sea", which saw the preschool transformed into a wonderful ocean-scape complete with jellyfish and sharks, and "Pirates".

The children have also been learning about transport, and enjoyed a trip to the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre to have a day out with Thomas. There were many excited faces when we were met at the gate by "The Fat Controller" and even more squeals of delight as Thomas puffed out of the station with the children all on board. The day was a huge success and everyone, parents included, were exhausted by the end.

Last week saw the return of the Windmills version of the egg and spoon race (spud on a spoon) at our annual sports day. The children were all fantastic – even the youngest managed to collect plates, bowls and cutlery onto a tea tray and race for the finish line.

After their exertion, the children were rewarded for their efforts with a certificate and a medal. Younger siblings, mums, dads and even grandparents were

also given the opportunity to demonstrate their sporting prowess, much to the delight of the children! Following the races, we all enjoyed a picnic and ice creams on the playing field.

The term ends in a few days time, and the achievements of our school leavers will be celebrated at the end of term tropical beach party. This will be followed by the presentation of leavers gifts to those moving up to "big school". I am sure that I speak on behalf of many parents when I say that there won't be many dry eyes in the house. The day will be one of mixed emotions – with sadness that their children's time at Windmills has come to an end, anticipation of what lies ahead at school and an enormous sense of gratitude to the wonderful staff at Windmills for caring so well for all of our children during their time at the preschool. Windmills truly is a special place, and I am sure that the children leave with many happy memories of their time there. Thank you to everyone who has supported the preschool over the last year – have a great summer holiday and see you in September.

Victoria Geenes



On The Farm

July has been a relatively quiet month for Stocken Farm. Many of the cows are outside, the 1st and 2nd cuts of silage have been completed and a clump of wholecrop barley has been made (cut green for silage.) We had a dry, cold spring. 1st cut silage was late and 2nd cut very light. Maize looked very poor for 8 weeks but the heat in late June gave it a great boost, apart from one field near Great Missenden nearly entirely eaten by Canada Geese.

Now we are planning next year's crops. Difficult when this year's are still a month away from harvest but the seeds must be ordered now. We can only review how this year's varieties are doing on our land and hope we choose right. The results of trials done throughout the country are published soon after harvest, but you may then find that what you have ordered, even planted, has been superseded. Next year we

are planning more milling wheat, less oilseed rape, and barley drops out of the rotation with a block of new seeds grass for silage.

We have another new bull which is a South Devon. His name is Tom. He can be found on Instagram under @ Stocken farm. Meanwhile thanks to Coles and Blackwell mechanics at Walters Ash who helped round up our heifers and another bull, John, who broke out of their field. Fortunately their help prevented more getting onto the main road, but they did have a good trip around the RAF housing estate.

In late June Richard and Max went to a European Dairy Farmers meeting in Germany. About 400 dairy farmers descended on Rostock formerly in East Germany. They had a fascinating insight into how farms developed post war and since reunification. There are now many very large co-operative

style farms, with many fields in excess of 200 acres. They have big herds of cows, 500+ although the herd average for the whole country is only around 50. Germany is the biggest milk producer in the E.U. It is big in green energy with multiple anaerobic digesters, solar panels and wind turbines. In one area we counted 60 wind turbines in sight.

Our big problem at the moment is the value of milk. It has dropped over a third in a year and now valued at 22p litre is way below cost of production. It is not in balance with demand as many countries are upping production due to the abolition of E.U. quotas. For ages the decrease in dairy farms in the U.K. has usually been about 10% per annum. That is easily going to be exceeded this year.

Joan West

Charlotte's Farm Tours

Looking for something to do this summer?



Tours need to be booked in advance as there will be limited spaces and dates available.

Charlotte's Farm Tours will involve a guided walking tour around our family dairy farm here in the Chiltern Hills, allowing you an insight into how the farm operates and giving you the opportunity to get up close and personal with our cows!

We anticipate Charlotte's Farm Tours to last between an hour and an hour and a half. Charlotte will be charging £5 per person (£3 for under 12s), payable on the day.

Please be aware this is a busy working farm and the tour will involve walking around the barns, yards, milking parlour and possibly out in the fields where there may be working machinery. With this in mind, children will need to be closely supervised and we would recommend not suitable for under 5s.

Charlotte is running her farm tours in order to raise money for her world challenge trip to Ecuador in the summer of 2016. As part of the trip she will be taking part in community work to help the local people out there.

Please email info@laceygreenmaze.co.uk in the first instance to register an interest and we can then email you back with available dates and answer any questions. Or ring/ text - **07923 433115**

District Council News



As a New Councillor

A great many thanks to all involved in the organisation of the elections on Thursday 7th May and also to everyone who managed to cast a vote by post or in person on the day. The day after the elections, and once the MP's had been returned, there was frantic activity during the counting process of the votes for the 60 local councillors. It was held at the Wycombe Sports Centre, the last result being declared around 8:30 pm. By the following Monday all the retiring councillors had been signed off then the new members were sworn in and given initial familiarisation and briefing sessions by the officers.

Over a half of the 60 councillors are new and like changing your school or job, there is so much that is unfamiliar. My learning curve is currently almost vertical.

There are procedures, standards and formalities, both written and unwritten that need to be observed and councillors and staff members to meet. Having

come from a small business background the culture change is considerable.

At the Annual Council Meeting, Katrina Wood was elected as the new Leader. In turn I was elected as deputy to David Watson, the Cabinet Member for Finance, and as a member of the Audit Committee that sits behind the Cabinet in the hierarchy. Additionally I joined the Personnel and Development Committee and was also elected as a member of the Joint Staff Committee. An 'extra' role is to be one of two representatives from WDC on the South East Employers Group that is the trade association for local authorities.

Foremost there are the responsibilities of representing the interests of the residents of the Ward of Lacey Green, Speen and the Hampdens. So far work has included the long overdue completion of a minor boundary change, issues with grass cutting, or not as the case may be and several queries over planning matters.

Within the area adjacent to the Ward, there are several large planning applications for housing, some

acceptable in principle and others that are opportunistic and unwelcome and will be resisted.

Significant additional resources are likely to be approved to assist the Planning and Sustainability team to be able to deal with the applications. Details are on the WDC website.

Please contact me if you have an issue with anything that falls within the responsibilities of your local authority.

Graham Peart

Councillor for Lacey Green,
Speen and the Hampdens.

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Black Horse



We are now getting ready for our summer beer festival which is coming up for the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of August. We will have plenty of real ales and ciders. Mozerellanation Pizzas will be available on the Saturday in the afternoon selling pizzas the same as last year.

For all you followers and new comers to our beer festival, on the Saturday it will feature music in the garden arranged and sorted by John Jones. Different artists will be playing all afternoon and evening. There will be food at lunch time and later in the afternoon a BBQ till early evening. There will be face painting for the children and also the play area to keep them occupied.

On the Sunday there will be something new to the Black Horse beer festival; we have a jazz band playing all afternoon from 3 o'clock. Lunch will be served as normal 12 till 2 pm, with a BBQ in the afternoon. Please come and join the party either on the Saturday or the Sunday.

A lot has happened in the last few months. Firstly I would like to give all our love and thoughts to Gemma and Amelia for the loss of Paul. He will always be loved and remembered dearly by myself and family and all at the Black Horse. And to Joy for the loss of Michael who died in a tragic accident - our thoughts are with you, from all of the Hampden domino and crib league.

Congratulations to two of my old staff, Maxine and Tom, on their wedding, and to Olivia and Gary on their wedding. Hope you will all be very happy. It was a great day Olivia, one I will remember for a long time.



I am pleased to say that the Monday night domino league is to continue for another year. So if there are any domino or crib players out there that would like a Monday night out, come in and see us. Also I would like to say how lovely all my staff that went to their proms looked. Amazing to you Amy, Fern, Hannah, it makes me feel really old to think Amy you were not even born when I first had the pub and now you are working for me. Anyway enough said; I hope you all have a good summer and all come and give us a visit some time.

Lynne

Community Planning Group

Possible Parish meeting

The Community Planning Group was originally set up to find out what residents thought about their Parish and what improvements were needed to the various facilities and services. Those identified were dealt with as far as possible. The Parish Plan was published 5 years ago (this can be found on the Parish Council website).

The Group should in theory hold a regular public meeting, at which members of the steering group could be replaced or new ones elected, and any matters needing attention could be identified. This has not happened for a long time, and it may be appropriate to hold a meeting in the autumn.

One possible topic for discussion would be the need or otherwise for a Parish Neighbourhood Plan. This has been mentioned previously but the existing view

is still that because of our particular location in the AONB and Green Belt, such a plan is unnecessary.

Readers will no doubt be aware of recent potential developments in neighbouring parishes, notably Bledlow cum Saunderton and Longwick, which have triggered great local concern.

Tony Molesworth

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Horticultural Society

The horticultural society has enjoyed some very good speakers and activities since the last edition of Hallmark. On June 21st we took a coach trip to the RHS Garden, Hyde Hall, near Chelmsford in Essex. The weather was perfect as was our timing. The rose gardens were at their best and perfectly covered in bloom. The gardens were less



well known to most of us for whom it was a first visit, but I doubt it will be our last. There are a variety of plantings to see which provide interest for all kinds of gardeners. The dry garden, planted by Beth Chatto was gloriously full of twists and turns with paths set between boulders and gravel beds. This is positioned at the top of a small hill which is reached by paths climbing through Australian plants where the eucalyptus scents the air and different bottle brush trees flower madly.

Also at the top of the hill were the vegetable gardens and plots tended by the apprentices. It was very interesting to see different ways to grow fruit, with cordons of gooseberries and a

fig flourishing in a half barrel. There is no excuse for those with the smallest of gardens not to grow your own. The bank of squash, with several different varieties, will make an interesting display in the autumn when they ripen and mature.

With ponds, a sunken garden and massive sweeping banks of mixed borders there is definitely something for everyone at Hyde Hall. Even those more mechanically minded found an exhibition to delight! Old tractors and farming implements were on display in an area dedicated to visiting exhibitions.

The accompanying pictures are of our visit to Hyde Hall. I hope it inspires you to visit too. With café and restaurant, and plenty of space for picnics it is well worth a visit.

In addition to this trip some of us also made a shorter journey to John Branham's garden at Wingrave. John is one of the country's best growers of prize vegetables and grows not only for show, but to feed the family all year round. We have previously had a talk by him



explaining his methods for growing for the table, but this was an opportunity to see the almost industrial precision brought into growing for the show bench.



With several massive glass houses filled with onions, leeks (pictured above), tomatoes, carrots and parsnips carefully calculated to mature for different national shows it was evident how much dedication and skill is necessary to reach these kinds of levels of perfection. I doubt any of our members will be able to match this, but if you are tempted to grow for show, do join the society and help us to up our game!

Our next event will be our own autumn show on Sept 5. With classes for domestic items, flowers, fruit and vegetables, plus two photography classes there should be something you can enter.

Our youngest members do very well, so if you have joined the growing number of people gardening or baking for pleasure, do look at the village web site for the show schedule and have a go. If you would rather just see the outcomes of others' labour please come along at 4.00pm to see the results.

Alison Shreeve

Tennis Club

It felt rather strange walking down Church Lane, suitcase in hand, at around 8.45am on a Friday morning in May.

Fortunately, I hadn't been kicked out for the delights of a bedsit on the Desborough Road, but was meeting up with the rest of the team for a 4 night tennis holiday to La Manga in south east Spain. The resort has commanding views over the Mediterranean and boasts 28 tennis courts, 3 golf courses and 8 football pitches. It is truly on a vast scale and has various different bars and restaurants scattered over the complex to suit all tastes. Our accommodation was at Las Lomas Village and we were really impressed with both the apartments and resort. It was a joy to play on the clay courts and needless to say a return trip is planned for next year.

Back in Blighty, our development plan for the courts is moving along at a good pace. Our planning application for the new car park adjacent to the courts in Slad Lane was approved by Wycombe District Council in June.

Already new fencing and a gate have been erected in the field. Work on the re-surfacing and re-fencing of Court 1 commences in early September, and we hope that by autumn, members will see a significant improvement in the club's facilities.

We received further good news in June from the Postcode Lottery. Our application for a £2,000 grant was met in full, so overall the club has been successful in obtaining nearly



£7,000 in grants over the past few years. Special thanks also go to Wycombe District Council, the Parish Council and Bucks Lawn Tennis Association.

On Sunday 7 June, in conjunction with events being held at the Sports Club and Windmills, we opened the courts for the day to allow anyone to turn up and enjoy a game of tennis. There was free coaching for the juniors and a ball machine to practise against. We also held some cardio-tennis taster sessions which our head coach has been running on a Thursday night throughout the summer. It was a successful day and we have gained a number of new members.

The following weekend we held our annual family BBQ at the Sports Club. The weather forecast in the run-up didn't look very promising, but fortunately the rain held off allowing for a fun day for all of the family.

In the morning, the juniors were occupied with free coaching and after a BBQ lunch the adults took part in a friendly tournament.

Whilst our membership income is up significantly this year, nationally, participation in sport generally has dropped alarmingly since the 2012 Olympics. As a club we cannot afford to be complacent and we try and encourage more people to play, particularly children.

As well as junior coaching each Saturday morning, we hosted a weekly after-school club for St Johns School, and a tennis taster session for Naphill Cubs.

Finally, you can see all of the above events and more by typing "Facebook Lacey Green Tennis" into Google. There are 230 photos to browse through, including a few edited ones from España!

Nigel Glenister



Flower Festival of Wedding Dresses

For 20 years Margaret Gray has had a dream of a flower festival based around wedding dresses. Having decorated the church many times for weddings she is somewhat of an expert on the subject. So she put the word out to the ladies of the village asking for wedding dresses from the past century, hoping to get one dress from each decade.

Margaret also got in touch with the Village History Society and the Windmill WI to get their participation. The History Society took over the upstairs of the Church and organised a display about past village weddings with photos, wedding paraphernalia, and copies of the parish wedding registers. The Windmill WI are celebrating their 100th birthday this year, so they joined in enthusiastically, contributing memorabilia for the displays and providing refreshments throughout the weekend.

The request for dresses from weddings held in Lacy Green produced great results and 25 dresses were pulled out of lofts and dusted down. This included two dresses from each decade and two Victorian dresses – one of which belonged to Connie Baker's mum.

St John's Church agreed to provide the venue and the festival took place in the middle weekend of July.

Marks and Spencer donated some mannequins and Mike Eden built some hanging stands for the other dresses. Local dress maker Sarah James demonstrated the art of hanging and shaping the various dresses onto the dummies. The older dresses were designed for adults who were smaller than modern brides and the two Victorian dresses had to be displayed on child sized hangers.

Margaret and her team of helpers designed various flower displays to link with the dresses and the decades they were made. Perhaps the most striking theme was the war time display with poppies, wreathes and the Union Flag.

The weekend was fine and over 200 people visited the exhibition. The WI had excellent weather to provide their teas with sitting areas in marquees draped with distinctive bunting. Despite some poor health the History Society committee turned out to explain their various records and artefacts to the fascinated visitors.

Thanks to all those who worked together to provide a fascinating exhibition and thanks to Caroline Egerton for providing the photos.

Mike Piercy



At Kindergym and Melody Minors we are all looking forward to our Summer holidays, even though several of the staff are working during our holiday workshops or The Gruffalo days on July 30th or August 30th for 3 - 7 yr olds.

However we are always sad to say goodbye to some of the children. We meet them when they are as young as 6 months and they leave us at 4yrs old when they go to school, or at 7 yrs old if they attend the 3.30pm after school class. It is a privilege to have been part of their learning experience.

I thought you would like to hear a little of Daniel's story:

Daniel started at Kinder Gym with his friend Oscar in the 1 - 2 yr class, and whilst he always enjoyed Kinder Gym he was a bit worried about new people, situations and challenges.

When they were first left on their own with us, they were both very wary. It is a challenge to be without Mum for the first time, let alone making your own decisions!



We believe it is important that children voice their concerns, so whenever Daniel looked worried we asked him which bits of the course he wished to miss out. Within a few weeks, like his friend Oscar he was bravely tackling most pieces of the equipment. However the 6 foot yellow trestles were a step too far and he chose not to try them for at least a term.

One week we decided to turn the yellow trestles and planks into a pirate ship, and everyone became fierce pirates, Daniel included. He never looked back, and this last year we have seen them both grow in confidence, being the first to rush onto the new obstacle courses and enjoying laughing and playing with the other children, and showing the more hesitant children how to do forward and backward rolls.

On his last day Daniel drew us this picture of himself and his friend Oscar, and gave it to us as a thank you card. You can clearly see the yellow trestles and the blue squishy mat that is usually filled with imaginary sharks and/or crocodiles.

Daniel is swinging from the trapeze and Oscar is at the top (I am pleased to say he is holding on) his favourite grab ball, and target board are at the bottom. Of course we will miss them both, but how lovely to know we have played a part in getting them so ready and raring to go to school!

We wish all our leavers a productive and happy school life, and hope they remember us just a little!

Jenny Stothard



Risborough Rangers

Risborough Rangers were formed in 1970 as a team of 12 year olds who wanted to play competitive football. In the 1975/76 season, they entered the Wycombe & District League.

The club then won promotion in successive seasons, eventually gaining promotion to the Ercol Senior League in the early eighties. At this time the club moved to 'Windsors', their current ground and built the clubhouse.

The club is now a FA Charter Standard Club running two senior teams; First and Reserves, plus two youth teams at under-18 level. There is also a large thriving Junior Section fielding teams from under sevens up to sixteens. After finishing under sixteen football, players are then invited to play under the wing of the Senior Section at under-18 level and from there the best players are encouraged to play in the Reserve side where, hopefully they will progress into the First Team.

In 1989 Risborough senior section accepted an invitation to join the South Midlands League in Division 1. In their fourth season the club managed to gain promotion to the Senior Division



under the management of Frank Carter.

In 1997 the club became founder members of Spartan South Midlands League Senior Division. The club played in Division One until they were relegated in 2003.

They remained in Division Two for ten years until they gained promotion back to Division One in 2013.

They finished 14th in their first season in Division 1 and reached the final of the Division 1 Cup. Season 2014/15 saw Rangers finish in 5th place. It was also the club's first appearance in the FA Vase where they lost in the preliminary round.

Risborough's top scorer in the 2014-15 season was Martin Griggs with 29 league goals and 35 goals in all competitions.

This season 2015/16 Rangers will be making club history when they appear in the extra preliminary round of the Emirates FA Cup for the first time, with an away tie at Ampthill Town in Bedfordshire.

Rangers will also be involved in the Carlsberg FA Vase with another away game at Northamptonshire outfit Irchester United in the first qualifying round.

With ongoing ground improvements and rising attendances (averaging 80/90 on match days) the club are certainly moving forward in the right direction.



Steve Burnett

Pink and Lily



Introducing Friday Fish Fry Takeaways... and a new couple at the helm... It's all go at The Pink and Lily!

For some time now it's been one of The Pink's best-kept secrets but we are always open to requests for fish and chip takeaways! One of our top of the pops – it would be more than

our lives are worth to take it off the menu. We are now frying every Friday night so that those of you who don't fancy a night out at Lacey Green's hottest spot (well, the temperature rises with the amount of fish we're frying!) can still come and get your fabulous fish and chips to eat in the comfort of your own homes! Call on 01494 489857 to order and pop in to The Pink to pick up your favourite Friday fish fix! Chips, tartare sauce and mushy peas as standard!

And there's more. We wanted to introduce you – if you haven't already met them at the pub – to our new management team, Rodney and Hannah. Vastly experienced, Rodney has previously run The Oxford Blue in guess where, and The Six Bells in Thame. A Kiwi by birth but Buckinghamshire by choice, Rodney laughs 'Since I left this

green and pleasant land all I have thought about is coming back! Having worked in Zambia where I met my wonderful wife, Hannah; when we decided that the time was right to move back, all I could think about was Bucks! Trust me, the Victoria Falls as a view is nothing compared to the West Wycombe valley!'

Rodney was keen to flag up a new initiative at The Pink. 'On Sat August 8th from midday onwards, we'll be holding a local food and booze fair! Featuring local beers, cheeses and ciders, some from our own speciality suppliers, we hope that this will become a regular event'.

Rodney adds 'Both Hannah and I really feel that we are here to serve the community – so please swing by and say hi'.

Lara O'Connor

School Music Pavilion

In the May edition of Hallmark we had a feature on the new school music pavilion being designed by a community of architecture students based at Grymsdyke Farm.

The build activities started during the school half-term. The students, a group of St John's parents and the school caretaker dug out the foundations and fixed the steel base plates that will support the timber structure.

In early June the students returned to build the walls and roof sections from the lattice timber pieces that we showed in the May edition.

This work went splendidly and the shell structure was completed and a "topping out" ceremony was held.

In September the students will return to lay the timber floor, clad the roof, and complete the landscaping.



Lacey Green

In the February issue of Hallmark (page 15) I wrote about Mike Highfield who had been involved with the restoration of the windmill for 45 years. We were able to open for our 2015 season with a new plaque in place to remember Mike, below the previous one to Chris Wallis and Jeff Hawkins. Both plaques were made by Gommies Forge in Loosley Row, who had previously made and repaired parts for the windmill's restoration.

Maintenance programme

I also wrote that our principal duty has to be the preservation of the windmill that these three visionary men had been able to restore from its sorry condition in 1971, along with so many other helpers. With this in mind I am pleased to say that we have two new members on our committee, and we decided to instigate a programme of maintenance to the windmill this year.

Most important of all is keeping the interior of the windmill dry. For some time one of the doors on the Stone Floor has let in an amount of rainwater, so a completely new door has been fitted by our millwright. His team have also replaced the "Stock Wedges" which have not been touched since the new sails were fitted in 1981. If you do not know what they are, then just believe me that they are essential to hold 4 tons of sails in place.

During 14 days at the end of May, a total of 11 volunteers worked on the windmill.

3 windows and 5 window sills were repaired, and at the time of writing, another 2 windows are still being repaired. The timber window frames had already served a fairly long life before being fitted in the windmill, in 1978.

All the white woodwork has been painted, with the associated ironwork being painted black.

The most difficult part of the work is painting the sails, which we last did in 2009. The complete process of wire brushing, washing, rinsing, and painting the sails takes 2 people over 2 days to do each sail, and some parts are very difficult to reach.

The photo below shows that the black body of the mill was protected from splashes of white paint by tarpaulins. They stayed intact for 6 days until the wind finally ripped part of them away, just as we were about to paint the last sail.

The photo above shows the inside of a door being painted by one of our volunteers, who you will instantly recognise as our own editor of Hallmark.



I am very grateful to all our volunteers who worked for as many days as they could, although I will not mention who was there for all 14 days. However, they already know that I will be in touch in 2016 when we plan to paint the black smock, or body, and the cap of the windmill.

Thanks for support

We are also very grateful to two companies who have been of great assistance in providing materials for the work. Thirty litres of the special white paint we use was provided by "Amersham Decorating Supplies" (www.amersham.dec.co.uk).

One of our volunteers has become skilled in using the timber repair products of a company "Repair Care" (www.repair-care.co.uk). The company kindly provided us with a substantial quantity of their materials which have been used to repair window frames and window sills, whose replacement would have involved extensive work to the structure of the windmill.

Continued opposite....

Longer opening hours

We took a rather late decision to open earlier than usual in 2015, opening at the beginning of April instead of May. The earlier opening proved popular with our visitors and in the first three months of our open season we have had 864 visitors inside the windmill, including 225 over National Mills Weekend, when the Chiltern Society were at the windmill.

We had an unusual special visit on Saturday 13th June, from members of the Alvis Register, a club for owners of the oldest Alvis Cars, produced in the 1920s and early 1930s.

They spent a weekend based in Oxfordshire, and in compiling their weekend route decided to test their cars and drivers by ascending Kop Hill. They were delighted when I said we could open the windmill for them. During the morning 25 Alvis Cars stopped in the Pink Road, and I will put photos of a selection of their impressive cars on the windmill's web site. 50 visitors came into the windmill, and they were all very impressed with it and the work done on its restoration. As people who are interested in machinery, they particularly liked the fact that the windmill's machinery is all so easy to see and understand.

However we were able to remind them that although the oldest Alvis car might have been running for 95 years, the windmill's machinery was in use for 265 years, and stopped working 5 years before the first Alvis car was put on the road in 1920.

We will be open until 27th September, on Sundays and August Bank Holiday Monday from 2pm to 5pm. For further details, please see our website, or contact Michael or Betty Hardy by telephone or email.

Michael Hardy

Windmill Manager

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Parliamentary News

My first "official" constituency visit after the General Election was to Lacey Green Windmill to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Chilterns Society. It was quite a few years since I'd last looked round the mill and I enjoyed learning about how it worked and its economic importance to the village for so many years. How the mill was rescued from dereliction and restored by volunteers is also a remarkable story.

I've also spent some time at Stocken Farm hearing about the challenges that our farmers face today in making a profit in a volatile and rapidly changing market for food.

We as consumers demand the highest standards of hygiene and food safety. There's a fascinating TV documentary *Inside the Factory* (available on BBC

iPlayer) that follows milk from a dairy farm in Bledlow to the Arla milk processing factory outside Aylesbury and on to customers. The rigour of testing is impressive. If milk from just one sick cow introduces antibiotics into a load, it can lead to an entire tanker of milk being poured away.

Of course a consequence of these rules is that farmers have to invest in more high-tech equipment to guarantee food standards. That's easier for big farms to afford and is helping drive the shift towards larger herds in fewer farms.

Fresh milk is generally not traded internationally. But a lot of milk is processed into butter, cheese, milk powder and other products (think ready-made lasagne) which can be sold globally. So the market for milk and the price

that dairy companies pay to farmers for their fresh milk can fluctuate rapidly. A lot of farmers say that they are now paid less for each litre of milk than it costs them to produce it.

As customers, we don't make things any easier by buying on the basis of price, so supermarkets and food processors have an incentive to keep the price they pay to farmers as low as possible.

We sometimes take it for granted that there are farmers to look after the countryside and put food on our tables. But farms are businesses and need to make profits to survive. That is by no means easy and it's salutary to understand the challenges that they face in our area.

David Lidington MP

Happy Wanderers



April walk

The walk in April was led by Roger Walker. The 12 or so walkers met at Low Scrubs, the Coombe Hill car park. The weather was good and the walk went to the monument where they stopped to appreciate the views and take photos. Down towards Wendover and then a right turn and a climb led through the woods to Dunsmore village. Back via the woods with the new leaves on the trees to the car park once more.

We then adjoined to one of the local pubs for a well earned Sunday roast.

Ann Walker

May walk

We met near the Infants' school in Ibstone on a rather damp and cloudy Sunday morning. Having just enjoyed a few days of sunny spring weather it was disappointing to have to don wet weather clothing again.

The leaders of our walk were Peter and Jo Clee. They described the general nature of the walks,



explaining that there was a shorter and less hilly route for those who preferred a more gentle stroll. To fill in the time before lunch a visit to the garden centre at Studley Green was also planned. The groups then split with Peter leading the larger party heading off to the east down a hill passing a very luxurious estate which is owned by a member of the Getty family. At the bottom of the slope the walk followed a meandering, level track through some glorious woodland. Fortunately the early drizzle had largely passed over and the drier conditions made walking more enjoyable. However, having descended into a valley, inevitably the next part of the walk involved a steady climb back up to Ibstone Common. This tested the stamina of most of the walkers, a welcome rest was taken when we resumed level ground.

After crossing the corner of the cricket ground we continued through some more woodland and completed the walk by passing through the Ibstone church graveyard. Another pause was taken while we admired the delightful old church, parts of which dated back to the 12th Century.

Liz Lewin

June walk

Ten walkers and two dogs turned out for this walk starting from the Brill windmill. The weather was generally OK although rather overcast, and there were a few spots of rain initially. This walk was one purloined from a book, and the instructions were somewhat ambiguous. During the recce, I managed to follow a path

to nowhere, and on reaching a dead end had to retrace my steps.

The first half of the walk was almost entirely downhill, with open fields and extensive views of the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire countryside for much of it. A couple of stiles got everyone into the right frame of mind.

Because there had been rain, the vegetation was very wet and I ended up with socks in like condition. The last stretch before reaching the B 4011 between Long Crendon and Bicester was predictably rather muddy, and there was a substantial build up of the gooey stuff on our boots.

Along the road for a few yards, with Boarstal Wood on the right, then off the road to follow a bridleway. We followed the path uphill with hedges on either side, and very few gaps from which to enjoy the view.

Eventually we reached the road between Oakley and Brill, continued up the road for a short distance, then took the path off to the left, over one of the remaining stiles and into a field full of cattle. We worried one householder who must have thought that we were about to try and pass through his garden. This unforced error caused a minor detour before we found the exit stile.

The last stretch was a path between trees, including three more stiles to reach the track just below the windmill.

Eight of us went to the Pheasant for lunch, where some of us also sampled the locally brewed beer as part of the process.

Tony Molesworth

Rupert Brooke centenary at the Pink

'Ah Pink ah Pub of my desire
Ah Lily for my meandering feet!'

A good many feet from miles
around meandered to the Pink
and Lily in April, to
commemorate the centenary of
the death of the poet who
penned those lines - and
probably the pub's most famous
regular.

Rupert Brooke died on 23 April
1915, of septicaemia from an
infected mosquito bite, as he
travelled to fight in the Allied
landings at Gallipoli. One of the
leading First World War poets,
Brooke's most famous lines (from
'The Soldier') run:

'If I should die, think only this of
me
That there's some corner of a
foreign field
That is forever England.'

Though he was buried on the
Greek island of Skyros, his spirit
lives on in his favourite Chilterns
pub. So, exactly a hundred years
later, the Pink and Lily laid on an
evening of verse, biography and
music to bring Rupert back to
life. There was even a special
menu that recreated the food of
the First World War!

The evening was devised with
the help of Mike Read, who
unfortunately couldn't be there
on the day. Best known as a
radio and television presenter,

and former Radio 1 DJ, Mike
founded the Rupert Brooke
Society, and has set Brooke's
War Sonnets to music (available
on CD and download from
<http://www.angelair.co.uk/>). He
has also written a best-selling
biography of Rupert ('Forever
England') which features our
local pub.

The event was written and
presented by a current regular at
the Pink, Nigel Henbest, who
outlined the story of Rupert's life
and loves. We were fortunate to
have Rupert's deeply moving
poems read by three of the
leading members of the Lacey
Green Players, Peter and Val
Brookhouse, and Brian Panter.

His love for these hills shines
through his poem 'The Chilterns':

'I'll take the road...
The Roman Road to Wendover
By Tring and Luton Hoo...
The autumn road, the mellow
wind
That soothes the darkening
shires,
And laughter, and inn fires.'

In March 1913, Rupert penned a
letter to an old friend in what we
now call the Brooke Bar:

'I write in the Pink and Lily. The
hill drops a few hundred feet in
front, and beyond is half of
Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and
Oxfordshire. In this little room is

the publican, asleep and rather
tipsy!'

With his friend, the painter
Jacques Raverat, Rupert
composed an apposite piece of
doggerel:

'Never came there to the Pink
Two men such as we I think.
Never came there to the Lily
Two men quite so richly silly.'

Our pub is perhaps unique in
being celebrated in two poems
written by one of Britain's
leading poets, the other being
'Ah Pink,' which opens this
article. Let's take some more
lines from the latter poem, and
leave the final word to Rupert
himself:

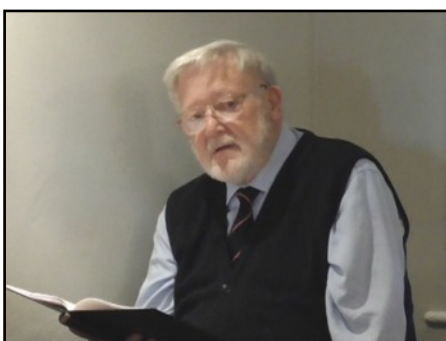
'And thoughts of love are just as
silly
And just as frequent, just as
sweet
As bitter at the Pink and Lily.'

The evening's events were
recorded by Robin Scagell, and
you can see his video online at:

<https://vimeo.com/127160019>

The Brooke bar at the Pink and
Lily is decorated with
photographs of Rupert Brooke
and his friends, along with
biographical information and
some of his poems.

Nigel Henbest



St John's Church



THE WILDERNESS

We do know that, for many of us, there are barren times in the life of faith; times when we feel we are lost in the wilderness.

Psalm 116, written from the far side of the wilderness so to speak, reminds us that the wilderness has always been a very significant place to find God. The Psalm says "Be at rest once more, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you".

Good? It is very rare indeed that, in the midst of dark and desperate times in our life, we can feel that the process is for the good; not only for our own good, but even for the glory of God's Name, for the furthering of His Kingdom; as our broken lives, and our soft and tender and compassionate hearts, touch those we meet on our journey. Can we really trust God through these barren times?

In her book, "Where have you gone, God?" Jennifer Rees Larcombe writes; "I have never met anyone in a desert who can possibly believe God will ever use them again!

Probably we could all accept our deserts far more easily if we could see them in the context of our whole lives. The most trying part of spiritual deserts is that at

the time we never realise their significance".

The significance of the desert tradition of spirituality is that the opportunity to be at one with nature is also a pathway to be at one with God.

This is true whether we are literally in a desert or metaphorically caught up in a desert experience. In the desert experience, when so much that is familiar is stripped away, we have the prospect of an encounter with the living God. This is why, at the very least, we do need to protect our opportunities for silence and peace of heart.

On a personal level, I do find it helpful to recall from Genesis Chapter 28 Jacob's journey to Haran and his vision of the angels of God ascending and descending on the ladder up to heaven. And how, later, Jacob wrestled all night at Peniel in an encounter with the divine that left him limping as he sought to know the true name of the living God.

We know that through this experience, Jacob's life was changed altogether and took an entirely new direction. And Jacob himself, though left wounded by the experience, became a much better person; and a true and faithful servant of the living God.

Tony Bundock
Vicar of St. John's

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.

TUESDAY

9.30am Communion Service in Lady Chapel at St. John's.

2.00pm Toddler Praise –
Toddlers meet Tuesday afternoons during term time.

WEDNESDAY

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

School Assemblies during term time are held on Friday mornings 9.15 am at St. John's and 10.00 am at Speen.

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.

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 26 Summerleys Road PR.

Please do come and experience the warm welcome in our lovely Church.

Lacey Green Singers

This issue of *Hallmark* includes a flyer produced by Lacey Green Singers, one of the well-established and well-respected groups in the village.

As you will note, they are looking to swell their ranks so please read it through and think about joining. You don't have to be able to read music and, with all rehearsals held in St John's School on Thursday evenings, getting there is not a problem either. Singing is good for you, too!

Since it was founded in 1982, the choir has built up an excellent reputation with a band of loyal followers, many of whom have said that their latest concert – a varied and lighter musical evening held at the school on 13 June – was one of the best.

The next event is a remembrance-themed concert on Saturday 7 November, which will feature extracts from *The Armed Man*, and include the popular *Wherever you are*, as sung by Gareth Malone's military wives' choir, along with other

material yet to be decided. To finish the year, the Christmas concert will be on Sunday 6 December.

For anyone interested in sounding out the choir, the first rehearsal of the new term will start at 7.45pm on 3 September at the school, where you will find plenty of parking to the side and rear of the building.

Alan Lewis

Lasting Power of Attorney

Growing older may mean problems for us and our loved ones.

- Loss of mobility or illness can make it difficult to manage your affairs.
- The prospect of unpaid bills can cause unnecessary stress and anxiety and delay someone's recovery.
- Even the young can encounter problems due to accident or illness.
- An elderly relative losing capacity is difficult enough for loved ones to deal with, without the added worry that finances are becoming muddled.

There may be a time in your life when you are unable to manage your financial affairs or personal welfare, owing to some form of incapacity and you will need someone to act on your behalf.

You can therefore create an Attorney in advance to ensure that if the worst were to happen, you can rest assured that both your financial affairs and personal welfare are in safe hands.

You can appoint a spouse, a friend, a relative as your Attorney and this allows them to act on your behalf. It is important that you choose who you would like to act on your behalf very carefully and it is always a good idea to appoint more than one Attorney to ensure that this power is not abused.

You may have heard of a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA). This is set up with you as the Donor with the Attorneys to act on your behalf.

An LPA for Property & Financial Affairs authorises the Attorneys to make decisions about the Donor's property and affairs.

The other LPA is for Health & Welfare and covers decisions about a Donor's personal welfare.

If there is not an LPA in place and if for example you lose mental capacity, a family member could not just step in and act on your behalf. They would have to apply to The Court of Protection to be appointed as your Deputy.

The role of a Deputy is similar to that of an Attorney, yet the powers held are greatly reduced and fees would be applicable. There is also no absolute guarantee that an individual would be accepted as a Deputy. So there would be an effort and expense involved often at a time of great stress.

For more information on Lasting Power of Attorney please contact me either on my mobile 07785 955457 or email swilkinson@f-ex.co.uk

Stephen Wilkinson

Heavenly Bodies

Get ready for a total eclipse of the Moon and the best swarm of shooting stars this year!

But it would be rude not to start with Pluto. Now we know what the elusive dwarf planet looks like in delightful detail, thanks to the New Horizons mission.

But where is Pluto in our skies? Take a look at the sky map, where the planets are circled. You can get your bearings in the sky by looking for the three bright stars marking out the 'Summer Triangle' – Deneb, Vega and Altair.

In the middle of the graphic, Pluto is low in the southern sky in the constellation of Sagittarius (looks like a teapot). As it is smaller than our moon, and about 3 billion miles away, Pluto can just about be seen through a medium to large amateur telescope. Though it can't be seen with the naked eye, it is nice to know that you're looking in the general direction of Pluto – and the New Horizons probe!

I've seen the icy world just once, when I took a telescope to France where the sky near the horizon was still and clear. It was a tiny dot, and didn't shine like the stars.

Now to something easier on the eye. On the night of 12/13th August, the sky could fizz with 'shooting stars' from the Perseid meteor shower (the Moon is out of the way this year). The maximum amount of meteors per hour will be in the small hours of the 13th, but it is definitely worth watching out for meteors several nights before and after then. Get away from

lights, look southwest-ish and up – the later, the better.

The streaks of light are caused by tiny particles left in the dust trail of Comet Swift-Tuttle slamming into the Earth's atmosphere as we travel through space at about 67,000 mph. The collisions cause the particles to heat up and vaporise, and that's what we see.

There is a special event on **28th September** – a total eclipse of the Moon. That's when the Earth's shadow blots out the Moon, which doesn't disappear! Thankfully, the light from the Sun on the day-side of Earth is refracted through our atmosphere into space, and the light in the red wavelength makes it all the way to the Moon to give it a red/orange hue. But the eclipse takes place in the early hours, with Earth's shadow starting to creep across the top-left of the Moon from 2.07am, totality begins at 3.11am and ends at 4.22am, with maximum totality at 3.47am.

If you can, do stay/get up to watch at least part of it, as it's quite a magical experience. If you can't, I hope to stay awake

and photograph the spectacle, and put the images on my website at:

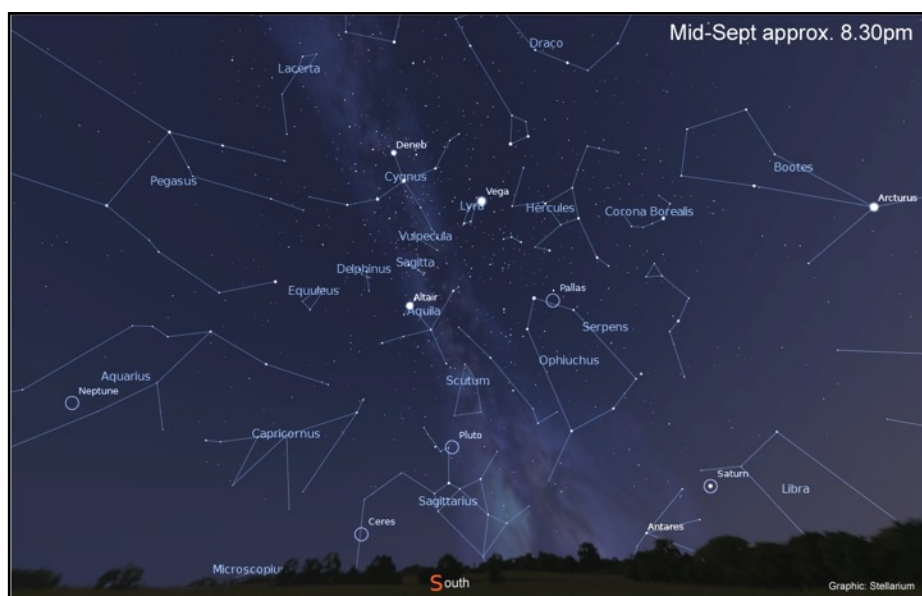
www.flickr.com/photos/chrisdig

Also on the sky map, Ceres is marked. Like Pluto, it is a dwarf planet, but much smaller and nearer. It can be seen through binoculars, and is the largest known object in the main asteroid belt, between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.

Ceres, like asteroids (e.g. Pallas marked) and other small moving objects, can be identified by taking two photographs on different nights, and then spotting the dot that has moved (how Pluto was discovered in 1930).

On a larger scale, Saturn is now fading into the western twilight as Earth leaves it behind. But we are catching up with ice giant Neptune 2.7 billion miles away (see sky map) which can be seen through binoculars as a soft blue dot compared to the brighter pinpoint stars. Uranus is hot on its heels – see the next edition for more details.

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. 8 pm	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		lukeden2@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. 7.45 pm	Daphne Willash	01494 562455	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High Wycombe & District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Margaret Graham	01494 630713	Margaret@margaret-graham.com
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Over 50s Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse. First Tuesday of the month	Betty Tyler Yvonne Axe	344606 345216	
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The Black Horse	Quiz night last Sunday of every month at 8pm	Lynne Comley	345195	lynnecomley@btconnect.com
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