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Welcome to the June edition

6 weeks ago we postponed the May edition as no one knew what was happening and how it would turn out. We still don't know, but we have to get on with life. The first pages of the magazine are normally filled with What's On. Unsurprisingly that has all changed. Everything is off! In the longer term the Horts Soc are still hoping that their autumn show can go ahead in early September (see page 36)

We are very lucky to live in this area. Practically all of us have gardens to escape from the house and family, and a fabulous range of walks for our exercise. I feel great sorrow for those cooped up in an inner-city flat with nowhere to escape.

The standout achievement of lockdown has been the tremendous effort and sacrifice made by the NHS staff and carers, despite the continued floundering of the government and the Health Department.

We have an article on page 20 about how the Loosley Row sewing circle have helped combat the PPE shortage. We should also not forget other people who continue working even if this puts them into risky situations - milkmen, posties,

delivery men, shop staff etc.

The overall community response has been great and a Coronavirus Action Group was quickly formed to support those in need (see page 9). Credit also to Risborough Town Council for setting up Risborough Basket, a home delivery service covering nearly all the shops in Risborough (see page 7) you can even have your dry cleaning delivered! The service also includes Timpsons Meats who have a new advert on page 8.

We also had the opportunity to celebrate VE Day. Loosley Row made a special effort and had a great time (see page 11). The picture of many national flags reminds us that it was not just British people fighting and suffering, but people from Canada to Poland to Nepal to New Zealand. Let us remember them all and not take a jingoistic inward-looking view.

In line with the government rules, the Village Hall has been closed since the beginning of lockdown. Unfortunately this means that we have had no income, whilst the regular bills still roll in. The committee is keeping an eye on the building and are checking that no problems arise.



Please note that the Chiltern Society have decided that our windmill will stay closed for the whole of 2020.

Our new delivery manager has settled into the job and our magazines are being delivered most efficiently. However we are short of one person to do a delivery on Main Rd (you don't have to live on Main Road). Please contact me if you can help.

I have just changed to a new DTP package, so please forgive any layout issues. It will all be smooth next time!

Mike Piercy Editor

Chiltern Cottage, Hambye Close, Lacey Green May 1st

The meteorologists said that we will have a day of sunshine and showers and the possibility of hailstorms. The Croquet Season was just about to start but our beautiful Lawns were closed. It is a game you play in all weathers and so as the sun came out so did the hoops and mallets in the garden to get in some practice. Suddenly the sky blackened, and the noise of hail and the force of the hailstones was spectacular.

Fortunately, my camera was at hand and I had just enough time to photograph the lawn covered in white and had the presence of mind to photograph some pellets in the palm of my hand. I ran indoors and called my wife 'Quickly, come and see the hailstorm!' As she arrived the sun came out and I was left trying to explain a most unlikely event.

Ronnie Lewin



Village Hall

Village Hall AGM

We held the Village Hall AGM as usual in April. The Booking Secretary reported that 15 local groups are using the hall regularly. We have a few week day slots available – Monday morning, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There is a waiting list for evenings. In 2019 we had 29 commercial bookings, an increase on the year before. 2020 is looking very similar. Children's parties are back, jelly and ice cream is making a return!

We are very fortunate that we are still able to offer the weekly coffee morning at no charge and the youth club at a greatly reduced rate. We continue to loan tables and chairs to other local organisations and both the church, school and pre-school have used our facilities when they have needed more room at no charge. This all helps to make the Village Hall a welcome and central point for the community as a whole.

Parking, as we are aware, is a village issue. The hall are very happy for the car park to be used but PLEASE check first, as priority must be given to the hall users that have booked and paid for the use of the car park.

Hall Lettings

It being three years since the last rent review, the Committee recommended that an increase in line with RPI of approximately 5% on hiring rates should be implemented from 1st April for commercial users and in Autumn 2020 for village organisations. This recommendation was approved by all present.

Car Park Resurfacing

You will remember we are endeavouring to raise £40k to add to a similar amount in the Village Hall accounts to pay for car park re-surfacing which will benefit all users, but particularly the infirm and disabled.

Over recent months, we made several applications to charities including Wycombe District Council and the National Lottery Fund. These institutions don't make instant decisions but await a collection of applications to enable them to make choices on eligibility, and then allocate funds.

As reported at our March meeting, WDC were due to be amalgamated with other Bucks councils to make a unitary authority and they chose to allocate their fund before doing so. We received an offer of £7K, half now and the other half later. Then Covid 19 struck and priorities inevitably changed, but we are still due the first instalment and understand that the Council will make allowances for delays in projects. Alongside our institutional fundraising efforts, villagers have generously made donations which have been much appreciated.

Whatever way we look at the situation we still need to source a large amount of money to complete work on the car park and our efforts to do so must continue. If we are in a position to identify more funding then lockdown would be a good time to get started on the work, there being no hall users to inconvenience!

Meantime, the Government has offered a grant to cover potential expenses through loss of income during lockdown and until social meeting places can be reopened. We shall be applying for this grant.

St John s Church

As our Church is temporarily closed, due to the Covid-19 virus, there is not much to report other than that we are in communication with one another and amongst the wider community. Sadly a number of planned events have had to be cancelled / postponed but hopefully some may be reinstated once we are all in a safer position.

We have a large database and everyone included there receives a copy of the Pewsheet by email on a weekly basis, with updates on the up to date situation as and when received. If anyone would like to be included, please contact Rev Tony Bundock or one of the Churchwardens (see p34).

The Oxford Diocese also stream services online at 10:00am each Sunday morning. If you would like to listen and watch this service log into the following website: oxford.Anglican.org/livestream. The service lasts for about 35/40 minutes.

Pat Rushmere



'Loosley Row Open Gardens'

Saturday 20th June 2020 11am-5pm In aid of the 'Thames Valley Air Ambulance'

Due to lockdown and social distancing rules we are unable to fully open our gardens to the public. However we will be holding a small plant sale at each garden venue hoping to raise some funds.

We were hoping to open 10 gardens including St Johns School garden on the day.

Please visit Loosley Row on your daily exercise, looking out for posters and signage guiding you to plant sales. We look forward to seeing you 'at a distance'! For further information contact Sarah Halliday at sarah@shqd.co.uk.



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St John's School

I have nothing but praise for how the staff, pupils and parents have managed to engage with education during this lockdown period. My main focus has been to maintain an upbeat tone and as such we made the conscious decision to maintain the Friday News and fill it with examples of the wonderful learning that our pupils have being doing with their families. We have also started a YouTube channel where we post the weekly assembly and stories for pupils to listen to, and maintained our Twitter feed to share examples of work with the wider world! The 'virtual school office' have been magnificent in maintaining contact and easing any concerns that parents may have had.

The teaching staff have overcome the many challenges in trying to set up distance learning and I take my hat off to them! They have also shown their dedication to their craft by attending virtual CPD sessions led by the ODBST and also engaged in our virtual team meetings as we look to put plans in place for the future. We have set work daily, posted it on the class webpages for pupils to download, complete then send back to their teachers, who have always responded. This approach seems to be working well and I have been overwhelmed with all the positive comments.

Pupils have written letters to vulnerable adults in our community, and the school has started to receive replies and this has been the most satisfying aspect of lockdown - knowing that our pupils can think of others and do something to try and support them.

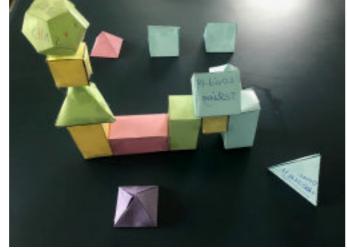
Currently we are preparing for the next phase of welcoming back children in Reception, Year 1 and 6, whilst maintaining our current provision for our pupils of essential workers. Never in a million years did I think I would be preparing for such an occasion when I accepted the invitation to become the headteacher of St John's however, I have never been prouder to serve this community.



Ian Newton Head Teacher







Loosley Row in Lockdown

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another" Charles Dickens.

I think that this has been shown in so many ways, with a plethora of big and small kindnesses, in this new world order where we find ourselves. The NHS, community and home are defining 2020, we have been forced to halt our frenetic lives and take stock; resulting, in the main, in a cleaner and a more gentle world.

I was approached by Diana Reder in early March, she thought that since the government was about to ask all over 70s to self isolate, because of the Covid19 pandemic, we needed to come up with a suitable Loosley Row style response. There ensued a flurry of whatsapps and a hastily scheduled meeting in my kitchen, for the next morning. The response was heartwarming and overwhelming; by the end of that Monday we had a flier designed, street reps and volunteers designated and a master plan of how to help those vulnerable, self isolating, sick and elderly within our community. We have a few key aims, we want to provide human contact - albeit at an acceptable distance - for those who are on their own, help with picking up shopping, prescriptions and other urgent supplies, or simply posting a letter. Our village has done this and so much more. We have worked in conjunction with Lacev Green and Eileen Rowlands to pool resources, share ideas and build community links.



Helpful initiatives have popped up all over the place, whether it is how to recognise key birthdays in lockdown, offering ready made meals to those who need such support, to sharing eggs or excess fruit, and vegetables left out for you to help yourself as you pass on your daily exercise. Some of us have even turned into testers for a local scented candle business.

One of the most successful of all of these initiatives has been Kate Collet-Fenson's 'for the love of scrubs' sewing and knitting group providing headbands, scrubs, woolly baby hats and so much more to our local, and not so local, care homes and hospitals. I know Kate is writing her own account of this adventure but

I wanted to acknowledge here what an amazing and generous contribution she and her family have made to our society in these strange times.

Thanks to the hard work of Graham Roberts and Kay Pallister we have also been included in the Risborough Baskets scheme. Our residents can place orders from the shops in Princes Risborough on a Tuesday and Friday, to be delivered by Rafe and myself to your houses in Loosley Row. Kay and Graham are in charge of the Lacey Green deliveries. Rafe and I have been kept very busy, as the idea has been impressively embraced by our village!

Louisa Spearing

Council Fund

There has been a Corona virus Crisis Fund set up by Buckinghamshire Council initially to the value of £250,000 to allow Councillors to support local voluntary and Community Groups. This was further boosted by £50,000 at the end of April by the Rothschild Foundation.

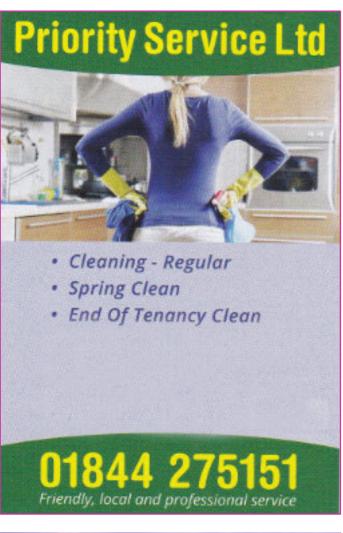
Registered, not for profit organisations and charities (not individuals) can apply for a grant of up to £2000. If you wish to apply for a grant, please get in touch with me. (Cllr Martin Tett)

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Coronavirus Action Group

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It can be challenging to be in lockdown, and whether you live alone or with others, sometimes it is good to chat to someone fresh. We have a small friendly

team of telephone befrienders who are ready to chat about anything and everything so please do reach out and let us know if you would like a call.

The village shop still has some stock that it would like to sell. Kay is happy to send you a list of items available and deliver them to your door. Please email her: kaypallister@hotmail.com

Thanks to the persuasive powers of two of our volunteers we now have the Risborough Basket delivering to us on Tuesdays and Fridays. Orders placed between 10am – 2pm on the day of delivery arrive at one of two hubs in Lacey Green at 3pm for onward dispatch to

your doorstep. Response has been very good, particularly for the fruit and veg deliveries. This service is open to all residents of Lacey Green and Loosley Row and we are encouraging all to use it and support our local town and independent shopkeepers. Full ordering details are on the website www.risboroughbasket.co.uk

If you do not have access to the internet we do have some printed information sheets with the telephone ordering details on. Please give me a call if you would like one.

Eileen Rowlands 01844 275490

The Black Horse

One minute you are a busy village pub serving meals and drinks to a great village of very special people. Then overnight everything stops. You get that phone call from your brewery saying they are shutting down your beer lines and you have to close. This was a time when you wished you owned the pub so you could continue serving the beer in the cellar, not waiting for it to be taken away to be destroyed. It is still in my cellar waiting for it to be collected.

We started doing some take aways which we wanted to do but then got the letters from the government saying we had to be in our homes for the 12 weeks due to medical issues. So that had to stop, which really upset me, to think I could not do anything. But health is a really important issue here as many of you know and understand.

So everyday we come to the pub between 10 and 3 to make sure lan is good and not on his own all day and we all sit down together at lunch time to eat.

We have kept fairly busy with doing all the benches in the garden, cleaned the kitchen top to bottom and painted inside the pub where needed. What is funny though is when we are sitting in the front of the pub eating our lunch. Cars go past and some stop and take a photo and even a man on his bike came in and took pictures of the cars in the car park. I think they think I am open and working illegally, they don't know me that's for sure.

I am not sure when we will open again and how long you can stay running a pub with no funds coming in but bills going out, but we will see what happens.

I want to say a big thank you to some people who helped me and Ian and Tony through all this. Tina and Kath you have been amazing doing my shopping and going to the chemist for me I am truly grateful. Karen and Derek and family also for doing shopping, when ever you go you ring me and make sure we are all okay all the time. Bernie and Tom for getting my papers every day,lan would go loopy without his Telegraph crossword; also to Pam for being a great friend and just a phone call away. Lisa and lan for being great neighbours, and anybody else I have missed as there has been so many of you concerned about lan and the Black Horse, true friends. Also it is the first time in history of the Black Horse that I have had to ask people to buy Guinness to keep lan happy.

We had a great VE day down at Roundlands and Eastlands. Everybody enjoyed it, sat out side on the green with drinks and food. Thank you Emma and Harry for the cream scones and jam they were amazing, and Jill for organising it. I got so burnt even though I thought I was under the trees in the shade. I hope by the next Hallmark we are slowing getting back to normal life in the village of Lacey Green. Stay safe and well everybody, I cant wait to see you all again in The Black Horse.

Lynne

Betty Bow Wow



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Friday 8 May - VE Day



We celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE day in Loosley Row. We had a great day with an 'on your own drive' VE day celebration. There was a competition for the best dressed drive and the winners were judged by Ginnie and Roger Brudenell, who were there, but very young, 75 years ago!



The village responded as always, with very creative ideas, including 'landgirls', a war horse and a 'Chad' (a wartime cartoon character created by a British cartoonist in the late 1930s -Chad woz here!). There were scones a-plenty and lots of wine and song.



Congratulations to all three winners, with their photos shown above.

Thanks to Lindsay for sending in the 3 photos below taken at the party in Woodfield.











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Roger Walker was elected as Chairman. Thank you to David Cliff for his leadership over the past three years.

Peter Clee and Liz Lewin have remained as Treasurer and Secretary.

No one could have imagined how a tiny virus from China could have affected the plans of the Happy Wanderers Walking Group. Next year we still hope to mark our 30th Anniversary with a celebration walk and later in the year a visit to some beautiful part of our English countryside for a long weekend.

So, please don't hide your walking boots away but polish



them up ready for our next walk, a pub lunch and especially a catch up with our friends of many years. In the meantime, keep well and keep walking!

Liz Lewin

Lacey Green Players

Players are still here despite the lockdown, and on a positive note it has given us time to plan for the future. Every cloud has a silver lining! We hope you have coped with the lockdown due to Covid19 and are all well.

We are delighted to let you know that LGP have a play all ready to rehearse the moment lockdown is eased and we can get together again as a group. The play is "The Ghost Train" by Arnold Ridley, who played Godfrey in Dad's Army. This play was written in and is set in the 1920's. It has been made into film several times over the last century and was one of his most successful scripts. It is a thriller and, as for our last year's performance of "The Ladykillers", steam trains are a large feature of the plot. Who doesn't love a steam train and it provides anyone interested in joining the sound and lighting specialists with a great opportunity to learn skills which will hopefully be useful in the 'new' world.

Our director and a full production team are in place and we were about to audition when Covid19 struck. As soon

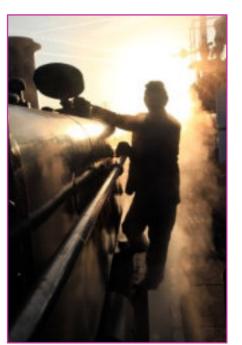
To reassure you all, Lacey Green as we can safely rehearse, LGP will swing into action once more. Performance dates will be announced as soon as it is safe for audiences to gather again; look out for the information on our website, Facebook page and posters around Lacev Green and Princes Risborough.

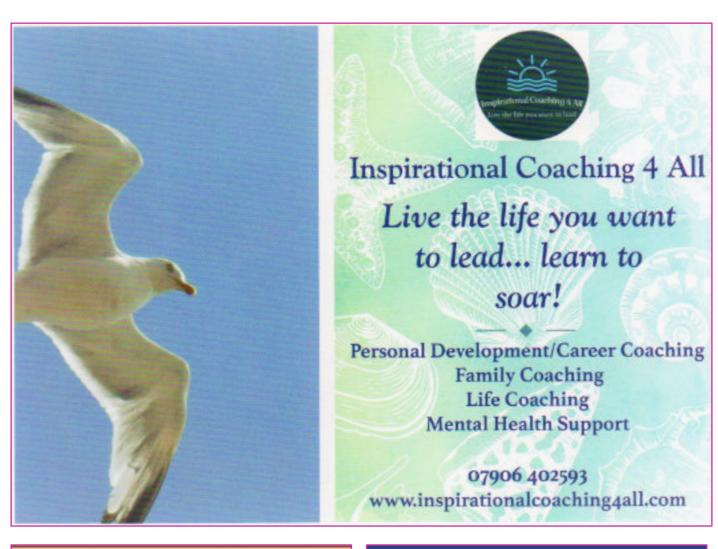
> We would like to once again thank everyone who has supported us over the years and we hope you will continue to do so once our artistic talents are able to shine through again. Our performances will continue to raise money for charity which has been very successful in the past due to your support.

As ever if you know of anyone who is keen to join a 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@lacevgreenplayers.co.uk.

Jane Hervé











Gardening in an age of lockdown tales from a horticultural society

Those of us lucky enough to have gardens and allotments have been blessed with green spaces of our own, earth to dig and seeds to plant and grow on. All of these are known to have therapeutic qualities and we have certainly needed them since lockdown began. This, together with the fantastic weather have helped to ease the plight of many of us restricted to home due to Covid 19.

The society runs a seed ordering scheme with one of the major suppliers in which we have a reduction of costs up to 50%. The seeds are ordered in September/early October. Those of us who took advantage of this thank our lucky stars, as seeds are now difficult to get hold of. Garden centres are closed and the major seed companies have been struggling to meet demand, with web sites often down for several days while they catch up and while they adjust to new working conditions and social distancing.

Like many of us, the society's committee have learned to use new social media and are

holding meetings twice a month using Zoom so that we can monitor and develop our plans whilst in lockdown. The Spring Show was the first to go! Then the AGM was cancelled and the plant sale followed. We are however hoping (at the time of writing) to run a virtual plant sale for members who have spare plants to deliver to members who would like plants.

You will see on pages 36 and 37 that we hope to run the show in September, but obviously, we will have to be guided by government decisions and we may have to change this or reduce the number of classes. We will keep members informed by email and put updates on the village website. You could get a head start and try out the recipes while we are housebound!

Meanwhile, there is plenty to be doing in the garden. The weather meant that I had to water the veg plot in April! An unheard-of necessity, but gardening on a chalk slope means that drainage is rapid!

The garden has been

so floriferous and wonderfully perfumed. We need to take time to look at growing things in close detail to really get the most out of our green spaces and to marvel at the beauty of each species we grow. Flowers, plants, bees and butterflies have been providing mv main entertainment in lockdown. I've had roses in April and a continuous show of blossom



on my various fruits since lockdown began.

It's not too late to get planting for food if you haven't already done so. All kinds of beans and peas can be sown now (June) as can spinach, swiss chard and salad crops. Even if you only have a small space you can grow in buckets and bags (provide adequate drainage) and hopefully garden centres will be open again for essential supplies.

Many retailers are running a delivery service, so it's worth looking and asking around if there is anything you need. If you are gardening for the first time and need help, do get in touch with one of the committee who are always happy to help (at a distance if necessary). Until the next meeting keep safe and keep gardening!



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Obituary for Andrew Clark

My friend Andrew Clark, who died of leukaemia on 23rd April 2020 aged 77 was, in his own words, "a small boy grafted onto a privileged family tree".

He was the third of six children adopted by Zettie, nee Halliday, a trained nurse, and Arnold Clark, wealthy glass merchant and pillar of the Baptist church.

He grew up in Great Missenden in a strongly religious household. Educated at Leighton Park School, Birmingham University and Manchester University, he became a prominent Quaker and passionate pacifist in adult life

Andrew's faith, constantly evolving, was the mainspring of his actions. He was aware of his privileged position, and by his teens he had decided to devote his life to others less fortunate. Adventurous, hungry for foreign travel, heedless of his personal comfort or safety, he was naturally attracted to relief work in a war zone.

His practical intelligence, allied to his great warmth and humanity, made him an outstanding aid worker, setting up relief and rehabilitation services for the Quakers, first in Biafra at the time of the Nigerian civil war and then in newly independent Bangladesh.

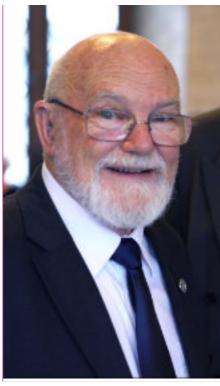
Back in England for a brief respite, Andrew's father, worried about his safety, said: "I don't mind what you do next as long as you don't go to Vietnam." A fortnight later the Overseas Director of Oxfam invited him to work with the Buddhists there. He couldn't resist the challenge.

There was a fitting reward. Working with and learning from the Buddhists was the best job he ever had, he later said. And in Vietnam he met the perfect partner, Ann Noel, who was working as a volunteer nurse. Two years later, in May 1975 they were married in a Quaker ceremony in Amersham. Honeymoon? A small hotel and a diet of goat stew in Kebri Dehar. Oxfam had sent them both to the Ogaden area of Ethiopia during a famine.

The consternation of relatives was compounded a year later when the young couple, plus 10-week old Joel, set off for India to create the Oxfam West Orissa programme with respected development worker A.V.Swamy.

Finding solutions to rural poverty became one of Andrew's defining skills, deepened by post-graduate study of agricultural engineering at Cranfield, and honed by years in the field. Andrew conducted a review of Oxfam's work across India, and then worked and lived happily with his family (completed by the new-born Zettie) among the locals in Damoh, Central India.

He returned home, now nearly 40, because he had been asked to become the General Secretary of Quaker Peace and Service. He moved into Chipko at Parslow's Hillock, a house spectacularly located on the Chiltern escarpment that he designed to be sustainably powered by wood logged from his land. Andrew's need for physical activity and danger would in future be satisfied by a chainsaw, a quad bike and a wood-burning stove.



For seventeen years Andrew ran Quaker Peace and Service. For another five he led the International Association for Religious Freedom. On retirement he became chairman of Anti-Slavery International, for which he was a tireless fundraiser. He was one of the great and good in his chosen field.

Andrew's love of Chipko was shared by his children, and the last years of his life were lived in an extended family, who all survive him. He spent his last months surrounded by them, writing his memoirs. It was a fitting end to the life of a truly good man.

Submitted to the Guardian 'Other Lives' section, by Bill Robinson.



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Windmill WI

Our first meeting of the year was in February. Virginia Deradour, who is a Director of Wren Davis Ltd., was our speaker. Virginia lives on a small organic mixed farm of 148 hectares run by the Davis family in Prestwood. Virginia was an excellent speaker and we will try to arrange a visit to Collings Hanger Farm in Prestwood.

At the end of the month, ten of us visited Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital in Haddenham. We had a lovely time with a short talk on the history and workings of the hospital. We saw a rather sleepy hedgehog, after which we watched some slides showing the work of the hospital. We had a look around the museum full of hedgehog memorabilia, before leaving for an excellent lunch at Bradmoor Farm.

Our March speaker was Hugh Granger whose talk was entitled 'I'm Not Really Old, It's Those Tablets' a very light-hearted and amusing insight into the ageing process!

Unfortunately this was our last meeting before 'The Lockdown'. Our 'Love Chocolate Evening', our Resolutions and Quiz meetings were cancelled. Also our Jumble Sale, the Group Meeting at Downley, theatre to see 'Buttons', the Quiz Night for the Village Hall, the list is endless.

However whilst being on lockdown our knitting group have been busy making baby blankets and jumpers, cannula gloves for babies, Twiddlemuffs and hats for the homeless. Won't it be great when we can get together, knit and have a cup of tea.

We have managed to keep in touch with each other with phone calls and emails. However my land line did go down for 13 days. Further isolation! The problem was a broken cable in the main road. Open Reach had to request permission from the council to put up traffic lights in the main road and Ash Close. The engineer could then go down the hole and mend the cable. Phone back on thank goodness.



The clapping on Thursday nights has been the highlight of the week when days drift into one another. Our WI couldn't celebrate the anniversary of VE Day together, but members from Princes Risborough, Lacey Green and Walters Ash did celebrate. Our celebration in Walters Ash was held on the island (social awareness was kept), we had flags and bunting, cake and champagne. We kept 2 metres from each other but still had a lovely afternoon chatting and laughing.

We don't know what is ahead of us and what the new normal will be, but we do know we will meet again, hug each other, laugh and chat and enjoy others' company.

Ann Bartlett

Still fundraising through recycling

The recycling scheme to fundraise for St John's School in Lacey Green has gone from strength to strength and we have raised over £1,000 for the school from other people's waste, even during lockdown!

For Lacey Green residents the best place to recycle is the wheelie bin that is located to the right of the Village Hall (and is currently the only collection point operating during lockdown!). This has proved to be one of the most used recycling points so huge thanks to all who use it and special thanks to the Village Hall committee who have allowed me to use the space!

We recycle 14 different streams of waste these are sorted by hand into the different categories. When I have boxes weighing over 5kg these are sent to Terracycle who transform them into new items such as plant pots, garden benches, and children's play equipment. Companies such as Walker's sponsor the schemes and pay for the shipping from here to Terracycle

Jo Sharp

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Sewing with a purpose



Early on in April having wound down our business, closed our doors to our clients, furloughed the team and recognized that my home-schooling support efforts were not particularly useful, helpful or very gratefully received; I watched the news unfurl before me.

I was struck by the uncomfortable feeling of wanting and needing to be useful. I was almost painfully aware of the contrasts of experience. From an almost idyllic feeling of a delicious never-ending bank holiday to the horrific war-like images being played out just down the road at our care homes, hospitals and even our supermarkets.

It was in the early hours of the morning, my troubled mind not allowing me to sleep, I happened upon a Facebook post on the community group from the Rycote Surgery in Thame – can anyone help - we desperately need scrubs?



Despite having never sewn in my life but with a mother and daughter who had recently rediscovered the sewing machine, I was pretty confident that we could find a few friends and furloughed work colleagues who could take on this challenge.

As I started to look for patterns, fabrics and ideas I happened upon this amazing national movement - For the Love of Scrubs. The movement was started on the 23rd March by a nurse Ashleigh Linsdell after she identified early on in the pandemic, a shortage of scrubs for the NHS and others dealing with frontline services. The movement is now made up of sub-groups up and down the country with 55,000 sewers and over £50,000 raised producing thousands of scrubs, scrub bags and hats to the frontline throughout the whole of the UK.

I put a 'shout out' to our Loosley Row and Lacey Green Covid Community Whatsapp group. Before I knew it, our wonderful village communities in and around Loosley Row had pulled together.

We formed our very own sub group as part of the For the Love of Scrubs movement, sewing and producing medical scrubs and accessories for our local hospital, carers and GP practices. I launched a 'just-giving' account with a modest goal of raising £200 for the materials required to make our first batch of scrubs.

Starting on the 7th April our donations to date have exceeded £1,500. The Loosely Row and Friends Sewing Group has grown each day and now has 60 members who have been busily sewing scrubs, headbands, caps and wash bags for our NHS workers and carers throughout the Chilterns and beyond! These supplement the

PPE that staff have to wear and help to make life on the frontline a little more comfortable.

Our packages include a 'thank you note' with our special logo designed by talented Loosley Rowers Sally Fisher and Karen Galvin; a beautiful ceramic 'thank you' keepsake, made by Vicki from Pot-Tastic in Princes Risborough and cute iced cookies from Alpa, who normally would be busy making wedding cakes.

So far, we have delivered over 600 bags, 600 headbands and over 70 pairs of scrubs. Recipients have included the following:

- Volunteer GP Covid-19 hub, Berkhamsted
- Nursing staff at Wycombe General
- GP practice, Thame
- Maternity unit at the John Radcliffe
- Stoke Mandeville hospital
- Heritage Care Homes
- Fremantle Trust Care Homes including our local care homes in Princes Risborough
- East London Hospital Trust
- Wexham Park Hospital Mortuary Department
- Mandeville Grange Care

We know these make a big difference to the staff and we have some incredibly heartfelt 'thank you' messages and photos which spur us on.

Although the production of these important items is what drives us, the most marvellous bi-product is the wonderful group of friends we have made – despite not actually necessarily having met. Our Whatsapp group is full of tips, tricks, jokes, photos, love and pride with an incredibly strong desire to one day have a celebration party to remember this most incredible time.

Our group has expanded beyond Loosley Row and Lacey Green with members in West Wycombe, Chinnor, Risborough, Aylesbury, Woburn Green, Beaconsfield and beyond. We are so grateful for all the tremendous support in the form of donations, fabric, messages, offers of help to deliver and collect and distribute including the printing of patterns by building services consultants - EEP in West Wycombe – an incredibly useful service.

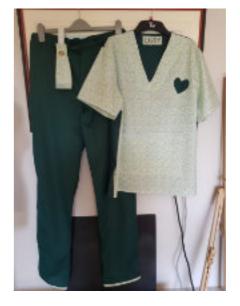
If ever we thought this was just a bit of a vanity project to make us all feel a bit more useful, the messages, we receive from the recipients tell a different tale......

The tremendous work done by the Loosley Row and Friends sewing group is made possible by the tireless cheerful organisation by Kate, in fund raising, sourcing

fabric and patterns, collecting and delivering materials and finished items, managing the huge WhatsApp group and answering pleas from those who need the scrubs and accessories

Jane Tyrer.







Hi Kate. We just received the package! Wow!! Thank you so so much, and how amazing that it has all been covered by donations. We are so appreciative. The little thank yous are just so kind! Thank you, all packed and ready to send from head office to our hospitals this afternoon.

Oh, wow that's fantastic..... I have just arrived home from work...it looks fantastic!! I will take them to work on Thursday when I am next in. Thank you I am blown away ©

Kate I cannot thank you and your team enough, the parcel was beautiful. The scrubs fit like a dream they are making work tomorrow seem so much more appealing. Everything about the parcel has so much love and though the bag and the biscuit make it very personal and special. I know many Drs and nurses that are usually non uniform wearing will wear your scrubs with pride. Thank you thank you thank you. P.S. the biscuit will be enjoyed at some point tomorrow when tea break happens.

We have fantastic response from our staff, they all are extremely grateful, and looking forward to wear the scrubs!

Thank you so much to you and your team of scrub sewers. I confess I cried when I opened the bag. Not only were there scrubs to fit everyone which was such a relief but so many beautiful extras.



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We started the year well, with the children having chance to do lots of fun learning in the first part of the term. They enjoyed learning about 'Winter', where the setting was turned into an Ice Kingdom while the children learnt about animals from the North and South Pole. Chinese New Year was celebrated in the preschool by making dragons and doing some fantastic dragon dancing!

Dan Smith from the Lacey Green and Loosely Row Tennis club delivered weekly tennis lessons to some of the older children, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Not only walking over to the 'big' tennis courts but having a real-life coach and learning some wonderful new skills. Hopefully some of them will be inspired to take it up as a sport and join the tennis club when they are a bit older!

The children also enjoyed dressing up and sharing their favourite books for World Book day. We had costumes from a wide range of books including a frog and a crayon! (and that was just the staff!) Thank you to all the parents who made the day a great success and making sure the children could take part in the fun.

As the term went on, the children were learning more about germs and did a 'germ experiment' to show how germs are transmitted. This turned out to be a very useful learning activity!

It wasn't long after this that we had to make a few changes at the preschool. Parents could no longer sign the register, everyone was hand sanitizing before entering the building and the children were learning to sing Happy Birthday whilst they washed their hands. The Corona virus meant that we had to close our doors on Friday 23rd March and everyone had to stay at

home. For such young children the change in routine, not seeing their friends and not being able to do what they usually do, is hard for them to understand. The staff were now doing what they could to help the families with activities to carry out at home.

As a result, the children and staff have been sharing their activities with each other online and the children have even had a few Zoom meet ups, so they can see their friends. (Interesting to say the least! Anyone with small children in the family will know that video calling is hard work at the best of times, let alone when there are 10 or more!) The staff have put together videos of songs that the children sing at preschool and the children have really enjoyed seeing videos of their teachers reading their favourite stories. The staff and children have also been putting together their own version of the 'Toilet roll challenge', which the children have really loved doing!

We have been lucky that the weather has been so wonderful and so the children have been doing a lot of gardening and planting. They have also enjoyed lots of walks looking for and collecting leaves for sorting, classifying and using to create masks, crowns and bracelets!

The staff have been keeping in touch with the parents regularly. The Management committee have been meeting online regularly to work through what is best for the preschool financially, which has been extremely difficult. As well as discussing how best to keep the staff and our families safe.

It has been a challenging time for everyone involved and one that we will all remember.





Hopefully we will be able to say goodbye to our children leaving us at the end of the year and starting at big school in September. We look forward to when we can open safely again and welcome our remaining families back!

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

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Parish Council

We hope this finds everyone well and still managing with the lockdown! We are fortunate to live in such a lovely part of the country and enjoyed some lovely sunshine in April, so we were able to see and appreciate the Spring flowers and blossoms in people's gardens on our daily walks.

April 1st saw the new Buckinghamshire Council replace the four District Councils and went virtually unnoticed because of the situation in the country, but it seems to have occurred without a hitch.

You may have noticed the Millennium bus shelter by the Whip has at last been refurbished. Pete Galvin, on behalf of the Council. undertook the task (which was considerable, as it all had to be thoroughly prepared then repainted). We think he has done a great job! It was decided to add a logo of some sort maybe a rainbow, to acknowledge the work of the NHS on behalf of us all during the Covid 9 pandemic. Another milestone in its own way.



Many people across the parish will have been taking advantage of the Risborough Basket delivery scheme run by the Town Council. This initiative was the first of its kind in the country, and has spread far and wide, as the idea was reported in the media.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers who have taken on the task of delivering goods to people in their homes. The wide range of shops and businesses taking part has meant the whole enterprise has been a win-win situation for everyone involved, and quite probably prevented many of them from going out of business and closing down completely! So you have done your part too, and helped to save them!

Another local enterprise has been the formation of the Loosley Row and Friends Sewing group, volunteers who have been extremely busy making scrub sets, caps and laundry bags for members of the medical community far and wide. This has been replicated in Speen and countrywide to provide scrubs and bags, because the laundries which usually deal with this are closed. Staff are having to wash their own kit overnight, hence the need for several sets for each person! Kate Collet-Hanson has produced an article detailing more on page 20. Suffice to say, many local people have made lots more friends and acquaintances as a result of the situation.

During the lockdown, with many fewer vehicles on the local roads, you would have thought the MVAS monitors would have had a break. Nothing of the sort! It seems some people took advantage of the fact, and were seen - and counted, speeding along Main Road, Lacey Green, and elsewhere in the Parish too!

The next set of results will be gathered at the end of the month, when the monitors will again be reassigned to their new places in the rota. So it will be interesting to see the results next time!

The Parish Litter Pick was cancelled of course, but some people have taken it upon themselves, when they go out for their daily walk, to take gloves and plastic bag with them (and a picker if they have one), to collect rubbish on the route! As well as walking, the bending is good for you too! The rubbish bag can then be tied up and left either in or next to a litter bin for collection by Wycombe and Chiltern refuse collectors. Just a suggestion for those who feel they would like to have contributed in some way to the community efforts made by so many at this time it's not too late!

The next meeting of the Parish Council on June 1st will be held via the internet, using a meeting app, so that will be a first for us all! The minutes will appear on the website, in due course as per normal. This first online meeting will accept items for comment or discussion in writing before the meeting date.

Subsequent meetings will hopefully be available to residents to log in to watch as well. There is, of course more detail about various items of interest to residents on the Lacey Green Parish Website.

The Parish Council welcomes comments from residents as always, whether they be bouquets or brickbats, so please let us have your views!

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Buckinghamshire Council



This year 2020 has certainly unfolded in a completely different way to the one that was envisaged back in December of last year.

Wycombe District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council were abolished on 31st March and replaced by a new unitary "Buckinghamshire Council".

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the elections for the new council have been postponed until May 2021. The previous Shadow Authority has become the new Buckinghamshire Council and the existing Members are the current elected Members. With a few councillors stepping down, there are currently 198 Members.

Locally within the Ridgeway West Division, which covers Lacey Green, Loosely Row, Speen, Radnage, Bradenham, Stokenchurch, Saunderton, Bledlow Ridge, Bledlow and Walters Ash, there are currently 4 Buckinghamshire Councillors representing you until May 2021.

These are:

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Myself (former District Councillor for Bledlow and Bradenham and former County Councillor for Ridgeway West Division)

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There are 16 Community Hubs which have been set up for localism and for this area, the hub is the North West Chilterns Community Board.

I reported earlier that with the transition across to the new council, residents would not see any difference in the services provided. However with the covid 19 pandemic and with some council staff having to self isolate, the kitchen waste and garden waste collections were suspended as well as the closure of the Household Recycling Centres. I am pleased to announce when writing this, that the garden waste collections have now restarted and 5 of the Recycling Centres have re-opened.

As you may well be aware the Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre was closed by Bucks County Council on 31st March even with huge opposition to the closure (4,500 signatures on a petition). I set up together with the former County Councillor colleague for the Risboroughs Bill Bendyshe-

Brown, a Community Interest Company to look to re-open this facility. With the support of 12 local Parish and Town Councils and with a crowd funding campaign, we applied for planning permission to be granted back in January 2020. This was to have been determined by the Planning Committee on 23rd March, but with the lockdown, this has now been postponed. We remain hopeful that this will be heard on 11th June either remotely or in session at the Council. A company has been selected to run the day to day operation under contract to the Community Interest Company.

In the unprecedented times, it is very encouraging that local communities are coming together in supporting the vulnerable and less fortunate in our society.

If you have any matters or concerns relating to Buckinghamshire Council such as Roads, Adult Social Care, Children services, Education, Planning, Waste & Recycling and Libraries for example that you need some assistance with, please don't hesitate to either email me

carl.etholen@buckinghamshire.g ov.uk or by telephone 01494 564771 or any other of my Councillor colleagues.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe!

Carl Etholen



On the Farm

During the lockdown we have been really busy. It is a busy time of year. With all our cattle and crops things have to carry on. Luckily everyone on our staff has remained healthy. Dick our calf rearer has decided not to come to the farm. Being a fair age it seemed a wise precaution.

Our milk cooperative ARLA has been able to continue to pick up our milk, and deliveries have arrived, albeit often taking longer than usual. ARLA has been paying a fair price for our milk, with a small reduction at the beginning of May. This shows the benefit of having a large customer base. You may have seen in the media farmers throwing milk away, this was mainly Freshway suppliers. Their company concentrated on supplying the food service and restaurant trade including motorway service stations. They lost over 50% of their business overnight and it obviously takes a while to find new homes. The spot market price for milk (milk that is surplus for the buvers requirements) collapsed to around 5p/litre, it has now rallied to 20p/litre.

During the lockdown we have seen more people than ever walking around the farm, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do. We have over 9 km of footpaths on the farm passing through or beside nearly every field, please try to follow them. This winter we have changed several old stiles for pedestrian gates, please try to leave them shut after using them (also bear in mind that, like a shopping trolley at the supermarket, numerous other people will have also touched the stiles and gates). Since turning the cattle out we have already had a group of calves chased by a dog, breaking through a fence, so please look ahead and see what stock are in fields when you are out walking.

I wrote in the last edition about how wet it was. Dare I say it... we are beginning to need some rain! We have had an excellent spell of weather, which has enabled us to get up to date with our field work. We have cleaned out our sheds and spread the manure and spread a lot of slurry onto the maize ground. We planted the maize in mid April which is early for us, this is now 2 inches tall. It did not appreciate the frosts we have had in the second week of May but I think it has just been checked and will grow on with warmer weather. We took a small silage cut in early April and our first main cut of grass silage at the beginning of May. See photo below.

Towards the end of May we had a whole herd TB test. (TB testing has carried on throughout the lockdown). We were expecting the worst as there has been a herd which has gone down with TB within 3Km of here (they have lost 50 cows) triggering our test; however we went clear. So with a sigh of relief we are clear for the time being. Unless anything changes, our next test will be in 12 months' time.

This spring as part of the farm cluster organisation we have had our hedgerows surveyed. This will help us to see where our hedgerow management is flourishing and tell us how we can improve it where it is not. A brief conversation with the surveyor suggested the hedges



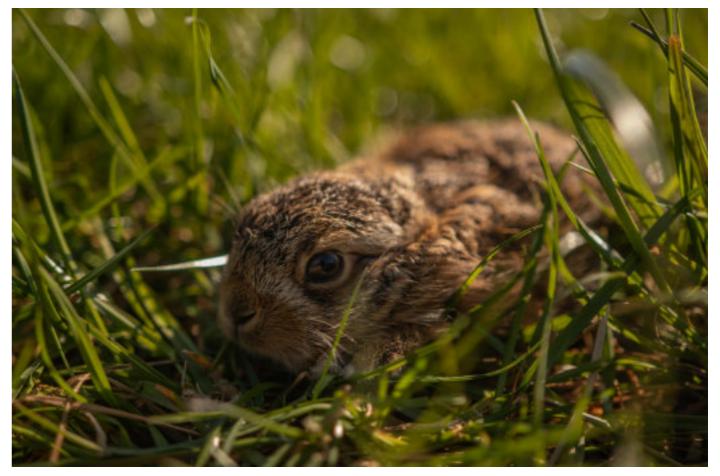
Stone Curlew

were in better condition in our livestock fields compared with ones used purely for cropping, we await the report for full details. At the end of March Rob spotted a Stone Curlew (see above) whilst working in one of our fields. This was exciting as there are less than 20 records of sightings in Bucks since 1950. The photo opposite is a leveret also spotted by Rob in one of our fields. This is a baby hare that during the day stays alone, very still, awaiting its mother to return, trying to avoid the attention of kites and buzzards.

This spring we have also planted a half acre patch of wild flowers that should last several years if they establish. If you walk the footpaths in Naphill you may come across them, hopefully creating a different bit of habitat to see what it brings to the biodiversity of the farm.

Richard West





The waiting leveret

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Sir George Stephen

Loosley House, Loosley Row, from c.1829 to 1849

George, the youngest son of James and Anne Stephen was born in 1794 at St Kitts, West Indies where James held a Government appointment. George went on a three year course at Magdalene College, Cambridge with the intention of becoming a physician, but after studying law decided that was the profession he wished to follow. Having served a long apprenticeship with a Mr Freshfield, the Solicitor of The Bank of England, he commenced to practise on his own account.

A campaign formed to help abolish slavery. The Clapham Sect included British politician William Wilberforce and his brother-in-law James Stephen whom, after his first wife Anne died, had married William's sister. Later, James' son George also became deeply involved with the cause and was one of the leading campaigners, which eventually led to the prohibition of slavery.

On 17th March 1821 in Kensington, George Stephen married Henrietta Ravenscroft. About 1829 the Stephen family moved to Loosley Row and named the property 'Collins' (now Loosley House) after a farm in Hampstead. In 1833, Henrietta Stephen returned to the St John's Wood area in London where a daughter, Mary Anne was born. Two more children were born at Loosley Row: Selina Hastings Robe, born 24 August 1835 and baptised at St John's Church, Lacey Green on 13th October and Hastings Fitzgerald Murphy, born 25 March 1837, baptised 12 August. Entries in the Register of Baptisms for both record: daughter/son of George and Henrietta Stephen of 'Collins', Loosley Row, Solicitor.

In April 1837 George Stephen was knighted for his work as a leading campaigner for the abolition of the slave trade. It is understood that he was the first to be so honoured after Queen Victoria's accession to the throne.

Sir George Stephen was a prolific author and in addition to an autobiography written for his children, he had anonymously published 'Adventures of an Attorney in Search of a Practice'. Also, 'The Jesuit at Cambridge' and 'The Adventures of a Gentleman in Search of a Horse'. Additionally, he wrote several books on law and in 1854 published anti-slavery recollections in a series of letters exchanged with Harriet Beecher Stowe, authoress of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'.

He also took a great interest in the founding of the British School, Princes Risborough. In a letter written in 1913 by a former pupil, George Loosley of Princes Risborough and published in 'The South Bucks Free Press' he recalled his memories: Sir George was very much involved with, and took a great interest in, the founding of the school and had laid the cornerstones, together with Lord Nugent, former M.P. for Aylesbury. He also presented 24 bibles to the school, one of which I own and value greatly. The schoolboys later presented Sir George Stephen with an elegant silvermounted snuff box. I was there at the presentation, which was made at 'Collins', Loosley Row, where we boys were entertained, an event fixed in my memory by the Cook providing us with bread and treacle which got rather dry...

Sir George Stephen had decided to become a barrister and was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn, London in 1849, the year when the Stephen family's occupation of 'Collins' (Loosley House) came to an end. The 1851 census returns record him and daughter Sibella at Tranmere, District of St Catherine, suburb of Birkenhead (then in Cheshire). His occupation was shown as 'Knight & Practising Barrister'. In the same census, his wife, sons James Wilberforce, William Ravenscroft and daughter Mary, were temporarily residing at 21 Guildford Street, Marylebone for the wedding of James, recorded as a Chancery Barrister. His brother William was employed at the Colonial Office. The census was taken on 2nd April and three days later, James' marriage to Katharine Rose Vernon took place at the Savoy Chapel of the Parish of St Marv.

A year later, William Ravenscroft Stephen went to Australia on a government mission. He travelled on the first Australian voyage of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's ship, the 'S.S Great Britain' which embarked from Liverpool. The journey took over 60 days and the ship docked at Melbourne on 12th November 1852. William later became Head of the Treasury when the Victoria Government was formed.

In 1855 he persuaded his parents and siblings to join him in Melbourne, Victoria. They travelled on the 'Oliver Lang' arriving on 31st July. Sir George Stephen did well in Victoria. In 1866 he acted as Commissioner of Insolvent Estates at Geelong and in 1871 became a member of The Queen's Counsel. He passed away at his home in Glen Eira Road, Caulfield, Victoria on 20th June 1879 at the age of 86.

Rita Probert History Group



Judging by the number of selfadministered haircuts visible on Zoom calls, barbers have nothing to fear about their longterm prospects. The same I hope is true for tennis clubs as people become more community orientated and focus increasingly on their health and fitness. Trends which have been in place for many years, have in the space of 1 month accelerated by some 5 years, such as the proverbial working from home. In time, I can see more demand for tennis sessions during the normally quiet working day.

Like everyone else we have been severely impacted by the lockdown. Our last session was men's night on Monday 23rd March. Obviously plans for social nights were scrapped, such as our annual gin & fizz night which was due to be held at the end of March.

The winter leagues in which we participate had not completed by lockdown and we are waiting

to hear what will happen. We are hopeful of promotion in the men's league as we were top and in the mixed and ladies' teams, we were mid-table. The summer league is on hold and realistically I don't expect it will start this year.

On a positive note, we are very fortunate being one of only a few sports that have been allowed to open back up. Members can play tennis with their immediate family and play singles with other members. There are strict rules within this such as not handling other people's tennis balls, but at least after 7 weeks we are back on court!

Our coach Dan is also allowed to offer private 1-1 lessons and I know he is delighted to be playing again. His lessons are normally 60 minutes, but he is flexible and will consider shorter periods or for example, a lesson could be split between 2 children.

For existing and new members, I am pleased that the committee have decided to offer a 30% discount off membership fees for this year. We are aware of the economic climate that many families unfortunately face and with the current limited play we wanted to reflect this in our fees. For example, parents who just want to play tennis with their children can join for as little as £36 (assuming the children are under 7). Full family membership is just £133 which compares to other clubs in the area which are around £250. Further details can be found on our website.

Hopefully, when you have spent an exhausting morning on Zoom, trying to process facial expressions, tone of voice and body language, an escape to the tennis courts at lunchtime might just be the perfect tonic!

Nigel Glenister

THE CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST —A BRIEF HISTORY

Did you know that five years from now the Church of St. John the Evangelist which serves the Parish of Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen, will be 200 years old?

It was built during the period from May 1823 to May 1825, originally as a Chapel of Ease attached to the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Princes Risborough, and constructed in traditional chiltern flint. The Church was consecrated by the Right Reverend George Pelham, Bishop of Lincoln, at a morning service on 3rd July 1825 in the sixth year of the reign of the then young Queen Victoria.

The preacher was the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Venerable Henry Kay Bonney. There was also an evening service that day at which the preacher was the Reverend Richard London, Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral; and a service at which 19 baptisms took place!

Victorian Anglicans, whether from the Evangelical or Catholic tradition, actively engaged in a campaign to restore the Church of England to the heart of national life. Something like a third of our Church buildings were constructed in the 19th Century and St. John's can therefore be said to have been part of this major national initiative.

The Victorians, and notably the Church, also sought to promote education for the wider population with many church schools being built including St. John's School in Lacey Green, dating from 1842, and Speen School dating back to 1874.

St. John's Church was originally configured as a simple cruciform building consisting only of the present nave and two transepts. Extensive

alterations took place in 1871 when the polygonal chancel was added with its very fine painted ceiling. Two galleries were removed as being considered to be "obstructing the architectural proportions of the church", The pulpit was also added at this time.

In 1993, the floor was renewed with a time capsule being placed underneath; the floor tiles were made in Staffordshire. In 1994, the west gallery was converted into the Upper Room which is used for meetings, social gatherings, and children's activities.

The south transept was first set up in 1927 as what is now the Lady Chapel, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, having previously contained inward facing pews. By 1980 "the chapel and its furnishings had fallen into some disrepair". Since then the Lady Chapel has been completely redecorated and refurnished with chairs made locally in Stokenchurch.

The pipe organ at St. John's is a 1792 example of the work of the well-known 18th Century organ builder Samuel Green, who was also responsible for the 1783 organ in High Wycombe Parish Church, and the 1790 organ in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

In 1944, a bequest was received from a Lacey Green resident, Mrs. Carter of "Gracefields", and this provided the opportunity for major works to the organ which was at the time in poor condition. These works were carried out by Kingsgate Davidson of London. The renovation works to the organ which have recently been proposed involve a degree of restoration of the organ partially to its original Georgian condition.

The original pews were of stained pine with raked backs and one of these pews remains in situ at the back of the church. The present light oak pews were acquired from a school chapel in London.

The pastoral area of the Parish of Lacey Green, Loosely Row & Speen was formed in August 1851, out of part of the Parish of Princes Risborough. St. John's continued to be known as a Parochial Chapel until 1868 when it officially became a Parish Church under the direction of the Bishop of Oxford.

At the same time, the title of the minister-in-charge was changed from Perpetual Curate to Vicar. In 1998 the Risborough Team Ministry came into existence and comprises the Parishes of Princes Risborough, Monks Risborough, and Bledlow; together with St. John's, Lacey Green, Loosley Row & Speen. The Team Ministry exists to promote across the wider benefice the following aims:

- Mutual support
- Collaboration in Christian training and development
- Joint ventures in worship and mission
- Clergy and other ministerial cover.

More detailed information about St. John's Church can be found on our website: www.stjohnschurchlaceygreen.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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Police		Andy Ralph	101	

LOOSLEY ROW & LACEY GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - SHOW SCHEDULE **ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW** AT THE LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL - SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2020

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. any one variety with foliage trimmed to 3" (7.5cm) Class 8 - 3 CARROTS, 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 any one variety Class 14 - 5 CHILLIES 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 calvces 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* -Courgette Polpette Class 31* -Sausage Taleggio Brioche Roll Class 32* -Chocolate Beetroot Cake Class 33* -Poppy Seed Rolls Class 34* -Baklava 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 NOTES ON SHOW SCHEDULE - SATURDAY 5th September 2020

JUDGES:

PROGRAMME: All entries to be staged in the Village Hall from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Judging of exhibits from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Public viewing from 4.00pm to 4.45pm. Cups presented 4.45pm. No exhibits to be removed before 5.00pm. Hall cleared 5.00pm.

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

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

PRIZES: "SPECIAL" rosettes for best entry in each section. Rosettes for 1st and 2nd in each class. A special prize will

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CUPS AWARDED: Details of cups and awards are available to read on the Village website.

DEFINITIONS AND GUIDANCE ON CLASS ENTRIES.

Exhibitors should ensure that when required stalks are left on exhibits. Classes 22 to 27

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.

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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 Courgette Polpette: 2tbs olive oil; 500g courgettes diced; zest of ½ lemon; 1 egg beaten; 2tbs parmesan; 60-70g mozzarella diced; 1tbs chopped parsley; 1 chopped garlic clove; salt and pepper. Preheat oven 200°C/gas 6. Oil a baking tray. Heat oil in large pan and fry courgettes until golden. Cool a little and mix with all other ingredients. Season to taste. Place walnut size balls on baking sheet, cook for approx. 15 mins. Makes about 12, show 6.

Class 31 Sausage Taleggio Brioche Roll 3g fast action yeast; 5g sugar; 200g strong white flour; ½ tsp salt; 35ml warmed milk; 2 eggs beaten plus extra for glaze; 125g unsalted butter cubed at room temperature. Filling: 6 sliced shallots; 200g smoked bacon lardons; 3 sausages no skins; 100g leaf spinach; 50g chopped sun dried tomatoes; 50g breadcrumbs; bunch fresh basil chopped; 100g mature cheddar grated; 100g taleggio sliced. **Method**: Make brioche dough, rise until doubled in size. Filling: fry shallots, add bacon and sausage meat and cook for 10 mins. Blanche spinach and dry – mix into sausage mix with tomatoes, breadcrumbs and herbs then add cheeses. Season. Knead brioche dough and roll to 35cm sq about 1cm thick. Place on non-stick paper and put filling on bottom third. Roll up to encase filling. Place on baking tray, brush with half the egg and put in fridge to prove for 40 mins. Heat oven to 180°C/gas4. When risen brush on rest of egg and bake for 40 mins until golden and crisp. For full instructions go to: https://www.deliciousmagazine.co.uk/recipes/sausage-and-taleggio-brioche-roll/

Class 32 Chocolate Beetroot Cake: 200g cooked beetroot; 150g dark chocolate chopped; 1tbs freshly grated ginger; 125g plain flour; 3 eggs; 11/2 tsp baking powder; pinch salt; 150g caster; 200g unsalted butter at room temperature. Mascarpone Icing: 100g mascarpone cheese; 200g full fat cream cheese; 75g icing sugar sifted; 1 orange. Method: Process beetroot to a puree; heat oven to 180°C/ gas 4. Put chocolate and beetroot into a bowl and melt. Mix it well and add the ginger - cool. Sift flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl. Separate the eggs. Whisk yolks with butter and sugar until pale. Whisk egg whites separately until stiff. Fold yolk mixture into the flour and then fold in the whites. Stir in the beetroot/chocolate mixture. Pour into a greased and floured 18.5cm cake tin and bake for 50 minutes until skewer comes out clean. Stand in tin for 15 mins and then turn out onto a rack to cool. **Icinq**: mix sugar into cream cheese and mascarpone – add a squeeze of orange juice and ice the cake. Grate orange zest over the cake to finish.

Class 33 Poppy Seed Rolls: 450g strong white bread flour; 15g yeast; 280ml warm milk; 15g salt; milk and poppy seeds for topping. Method: cream yeast with 2 tablespoons of tepid water. Put flour in a large bowl and warm. Mix in salt and then yeast and enough milk to make a soft dough. Leave to rise until doubled in size. Prepare a floured baking sheet. Knock down dough and knead for a minute. Divide into 12 balls and place on baking sheet. Cover and rise for 15-20 minutes. Brush tops with milk, sprinkle with poppy seeds. Make two cross cuts on top of each roll. As they open put rolls into a pre-heated oven at 220°C/ Gas 7 for 15 minutes, then lower to 190°C/Gas 5 and leave for another 5-10 minutes. Remove from tray and cool on wire rack. Makes 12 - show 6

Class 34 Baklava: ½ Packet of filo pastry; 150g ground almonds; 50g chopped pistachios; 50g caster; grated rind of 1 orange & ½ lime; 6 green cardamom pods' seeds ground; ¼ tsp cinnamon; 75g unsalted butter melted; Syrup: 100mls water; ½ tbsp lemon juice; 150 g caster; 1tbs rosewater. Method: combine almonds, pistachios, sugar, rinds & spices in a bowl and set aside. Preheat oven to 180°C/gas 4. A dish or tin 15cm square lined with non-stick parchment. Brush base with melted butter and using 1/4 of the sheets of filo layer them into the dish overlapping the sides to hold filling, brushing each layer with melted butter. Add nut mixture and firm in place. Using another 1/4 packet of filo layer on top of filling, buttering each. Overlap sheets from bottom layer. Using sharp knife cut across top layers of pastry to form 12 squares. Bake 25-30 mins until golden. Make syrup: put water, lemon juice and sugar into pan and dissolve sugar then boil rapidly without stirring until you have a thick syrup. Add rosewater and pour the syrup over the baklava when it is still hot. Allow to cool in the tin before cutting through the bottom layers. Makes 12 pieces - show 6.

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We welcome news from all the Village clubs, societies, church and school, stories of local interest and entries for the Village Diary.

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Although Coronavirus Lockdown restrictions are being relaxed in the middle of May, it is certain that "Social Distancing" will continue for a very long time. It would be impossible to adhere to "Social Distancing" inside the windmill, so the decision has been taken to keep the windmill shut for the whole of our normal open season (April to September). This is in the interests of all our volunteers and our potential visitors. Michael G Hardy Windmill Manager The Chiltern Society www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk

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