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Welcome to the May edition

A reminder that with this issue we are collecting donations to support the printing of Hallmark and the maintenance of the Village Hall. Printing costs us around £7.00 per year per house.

Any donations will be welcome, either to your deliverer or put the donation in the envelope supplied and pop it through the door of Entertainment House. (Please make cheques out to Lacey Green & Loosley Row Village Hall.)



This is the 250th edition of Hallmark - which is a fantastic achievement in these days where involvement in local issues is so sparse.

I'd like to thank all those involved in the production, from the authors who write the articles and take the photos, the Advertising

Manager for persistently chasing up non-communicative advertisers, and the team of distributors who each deliver Hallmark to a road or two, thereby spreading the load.

In fact we currently need a new Distribution Manager to coordinate the delivery team.

It only takes a few hours 4 times per year, so if you are prepared to take this role please let me know.

Thank you once again to Barry Chignell for our cover photo.

Mike Piercy
Editor

Village Hall AGM

The meeting was held on March 19 and we welcomed two members of the public who had come to participate and support.

The Chairman told us that all continues to go well and Village Hall operations are running smoothly.

The Bookings Secretary reported that the Hall is well used, though there are currently vacant slots on Monday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Commercial bookings for functions are doing well with popular times being booked a long way in advance.

However these bookings are lower than previous years This is viewed as being due to children's parties taking place at activity centres which offer inclusive packages; and weddings and family parties taking place at venues offering a full service including catering.

The long-term condition of the surface of the car park remains of concern though the gravel is being regularly evened off to prevent puddles.

Enquiries had been made into the cost of resurfacing but all indications were that this was currently beyond available funding.

The committee will continue to monitor the situation and arrange for existing shingle to be redistributed when necessary.

We are still investigating ways to improve the area between the main doors and the shop. To date it has not been possible to establish competitive quotes for improvement to the forecourt, however it is hoped that progress can be made during 2019. The tree will be professionally pruned in the early autumn.

Full details can be found on the laceygreen.com website.

Editor

What's On

Sun 12 May 11am-5pm

Horts Club Plant Stall at the Mill

Wed 8 May 8.00pm

Horts Club talk on Garden Design

Sat 1 June

PR Young Farmers Day at Bledlow

Tues 18 June 6.00pm

Horts Club Garden Visit

Sat 22 June 12noon

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St. John's School Pupils and the Parents Association have been going a little recycling crazy recently! You may have seen St John's parents collecting an eclectic mix of items (crisp packets, bread bags and beauty product packaging to be exact) and you may be wondering what we could possibly want with it all.

Well, we have registered with the recycling firm Terracycle and have signed up to collect these items in order to both help the environment and also earn a few pennies for the school. In addition, the beauty product recycling could potentially win the school funding for a new recycled playground!

Terracycle keeps waste out of landfill by reusing, upcycling or

recycling items. For example plastic packaging is repurposed into plant pots or garden benches. We see this as a great example to set to the children and an excellent lesson in innovative uses for waste.

To help us out with our project please consider hanging onto these items of 'rubbish' and when if you have a small collection built up please contact Jo Sharp who will come and collect from you.

If you know of somewhere that would benefit from a recycling box please do let us know.

Jo Sharp

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Bread bags made from LDPE (standard sliced bread bags)

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On the Farm

In February we finally had some good news, we have tested clear for TB. This brings to an end for now to seven months of cattle movement restrictions. Although we have never had any positive TB tests we had a few inconclusive results, which caused our shutdown. This means we will be able to sell our surplus beef calves to other farmers to rear, just in time as our cattle housing was at full capacity. We will have to test the herd again in six months time.

Also in February as part of the 'Central Chiltern Cluster Farmers Group' (which is still in the process of being formed with the aim of bringing local farmers together into a conservation group) we did a bird survey. This involved two keen ornithologists, organised by the Chiltern Conservation Board, who looked around approximately half our farm one morning. On the morning they spotted 45 species of birds, which they were really pleased with. To put it into context, a similar visit to RSPB Otmoor would expect to see around 50 species. Some of the notable sightings were fieldfare, great spotted woodpecker, mistle and song thrush, jay, sparrow hawk, kestrel, buzzard, red kite, dunnoek, coal/great/long-tailed and blue tits, greenfinch, wagtails, heron, jackdaw, chaffinch, wren, robin, meadow pipit.

We have a few pieces of diverse habitat that showed their value.

We have a few wet areas, one of them produced 12 snipe; in the game covers they saw linnet, yellowhammer, reed bunting, we

are also home to a number of skylarks.

The highlight of the morning was to see the short-eared owl which we had seen in January and hoped to get it counted officially to prove it was here. There has only been one other recorded sighting in Bucks this year on the BBOWT Reserve at Gallows Bridge Farm. This is a regular site for them, and that has only been seen once. We know our owl was around for at least a month which shows it was enjoying the habitat, finding food and generally not being disturbed.

To make it even better we have now seen two owls. The short-eared owl spends quite a lot of time on the ground. It hunts towards dusk by flying a few feet above the ground hunting for voles and other rodents. By now it will have probably headed north for the breeding season. Interestingly when it nests it does so on the ground. We hope to do another bird count in the spring when migratory birds will have returned.

We have had our low yielders out grazing since mid-March, which is quite early, this is taking some of the pressure off our silage stocks that we have been rationing out over winter, as our supplies were light after last years drought. The cows have milked well over winter, which is common throughout the UK as national production has been at an all-time high.

Over the winter we have refenced some grazing land at Walters Ash, on land where we have planted some new leys. These leys are the latest in grass

varieties that the cattle should enjoy grazing for a number of years.

In one of these fields a few badger holes have appeared. These are really dangerous for the cattle as they can be several feet vertically straight down about a foot wide. There is a real risk of cows breaking legs down them if they put there feet down them without paying attention. It is quite a problem with no real answer. Badgers are associated with TB, it would seem likely that the badgers in this district are not infected, or we would be seeing confirmed cases of TB locally.

We have recently bought a weigh tray for weighing the cattle for various management reasons. It has had a use that hadn't been foreseen. Princes Risborough Young Farmers has a Ladies Tug of War team which had to weigh under 550 kg collectively to qualify for competition. The weigh tray was perfect for all to get on at once they came in about 10 kg under the weight I believe. Princes Risborough is holding the county countryside rally again this year on June 1st, at Bledlow. As I said before this is a really good fun day out for anyone and I urge you to consider putting the date in your diary. It would be especially good to support half a tonne of Risborough ladies trying their best in the tug of war!

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Throughout my 20s I suffered from chronic symptoms including knee pain, IBS and depression. I found Nutritional Therapy on my road to understanding why I was just so chronically ill, but the doctors would not find anything really 'wrong' with me.

The aim and purpose of Nutritional Therapy is to try to get to the root cause of an imbalance and support chronic symptoms with diet and lifestyle medicine.

I find it incredibly rewarding and have the privilege of seeing the fantastic improvements in my clients' well being.

In addition, as a keen cyclist, I am aware of many of the pitfalls we fall down when we embark on long training rides and events; especially as we get into our 40s and 50s.

As part of my clinic I really enjoy supporting people to meet their sporting challenges. Helping them to understand not only their body's specific requirements using nutritional and DNA testing but also how to fuel correctly for them.



I've just launched a free Facebook Group **Super Fueled Cyclists** where each week I will be sharing lots of information to support your health and time on two wheels.

Please take a minute to find the group and join. My aim is to build a real community cycling group with plenty of tips to support your riding. Visit Super Fueled Cyclists on Facebook to join.

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We are delighted to welcome two new councillors, Tim MacGillivray from Loosely Row and Jean Roberts from Lacey Green. Thank you for answering our calls for help. We now have councillor representation across the whole of the Parish and appreciate the knowledge and enthusiasm Tim and Jean bring to our meetings.

We get together once a month, usually the first Monday, alternating between Speen and Lacey Green Village Halls. A full timetable is on the Parish Council website. There is an open forum at the start of each meeting, where you can raise any concerns or make comments on any parish matter.

We are able to comment on parish planning applications before the Wycombe Council planners make their decision. If you have objections or concerns we can discuss those. We are having some success in bringing breaches of planning applications to the attention of Wycombe Planning, who, in some cases, are instigating enforcement proceedings.

We are starting to collect speeding data from the Vehicle Activated Sign you will have seen at various locations throughout the parish. Thank you to the team of volunteers who are helping move the sign and analyse the data. We are considering various speed calming measures and hope that

the sign flashing 30 mph is helping remind drivers to watch their speed.

Parish projects where you can get involved:

- **The Parish Litter Pick on Saturday 11th May.** This has not been done since the 'Clean for the Queen' in her Jubilee year and we hope it is a community project everyone can get involved in. We are delighted to have the support of St John's School and our Women's Institute for tea and cakes at the end of the session. Hi-vis jackets and pickers will be provided. Please see the enclosed leaflet.

- **The Lacey Green Playground**
We have funds set aside to upgrade the wooden climbing frame, this being the last stage in the playground revamp. Please get in touch with your suggestions for this space and input from the children would be fabulous!

- **Bag It and Bin It.**
We are installing a Dog Poo Bin along the footpath adjacent to the Lacey Green playground. This is to stop people throwing their dog poo bags in the general direction of the bin inside the playground and often missing! Please Bag It and Bin It properly. There is no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy, especially in a children's playground.

- We hope to put together an **Emergency Contingency Plan** for the Parish as the recent heavy snowfall has highlighted a possible need for this. This is an area in which we would really appreciate your help. It would list people who could be called on for help. For example, do you have a tractor and could help with snow clearing? Could you help an elderly resident with your 4x4 in the snow to get to doctors appointments or collect shopping / prescriptions? Please do get in touch to add your name to the list.

Lastly, if you need legal advice, the Citizens Advice Bureau are now offering a mobile service in Princes Risborough. You will need to call them on 03444 111 444 in advance to make an appointment, so they can ensure an advisor with the correct expertise can meet you. Appointments will either be at the Princes Centre or Princes Risborough Library on a Wednesday. The CAB can offer advice on the following:

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Lacey Green Players

The Lacey Green Players have arrived! We have changed our name but you can still use LG Productions to access the website as we appreciate it takes time to change habits.

We have been busy since our last update in Hallmark planning productions and the dinner theatre in November 2019. More details below.

We have a few new members of LGP which is fantastic and continue to look for anyone wanting to get involved with amateur dramatics including budding actors. LGP will provide a range of opportunities and importantly help local charities by raising funds.

What's on:

Murder Mysteries - following the success of 'The Plumstone Cowboy' last year we have been invited to repeat the performance at a local WI. It is really good fun with lots of audience participation so we are sure everyone will have a great time; the photograph illustrates the play and the fun element of what we do!

We are starting to think about the Murder Mystery for 2020 and if you want to get involved in the play or help write the script please contact us.

Regrettably our spring production of "Groping for Words" written by Sue Townsend has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will be planning future dates to ensure we perform this lovely play as one of our Theatre at Home productions.



Look out for posters and information on the LGP website.

The annual Dinner Theatre will be held in Lacey Green Village Hall on the 28, 29 and 30th November 2019. Please put the dates in your diary. Further details will be available on the website.
www.laceygreenproductions.co.uk

We are currently choosing plays for our different productions. We are considering plays by two authors. Firstly Alan Ayckbourn, an Olivier and Tony Award winning playwright who has written more than 80 plays, and

secondly Ken Ludwig who is a two-time Olivier Award winning playwright who has written over 28 plays and musicals.

Casts for both plays will be required so if you know of anyone who wants to get involved with amateur dramatics we would love to hear from you and now is a great time to get in touch.

As ever we really appreciate all your support and look forward to seeing you in 2019.

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Community

I recently attended a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) conference and it was interesting to hear the thoughts of the new Participation Director on the future of tennis, and how the LTA plan to increase the number of people regularly playing.

In particular, there is still a perception that tennis is costly, difficult to access and difficult to play.

Certainly in terms of price, our fees are one of the lowest in the area, and junior rates are lower than they were 16 years ago! Did you know for example, that a family consisting of say one 6 year old, one 9 year old and two parent hitters can join for just £60 a year?

Having 3 courts normally means that there is at least one court available and members also have the ability to book online via our website. Once the price of technology falls, we would like to increase accessibility by having more occasional players using the courts on a pay and play basis.

To stay engaged with tennis, research shows that players want availability of affordable group lessons. To date the club has offered little in the way of adult classes and there is currently no junior coaching from the ages of 3-9.

New Coach

Addressing these issues, I am very pleased to have appointed Dan Smith as our new head coach and he joins in July.



Dan is a level 4 LTA coach and is currently head of schools and mini tennis at the LTA's Regional Academy at Batchwood, St Albans.

He will be substantially increasing junior tennis coaching from tots right through to older teenagers. For the adults there will be group coaching lessons split into the following categories: rusty rackets, improvers, intermediate and advanced. Dan will be offering free taster sessions to members on Saturday 22nd June and there will be an open day on Saturday 13th July where non-members will be able to have free tuition. Cardio tennis will be on offer too - fancy working up a sweat hitting lots of balls to live music? It's great fun for all the family to enjoy!

For the juniors, Dan will be visiting all the local pre-schools

and primary schools in the area over the summer term, where he will be offering free lessons during PE time. In addition, armed with mini nets and rackets, he will be around late afternoon at the St Johns camp night on 22nd June.

I am excited with the vision that Dan has for the club and I am confident we will open tennis up far more, getting all abilities playing more often in a fun, social atmosphere.

The open days will be enhanced with the forthcoming court improvements. By the time you read this, work should be well underway resurfacing court 3 and replacing all the remaining old rusty fencing. All ready for the summer, and hopefully doing our bit for the LTA's new strategy!

Nigel Glenister



Black Horse

It has been a really good start to a new year; we have been very busy even through the months that we are normally quiet. We are now on our 25th year at the Black Horse - it doesn't seem possible

Staff have come and gone and some are still with me after all this time. I am seriously thinking about writing a book about my life at The Black Horse, it should be fun to do, so much has happened and I have had so much fun. Most of my staff where not even born when I first came here and now they are all grown up, boyfriends and cars etc. It makes me feel so old.

I was really sad to hear a very very good friend of mine Jack Hedgland and his family are leaving The Black

Lion at Naphill. Jack worked for me when he left school. He was so good with the customers and he has been very close to my heart since. I wish him and his family all the best for the future.

Our Beer Festival is now booked for the 3rd and 4th August. Plenty of Real Ale ,Gin, Lager, Food and loads of Music Bands all day Saturday and Friday. We have The Wedge again and Against All Odds and more bands to be announced. Watch out for the Banner.

Mother's Day was great success we did our biggest cover yet and everybody had a good time.

Aunt Sally will start in May friday nights and also the cricket season is



on us now so good luck to everybody.

Lynne

District Council

You will be aware from your bills that WDC was able to hold its Council Tax levels with no increase for the year 2019/20 although BCC, the Police and Fire authorities did find it necessary to impose an increase.

You will have seen in the news that Buckinghamshire is to have a single Unitary Council called the Buckinghamshire Council. All four District Councils and the County Council will cease to be on Tuesday 31st March 2020. A new Council will be formed and take control the next day, which just happens to be April Fool's day!

A Shadow Executive has been formed that will take the strategic decisions on behalf of the new organisation until the members are elected. One of the reasons for making the significant change to a unitary authority is to reduce administration costs and we all hope that objective is fulfilled.

The local government elections for Bucks that were due next month,

have been postponed for a year and will now take place on 7th May 2020. New wards will be as the current County designated wards. Each ward will have 3 elected councillors. The current County Ridgeway ward that includes Lacey Green and Loosley Row also includes Stokenchurch towards the west and Bledlow to the north. The Lacey Green, Speen and the Hampdens Wycombe District ward that I represent is one of only 5 in the County that will be 'split' by the new boundaries.

Planning consent has finally been granted for the extension of Risborough Springs Leisure Centre, after a delay to examine the storm water drainage systems around the site. All is well and work on site should commence soon and be completed later this year. The additional facilities will include an enlarged entrance and a larger gym and fitness facility and other 'dry' facilities. The plan allows for the Leisure Centre to remain open throughout the construction stage.

The Planning Inspectorate has completed the examination of the Wycombe District Local Plan. The public hearing included representations from many interest groups who wanted either less development (local residents) or more development (building companies). The Inspector's response is lengthy and the recommendations include some changes to the detail but it did not remove or add any major sites for housing development to or from the plan. WDC now has to respond to the Inspector's recommendations before it is formally adopted.

My new phone number is below if you need to make contact. Summer beckons now so enjoy the warmer weather!

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Lacey Green Singers

In my last article in January I talked about making New Year's Resolutions and suggested that joining our choir might be one that you could keep. Well, let's be honest now, how many of you have given up on your other resolutions already? Okay, not to worry, perhaps you might consider joining us now; we really don't bite!

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. We'd love to see you!

We've had a good start to 2019 so far; we are rehearsing a work familiar to some of you; Zimbe!

We performed it several years ago; before my time actually, so we thought we'd give it another airing and get all jazzy and African!

It was composed by Alexander L'Estrange, who also composed Wassail, the Christmas work we did in 2017. Some of the African words have been tricky to get our tongues round, but we're getting on marvellously now.

Fiona Insley has kindly come back for a term to help us master Zimbe, with Jack Insley, our MD playing the bass guitar and singing along with whichever

sections needs help the most. Both are very much appreciated and without them we would be rather a muddle.

Our concert will be held in St John's School Hall on Sunday 30th June 2019, starting at 3pm.

We will be joined for the concert by a wonderful choir made up of children from St John's School, so it's one not to be missed!

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Windmills Preschool

It's been a busy spring term at Windmills, with the children celebrating Valentine's Day, dressing up for World Book Day, supporting Red Nose Day and creating fabulous little mugs for Mothers' Day.

Thank you to all the families who supported our Easter Bunny Hunt on the last day of term. We had a fabulous turn out with over 50 children taking part!

Luckily the rain held off for the event and the children were able to have fun outside searching for clues. The money raised will go a long way in helping the preschool replenish our resources for an exciting Summer Term ahead.

As always, we are lucky to have such wonderful staff, with Angela and Rosie running the preschool during a busy Spring Term. We said a fond farewell to Natalie Murphy who stepped in to support the team whilst we were awaiting the arrival of our new Manager. Also to our Administrator, Natalie Harris, who has done a phenomenal job in her time with us, juggling many demands with grace, positivity and calm. The Management Committee have therefore been very busy recruiting new staff.

Rachael McComish has stepped down from her role as Chairperson following her appointment as Business Manager. She has a great

working knowledge of the preschool as both a parent and committee member. We also have our new Manager starting at the end of April. Tracey Winfield comes to us from Speen Preschool, and although we're sorry to hear of their closure, we are delighted to have her aboard. I know that the children and parents will welcome her warmly as she settles into her new role at Windmills.

The Windmills team and children are looking forward to the Summer Term, with sports day and a family barbecue brunch being some of the highlights coming up.

As a charity we are always looking for help and support, and have thought about how best we can boost our finances and replenish resources from supporters outside our community. We're delighted that a number of our recent grant applications have been successful. Namely, an environmental clean-up grant from Neighbourly/TKMaxx, a boost to our outdoor space and sports resources courtesy of The Co-op, and M&S Aylesbury will be joining us during their National Volunteer week in June. We will be setting up some community events over the summer to invite you to get involved - please keep an eye out for posters around the village.

Natasha Kann

Chairperson

(windmillschair@gmail.com)



Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society enjoyed an AGM accompanied by a very informative talk on the Bats of the UK. This was accompanied by some excellent slides and enhanced by the presence of two live bats which we were able to see in close up and to hear their echo location in action. Fortunately they were not flying – but were rescue bats unable to survive in the wild. We now see so few of these fascinating animals but we can help by putting up bat boxes in our gardens.

Following the AGM we had our third Spring Show and we were lucky with the weather this year! There was an excellent and varied display of flowers and some outstanding rhubarb. Well done to everyone who exhibited. The children's section was glorious. Lively interpretations of the general theme of space in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing meant that the potato astronauts and vegetable space vehicles provided lots of amusement.

This year the show was enhanced by the addition of a cup for the exhibitor winning most points overall in the adult



and open sections. It was won this year by Denise Cottis. The President's Cup will be available every year thanks to the generosity of Michael Hardy, our President.

The overall winner in the younger entrants' classes was awarded a medal to keep and first-prize winners were presented with certificates as well as rosettes. Well done to everyone who took part and made this such a lively and interesting show. More images are available to see on the village web site – Horticultural section.

Spring is really upon us now and it's the time to sow and plan for the summer and autumn. Don't forget the Plant Sale on May 12th at the Windmill. Also plan now for the Autumn show on September 7th! We have a new trophy for our younger members kindly donated by Gill and Geoff Nash. There are lots of different classes to take part in, not only growing things but baking as well. We hope to see you at one of our talks or events.

Alison Shreeve

Chair of Horticultural Society



Happy Wanderers Autumn Away Weekend



The Happy Wanderers' "Away Weekend" is always an enjoyable event in the annual calendar. It doesn't really matter whether it is because there is an opportunity to walk in parts of the British countryside you have not been to before, or because sharing a hotel with a group of neighbours and friends over a weekend at a very reasonable price appeals, or perhaps an extra holiday in October is just the thing to recharge the batteries.

Last year 35 of us spent three days at the New Inn Hotel at Lechlade, in the Cotswolds. We virtually filled this wonderful old coaching inn that is situated on the banks of the Thames.

We arrived on the Saturday morning in the rain and with more heavy rain forecast for the afternoon. However, the opportunity to meet up with Old Father Thames himself meant there was a good portion of us who set off after lunch.

As they say, 'Fortune favours the bold' and by the time we got to the statue just past the old 13th century St Johns Bridge and onto the Thames Path it had virtually stopped raining, and stayed like that for the rest of the walk.

Going up-river we saw one of the unusual 'canal round houses'

at the junction with the Thames and Severn Canal and then after a short distance we visited the small medieval church of St. John The Baptist at Inglesham.

This church was preserved by William Morris, who lived at nearby Kelmscott Manor.



An amazing series of paintings, from the thirteenth to nineteenth century, cover the walls. The whole of the inside, which is all original, has been extraordinarily preserved and is still much as it would have been in Oliver Cromwell's time.

The following morning our circular walk started in the very picturesque town of Bourton-on-the-Water and with far better weather! We walked past the lakes left over from digging much of the Cotswold stone used in building the town, and up to the village of Little Rissington where there were a number of RAF memorial graves (on the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI) and some rather wonderful views.

We eventually got back to Bourton for a rather late lunch. There had even been time for some of the non-walkers to visit the only Grade II listed model village in the UK – a 1/9th scale exact replica of Bourton itself.

It was then back to the Lechlade hotel for a well deserved soak in the bath before enjoying our Sunday night farewell meal. After breakfast there was ample time to spend in Burford on the way back to Lacey Green.

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St John's Church

Church Choir News

The daffodils and tiny yellow grass-hugging flowers were coming into beautiful bloom, when the choir met at Rosemary's house in March, for a Pizza lunch, followed by a Mother's Day cake decoration and posy making session. 100 posies were created for all the ladies; the finished cake decorations were a delight to behold.



Children from St John's School Joined the choir for the Mother's Day Sunday Service, which was very well attended from the surrounding villages, resulting in an extremely full church.

The children's Anthem of Amazing Grace (my chains are

gone), which they had previously sung at the Royal Albert Hall was lovely.

During the service, the junior choir members presented the ladies with artistically arranged posies. After the service iced cakes were offered to all the congregation. A lovely family atmosphere prevailed over everything.

To find out more about our choir contact Rosemary Mortham
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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.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your diary:

22nd June: Summer Fete in the Vicarage Garden 12 noon until 4:00pm

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Speen Tiddler and Toddler Playgroup

What a busy Spring term we have had! The playgroup has a fantastic buzz and busy atmosphere at the moment, with all the children enjoying being together and interacting well with one another. The playgroup is going from strength to strength with many new families with toddlers and tiddlers joining us every Tuesday morning at Speen Chapel hall.

The children have enjoyed sowing sunflower seeds and growing cress along with many Mother's Day craft activities,

which included some gorgeous little hand and foot prints.

We finished the term with our Easter party, all be it a bit thin on the ground with lots of colds and chicken pox keeping the children away. We did however manage to have a few little bunnies hopping around happily with their chocolate treat!

After the Easter break, the playgroup will be starting again on Tuesday 30th April at 9:30am.

There is always lots of fun to be had, playing with the farm, train sets and play kitchen.

Many of the toddlers enjoy the craft activities and the play dough, while the tiddlers have a designated soft and comfortable quiet corner to relax in, giving the mummies a chance to have a cup of tea and a chat.

During the morning all the children can enjoy a sociable healthy snack time before story time and a sing a long.

There will be no session on Tuesday 28th May (half-term) but we will be back the following week until our last session on Tuesday 23rd July.

We welcome any new families with Tiddlers or Toddlers who would like to join us, so do tell your friends about 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. Come along or drop me an email for more information.

Natasha Kann
(Group Leader)

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Windmill WI



Proud WI ladies with their hand-made scarves

Our first meeting of the year in February was both entertaining and interesting. Our speaker was Anita Osborne who organised a Silk Painting workshop for us. She supplied us with plain white silk scarves and cards which we all enjoyed painting with some lovely results. Also this month a few of us enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at the Red Lion in Bradenham. This was our first visit there and we were all pleasantly surprised with the tasty home cooked scones and cakes.

Our knitting group is going well and we have just completed twelve baby jumpers. Some of us were caught in the snow in January and it took ages to get home after our meeting in Walters Ash.

March - it was time for our bi-annual jumble sale again, they seem to come round very

quickly but we always receive a great deal of jumble! We worked very hard in the morning sorting the jumble and setting up stalls, then had a very welcome drink and lunch at The Black Horse. The afternoon passed quickly selling to the many customers we had. The amount we raised was well worth all the hard work.

Our speaker for this month was Peter Hague who talked about Yorkshire foods and traditions. This was a very interesting talk and we learnt all about Yorkshire Puddings.

Some of our members attended a Group Meeting at Flackwell Heath Methodist Church. The speaker was Christine Wallace talking about her time in the 'Bake Off' tent.

David Dennis was our speaker in April talking about the butterflies of the Chilterns. David is the

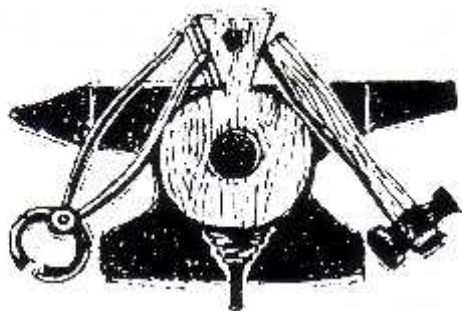
Chair of the local Butterfly Conservation Group and had a wealth of knowledge of the butterfly from the metamorphosis of the caterpillar to chrysalis and then the butterfly. He showed us some beautiful slides and gave us a really interesting talk. Some of us had a trip to The Peacock at Henton and had a delicious meal. We had a lovely time chatting and laughing.

We meet at Lacey Green Village Hall, the first Wednesday in the month, (except January) at 7.45 pm. If you would like to join us you would receive a very warm welcome.

Forthcoming Events:

May BFWI Annual Council Meeting at Aylesbury.
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County Council News



Unitary Council

As per my last report, the Structural Orders for the new Unitary Council in Buckinghamshire are currently passing through the House of Lords and the House Commons. Meetings of the new Shadow Executive are now taking place in shaping the new "Buckinghamshire Council".

Recycling

Also I reported last time that the Bledlow Household Recycling Centre was to close on 31st March 2019 which it sadly has. A commercial company had expressed interest in taking this facility over, but this has now fallen through. One of my fellow councillors and myself are in discussions with some local stakeholders to see if we can take this over as a Community Interest Company to maintain such a valuable asset in the area. Planning permission would need to be applied for which can take up to 8 months during which time the centre remains closed. The alternative centres are High Heavens in High Wycombe or Aston Clinton.

As of 1st April, there are charges which have been implemented for Non Statutory waste at all the Bucks County Council Recycling centres. Details can be found at:

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In addition to this, the team has also completely replaced 344 lanterns which were mounted on wooden electricity poles. There is a night scouting programme to look for outages. However if residents spot a damaged or broken street light, you can report it using Fix My Street <https://www.fixmystreet.bucks.gov.uk>

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Parking

When this article has been published, a meeting will be held on 2nd May with officers from the Network Improvement team and the Parking team along with members of the Parish Council to look at the issues of speeding traffic, parking outside St Johns School and the hazards on the bend nearby which need addressing before a serious accident occurs. I will report further in the next edition of any progress made with any traffic calming measures and any parking restrictions.

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 contact by telephone on 01494 564771.

Enjoy the summer!

Carl Etholen

A famous resident of Church Lane

In June 1941, a Professor Lionel Robbins signed a Tenancy Agreement for Tor Cottage in Church Lane (now replaced by Trillium) which he planned to continue using with his family until the cessation of hostilities, i.e. the end of the war. Probably unbeknown to local residents, he was a famous British economist who was, with the possible exception of John Maynard Keynes, the most famous British Economist of his day.

He was born in 1898 and schooled in Middlesex, but his university education was interrupted by the First World War where he was wounded and returned home in 1918 to resume his studies. In 1925 he started his long-term relationship with the London School of Economics, where he stayed for the rest of his career. He was initially a Lecturer and was named a Professor of Political Economics in 1929 and he continued to teach there until 1961.

During the Second World War he served as Director of the Economic Section of the Offices of the War Cabinet. It is believed that he played a significant role in the Bretton Woods negotiations under the leadership of John Maynard Keynes.

From 1954 to 1955 he was President of the Royal Economic Society and in 1959 he received the highest recognition for his work by being created a life peer



as Baron Robbins of Clare Market in the City of Westminster. He resigned from the London School of Economics in 1961 to become Chairman of the Financial Times and remained in that position until 1970.

He published a multitude of academic papers, reports and books including his famous Robbins Report in 1963 which revealed the need for additional resources in higher education which later led to a significant expansion of university education which is recognisable today.

His other roles included Chairman of the Court of Governors at the London School of Economics, Trustee of the National Gallery, Trustee of the Tate Gallery, Director of the Royal Opera House and Chairman of the British Academy.

In 1944 he was appointed Companion of the Order of the Bath in the Birthday Honours and in the New Year Honours in 1968 he was appointed a Companion of Honour.

The above picture was taken at the opening of the Lionel Robbins building at the London School of Economics in 1978

So why did this famous man come to live in Tor Cottage, Church Lane, Lacey Green in 1941? In his autobiography he explains that early in the war the London School of Economics was moved to Cambridge and that he then spent the week in Cambridge and long weekends in "a country cottage north west of London." The choice of Lacey Green was almost certainly due to the fact that his wife's parents lived in Whiteleaf, near Princes Risborough and it made sense for



his wife and children to be out of London and near her parents for the duration of the war.

For a more detailed account please visit the LG & LR Village History website:
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Laurence Rostron Village History Group

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Happy Wanderers AGM Walk

Sunday 24th February was a dry, sunny day and one that was most appropriate for the Happy Wanderers to meet in Lacey Green Village Hall for the Annual General Meeting.

After subscriptions were taken (still only £3 per year!) and while members arrived, the many photo albums from previous years were perused. These have been kept over some 30 years and proved a special focus of interest for long-standing members in particular. Grateful thanks are due to Ronnie Lewin for his enthusiasm in keeping this record alive.

In all some 32 members settled for the meeting itself. As the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer agreed to continue in office for the following year, business moved on to the accounts and the customary donation to Buckinghamshire Air Ambulance.

Special thanks are due to walk leaders, who also arrange the pub meals once a month on the last Sunday, but in particular to Linda Taylor for leading the regular midweek walks. Johnny and Edie Radford were also thanked for the splendid weekend in the Cotswolds last October.

The business concluded quickly, and the group tucked into their individual picnics as well as a glass of wine or soft drink provided by the committee. Following the meeting, most members embarked on a three mile walk from Lacey Green on a loop towards Lily Bottom Lane and back.

David and Helen Cliff

LOOSLEY ROW & LACEY GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - SHOW SCHEDULE
ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW SPONSORED BY THE WHIP PUBLIC HOUSE
AT THE LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL – SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019

VEGETABLE SECTION.

Class 1	- 3 ONIONS,	from seed or sets – over 250g
Class 2	- 3 ONIONS	from seed or sets – under 250g
Class 3	- 9 SHALLOTS	
Class 4	- 5 POTATOES	coloured of one variety but of any shape
Class 5	- 5 POTATOES	white , one variety but of any shape.
Class 6	- 9 FRENCH BEANS	any one variety other than runners
Class 7	- 6 RUNNER BEANS	with stalks.
Class 8	- 3 CARROTS,	any one variety with foliage trimmed to 3" (7.5cm)
Class 9	- 2 LEEKS	any one variety - with roots
Class 10	- 2 CUCUMBERS	any one variety
Class 11	- An UNUSUAL or MISSHAPEN vegetable	
Class 12	- 3 BEETROOT	any one variety
Class 13	- 3 PEPPERS (not Chillies)	any one variety
Class 14	- 5 CHILLIES	any one variety
Class 15	- 3 COURGETTES	any one variety
Class 16	- 10 TOMATOES	small-fruited round cherry cultivars , with calyces
Class 17	- 10 TOMATOES	small-fruited other than round with calyces
Class 18	- 5 TOMATOES,	ordinary cultivars , with calyces.
Class 19	- COLLECTION of cut & named culinary HERBS 5 kinds in one vase	
Class 20	- any VEGETABLE not otherwise listed - show minimum of 2	
Class 21	- one of each of 5 different kinds of VEGETABLES (5 items in total) from the following – Coloured 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 22	- 4 APPLES, culinary, (any one variety)
Class 23	- 4 PEARS, (any one variety)
Class 24	- 5 PLUMS, GAGES or DAMSONS (any one variety)
Class 25	- 4 APPLES, dessert, (any one variety)
Class 26	- ONE DISH or PLATE home grown FRUIT of one kind (excluding those in Classes 22 – 25).
Class 27	- 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*	- Bucks Bacon Badger
Class 31*	- Courgette and Cheese Loaf
Class 32*	- Avocado and Poppy Seed Cake
Class 33*	- Chocolate Coconut Slice
Class 34*	- Victoria Sponge Jam only filling and caster sugar top - 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

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

NOTES ON SHOW SCHEDULE – SATURDAY 7th September 2019

<u>PROGRAMME:</u>	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. <u>No exhibits to be removed before 5.00pm.</u> 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 1 st and 2 nd 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:	Details of cups and awards are available to read on the Village website.

DEFINITIONS AND GUIDANCE ON CLASS ENTRIES.

Classes 22 to 27	Exhibitors should ensure that when required stalks are left on exhibits.
Classes 43 and 44	For the purposes of this show, Annuals are defined as 'Flowers grown from seed sown since 1/9/18'
Classes 49 to 51	Plant(s) must have been in the Exhibitor's possession for at least 2 months. Can be grown indoors or outdoors.
Classes 52 to 54	All blooms must be grown by the entrant.

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 Bucks Bacon Badger 100g beef suet; 200g self-raising flour; ½ tbsp black mustard seeds; 1tbsp rapeseed oil; 320g smoked bacon pieces; 450g potato chopped into 1cm cubes; 2 onions finely chopped; 2tsp English mustard; 2 sprigs of sage leaves finely chopped; 10g parsley finely chopped; 1 medium egg beaten. **Method:** Heat oven to 200°C/Gas 6. Mix suet, flour and seasoning and slowly add cold water (about 100ml) or until it forms a ball of dough, wrap in clingfilm and chill. Fry mustard seeds for 30 secs until they pop – tip into a bowl. Add oil to pan and fry bacon until crispy – add to mustard seeds. Boil potatoes until just tender – drain and leave to dry. Cook onions until soft and add to bacon with herbs and potato. Season with black pepper. Tip dough onto lightly floured baking paper and roll into a rectangle about 25x30cm. Put the cooled filling down the centre leaving a 2cm border at each end. Brush edges with egg and bring 2 long edges together in the middle and overlap them. Seal ends and tuck in – turn whole roll over so that seams are underneath. Roll badger onto a lined baking tray with seam underneath. Brush all over with egg. Bake for 25-30 minutes until golden brown.

Class 31 Courgette and Cheese Loaf 400g self-raising flour; 2 medium courgettes; 50g rolled oats; 1½ tsp bicarbonate of soda; 75g mature cheddar grated; small bunch of thyme – leaves only; 284ml pot of buttermilk; 1tbsp clear honey; 1 egg beaten. **Method:** Heat oven to 200°C/gas mark 6. Dust a baking sheet with a little flour. Coarsely grate courgettes – place in clean tea towel and squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Put flour, oats, bicarb and one tsp salt in a large bowl. Add most of the cheddar leaving a little for the top, add courgette and thyme. Mix buttermilk with honey and pour into the flour mixture. Stir until the dough clumps together then tip onto work surface and knead briefly. Shape into a round loaf and place on baking tray. Brush with egg and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Score a cross on the top with a sharp knife then bake for 40 mins until golden brown.

Class 32 Avocado and Poppy Seed Cake 300g ripe avocado flesh; 300g ground almonds; 300g caster sugar; zest of two lemons and juice of one; 4 medium eggs beaten; 1tsp baking powder; ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda; 1 tbsp poppy seeds plus one tsp to decorate. Icing: 125g soft cheese; 50g butter; 300g icing sugar sifted. **Method:** Preheat oven to 180°C/Gas 4. Grease and line 2 x 20cm cake tins with non-stick paper. Blitz avocado flesh, sugar and ground almonds in a food processor to make a thick green paste. Transfer to a bowl and add lemon juice and half the zest. Add eggs one at a time, stirring well. Mix in baking powder, bicarb and poppy seeds and stir until evenly distributed. Split the mixture between tins and bake for 35-40 mins until firm to the touch. Remove and cool completely in their tins. Icing: beat cheese and butter in a bowl and whisk in icing sugar. Spread half on one cake and top with the second. Spread remaining icing over the top. Decorate with poppy seeds and lemon zest. Will keep in a sealed container in the fridge for up to a week.

Class 33 Chocolate Coconut Slice. 250g cooking chocolate; 60g margarine; 120g sugar; 1 egg beaten; 120g porridge oats; 120g desiccated coconut; 60g sultanas; 8 glace cherries quartered. **Method:** Melt chocolate and pour into a greased and lined tray approx. 25x18cm, leave to cool. Cream butter and sugar, gradually add the egg and the rest of the ingredients. When mixed spread over the chocolate. Bake for approx. 30 minutes at 150°C/ Gas mark 2. Remove from the oven, leave to cool for five minutes and then mark into slices with a sharp knife. Leave to cool and then separate the slices and remove from the paper. Show 4.

Thoughts from Westminster



A couple of weeks ago, the front pages were full, not of what had been said in Parliament but of what had happened to the building itself. A burst water pipe in the press gallery above the Speaker's chair almost literally drowned out the speeches and forced an important debate on loan charges to be abandoned.

The plumbers have patched things up, but this incident highlighted the need for Parliament to press ahead with plans for a fundamental overhaul of the Palace of Westminster.

Several times in the last year, chunks of masonry have fallen off buildings. We've been very lucky no one has been seriously injured.

Worse, the electrical, plumbing, heating and sewerage systems are well beyond their expected working lifespan and in a dilapidated state. I've been round the basement and seen for myself the leaky pipes running close to elderly electrical wiring.

There is asbestos throughout the building and one ventilation system for the entire Palace. So works in one part carry the risk of the whole place being contaminated.

Modern fire safety measures, like dividing spaces between floors into compartments to limit the risk of a fire spreading, have never been carried out. With each year that passes, the risk of a catastrophic fire grows.

The Palace of Westminster embodies much of our country's history. The oldest bit, Westminster Hall, is more than 900 years old. The Palace is in the top category of listed buildings and designated as a World Heritage Site. Even if Parliament were to move permanently to another place, we would have an obligation to restore and renew the buildings.

It's sometimes argued that Parliament should move to another city. The difficulty with

that is that Ministers are also MPs, and have to divide their time between their Departments and Parliament. So if you moved Parliament, you'd have to move all the major government departments too, and still pay to repair the Palace.

Two years ago, I voted in favour of the wholesale restoration and renewal of the Palace of Westminster, with MPs and Peers moving out for a few years to nearby premises. Vacating the building will enable the works to be done more quickly and cheaply, and with less risk to human safety than if Parliament tried to work in what was effectively a building site.

The recent flood reminds us that we need to get on with this work.

David Lidington MP

(The recent tragic fire at Notre Dame cathedral in Paris highlights the dangers of fire in historic buildings. Let's hope the hide-bound MPs who are blocking the move out change their minds soon. Editor)



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Our Kuruman Parish Link

The Diocese of Oxford (which Lacey Green is part of) has two overseas Diocesan links, one of which is with the Anglican Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa. It is through the link with the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman that St. John's Church now has a Parish Link with the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Kuruman.

Kuruman is a town with a population of just over 13,000 inhabitants in the Northern Cape province of South Africa. It is known for its scenic beauty and the Eye of Kuruman, a geological feature that provides huge quantities of water from deep underground. Kuruman was at first the location of a mission station of the London Missionary Society founded by Robert Moffat in 1821. This was also the place where David Livingstone arrived for his first position as a missionary in 1841.

Canon Nick Molony, the retired Anglican priest who assists on the staff of St. Mary's Princes Risborough, spent a few months as priest-in-charge of St. Mary's, Kuruman, after he had retired as Vicar of Marlow. During that time, he and his wife Beryl lived in accommodation at the Moffat Mission. Fr. Nick is the Diocesan Link Officer and an Honorary Canon of Kimberley Cathedral. It was Fr. Nick who first proposed the link between St. John's here in Lacey Green and St. Mary's, Kuruman. Our "champions" for the Parish Link with Kuruman are Graham King and Bex London.

In October of last year, Fr. Nick accompanied Graham King and myself on our first Parish visit to Kuruman. We flew to

Johannesburg, then faced an all-day drive to the Northern Cape. Our hosts proved to be very welcoming and hospitable. There were a number of meetings with key members of the Church and some wonderful trips including a visit to the award-winning agricultural Vergenoed Women's Co-operative and the present-day Moffat Mission. Later in our visit we made our way by 4x4 through the Kalahari up to the salt flats and caves at Heuningviel, not far from the border with Botswana. Mosetsana Manyako, one of the Link "champions" at St. Mary's and wife of a local Head Teacher, took the wheel and proved to be a very adept driver on what was very bumpy terrain as well as being able to fix a loose cable with her hair band when we broke down in the middle of the wilderness of the Kalahari!

I was invited to conduct the Sunday morning service and to preach at St. Mary's. Graham set off for the 8am service at St. Peter, Kathu and Khosis, which is located in what seemed to be something of a wilderness area! Fr. Nick preached at St. Peter's Church in the neighbouring township of Wrenchville.

Towards the end of our stay, we arose in the very early hours in order to drive the 149 mile journey from Kuruman to Kimberley in time to attend the 8am Holy Communion service at Kimberley Cathedral conducted by the Rt. Revd. Ossie Swartz, Bishop of Kimberley and Kuruman.

Whilst in Kimberley, Graham and I took the opportunity to visit the "Big Hole", the world-famous former diamond mine established

by Cecil Rhodes' De Beers Company; the largest hand-dug excavation in the world and said to be South Africa's most popular tourist destination.

We visited three schools during our time in South Africa; among them Kuruman Primary School with which we are helping to establish a link with St. John's School here in Lacey Green. We also visited Kimberley Cathedral School where the Early Years children sang to us the South African national anthem with different sections of the anthem sung in each of the three most commonly spoken languages of the eleven official languages of South Africa; namely Afrikaans, English and Xhosa. We also visited Mamoratwa Middle School on the outskirts of Kuruman and where Mosetsana's husband is Head Teacher. This struck us as an especially impoverished school and, with the help of the South African Bible Society, we are seeking to respond to a request from the school to supply copies of the Bible in the local principal language of Tsetsuana.

A number of us at St. John's are now part of a Whatsapp texting group together with members of the Church in Kuruman. And we are told that Bishop Ossie will be visiting us when he comes to spend some time in England in late June. Next year, there is to be a Link conference in Oxford involving representatives of parishes from our diocese as well as those from the diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman.

Tony Bundock

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