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## Welcome to the February edition

I'm writing this on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of January, said to be the most depressing day of the year; following on from a terrible year for everyone, especially our village pubs and businesses.

So it is very sad to see on page 9 that Lynne and Ian at the Black Horse have decided to call time on their tenancy and retire. Our best wishes go with them.

I just hope that all three village pubs can survive Covid. If the pessimists are right and the virus stays with us permanently, then we may never again see a packed-out pub where we are all breathing each other's air.

On a much happier note our middle page spread shows the wooden elf houses that have sprung up around the village. I have had many requests from local parents asking me to thank the unknown builder for bringing excitement to their children.

The other lovely thing to see at the moment is the flock of goldfinches swarming around our bird feeders, they are gorgeous. Thanks to Chris Roberts for the stunning image of a goldfinch on the cover.



**Mike Piercy**  
Editor

## Speen Helping Hospices

In the last edition of Hallmark I invited you to visit us at our annual Christmas Market, normally in the Chapel Hall but moved, due to distancing constraints, to a very airy marquee on Speen Playing Field. However within days of Hallmark going to print we had to change our plans again!

Lockdown 2 meant no Christmas Market and we had to have a rethink! Within ten days we had an online SHH Christmas Market Shop up and running and it has been a roaring success, as we sold over £2,000 worth of stock. Adding to this, a group of women from North Dean and Speen - "The Sassy Santas" - did a sponsored fun run around the village and raised £1,500. With the Christmas hamper raffle and door to door carol singing we raised £6,448 before Lockdown 3.

In a challenging year SHH has raised £17,604. With the small cushion we had at the start of the year we can now donate £4,500 to each of the four hospices, Helen House for Children, Rennie Grove Hospice, Florence Nightingale and South Bucks Hospice Care.

We intend to continue the online shop and are currently exploring different ideas for its use. If you have ideas, do please contact me on 07778803260 or [grainnesuter@btconnect.com](mailto:grainnesuter@btconnect.com). The shop link is [www.shh-shop.org](http://www.shh-shop.org)

For our first fundraising event in 2021 we are running a Valentine's Dinner raffle. This is a chance for two lucky couples to win a dinner for two delivered to your home on Valentine's Day. It will include a cocktail, canapes, 3 course meal, chocolates, and champagne.

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The financial challenge the hospices are facing is worsening and the need for fundraising increasing. We would welcome the opportunity to extend our fundraising initiatives to Lacey Green and Loosley Row, please do contact me if you would like to explore this.

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The Village Hall operates as a charity run solely by volunteers, we are very lucky that we sometimes benefit from small grants too. We are financially secure in the short to medium term. We continue to hold a fund that is ring fenced to pay for much needed resurfacing of the car park, and once we are operational again we will be looking to raise the extra money required to complete that task. It's a long road, but we will get there!

Meantime, in addition to managing the running of the Village Hall, the operating committee is also ultimately responsible for publishing Hallmark, your local magazine. This magazine has the benefit of an excellent team, spearheaded by our editor, Mike Piercy. He, the advertising and delivery volunteers work tirelessly to bring us a fabulous magazine and I'm sure you'll agree that the outcome is excellent and goes a long way to bringing our community together.

We hope that we can continue to publish four editions a year, but as with everything that comes at a cost.

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Our advertising income is a great help but it is simply not enough on its own, so we ask all residents to make a small donation each year. For 2020 more than ever we sincerely thank all of you who have dug deep and made a donation, and we hope that we can depend on you to continue to do this so that there is no risk to the continuity of such a worthwhile publication.

For anyone who may have overlooked us, all I say is that your help would be gratefully received and wisely spent on future magazines. We placed donation envelopes in the November edition of Hallmark and we can of course accept direct donations too.

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Overall the Village Hall remains at the heart of our community and let's all hope that it won't be too long before we can see it in regular use again.

So for now, please take care of yourselves, stay fit, keep well and most of all safe, Happy New Year.

**Clive Hodhton  
Village Hall Chair**

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## Jill Baker (Born 1936)

Jill was born on 26th November and grew up in Pinner, Middlesex. She met Chris, her husband to be, at a local Square Dancing Club while he was still at school and Jill was studying for Shorthand and Typing exams.

Jill started her working life as a secretary at Currys head office in Ealing, before moving to The Royal Air Force's Escaping Society in London. Unfortunately, Jill's father died when she was 21 which necessitated Jill having to leave London and move to Felpham near Bognor Regis so she could look after her mother who was unwell. Chris was a regular visitor, travelling down from college each weekend, whatever the weather, on his moped.

Jill and Chris were married on 16th July 1960 and moved to Haslemere in Surrey where Chris took up his first teaching post and Jill worked for ICI. Jill and Chris subsequently moved to Witley in Surrey, where they lived for 38 years, becoming involved in many of the local

organisations and where Jill's love of crafts developed. She became skilled at dressmaking, patchwork, spinning, weaving and lacemaking - she was never happier than when using a needle and thread. Jill often demonstrated these crafts at local fetes and events and was always keen to pass on her knowledge.

In 2000, when Chris retired, Jill moved with Chris to Lacey Green to be near to family. They joined various groups, took on Committee responsibilities and made many friends. They both loved the local countryside and enjoyed many relaxing walks with their dog Dolly. Jill's main interest was her family; she enjoyed the company of her 5 grandchildren and seeing them all grow up.

Jill and Chris were happily married for 60 years and celebrated their Diamond Anniversary in July 2020. Sadly, after 4 ½ years of living with cancer, Jill became unwell and died peacefully at home, with family present, on 11th December.



As a family we have had many sympathy cards from local friends, which have been a great support and for which we thank you. Due to the latest Covid restrictions we had a very small, meaningful cremation service for Jill, led by Rev. Tony Bundock, on 7th January 2021.

**Julie Oldroyd**  
(Jill's daughter)

## New Parish Councillor

Lacey Green Parish Council welcomed the addition of Keith Bowler as a Parish Councillor at the meeting on 11th January 2021.

Keith, who moved into the Community some 3 years ago with his wife, will represent Lacey Green village at the Council, which is now back to its full complement of 7 Councillors.

Cathryn Davies, Chair of the Parish Council stated that: "Keith will bring extensive experience of the voluntary

sector, having been active in the British Legion and Rotary for many years in Buckinghamshire".

Keith commented that: "I am looking forward to making a contribution to the Parish as a Parish Councillor and hopefully add value to its efforts to improve the environment and well-being of all its parishioners".

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We all have tried to do things to help the village in some way; such as takeaways, meals on wheels and shopping when we can. It has been a little bit more difficult for Ian and me due to the illness factor, but we hopefully have done as much as we can. You all know you can pick the phone up and if we can help in anyway we will.

It is a sad thought that this will probably be my last Black Horse entry in the Hallmark due to our leaving The Black Horse before the next edition is due. Our tenancy is up in a couple of months, so that is the time we have decided to leave this lovely pub, my home for the past 26 years and Ian's for the last 22 years, and retire.

But I will still be looking for something to do !!! If anybody has any ideas... I will go mad doing nothing. I will certainly miss all the amazing times I have had here, the amazing friends I have made, my great neighbours, the fun, the very

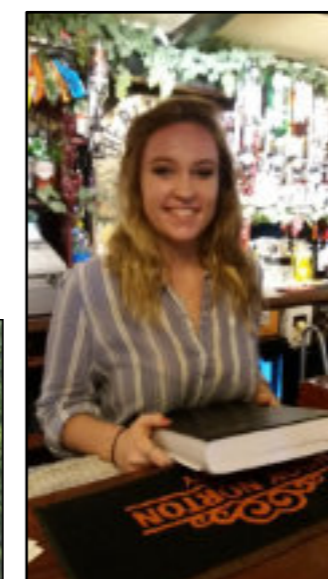


late nights, the staff and of course all of you. I am staying in the village so you can't get rid of me that quickly.

As far as I know we have nobody interested in the pub, but at the moment it is not a good time with Covid about. I am hoping that we will be able to have a leaving do before we go but that all depends on the situation at the time.

All I can say is A MASSIVE BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE SUPPORTED ME ALL THESE YEARS, IT HAS BEEN THE BEST TIME EVER. I WILL NEVER FORGET IT. AND TO MY STAFF, MY LOYAL STAFF, I WILL MISS YOU ALL.

**Lynne and Ian**





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Unfortunately, the impact of the pandemic on the fitness of children has been laid bare in a major report by Sport England which shows that more than half are failing to meet recommended daily activity levels.

This is reflected in all grassroot sports. For our part, since the lockdown in November and the recent one at the end of December, junior coaching has been limited to a couple of weeks prior to the end of term at Christmas.

Once the country is back to some sort of normality, we offer 11 junior sessions each week, tailored for all age groups from 3-17. The mental, physical and social aspects gained from taking part are immense and really help with your child's well-being. The skills learnt last a lifetime, with the sport still having many playing in their 80s.

We took advantage of the closure in November to replace the net on court 1 and have our expanded car park properly made, with hardcore and road planings. The committee is very grateful to Stuart Putnam for the excellent work he carried out which went well beyond our

original specification. We can now fit in 20 cars - perfect for those busy Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

This year, we would like to floodlight court 3 and it was great to have notification on 12th January that we had been granted planning permission. We have applied for a couple of grants, so fingers crossed some of these will be successful.

The improvements to the facilities and the growth in membership, have not gone unnoticed with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). We were pleased to be nationally profiled in their November magazine and the club was highlighted at the recent Bucks LTA AGM to encourage other clubs to invest and grow.

Our coach Dan had an excellent response to our new walking tennis programme which normally runs on Wednesday mornings. We are the first club in Bucks to offer it. It is a slower form of tennis using softer balls where 2 bounces are permitted. The feedback has been excellent with one lady telling Dan: "I've enjoyed it so much; I'm going straight out to buy myself a new racket!"

If you are thinking about taking up tennis this year, we will again be offering some free beginners' coaching for new members on Saturday mornings in the spring.

If you feel a bit shy or daunted by social tennis or club nights, we're friendly and inclusive and will do our best to make you feel quickly at home. One option is to have a "tennis buddy" - someone to ease you through the first couple of weeks. We can easily put you in touch with an existing member who'd be happy to help out.

If any of the above interests you, please have a look at our website which has all the information on membership, coaching, booking courts etc. We also regularly post on Facebook and Instagram so you can see all our latest pictures and news.

I'm an optimist and even though it feels bleak with lockdown and the dark evenings, before long, Covid-19 will be under control, the weather will be better, moods will improve, and tennis will be on the agenda again.

**Nigel Glenister**

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One of the positives of the pandemic has been the friendships that have been made or strengthened by the contacts we have made in the village.; some with those who were strangers before the lockdown. It would be so easy, as we all isolate, to become detached from the wider community.

A resident of the village told me, "It has been a great comfort to know that help is there, even if I haven't needed it. When you

live alone you do worry about how you can manage if it isn't safe to go out".

Members of the Response Team took it upon themselves to make and deliver Christmas goodies to some of our neighbours who were unable to enjoy contact with family and friends. A big thank you to Alpa Boll, most ably assisted by Kiran and Rohan, who delivered mince pie treats with a friendly word and a smile, and thanks also to Kay Bolton for providing a 'tipple' to wash it down, non-alcoholic of course.

We are now, once again, here to help those in our community who will find it difficult to do shopping, pick up prescriptions, get out for vaccines or would just like a friendly chat over the phone with someone.

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The Parish Council wishes all villagers a safe New Year, we hope that you are all following the government guidelines and keeping as safe as is possible.

If any residents have any issues or need help, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to help find a solution.

As a lot of us are working from home and doing very short, if any, car trips through the village, and it has been observed just how many more dog walkers, joggers and cyclists there are, all doing their daily exercise, which has to be commended.

However, there are very few that are visible!

Whilst flattering, black without reflective strips is not the colour to be worn whilst out doing any of your exercise. We live on a hill, we have our own climate up here, and we have FOG.

At present we seem to have lots of roadworks and big puddles, and joggers and dog walkers are having to pass on the road – in blackout outfits!

The equestrians amongst us, have heeded the message and we very rarely see a horse and rider going through the village without the full reflective kit

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P.S. The Risborough Basket is still going strong for those who are not venturing outside. With even more local businesses than ever taking part - order before 2pm for free same day delivery!!

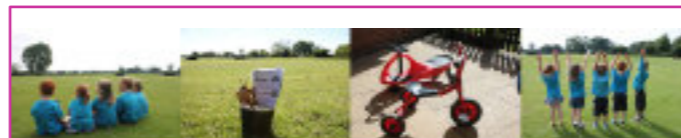
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## Lockdown litter pick in Loosley Row!

I'm sure most of us remember a time when we were able to organise a spring clean of the village, the last one being nearly two years ago!

With the restrictions as they are (at the time of writing) I'm pleased to say that we have a few sturdy residents using their outdoor exercise time to quietly litter pick around Loosley Row.

Equipped with a picker, gloves and sturdy refuse bags we have collected and cleared an amazing amount of litter over the last few weeks.

Sadly, it's not just the odd crisp packet or fast food cups being scooped up. Illegal dumping appears to be on the rise locally, with large plastic containers, piping, a microwave and even a boiler has been found! Some of this clearly cannot go into grey bins and if you find this is the case you can email Cllr Carl Etholen at [Carl.Etholen@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Carl.Etholen@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) who will contact the waste team for you.



An afternoon's endeavour from Woodway and Wardrobes

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If you can take a photo of the offending item to post and its location, so much the better!

We are looking to coordinate with residents in Lacey Green over the next few months to litter pick in the village. Please do let me know if you're interested via [clerk@laceygreen-pc.org](mailto:clerk@laceygreen-pc.org).

**Tim MacGillivray**

Our thanks to the Ashtons, Tim and Sue Halliday, the Morley family, and Gordon and Sue Donkin for their fine efforts.





No 1: Hedgerow



No 2: Hedgerow



No 3: Catie Elf

# Welcome to Elfland

*Congratulations to the creator of the 10 Elf Houses that sprung up across the village over the Christmas period, they are magnificent.*

*Thanks from all the families who had hours of fun seeking out the houses*



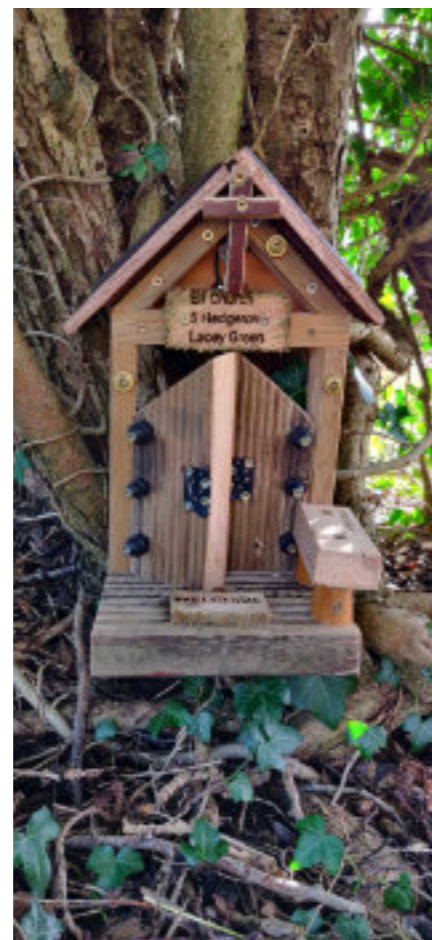
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No 10: King Castle



No 4: Miller Elf



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No 9: Woody Elf



## The Black Horse

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# County Council News



Firstly I wish you all a belated Happy New Year.

The Council officers and members continue to work hard with our partners to ensure that all services that are provided for residents are maintained as much as possible and that all are kept safe.

Weekly briefings inform members of the numbers of Covid -19 case reports in Buckinghamshire, broken down into the former District Council areas and compared to the rest of England and the South East. Afterwards, the presentation slides are sent to members and Parish Councils.

## Vaccination choices

The vaccination programme is ramping up across the country and concerns have been raised locally as to what is happening in our area. The rollout of this is the responsibility of the NHS and not Buckinghamshire Council. Notification to residents will be from the NHS.

There are a number of different ways you could be vaccinated:

- 1 At a local vaccination site run by Buckinghamshire GPs
- 2 At a pharmacy site, organised nationally by the NHS

3 At a national vaccination site, organised nationally by the NHS

4 At a hospital if you're a health or social care worker

5 At a care home where GPs are responsible for delivering the vaccine directly to residents and staff.

## GP-led vaccine sites

GP surgeries across the county have come together to form nine GP-led vaccination sites in Bucks. This means that when it's your turn, you'll be invited for vaccination by your own surgery, but will go to one of these nine sites chosen by your GP to receive it.

The aim is that all residents over the age of 80 will have been offered a vaccination appointment through their GP by the end of January.

There are currently four GP-led sites open in our area - in Aylesbury, Princes Risborough, Chesham and High Wycombe

## Pharmacy-led vaccine sites

By the time you read this there will be 5 active local pharmacy vaccination sites. Patients will have a choice of attending either a GP-led site or a pharmacy-led site if that is more convenient.

There are also national vaccination sites in neighbouring counties. Letters of invitation will be sent from the NHS to people in the current priority cohort. The letter explains that you can book a slot at one of the national sites over the phone or online via the national booking service.

Any residents who have had this letter can choose to book through the national system if

they wish to. If you choose not to have an appointment at a national site, it will not affect your ability to get an appointment at a local site through your GP.

## Community Board

The North West Community Board as reported in the last edition is moving forward well with sub groups that have been created to look at issues such as Adults and Wellbeing, Economic and Regeneration of local village assets such as pubs and village stores, and Transport from speeding to parking issues.

On the back of these initiatives, funding has been made available. One such scheme is to improve the safety of pedestrians and motorists close to St Johns School in Lacey Green which is moving forward. Match funding has been agreed through the North West Chilterns Community Board and it is now with Transport for Buckinghamshire to go through the Statutory consultation and the legalities to change the Traffic Regulatory Order (TRO).

If you have any other 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.gov.uk](mailto:carl.etholen@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or by telephone 01494 564771 or any other of my Councillor colleagues.

Stay safe!

**Carl Etholen**



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## Happy Wanderers

We loved to go a-wandering,  
Along the Chiltern hills.  
Fields and woods were there for us,  
Glorious views and woodland hues were giving us some thrills.  
In sandals, boots and shoes  
We paused for breath, admired the views.  
Looked at the bluebells, the wildlife, the trees,  
In sunshine and showers or winter freeze,  
Exchanging news.  
At last, to the pub for a rest.  
Uphill climbs put us all to the test.  
Some thought that this part was the best!

Then along came Covid  
To keep us inside.  
The rules were quite clear,  
So we tried to abide.  
The wide, open spaces still beckoned a few.  
Some walked locally, just one or two,  
But we missed the companionship,  
As we all do.  
The seasons keep changing,  
While we plan to return  
The vaccine is here so we now wait our turn.  
Stay safe everyone!

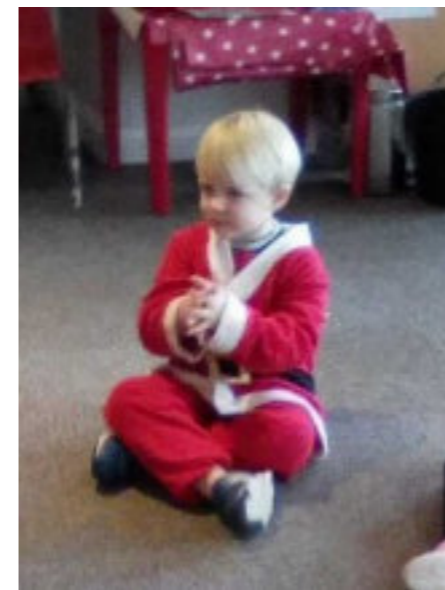
**Helen Cliff**

## Windmill Under 5s Preschool

The second half of the Autumn Term started well albeit with a few restrictions in place. We knew the term was going to be slightly different and that our usual Christmas festivities would not be the same. However, that didn't stop the fun happening at Windmills!

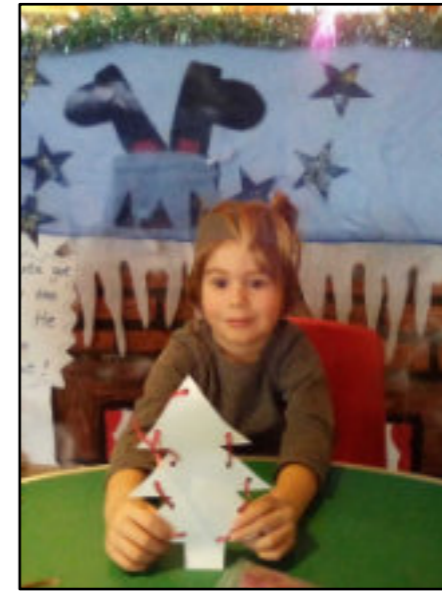
The children have spent lots of time outside making the most of the nice weather and outside equipment, before it became much colder. They also enjoyed watching a local tree surgeon cutting some branches off a neighbouring tree and spent a long while at the window talking about what he was doing.

When the weather turned a little cooler, the children spent a little more time inside building, painting, cooking, creating and practising their Christmas songs.



Unfortunately, we couldn't perform our usual Christmas performance to the parents on the stage in the village hall, but the children and staff still put on a wonderful performance of songs which was recorded and shared with families to watch together in their own homes.

Although it was a different Christmas for us at Windmills, the children still received a gift from Santa (which was delivered by the woodland animals this



year), made cards for their families, made reindeer food and had an end of term Christmas party.

We were excited to begin the Spring Term with a new member of staff, Michelle, who has many years of experience working in preschools and will be a great addition to the Windmills teaching team. We have also been able to increase our opening hours, offering 9am-3pm Monday to Thursday, with our usual 9am-1:30pm on a Friday. We are hoping that this increase to our hours will support more local families and make Windmills the preschool for them!

As I write this, we are now 4 days into our 3rd national lockdown and luckily for the preschool and their families, we have been able to stay open.

Having a routine and playing with friends is so important for under 5s, and we are grateful that we can be there to offer this to our children. The staff, families and children are now so schooled at what to do, that this has been an easy transition for them. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and families for their hard work, understanding and support

during these unprecedented times.

It really does show how much of a fantastic 'Windmills Family' we truly are!

The children have also been involved in searching the village on muddy walks with their parents for the Elf Houses! They have all really enjoyed finding these and would like to say 'Hello' to the Elves who have moved into Lacey Green!



Thank you to whoever has made these wonderfully cute structures for us all to enjoy!

This term we are learning about Winter, animals and birds, keeping warm and healthy, storytelling, Chinese New Year (2021 is the year of the Ox) and Valentine's day.

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)

**Natasha Kann**

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## On the Farm

Happy New Year. Let's hope 2021 is a better year than 2020. It is however starting in a worrisome way. Although there is a pin prick of light at the end of the Covid-19 tunnel, there is still a long way to go. As far as industries go agriculture has been economically less affected than most. Our product is generally food and, unsurprisingly, demand has stayed at similar levels!

The lockdowns have however, created changes in buying patterns. For instance, in the first lockdown, demand for high end beef cuts and steaks dropped and mince went up. This led to the high value cuts being devalued by mincing them. We cannot complain and our heart goes out to anyone involved in the hospitality and entertainment industries who must have had an exceedingly difficult year.

We have been lucky to date that we have had no staff off with Covid-19. Some have had to self-isolate as their relatives have had the virus. Obviously it is potentially a big problem with the cows' welfare to protect.

Brexit has happened. The cooperative we belong to and sell our milk to, Arla, is a European company and has been desperately hoping for a reasonable deal so our products can move without tariffs over our borders. There is undoubtedly more complexity and administration involved now.

Arla ships approximately 150 containers of product per week to the UK. Typically coming across the North Sea from Denmark to Immingham would be Lurpak products, butter, Starbuck products and mozzarella amongst others.

Shipments the other way are more limited but would include cheddar and whey for Arla food ingredients, and tanker loads of cream.

On January 1st we had a price drop of just over 3% mainly due to Brexit costs. Since then the Global Dairy trade auction prices have been moving up, so hopefully we will recover that before long. This is important as the spot market for most of our cattle feeds (our biggest input) are soaring up over 30% in some cases.

We have had quite a few calves now by the bull 'La La' a British Blue. He throws calves with very distinct markings, mainly white with a black muzzle. The photo above shows a batch of them that are just about to be weaned. They are very popular amongst the calf rearsers here! They will be in the fields around Lacey Green next summer so keep an eye out for them!

Once again, we have some supplementary farmland bird feeders out this winter. We did a quick assessment recently to see what was using them; we saw mainly chaffinch, a few yellow hammers and more unusually a marsh tit. We have also recently seen an egret (probably a great one but possibly a cattle one) and a jack snipe which were both good species to see. In February we will be doing a fuller winter bird survey and the GWCT farmland bird count so we will let you know what we find.

**Richard West**



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# St John s Church

Like most others, we have had a very uncertain time since the last issue of Hallmark. Whilst the Church was open, services continued as usual, and in addition we had Zoom services on Sundays at 11:00am as many people felt safer, or needed to shield. The Zoom service still has good numbers and we have seen some new faces, and some people who have returned to Church, during these services.

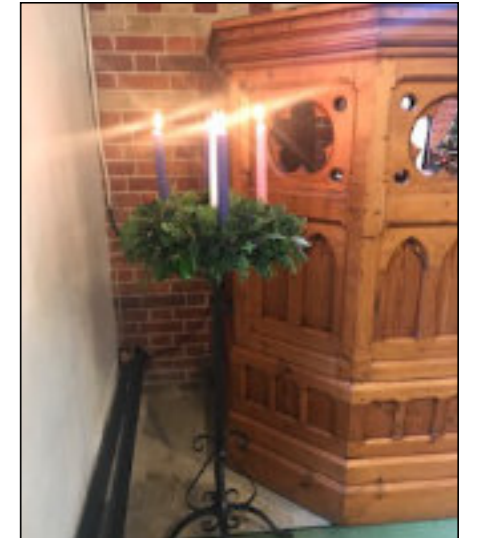
Christmas services were a challenge as the numbers of congregation were limited and the Church had to be sanitised between services. Nevertheless, on Christmas Eve we had a zoomed Crib Service which was led from the Church and other places (two live donkeys included!), a zoomed Carol Service with lessons being read from different homes and all the services included the excellent

singing from the Mole family. The music and singing were fantastic!

On Christmas morning a service was held in the Church and this service was zoomed to those who could not attend.

Now of course, as we are in lock-down once more, we are back to Zoom services only at 10:00am on Sundays and 9:30am on Tuesdays.

The Church is also open for Private Prayer on two days during the week (Tuesday morning from 10:00am to 10:30am and Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 7:30pm). If you would like to join in the Zoom services you can contact Canon Tony or one of the Churchwardens for details. You will be most welcome!



These pictures were taken in the Church at Christmas – not our usual display but the important things were there! Here is hoping that in 2021 life will return to normal.

**Pat Rushmere**



# Windmill WI

We wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Due to Covid we are not having any meetings or activities at the moment. Four of us did walk around the village in December delivering Christmas cards, it was lovely to chat to the few members we did see.

Just before Christmas our member Jill Baker lost her very courageous battle with cancer and passed away peacefully. Jill was a very active member of our W.I. Her sewing skills were beautiful. She will be very much missed by us all.

We are not having our sewing and knitting group at the moment due to Covid restrictions but hopefully we are all knitting at home. I am collecting blankets and angel pockets from members.

Stay well and keep safe until we meet again.

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## Heavenly Bodies

What better way to forget our current planetary problem for a while and gaze up into the night sky? It may be chilly but it's dark nice and early!

Firstly though, you may have seen the so-called 'Great Conjunction' just before Christmas. This was when Saturn and Jupiter appeared the closest together in our skies for almost four centuries. When the clouds parted briefly, I was able to take the image on this page showing the two planets and Jupiter's four main moons. This was using a telescope and specialised camera – to the naked eye, it was difficult to separate the planets as they were so close to each other.



The two giant planets have left our night-time, and our February evening skies are now dominated by the spectacular Orion constellation with a guest appearance by Mars. The Red Planet, which looks like an orange star, is nudging its way towards the 'Seven Sisters' star cluster (The Pleiades). You can see it in the south-west as soon as it gets dark along with a bright star up and left called Aldebaran which is the main star of the constellation of Taurus.

On the 18th February, Mars will be above the crescent Moon,

and the following night the Moon glides in between Mars and Aldebaran – see sky chart below. With the Pleiades in view as well, it should be a magical sight.

No less than three space missions are due to reach Mars this month – from the USA, China and the United Arab Emirates. They include two rovers and a mini helicopter!

By the beginning of March, Mars is getting near the Pleiades and is at its closest on the 3rd. It then moves quickly up and left each night, bisecting Aldebaran and

the Pleiades. Best to view it between 7pm and 8pm before it drifts too low down in the sky. On the 18th, the Moon joins the party helping to form a rectangle with Mars, Aldebaran and the Pleiades. The Moon moves to be next to Mars the following night.

Day and night become equal on the 20th at the Spring Equinox, and the clocks go forward an hour on the 28th as British Summer Time begins. Also on the 28th, the first of four 'supermoons' occurs. This is when the Moon is bigger and brighter than usual. It will be at its biggest and brightest for the year on 26th May.



Look out for Venus in the second half of April, low in the west after sunset. It gets steadily brighter during the following months as the 'Evening Star'. For early risers, Jupiter and Saturn are in our pre-dawn skies from mid-April in the south-east.

Have fun watching our Universe over the next few months. Heavenly Bodies returns in August when, hopefully, our situation on planet Earth will have vastly improved.

**Chris Dignan**

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awards at 3.30pm (depending on Covid regulations – please check website)**

## SCHEDULE

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

**Class no.**

**Description**

**Children's Section – three age groups will be eligible for all classes: 11-16, 7-10 and 6 and under**

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

**Adult Classes – over 16**

10. **3 sticks of Rhubarb** - The sticks should be pulled not cut from the plant and leaves cut off about 7cms from the end of the stalk. Judges look for uniformity, straightness and good colour.
11. **1 specimen bloom daffodil or narcissus** (display cut in a vase – use crushed newspaper to stabilise)
12. **3 Daffodils or narcissi** – any one species as above
13. **1 specimen flower from a bulb** other than daffs or narcissus as above
14. **3 blooms from flowering bulbs** – any one species as above
15. **3 blooms from flowers other than bulbs** – any one species as above
16. **Flowering Shrubs or Trees** - Three sprays – may be one kind or mixed
17. **Floral Art** – on the theme of **4 Seasons** – no larger than 24inches/ 60cm in any direction

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

18. **Cheese and Onion Pasties** – recipe overleaf. Must be covered with cling film. **Makes 6 – show 3.**
19. **Cheesecake** – recipe overleaf. Must be covered with cling film.
20. **A Jar of Fruit Curd** (lemon, lime, orange etc.). Covered with waxed disc and cellophane top or a wax disc and screw top. Contents should fill the jar. See WI guidelines for more information
21. **A Fruit or Plant Based Drink** – may be alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Max size bottle 75cl
22. **A Craft Article:** Any medium (e.g. knit, lace, embroidery, ceramics, woodwork, metal work) – must have been **designed and made** by the entrant. Max space allowed 600x600mm
23. **Artwork:** based on **2020 Silver Linings** no larger than A4. Any medium (e.g. collage, paint, pastel)
24. **An Edible Necklace** – using any kind of edible materials.
25. **A Flowering Pot Plant** – no larger than 1M in any direction. Plants must have been in the exhibitor's care for at least 3 months.

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

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

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

**Banana Bread.** 100g butter; 175g sugar – half muscovado and half caster; 2 eggs; 2 very ripe bananas mashed; 225g self-raising flour; 1 tsp baking powder; 2 tbsp milk; 30g chopped walnuts; 30g sultanas.  
**Method:** Heat oven to 180°C/Gas mark 4. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin with non-stick baking parchment. Put all ingredients into a bowl and mix well. This is best done with an electric mixer, but if this is not available use a wooden spoon and lots of energy! Place mixture in loaf tin and bake for about 50 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tin for ten minutes and then turn onto a wire rack and remove the paper to cool.

**Cheese and Onion Pasties. Filling:** 250g peeled and cubed potato (about 2cm cubes); 50g butter; 2 medium onions finely sliced; 150g mature cheddar cheese coarsely grated; 1tsp English mustard; flaked sea salt and ground black pepper. To make filling cook potatoes and drain – cool. Fry onions gently in the butter until soft and golden, but not brown – turn into a large bowl to cool. Add cool potato cubes, cheese, mustard, salt and pepper. Mix well. **Pastry:** 450g plain flour; 2tsp baking powder; ½ tsp fine sea salt; 125g cold butter; 2 large egg yolks; 50g parmesan cheese finely grated; about 150ml cold water, beaten egg to glaze. **Method:** put flour salt and baking powder in bowl and rub in the butter until it resembles fine bread crumbs. Add the cheese and mix well. Add water gradually until the mixture comes together into a ball. Leave to rest for half an hour in the fridge. **Assemble the pasties:** Divide the pastry into 6 equal pieces and roll out each to a circle about 15cm in diameter. A dish or plate may provide a good template to cut round to ensure they are even in size. Your pastry should be about 5mm thick. Place one sixth of the filling on each round shaping it into an oval across the centre of the circle. Brush the edges with beaten egg and bring up two sides over the oval filling. Press the edges firmly together and using a knife blade gently tap across the seam to seal. Crimp the edges neatly using a finger and thumb. Your seam should run across the top of the pasty. Place on a baking tray lined with non-stick parchment, brush with beaten egg and bake in a hot oven 200°C/Gas 6 for about 25 minutes until the pastry is golden brown. Makes 6 – show 3.

**Cheesecake.** 650g Ricotta or full fat soft cheese; 228g crushed digestive biscuits; 85g butter; 225g caster sugar; 2.5ml vanilla essence; 3 medium eggs beaten; 2tbsp thick double cream; 1tbsp sifted cornflour; pinch of salt. **Method:** Heat oven to 180°C/ gas 4. Melt butter and mix with biscuits retaining 1 tbsp dry to sprinkle over the top. Place mixed biscuit crumbs in the base of a 9inch round loose bottom baking tin and press down well. Beat cheese, sugar, salt, vanilla essence together and then beat in eggs gradually. Add cream and cornflour and mix well. Pour mixture over crumb base and sprinkle remaining dry crumbs over the top of the cheesecake. Bake for 35 mins. Switch off oven and leave cheesecake for another 35 mins. Remove from tin when cold. Cover with cling film.

**Miniature Gardens and Potato Superhero Workshop – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
 St John's School Hall 11.00 – 12.15 - Please check first to see if it's running!**

Places for this workshop are limited, so please let Rachael McComish of the PA know if you would like to attend – (details below).

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

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

If you have any queries before the day please email Rachael: [rachael.mccomish@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.mccomish@gmail.com) / m: 07779164462 or Alison: [a.shreeve1@btinternet.com](mailto:a.shreeve1@btinternet.com)



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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
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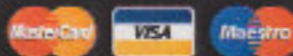
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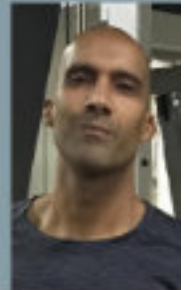


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