

# HALLMARK

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# Welcome to the February edition

A reader suggested to me that we should have a page of forthcoming events from neighbouring villages. I think this is an excellent idea and would be delighted to include these events - we have an advert for St Dunstan's Flower Show overleaf. If you are involved with an organisation in our wider local area please feel free to send me information on your events.

As you can see below, the Village Hall Committee have been looking at possible improvements to the Millennium Hall but we don't know how much support there would be for

a big fundraising drive. Please do fill in the attached questionnaire and give us your opinion. (and come to the AGM on the 13th).

Meanwhile please promote the Hall to your friends and societies. We have some spare weekend bookings that are not yet taken and our Friday daytime slots are currently available for any organisations or clubs looking for an up-market venue.

Thanks again to Barry Chignell for the cover picture. See more of his work on page 32 and at [bscimages.com](http://bscimages.com).



**Mike Piercy**  
**Editor**

## Millennium Hall Enhancements

Our magnificent village hall is approaching its twentieth birthday. We are always looking at ways to improve our facilities and ways in which we can improve the letting rate particularly at the weekends. One major project that has been considered since the design stage of the new village hall has been the addition of an atrium or conservatory across the front of the hall. This would be a major improvement, giving more space, a large reception area, a bright extra room but would come with a significant price tag that we, the village hall management committee, would therefore like your views on.

You may know that the original plans included an atrium. However, when we were quoted for the new building the price was significantly more than expected and it was necessary to reduce the cost, and the atrium

was the most significant item to be excluded.

We would like to hear your views on questions such as:-

1. Do we as a village wish to raise funds to add an atrium now?
2. Would we feel that the benefits would be worth the costs incurred?
3. Do you feel that the Atrium would increase our income i.e. wedding receptions and party lettings both from the village and outside the village?
4. Do you think that you would use this space?
5. Would a new car park be more important?

Adding an atrium is quite an expense, roughly around £100,000, so we really want your views as to whether to go ahead. Please let us know.

We, as a village, are capable of raising this sum and will certainly look for grants and ways of help. It is possible but we will need your backing.

We need you to reply to our questions, either by dropping our questionnaire into the Village Shop/Post Office, Entertainment House (Clive's)

Or alternatively email Hallmark ([karenadvertisinginhallmark@gmail.com](mailto:karenadvertisinginhallmark@gmail.com)) with your ideas.

We shall also add building an atrium and your responses to the agenda of the AGM on 13th March at 8pm so please come along and see what the other villagers think.

We look forward to your replies.

**Village Hall**  
**Committee**

# What's On

**Sat 10 March**

WI Jumble Sale

**Tues 13 March**

Village Hall AGM

**Sat 24 March**

Horts Club Spring Show

**Sat 24 March**

LG Singers Spring Concert

**Sat 28 April**

Tennis Club Family Competition

**Sat 12 May**

Tennis Club Open Day

**Sun 13 May 11am**

National Mills Day with Horts Club Stall

## Happy Wanderers

We would welcome you to join us on one of our walks:

Sunday February 25th,  
4-5 mile walk starting at 10.30am

Phone Liz Lewin on 01844 274961

**Save The Date!**

Strawberry Tea will be on 8 July

# Village Hall AGM

13 March 8pm

Come and give us your views on possible enhancements to the Millennium Hall

## St Dunstan's Church Flower Festival Spring Lectures

**Green and Pleasant Lands**  
*History of British Gardens  
- Romans to Present Day*

Lecture by  
**Joanne Kidd**

Wednesday 28th February  
7.30 for 8.00 pm

## The Tradescants

*Plant Collectors & Gardeners of  
the early 17th century*

A lecture by JOANNE KIDD

Wednesday 21st March  
7.30 for 8.00 pm

**Venue: Monks Risborough Church of England Primary School  
Peters Lane, Monks Risborough HP27 9LZ**

**Tickets £8.00 per lecture**

from Sally's Sewing Box, Duke Street, Princes Risborough  
or Jenny Masterton-Smith (01844 273538)  
or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-dunstans-church](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-dunstans-church)

Complimentary glass of wine/soft drink

# Windmill WI

In October we had our bi-annual Jumble Sale. We all worked very hard in the morning sorting jumble and setting up stalls. We enjoyed lunch at the Black Horse then returned to the Village Hall to find a queue waiting for us. The afternoon passed quickly and we were pleased with our result.

We also hosted the Village Quiz this month, the winning team was The Whiteleaf Bowmen. Our thanks go to all the helpers on the evening. We were pleased to give £70 to the Quiz Master Jamie for the Lighthouse Play Scheme. Also £211 to the Village Hall Funds for the purchase of

new tables for the hall. Several members went to the Group Meeting at Sands and thoroughly enjoyed the guitarist and vocalist Andy Smith.

November opened with the speaker Eileen Gershon, author of the book 'Nurses never Run'. Eileen was an excellent speaker and kept us all interested with her stories of her life as a student nurse in Addenbrookes Hospital. All sales of her book were donated to The Sick Children's Trust.

December was our Christmas Meeting and a good time was had by all. The Black Horse

prepared a beautiful cold buffet for us with desserts. We were also entertained by The Amersham Band with lovely carols that we all joined in with. Our chosen charity for this year was Bloodbikes, last year Alistair Borland, Chairman of SERV came and spoke to us.

This brings us to the end of another busy year. We meet again on Wednesday 7th March at 7.45 pm, you would be very welcome.

## Ann Bartlett

Forthcoming event: Saturday 10th March - Jumble Sale

# Going Going Gone

I received a call asking if I would be interested in taking on organising the annual Windmill Art Show and Bistro otherwise it would fold, and that it was "not much work". I said Yes, despite having two other exhibitions opening the same week! Nudes at The Jam Factory in Oxford, and with four other artists at The Black Gallery.

As an exhibitor it is a very simple show, in that you turn up Friday evening and hang all your work, (after the amazing 'men folk' heave the enormous 8' x 4' super heavy boards into place!), then return Saturday morning to sit by your exhibition boards all day enjoying the delicious food and cake from the excellent Bistro and meet lovely friends and people.

A very happy occasion it was on Saturday. And a big thank you to everyone who made it possible and to Val and Peter Brookhouse

who organised the wonderful food by Debbie.

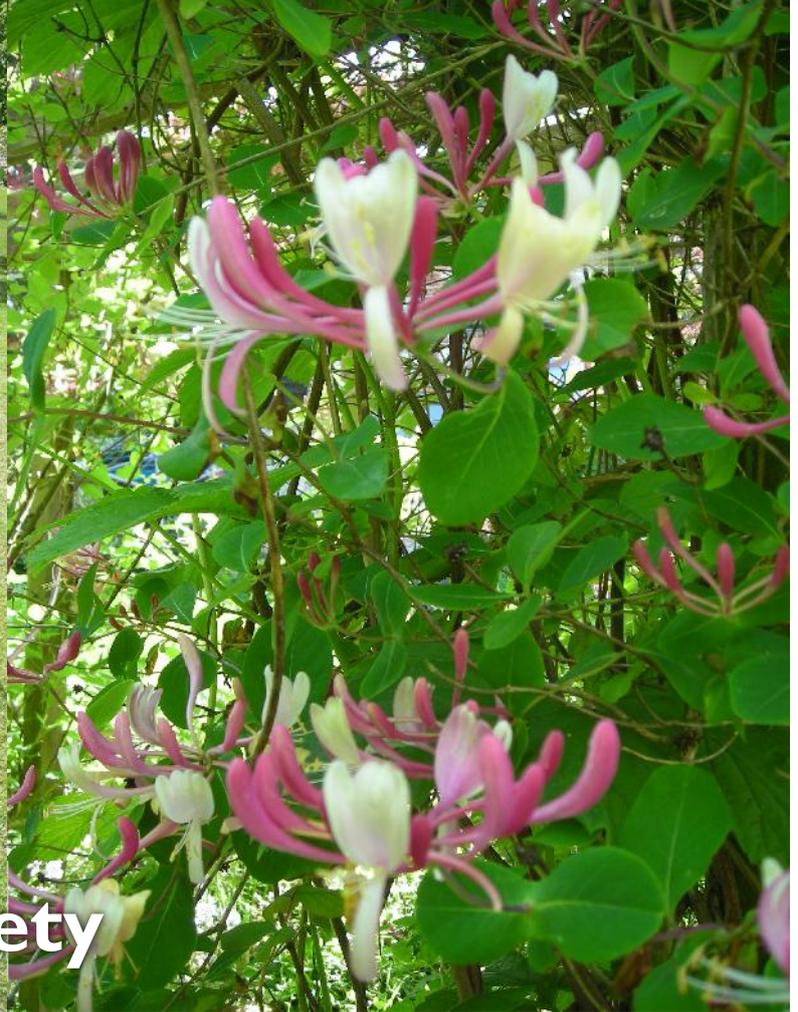
I decided to advertise it more widely and invite my talented friend Wendy Lewis to sing some Celtic and Indian songs acapella at lunchtime which were very heart wrenching. I designed an 'artists' poster to plaster the area with, featuring paintings of some of the exhibitors,

featuring our famous and much loved, highly acclaimed Dennis Syrett, with his 'Vicar on a bike' masterpiece! I also got in touch with the BFPress asking them to do a feature but nothing came of it sadly. The show went well, the food was excellent, but sales and attendance were rather down. Wendy pierced our hearts with her clear and soulful voice

and even her 20 month baby Isabelle sat spell bound and still on my lap!

It would be a shame for it to fold, but I have decided I will not be organising it next year or exhibiting, so if anyone is keen to keep it going please get in touch with me at [sally@cainer.com](mailto:sally@cainer.com)





# Horticultural Society

The society started the festive season in style with our annual Pumpkin Supper and Social event in November. There were numerous pumpkins exhibited and the largest grown by Nigel Rolfe from Naphill. Well done to all the growers for a fine range of exhibits.

The supper has now become a well-established event in the calendar and very popular; so popular that this year we had to turn away some late requests for tickets. Unfortunately some people did not let us know that they couldn't make it on the night, even though they had booked, so we ended up with a few disappointed people and a few empty places.

Could I please ask everyone who books for the supper to let us know if they can't come – even if it's on the actual day? That way we can offer your place to someone who can come. Thank you.

The days are lengthening now and it's time to start thinking about the new growing season. Onion seeds can be sown and you need to plan your vegetable plot and what you might want to change in the garden whilst many plants are dormant. Don't forget that our plant stall on May 13th at the Windmill is an excellent source of plants, including vegetables, fruit and flowers, and very good value for money which can help in your gardening plans!

The first signs of spring are here, with daffodils, snowdrops and bluebells all beginning to show green and many with buds forming.

As I write we are planning a reconstruction of the vegetable and fruit garden due to a massive collapse of the fruit cage! This was caused by snow which sat on the netting we hadn't got round to taking off. Poles snapped and bent leaving a disaster area.

We also had two trees brought down by snow lying on the ivy and a pear tree snapped off by branches being so laden with snow. I don't know why the snow caused so much trouble here, but it settled and stuck fast.

The first spring show last year was a resounding success, so we are having another this year. The schedules should be with you in this edition of Hallmark. If you lose it there will be a copy on the village website

[http://www.laceygreen.com/Sections/Horticultural\\_Society/hortsoc.php](http://www.laceygreen.com/Sections/Horticultural_Society/hortsoc.php) Do think about entering something. We've included craft items and artwork as well this year, so there really is something for everyone of all ages, whether horticulture, baking, arts, craft or floral art. We hope to see you on March 24th to join in the fun and to see how creative and skilled the people of our villages are.

**Alison Shreeve**

# St John's School becomes an Academy

For some years the government has been encouraging schools to become academies. Conversion is not mandatory, but the changes in school funding and reduction of Local Education Authority support for schools makes it increasingly difficult for single schools to continue to exist on their own. This applies in Lacey Green also and the school governors have been planning the move to academy status for the past 18 months.

The governors at St John's did not consider it beneficial to set up a new academy trust and decided to convert as part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). A MAT is a charitable commercial organisation that acts as an umbrella over a number of schools, providing shared services, economies of scale and the opportunity for schools to share best practice and support each other.

The Headteacher and governors reviewed the existing MATs in the area and evaluated how each option would be in the best interests of the children and staff and preserve the school's distinctive Christian ethos. In the

end they decided that the best answer is for St John's to join the Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust, ODBST. This is a new organisation set up to support primary schools in Bucks and approximately 12 schools are currently looking at joining it. It is the sister of the established Diocese of Oxford MAT which currently serves 25 schools across Oxfordshire and Windsor and Maidenhead.

The MAT will support schools in the trust to enable school staff to concentrate on delivering the highest standards of teaching and care to all pupils. This support is given through central services which are funded through a top slice from the academies' income. ODBST academies will automatically be provided with support regarding the curriculum, school improvement, HR advice, finance software, training and advice, governance, premises and admission appeals.

During the 2017 summer term the governors carried out various consultations with parents, staff and the community; detailed information was provided,

questions answered and issues were addressed. The governors then decided to formally apply to the Department of Education to join the ODBST MAT. During the autumn term detailed planning for conversion and "due diligence" studies were carried out and now all the existing teachers and support staff at St John's have now transferred over to the MAT.

So on February 1<sup>st</sup> the conversion documents were signed and St John's formally joined the new MAT. In the short term very little will change, we have the same staff, same curriculum, same governors, same admission policies, same ethos and values. Over the next 6 months we expect that the school's teachers and leadership team, as well as the administrative staff, will start exploring the opportunities to share best practice techniques and resources with the other schools in the MAT and taking advantage of the greater freedoms outside LEA control.

**Mike Piercy**  
**School Governor**



# On The Farm

Like any industry, farming is always having to change with the times. There are constantly changing demands from the buyers of our products and we are always reviewing how we farm and considering how we can improve.

With new machines and technology, new procedures become possible. Policies are created by government that cause farmers to change their direction. Worryingly there is a new Agricultural Act probably going to be rushed through parliament before Brexit. The taste of the public changes, leaner meat is a perfect example. Some people have strong views of how farming should be done, some of these are possible and others just not feasible.

The one thing that doesn't change for us is our aim to produce quality food that people want and need to eat, in a sustainable and economic way.

Our milk buyer Arla is constantly tweaking our supply contract to get the supply of milk they require for their contracts. Recently we have seen price rises for supplying milk with higher butterfat and protein percentages. We get paid more for milk produced in August to December than January to July, to encourage more in the late summer/autumn when the national milk supply is lowest. They want to be able to collect from us anytime 24 hours a day, to keep their tankers moving.

Recently a number of dairy farms have formed into supermarket producer groups. They are paid on a cost of production formula

which is consistent, as volatility is a big problem. Then the supermarkets apply their own rules. They are protecting and promoting their own brands and their name is often on the farm gate. For instance, there are conditions on how many days a year the cow must go out to graze and what medical products can be used, also to whom the farms can sell cattle. The supermarkets are really deciding the direction in which dairy farming is heading.

Mechanical technology is developing rapidly. Many tractors are linked to satellite which means they can be steered in exact directions within a couple of centimetres, avoiding unnecessary work. Often the driver only steers when turning at the end of the field. The tractors can have the ability to reduce tyre pressures in the field to reduce soil compaction, then up the pressure for road work without the driver even having to leave his seat.

Combines can record yields of crops as they are harvested, then a yield map can be created to help management decisions for that field in the following year. Some forage harvesters have an on-board analysis facility that constantly tests the forage as it is harvested for its protein, energy and dry matter. All these products would be useful but they come with large price tags that have to be justified.

Recently there has been campaigns by vegan groups. Some of them are anti dairy farming. Many farmers find this very upsetting and annoying as they often put forward facts that

are quite simply not the truth. But it does make you check your own practices. But damage is being done to our industry. It is important to remember that not everything on social media is as it seems.

Dairy UK has just launched a promotional campaign highlighting the nutritional benefits of dairy products, of which there are many, so hopefully consumers will see these. A lot might be on social media but you may see adverts at train stations and on the tube. Look out for adverts by "The Ministry of Scrumptious Affairs".

At Stocken we are working our way through winter. Passing the shortest day always feels we are heading in the right direction. As you know we have had a fair bit of snow so far. It's difficult to see much good in it from the farm's point of view, apart from if it is deep enough it buries the oil seed rape which stops the pigeons eating it.

We had one night when the milk tanker didn't get to us. For some reason he went up the wrong road and got stuck. For the first time ever we had to discard some milk as we didn't have room to store it. Generally the drivers do very well, driving in conditions that are not good for a 4x4 let alone an artic' lorry.

The next article will be written April. What changes to report then? Well, for one, it will be Spring.

**Joan West**

# Burns Night Celebrations!

Burns Night, in memory of the Scottish poet, Robert Burns, is traditionally celebrated annually on 25th January.

We held our charity event on Saturday 20th January, hosted by Matt and Wendy Randall, at the Lacey Green Millennium Hall.

A great night of Burns verse, tartan, whisky, Scottish dancing and laughter was had by us all.

We enjoyed a delicious three course Burns supper, prepared by 'Four Seasons Catering', with a whisky toast to the haggis 'warm reekin, rich!'



After our meal, we cleared the tables back and danced the night away with a customary Scottish Ceilidh. The evening ended with a lively rendition of Burns' most famous piece, 'Auld Lang Syne'!

The organisers would like to thank all who came along to the evening,

which helped to raise funds for the Chiltern MS centre. Maisie Randall also ran a raffle for her chosen Botswana charity, 'Bana Ba Letsatsi'.

So, if you are partial to a haggis dinner, enjoy Scottish dancing, like to wear tartan and hear the bagpipes, join us again in 2019! Details will be revealed later this year!

**Sarah Halliday**

## BECOME A CHORISTER WITH THE CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR

Learn a varied range of music under the direction of our organist and choir trainer Cheron Mole.

- Become part of the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life Scheme, working towards attainment of Ribbon and Medal Awards, from probationers Light Blue Ribbon up to Red and Green Head Chorister and Bishop's Choristers awards.
- Acquire social skills, including self-discipline, team work, and the ability to perform under pressure.
- Lead the singing in church at both regular services and special events such as Weddings and Carol Singing
- Read in public
- Perform in Junior Choir Concerts.
- Opportunities to develop leadership qualities
- Have fun and make life-long friendships.



*Junior Choir members promoting the "Church and School" activities*

Enquiries to: Rosemary Mortham 01844 34586 and Cheron Mole 01844 342303

# The Turnpike Trust

THE PRINCES RISBOROUGH TURNPIKE TRUST, known today as the A4010, was first debated at meetings held in 1794 in Princes Risborough. The route of this turnpike, originally from World's End to West Wycombe was approved by Act of Parliament in 1795.

Money was secured against the tolls that were set up. Two notable trustees were John Grubb, of Horsenden, Lord of the Manor of Princes Risborough, and Sir Scrope Bernard-Morland of Nether Winchenden, who also had land in the Kimble area. Between them they chaired all the meetings up to 1841. The clerks were Aylesbury solicitors.

To quote from the writings of Peter Gullard, who researched the toll roads of Buckinghamshire "It was a very active trust which built one and a half miles of new road to shorten the road by cutting out detours. This work converted an indirect string of local lanes into a main road.

In Princes Risborough it passed down the High Street, along Bell Lane to the junction of Station Road with Poppy Road, where it took a right angled turn.

In 1820 the trustees persuaded the parish's Inclosure Commissioners to build a quarter mile curving section of Wycombe Road to cut off the corner. The turnpike trustees, of course paid for the new road.

A quarter of a mile south it crossed the Ridgeway Path and started its climb up Culverton Hill. Here the pre-turnpike road

was not only very steep but tracked from side to side to lessen the gradient. In 1831-1835 the Overseers of Princes Risborough Parish – at the expense of the Turnpike Trust – rebuilt the steepest half mile of the hill, from the Ridgeway to the Shootacre Lane junction. They drove a new gently curving road through the middle of the former 'S' shape. They excavated cuttings to even out the gradient and some of the spoil from this was carried downhill to form a low embankment across a shallow valley at the bottom and thus reduced the height to be climbed.

Three branches were added to the original. In 1822 an extension was authorised from Terrick to Stoke Mandeville. Also in 1822 construction was started of a largely new road from West Wycombe to Handy Cross (this was only partly built). Finally in 1825 a branch road from Princes Risborough to Thame was authorised.

The toll gates were on average just over three miles apart. The milestones were simply rectangles of roughly shaped stone on average eleven inches square set facing the road with towns and miles painted on them in black."

The coming of the railways did not adversely affect this turnpike until railways came to Oxford and Aylesbury in 1841-44. A slump in tolls followed, but in 1854 a line was opened to High Wycombe then on to Princes Risborough and Thame in 1862.

With a station built at Saunderton the Turnpike saw an

upturn in use, for although most people walked from the villages to the station it did a busy trade in goods for which cart traffic would have to use the road.

By 1866 income was falling again and the trustees applied to Parliament to wind up the Trust. They eventually obtained permission and it ended on 1st November 1871.

At their meeting on 27th December 1871 to finalise the trust's affairs, they found they had raised £108.10s from the sale of six toll houses, gates and surplus land.

## The Local History Group

### Request by the LHG

Research has recently been completed on the Reverend William Robson, vicar at Lacey Green 1898-1922.

Unfortunately the photographs of all the incumbents of this church were destroyed when the Reverend Raymond Maynard came here in 1983, William Robson's among them.

Should anybody have a photograph of him, the group would very much appreciate the chance to borrow and copy it in order to complete this research, or indeed any old photographs.

More local history can be found on [www.Lacey Green & Loosley Row](http://www.LaceyGreen&LoosleyRow), click 'history'

# Lacey Green Productions



Ring out the old, ring in the new.

LGP rang out 2017 with a successful dinner theatre and we are ringing in 2018 with lots of plans to keep our audiences and ourselves busy and entertained. The dinner theatre entertainment was called “#Ooops” and was a collection of plays and sketches on the theme of mistakes. We had very good audiences who ate and drank well. As a result we have raised enough to send our donations for 2017 to the following:

**Oxford Transplant Foundation have received £700.** This foundation funds the buildings, education and research at the Oxford Transplant Centre and provides information for patients, donors, relatives and carers.

**St Mary’s Church, Aylesbury “Free Christmas Lunch” have received £100.** We have supported this charity for several years. They entertain and feed the homeless, the elderly and those with mental health issues for free on Christmas Day.

**Lacey Green & Loosley Row Tennis Club have received £200.** We are delighted to be helping the local tennis club. They have recently been given planning permission to floodlight two of

their courts and our donation will help them to finance this project.

Many thanks to all our audiences who came to see us during the whole of 2017 for their support. The total of all our donations is now £63,656.

As for ringing in the new, we are just starting to create our new Murder Mystery entertainment for 2018. We hope to be performing this in the late spring/summer in the village hall for our local audiences. This new murder mystery might be on a “Wild West” theme, a “Star Trek” theme – or who knows? In addition, we shall be performing in other locations to help other groups to raise money for charity. We are always happy to do this and if you are interested in raising money with a humorous and brain-teasing entertainment, just contact us.

In 2017, we did our very best to attract new members. This was successful and we hope to repeat this success in 2018. Therefore, we shall be taking a stall again at 3 local fetes in the summer – Longwick, Naphill and Princes Risborough. We shall once again feature free games for the young (and the not so young).

As well as recruiting new members, we are investing in the

group’s stage equipment. New LED lights have just been ordered as well as the new cabling and computer gizmos to go with them. The new lights will enable us to create better lighting effects more easily and should make the tasks of rigging the lights in the village hall a bit simpler. New stage curtains had already been purchased and we are developing some further improvements for the stage itself. All of these developments will help to ensure that LGP remains a vibrant force for amateur drama in our area.

In the summer we shall also hold another Open Day and we hope to include a short entertainment with words and music. This will be held in the village hall, so watch out for advertisements giving details of the date etc.

From all of this, you can see that LGP is always keen to try new ideas – no getting stuck in a rut for us! We are, however, continuing to be a slightly unusual amateur drama group because there is no joining or membership fee.

This makes us a family friendly group and we are always happy to welcome new members – contact us through the website [www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk](http://www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk)

**Peter Brookhouse**

# Windmill Under 5s



The autumn term was one of great excitement at Windmills in the run up to Christmas. There were Christmas crafts aplenty; the children created their own baubles and designed and wrote cards for their families. They worked hard rehearsing songs and lines for their play (this year a traditional nativity), which they performed for family and friends in the village hall at the beginning of December. It is an enormous task for the staff, particularly Angela who directed the proceedings, to get the children (more or less) in the right place at the right time! We are all so appreciative, because there is absolutely no better way to start Christmas than a stage-full of under 5s proudly singing their hearts out to Away in a Manger.

We ended the festivities with a Christmas party, with games, crafts, party food and, to great excitement, a visit from Father Christmas (according to my son the genuine article on account of his very long beard!) Thank you so much to Father Christmas for coming to see us.

The festivities were tinged with sadness, as we said goodbye to our team member, Annie. Annie was with Windmills for seven years and has moved to a post where she can use her skills with

children who have English as a second language. She had a great personal bond with the key group of children she worked with, and will be sorely missed by all of us. In January, we were thrilled to welcome Natalie to our staff team, to work with Annie's key group. Natalie is a Level 3 qualified EYFS practitioner, and has long been part of the Windmills family, both as a parent and a volunteer.

January is a time of contemplation, and I have been reflecting on the position of Windmills in the community. My parents have recently moved to an area which some years ago lost its school and pre-school. The village has since become all-but-devoid of young families, and it has made me mindful of the importance of the service we provide to our community.

As a parent-led, charitable organisation, which is operating in an environment in which funding is increasingly under pressure, we are time and resource-limited. We are also a vibrant, open and friendly group, which has so much to offer the wider community. To help us continue to thrive in the current climate, we need to draw on the skills and resources of the community at large.

First up, we are looking for regular volunteers to come into pre-school to help prepare snacks for the children and sit with them while they enjoy their snack. Or do you have an interest, profession or hobby you could come in to talk to the children about?

We would also welcome members of the wider community to our Management Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the running of the pre-school. And, lastly, we would love to hear how you would like to be involved in fundraising; what sort of activities would be of interest? If you are able to give your time, or your skills and ideas, to help Windmills or have any ideas for collaboration we would love to hear from you. Please email me at [windmillschair@gmail.com](mailto:windmillschair@gmail.com) or call Natalie, our Administrator, on 07502 198 405.

And if you would like your child to join us at Windmills, please call Natalie or email her at [admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk](mailto:admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk), for more information on the availability of spaces.

**Laura Chapman**

Chairperson of the Management Committee

# News from Westminster



Well, politics can certainly be difficult to predict! I had not expected to be moving posts in government again after less than a year at the Ministry of Justice. But resignations before Christmas meant that the Prime Minister had to make changes to the government and so on Monday 8 January I was asked to go to Number 10.

The Ministry of Justice was a challenging brief but I enjoyed my time there. Part of me was sorry to leave, but the new role as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office takes me to the heart of government.

The Cabinet Office is responsible for the coordination of government business across departments. It services the Cabinet and the network of Cabinet committees through which much of government business is done. The Prime Minister has asked me to chair a

number of committees, and deputise for her when she is away from others where she would normally take the chair herself.

I have an overarching responsibility in government for constitutional affairs, including devolution, and for the implementation of government policy. Oh, and I shall also stand in at Prime Minister's Questions on the rare occasions when she is unable to be there.

I feel excited and honoured by the appointment, and a little apprehensive too at the responsibilities that I have been asked to shoulder.

For those interested, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster is an ancient title that nowadays is given to a senior Minister without specific departmental responsibilities. It is granted by The Queen in her capacity as Duke of Lancaster, the title

having been held by the sovereign since Henry Bolingbroke became King Henry IV, and I had to go up to Sandringham to be sworn in by Her Majesty.

It's a feature of our constitutional system that Ministers are also Members of Parliament with individual constituencies. Not every democracy works like that. In the United States and the Netherlands, Ministers are not members of the legislature. In others, MPs are elected on regional or national party lists not single-member constituencies.

The Friday after my new appointment I was in Aylesbury hearing from constituents about problems affecting social care and the impact of the closure of RAF Halton. Our system loads more work onto Ministers, but it really does keep your feet on the ground!

**David Lidington MP**



# Tennis Club

The combination of wind, rain and snow over the past few months has meant that unfortunately there has been little opportunity for members to get down to the courts. In addition, being in such an exposed position means that we always feel the full force of the weather! However, we will soon be moving into spring with the lighter evenings and it is always nice at this time of year to look forwards.

We have an exciting year ahead of us and we will be spending a significant amount of money improving the courts, aided by various grants that we have won over the past few months.

I am very grateful to the following people and organisations which share our vision for the club and have been very generous:

Aviva community grants, Councillor Graham Peart, Lacey Green Parish Council, Lacey Green Productions and Wycombe District Council. Together with our own fund, we will have by this summer some £15,000. A small part of this will be used to power-wash courts 2 and 3 and repaint court 2. A decision will be made on the remainder, dependant on the outcome of further grants that we have applied for. Our aim is to floodlight two courts and replace some of the fencing.

Each year we like to offer members more tennis opportunities and this year is no different. For families with younger children, we have for the first time, signed up to the Quorn Family Tennis Cup. This allows any child born after 31st August 2007 (10U) to partner up with an adult family member and

play other pairs using mini tennis nets and the slower red balls. We will be hosting our event on Saturday 28th April and the winner will earn the opportunity of a day out at a qualifying weekend of a LTA grass court major event in June!

This event has proved very popular at other clubs and if you like the sound of it and are not a member, the good news is that membership for parent members and under 10s are very reasonable! Please have a look at our website. We would love to see you down at the courts.

Other dates for your diary include our annual cheese and wine event on Friday 23 March and our open day on Saturday 12 May, where the courts will be open for anyone to come down and enjoy a game of tennis.

**Nigel Glenister**



# Happy Wanderers visit to Oundle



The Happy Wanderers' annual away trip in early October was to Oundle, Northamptonshire. Our base for two nights was The Talbot Hotel, a Grade 1 listed building, renovated in 2012. The original hotel reputedly dates from the 7th Century and part of the main building was taken from Fotheringhay Castle. The main staircase is reputed to be that which Mary Queen of Scots descended on her way to her execution in 1587. In addition, the hotel restaurant holds an AA Rosette, so we were well looked after.

Once all 28 of us had settled in, we were fortunate to be given a walking tour of the town and, principally the school, by John Kendrick. John lives in Oundle and is an official school guide for parents of prospective pupils. The school enjoys a very strong reputation, with about 20 per cent of pupils coming from abroad. The relatively new science and technology laboratory was financially supported by Sir James Dyson and boasts equipment that many a university engineering department would envy.

Lyveden New Bield (not a typo) was the focal point of the Monday morning visit. This is a National Trust property now and we had an expert guide to show us around. The authentic Elizabethan house and moat was conceived and built (as far as one can see it today) by Sir Thomas Tresham who inherited the estates from his grandfather in 1599. He was a fervent Catholic and spent the best part of 20 years in prison for his beliefs. While there, he planned the 'New Bield' as a lodge for Catholics to practise mass out of sight. He died in prison in 1605. His eldest son, Francis was implicated in the Gunpowder Plot and also died in 1605 in prison before he could be executed. Our guide had spent a considerable time in the British Library researching the Tresham papers and was a most knowledgeable guide.

In need of refreshment after the tour, the group repaired to the Old Barn Tearooms at Wadenhoe, a charming village on the banks of the River Nene. Once refreshed, we set off on the afternoon walk of three and a half miles that took in the Nene Valley and a visit to

the church at Achurch. The church dates from the 13th Century and the churchwarden very kindly made arrangements for us to visit by unlocking the door and putting the lights on. We then made our way back to the Old Barn for tea and cake.

On Tuesday morning, we departed for Fotheringhay village and began the walk with a visit to the castle. The motte and bailey is all that remains from the castle that was founded around 1100 by Richard of Senlis. Around 1630, the castle had fallen into such a state of disrepair that the stone was taken away for construction of several buildings in Oundle, including the Talbot Hotel. The walk itself took in the nearby village of Woodnewton and surrounding farmland. The group dispersed after lunch in one of the two nearby hostelries.

We were grateful for good weather for all three days and the visit awakened a new appetite within the group for this very interesting part of the country.

**David and Helen Cliff**

# Lacey Green Singers

December was a very busy time for us all at LGS. We had a lot of fun learning a brand new piece of music, so new in fact that it had not had its world premiere when we started learning it! The piece was Wassail!, by Bucks composer Alexander L'Estrange and is a collection of Christmas carols from around the UK, arranged in a folk style. In preparation for the annual Christmas Concert, where we and children from St John's School come together and make a fantastic sound, some of the children set to learning the children's part, which was rather tricky in many places, superbly led by their Music Teacher and our previous Musical Director Mrs Insley.

A while before the Christmas Concert, we were asked if we would sing with the children from the school at the Princes Risborough Christmas Lights Switch On, and never liking to turn down an opportunity, we said yes. A selection of carols was chosen from Wassail! and we performed them

## Road Works

At the entrance to Little Lane from the A4010, there is a sign prohibiting its use by trucks of 7.5t or more. Unfortunately, there is no restriction on buses or coaches, which are generally longer vehicles.

Last October, due to road works in Lower Road, Loosley Row, any vehicle coming up Little Lane wanting to get to Lacey Green was diverted down Foundry Lane and then up Loosley Hill.

with the children and they were well received by the audience.

On Sunday 3rd December, the long anticipated Christmas Concert went very well. Tickets sold out and both choirs, many dressed in their finest Christmas jumpers, sang brilliantly on the day. The audience got to have a go when we sang a few old favourites after we had finished Wassail! and I must congratulate them on their fine voices too. Maybe we have a few future new members out there? A fantastic evening was finished off with the usual mince pies and mulled wine, with juice of course for the under 18s!

We have started singing again and are now working towards our spring concert. The concert will have a theme of 'songs from the musicals'. We are enjoying learning the new pieces that our excellent Musical Director Lucy Twaite has chosen, I can say that it will be a concert that does not disappoint! The concert will be on Saturday 24th March in St John's Church. Please do put the date in your diaries. Tickets will be available on

On one morning we saw one of the predictable consequences, when a large coach was unable to turn the corner from Foundry Lane into Loosley Hill. The driver had to reverse all the way back, and was eventually able to make his escape. It was not easy given the narrowness of the road, and took about 15 minutes. Other drivers needing to use these roads were seriously obstructed.

It is inappropriate for vehicles of this type to use Little Lane at all, and it would be an improvement if large vehicles were required to

the door, or from [laceygreensingers@hotmail.com](mailto:laceygreensingers@hotmail.com).

Our summer concert will be on Sunday 15th July in St John's School Hall and may well include a similarly scrumptious tea to last year.

One final, very pleasing note is that we have gained a number of new singers over the past few months, with both ladies and gentlemen joining. We now have 9 men in the choir, which is fantastic news as we men are often so difficult to come by.

We would love to have even more new members, so if you'd like to join us, please come along to one of our rehearsals. We welcome everyone, from 11-111, whatever your ability! We meet at St John's School every Thursday evening at 7:45pm. Come and give us a try.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, full of joy, peace and of course, singing!

**Billy Stott**  
**Chairman**

## Community P

use Woodway when travelling from the A4010 to Lacey Green. Perhaps we can persuade Transport for Bucks to change the road signs to bring about the change.

In December, the sporadic flooding problem in Foundry Lane was addressed and improved drainage was put in place. The work carried on during the short spell of heavy snowfall, and gave some residents a problem because they were unable to leave Loosley Row via Foundry Lane.



This New Year, the faster drivers amongst you may have spotted the new traffic camera in the parish. This mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is now fully operational, to help you with that New Year's resolution to slow down through the village! It can be moved between five locations in Lacey Green and Loosley Row and two in Speen and flashes when the vehicle driving towards it is exceeding the 30 mph speed limit.

These signs have proved to be very effective at increasing awareness of speed limits and reducing accident rates by 34%. We do need more volunteers to move the VAS between the post locations in the village - a straightforward job. The sign is lightweight and simply clips onto designated pre-existing posts. If you are able to help, please email our Parish Clerk.

The Lacey Green playground is being upgraded, with works planned to start mid-February. We have drawn on parish funds and have also been awarded £4,000 from the Tesco's "Bags of Help" blue tokens scheme. Parents and children from both Windmills pre-school and St John's school were consulted and Councillors visited many local playgrounds for inspiration - in my case with three unusually amenable children, keen to give their input as to what makes a playground "awesome"!

The final plan includes a bespoke slide unit, new bucket swing, seesaw and roundabout. The existing swings and springers are being repaired and repainted. There will be safety surfaces below each unit and parents will be glad to hear that we have also included a shelter. The playground will have to be shut for a few weeks whilst this transformation takes place,

but we expect it to be reopened for the Easter holidays.

If you would like to join us as a Councillor, to help us continue to make a difference to the village, please contact our Parish Clerk. Which brings me to Jayne, our lovely clerk, who is sadly moving on. We would like to thank her for her help and wish her all the best with her future plans. We are therefore recruiting for a new Parish Clerk. This is a salaried role, 10 hours a week from home with equipment provided, plus attendance at meetings. If you are interested please contact Jayne, who is kindly staying with us until we have found her replacement. [jayne@princesrisborough.com](mailto:jayne@princesrisborough.com)

We wish you all a very happy New Year.

**Liz Patient**

## Parking issues

There are as yet no parking restrictions in Lacey Green and Loosley Row, but will this continue? Those of you that visit Princes Risborough by car will notice that at certain times it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a parking spot, and the car parks are tending to be filled to capacity. In part this is a direct consequence of the parking restrictions placed on many residential roads. Whilst this is understandable and may make life a little easier for the residents

living in these roads, it is tough for visitors.

## Lacey Green Stores

The store continues to thrive but could always do with more trade. Recently we had eight exceptionally good weeks in succession, which just happened to coincide with my own temporary absence. No connection, of course!

If you haven't yet been into the shop, do take a look. We do welcome visitors, especially if they buy something!

The shop is run by a team of ten volunteers, that do a superb job, but we need more of you. If you have any spare time during the day, do join the team. Even a couple of hours once a month is useful. You would be doing something positive in support of your village.

**Tony Molesworth**



## THE PRINCES CENTRE AWARD WINNING DAYCARE

We ended 2017 on a high note with the news that we had won the National Not for Profit Business of the Year at the SME National Business Awards held at Wembley Stadium. We had already won the Regional Award earlier in the year and were thrilled this time to beat strong opposition from all over England. Above is a photo of some of the trustees and staff receiving the award.

We are really grateful for all the massive support we have received from the community which has enabled us to achieve 5 years of providing a much-needed service with such success.

The centre was able to support Risborough community's older people's Christmas lunch this year. It was an extremely successful event with the local community providing Christmas dinner for older people living alone in Risborough, and was provided free of charge to the participants.

It was well supported by the town's mayor, councillors and Reverend David Williams and members of our local Rotary Club and their wives, who arranged the transport for the people attending. A great day had by all.

Our two days of collecting outside Tesco before Christmas

resulted in a total of £1,331 once gift aid is claimed and we thank all the volunteers who stood out in the cold holding the buckets, and all the generous shoppers who kindly stopped and put some money in them.

If you wish to contribute financially to our continuing refurbishment needs, you can donate on line by visiting [www.princescentre.org.uk](http://www.princescentre.org.uk), and by clicking on the 'My Donate' button. If you would like to book a hall or offer support in any way please ring Kim, our manager, on 01844 345105.

**Maggie Wooster Keyte**





# Black Horse

Happy New Year to everybody. We had a really busy Christmas period with many Christmas parties. The snow came and some of the parties had to cancel due to the weather. However we are in January now and everybody has rebooked their Christmas dinner and we are still doing these through the month of January. I think our last one is the 27th.

Well we had some really sad news just before Christmas. We lost our dog Rossco who has been a loyal friend to the pub and customers for 8 years. We got him from Stokenchurch dog rescue. He never had a day on his own or without a trusty walk from Ian in all that time. We have had friends walk him every weekend, thank you Kerry and Phil. Unfortunately you could never let him off a lead as he would do a runner, and that is

how we lost him. He got out of the gate in the pub when it was snowing and ran into the road outside and got run over. A big thank you for all the cards and flowers it was so kind of you all.



New Year's Eve - what a great time was had by all. The children's disco started really well with many families having a great time. Balloons, poppers etc and music. Then followed with the adults dancing into the night till about 3am. I know I fell into bed about 4am on Monday.

We are fully booked once again for Burns Night, looking forward to that, sat here thinking about

the speech that I have to prepare.

Breakfasts are now back on Tuesday to Friday 9am till 11am. Also please keep your eye on our black boards for up coming events.

A big thank you to all my staff that worked so hard during the Christmas period.

**Lynne**

# St John's School

## Sports

This term St John's have taken part in sports events including cross country, hockey, football and netball. Our teams all played with enthusiasm, showing great team spirit and often coming away with a top three finish. Well done to all the children who participated and thank you to the parents who helped with transport or came along to support the children.

## Theme week

At the end of October, we had our theme week, which focused on work by David Hockney. Each class used a different landscape picture as a stimulus for their work. They followed different lines of enquiry, covering curriculum areas within the work they produced. As well as having an open afternoon for parents, our Year 4 children used theme week as the focus for their assembly.

## KS1 – Prickly Hay

This year our younger children presented their adaptation of the Nativity story in the form of 'Prickly Hay'. With catchy songs, adorable costumes and some enthusiastic performances it was a lovely start to our Christmas productions.

## KS2 – Puss in Boots

Our Christmas performances finished with a very memorable production of 'Puss in Boots'. The play, written and directed by Mrs Thomas, was based on the traditional story - with a twist. Both casts did a fantastic job and seemed to have as much fun performing as we all did watching them.



*Year 2 PSHC work on celebrating differences*

## Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre, on 1st December, was a fantastic success. The hall was filled with stalls selling gifts and crafts along with the raffle of Christmas Hampers. Year 6 children provided a range of games for everyone to try, some down to skill and some down to luck! This year, the Fayre spilled out into the playground with further stalls and activities. The highlight was the visit from Father Christmas. He could be seen in his fantastic grotto where he was visited by a constant

stream of children. Altogether a wonderful event which is sure to have raised funds for our school.

## Spring Term

This term we have many exciting activities coming up for the children. Our Year 3 and 4 children are going to visit the Verulamium Museum as part of their topic work. Reception are being visited by Zoolab and will get to experience being up close with different mini beasts and other creatures.



# St John's Church

## Christmas at St John's Church

We had a good Christmas starting with our Christmas Fayre in November and then following through the Christmas services thereafter. Attendances were good and it was a very happy time. At the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, the children performed a nativity play entitled 'Shepherd Little' written by Gavin Mole and Sara Ridgley. It was an excellent performance enjoyed by all.



## REGULAR SERVICES

### Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) every Sunday

10 am 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 in Lady Chapel at St. John's.

### Wednesday

10.30.am 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.

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# How To Capture Stunning Sunset Photos



Lacey Green enjoys some stunning sunsets, especially during the Winter months. Taking images of a sunset requires forethought, patience and the correct camera set up. If you want to capture the impact of a great sunset then proper preparation is needed. Here are some points to take into consideration on your next photographic outing.

## Plan ahead

Before going out on a shoot, look at a previous set of sunset photos and have a think about any improvements that could be made. Location changes, perspective, filter effects or using different lenses are all worth considering. Asking for constructive critique on social sites and forums is a great way to gain advice from others.

Know where you're going and get to your location early. This will give you a chance to set up and make sure everything is ready for the shoot.

## Choose your settings

Get familiar with the settings on your camera as you'll need to be prepared to utilise manual mode for a great sunset shot. Avoid auto settings and experiment with

different white balance, focus, shutter speed and aperture to achieve your exact results rather than relying on the camera to interpret the scene. Remember you can use bracketing to obtain a series of photos at different exposures, this will give you a greater choice to process from each shot.

## Lens and filter choices

If you wish to fill more of the frame with the sun itself, a longer lens should be used (200mm). When using longer lenses in fading light, be sure to steady the camera on a tripod and use the self-timer to avoid camera shake.

Colour, Neutral Density (ND) and polarizing filters are all great for enhancing a scene. ND filters will darken a scene and add contrast. If there are darker clouds surrounding the sunset then a ND filter will also increase their prominence in the frame. Coloured filters will tint or enhance existing colours, add warmth or cool an image. Polarizers will help to fine tune the depth of the colours in the sky and can be used to adjust reflections from glass or water should your photo contain these elements.

## Use natural features

Natural Features can all be used to give your image added interest. Water reflecting the sunset adds a level of symmetry to your photo, a polarizer filter can be used to control the level of the reflection. Trees can be used to break up the sunset and capture the individual light rays shining through the canopy onto a forest floor. Glass buildings and other reflective surfaces can all be used to include 'leading lines', reflections and symmetry to your shot.

## Integrate silhouettes

Capturing silhouettes adds interest. Silhouettes of people, such as those walking on the crest of a hill or jumping are a good way to tell a story through your photo. Ensuring that the sun is behind any object you're capturing as a silhouette is a must.

## Take plenty of photos

As the scene will be constantly changing during a sunset, it is important to remain for the duration and capture each stage of light and the effects it has on the environment. The colour of the sky, the glow created by the changing light and the shadows cast will all change dramatically during a sunset.

Altair star

The Milky Way

SATURN

JUPITER

MARS

Antares star



# Heavenly Bodies

Graphic: Stellarium

South

The planets line up  
Mid-July 11.30pm

“The Return of The Planets” will soon be showing in the skies above Lacey Green and Loosley Row, reaching a spell-binding climax with a Red Moon!

Indeed, all of the visible planets will be putting on a cosmic show over the coming months as Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Mercury and Venus punctuate the evening and night skies. These displays are then topped by an eclipse of the Moon.

The warm-up to the big show starts in **February** as Venus comes out from behind the Sun to glow brilliantly at sunset. Wait until the Sun is below the horizon and look out for the planet low in the west. It will be in a fairly bright sky but improves in the coming weeks. Fans of the “Seven Sisters” star cluster will be treated to the Moon forming a triangle with it and the V-shaped Hyades cluster on the 22nd. There will be a rare naked-eye sight on the 23rd when a bright orange star will appear from behind the Moon (approx. 7.35pm). The star is Aldebaran

(the ‘eye’ of Taurus the bull) which the Moon passed in front of during daylight. The star re-emerges from the right-hand edge of the lit portion of the half-Moon.

**March:** Venus rises higher as the weeks pass, and Mercury swings into view near Venus on the evening of the 4th– though the best evenings to see them are 15–18th. There are also two full Moons in March on the 2nd and 31st which makes the second one a “blue Moon”. This follows the “blue Moon” we had in January, but won’t be a ‘supermoon’ as it will be further away this time.

**April:** Jupiter begins to become visible at around midnight from the beginning of the month and will have the Moon as a near-neighbour for the first four nights. The Moon will then scurry across the sky to be below Venus on the 17th. There could be a good meteor display on the 22nd and 23rd as the Leonids shower is scheduled to make its annual return.

**May:** Venus continues to shine brightly near where the Sun has just set, and is joined by the Moon on the 17th. The Moon then skirts near Jupiter on the 27th, and rises with Saturn on the 31st in front of the Milky Way ribbon. June features the Moon by Venus on the 16th, and by Jupiter on the 17th. Saturn rises after Jupiter and is at its closest and brightest to us for the year on the 27th.

By **July**, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars will form a long line low across the southern sky (see graphic), and reveal the differences in colour – white, pale yellow and dark orange respectively. On the 27th, the Moon will rise a shade of orange/red at 9.30pm (BST) as it will be eclipsed by Earth’s shadow. As it climbs in the sky, Mars appears below it! The Moon will then slowly move out of our shadow and its orangey hues fade to white/grey again.

I wish you clear skies for the above. Heavenly Bodies returns in August’s edition.

Chris Dignan

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Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8 pm	Alison Shreeve		a.shreeve1@btinternet.com
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LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time at St John's School	Denise Kinnard		laceygreensingers@hotmail.com
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	Natalie Jane	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
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In 2018 the windmill will be open from 2 pm to 5 pm on Sundays & Bank Holidays from 1st April until 30th September. Admission is £2.50 per adult, and £1 per child (aged 5-15).

For National Mills Weekend we will be open on from 2-5 on Saturday 12th May and 11-5 on Sunday 13th May.

For further details about visiting the mill, such as access, facilities, location, and travelling. See [www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk](http://www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk) or telephone Michael or Betty Hardy on 01844 275871.

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