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# Welcome to the February edition

December was a bad month for the village elders, we lost two of our favourite people; Bette Tyler and Brian Panter. Both of them had put a vast amount of effort into making our village a joyful place to live and they will be greatly missed. There are tributes to Brian on p17 and Bette on p27.

We did however have some good news about an incoming new Headteacher for St John's school. Mr Ian Newton will join as Headteacher at the start of the Summer Term. Mr Newton comes from the Claycots School Partnership in Slough where he is Interim Associate Headteacher on the Britwell Campus, a four form entry primary school. Mr Newton has taught in six primary schools and has led both KS1 and KS2 as well as holding several Deputy Headteacher positions.

The governor's Headteacher Appointment Panel is confident that Mr Newton has the skills,

experience and Christian values needed at St John's. He will be able to develop and support the staff to continue to deliver the excellent teaching and learning that the children expect and enjoy, and also to uphold the values and ethos which are so important to our unique school.

Back in December the History Society put on an exhibition in the Church celebrating our links with RAF Air Command. The exhibition was very well attended and there were many fascinating documents and pictures to see. Joan West has sent in her thoughts which are on page 23.

The New Year traditionally encourages us to take up new activities. There are many great things that go on in our Village Hall ranging from the gentle competitiveness of indoor bowls to the more intensive karate classes. The schedule of weekly activities is shown on page 5 and



there are some descriptions of these activities on page 22.

After a great success last year with their first Spring Show, the Horts Club are having a show at the end of March. The schedules to tell you what and how to enter are to be found on pages 40 and 41..

Please note the change of date for the Hall AGM to March 19.

**Mike Piercy**  
**Editor**

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## Letters to the editor

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### **Windmill Artists: Another successful Village Art Day.**

We hope you enjoyed the Bistro, chaating with friends and of course, looking at the art!

Jennie Thomas helped me with the organisation this year and we hope she will again next year.

We must remember Brian Panter; he started this annual show many years ago but is now sadly no longer with us.

The show has given the village much pleasure so: Same Time, Same place next year.

**Di Bradley**

### **Bette Tyler**

Please could I take this opportunity to thank all those people who have gone out of their way to offer me their sympathy, support and help over the last few weeks since my mother passed away. It is at times like this that we are reminded of how incredibly lucky we are to live in such a close and friendly village community. Thank you once again to everyone.'

Kind regards,

**John Tyler**

# What's On

**Sat 2 March 7.30pm**  
Ceilidh in the School Hall

**Sat 9 March 2pm**  
WI Jumble Sale

**Tues 19 March 8pm**  
Village Hall AGM

Note changed date!

**Wed 20 March 8pm**  
Horts Club AGM followed by:  
Bat Talk and demo

**Sun 31 March**  
Mother's Day lunch at our local pubs

**Sun 31 March 10.30am**  
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# Weekly Schedule Of Activities

Day	Time	Function	Location
Every Monday	2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowls Club	Millennium Hall
Every Monday	6.30 onwards	Karate	Millennium Hall
1st Tuesday of the month	12.15 pm	Over 50s Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse
Every Tuesday	am & evening	Pilates	Millennium Hall
Every Wednesday (Apr - Sept)	Evening	Whiteleaf Bowmen	Millennium Hall
1st Wednesday of the month	7.45 pm	Windmill WI	Millennium Hall
2nd Wednesday of the month	10.30 am	Happy Wanderers	Millennium Hall
3rd Wednesday of the month	2.00 pm	Beginners Computer classes	Millennium Hall
4th Wednesday of the month	2.00 pm	University of the 3rd age	Millennium Hall
Every Thursday afternoon		Dancing class with Natalie Harris	Millennium Hall
Every Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee morning	Millennium Hall
Every Thursday in term time	Evening	LG Singers	St John's school
Every Thursday (April - Sept)	Evening	Whiteleaf Bowmen	Millennium Hall
Alternate Fridays	7.30 pm	Youth Club	Millennium Hall
Every Friday	10.00 am	Yoga	Millennium Hall
Last Sunday of the month	10.30 am	Happy Wanderers	Millennium Hall

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# On the Farm

Winter is slowly going by and the shortest day is a month behind us. Nearly all the cattle are indoors as the grass has virtually stopped growing. Most of the winter wheat crops have had a good autumn and gone into winter in good condition.

One field, following a crop of grass, was attacked by frit fly, reducing the population and thus the potential yield. Frit fly lay eggs on a young plant, hatching into maggots that then feed off the plant sometimes killing it completely. They can have up to 3 generations a year, attacking spring crops in the spring and grasses in the summer. All the combinable crops get harvested in the summer. We refer to those planted in the autumn as "winter crops", whereas "spring crops" are planted in the spring. It is usual for winter crops to out yield spring crops.

## Agri-chemicals

For the first time in nearly 30 years, we are not growing oil seed rape. This has become just too financially risky to grow. Mainly due to licences on some agri-chemicals that protect against flea beetle being withdrawn. The devastating results on the young plants as they emerge and get into the stems results in the crop dying back just as the seeds which we harvest are forming. Some types of slug pellets have also been withdrawn, rape being very vulnerable to slugs. A big worry for arable farmers is that glyphosate will be withdrawn. France has withdrawn its licence since Christmas. This is the same product that can be bought in garden centres to spray off

weeds. It is effective because it kills off the whole plant including the roots. It is widely used to spray off weeds before crops are planted. Without glyphosate arable farmers are going to have large reductions of yields in some crops. The alternative could be a return to fallow as part of rotations, when fields yield nothing at all for a year. What is the most frustrating thing is that we may well import crops that have been grown still using all the products we have had removed.

## Tasty silage

The cows have been milking well. They are prioritised for the best silage that we made last summer, the small amount made being good quality. When it comes to silage we are trying to adopt a multi-cut system, increasing from 3 cuts to 5, if rainfall allows, the first being in April, allowing only 30 days or so between cuts. The aim of this is to produce more milk from forage. Cutting more frequently means the grass that is ensiled is younger, leafier, higher quality and more digestible. As a result the cows can eat more of it, increasing forage intake. This replaces other bought-in feeds and hopefully reduces overall diet costs. Last year this plan all changed when the grass stopped growing due to the drought.

## Milk prices

The milk price has held up reasonably over 2018, dropping about 7% in the autumn. However since the turn of the year the Global Dairy Trade auctions have turned the corner after months of down-turn with

cream prices in particular increasing since Christmas, which is unusual. Are these traders predicting a shortfall in supply? This would be good news as nearly all our input costs are steadily increasing.

## Habitat conservation

We have recently joined with some other local farmers in setting up what is known as a cluster group. It is going to be run by the Chiltern Conservation Board.

The aim is to create wildlife habitats or improve existing habitats within the area. We are starting by surveying what we have....for instance, we are doing an over-wintering bird survey in mid-February, which will also be part of the Big Farmland Bird Count.

In due course we will survey hedgerows, butterflies and grassland flora, particularly on our chalkland areas. By having a base assessment we can measure improvement and actually find out what we have.

There are often comments in the media about modern farming practices causing a decline in farmland birds and having poor hedgerow management, so it will be interesting to see what we find and achieve.

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# Windmill WI

Our charity this year was the Stoke Mandeville Scannappeal. At our November meeting Roy Collis was the speaker, talking about the organisation Friends of Stoke Mandeville, which supports Stoke Mandeville Hospital and the Scannappeal.

The Scannappeal raises funds to purchase lifesaving state of the art equipment for Amersham, Stoke Mandeville, Wycombe, and Community Hospitals which serve people living in Bucks. We had heard Mr Collis speak before

and he is a very able and interesting speaker.

Our Knitting Group is still going strong, at the moment we are making all in one jumpers for small children.

In December we had our Christmas Party which was excellent. Lynne from The Black Horse provided a lovely meal for us, two choices of savoury followed by three different sweets and coffee. We had a Secret Santa, then listened to musical entertainment by the

very talented Amersham Brass Band. We all joined in the carols, a lovely start to Christmas.

We do not have a meeting in January so our first meeting will be 6th February. We meet at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.45 pm and you would be very welcome.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year from the Windmill WI.

**Ann Bartlett**

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## Lacey Green Windmill

As usual, this year Lacey Green Windmill will be open on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from the beginning of April until the end of September from 2pm to 5pm, and also on Saturday 11th May for National Mills Weekend.

The windmill has been open to visitors at regular times for 44 years, during which we have had over 53,000 visitors, with an average of 44 visitors on each of our regular open afternoons. Our visitors come from far and wide, some local, and increasingly people from across the world. Their knowledge about windmills can vary greatly, from people who have never been near a windmill before, to experts who travel around the country, and the world, looking at as many as they can find. The history and machinery makes all windmills unique.

The most unusual features of our windmill, are its position, the way

it is built on a basement sunk into the ground, and its historic and unique machinery, now around 370 years old. There are other windmills of that age (with two in Buckinghamshire at Brill and Pitstone), but all others have had crucial wheels of their machinery replaced over the centuries.

Of course, a vast amount of voluntary work was done, starting in 1971, to restore the structure of the windmill and to preserve the historic machinery inside. We therefore consider it essential to enable visitors to visit the interior of the windmill. That is only possible with the help of around 30 volunteers who open the windmill on our open afternoons each year.

About a third of them live within our villages; many of them have helped for many years and inevitably cannot continue for ever, although one person has been volunteering at the

windmill for an incredible 47 years.

It would be good to have some more local people to help us open the windmill. You do not need to be an expert on windmills, although all our helpers have gained knowledge through their involvement. You would be provided with detailed information, given training, and offered an experience session, with an existing volunteer. All our volunteers tell me that it is rewarding to meet our visitors and enable them to see the unique part of our heritage that is Lacey Green Windmill.

**Michael G Hardy**  
Windmill Manager  
The Chiltern Society

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# A Year of Beekeeping

2018 wasn't the easiest year for beekeeping, especially when it was only our second year as beekeepers!

With an exceptionally long winter and storm Emma battering the UK, we learnt very quickly just how polar beekeeping can be! We lost one colony, and another was left weakened.

Coupled with the loss of a colony, 2018 saw lower than usual (but not unexpected) honey yields. Although a long hot summer was great for us humans, it dried the ground out to such an extent that the flowers and fauna loved by bees were less abundant than usual, meaning lower honey production.

That said, the honey that was produced was amazingly sweet and fragrant! We still can't produce enough honey to fill demand (which is a very nice problem to have)!

It turns out that Lacey Green inhabitants are honey maniacs! We'd sold out of honey before we'd even put it in jars!

As well as the honey itself, we also experimented with different honey products. These included brownies, gummy bears (a particular favourite of Chef at the Black Horse!), cookies, honey roasted nuts and even biltong.

This year we hope to have greater quantities of honey, after purchasing additional hives. The mild winter (to date) is also a good sign that the bees will get off to a flying start (pun intended) in the spring!

2018 was also the year we moved our hives to a neighbouring village (still well within the Chilterns) as part of a mutually beneficial agreement with another food producer.

As local food producers, we were also invited to the Chiltern Food Magazine anniversary party and BBQ.

This was a great opportunity for us to meet many like-minded people including Blue Tin Roof, Chiltern Escargot and many others. There are so many great food producers on our doorstep!

2019 will see the launch of a very exciting and rewarding project called 'RB & Me'. This will offer Chiltern residents and businesses the opportunity to sponsor a hive (or 2), get involved in the honey production and benefit in several other ways.

If you would like to learn more about RB & Me or reserve a jar of honey from the 2019 batches, then please get in touch via the website ([rb-honey.com](http://rb-honey.com)) or our Instagram account (@rb.\_honey).

Here's to a great 2019!

Cheers

**Barry (the 'B' in RB)**





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## Horticultural Society

It hardly seems like three months since the last Hallmark article, but now in the New Year it's time to plan the planting and the tasks for another growing season.

By the time you read this there will be plenty of seedlings growing in time for our plant sale in May. In fact many plants prefer to start their cycles in the autumn and I have onion sets, garlic and broad beans already well established on the vegetable plot. The cold green house has my sweet peas, already with three sets of leaves and needing to be pinched out. They flower earlier planted in the autumn and like cool hard growing conditions before they are planted out in the spring.

In November we enjoyed another Pumpkin Supper and Social. 70 members tucked into

a three course meal provided by the committee, though many people contributed to the table full of deserts. The committee goes into action like a well-oiled machine to set up the tables and start the cooking, as well as serving and clearing up afterwards. We are ably assisted by partners and we couldn't do it without them, so thank you to everyone who helped in any way. There are photographs of the beautiful array of pumpkins we had this year and more pictures on the village web site. There are prizes for the smallest and ugliest and well as the largest, so everyone stands a chance of winning something!

Sadly Bette Tyler couldn't make it to the supper this year, as she had so many visitors wishing her well on her 90th birthday, which was the day of the supper.

In her absence however, we wished her a happy birthday, with tuba accompaniment courtesy of Tim Colsell. We took the supper and birthday cake to her the following day, so she had an opportunity to share our best wishes. As one of our long standing honorary members Bette will be sadly missed by all of us. Our sympathy goes to her family on her passing late last year.

On a happier note we hope that you will join us for the talks we have planned for the coming year. Details are on page 4 and on the web site. We hope to organize a few more activities as well as the Spring Show on 30th March and the Annual Show on September 7th. Happy Gardening!

**Alison Shreeve**





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# Lacey Green Productions

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the production of 'Funny Money' over the weekend of 29th November to 1st December. We were all delighted that so many people were able to come along. We have had lots of positive feedback about the performance and you won't be surprised to hear that this has encouraged us to continue!

We are delighted that due to the support we received we have been able to donate £100 to St Mary's Church, Aylesbury for the Community Christmas Lunch, £60 to the British Heart Foundation and £500 to Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

The food was excellent and we would like to thank Lucy Soden of Main Event Cuisine for her hard work. We are very pleased that she is happy to support us again in the future.

## Publicity

As ever we are always thinking of ways to publicise our events and would like to thank David Field for letting us put a banner on the fence at the bottom of Woodway, it is much appreciated. Thanks also to the owners and managers of shops in Princes Risborough, Lacey Green, Naphill and Longwick who put up posters advertising LGP productions. We are delighted to have articles published in Hallmark as this gives us the opportunity to ensure everyone is aware of what we are doing.

We have a number of plans for the future which we think will help give opportunities to



anyone wanting to join LGP, entertain anyone unable to come to the annual dinner theatre and importantly help local charities by raising funds.

A flavour of things to come:

## Spring Production

We will be performing "Groping for Words" written by Sue Townsend, the creator of Adrian Mole. It is 1983 and the play is set in an adult literacy evening class, where the students' fear of admitting ignorance is as much of a handicap as their inability to read. The Theatre at Home production will be performed in the intimate atmosphere of a member's home and the audience numbers are limited to about 30. Please book early if you are interested in joining us. Posters will be displayed soon and information will be available on the LGP website.

## 2019 Programme

We are still finalising this but will keep you posted on the LGP website and articles in Hallmark. [www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk](http://www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk)

Over the years our supporters often called the group 'Lacey Green Players' so we have

decided to give in to public pressure and in future we will be known as the 'Lacey Green Players'. We appreciate it will take time to embed so will ensure both names will allow access to the website.

Another positive development is the opportunity to pay for tickets by BACS; this is something we have been asked about for a while and appreciate this will make life easier. Details will be sent to individuals buying tickets.

If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with amateur dramatics we would love to hear from them. Opportunities to act, have fun and have a laugh - what more does anyone want? We are already looking at plays for our November dinner theatre - so now is a very good time to make contact.

A big thank you once again for your support and we look forward to seeing you again in 2019. Due to the support LGP receives we have donated £64,300 over the years to various charities.

**Jane Herve**



## School Gardening and Eco Club

We are delighted to give you a small insight into the wonderful collaboration and support the Loosely Row and Lacey Green Horticultural Society have given to the school over the last year.

The summer crop from 2018 at the school garden has to be the best in recent years! There was super weather, but luckily for the school, some kind-hearted Horts members kept a rota going for watering and keeping weeds down over July and August. When the children returned after the holidays, they were delighted to see huge glossy peppers growing in the greenhouse (many of which were immediately sliced up and scoffed with great delight on sight!) Some of the children's parents were in complete disbelief, as they'd not touch a green vegetable at home! A good crop of sweetcorn and pumpkins were also still

flourishing. This meant we could participate in the 'Big Soup Share' which is an initiative from the RHS Campaign for School Gardening (of which St John's is a member). As a small thank you, Horts members were invited to come along to the school to share in a very hearty soup made from the potatoes, sweetcorn, onions and pumpkins grown at school. It was wonderful to see how proud the children were that they had grown the produce for the soup and made it themselves. Great life skills to have - growing, cooking and eating your own food!

As a result of participating in the soup share and developing the vegetable garden so well, St John's achieved the RHS Level 2 Award and was sent some fantastic books with wonderful garden projects in them, such as developing bug and bird-friendly environments and recipes for our

various vegetable produce in the future.

The Horts members have tackled so many jobs at school we can't list them all, but getting the outdoor tap to work properly and installing a water butt has been a revelation! Thanks to John Burnett for doing that, plus the wonderful donations of seeds (currently we have very robust sweet peas underway in the greenhouse for example). Without the support from Horts and their brilliant ideas, donations and suggestions, the school would not have the vibrant garden it has. Huge thanks to Alison Shreeve and all of you who have pitched up over 2018 and hope to see you in 2019!

**Mrs Freeman (teacher)**  
**Kay Bolton (parent helper)**



# Laughter and the love of friends

After his death some of Brian Panter's friends sat around a table and recounted their memories of him. Nearly all of these memories involved laughter, so it is apt that the title above was Brian's favourite quote.

Brian had many skills and paid great attention to detail. He painted pictures, he rode horses and made models of both horses and warships, he painted stage sets and he directed and acted in plays. Once, while rehearsing one of the many plays that he directed for LGP, he suggested to an actor that, prior to picking up the phone, he should just pause for a second and then proceed with the script. This slight pause added so much to the tension and the feeling of that particular part of the play and illustrated his skill as a director.

Brian's models of horses and wartime Royal Navy corvettes were executed with pinpoint accuracy. The corvette models are now in the care of museums in Portsmouth and Liverpool.

We couldn't remember Brian without recalling his voice. One friend recalled how, while sitting with Brian in the Waitrose coffee shop, all eyes would turn to their table when Brian let rip with one of his sonorous laughs. That voice had, of course, been trained at RADA in the post war years and used in weekly repertory theatre in the 1950s. Brian told us how Joan Collins was at RADA with him and how he acted with many people who later became household names such as Warren Mitchell and Ronnie Barker.

Brian used his voice to campaign for the Liberal party at local and national elections in the 1970s. On one general election day, a friend drove Brian around the constituency while he addressed people through a microphone and loudspeaker. All went well until late in the day when concentration lapsed slightly and Brian's voice was heard to encourage people to "Vote today, vote Tory". The Liberal candidate did not win. We could hear Brian's voice during the Remembrance Sunday service at St John's Church or, in recent years, in Princes Risborough library reciting the prayer for The Fallen.

We could laugh with Brian and Brian could laugh at himself too – he loved this photo. He could never quite understand how it was that, during a twinning visit to Hambye to remember the D Day landings, the French chose Brian as the representative of the entire landing force. Brian stood up to thank everybody in Hambye for their hospitality. However, the day had been spent toasting memories with strong Normandy cider and Brian heard himself say, "Mesdames, messieurs....." and then "I rather faded away but it seemed to go all right"!

With increasing age, Brian's eyes required reading glasses and without them, close things were a little blurred. While at a social gathering, he was helping himself to some tasty titbits and found that he had, without the glasses, helped himself to some of the decorative potpourri on the table. "Actually, it tasted quite nice".



In recent years Brian became known to most of the shop owners in Princes Risborough High Street and he told all of them, without fail, that they had "made an old man very happy". Brian made all of us happy too and one of us was even moved to verse when remembering him.

## Elegy for Brian from the Pubclub by Chris Boll

This man, this countryman  
Of majestic height and girth  
Would be best remembered by  
an English tree  
Planted in Chiltern earth.

When soon we are but dust  
It will for years stand tall  
To keep alive his memory  
And so that of us all.

It shall be called the Pubclub tree  
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So when our young pass by it  
They will think of us one day.

**Peter Brookhouse**





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# In the Pink as the Seasons Change

Well, we all pulled a cracker at Christmas and had a fabulous festive season, but now the tinsel is packed away for another year and we're looking forward to celebrating all that the Spring can bring. We're ready for romance with Valentine's Day – why not tickle your loved one's fancy – and indeed their taste buds - by treating them to temptation up at The Pink! With a bellini ready to greet you on arrival and a succession of succulent morsels to make your evening a saucy one, book now or risk their wrath for another 364 days!

The Six Nations is up next, kicking off on February 1st with France-Wales as the evening match before the big grudge

game of Ireland-England on Saturday afternoon; why not try to catch all the matches with us.

Line-up for the line-out, penalties for non attendance will be applied. There won't be a scrum or even a maul for seats as there's plenty of space – and even when the pack is in you can always prop up the bar. In fact we could say that this is a dummy run for the World Cup later this year. Apparently the smart money is on Ireland but don't shoot the messenger and tell me to ruck off! And obviously the referee is a flanker and as it's a family publication I can't make my hooker joke!

Before my mother washes my mouth out with soap and water,

it's time to mention Mother's Day. Falling late this year on Sunday March 31st, bookings come in early so pick up the phone now or risk missing out.

Have some fizz with your family, and raise a glass to the special woman in your life – your marvellous and magical Mum! Or you could of course celebrate Happy Mother's (Ruin) Day with a double G&T from our extensive collection! So keep your gin up and pick up the phone – 01494 489857 is the only number to satisfy all sorts of people this season.

**Shirley Abbot**  
The Pink & Lily

## LACEY GREEN SINGERS

Happy New Year! Now we've all eaten enough cheese to last till Easter, it's that time of year when many people make resolutions.

Have you considered joining a choir? Singing is a brilliant social activity and has many mental health benefits, making it a great resolution; even one that you might be able to keep!

If you are interested in joining our friendly choir, we rehearse on Thursday evenings during term time at 7:45pm in St John's School Hall. Just turn up, no booking necessary. Alternatively, email us at [laceygreensingers@hotmail.com](mailto:laceygreensingers@hotmail.com).

Back to business. We had wonderful Christmas Concert on Sunday 2nd December. We were joined by the very talented children of Years 3 and 4 from St John's and they put us to shame by singing perfectly without printed words! If there are any of those children reading, thank you very much for your marvellous input. Lots of favourite carols were sung, with a few different arrangements thrown in to the mix and of course there was plenty of audience participation. We had 3 LGS soloists; Carla Galvin, Jane Brown and Ray Gosling, who sang beautifully.

Our dear friend and accompanist Thelma Malpass, who has played the piano for us for many years, accompanied us for a final time in the concert and has now hung up her sheet music to enjoy a

well earned retirement. We wish her the very best for the future.

The position of accompanist has now been taken up by Graham Nash, who has sung in the choir in the past. We warmly welcome Graham and look forward to lots of fun music making with him.

Our next concert is in the process of being planned, but is likely to be sometime in May. By the next edition of Hallmark, we will have all of the details you need, so keep an eye out!

Best wishes from all at LGS.

**Billy Stott**  
Chairman

# Windmills Preschool

We're delighted to be welcoming several new starters this term, and it's wonderful to see the children settling well into preschool life.

With spring around the corner (hopefully sooner rather than later...) there are many exciting activities planned for the term ahead. We're looking forward to getting green-fingered and trying some of the activities from the RHS 'I can grow' campaign and making 'egg heads' with cress to enter into the upcoming village Spring Show. We're very grateful for the ongoing support of the village's Horticultural Society for supplying us with an array of multi-coloured vegetable and salad crop seeds to grow!

On reflection of the Autumn term, there are so many thanks to be given. Our wonderful team; Lucy, Angela, Rosie and Natalie put in an enormous amount of effort into one of the highlights of the year – the Christmas Play.

We bid a fond farewell and huge thanks to our outgoing Practice Manager, Lucy, who worked tirelessly and with such dedication in all the years she was with us.

Parents and families have been amazing in supporting our fundraising events, making donations, and paying 'voluntary contributions'.

To put it into context, the £4.25 we receive per child in council funding doesn't cover the costs to provide an hour of childcare, and as there are strict rules around not charging families

extra, we rely very heavily on families paying these 'voluntary contributions' as an essential source of our income. We have to call them 'voluntary' contributions but the simple fact is they are 'vital' contributions!

Thanks too to our management committee: Alison, Amy and Zak having joined as new members, Natasha and her tremendous fundraising and party planning efforts, Laura for her highly valued ongoing support, Jacqui for taking on the Treasurer role and Jo's input at meetings and help at events. The impressive Christmas fundraising efforts by Natasha and Alison were put to immediate use purchasing toys at the top of the staff and children's wish list - a brand new fire station, engines and firefighters!

We're grateful for all that is going well in running our local preschool, yet mindful of the challenges we face in the years ahead. We attended a 'Future proof your voluntary management run preschool' event hosted by Bucks County Council and discussed ways to overcome the biggest issue facing us all – sustainability.

It seems that lower birth rates have resulted in fewer preschool and primary children in the county this academic year – we have the lowest attendance figures we've seen for many years. Government funding remains frozen and with many costs increasing this year, we're anticipating our largest budget deficit to date.

The committee are working to overcome the financial challenges and are keen to ensure the preschool remains attractive and relevant to local families. We've reduced our starter age from 2.5 to 2 years old, for a limited number of children, to reflect the need of some to start preschool sooner. We've extended our opening hours until 3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to support families with St John's pick-ups or who are working and require their child to spend a longer day with us. We now offer a limited number of places to families eligible for 'extended funding entitlement'. If you're interested in a place, please get in touch at your earliest opportunity.

We're grateful for any support you can give us – be it putting in a good word to a friend looking for a preschool place, selecting us as your Co-op local charity [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership), volunteering to read with the children in setting, or offering your skills and expertise. We're particularly keen to hear from any accountants in the area! Contact info is on our website: [www.windmillunder5s.co.uk](http://www.windmillunder5s.co.uk) if you'd like to get in touch and with the continued support of our local community, we hope to thrive in the years to come.

**Rachael McComish**

Chairperson  
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# Village Hall Activities - Yoga with Carrie

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I embraced yoga many years ago when I needed calmness, and found that yoga gave me solace when my mind was busy. I have learned over the years to embrace this means of thought abandonment and to encourage

others to experience what I deem to call 'positive self time'.

When you breath deeply and focus on your breathing you will be leaving aside thoughts and distractions in your mind. When your breath flows with movement you will be experiencing yoga.

Having gained my Hatha yoga diploma in London with the YMCA there has always been a lean towards fitness yoga. I encourage extension in the body to strengthen muscles and tone the body. I recently spent 12 months in Manhattan where

extensive practice allowed me to learn and develop a more fluid vinyasa style yoga.

Whilst I do not a teach a 'gentle' yoga class I encourage everyone to come along and try my class as I offer modified poses. Those with a good level of fitness are welcome if they wish to improve their strength and flexibility. Those who want to 'switch off' and be present and mindful might also enjoy my classes.

The first class will be free, you might just find that you love yoga as much as I do.

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# Village Hall Activities - Karate



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Adults: 7.30 - 8.30 beginners & white belts

Adults: 7.30 - 9.00pm blue belts & above

**Steve Fincham**

5th Dan chief instructor

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# Village Hall Activities - Pilates with Sue

Pilates is a form of low-impact exercise that aims to strengthen muscles while improving postural alignment and flexibility. It was developed in the 20th Century by Joseph Pilates who believed that a strong core is the foundation of a healthy body. I have over 27 years experience in the health and fitness industry, and have been running pilates classes in Buckinghamshire for the past 16 years.

Classes are on a Tuesday at :

10:15 - 11:15

11:30 - 12:30

19:00 - 20:00

20:15 - 21:15



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## Letter to the Editor - Air Command

As a member of the Local History Group I took part in research done for the Group's exhibition last November. We were looking at the hundred years since 1918 when WW1 ended, the RAF was formed and women first got the vote.

We also reported on RAF High Wycombe, at Walters Ash, which was started for WW2. Over 200 people came to the exhibition, whose support the Group very much appreciate.

Afterwards it made me wonder what effect this RAF base, now the headquarters of Air Command, had had on the villages of Lacey Green and Loosley Row and I thought that it is probably much more than we realise.

For starters RAF High Wycombe is not in Walters Ash. The headquarters and officers' houses are in our parish, which

ends at the Bradenham Hill Road. It could be argued that it should be Air Command, Lacey Green.

Because of the important work done there, most high ranking officers will have had a posting there when nearing retirement. So it cannot be surprising that so many have settled in the locality on leaving the service. Fortunately, many have integrated and taken an active part in the community.

The base also employs many civilians who live here, such as secretaries, cooks, cleaners and maintenance engineers. The History Group has not looked at that aspect in detail at all.

Something that may not occur to us is the effect it has on our schoolchildren. Being in our parish the officers' children come to Lacey Green School. At a guess there could be 40 houses

on the site, so quite a few children. Servicemen and women in the RAF are posted every two years or so, so the school intake keeps changing. They started coming to Lacey Green School about 1953 and to my knowledge still do. I can only speak as I found when I was a School Governor in the 1970s and 1980s (we were called Managers then). It seemed to me that the RAF children brought a whole new dimension to the school and probably opened the eyes of others to a world outside our own villages.

Maybe others might like to refute or add to my ponderings. The Local History Group always wants to know your opinions, so would be interested in any comments. Email [joan.west1939@gmail.com](mailto:joan.west1939@gmail.com) or Rosemary on 01844 345863.

**Joan West**

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# St John's Church



We started the Christmas season at St John's with our Toy Service on the 2nd December and many gifts were given to the Salvation Army Officer who came to speak at our service. Later that day we had a service of Advent Carols and Lessons.

Two weeks later our Christingle Service took place with a large congregation. Christingles were given to the children and many of the adults!

On the 23rd December we had a Service of 9 Lessons and Carols, which was very well supported by the parish community.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve was supported by St John's School Choir. There was a full church and lots of children, some dressed in Nativity dress (lots of angels and some shepherds!).

In addition to our usual crib we decided to follow the Posada (a Spanish custom). This refers to a Hispanic Advent custom of Mexican origin which highlights the search of the Holy Family for hospitality. Originally children would dress as Mary and Joseph and travel from house to house seeking refreshment. Nowadays it is customary for families and

members of the Church to take turns to host knitted figures of the Holy Family. A number of families in the congregation took part in hosting the figures and these were returned to the Church on Christmas Eve. During the Crib Service the children took the figures to the altar.

The Midnight Service was a beautiful service – again well attended and this was followed by a further service on Christmas morning.

The Church looked wonderful. Thanks to the ladies who decorated it with flowers and candles; for the cleaners who made it look beautiful; to our Sacristan and Verger who looked after many things behind the scenes; and to all those who helped in any way. The Choir sang beautifully throughout the many services, accompanied by our organist, and their enthusiasm and skills are a credit to St John's.

The Feast of St John the Evangelist was celebrated on the morning of Thursday 27th December and the service was followed by wine and cake, another great occasion.

Lastly on Sunday 13th January the Epiphany Carol Service took place. Another lovely service!

The attendances over the Christmas period were very good and our thanks to all who helped to make it a memorable time. Special thanks must go to Canon Tony for leading us all!

**Pat Rushmere**  
Churchwarden

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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 Risborough

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



# Bette Tyler 1928 - 2018

Bette would often dismiss any concerns with "Life's too short"....

Bette never knew her mum who died very shortly after childbirth. With no help then available from the state, the family moved to Kenilworth in Warwickshire just on the edge of Coventry. There was a cousin, Roy and they all grew up together. Bette's memories were of the kettle never going cold and much laughter – she had a good family life.

The property was part of a saw-mill where they cut up trees and made anything from wood. Bette like all kids got up to mischief and feared little. She and Roy would climb high in the rafters, without a safety net, directly over the circular saw bench, and sit watching the logs being cut up far below. Above all she remembered fun – a search for toffees game involved her uncle throwing a handful into the woods for her and Roy to run in and find.

When Bette reached working age she got a job as a telephonist. It was on a bus home that she was spotted by Norman - they married in 1952. Their family is John and Robert; partners Claire and Jackie, and Bette's 'favourite' Grandson, Adam.

Bette also worked as a Methodist Sunday School teacher – she actually retained a very strong belief to the end.

Bette was learning that life can be too short but she remembered all the laughter she had growing up and realised life needs to be enjoyed while you can. She was likeable and kind, willing to make friends with anybody and everybody. She liked people, she was interested in them and loved their company.

They responded in kind and on her 90th birthday just a few weeks before she died, so many visited that Bette exhausted herself giving them all a hug.

Norm became the sole agent for the Japanese firm Sumitomo, responsible for importing and distributing their machine tools. Bette looked after the Japanese liaison officers who came over, and went to Japan with Norman on several occasions. It gave them both a yen for travelling.

Back home they both got involved in village life. Bette joined the Village Hall committee – this was the old hall. She would hold meetings at home and all went home absolutely stuffed with lasagne.

Remember the miners strike – Bette organised beat the gloom parties, again back at hers, and bring a candle.

There was Bette's Art Group (the BAGS), although more talking than Art.

Bette helped Norm stuff leaflets in each of 600 Hallmark magazines he edited and she delivered them to post persons in every street.

Village Day; Strawberry Tea; she loved helping at Youth Club and the kids voted her the most scary witch at Halloween night.

She did meals on wheels but got the sack - they loved the lovely chats, but not cold dinner.

She helped fund raise for the building of the Village Hall and was involved in the twinning of our village with Hambye in France.

In between all this they started travelling and once travelled 11,000 miles across America.

In 2008 Bette's beloved cousin Roy died. In 2016 it was Norman's turn. This was hard for Bette, it was a blessing that John had come home having retired from working in Kent to help her through it.

John introduced an exercise routine with them both walking daily down to the Forge at Foundry Lane and back. John worked out that for every 150 ascents of Loosley Hill they had climbed the height of Mount Everest. At the age of 87 Bette reached the summit of Everest for the eleventh time - without oxygen, and just wearing her trainers. John also kept a tally of the distance they had travelled, and although age was against Bette she did get as far as Syria before her huge but failing heart couldn't take it.

Bette believed in supporting the local pub and John says she was prepared to do this single handed. Bette was generous to a fault; after she stopped driving, she insisted on taking my wife and I to lunch more than once for running her everywhere- this required a lot of effort on my part - reversing all of 10 yards and taking her to the exact same place as we were going.

Several people have said that the first people to welcome them to the village was either Bette or Norm.

I am pretty sure that with 50 years in which to do it, Bette must have been largely responsible for our Village Ethos - To be friendly and welcoming to newcomers and to continue to be so with each other ... because ...

Life's too short.

**Leigh Axe**



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# County Council News



A very belated Happy New Year to you. When you read this the festive season will seem in the far and distant past. Days are getting longer and hopefully the weather slowly improving.

As previously reported, the Secretary of State Sajid Javid on 12th March was minded to approve the Bucks County Council submission for a single unitary. Since then, there has been a change of the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, now with James Brokenshire MP in post.

On 1st November, Mr Brokenshire confirmed that there will be a new single Unitary Council effective from 1st April 2020 when all 5 Councils (1 County and 4 District Councils) will be abolished.

The standing orders for the structural change in legislation have now been received. In summary:

- The new council will be called the 'Buckinghamshire Council'.
- Elections for the new council will take place in May 2020 with

the District and Parish Councils in May 2019 being postponed and then the following elections taking place in 2025 (and subsequently every four years).

- The new council will have 147 members based on three per existing county Division.
- There will be a Shadow Authority established composed of all existing County and District councillors.
- There will be a Shadow Executive whose responsibility will be 'to discharge the functions of the Shadow Authority'.
- The Shadow Executive will comprise 17 members. 9 from the County Council and 8 (two each) from the District councils.
- The current Leader of the County Council will be the Chairman of the Shadow Executive (with a Deputy chosen by the District Leaders).
- The Shadow Executive will prepare the budget for 2020/21 and present this to the Shadow Authority for agreement.
- The Shadow Executive is responsible for 'implementing the County Council's unitary proposal'. Both the Shadow Executive and Shadow Authority must therefore have 'due regard to that proposal' when discharging their responsibilities.
- The Chief Executive of the County Council will lead the Implementation team (of officers).
- The appointment of the interim statutory officers (Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer,

151 Officer) will be the responsibility of the Shadow Executive after consultation with the Shadow Authority.

You may be aware that there was a public consultation which closed on 22nd October to look at ways of making savings amounting to £1.3m in 2019/2020 within the portfolio for the Environment. This looked at making changes to the waste operations across 10 sites with the possibility that the Bledlow Ridge Recycling Centre would close. At the Cabinet meeting held on 7th January 2019, one of the changes was that this Centre would close as of 31st March this year.

However, all is not lost. A fellow County Councillor and I met recently with a commercial organisation which is prepared to take this site on when it closes. However planning permission has to be granted which may take some time. At this time, we cannot divulge who the company is as there is commercially sensitive financial information being discussed.

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](mailto:cetholen@buckscc.gov.uk) or by telephone 01494 564771.

Enjoy the summer!

**Carl Etholen**





## Happy Wanderers

On a typical wintry Sunday after Christmas, twenty Happy Wanderers gathered in the Naphill Village Hall car park for a post Christmas walk. We started from the recreation ground went across the Common and into the woods. David Cliff, our chairman, led us on a circular

walk of 2 miles back to the car park. This gave us all the chance to walk off some of the Christmas excesses. Following the walk we adjourned to David and Helen's house in Lacey Green where we were joined by other members of our friendly group to enjoy their generous

hospitality with delicious mulled wine and mince pies. As we left we were able to exchange good wishes for the New Year and look forward to another year of happy walking together.

**Liz Lewin**

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## Black Horse

WOW what a Christmas and New Year - it was wonderful. I have never known us so busy in all the years I have been at the Black Horse. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

It was a difficult time for Ian and myself due to some illness and new staff who had never done Christmas before, but they did well. A big thank you to Laura, Amy, Sam, Elli, and Fern who came back from other jobs and university to help me out, a really big thank you.

And of course I must not forget my loyal and trusty long serving staff that have been with me for

years that helped me every day of the week, Jo and Kim. Without all of you we wouldn't have such a great village pub.

New Years Eve was a great night once again, maybe not so busy but still a great night. The children's disco went well and the adults' evening went on to about 3am in the morning and a lot of dancing was done.

We have some sad news, we will be stopping breakfasts in the mornings due to circumstances out of our control. It will be a shame but it will give us more time to do other things and give us more time in the morning to get sorted.

It was so sad when I heard that Betty Tyler had passed away, we will miss her and she will be sadly missed.

Keep a look out on our notice boards for upcoming events. The next event is Burns Night, looking forward to that.

I am looking for evening bar staff. If there is any experienced bar staff out there who fancies evening or weekend work come and see me.

Hope to see you all in the New Year. A big happy new Year to all.

**Lynne**

# Heavenly Bodies

The stars are out and limbering up for another sparkling year of astronomical events as we Earthlings prepare for an exciting year of sport.

As the Six Nations Rugby Championship warms up in **February**, we'll be treated to the biggest and brightest 'Supermoon' for the next eight years – on Tuesday 19th (there's a lesser, Supermoon in March). For maximum wow-ness, look for the Moon when it is low in the eastern horizon (5.30pm+) and triggers the 'Moon illusion'. This tricks our eyes and brains into perceiving the Moon looking larger than it is when it is in the same view as land features like hills, trees and buildings. Nobody is certain exactly why this effect happens, but it does. Worth a look as the Moon should appear huge!

A few days before this event, early in the evening before **Valentine's Day**, the Moon will put the spotlight on one of the most romantic displays of the year. It will be by Hyades Cluster which is a 'V'-shape star pattern just below the 'Seven Sisters' (Pleiades) cluster and to the top-right of Orion. There is a bright orange star nearby,

Aldebaran, as well as the planet Mars, looking deep orange, way over to the right. The combination of the delicate cluster, hefty Orion and the bright and brash Moon will be a sight to savour.

This year's Formula 1 motor racing season starts in **March**, when you can also watch Mars race through the sky, near the Moon from March 9-11th and then close to the Pleiades on the 30th. Also watch out for another Supermoon on the evening of the 21st.

As the daffodils unfurl in **April** and the London Marathon runners perform heroics, the spring constellations are firmly established. Leo the lion takes prime slot in the south, adorned by Cancer to the right and Virgo the left. **May** sees the start of the ICC Cricket World Cup and a potentially good meteor shower display (Eta Aquarid) on Bank Holiday Weekend (5th and 6th), as the Earth slams into sand-grain sized debris left by Halley's Comet. There should also be meteors whizzing around a few nights before and after then.

**June** will be a great month to spot more planets, as well as watching the Uefa Nations League finals. The king of our planets, Jupiter, will be

at its closest to us – and biggest and brightest – on the 10th (10pm+). It will be low, near the southern horizon (there'll be a bright orange star to its right – Antares). Intriguing to know that the bright dot of Jupiter will be 400 million miles away, and could fit more than 1,000 Earths inside it!

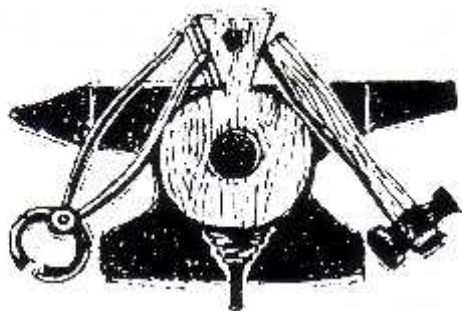
Almost double Jupiter's distance from us is Saturn which will be at its closest to us just a few weeks later in **July**. This happens on the 9th, when it will be almost a billion miles away and shines a pale yellow when seen with the naked eye. Saturn will lie to the left of Jupiter. The month also features Wimbledon, so after the strawberries are finished, look at the skies on the 16th to see a partial lunar eclipse. The Moon will rise in the south at about 9pm, with Saturn and Jupiter to its right (see graphic) and will be partly obscured by the Earth's shadow which envelops more of the Moon over the next 90 minutes. Watch the Moon darken and turn orange-red, until it escapes the shadow by midnight.

So that's half-time – Heavenly Bodies will be back in August.

**Chris Dignan**







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# Thoughts from Westminster



On top of the huge amount of work required by leaving the EU, Parliament and Government have also been focused on the long-term future of the NHS.

NHS leaders have themselves drawn up the service's long-term plan and the government has committed all of us as taxpayers to provide the funding: £115 billion this financial year, rising every year to £148 billion in 2023/24.

To ensure that that money is well used, the NHS has to embrace reform.

The NHS is facing unprecedented levels of demand. Every day, it treats more than 1 million people.

Last year, NHS staff carried out 2 million more operations and saw over 11 million more outpatients compared with 2010.

The challenges today are very different from those when the NHS was first proposed. Then, infant mortality was 10 times today's rate, two-thirds of men smoked and average life expectancy was just 66. The structure of DNA, the key to understanding genetic conditions was unknown. The first MRI scans were years in the future.

## Prevention

At the heart of the new plan is the principle that prevention is better than cure.

In the future, the NHS will do much more to support people to stay healthy, rather than just treat them when ill. So the biggest increase in funding – at least £4.5 billion – will go to primary and community care, because GPs are the bedrock of the NHS.

That means patients will have improved access to their GPs and greater flexibility about how they contact them.

Next, the principle is that organisations across the NHS, local councils, innovators, and the voluntary sector, will all work more closely together so that they can focus on what patients need.

The Long Term Plan commits to major reforms to improve

working conditions for NHS staff, because morale matters.

The Plan focuses on the most common causes of mortality, including cancer, heart disease, stroke and lung disease.

The health service will take a more active role in helping people to cut their risk factors: stopping smoking, losing weight and reducing alcohol intake.

Other priorities include: improving maternity services, better care for children and young people with learning difficulties or autism, and a £2.3 billion boost to mental health budgets. Waiting time targets will for the first time be introduced to community mental health treatment.

It's an ambitious programme, but one I believe most people will welcome warmly.

**David Lidington MP**

# Community Tennis



Despite the freezing fog wrapping itself around the courts on 10th January, we had an impressive junior attendance for the start of the winter term. Generally over the past few months the weather has been kind to our tennis players, but I am mindful that the snow arrived late last year.

Numbers attending member sessions has been higher this season and was clearly demonstrated in our festive mulled wine tournament on Sunday 16th December.

26 members came, ranging from junior members to those aged 60 plus. This would be an extremely good number in the summer months! Where is that fourth court when you need it!

At the conclusion of the tournament, Jackie Coles and Mike Smith were presented with a bottle of champagne to celebrate being made joint Club Members of the

Year. They only joined the club some 18 months ago, but in that time they have embraced everything the club has had to offer from cardio to rusty rackets. They have also helped the club out by assisting at maintenance mornings and organising the bar for us on the floodlight opening night. Oh, and their tennis has improved enormously too - well done!

We try to be more than just a tennis club and offer members a variety of social events during the year. Recently, the ladies have had a night out at the Dukes Bar in Risborough, the men in Wycombe and on Friday 30th November we had our club Christmas dinner at the Black Horse. As ever, the food and evening were excellent and with plenty of Lynne's ale and vino, concluded with a festive sing-song!

This year will complete our renovation process which started some 5 years ago. In the spring we

will be re-surfacing and re-fencing court 3 (nearest the playground). In this period everything will have been replaced from fencing to replacement shed, not to mention the new floodlights and car park! Just a mere £100K outlay!

In March we have the Cummins Cup mixed tournament and the annual cheese and wine event on Friday 29th March. The popular Quorn competition which allows parents to play with their child (to year 5) will be held in April and is open to non-members too.

Our membership starts on 1st April and if you would like a free trial for the final 2 weeks of March, please like us on Facebook and send us an email quoting the reference "Lacmar19". The club has an exciting year ahead.

**Nigel Glenister**







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# Speen Tiddler and Toddler Playgroup



We have had a fabulous start to the term and the new year, with lots of familiar faces returning to the playgroup, as well as lots of new babies who joined us at the end of last term.

The number of families who come regularly to the playgroup has increased significantly since the group left the North Dean village hall and rehoused in the Chapel Hall, Speen. It is a wonderful hall which is clean, bright and welcoming. The

perfect place for families to enjoy some time meeting new people or for spending time with friends, while the children enjoy the toys, craft and playing together.

We had a great end to the last term with lots of families joining us for the last session's Christmas party, where we had more Christmas themed craft activities, games, music and party food.

Already this term, the children have been enjoying making bird feeders for the garden and will be doing lots more craft over the coming weeks, including Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Easter activities.

There will be no session on Tuesday 19th February and our last session this term will be on Tuesday 2nd April, which will be our Easter party day.

We welcome any new families with Tiddlers or Toddlers who would like to join us. We meet every Tuesday morning in the



Speen Chapel Hall, 9:30-11:30 during term time at a small cost of £2 per family. There is always lots of fun to be had enjoying the toys, jigsaws, play dough, messy play, craft activities as well as singing and story time. Grown ups can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with other local mums and dads while the children enjoy some healthy snacks.

**Natasha Kann**

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## Church Choir News

The services over Christmas were excellent this year and it was wonderful to have so many in the choir attending these services - there have been many lovely comments about the singing.

St John's School Choir, joined our Church Choir for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. This was a very memorable service; the church was filled to capacity with many families from the community and surrounding villages.

Many children attended the service dressed in Nativity clothes of their choice; Mary, Joseph and the Wise Men along with the donkey were popular. The children were given Nativity figures to carry up and place into the crib scene, where Mary and Joseph were awaiting the birth of Jesus.

The Epiphany Carol Service on 13th January celebrated the Baptism of Christ. It was attended by our fully robed choir and was enjoyed by the congregation.

In preparation for the many choir commitments of the New Year, our 'Choir Party' will bring the magic touch of our hosts planning, giving us the opportunity to relax and enjoy down time, food and fun in each other's company. The Young Choir always look forward to this occasion.

To find out more about our choir contact Rosemary Mortham 01844 345863 or Cher Mole 01844 342303.



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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 with lunch). Tues & Wed can be extended to 3pm	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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## SCHEDULE

Children's workshop School Hall between 11.00 and 12.15: making miniature gardens and Potato People. See information overleaf. Items will be taken to the Village Hall and judged in the afternoon.

<b>Class no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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**Children's Section – three age groups will be eligible for all classes: 11-16, 7-10 and 6 and under**

1. **A Lego model** – own design using only Lego units
2. **A vegetable SPACE SHIP**. Construct a space vehicle – any kind of veg may be used in any combination!
3. **Fat Rascals**. Recipe overleaf. Cover with cling film. **Show 6**
4. **The Tallest Daffodil** – must be home-grown and cut at the base of the stem
5. **Miniature Garden** made in the morning workshop or at home. They should be in a half size seed tray (approximately 22x16 cm.)
6. **Potato Astronaut** – a figure/ head based on a potato (no kits to be used) – made at home or in workshop
7. **Egg Head** – an eggshell head with growing cress (or similar sprouting seeds) for hair. (Cress takes about 7-10 days to grow)
8. **A Jam Jar of Flowers and Foliage** – to be judged for its decorative effect.
9. **A Decorated Poem** – No larger than A4. Handwritten for those 7 and over; those under 6 may use a printed poem and add decoration. Look at Illuminated manuscripts for inspiration.

### Adult Classes – over 16

10. **3 sticks of Rhubarb** - The sticks should be pulled not cut from the plant and leaves cut off about 7cms from the end of the stalk. Judges look for uniformity, straightness and good colour.
11. **1 specimen bloom daffodil or narcissus** (display cut in a vase – use oasis to stabilise)
12. **3 Daffodils or narcissi** – any one species as above
13. **1 specimen flower from a bulb** other than daffs or narcissus as above
14. **3 blooms from flowering bulbs** – any one species as above
15. **3 blooms from flowers other than bulbs** – any one species as above
16. **Flowering Shrubs or Trees** - Three sprays – may be one kind or mixed
17. **Floral Art** – on the theme of *Moon Landing* – to fit a space no larger than 24inches/ 60cm in any direction

**Open Classes (no age limits!) Classes will be judged in 4 categories: 6 and under, 7-10, 11-16 and over 16.**

18. **Meatloaf** – recipe overleaf. Must be covered with cling film.
19. **Olive and Cheese Loaf**– recipe overleaf. Must be covered with cling film.
20. **A Jar of Fruit Curd** (lemon, lime, orange etc.). Covered with waxed disc and cellophane top or a wax disc and screw top. Contents should fill the jar. See WI guidelines for more information
21. **A Fruit or Plant Based Drink** – may be alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Max size bottle 75cl
22. **A Craft Article**: Any medium (eg knit, lace, embroidery, ceramics, woodwork, metal work) – must have been **designed** and **made** by the entrant. Max space allowed 600x600mm
23. **Artwork**: on the theme **Space** no larger than A4. Any medium (e.g. collage, paint, pastel)
24. **An Edible Necklace** – using any kind of edible materials.
25. **A Flowering Pot Plant** – no larger than 1M in any direction. Plants must have been in the exhibitor's care for at least 3 months.

All entries are 20p per class for members (children 16 and under are free). Adult non-members are welcome to enter at 30p per class.

**All exhibits must be grown/made by the exhibitor except for floral art exhibitions and additions to miniature gardens**



**Recipes – Where sizes are specified tins may be within 1inch or 2.5cm of given dimension larger or smaller**

**Fat Rascals.** 250g plain flour, pinch of salt, 110g butter, 50g currants, 2tbs light muscovado sugar, 3-4tbsp milk, caster sugar for sprinkling. Preheat oven to 200°C /Gas 6. Butter a baking sheet. Sift flour into a bowl and add salt. Rub in the butter, stir in currants and sugar. Add milk to make a dough. Knead dough lightly on floured surface and roll out to about 1cm thick. Use a 5cm round cutter and place rounds on the baking sheet. Re-roll trimmings and cut again. Sprinkle caster sugar over the tops. Cook in centre of oven for 15-18 minutes. Cool on wire tray. They will keep in an airtight tin for up to three days. Makes around 20 - Show 6. Cover with cling film.

**Meat Loaf.** 225g Beef Mince, 225g Pork mince or herby sausages with skin removed, 38g breadcrumbs, 1 small onion chopped, 1 clove garlic chopped, 2tsp chopped mixed herbs, ½ tsp mustard powder, ½ tsp tomato puree, ½ tsp Worcester Sauce, ½ lightly beaten egg. **Method:** Thoroughly combine all ingredients and place in a greased 1lb loaf tin. Cover the top with lightly oiled greaseproof paper and place tin in a water bath (a larger tin containing about 25cm hot water). Bake at 160°C for 45 mins. Remove greaseproof paper and carefully pour off any excess fat (children please ask a grown up to help with this). Return to the oven uncovered for a further 10 mins to brown the top. Allow to cool slightly and then turn onto a rack to cool. Be careful in case more excess fat is present. When cool place on a plate and cover with cling film.

**Olive and Cheese Loaf.** 150g plain flour, 200g black and green olives in brine drained and cut into rounds, 175g Gruyere cheese grated, 4 eggs, 3 ½ fl oz milk, 1x7g sachet of dried yeast, 1 soup spoon olive oil. **Method:** Preheat oven to 180°C. Mix the beaten eggs into the flour; add milk and oil and mix. Add sliced olives and cheese – mix. Add yeast and mix. Turn mixture into a greased and lined 2lb loaf tin and bake for 45 minutes. Remove from tin and cool on wire rack. When cool place on a plate or board and cover with cling film.

## **Miniature Gardens and Mr Potato Workshop – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March St John's School Hall 11.00 – 12.15**

Places for this workshop are limited, so please let the Parents Association know if you would like to attend – contact Kay Bolton to avoid disappointment (details below).

The miniature gardens may use a theme of your choice. Please be prepared to bring along relevant materials, whether plants, figures, or other accessories which will convey the theme or idea.

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- 1) Seed trays
- 2) Potting compost
- 3) Some plants
- 4) Some accessories
- 5) Help to get things put into trays

This may be a messy activity and will involve children handling compost. Please wear old clothes and bring an apron or cover up. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and you are welcome to join in, but the work needs to be the child's own, so please hold back! The workshop will be supervised by members of the horticultural society who will assist with ideas and putting together gardens as well as providing materials. Please bring a large potato and any ideas and additions you may like to add for the potato figures.

If you have any queries before the day please email Kay: [KayPallister@hotmail.com](mailto:KayPallister@hotmail.com) / m: 07811 812627 or Alison: [a.shreeve1@btinternet.com](mailto:a.shreeve1@btinternet.com)

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