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Welcome to the May edition

Last month we had a down-beat letter from the organiser of the Windmill Artists Exhibition and Bistro lamenting the poor attendance at the event. However I have now been contacted by the traditional organisers of the event saying that it will return in 2018 under new management.

We must make an effort to put down our tablets, get out of the house, and support village events; or our community life will wither away. For instance we can start by going to one or both of the beer festivals run by the Whip and the Black Horse - you might even meet your neighbours!

We are fortunate to live in an area with very little crime and this leads us to become a bit complacent. However there have recently been a couple of

significant burglaries in the village, these should be a reminder to us to lock our garages which often contain quite valuable items. We have a message on the subject from a local ex-policeman on page 5.

Village Hall Atrium

In the last edition we included a survey for you to indicate whether you supported the idea of building an atrium for the Village Hall. We had 22 responses. 13 were against the idea, 8 were positive but only 6 were prepared to help. The subsequent AGM was well attended with 15 residents giving their views.

After much discussion it was clear that nobody was prepared to act as the champion of the proposal and take it forward - so we agreed to put it on ice for the moment.



The Hall committee will however look at more limited proposals to redesign the area, do some landscaping and bring in more seating. We will also look again at options to improve the car park. Watch this space for future details.

Mike Piercy
Editor

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This topic may be controversial but I would like to hear what other villagers think.

I propose that we ask the relevant authority to give every house in the village A NUMBER. I wonder how many times we have been asked by strangers where such and such a house is? My usual response to such a question is: "well, I have only been here for thirty years. I know I have seen 'Ubi est' cottage but I have no idea where it is." How many delivery men, especially those new to the job, waste their working time to trying to find an address?

There have been incidents where ambulances have struggled to locate a particular residence and recently I witnessed police cars in the village driving frantically around in the hope of finding someone, asking random pedestrians if they know where 'Ubi est' cottage is.

On Kiln Lane we have 'Highwood' and 'Highwood House'. This not only confuses delivery men but also leads to the wrong delivery of post. We occasionally get letters for a 'Holly Tree' in Speen.

Before people jump to accuse me of proposing to take away an ancient custom of cuteness, remember that this is 21st

century. Also bear in mind that if your house is burning down or your husband or wife has just had a heart attack, those few extra minutes saved by not having to struggle to find such and such a house is, could be absolutely vital. And yes, I know there is Satnav but a postcode includes several houses and not everyone is Satnav savvy.

My proposal is to be allowed to retain all house names but in addition every house, not already numbered, should have a number in the usual logical sequence, prominently displayed.

Stuart King

What's On

11, 12, 13 May

Beer Festival at the Whip.
Beers, Ciders, BBQ and live music

Sat 12 May 11am

Tennis Club Open Day

Sun 13 May 11am

National Mills Day with Horts Club Stall

Wed 16 May

Horts Club "Wildlife Gathering"

Sat 19 May 3-5pm

Royal Wedding Tea Party
Windmill Under 5s School playing field

Sun 10 June

Stocken Farm Open Day

Sat 16 June

Church Summer Fete

Sun 15 July pm

LGS Concert - School Hall - see p29
Plumstone Cowboy - Village Hall

Wed 18 July

Horts Club "Raised Beds"

Happy Wanderers

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Sunday May 27, June 24, July 29
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Crime

This is a subject that evokes much debate and many opinions. Always best to start with a few facts.

Crime, especially violent crime, is increasing and police numbers are down. Fewer police means more work for individual officers so less attention to each crime.

On top of that where once you had to find a call box to phone an incident in, the police now get twenty calls in a minute and whilst it's happening, which requires a faster response. This in turn puts virtually all of them in vehicles.

The prisons are bursting so sentencing is weak and has no deterrent value. How much crime is prevented by the visible

presence of police cannot be measured but who in their right minds would commit a crime with police nearby?

Personally I don't think crime ever went down, it just moved on-line like everything else. How many of us just delete the scams without reporting them – each one is an attempted crime which is itself a crime.

I've heard of two burglaries in the village this year so, although in a very safe area, we are not immune. Most burglars don't want to be seen or heard and love empty houses. Don't broadcast the fact you are going away, especially on social media and don't pass on information you hear about other people

being away, especially to a delivery man.

Keep your eyes open and write down unknown vehicle numbers – there is no harm done here.

A furniture van being loaded is so blatant no one considers they might be burglars. Are your neighbours known to be moving?

A stranger in the street round here can well be a hiker but are they dressed appropriately? Criminals give themselves away by their behaviour – they usually check to see if anyone is watching.

If you answer the door to someone who says "sorry wrong house" or some other similar excuse be very wary. Don't make it obvious but try to get a vehicle number – they may well have parked down the road or round the corner. They are unlikely to be local so a vehicle is likely somewhere. A door to door salesman may also note empty houses – get a vehicle number.

Think description – considering this at the time of observation is a considerably better aid to memory when asked for it some time later. If you are really concerned phone it in.

This is not meant to alarm anyone as crime here remains rare but it will only remain so if we are vigilant.

Leigh Axe

Flower Festival Monks Risborough

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The Horticultural Entrepreneur

This week found me in the rural wilds behind Stokenchurch, bumping down a farm track in the middle of nowhere, watched only by the red kites. Then I turned a corner and saw a super-smart log cabin and a set of horticultural greenhouses with a big new signboard welcoming me to Stotts Nurseries.

I had come to meet Billy Stott who I'd known for some years as he had submitted Hallmark articles for the Venture Scouts. Others of you will know him from Horts Soc and U3A where he has given evening talks, and from Lacey Green Singers where he is the current Chairman.

Billy has known that he wanted to be a horticulturalist since he was given a strawberry plant at the age of 10 and was fascinated by the way it propagates through runners. However he did not want to just become a gardener so when he left Risborough School he enrolled for a 3 year degree course in commercial

horticulture at Hadlow College in Kent. He also took up working at Asnett Nurseries to make the money to fund his education and ambitions.

On leaving college he knew he wanted to be an entrepreneur and to set up his own business and create a nursery. In 2015 he managed to persuade a family member to let him take on a derelict plot of farm land at Stokenchurch. This had been a nursery in the past but had laid derelict since 2002 and now was completely overgrown.

Two years of hard work followed, clearing the scrub that had grown up, restoring the greenhouse and starting to plant new shrubs.

He managed to acquire the makings of a log cabin that had been used in an exhibition, though when he received them they were just a pile of loose timber. Aided by family members and a chain saw he has now built a wonderful office-come-show-

room to welcome visitors and provide respite from the weather. Eventually the nursery opened for business in the autumn of 2017.

Billy knew that he would need to have a special niche to persuade people to drive out to the nursery and decided to focus on plants, shrubs and hedging that provide winter interest and colour. He is also fascinated by snowdrops and has acquired a wide range of specialist varieties that he is propagating for sale.

All his work uses peat-free materials – mainly bark based compost. He also buys in some of the more common bedding plants to meet his customers' needs. The nursery is open 3 days a week and full details can be found on his website at <https://stottsnursery.co.uk/> or on Facebook where he does a weekly news update.

Mike Piercy

Obituary: Tony Molesworth



Tony was a Yorkshireman by birth, but fortunately for his southern wife, enjoyed living in the south of England and particularly in Buckinghamshire, where he was heavily involved in various activities in Princes Risborough and his home parish of Loosley Row.

Tony was a keen bridge player and set up a beginners class on behalf of his local U3A as well as playing for many years at Princes Risborough Bridge Club.

Tony was the longest serving councillor on the present Parish council, having been co-opted onto the council in September 1994. He was a committed councillor and will be very much missed. His jottings and sense of humour were part of his character, the loss of these will certainly have an impact on our meetings in the future.

He was keenly interested in the development of the Parish and served on The Planning Sub Committee looking at all applications made within the Parish. His views on the various

proposals, some good some not so good, were always welcomed and formed many a response to Wycombe District Council.

It was through this interest that Tony, in 2001, took on the Chairmanship of the Lacey Green Community Planning Group which saw the production of a 'Parish Plan' to be adopted by Wycombe District Council in 2007. Whenever he went for a walk he was always keen to see what was being done and whether, or not, it fitted the Plan.

Working with a few others in 2003 he organised support to reopen the Post Office, start a local Youth Club, organise a Welcome Pack for new residents and set up the Village Shop.

It was because of his 'hands on' involvement with the Group that he was such a valuable member of the Village Shop Committee. It is true to say that without his commitment the Shop Project may never have got off the ground. With the backing of the Village Hall Committee the shop opened in 2008 and has been

running for ten years. Tony kept a close eye on the sales and was keen to analyse the results of each day's takings department by department. No mean undertaking for a shop measuring 8ft x 12 ft.

Tony was a keen walker and had recently completed several walks with his U3A Walking Group and had in fact done the first leg of the Shakespeare Walk, a distance of some 8 miles, the day before he died. He could often be seen walking round the village, on a constitutional, sometimes with various notices as he was also responsible for keeping the village noticeboards up to date.

Until fairly recently he was a member of Risborough Golf Club, a sport which he took up upon retirement and only reluctantly gave up when arthritis meant that he could no longer hold a golf club which diminished his chances of a good score! And he did like to win!

Editor



Tony Molesworth with George Crombie - see page 13

History Society

“YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU”.

These were the words printed on the famous poster of 1914 of Lord Kitchener, the Secretary of State for war.

It is 100 years at 11 o'clock on the 11th November 2018. (The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month) since The Great War ended.

2018 also commemorates 100 years since the founding of the Royal Air Force (see page 37), and the first votes for some women.

“YOUR LOCAL HISTORY GROUP NEEDS YOU NOW”

We are putting on an exhibition in St John's Church in November this year. We would much appreciate it if you can give us any information of what was happening here in our parish in 1918; anyone in the RAF or working at Bomber Command, (built for WW2) or any local suffragettes, (they certainly burnt down Saunderton Station!)

Should you fancy a little detective work with us, here are some clues from St John's School logbook.

November 11th 1918.

“ARMISTICE SIGNED between England and Germany. Children much excited. Cessation of arms. No holiday given.”

November 19th 1918.

“The scholars paraded the village this morning to celebrate the signing of the armistice.

After a short service of thanksgiving in the church, the procession which was exceedingly pretty halted at: Grymsdyke, the centre of the village, Loosley House, the Post Office, Miss Watson's and the Stret Loosley Row.

“Boys were dressed in uniforms to impersonate the army and navy, girls as Red Cross nurses. Almost every child carried a banner mounted on sticks and prettily designed by the elder boys. Frank Lacey and Harold Smith had made little banners from the drawings painted and crayoned, by the scholars during the year.

“A large Union Jack, carried by Alec Dean had been lent by Colonel Tighe (Loosley House). It was especially prized having been used by the boy scouts assembled at Watlington for inspection by Lord Kitchener the week before war commenced. This of course led the procession.

“Mrs Tighe most kindly read a message from the Colonel to the children. Words of excellent advice which the smallest child could understand.”

(N.B. There was no Village Hall at centre of village until 1924.)

November 21st 1918.

“School CLOSED on account of an EPIDEMIC of INFLUENZA.”

The outbreak of flu lasted from January 1918 to December 1920. It became a pandemic across the world infecting 500 million people and causing the deaths of 50 to 100 million people. It was hushed up during the war for morale's sake but overcrowded camps and hospitals, malnourishment and poor hygiene were a hotbed for it.

The school was closed here because of it only two days after their jubilant procession. The parish records tell us who died but not why. Did any of your family catch it or die of it?

During WW1 some women were engaged in work previously only done by men. One local woman is known to have been making shell cases. No doubt there are other examples. Can you help here?

Any member of the Local History Group would be delighted if you can give them any information, or get in touch with Rosemary Mortham, Pondsides Kiln Lane, tel. 01844 345863.

The group members will be given whatever is appropriate for the part of the exhibition they are working on.

Join us on our voyage of discovery. Good hunting!
www.LaceyGreenandLoosleyRow/history



The picture above was taken at Lacey Green School in 1918/19.

Their names (from the back row with married names in brackets) are:

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
- 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
- 33 34 35 36

1 Cecil Gomme, 2 Freda Lacey, 3 Constance Gomme (Connie Baker), 4 Harold Janes, 5 Nellie Rixon (Nellie Tilbury), 6 Gladys Ing ((Gladys Luxford), 7 Will Adams, 8 George Oakford,
 9 Miss Mabel Janes, 10 Elsie Rixon (Elsie Chilton), 11 Frank Hussey, 12 Harry Floyd, 13 Ivy Dormer (Ivy Weller), 14 Gladys Rixon (Gladys Buckland), 15 Louise Rixon, 16 Rose Adams (Rose Harvey), 17 Frank Dean, 18 Mabel Tilbury, 19 Arthur Williams,
 20 Nelson Rixon, 21 John Rixon, 22 Harry Claydon, 23 William Dean, 24 Leonard Oakford, 25 Clara Stevens (Clara Stevens), 26 Ivy Janes (Ivy Janes) 27 Ivy Hickman, 28 Reginald Rixon, 29 Frederick Oakford, 30 Frederick Weller, 31 Alfred Stevens, 32 Ernest Oakford,
 33 Percy Dormer, 34 George Claydon, 35 Cecil Weller, 36 Albert Claydon.

All the above families are still well known locally. Has anyone got any photos they would allow us to copy for our archive?

Lacey Green Productions

THE WILD WEST COMES TO LACEY GREEN

LGP's new murder mystery entertainment is called "The Plumstone Cowboy" and will be performed in Lacey Green village hall on Sunday, July 15th. The performance will start at 3 pm and will be accompanied by afternoon tea – sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks. We will not be having a bar for this event but please feel free to bring along your own alcoholic beverage if you wish. Tickets, price £15, are available by emailing:

tickets@laceygreenproductions.co.uk

What could be better than a summer's afternoon spent teasing your brain cells to try to work out the answer to our murder mystery, while eating afternoon tea and chatting to friends?



We promise you an amusing and yet puzzling time spent in the company of the cowboys and cowgirls of Plumstone, an almost unheard of small town in Arizona, whose lives are made unhappy by the local gangster cowboy, Ronald E.T. Crump. What will happen? Will Crump get away with his nefarious deeds? Will Madame Coarsette and her saloon girls manage to solve the mystery? There's only one way to find out – book your tickets now.

As a foretaste, here are some photos taken in rehearsal.

LGP has been writing and performing murder mystery entertainments for the past 17 years but it has been some time since we performed one in the Lacey Green village hall.

For those of you who have not seen LGP's murder mysteries in the past, the entertainment will involve three or four scenes, which will introduce you to the characters, the suspects and the victim. Clues are given and at the end of the scenes, the audience is able to question the suspects and arrive at their verdict. And, of course, there are prizes for getting the answer right and spotting the clues plus, (and we know that this is what our audiences come for), afternoon tea is included!

If you would like to know more about "The Plumstone Cowboy", come along to our stand at the Naphill fete on Saturday, June 9th. LGP will be there with the murder mystery cast in wild west costumes and with our usual fete games for children and adults (of all ages) to play – all of which are free. Last year the weather was magnificent and the Naphill fete committee puts on a great show for everybody.

LGP will soon be deciding on our November dinner theatre show and we would love to meet you if you would like to join us and enjoy the delights of amateur dramatics.

Membership is absolutely free. Every year, we donate some of our profits to charities and good causes. LGP is a family friendly group and we are always happy to welcome new members – contact us through the website www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk

Peter Brookhouse



New Landlady for the Pink and Lily

Straight from The Horse's Mouth (well, The Horse's Trust actually) to The Pink & Lily! The Pink welcomes its new landlady ...

We are delighted to announce that The Pink has a brand new landlady! Sadly Rodney and Hannah have departed for pastures new, and in their place steps twirly Shirley Abbott!

Having spent 18 years down the road at The Horse's Trust – the last four as their Hospitality Manager – Shirley has decided to leave her four legged friends behind her and focus on the two-legged variety! Having been a landlady in a previous life and with a wealth of experience – both equine and human – Shirley has returned to her roots behind the bar – and we are delighted to see her there!

Shirley says 'I am beyond thrilled with my new role and look forward to extending the warmest of welcomes to all of

The Pink's customers! And I can promise, there will be some changes around here!'

Speaking of changes, the eagle eyed among you will have spotted that Shirley is already making her mark. The chairs in the conservatory have brand new covers – and look a lot bolder and better for it – and in the recent cold weather, not only has the fire in the bar been burning brightly but the long neglected fire in the Brook Bar has sparked into life!

The front of house staff are sporting a new uniform – pink of course – the Spring menu has launched and Shirley is full of exciting plans for the summer months. The outside deck has already been cleaned in readiness for the warmer weather and the dining pods have both had something of a facelift. The gin range behind the bar is multiplying with some exciting new varieties joining the



existing ranks – and the whiskey range too has been extended. Children are now made even more welcome with free colouring pads and pencils to keep the younger ones occupied while older ones play in the games room. All in all, in the last month Shirley has already made her mark – and we look forward to seeing what she'll change next! Why not join us soon at the newly re-booted Pink and Lily.

George Crombie MBE 1930 - 2018

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of George Crombie MBE (see photo on page 8).

Although George lived in Great Hampden for many years, he was a frequent visitor to Lacey Green as he was the Clerk of Lacey Green Parish Council for over 25 years until he retired in 2007. George, in modern terms, was a workaholic.

He was in the RAF from a young age and latterly worked for The Hampden Estates, and took great interest in the goings on in Great

Hampden. He was involved with the Youth Club and the Cricket Club and was the Postmaster for Great Hampden in the village hall for many years.

George was also persuaded to be the postmaster in the Lacey Green Community Stores when they opened in The Village Hall under the leadership of Tony Molesworth.

George was awarded his MBE in June 2001 for community service. The true definition of the MBE is an award given by the Queen to an individual for

outstanding service to the community or local 'hands on' service. George was this well deserved recipient.

The abbreviation of MBE stands for Member of the most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

George will be missed by many, both in Great Hampden and Lacey Green and our thoughts are with his wife Margaret and family.

Cathryn Davies

On The Farm

In the most British tradition I am first going to talk about the weather.

You will know what it has been like here, but it does affect people in different ways. In the last article we wrote that we were heading towards spring. Presumably we still are, for we are still in winter now (the first week of April). We turned out 60 in-calf heifers in March when it looked like it was improving, but it became wetter and colder, they trod up the fields and lost an alarming amount of condition, so we brought them back in again. However there are glimmers of hope in the forecast now.

Straw

We probably use 1,200 tonnes of straw each year, mainly for bedding, but the cattle also have it as part of their diet. Because of the dry cold spring last year the corn crops were not as tall as usual, hence less straw (the straw being the stalks left after combining.)

The result was that we were very tight on straw this winter. It would have been helpful if we had had an early spring. Eventually when the cattle yards are cleaned out this muck is carted and piled in the fields to mature into rotted manure, then spread on the fields to feed the crops.

We have had two more periods of snow and cold since January. On one night all the milk tankers were grounded at the Aston Clinton collection dairy, so again we had to discard the milk we had produced that day. That night I think several hundred

thousand litres of milk were discarded in this region. You may have noticed there was a shortage of milk in the shops for a day or two.

It is particularly dispiriting when the work to produce the milk has been that much harder. Parts of the parlour and wash systems for the bulk storage tank froze up, also the water in the calf shed and several water troughs, all of which needed defrosting.

After the cold snaps we have had nothing but wet days. We would normally plant spring barley in March, yet we have yet to turn a wheel in that direction. We have found it difficult to clean out the cattle yards as we cannot cart the muck without bringing mud on the roads.

Late Spring

We are reasonably up to date with top dressing (applying nutrients) to the autumn sown crops, but we still need to roll our silage (grass) ground to push the stones back into the surface before the grass gets too long.

We were recently in Ireland. In the South they have had an appalling spring. The grass just hasn't grown early and there is a real food shortage in an area that relies on grazed grass.

The weather is the thing that makes farming different every year and therefore more interesting. We shall have plenty to do when the sun turns up!

Footpaths

We recently did a survey of footpaths on our farm. We have approximately ten kilometres of footpaths with 47 stiles or gates

(some are shared with neighbours) to maintain.

We have fenced some off where possible next to field boundaries, where stock are regularly in the fields. With recent cases of the public not mixing well with livestock it seems sensible. It can also help prevent people getting lost.

Metal detecting

We have several local people who enjoy metal detecting on our land. It is always interesting to see what history turns up. Sometimes horse brasses, musket balls, boot buckles and often coins, which can be dated quite accurately. A Roman coin recently found near Princes Risborough was from the Emperor Cesar's era, around 321 AD, fascinating! I guess finding something like that makes up for lots of coke cans, bits of old farm machinery and rubbish found first while searching.

Open Day

On 10th June we hope to take part in 'Open Farm Sunday'. This is the farming industry's annual open day, when hundreds of farms throughout the country open their gates to the public. It will offer an opportunity for people to discover first-hand how food is produced. Watch out for further information if you fancy meeting us 'Down on the Farm'.

Joan West



St John's Church Choir News

Our Church Choir visit to St John's School music assembly on Wednesday 21st March was well received. Mrs Insley made us welcome and introduced us to the assembled children and teachers. A Power Point presentation was given by Mrs Cheron Mole the church choir trainer and organist, in which she explained the wonderful role that music could play in a person's life.

The presentation showed the Young Choir having fun decorating the Easter cakes and the Senior Choir creating the daffodil posies for Mothers Day.

A new hymn was introduced for the children to learn; when the words and music were displayed we all joined in singing with the children.

Some of the Church Choir Children attending St John's School showed the choir robes they wear during church services; they explained the various stages and levels of ribbon and medal attainments.

The children were all thoroughly engaged and attentive throughout the presentation, the music was enjoyed by all.

On Thursday 27th March, St John's School end of term church service saw the Church full to brimming with children, teachers and parents. The Rev. Tony Bundock took the service and captivated the children with the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. The singing talents of the children and school choir were plainly evident; along with their reading ability in bringing to

life the story of Jesus' journey to the Cross.

On Easter Sunday evening, St John's choir joined the St Dunstan's choir at Monks Risborough for Team Choral Evensong. The congregation and the combined choirs were able to experience the beautifully uplifting sound of song and music in the tranquil setting of the ancient church.

To find out more about our Choir contact: Rosemary 01844 345863/Cheron 01844 342403

New

Choir Members
Welcome!

County Council



Spring has hopefully sprung and the weather can only improve.

As previously reported, with Central Government reductions in funding to Local Authorities and as these are austere times, Modernising Local Government in Buckinghamshire was and still is a priority. In the autumn of 2016 Bucks County Council submitted a business case to the Department of Communities and Local Government for one single unitary council with 19 local Community Boards and 5 planning areas. The 4 District Councils also submitted a business case for 2 unitary Councils, with a Northern and a Southern Unitary in January 2017.

The decision was originally planned to be made by March 2017. However, due to the Government triggering Article 50 for Britain to leave the EU and

the County Council elections followed by the General Election last year; the Secretary of State Sajid Javid on 12th March 2018 was minded to approve the Bucks County Council submission for a single unitary. There is now a period until 25th May 2018 during which time those who are interested can make further representations by supporting or opposing the decision by emailing sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk. The final decision will be subject to Parliamentary approval.

Any changes are unlikely to take effect until possibly May 2020.

At this stage, you will have already received your latest Council tax bill for the year 2018/19. As you may be aware, this is the very first year that the County Council has not received any revenue support grant from Central Government. The Government has raised the cap of 2 percent to 3 percent which in essence means that the Councils can raise the Council Tax by up to 3 percent without a referendum.

As a result, Bucks County Council has raised this by 2.99% for general services. In addition, due to greater pressures on Adult Social Care throughout the UK, Local Authorities can impose an additional 3% and so as a result, BCC has increased Council Tax by 5.99% which equates to an increase of £1.40 per week based on a Band D property.

In my opening remarks, I mentioned that hopefully Spring has sprung. This winter has seen unusually high levels of rainfall which has increased the number of potholes in our roads.

The Council has received £1.78m in Department for Transport repair grants and in addition a further £1m is set to be added from reserves and from Councillors' repair funds for a "plane and patch" scheme to resurface stretches of roads with multiple defects. This is a long-term solution where sections of road are cut away and resurfaced rather than just filling the potholes.

Following a decision taken by Cabinet on 8th January 2018 regarding the transformation of 35 Children Centres, these plans have been put on hold for the time being with further consultations to be heard.

If you have any other matters or concerns relating to the County Council such as Roads, Adult Social Care, Children Services, Education and Libraries for example that you need some assistance with, please don't hesitate to either email me cetholen@buckscc.gov.uk or telephone 01494 564771.

Enjoy the summer!

Carl Etholen





THE PRINCES CENTRE AWARD WINNING DAYCARE

April has been a fairly quiet month and, as is inevitable, clients numbers have been rather changeable with some in hospital or passing away and others coming for trial sessions or joining on a permanent basis. However, provision of a variety of activities remains constant such as pottery sessions, cookery sessions, games of all types, quizzes, bingo, entertainment, singing and much more.

A number of clients were recently taken to the free concert and coffee morning organised by St Mary's Church as one of their Community Acts of Kindness for Lent and thoroughly enjoyed it. It is hoped that the band will visit the Centre and make a repeat performance.

St Patrick's Day was celebrated with entertainment,; clients getting involved with dip-dyeing flowers, colouring competitions and a quiz. Some clients have also been busy decorating Easter Eggs which are at present hanging on the trees outside McColls.

Looking ahead, Lucy, the Community Champion from Tesco, who gives so much of her time for the Princes Centre, is soon going to start a little gardening group for those clients who would like to do things out in the garden once the weather

improves. A visit to the Chinnor Railway is also being arranged.

Things are quiet on the project front although a kitchen design company recently came and gave some useful advice on planning the refurbishment of the kitchen. As the floor has to be replaced for hygiene purposes it has been decided to replace some of the old cupboards at the same time and to acquire an industrial dishwasher. This project should hopefully go ahead later this year.

The Parish of Bledlow with Saunderton and Horsenden recently held a Lent Lunch at the Holy Trinity Church in Bledlow and this resulted in a number of the attendees making donations

for the Princes Centre for which we are very grateful.

Don't forget that next Quiz night is arranged for Friday 27th April starting at 6.30 pm for 7 pm start. The cost will be £10 per person for the quiz, including a meal, and if you wish to join in with the bingo this is a little extra.

Unfortunately the 'My Donate' function on the web site is still out of action at present. However if you would like to make a donation towards our forthcoming refurbishment projects please send a cheque made out to the 'Princes Risborough Centre Ltd' and send it to Kim at the Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough, HP27 0DP. 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



Horts Soc - Young Members Save The Day!

We held our second Spring Show on Saturday 24th March during the coldest most miserably grey spring ever! We all struggled to have anything in flower and there was only one member with rhubarb good enough to show. Fortunately the younger members of the society made a superb effort and we managed to put on a good show, in spite of the awful weather. We had more miniature gardens this year and the imagination ran free. There were mini Jurassic Parks, jungles, varied landscapes and representations of the world. The Lego models were equally impressive with elaborate scenes and some deceptively simple items too.

Creating a vehicle out of vegetables didn't daunt anyone! There were magnificent tractors and trailers, a train and individual carriers all using vegetables in a new way. I'm not sure that it will become a trend in food presentation, but they provided

amusement and intrigue for everyone. What an amazing group of young people we have in the villages! Thank you everyone who took part. We look forward to seeing more of your creativity in September.

At the recent AGM we voted to increase the membership fee from next March. It will rise to £5.00 per person in order to cover rising costs, including insurance for the society's activities away from the Hall.

I have to tell members who have already booked a place for the planned trip to Woburn that unfortunately we will have to cancel it this year. They have limited spaces for coaches and we just missed out on getting one. We will be discussing an alternative visit and will let members know by email and at the next meeting in May when we will have a speaker on wildlife gardening.

In conjunction with National Mills Weekend we will be holding our annual plant sale on Sunday May 13th, with thanks to Rosemarie who kindly allows us space to set up our stall. Please come and support us - we will be selling from 11.00am - 4.00 unless blown away by gales. We generally have a good range of plants from annuals, to perennials and a range of fruit and vegetables. The prices are low and as we never know exactly what is coming in we often get pleasantly surprised! Please let other people know we are there.

You will find a new departure for us this year. Mike has enabled us to include the Autumn Show schedule on pages 32 and 33 of Hallmark this year, rather than a separate sheet which has to be placed in each copy distributed. If you need additional, separate sheets we will place it on the village web site under the Horticultural Society pages as well. Good growing everyone and we look forward to seeing you at the plant sale and/or the forthcoming meetings on May 16th, July 18th or the show on 1st September.

Alison Shreeve



Tennis Club - Floodlights are coming!

What a wonderful community we live in! I am so grateful for all the help and support we have had in our mission to floodlight two of our courts.

In February I emailed tennis club members asking for any voluntary donations and was delighted that 42 members came forward with an amazing £10,500 including gift aid. In addition, the Sports Club has very generously given us a grant of £2,000 and I am very appreciative of Steph Dell, Brian Kirby and the rest of the Sports Club Committee.

The icing on the cake came in March when we heard that we were successful in our grant applications to Sport England and Bucks LTA for £10,000 and £1,000 respectively. The end result is that we have received some £16,000 in grants which together with our own funds and members' contributions means that we can afford the floodlighting.

The project is scheduled to start in June and will give us modern led lighting with some of the best lit courts in the whole of Buckinghamshire!

Next year we plan to resurface court 3 and replace more fencing which after spending a projected £90,000 from 2013-2019 will complete the court renovation and update to facilities! The 2,000 seat stadium will just have to wait until 2020!!



What else has been happening?

Congratulations to Alexander and Dominic, (both pictured above with Justin our coach), Scott and William who have successfully completed the LTA's tennis leaders course. This is aimed at juniors aged twelve plus and enables them to support the coach and committee with the day to day running of the club and tennis programme.

The weather over the past few months has severely restricted our tennis activities, and we were fortunate on Good Friday morning that the rain just about held off so that we could run our fun Easter egg competition. 12 members came along and after some great tennis our victor was Poppy Grout who had just joined the club.

With the lighter evenings, men's night on Mondays has just restarted and cardio tennis on Thursday nights will be shortly resuming. We also have three teams in the Aylesbury League so fingers crossed over the summer months.

There will be an open day on Saturday 12th May from 11am-4pm so please come along and see our facilities and our exciting floodlighting plans.

Nigel Glenister



Happy Wanderers AGM

The AGM was held at the Millennium Hall on February 25th to a well attended gathering including several new members.

Before the meeting started, people enjoyed looking at our collection of photograph albums going back to the start of the Club in 1991 by Ted Janes.

Ted Janes and his wife Jean still live in the village and a letter from Ted was read to everyone wishing the Club continuing success.

Rita Probert was thanked for her care of the archive albums over the last 25 years and it is hoped to make them part of the Lacey Green History Project.

David Cliff, our Chairman, reminded the members of the many happy walks enjoyed during the Year; the picture shows the Happy Wanderers at the beginning of the Ridgeway near Ivinghoe Beacon.

The highlight of the year was a two day visit to the historic town of Oundle and the discovery of the links with Mary Queen of Scots.

David Cliff was re-elected Chairman with Liz Lewin as Secretary and Peter Clee as Treasurer.



The AGM was soon over and following a glass of wine and sandwiches, the members put on their walking boots ready for a gentle walk down Loosely Hill to Lower Road, then over the hill to the NT farm in Smalldean Lane and returning back to Church Lane.

We look forward to another year of happy wandering and you are most welcome to enjoy a walk

and a talk across our beautiful countryside.

Since the AGM we have learnt of the sudden death of Tony Molesworth who has been a loyal and active member of the Club for many years and we will miss him on our walks very much.

Ronnie and Liz Lewin



LACEY GREEN SINGERS

We have had a busy spring term at LGS. After the success of our Christmas concert, we were determined to put in as much effort for our Spring concert, and we did! We spent many weeks practising various pieces from a range of musicals, with lots of laughter in our rehearsals.

We performed our concert, The Wonderful World of Musicals, on Saturday 24th March in St John's Church. The choir sang several pieces and soloists and the Altos also sang songs of their own choosing. The choir pieces included: Any Dream Will Do from Joseph and the Amazing

Technicolour Dreamcoat, Ascot Gavotte from My Fair Lady, and a medley from Les Misérables.

The solos and Alto songs were: Almost like being in love from Brigadoon, I got plenty o' nuttin' from Porgy and Bess, Stars and the Moon from Songs for a New World and Where is love from Oliver, The Trolley Song from Meet me in St Louis and Brahms Lullaby (not quite a musical number, but beautifully sung).

The concert was well attended and we received many positive comments from the audience afterwards. In true LGS style, refreshments were served after the concert and everyone got to have a good chat.

We have just started rehearsing for our Summer concert which

has a Nature theme. We will be singing a wide range of songs, from choral classics to modern popular songs. The concert will be held in St John's School on Sunday 15th July. Tickets can be purchased on the door.

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 to 91, whatever your ability! We meet at St John's School every Thursday evening at 7:45pm. Come along and give us a try. Please do contact us if you would like more information, email:

laceygreensingers@hotmail.com.

Best wishes from all at LGS!

Billy Stott

WI

Our first meeting of the year in February opened with Virginia Burgess talking about 'Your Body is your Temple'. This was a very interesting talk telling us about the foods we should eat and how we should treat our body.

Also this month some of us went back to Billy Stott's nursery to see the snowdrops. Billy has quite a collection of them and explained to us how he is increasing his collection.

Our March speaker was Graham Horn - 'Walking Across England, Coast to Coast'. A fascinating talk showing us lovely views of England.

Our Jumble Sale this month was another big success, where does all the jumble come from? We

spent the morning sorting jumble then a welcome lunch at the Black Horse and a busy afternoon selling.

Patricia Purcell was our speaker for April telling us Tales of the Opera. Patricia is an opera singer who started singing at the age of nine. Her career progressed via the chorus at Sadlers Wells, Principal with the Scottish Opera and Principal with the Royal Opera House. Her talk was very entertaining with Patricia singing to us to illustrate her talk.

In April we hosted the Group Meeting and we had nearly 80 ladies from our local WIs. We dealt with all the reports and then had lovely refreshments and tea. Our speaker was Ken

Brazier who gave us a very interesting talk on the Mercy Ships. Ken showed us slides of where he had cycled to raise money for this charity.

Our knitting group is still going strong. We have taken Twiddle Muffs to Fremantle Court and are now making squares for the home so that the occupants can make them into blankets.

At the end of this month some of us are going back to Billy Stotts to see the bluebells. Our next meeting is 2nd May which will be our Resolution Meeting and a quiz. Everyone welcome.

Ann Bartlett

Windmill Under 5s

We have had another busy and exciting term at Windmill Under 5s Preschool, with celebrations and much outdoor fun in spite of the inclement weather and proliferation of snow days. Luckily, children keep a pair of wellington boots (and warm coats!) at the preschool so that they can get out and puddle jump whenever the need should arise!

We are looking forward to the onset of beautiful, balmy weather so that we can start improving our outdoor space. We have a 'Big Spring Clean' planned, where we will come together to scrub, paint, rake, plant and generally spruce up both inside and out. It is always gratifying to see everybody coming together and working so hard, we are really grateful for all the help. An especially huge thank you to Rachael McComish and Leon McComish for the great amount of preparation that has gone into planning, prepping and sourcing materials.

Our amazingly creative staff team always impress me with the diversity of activities they devise to engage the children, and this term was no exception. They have been revisiting some well-known fairytales and the children became very involved in acting out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They decorated a giant, ceiling-high beanstalk and



castle, planted a beanstalk (broad bean!) to take home and Fee Fi Fo Fummed with great aplomb.

In February, we celebrated Chinese New Year, and the children sampled noodles, soy sauce and peppers at snack time. We set up a Chinese restaurant, with lots of opportunities for the children to develop team working skills, turn taking, counting with coins, weighing ingredients and learning about the world.

In March we celebrated Mothers Day and the children brightened our day by decorating pots and planting pansies to bring home. Later in the month they donned their sporting apparel to raise money for Sport Relief by completing a tricky obstacle course. More sporting excitement is planned for next term, with visits from rugby and tennis coaches.

The anticipation of Easter always brings much excitement at the end of term. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Reverend Tony of St. John's church. He brought his guitar and sang songs with the children, and explained to them the importance of Easter to Christians.

The children love having visitors and we would welcome others from the community to come in and talk to, or run an activity with, the children. If you have an interest, profession, skill or hobby you would like to share, please contact us (details below).

We finished the term with our annual Easter party, organised by

our excellent parent fundraising team. Much fun, chocolate and simnel cake was had by all. Mrs Grimsey of St John's school had the unenviable task of picking winners of the Easter bonnet parade (see photo). The sun then came out long enough for us to get out onto the sports field for an Easter bunny hunt.

Next term we are looking forward to another celebration with an afternoon tea party for the Royal Wedding, which we would like to share with the wider local community. Please come and join us in St. John's School playing field (or inside the school hall if inclement weather), 19th May 3-5pm. Tickets £5 each (under 2s free) to be purchased in advance (includes afternoon tea). Please contact Natalie - details below.

If you would like your child to join us at Windmills, we currently have spaces available. Please call Natalie on 07502 198 405 or email at admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk, for more information on availability.

Laura Chapman



LOOSLEY ROW & LACEY GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - SHOW SCHEDULE
ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW SPONSORED BY THE WHIP PUBLIC HOUSE
AT THE LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL – SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2018

VEGETABLE SECTION.

- Class 1 – 3 ONIONS, from seed or sets.
Class 2 – 9 SHALLOTS
Class 3 – 5 POTATOES **coloured** of one variety but of any shape
Class 4 – 5 POTATOES **white**, one variety but of any shape.
Class 5 – 9 FRENCH BEANS any one variety
Class 6 – 6 RUNNER BEANS with stalks.
Class 7 – 3 CARROTS, any one variety with foliage trimmed to 3" (7.5cm)
Class 8 – 2 LEEKS any one variety - with roots
Class 9 – 2 CUCUMBERS any one variety
Class 10 – An UNUSUAL or MISSHAPEN vegetable
Class 11 – 3 BEETROOT any one variety
Class 12 – 3 PEPPERS (not Chillies) any one variety
Class 13 – 5 CHILLIES any one variety
Class 14 – 3 COURGETTES any one variety
Class 15 – 10 TOMATOES **small-fruited and novelty cultivars**, with calyces
Class 16 – 5 TOMATOES, **ordinary cultivars**, with calyces.
Class 17 – COLLECTION of cut & named culinary HERBS 5 kinds in one vase
Class 18 – any VEGETABLE not otherwise listed - show minimum of 2
Class 19 – one of each of **5 different kinds of VEGETABLES** (5 items in total) from the following –
Red potato, White potato, Red onion, White onion, Carrot, Runner Bean, Lettuce, Beetroot,
Pepper, Parsnip, Cabbage, Bunch of 5 Radishes. (Each kind carries the same points value for judging).

FRUIT SECTION.

- Class 21 – 4 APPLES, culinary, (any one variety)
Class 22 – 4 PEARS, (any one variety)
Class 23 – 5 PLUMS, GAGES or DAMSONS (any one variety)
Class 24 – 4 APPLES, dessert, (any one variety)
Class 25 – ONE DISH or PLATE home grown FRUIT of one kind (excluding those in Classes 21 – 24).
Class 26 – COLLECTION of home grown FRUIT, at least 3 kinds.

DOMESTIC SECTION *Please note that all exhibits in these classes must be covered with cling film. Recipes overleaf

- Class 30* - Lemon Tart
Class 31* - Amaretti Biscuits
Class 32* - Ham and Cheese Patties
Class 33* - Spanish Rustic Bread
Class 34* - Victoria Sponge Jam only filling - own recipe using 3 eggs
Class 35 - 1 Jar of new season JAM – minimum (370g).
Class 36 - 1 Jar of new season JELLY – minimum (370g).
Class 37 - 1 Jar of MARMALADE, any fruit(s) – minimum (370g). (New season)
Class 38 - 1 Jar CHUTNEY or RELISH – minimum (250g). (Made since previous show)

FLOWER SECTION

- Class 40 – Single ROSE any kind.
Class 41 – ROSES (large flowered) – a vase of 3 blooms of single or mixed variety.
Class 42 – ROSES (cluster – flowered) – vase of 3 sprays or stems, single or mixed variety.
Class 43 – Vase of ANNUALS, 5 stems of any one kind.
Class 44 – Vase of ANNUALS, at least 3 varieties, but no more than 9 stems (see overleaf).
Class 45 – FLOWERING SHRUB, three stems
Class 46 – Vase of mixed PERENNIALS –9 stems minimum of 3 varieties
Class 47 – Vase of PERENNIALS, one distinct kind, 5 stems.
Class 48 – 3 DAHLIAS of any kind
Class 49 – One POT GROWN FUCHSIA, maximum pot size 7 ins (18 cms).
Class 50 – One POT PLANT or PLANTS, in flower (except Fuchsias: see overleaf) – max height 1 metre with pot.
Class 51 – One POT PLANT or PLANTS, foliage only (non flowering: see overleaf) –max height 1 metre with pot.
Class 52 – ST.CLEMENTS – a vase of ORANGE and YELLOW flowers.
Class 53 – SMALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENT, Overall dimensions not to exceed 7 ins (18 cms). }Home grown
Class 54 – FREE STYLE FLORAL ART (no more than 24 ins/ 60cms in any direction) }blooms/foliage/fruit
Class 55 – Miniature Garden in a seed tray
Class 56 - Tallest Sunflower – from stem at soil level to top of flower head. May be raised in a pot or the ground

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION (a single unframed picture no larger than A4 size) the winner of these classes will be decided by public vote

- Class 60 – Holiday time! – free interpretation
Class 61 – Poetry in Motion – free interpretation

All Classes FREE to Non-Members under 17 years old.

NOTES ON SHOW SCHEDULE – SATURDAY 1st September 2018

PROGRAMME:

All entries to be staged in the Village Hall from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Judging of exhibits from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Public viewing from 4.00pm to 4.45pm. Cups presented 4.45pm.
No exhibits to be removed before 5.00pm. Hall cleared 5.00pm. Please leave exhibits for our sponsors where possible.

ENTRY FEES:

All classes 20p per item unless under 17 yrs then FREE . Only one entry per person per class.

PRIZES:

"SPECIAL" rosettes for best entry in each section. Rosettes for 1st and 2nd in each class. A special prize will be awarded for the best exhibit from an entrant under 17 yrs old

NEW MEMBERS:

Members joining on the day of the show will immediately be eligible to exhibit.

RULES:

A copy of the Rules governing the Show will be on display.

JUDGES:

To be arranged by the Committee. Decisions by Judges will be final.

CUPS AWARDED:

BILL CLEAVER MEMORIAL AWARD for best exhibit in produce sections of the show. **PLOWMAN CUP** – for exhibitor with most points in the Vegetable Section. **FLORAL CUP** – for exhibitor with most points in the Flower Section - The **CONNIE BAKER CUP** for best rose exhibit. **MARSHALL CUP** – for exhibitor with most points in the Fruit Section. **DOMESTIC SALVER** – for exhibitor with most points in the Domestic Section. **HUGHENDEN CUP** – most overall points in the combined Produce Sections. **JUBILEE CUP** – For member with most points who have not previously been Cup winners.

DEFINITIONS AND GUIDANCE ON CLASS ENTRIES.

Classes 21 to 26	Exhibitors should ensure that when required stalks are left on exhibits.
Classes 44 and 49	For the purposes of this show, Annuals are defined as 'Flowers grown from seed sown since 1/9/17'
Classes 50 and 51	Plant(s) must have been in the Exhibitor's possession for at least 2 months.
Classes 53 to 54	All blooms must be grown by the entrant.
Classes 49-51	Pot plants may be grown indoors or outdoors

NOTES AND HINTS ON THE PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS.

REMEMBER – UNIFORMITY OF EXHIBITS WILL ALWAYS CATCH THE JUDGE'S EYE.

Cabbage and Cauliflower – show with approx 3" (7.5 cms) of stalk remaining. Beans – Cut from vine with scissors leaving some stalk attached. Beetroot, Carrot, Parsnip – Cut off tops leaving 3" (7.5 cms). Ensure that all the root is intact. Onions and Shallots – Tops should be tied and roots neatly trimmed back to the Basal plate. Potatoes – Wash tubers carefully with a soft cloth or sponge. Radish – Do not remove foliage. Tomatoes- Should not be over ripe, do not remove calyces.

RECIPES FOR THE DOMESTIC SECTION. (All tin sizes are approximate 1"/ 2.5cm larger or smaller allowed)

Class 30 Lemon Tart Pastry: 8oz Plain Flour, 2oz Sugar, ½ tsp Salt, 2 Egg Yolks, beaten, 4oz softened butter. **Filling:** 2 Large eggs, 5oz Ground Almonds, 6 Lemons, 3 ½ oz Caster Sugar, 3 ½ fl. oz Whipping Cream, 6 ½ oz Granulated Sugar. **Method:** Pastry Mix the plain flour, sugar, salt and 2 beaten egg yolks to a sandy consistency. Beat in the softened butter. Chill for 1 hour then roll out and line a tart tin of approx. "8"-9" (22cm) diameter. **For the filling:** Beat together the eggs, ground almonds, caster sugar and whipping cream. Grate in the rind of 4 lemons and add the juice of two. Put the filling into the pastry case and bake at 180-190°C/ Gas 4-5 for about 25 minutes until cooked. Slice the two untouched lemons thinly, discarding the pips. Put the slices into a pan, cover with water and simmer gently until soft. Remove the pith from the other two lemons and also slice thinly, adding these into the pan and continue cooking. Drain the slices. Make a syrup by dissolving the granulated sugar in 3 ½ fl oz (100ml) water in a shallow pan; when clear, bring to boiling point, then simmer gently for 2- 3 minutes; slip in the lemon slices and cook for 15 minutes until candied. Arrange the intact slices on the tart. the syrup should be thick but, if not, boil down and then brush on as a glaze.

Class 31 Amaretti Biscuits 2 large egg whites, 200g caster sugar, ½ tsp almond extract, 300g ground almonds. Preheat oven to 190°C/Fan 170°C/Gas 5. Line 2 large baking trays with baking parchment. Whisk egg whites in a large bowl until foamy. Gradually whisk in the caster sugar a tablespoonful at a time. Whisk in almond extract, fold in ground almonds with metal spoon. Spoon mixture into piping bag fitted with large plain nozzle. Pipe blobs of mixture onto trays. Wet your finger and smooth top of each biscuit but don't flatten. Bake one tray at a time for 16-18 minutes until crisp and lightly browned. Cool on tray for 5 minutes then transfer to wire rack. Store in airtight tin. Makes about 36, show six.

Class 32 Ham and Cheese Patties. Pastry: 75ml lukewarm water, ½ tsp sugar, 3.5g fast acting yeast, 225g plain flour plus extra for dusting, 85ml milk, 1 tsp salt, 17g melted butter, 1 egg beaten. (1/2 for dough mix. 1/2 for glazing & sealing.) **Filling:** 1 small onion, 1 clove garlic, 60g chopped smoked ham, 35g Jarlsberg cheese grated, 1 tbsp. chopped parsley, 1 tsp caraway seeds, salt and pepper, 1tsp oil for greasing tray. **Pastry:** make starter – pour lukewarm water into bowl, add sugar and yeast and stir in 50g of the flour. Mix well and leave to rise for 2-3 hours and then add milk, salt, and the rest of the flour the butter and egg and knead into a relatively firm dough. Leave to rise for another 2 hours. Meanwhile make the filling. Heat oil and cook onion gently until translucent. Add garlic and cook for another two minutes Stir in ham, parsley, cheese, caraway seeds. Season to taste and set aside to cool. Preheat oven to 200°C/Fan 180°C/Gas 6. Roll out dough thinly on floured surface and cut out circles with 3½ inch pastry cutter or glass. Place spoonful of filling on each, brush edges with beaten egg and fold in half. Squeeze edges together and brush with beaten egg. Place on greased baking tray and bake for 12-15 mins until golden. Cool on wire rack. Makes 18 Show 6.

Class 33 Spanish Rustic Bread. Begin 24 hours before cooking. **Starter Dough:** 150ml warm water, 1 tsp sugar, 3 tsp fast action dried yeast, 125g strong white bread flour. **Bread Dough:** 200ml warm water, 1 tsp sugar, 1 tsp fast action dried yeast, 225g strong plain flour, 100g strong wholemeal four, 1tsp salt, 1 tbsp. olive oil plus extra for greasing. **Starter:** pour water into bowl and stir in sugar. Add yeast and leave in warmth for 10 mins. Add flour, cover with clingfilm and leave at room temperature for 24 hours. **Bread dough:** Pour water into a medium bowl and stir in sugar and yeast. Leave in warm place for 10 mins. Stir flours and salt together in large bowl and make well in centre. Add the starter dough, oil and recently made yeast and water mixture. Mix with a spoon and then your hands to make a slightly sticky dough. Transfer to work surface and knead for 10 minutes until smooth and elastic. Place in an oiled bowl and cover leaving to rise until doubled in size. Loosen dough and tip onto floured surface – stretch gently until it's about 30cm long – fold in half and stretch again. Repeat twice more. Shape into a long loaf shape and slash the top a few times with sharp knife. Dust with flour and place on greased and floured tray. Leave to rise in warmth until it feels light and puffy (about 45-60 mins). Heat oven to 240°C/Fan 220°C/Gas 8. Bake for 20-25 mins or until golden brown and crusty. Cool on wire rack.

Cruising and Chaplaincy

Through a good friend of mine in the Princes Risborough Rotary Club who is a regular speaker on cruise ships, I was last year recruited to the rota of chaplains for Saga Cruises with a view to undertaking one trip each year. The rota is organised by a retired Archdeacon though cruise chaplains can come from any of the mainstream Christian denominations.

There are a number of people on Saga cruises who are unpaid but who are invited to travel free of charge; though they are fully expected to work their passage, so to speak! These include the chaplain, the guest speakers, the "gentlemen dance hosts", as well as some of the support staff, and where appropriate the Orca whale watching team! These are largely the people, including the chaplain, who apart from their regular duties are also expected to be tour escorts for organised on-shore trips alongside local guides.

The specific roles of the chaplain include organising and leading Sunday services as well as services for other special occasions, arranging a daily pastoral hour in a quiet corner of the ship's library, and responding to whatever other pastoral needs might arise. I gather that there was a time when Saga cruises with a chaplain on board were limited to Christmas and Easter cruises but, by popular demand from passengers, all Saga cruises now sail with a chaplain. Sunday worship may be moved by the cruise director to the previous day if the ship is at sea on a Sunday but it would typically involve a morning service with hymns in the main lounge, beginning with worship songs from the Filipino crew choir and followed by Holy Communion for those who wish to remain for this.

And also a (very) late evening Crew Mass in the crew's quarters principally for the Filipino members of crew, accompanied by guitars and cajon percussion!

I undertook my first tour of duty as a chaplain in November of last year on the "Saga Pearl 2". My first cruise departed from Southampton and the itinerary included Cape Verde and the Canary Islands with a final stop at Lisbon on the return leg. I met three other Anglican clergy on the trip who were travelling as passengers; one being a self-supporting minister in Sussex and the other two being long retired. One of the two retired clergy was in his early nineties and told me that he had been a professional scientist as well as ordained as a non-stipendiary priest in the Church of England.

It so happened that the cruise I undertook last November included both Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. On Armistice Day, we were in port at Porto Praia and I was tour escort for one of three coachloads of passengers visiting a village on the far side of the island. The local people very graciously stopped their African style music and their other activities at 11am so that we could observe the two minutes Silence. For Remembrance Sunday, we were at sea and it was an especially full day for me. I began the day with an 8am said Holy Communion Service. For 10am that day, I had been asked by Saga a few days before departure to come up with a talk on the history and origins of the Royal British Legion! However, having led the Leeds city centre outdoor inter-faith Remembrance Sunday commemoration for a number of years, and having been a chaplain to a number of military

veterans organisations over the years, this was less of a challenge for me than it might have been. The main parade service of the day took place at 10.45am with the Act of Remembrance led by the ship's Captain at 11am prompt. Following the service, a poppy wreath was cast unto the sea (non-plastic and entirely bio-degradable)! At 2pm, I conducted a short memorial service on the ship's stern in memory of the grandfather of one of the young entertainers on the ship. Sadly, his grandfather had died whilst we were at sea and the funeral service had already taken place in his absence. The day ended for me with the Crew Mass in the crew's quarters at around 10.30pm.

My cruise for this year is due to take place in late May and early June. The cruise departs from Dover and will visit the "Majestic Baltic". The itinerary includes Gdansk, Tallinn in Estonia, St. Petersburg, Kotka in Finland, Visby and Karlskrona in Sweden, and Kiel in Germany.

On a personal level, I think among the principal highlights for me from the Cape Verde and Canary Islands cruise was a boat trip out into the bay at Funchao, capital of Madeira, in order to view whales and dolphins at close quarters, visiting the maritime museum at Santa Cruz on the Island of La Palma, and the visit to the music workshop at Mindelo at Porto Grande where the cavaquinho (a Portuguese predecessor of the ukulele) is hand-made! I await with great interest the potential highlights of the Baltic cruise!

Tony Bundock
Vicar of St. John's



It is that time of year again when we have to start getting the garden ready for the summer. HOPEFULLY we might get some warm weather and maybe it will stop raining. We have ordered a few new benches, new swings and ladder in the play area. We also have a new climbing frame (pictured). We have kept and tried to repair the playhouse, last year was a really bad year for damage in the play area. We brought a new playhouse and refurbished it with a great new kitchen and all the items you would need to play with. Unfortunately some children smashed all the plastic windows, snapped off all the tap and handles and broke most of the

kitchen equipment, and ripped all the flowers etc. out of the window boxes. So this year we have decided we will repair what we can and not spend any more money on it. It is a shame as it stops all the youngsters having a good time.

Aunt Sally starts in May on a Friday evening, worth a visit. Beer Festival is now getting sorted, bands are booked, beer is ordered, it will be Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August. Music will be on Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday afternoon and evening. We have once again The Fish and Chip Van, Howe and Co and Mozzarella Nation



Pizzas. Watch put for news on our Facebook page and website also on our A boards. Have you noticed our new addition to the front of the pub, our Black Horse it is fabulous (pictured above). Please give us a call if you require any catering done for functions, we are happy to give you a quote. Have a great summer.

Lynne

RAF Centenary

This year celebrates the Centenary of the Royal Air Force which was formed on the 1st April 1918, originally from the Royal Flying Corps which was formed during the 1st World War in 1912. The only difference was the change of colour of the uniform from Khaki to Blue. Their first fighter aircraft was the SE5 which was only capable of flying at 70 mph at 6 500 ft.

During the Second World War a total of 55,573 men serving on Bomber Command lost their

lives: 3,249 died in training accidents and 7,377 became Prisoners of War. At the end of World War II many young men from the village and past members of St John's School were called up to do their 2 years National Service. As I had an interest in aeroplanes from a young age, I was lucky that I was called to join the Royal Air Force serving on 56 Squadron Fighter Command from 1952-54 as a fitter, refuelling and servicing the engines on Meteor Mk 8.

56 Squadron was formed on 8th June 1916 and is still in existence today, a Hurricane of 56 Squadron was the first casualty of the Second World War, having been shot down by ack ack gunners on our side returning from a reconnaissance over the channel.

I'm sure National Service did many of us a great favour; many times I've heard the saying, "they went as boys and return as men".

Douglas Tilbury

St John's Church

Easter at St John's

We had a wonderful week of Easter Services with Compline said each evening along with the Choir adding their music and voices to the lovely services.

On Tuesday an Agape Supper took place in the Upper Room before Compline, which was attended by some 30 people and it was a great time of fellowship.

On Good Friday, following the Last Hour, the wooden Cross was erected on the corner of Church Lane.

On Easter Eve we had the Easter Liturgy service and this was

followed by a celebration with Simnel Cake and wine.

On Sunday morning the Cross had, as usual, been decorated by a parishioner who provides the daffodils each year and for which we are truly grateful. Our Easter Sunday service began at the Cross with prayers and hymns before processing to the Church for the main service.

Our Choir sang beautifully throughout the week, the Church was decorated wonderfully and thanks to everyone who contributed to the celebrations in any way!



Pat Richards



Mark Roberts
Sacristan

Tony Bundock

Graham King
Lay Minister

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 Spenn.

Organisation	Meetings	Contact	Phone	Email address
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Full walk last Sun of the month 10.30	Ronnie Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed 10.30	Linda Taylor	345261	
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8 pm	Alison Shreeve		a.shreeve1@btinternet.com
Speen & North Dean Toddlers	Tuesday 9.30 Chapel Hall, Speen Church in term time	Rachael McComish		Speennorthdeantoddlers@gmail.com
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
High Wycombe & District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Theresa Hehir	01494 881170	hehirt@hotmail.com
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Whiteleaf Bowmen	Wed, Thu & Fri evenings, Apr to Sep	Brenda Cordwell, Sec	01494 485037	www.whiteleafbowmen.org.uk
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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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We welcome news from all the Village clubs, societies, church and school, stories of local interest and entries for the Village Diary. A version of this printed Hallmark may be found on our website www.laceygreen.com, which also has breaking news and many additional articles & photos.

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Friendly chatting with tea or coffee & biscuit

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