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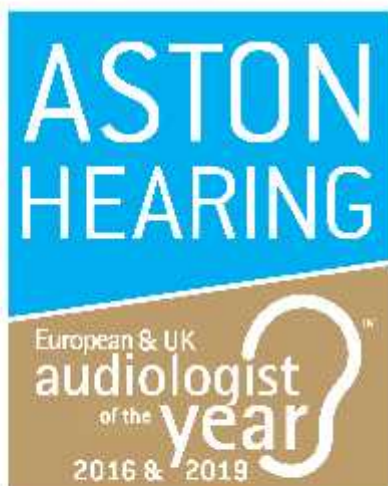
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# Welcome to the November edition

Our August edition was over-subscribed with articles and turned out at a massive 48 pages. So perhaps it's not surprising that this month we have a lightweight issue. At least the deliverers will be happy with the lighter delivery bags.

Following our appeal in the last issue I am delighted to report that we now have a new Delivery Manager - Jane Tyrer from Loosley Row. We now just need to find a person willing to deliver around 20 Hallmarks in the Greenlands/Roundlands area.

Please contact Jane on 07803 393 467 or email [mjanetyrer@btinternet.com](mailto:mjanetyrer@btinternet.com)

Our front cover is very autumnal with the fresh conker glistening in the foreground. Thanks to Robert West from Stocken Farm for this and the image on page 6.

Christmas is approaching, there is a full calendar of activities at the Church, this can be found on page 25.

I wish you all a happy and excellent Christmas and New Year.



**Mike Piercy**  
**Editor**

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## Thank you. Thank you.

We had our Macmillan Coffee Morning on September 26th and this was a huge success raising the incredible sum of £1,700.

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to all the members who delivered fliers made cakes, manned stalls, made endless cups of coffee and tea and were there to support us.

Also thank you to all the husbands and partners who dealt with all the tables and chairs.

Special thanks also go to Lynne at The Black Horse, Buckmoorend Farm Shop and Naphill Post Office for their very generous raffle prizes. We certainly could not have

achieved such a great total without all of you.

**Windmill WI**

## LG & LR Millennium Hall

In the last edition of Hallmark we wrote about the workings of the Village Hall and asked for donations towards our latest project - the resurfacing of the car park.

The resurfacing will be particularly valuable to those who are infirm or disabled and find negotiating the shingle car park somewhat of an ordeal.

Marked car park spaces will enable improved parking capacity and prevent blocking in and the need to park on Main Road. We envisage other benefits.

On 30th Sept we submitted an application to WDC for half the cost of resurfacing the car park. How much they allow us, if anything, will depend on how we

are prioritised and, of course, the amount of cash available.

Thank you to all of you who have generously contributed so far. Further donations may prove essential should any award fall short. We will keep you posted via [www.laceygreen.com](http://www.laceygreen.com) and or Hallmark.

**VH Committee**

# What's On

**Sat/Sun 2 & 3 Nov 10.00 am**

History Group Exhibition  
St John's School Hall

**Sat 16 Nov**

Church Christmas Fayre  
Village Hall

**Wed 20 Nov**

Horts Club Pumpkin Supper  
Village Hall

**28, 29, 30 Nov**

LGP "The LadyKillers"  
Village Hall (see p29)

**Sun 1 Dec 6pm**

Carol Concert (LGS and School)  
Village Hall (see p20)

**Sat 14 Dec**

The Sultans on Swings concert  
The Pink and Lily (see p17)

For the full schedule of services at St  
John's Church see page 25

**Sun 24 Nov 10.30am**

Happy Wanderers walk  
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## Parish Council Meetings

Mon 4 Nov 7.30 Lacey Green Hall  
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## On the Farm

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Recently we have had a reminder that the weather drives all our decisions and activities on the farm. We had fairly good weather for harvest, with a week of wet weather in August clearing up before the wheat quality was ruined. We had quite low rainfall last winter and spring, and a dry summer, however the wheat has yielded really well with good bread making qualities, we think it put down deep roots in the spring allowing it to cope well in the dry conditions of May, June and July, the plentiful sunshine (energy) giving the quality.

The maize has yielded better than last year and importantly we managed to harvest it just before the wet spell in late September and October began. Since then we have had 8 inches of rain in 3 weeks. There are still many acres of maize to harvest around the UK, a crucial part of winter cow rations still to be

harvested. This is a real concern if roadwork is involved, as it becomes very muddy. While it has been raining we should have been planting our winter wheat seed, hopefully the end of October will be kind and we will get it planted.

Our milking cows are now housed for winter. We have had many calves born in the last two months, which is keeping us busy, most of the Holstein calves have been born. The female calves will join the herd in two years time, the males being reared for beef. The calves born for the next six months have been sired by a beef bull. Some of these we will rear, others we will sell to other farmers to rear.

We usually use a British Blue bull but as an experiment we used a Wagyu bull a few times, we have just had the first two born which will be interesting to see how these fare as they grow. Wagyu beef is from one of four

Japanese breeds, it can be some of the most expensive meats in the world. It has fine texture, the fat is distributed more evenly through the muscle so it looks pink and is really tender. Traditionally Wagyu beef cattle in Japan are fed beer and regularly massaged to reduce stress, so there could be new job opportunities for masseuses in the future!

Arla's (our milk buying cooperative) milk price has been stable for the last six months at a sustainable level. Other companies have not been so reliable with some 20% less than ours. Tomlinsons, a dairy that processes milk for Sainsburys has just called the receivers in so its supplying farmers will most likely lose six weeks of milk revenue, a crippling blow for some.

*Continued opposite...*

# Black Horse



We are now booking for Christmas, it just doesn't seem possible, time just goes by in a flash and quicker the older you get. It has been a difficult few months due to illness but we have been so lucky with people coming in and helping us out, everybody has been so kind. We are now sorting out what we are doing in the future to help us continue as we have always been. I know how lucky we are here to have such loyal staff and friends. I think we have had the

busiest year ever so far which has been great. We are looking forward to many more of these here at the Black Horse.

Aunt Sally has now finished for the season. Thank you Lisa for looking after the team, and to the team who made every Friday night special and different not mentioning any names ALEX. It just will not be the same, not having the What's App chat. Winter darts has just started on a Thursday night and dominos on a Monday night.

We have now started opening all day Tuesday to Sunday. This will continue to January then we will rethink it to make sure it has been worth our while.

**Lynne and Ian**



## On the Farm continued

This reminds us of when Dairy Farmers of Britain folded about 15 years ago. We were caught up with them, a supportive bank becomes very important then.

A hot topic in farming at the moment is climate change. According to the NFU, agriculture is responsible for 10% of green house emissions. Coming in well behind transport at 27% and energy supply at 24%. The NFU has a target for agriculture to be net zero by 2040. Arla which is a Northern European company has a target of 2050, with the aim of reducing gas emissions by 30% per kilo of milk in the next decade.

There are many figures being banded around about livestock farming's carbon footprint, some of them do not seem to be creditable, certainly not in relation to British farming systems.

As an Arla supplier we have been calculating our carbon footprint for a number of years, not always convinced that the consumer has been that interested when making their purchases. Maybe this will change, or maybe just be confident in companies like Arla that are doing all they can to produce environmentally friendly products. The UK is ahead of the game, it is probably never a better time to encourage consumers to buy British reared and produced products.

With all the negative press farming receives we have been tagged in some positive tweets recently which really brightens your day up. Also last week whilst our Landrover was parked in Princes Risborough it had two notes attached to it, the first handwritten one read: THANK YOU FOR BEING A FARMER, the other note was of monetary value. This was obviously unusual but also fantastically appreciated by our family and staff, the donation is heading to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution for whom we try to raise money each year. So to who ever put it there a big thank you.

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# Windmill WI

Several of us enjoyed a lovely lunch at The Polecat; good food, good service and good company. We had also planned a Summer Ramble this month, through the woods to the Le De Spencers Arms, but chose a very wet day, so went by car to the pub and enjoyed another delicious lunch.

Our August speaker was Jeff Roselaar talking about 'An Actor's Life for Me'. We had heard Jeff before and always enjoyed his talks. This time it was about his theatre performances and film extra work.

Also this month we enjoyed our Summer Lunch at The Black Horse. Lynne closed the pub for us and we thoroughly enjoyed one of her delicious buffet lunches.

At the beginning of September we celebrated our 32nd Birthday. Joan Cooper was our speaker and taught us several Circle Dances. This was great fun and we then had a glass of wine and birthday cake.

Our October meeting was our AGM. We listened to the Financial Statement, the Committee's Annual Report and the President's Address. Pat is continuing as our President and the committee remains the same. We then listened to a very amusing talk from Paul Rabbitts about the history, decline and revival of the Band Stand.



*Quiz winners: The High Wycombe U3A*

We had our Jumble Sale this month and were amazed by the amount of jumble we received. We spent a very busy morning sorting it all then had a very welcome lunch at the Black Horse.

We had loads of customers in the afternoon and the time flew by. Jumble Sales are quite hard work but our WI ladies always rise to the occasion and the amount we raise means we can have very good speakers.

The following week we hosted the Village Quiz. Seventeen teams from the village competed and a good time was had by all. We are pleased that we will be

able to send £200 to the Village Hall and £70 to Jamie the Quiz Master for The Lighthouse Charity. The winners were the High Wycombe U3A, 2nd The Whiteleaf Bowman and 3rd The Woodbyne Gym.

If you would like to join our WI we meet at Lacey Green Village Hall the first Wednesday of the month at 7.45 pm, you would be very welcome.

**Ann Bartlett**

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The trustees have been able to have a good look around the reconstructed/refurbished Lower Hall area of the Centre and are delighted with all the extra space that has been created and the high quality of the work.

Plastering, painting and preparation of the floor have taken place. The kitchen fittings are now installed and it is mainly finishing touches that are still outstanding, along with the exterior porch, which will be erected as soon as the new door has been delivered.

Some of the staff are coming in at the end of October to help with bringing back all the equipment that has been stored in the new shed, cleaning and arranging the new furniture. We are sure that the clients will be amazed at the difference when they return to that area. We are planning for them to be back in there by November.

Carol, one of our staff is arranging some new and exciting sessions for their return. Recent trips include a pub visit to celebrate a client's birthday, 10 pin bowling, a lunch at the Honeybee and their outdoor bowls. Cooking lessons for some of the younger clients at Quarrenden Adult Learning Centre in Aylesbury have recommenced, and the hugely

popular pottery sessions have restarted.

Our upstairs clients will be pleased to have their hall returned to its full size once the two temporary rooms have been dismantled. Irene will be organising some external activities for them. She is planning Silver Screen showings at the cinema, museums, garden centres and pub visits for those who would like to take part. In response to requests, a few of the older clients will be enjoying a trip to RAF Halton later this month.

Our wonderful Jingers Choir will be performing at the 'Sing it Out' Charity Concert later this month at Chalfont St Peter, supporting the Military Wives Choir and stars from the West End. We are very proud of them and wish them the best of luck!

We would like to gratefully acknowledge recent donations from St Mary's Church, the Bartle Family Charitable Trust, the Freemasons Misbourne Lodge, the Risborough Rugby Club, Princes Risborough and Ilmer Churches, Windsor Lodge and, most specially, to a very generous anonymous donor. We also wish to acknowledge the continuing support from a number of local people for which we are very thankful.

It is not too late for any of our supporters to attend the presentation of The Queen's Award which is taking place here on Friday 15th November at 10.30 for 11 am. If you would like to come, please ring the number below so that we can ensure we cater for everyone.

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If you're more interested in doing lots of exercise to live music, cardio tennis may be of interest. This runs on Thursdays 9.15am and 7.30pm and on Saturday mornings at 10.30am. You don't even need to be a member and each 1 hour session costs just £6.50.

Afterwards, you could enjoy a coffee with friends and other members in our new tennis cabin which has lots of insulation and a heater. Perfect for those cold days!

## Junior Tennis

For the juniors, our new coach Dan has been working extremely hard promoting tennis and expanding our programme. At St Johns school he offers a tennis club for years 1-6 and is also active at four other local schools in the area. The "tennis 4 kids" programme which offers 6 lessons, T-shirt, racket and ball set for only £30 has been



extremely popular. We now have a waiting list, so if your child is interested please drop Dan an email: [Dsmithtennis@gmail.com](mailto:Dsmithtennis@gmail.com).

As the year draws to a close it has been an extremely successful one for the club. Our membership income is up over 20% and we have seen a number of very good players join. This has been reflected in our performance in the Aylesbury summer league where 2 out of 3 teams have been promoted for next season. Hopefully we can replicate this in the winter league aided with Dan's team drills!

Our singles competitions were completed in August and congratulations to Jo Boothroyd who won the Ebbles' Cup and Jonathan Bonnett who was champion of the Bradley Cup. Jonathan was also winner of the

West Cup which was held in mid-October.

Our next big social night is on Friday 29th November for the Christmas dinner at the Black Horse. Last year we had a fabulous meal there and I would like to thank Lynne for all her support to the club over the past year, particularly for her generous sponsorship.

On Sunday 15th December we will be hosting our annual mulled wine and mince pies morning with some light-hearted tennis along the way too. It's great fun, gets everyone outside in their Santa outfits helping alleviate those winter blues!

**Nigel Glenister**





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# Speen Tiddler and Toddler Playgroup

We are back and running again at Speen Chapel Hall every Tuesday morning during term time, 9:30 -11:30am. We have welcomed lots of new families already this term, with 3 new babies born since last term!

So far, we have been creating some leaf art, making bird feeders, playing with coloured rice, building in the play sand and making different creatures out of playdough! There is always a story to listen to or songs to sing along with too! While the grown-ups can enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee, the children can enjoy a fabulous selection of healthy snacks.

We were very lucky to have had a visit from Dan Smith, the tennis coach from Lacey Green & Loosley Row Tennis Club, who did a fun Toddler Tennis coaching session. The children had a great time 'walking the dog' and 'frying sausages in a pan' and the highlight was having a go at hitting the balls over the net! Thank you to Dan for delivering such a fantastic session which was perfect for the toddlers at playgroup to get an introduction to tennis!

There are lots more activities planned in the build up to Christmas, so do come along if you can.

There will be no toddler group on Tuesday 29th October (half-term) and our last session of the term will be on Tuesday 17th December, when we will be having our Christmas party!

We welcome any new families with Tiddlers or Toddlers who would like to join us, so do tell your friends. We have lots of fun at a small cost of £3 per family and it a great way to meet other families in the local area.

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# The Pink has two exciting 'C' words: a new Chef and Christmas!!

Stop the cavalry! It's not long before it's the most wonderful time of the year! And have we got some winter cheer lined up. Whether we like it or not, the seasons are turning, the evenings are drawing in, last Christmas is a distant memory and it won't be long before Santa Claus is coming to town! And while I would always say that there is no better place to celebrate the festive season than up at The Pink, this year the celebrations are even better than ever, as sprinkling his stardust on every meal he touches is our new chef.

Hailing from Brittany, Luddy joined us in July so has had time to get his cooking feet under the table and he has transformed our food, bringing his inimitable Gallic flair to our kitchen. And while we may not have chestnuts roasting on an open fire, we have plenty of seasonal treats in store for you as he has devised a spectacular Christmas menu – for the big day itself and for perfect parties during December, both of which are on sale now.

Our lovely customers don't have to go 2,000 miles to be simply having a wonderful Christmastime as we have all bases covered with a luxurious menu for all the family on Christmas Day but with enough traditional elements to keep everyone happy – including the kids and the mother-in-law – so we can definitely still bring you the figgy pudding.

If you're booking the Christmas bash this year, we have a cracker of a menu lined up for you. You'll believe in Father Christmas as we'll take all of the seasonal strain off your shoulders – including the washing-up!

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# The Month of November

The change from British Summer Time to Greenwich Mean Time takes place over the final weekend of October and so in the northern hemisphere, the month of November heralds the arrival of Winter. With clocks having gone back an hour, the fall of darkness occurs noticeably earlier and earlier as the month unfolds. For some people, this can be a very depressing time of the year but for others November can be the best month of the Winter season.

The stream of rituals and festivals which occur in November – All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, the Feast of Christ the King and Saint Andrew's Day - make the month of November truly a season for remembering.

All Saints Day, or All Hallows, falls on 1st November. Its origin can be traced back to the 4th Century as a Feast to commemorate Christian Martyrs. By the beginning of the 9th Century it had evolved into an occasion to remember a great myriad of saints, the vast majority of whom are unknown to us by name.

All Souls Day falls on 2nd November and was first observed by Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, in AD 998. All Souls Day gained a renewed emphasis in the life of the Church of England following the huge and tragic loss of life in the First World War; and is a day when our departed loved ones are remembered by name in the course of the Church service. Latterly, the keeping of All Saints Sunday, the Sunday adjacent to All Saints and All Souls, has gained popularity and this year falls on 3rd November when our 10am Sunday Service will be both an opportunity for intercessory prayer with laying on of hands as well as

the All Souls solemn commemoration by name of departed loved ones.

In addition to this commemoration, on Sunday 17th November at 3.30pm, we have at St. John's Church our annual bereavement service to which we invite families who have experienced the deep pain of bereavement in recent times. Departed loved ones are remembered by name, and candles are lit for each of those whose names are read out.

Bonfire Night first arose as a remembering of the foiled gunpowder plot of 1605 in which Guy Fawkes was captured in the course of an attempt to blow up Parliament. Within 20 years of these events 5th November was designated Bonfire Night in Britain; and the celebration has never waned even though the anti-Catholic sentiments which lay behind the original Act of Parliament seem wholly and entirely inappropriate to the modern mind.

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 10th November. Our 10am Service is always very well attended on this important occasion which incorporates the Two Minute Silence at 11am. This solemn observance marks the end of fighting in the First World War in 1918. The service also includes the reading of names of those of our community who gave their lives whilst on active service in the two World Wars; as well as the act of Laying of Wreaths and Poppy Crosses, which we anticipate will this year include wreaths laid on behalf of the Royal Air Force, The Royal Navy, the Parish Council, and St. John's School. The keeping of Armistice Day on 11th November by way of a national observance of the Two Minutes

Silence at 11am has hugely grown in significance in recent times due to a large degree to the active efforts of the Royal British Legion. Armistice Day most often falls on a weekday which means the commemoration is able to be widely observed in schools and in places of work.

The Feast of Christ the King this year falls on Sunday 24th November and brings the liturgical year of the Church to a conclusion. The festival celebrates the Christian doctrine of the role of Jesus Christ as ruler of the cosmos.

Saint Andrew's Day falls on 30th November and he is, of course, the Patron Saint of Scotland. He was a fisherman along with his brother Peter; and together they were called by Jesus to be among the 12 Apostles. Saint Andrew is believed to have spread the Gospel through Asia Minor and Greece. It is believed that he was martyred at Patras in Greece by crucifixion upside down on a saltire, a diagonal cross. His association with Scotland is attributed to the bringing of some of his relics to a chapel which later became the site of the mediaeval Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Fife; reduced to ruins in 1559 at the time of the Reformation but remaining a significant place of pilgrimage to this day.

Advent Sunday this year falls on 1st December and thus begins a new liturgical year in the church calendar. On Advent Sunday this year we have at 10am our annual Toy Service in support of the distribution by the Salvation Army of Christmas gifts for needy children; as well as our traditional Advent Carol Service at 3.30pm.

**Tony Bundock**

# LACEY GREEN SINGERS

Happy Autumn All!

I am delighted to announce that Anna Crookes is our new Musical Director. Anna is a very talented singer and pianist and has won many awards in her time. She sings with a number of professional groups and has now picked up the baton for us, which we are greatly enjoying.

This term we have been improving our singing technique, making better sounds and getting our tongues round songs in German and Spanish.

Our Christmas Concert will be on Sunday 1st December, at around 6pm (time TBC) in Lacey Green Millennium Hall. We are pleased to say we are being joined by a choir from St John's School again this year and as such, tickets will sell out fast.

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to book your tickets and look out for posters in the village for prices and the confirmed time.

We love to have new singers join us, so please do come along if you fancy a good sing, great company and plenty of laughs!

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 the above email address. We'd love to see you!

**Billy Stott**

## Short Mat Bowling

Back in June 2010 a group of people met at the Village Hall to discuss the feasibility of bowling in the VH. On July 5th we were up and running with two good quality second hand mats. Hard to believe now, that was almost 10 years ago and we still have some original members.

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Our philosophy is to enjoy an afternoon of gentle exercise in pleasant company. Although competitive we don't take it too seriously but for those who do, it is good for practice. A few members play at other clubs where they can participate in competitions if desired.

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# Happy Wanderers

On 30th June we set off from The Crown pub at Little Missenden on the most beautiful June Sunday morning in glorious sunshine and a gentle breeze. The countryside was at its best as we walked along a bridleway past some amazing farm animals in pens, this included a lovely Gloucester Old Spot sow and her piglets.

Walking in the direction of Amersham we soon came to the lake below Shaddeloes where the geese and ducks had families out on the water. At the further end of the lake we crossed the beautifully manicured cricket pitch attached to Shaddeloes before turning right up the drive for a few hundred yards. We went through a kissing gate and set off up a steady gradient towards the woods at the top of the hill, stopping often to admire the view.



Eventually we reached the woods and turned right along the escarpment. This wasn't the easiest walking with a rather rough path and tree roots to catch the unwary. We took frequent breaks to catch breath as it was very warm. Emerging from the woods we crossed a small country road and then several cultivated fields, the

crops looking green and lush in their summer plumage. Finally we reached a path which after a short time began to slope downhill and meandered slowly back towards Little Missenden where everyone was glad to have a drink and something to eat at The Red Lion.

**Ginnie Brudenell**

On 25th August the Bank Holiday weather was about 28 degrees!

We departed from The Oak pub in Aston Clinton at 10.30, heading west across flat fields and then down the Buckland road, picking up the Grand Union canal.

We were 14 on this walk, with two dogs. On entering fields again going towards the A41, we encountered a problem of not finding the footpath out. The decision was made to double back, these things happen occasionally.

A good Sunday lunch and refreshments were had in the pub afterwards.



**Ian Goodearl  
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## Advent Sunday – 1st December

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.00am All Age Toy Service with Salvation Army speaker

3.30pm Advent Carol Service

(n.b. this year's 6pm CTR service is at Elim Pentecostal Church)

## Advent 2 - 8th December Christmas Tree Festival

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church

3.30pm Christingle Service - in aid of Children's Society

## Advent 3 - 15th December

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church

6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

## Advent 4 – 22nd December

8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Parish Communion

## Christmas Eve

3.30pm Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

## Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.00am Parish Communion with Carols

## St. John the Evangelist – Friday 27th December

9.30am Holy Communion followed by drinks and cake

## Christmas 1 – 29th December

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.00am Parish Communion

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## Christmas 2 – Sunday 5th January

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.00am All Age Service of the Epiphany

3.30pm Choral Evensong – Eve of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January – Feast of the Epiphany NO SERVICE

## Baptism of Jesus – Sunday 12th January

3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

## REGULAR SERVICES

### Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion  
(1662) every Sunday

10.00 am All Age Worship  
Communion  
1st Sunday of the month.

10.00 am Parish Communion  
2nd, 3rd, 4th, (&5th) Sundays

Junior Church at 10.00 am –  
all services other than 1st,  
held in upper room.

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

10.30 am Team Communion  
Service at Chapter House,  
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# County Council News



Autumn is now upon us! As I write this, it is a rather grey and wet day outside with the leaves falling off the trees.

## Roads and parking

I am delighted to say that a number of roads in Lacey Green were part of the micro-surfacing programme in late September, such as Westlands Road, Eastlands Road, Woodfield, Greenlands, Meadow Rise, Roundlands, and Goodacres Lane. This was long overdue having been deferred from last year, and is a great improvement.

I met in May with officers at Transport for Buckinghamshire to look at the feasibility of making Main Road Lacey Green just past St Johns School safer. Currently as you approach Lacey Green from the Walters Ash direction, the speed limit is the National Speed limit which reduces down to 30 mph just before a blind bend. With residents and parents of school children parking on the bend, it forces vehicles travelling from the Princes Risborough direction to have to travel on the wrong side of the road on this blind bend.

In conjunction with Lacey Green Parish Council and with match funding from the North West Chilterns Local Area Forum which is a Bucks County Council initiative, we are about to hold a public consultation on parking with a view to implement some parking restrictions. Part of the zigzag lines will be extended to cover the pedestrian entrance to the school as well as having a demarcation box for the bus stop. I have been approached by a parent who is very keen to engage further with the school to further develop a school travel plan in conjunction with the consultation.

## Recycling Centre

As you may be aware, the Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre was closed by Bucks County Council on 31st March as savings had to be made across the portfolio.

There was strong opposition to the closure including myself. A petition of 4,500 signatures was handed in but to no avail.

As a result, my County Councillor colleague Bill Bendyshe- Brown and myself have formed the Bledlow Ridge HRC Community Interest Company with a view to gaining planning permission and to re-open the facility for the benefit of local residents.

We have the support of 12 Parish and Town Councils including Lacey Green, with a representative from each sitting on a committee. With crowdfunding we have now raised nearly £9,000. We went out to tender for a planning consultant and have now

appointed one. We are currently in negotiations with Bucks County Council for a long term lease for the site. Once we have got planning permission, the Community Interest Company will go out to tender for a commercial organisation to operate the site under the direction of the CIC.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to assist with this venture: if you have a legal background, surveying background or an IT background for example or anything else, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

## Unitary Council

The Shadow Executive is now meeting on a very regular basis to ensure that there will be a seamless transition to the new Buckinghamshire Council on 1st April 2020 when Wycombe District Council and Bucks County Council are abolished.

Various tiers of officers are being recruited for the new Council. Rachael Shimmin, the current CEO of Bucks County Council and Interim CEO of the Shadow Authority has already been appointed as permanent CEO.

Interviews for the next tier are being held currently with announcements being made shortly. Further tiers of officers are scheduled to be recruited from December onwards.

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# Lacey Green Players

Time is rushing on to our next annual dinner performance; where did the time go since last year's production of Funny Money?

A reminder that this year we are producing *The LadyKillers*, a classic black comedy written by Graham Lineham, Irish playwright and author and first performed in 2011.

The play is based on the 1950s Ealing comedy film of the same name. The rehearsals have been going very well and the cast are working hard, having fun and importantly gelling to ensure the evenings will be successful. The skilled individuals who ensure the lighting and sound is set up to support the performance have been busy, as have the team responsible for publicity and ticket sales.

You will have seen posters around Lacey Green, Loosley Row and surrounding villages as well as in various magazines. We are always grateful to everyone who supports us and allows us to use their 'spaces'.

This year we are supporting 4 charities all of whom we believe are worthy causes. This means we continue to meet our objective to support local charities and those that mean something special to the cast or committee.

Our choices this year are Aylesbury Church, who hold a Christmas lunch for the homeless, the Waterways Experience in Hemel Hempstead, who provide boat and canal trips for the disadvantaged and are currently raising money for a new boat, Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway and Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis.

Dinner Performances will be held in Lacey Green and Loosley Row Millennium Village Hall on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 November. Thursday 28 November is the performance without dinner. There is a licensed bar on all three nights which helps with the merriment of the evening. This year we will have a selection of soft drinks, wines including 'bubbly' and gin and tonic, who can resist!

Ticket sales are going well especially for the Saturday night so please don't leave it too late if you are planning on coming along. Tickets are priced at £10 for Thursday and £22.50 for Friday and Saturday. If you want tickets please email us on [tickets@laceygreenplayers.co.uk](mailto:tickets@laceygreenplayers.co.uk)

We are already planning for next year and there will be another Murder Mystery. How exciting I hear you all say! We will be casting in the spring. Details will be available on our website and in future editions of Hallmark.

As ever if you know of anyone who is keen to join a friendly local amateur dramatic group we would love to hear from them.

This can include budding actors, lighting and sound specialists or anyone wishing to hone their skills and experience generally. For more information please email : [info@laceygreenplayers.co.uk](mailto:info@laceygreenplayers.co.uk).

We look forward to seeing you in November for what will be a fun evening in a topsy turvey world.

**Jane Hervé**

## County Council continued

Selections of candidates who wish to stand as Councillors for the elections on 7th May 2020 are also currently taking place. There will be 3 Councillors per Division; ie a total of 147 Councillors in 49 Divisions.

In this Division, Ridgeway West, I am delighted to announce that I have been selected as one of the Conservative candidates.

However, I may add that it is business as usual now until 31st March 2020.

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

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I know that it is a little early, but as this the last publication of Hallmark before the New Year, can I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy , peaceful New Year 2020.

**Carl Etholen**

# Windmills Under 5s Preschool

## **Celebrating all things autumnal!**

The autumn term at Windmills is now well under way and after a relatively quiet start to the term, the preschool is once again buzzing with happy children who have settled back in nicely after the summer break and are enthusiastic and keen to learn.

The autumn term is always the quietest, once we have said a fond farewell to our school leavers. However we were happy to welcome 5 new children to the preschool in September, who have quickly settled into their new environment, and are enjoying all that Windmills has to offer.

We have been celebrating the seasons, with the children bringing pockets full of autumnal treasures (with conkers being a favourite!) They enjoyed talking about harvest and helping make (and eat!) autumn vegetable soup.

The children are so fortunate to be able to expend their energy on the neighbouring sports field and we are very grateful to those volunteers from the Sports Club who work so hard to maintain it.

During the first half-term the children have been putting their culinary skills to good use; chopping, making (and sampling!) vegetable soup and salad.

We also held our first fundraising event of the school year, with our customary Halloween party, where Windmills children welcome back those who have

left for school, for a celebration of spooky games and tasty treats.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out ensuring that the party was a huge success.

After the half term break, the staff will start to plan for our Christmas activities, and I am sure that it won't be long before the children start practising for the Christmas play. Renditions of Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer will be heard up and down Main Road!

## **A new committee...**

Autumn is also the term in which we hold our Annual General Meeting and elect our committee for the coming year. We've had such amazing engagement from our committee this year and I'm grateful for the huge amount of time that they give so freely. As a charity, we literally couldn't run without them.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to members whose children have gone off to school, and who have given many years of dedicated service. We will be saying farewell to our Secretary, Alison Mueller and committee members Rachael McComish and Jo Cox. I'm pleased however, that many of our members are staying on, and pleased to welcome new faces all geared up for another exciting year.

## **Thank you!**

The staff and children are very grateful for the fantastic selection of new toys and equipment donated by the leavers last term. These have been gratefully received and the children are thoroughly enjoying the new art easel and drying rack, tool bench, and indoor water tray. They have already had lots of use, so thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

We would also like to say a very big thank you to Antony's Carpet Cleaning in Hazelmere, who very kindly offered to clean the sports club carpets over the holidays for free! We are especially grateful to him for this, as small children do like to make mess occasionally!

We have also had the picket fence replaced around the outside area over the summer, which looks fabulous! Thank you to Alison Mueller for coordinating the work and to Matt and Conor at Redhill Construction in Chinnor for carrying out the job so efficiently.

If you would like to arrange a look around the preschool or enquire about a place for your child, please call or email Tracey Winfield (Preschool Manager) on 07502 198405 or email [manager@windmillunder5s.co.uk](mailto:manager@windmillunder5s.co.uk)

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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	Natasha Kann		Speennorthdeantoddlers@gmail.com
LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time at St John's School	Denise Kinnard		laceygreensingers@hotmail.com
Lacey Green Players	Theatre, drama, and sometimes food			info@laceygreenplayers.co.uk
Windmill Under 5s	Mon-Fri 9.00-12.00 (or 1.30 with lunch). Tues & Wed can be extended to 3pm	Tracey Winfield	07502 198405	manager@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45 pm	Daphne Willash	01494 562455	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
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