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Welcome to the May edition

I'm very happy to tell you that we have now found a new member of our team to take over the management of advertising. Welcome to Fiona (contact details on p35).

Thanks very much to Karen O'Shaughnessy who has been managing the advertising for the past 4 years. It's been a lot of thankless work and you've been great.

Thanks also to Karen Hodghton who has been looking after the Village Hall in its mothballed state for the last year; hopefully it will be back in full swing soon.

Welcome to Sam who became the new landlady at the Black Horse at the end of April. It's great that the pub has remained open and working throughout the change of hands.

Kiln Lane pond

Many of you are aware that the Parish Council have been renovating the pond in Kiln Lane with the help of a group of



residents. In the autumn we cleared the area around the pond and removed three quarters of the sweet reed that had covered the water surface. In the winter some limbs were taken off the large oak tree to increase the light to the pond and reduce the amount of leaves and acorns falling in.

We carefully left quarter of the pond undisturbed because ducks and moorhens sometimes breed there - as do the toads pictured on our front cover. In mid-April the ducks hatched 14 chicks - a massive brood! One of our residents felt that they needed somewhere to live, safe from predators and a magnificent duck house was installed. Happily Mrs Duck liked the hay and food inside and took the ducklings for a tour (see above).

Unfortunately, kites and aggressive moorhens took their toll and one by one the ducklings disappeared despite the bunting put up to protect against kite attacks.

Mike Piercy Editor

Distribution of Hallmark

Dear Readers,

There have been many changes in the village over the last few years, and changes in who is able to distribute Hallmark.

This means we need one or two additional distributers in the Lacey Green area, as a number of stalwarts have taken on extra loads.

Also changes have had the consequence that a number of you have received two copies, and some no doubt, none at all.

Could you please let me know direct if you, or someone you know of, falls into either of these categories, or indeed if you are able to take on a small 'delivery round' in Lacey Green.

As ever I would like to put on record our gratitude to the stalwart deliverers particularly throughout this difficult year.

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Speen Helping Hospices

For our first fundraising event in 2021 we organised a Valentine's Dinner raffle. This was a chance for two lucky couples to win a dinner for two delivered to their home on Valentine's Day. It included a cocktail, canapes, 3 course meal, chocolates, and champagne. The event raised £1,430. This will definitely be in the social calendar for next year.

The second initiative, Afternoon Tea Boxes for March 14th was also a big success, we raised over £1,000, the demand more than reached our expectations.

We would love to see you at our second Jazz in the Park event at Hampden Cricket Ground on the 13th June from 2.00pm.

The Martin Hart Quartet will be playing again, tickets are £15 and can be purchased from me on 07778803260 or by email grainnesuter@btconnect.com

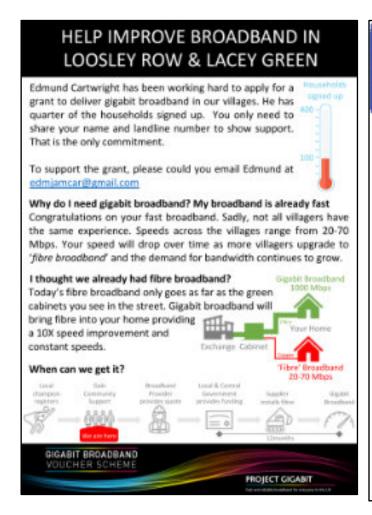
It is such a lovely way to spend a lazy summer afternoon, so bring a picnic, buy some wine from the bar and listen to some great music.

The financial challenge the hospices are facing is worsening and the need for fundraising increasing. Helen and Douglas House alone needs to raise £3.6 million each year to run their service, and 85% of it comes from fundraising. People were very generous in 2020 and SHH raised a lot of money.

We recognise it was an exceptional year as people were at home and there was more disposable income. However, we want to be equally ambitious for 2021 and with your help that is achievable. None of us know when we, or family members, may need these services and we have a vested interest in ensuring they survive and can deliver the range of services to meet a complexity of needs.

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Grainne Suter





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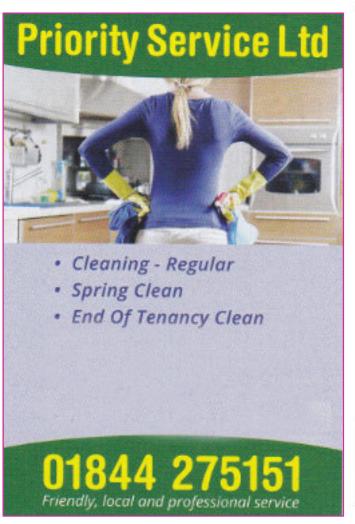
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Horticultural Society

At the time of writing we have had snow and sunny spring weather in the matter of a few hours! However, the plants know it is spring and now is the time to get sowing your seeds and planting potatoes.

The asparagus is coming up and purple sprouting broccoli is delicious; autumn sown broad beans are already flowering. Gardening might include hard work but it certainly has its rewards for all the senses. Colours, scents and flavours to gladden the heart!

The society has a seed ordering scheme with Kings Seeds and members can stock up with half price seeds in the autumn. This puts us in a very strong position for the year ahead. With an increased interest in growing during lockdown, many seed companies are struggling to keep up with demand and favourites are often out of stock quickly.

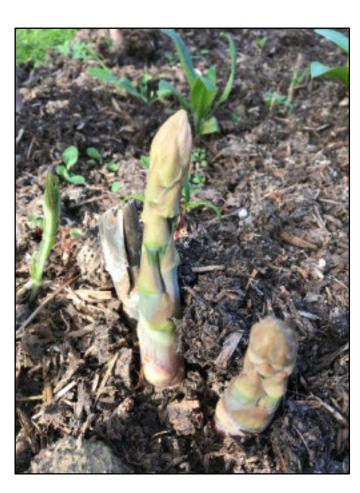
Unfortunately, we were unable to run our Spring Show in reality, but resorted to an online show. This proved to be a massive logistical effort on the part of Leigh who put everything on the village web site. The judging was very speedy, but the sorting out of entries into correct age groups and names was more of a problem. However, the results were magnificent and they are still available to view on the Horticultural Society pages if you haven't already seen them. Thank you to everyone who entered. There are some very creative people in our villages and some excellent horticultural exhibits.

We are emailing members the schedule for our Autumn Show and we sincerely hope that we don't have to resort to an online version this year. Copies are available on the village web site or we can deliver a hard copy if you contact us. We hope to

have the schedule in the August edition of Hallmark too. We will be keeping everything crossed to make sure that we can have a safe show in September, as we did last year. Members will receive updates of all our activities by email, including a regular Newsletter with members' photographs, expertly produced by Simon Bolton. If you are not a member and would like to join, please contact any of the committee and we can sign you up.

We have had regular committee meetings via Zoom and a very well attended Zoom AGM, our first since 2019. However, it would be so nice to actually see everyone again and to be able to visit gardens without having to pre-book. But these things will come round again. In the meantime, we wish you all Happy Gardening and much enjoyment from your growing.

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Lacemakers

Last autumn, I made a video about lace making for the Woodlanders Project. This was picked up by the BBC, who asked if I could do a piece for Countryfile. I was helped by Alex Adkins from Walters Ash. Originally I had planned to ask my neighbour Jill Baker; but sadly, she has since died, so this is a bit of a tribute to her. She was a great craftswoman.

The researcher was a very enthusiastic young woman. She came to see me before the filming. I found that this was her very first story, and she was so pleased when it was accepted. We worked together on what should be included. She was particularly keen that we should teach the presenter to make lace. I must admit, I was rather sceptical about this, but I think it went well.



Due to Coronavirus restrictions, filming was outside, in a local cottage garden. Fortunately, it did not rain, but it did get very cold towards the end of the day. Filming took 3 hours, for a 6 minute slot. It will be interesting to see what is cut out! The BBC team were really nice, especially Sean – the presenter.

We felt quite at ease; and surprisingly, we enjoyed the afternoon. Our piece will be shown on Sunday 18th April at 6.00.p.m. I hope Hallmark readers will enjoy it. It should certainly put Lacey Green on the map.

Rosemary Mortham

(Now available on BBC iPlayer "Hambleden Valley" Editor)

Windmill WI

Well we have now come out of another lockdown and things are slowly improving. We can have our hair cut, shops are open and pubs and restaurants are allowed to serve drinks and meals outdoors, and we can meet in groups of six outside (social distancing).

Spring has arrived (apart from the snow on Monday) the daffodils and primroses have been beautiful and the blue tits are busily nesting. Hope is definitely in the air that we will be able to meet up soon.

The knitting group finished 12 baby blankets and 10 Angel Pockets which I delivered to our 'Cuddles Lady', she was very pleased with them. We have also been asked to do some knitting for The Neonatal Unit in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, that will be our next project.



Stay well and keep safe and hopefully by the next Hallmark we will have seen each other!

Ann Bartlett



On the Farm

We have been busy in March and April with field work. The dry spell has allowed us to get a lot of slurry out, spread field dung heaps and work the ground to make a seed bed for the maize crop. For maize to germinate the soil temperature must be 10°C. In mid-April on a daily basis it has gone over 10°C and back to zero at 10cm depth, averaging about 7°C at 30cm depth. So I think we will aim to plant in the last week of April. We have given the wheat its main nitrogen application. Grass should be growing very rapidly at this moment but with the cold easterly wind and no rainfall in the last month it has been a terribly slow grass growth spring. Once our maize is planted, we will be praying for some warm rain.

In mid-April we did our TB test. This has revealed 4 inconclusive cows. They will have to be tested again after 60 days, if they fail again, even if they are not a full reactor we will be "shut down" and have to keep testing the whole herd every 60 days until we have 2 clear tests in a row. Until this we would be unable to sell cattle to other farmers again, so fingers crossed they go clear. The testing is exhausting and not being able to sell causes problems, as well as being demoralising for everyone involved.

The beef, milk and wheat markets are strong at the moment, as are the feed and straw prices. This is a combination of shortage of wheat after last year's poor crops and from a beef point of view the export and import trade is being affected by Brexit, and lockdown is changing buying habits. The price we could sell wheat for at harvest is strengthening, this is brought on by concerns that we could be in the start of a drought.



We have recently tested quite a few fields for their Ph levels. Most of the crops we grow like a Ph between 6.5 and 7. We were finding patches of fields down to 5.5, which would seriously affect the crop. To remedy this we apply chalk. People out and about may have seen heaps of chalk ready to be spread. (see above) This is chalk dug from a quarry near Ivanhoe that has been sieved, it is spread at 2-3 tonnes per acre. (see below)



If you walk the footpaths across our land, you may have noticed some new fences have been erected. One is a beside a footpath, where, when doing new fencing, we try to keep walkers and cattle separate. The other fences are dividing some of our bigger fields. This is to improve our grazing management. The principle being when grazing it is better to have smaller paddocks that cows can graze off all the grass

quickly and then move to another field allowing the grass in the first paddock to regrow.

Over the early spring the Chiltern Farm Cluster Group has been running webinars about various countryside topics. These have been followed by many people, some from overseas, they have been interesting. Recordings of them can be found on the Chiltern Conservation Board Website under 'farmers webinars' They are also running a reptile survey looking for reptiles like slow worms, grass snakes and common lizards it will be interesting to see what is found on our farms in due course.

Richard West

Village Hall

As restrictions slowly alter, we are very much looking forward to opening the doors to the village hall once more. Everything is clean and ready, water checked and necessary guidelines in place.

As I write, we are unable to open but hopefully by the end of June we will be able to welcome everyone back.

Due to a change in some people's circumstances we have a few booking slots available. If you would like to start a new group, or add an extra class to your already existing business, please get in touch. There are details available on our website https://www.laceygreen.com/Sections/vhall.php or call me on 07922 184 886 for a visit.

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Lacey Green Virus Action Group



I don't think any one of us would have expected that our group would still be needed one year after we began to offer help and support to our friends and neighbours in the village.

The past couple of months have shown low demand for shopping and help, other than for a few who have been shielding. As we move into the next phase and we are able to enjoy greater freedom of movement, we hope that the bonds of friendship that have been forged through the lockdown will continue and our concern for our neighbours will not fade. We know that many of us have faced loneliness and isolation during the past year and as restrictions are eased we can begin to enjoy once again the benefits and joys of living within a community where people care about each other.

A wonderful example of that

care was evident in January this year when we launched our appeal in partnership with Loosley Row Community Support Group to provide small comforts to the frontline Covid staff at Stoke Mandeville. The appeal was a great success and to date we have raised over £2,600.

The money provided some much needed bottles of drinking water, as drinking fountains were considered too dangerous to use, also snack food and soothing creams to help staff who had to spend up to 12 hour shifts wrapped in PPE.

This has beaten all our expectations and we can only say a huge thank you to all who supported the appeal with your kindness and generosity. We must also thank Risborough Rotary Club who helped with a very generous donation, Dayla at Aylesbury who supplied

essential drinking water and the staff at Asda Stoke Mandeville, for their brilliant support.

Although the crisis has passed and many frontline staff have now returned to their usual roles the stress and strain of the past months remain. We are now talking with the local NHS Trust to determine how we can use the funds that we have remaining to continue to support those staff, who went above and beyond to care for us. We will keep you posted on how we continue to support them.

We will also be changing our name to Lacey Green Community Support Group to reflect a wider community focus as we begin our journey towards 'normal' life.

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Loosley Row Support Group

As we emerge from a long dark winter of lockdowns and restrictions, it is uplifting to be able to look forward to the blossoming of old freedoms. Also to a general lightening of the load of feelings of isolation and anxiety that many have been battling against.

As a community Lacey Green, Loosley Row and the environs have worked together on various initiatives over the last year.

We have created support groups to provide help to those who are vulnerable or isolating.

We have created a magnificent sewing cartel 'For the Love of Scrubs' that at one point seemed to provide most of the PPE to local care homes and hospitals!

We have supported 'Risborough Baskets' by organising the delivery of produce to our villages.

The Lacey Green and Loosley Row Virus Action Groups have raised funds to help the Buckinghamshire Hospital Trust under their banner of 'Acts of Kindness'. This effort was further supplemented by a generous cash donation from the Rotary.

We celebrated VE day and clapped for the NHS, or played the trumpet!

We have all enjoyed and appreciated the lovely elf land houses that have magically appeared in our hedgerows.

There is so much more that I have not mentioned here, so many small kindnesses and thoughtful acts that have supported us through dark times.

All this we have achieved as a united community. We have altered our covid Whatsapp group in Loosley Row to reflect the changing needs of our village. Therefore, it has become the 'Loosley Row Community Support Group' - it has been

created to share local initiatives, support the vulnerable in our village and to provide local information. If you live in Loosley Row, or close by, and would like to be included please contact me, Louisa Spearing, on 07979 363316 with your name and address and I can add you to the group.

One of the many things that have been tough over the last year is that those younger members of our community have struggled to take part in forward thinking initiatives such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. This has not stopped two of our Loosley Row young people, who have been rubbish picking for the volunteering part of their awards. Rafe Spearing



and Hazel Randall have spent many hours, in all weathers, rummaging around on the verges of Loosley Row, picking up a surprisingly large amount of litter, which has now been disposed of properly. They have made some quite interesting discoveries including various animal skulls, one of which Rafe is holding in the photo above. Sadly no valuable treasures as yet but they are still hoping.

As part of our fundraising initiatives for the Buckinghamshire Hospital Trust we had a request from the respiratory wards at Stoke

Mandeville Hospital. Two wards were being used as 'step down' wards for Covid patients; those patients who were well enough to leave ICU but not quite ready to return home. This meant that all staff in these areas were having to wear full PPE at all times. To make this more comfortable for the staff, the hospital ordered hoods to replace masks and visors but they have to be washed by the staff after every shift: To enable this they needed a specific size of 'washing' bag.

We contacted Kate Collet-Fenson, founder of the magnificent sewing cartel, and asked her if she could rally her troops to produce 100 bags at very short notice! In less than two weeks Stoke was supplied with the donated bags. Thank you Kate and team for your outstanding efforts.

Finally, the Buckinghamshire Hospital Trust has asked us if we can help raise funds for their staff gardens, to enliven an existing peaceful green area. To facilitate this Loosley Row are holding a plant sale on Saturday 29th May, at the crossroads of Lower Road and Loosley Hill. We would appreciate any donations of plants to sell - please deliver these to Sarah at Loosley Dene during the Thursday or Friday prior to the sale on the 29th May. We would also love to see you on Saturday 29th so pop the date in your diary and come on down. Please observe Government Covid-19 Guidelines.

Louisa Spearing



Ted Jan



If actions speak louder than words then Ted was deafening. If you never heard him, it's because in 1995 his beloved wife Jean was struck with an ailment that required constant care. Ted never gave it a second thought; he retired from everything to look after her. He then told everyone his only aim was to live one day longer than Jean.

Ted was a councillor for 34 years, Chairman for 27 of those; ran the youth club with Jean for 8 years; started and edited Hallmark with Jean for 22 years; chaired the Village Hall Committee for 33 years; was a Buckinghamshire magistrate for 24 years, was involved in starting the Horticultural Society; the twinning with Hambye in France; pushing for a Village day; fund raising and planning of the new Village Hall and more...

Here is his story, but he would be the first to tell you that he couldn't have done it without the wholehearted tireless help and understanding of his wife Jean.

Ted was born in Speen between the wars, a time when there was no welfare state, NHS nor compulsory education. So he only had a basic education at Speen village school leaving at 14, but don't be misled by that.

In February 1940 he started work at Ernest Turner Electrical Instruments Ltd in High Wycombe - he cycled to work.

At the time of WWII Ernest Bevin came up with his mine work idea. Ted was conscripted to the mines. He considered himself un-lucky as his chums marched off to war. However he would not have met Jean if not sent to Derbyshire. They were married in 1945 and Carol was born before they returned to Speen some 4 years later. (50 years after the war a contingent of Bevin boys marched past the cenotaph at last being recognised for their war work. Ted received a medal which he proudly wore to the church 'WWII 70th Anniversary Remembrance Day' a few years ago.)

Ted returned to Speen a committed socialist, restless and idealistic. He went back to his old job which he never liked, but needed the regular income. In 1963 when Carol finished college he did make a change and trained to be a Co-operative grocery store manager, first in Wycombe, then in Risborough. After some years doing that, he moved on to be an insurance agent with the CIS. At first he did his collections on a bicycle - hard work in this area. Later learning to drive, he continued until he retired.

Calling on people in their own homes provided him with a comprehensive understanding of people's lives. This empathy was the cause of his resigning as a magistrate after 24 years service as a protest to the Poll Tax, saying he couldn't imprison ordinary people for non payment of this. The resignation became very public with interviews on local television and in newspapers.

In 1951 the family moved from Speen to a new house in Greenlands, Lacey Green and here they stayed.

Ted was soon to discover the same people had run the Parish Council for years, only changing if someone retired. This was, Ted thought, undemocratic and that a proper election should be held. He got seven like-minded people to put in nominations to be councillors, making an election unavoidable - they didn't expect to get in. However the "Old Guard" perhaps not wanting the embarrassment of possible defeat declined to stand. This left Ted's magnificent seven to be elected unopposed. He was possibly one of the youngest parish councillors in the country and he soon became Chairman.

Ever modest he does not kid himself that the parishioners were satisfied with their performance. He believes it was just apathy, where the people could not be troubled and was to the shame of village democracy, but this idealism is what drove him forward.

Next was a desire to bridge what he called the "Flowers Bottom" gap between Speen, his birthplace, and Lacey Green. As Parish Council Chairman he was asked to open both the Speen Fete and Lacey Green Village Day, and so felt that maybe that was a sign of partial success.

Like many people, Ted and Jean's lives were also directed by the wellbeing of their family. When their daughter was about 12 years old, she, together with a number of her friends, appealed to them to take over the "Youth Club" which was going to close for lack of a leader. Needless to say they took it on for the next 8 years. They couldn't speak highly enough of this great bunch of youngsters and saw some of them become grandparents. They felt pleased and privileged that perhaps they helped them a little along life's way.

It was the Youth Club that caused Ted to take the next step in the village. He went along to the AGM of the Village Hall Committee in order to defend a criticism that damage had been

done to the hall by Youth Club members. An AGM is when they also elect committee members so it really was no surprise when Ted came away not as a committee member but as the new Chairman of that committee.

Still desiring the village to be an even closer community he decided on the need for better communication. Modelled on the Naphill Gazette he produced "Hallmark". The very first edition I(although a little the worse for wear) can still be read at https:// www.lacevgreen.com/Sections/ Hallmark.php#Y1970 The magazine is still delivered to every house in Loosley Row and Lacey Green. Its aim is to mirror the mark made by the Village Hall, publish the activities of all village organisations and provide a public forum.

Still no time for complacency and brimming with ideas, the first success was the Horticultural Society, still going from strength to strength today. There were not enough takers for a Camera, nor a Bridge Club but Ted was delighted when the vicar, Bernard Houghton, proposed a Twinning Organisation which, pushed on by Peter Trotter, couldn't fail. Whatever can be happening in heaven with these three up there!

A couple of villagers on tour in France, stopped to have a look at Hambye, our new Twin. They drove into the square only to see Ted on the balcony of the Mayor's parlour expressing greetings from the people of Lacey Green to the people of Hambye. Ted, they said, looked resplendent, wearing our chairman's badge of office.

Ted later related the story of the chairman's badge. George Crombie, the clerk to the Parish Council, and Ted had designed it and submitted it to the regalia manufacturers in Birmingham.

The Parish Council declined to purchase it. Ted wondered if it could be purchased by public subscription. Providentially perhaps, the first person he approached was Randall Evans who purchased it outright. Some years later when Ted was leaving the council, Randall said, "I only bought that bloody necklace for you to wear".

One particular very muddy village fete on the sports field provoked not a little consternation, but Ted was unperturbed and insisted that he had a dream that the whole village from the Whip to the Sports Club was a fete, a carnival, call it a "Village Day". You will have guessed it by now the first one was held in 1985. He felt it was one of the most memorable days the village had known with so many people and all the organisations taking part. The last Village Day was in 2000. The overseeing County Council, in their "wisdom", then banned the closing of Main Road for the procession. This incidentally also stopped the Shrove Tuesday pancake race down the road.

And there's more - The Happy Wanderers Walking Club has been heard to be called "Ted's Trotters". Just another organisation in which he was instrumental and very much enjoyed. The Happy Wanderers are still going today.

Ted somehow found some extra spare time to set up, with two Risborough colleagues 'The Patients Participation Group' at the Cross Keys surgery.

He was for many years chairman of the Wycombe Constituency Labour Party. He was a Socialist but after 75 years as such he made a point of telling me, "I've resigned and do you know why? – Corbyn."



Ted declined any suggestion he receive an honour but I know of no one more deserving.

In 1995 when Jean was taken ill, Ted called an end to all his village activities in order to look after her. He said, "Jean had given so much to me, it was my turn to repay her. It might look like I've tried to do a lot, but my proudest achievement has been nursing Jean back to health and strength". It was good to learn that they were able to take up their great love of dancing again.

"And me? I have enjoyed nearly every minute and would not have had my life any other way, meeting so many great people in such a lovely village".

Ted lived for 6 months after Jean died and was admitted to hospital after a fall. He died a few days later.

I didn't know Ted before he went quiet – I only wish I had - but he must have been both articulate and a formidable personality to achieve all this. When did he sleep?

It's up to us now to make sure that we all do our bit for this village community to maintain the standard that Ted created and expects - we will all be the better for it.

Leigh Axe

(with thanks to Carol and Joan West who met with Ted several times to research his life).



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Rotary Club

We are hoping to raise the visibility of our Rotary Club by explaining a little about ourselves and what we do, fundraising for local charities. We also wish to find where there is local need and how we can assist, and thirdly encourage individuals who might think of joining us.

The Princes Risborough Rotary Club has over 50 members who in the last 12 months have raised over £35,000, of which £33,500 has so far been donated, mostly to local organisations, schools, food banks and other needy causes as far afield as Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield, and including Saunderton, Naphill, Walters Ash, Hughenden Valley, Lacey Green and Loosley Row.

The Club was formed 30 years ago and is one of the biggest in the area. It is one of over 35,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. At the heart of Rotary are its members -

people who share a passion for community service and friendship. Our Mission Statement is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The Club also has a very social side, which in normal circumstances includes regular evening meetings, with a meal, at the Whiteleaf Golf Club. Currently we meet 3 times a month on Zoom. You may well have seen some of us at local events including our Christmas Collections in Princes Risborough, running the Town's firework display, providing stewards for the Kop Hill Climb Team and assisting at the Farmers' Markets.

We continue to look for new ways to raise funds so that we can help to meet local needs and worthy causes, and we welcome information on ways that we can help those in need. We are keen to recruit new members and look forward to receiving enquiries from both men and women. If you would like to find out more you can contact David White, in Naphill, on 07787 750889 or go to the following website and select "Contact":

https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=561

If you would like to make a donation to the Club Charity Fund, you can do so by going to:
www.justgiving.com/campaign/rotaryclubofprincesrisborough

David Cliff

React to Strokes fast

I wanted to warn you all of the risk of a stroke. Please don't think that this can't happen to you as you are young, you are fit, and you are healthy.

This can happen to anyone whatever their age or fitness level. The risks of having a stroke are higher with underlying medical conditions and age but sometimes we have a hidden health risk.

Think FAST

You have probably seen the acronym, FAST in the media, (Face, Arms, Speech, and Time) is a quick way to determine if someone is having a stroke. Difficulty smiling completely, lifting both arms, and repeating a simple phrase are warning signs of stroke. Call 999 immediately. Strokes do not always have major symptoms therefore any symptoms which could be a stroke you should call 911. If in doubt call 999.

Important, if you live alone and have a stroke it could be hours before you're found, so it is worth wearing an alarm. An alarm can save your life and can save disability. There are now many types of less intrusive warning devices on the market.

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Getting immediate medical attention can stop irreversible brain damage.

Jill Gosling

MISSING CAT - DAISY

Daisy is missing from the Loosley Row area, last seen on April 4. She is very distinctive due to the missing tip on her left ear. She is very timid and does not know her surroundings, so please don't try to catch her, but take a photo and put some food out. Please check your sheds & garages. If you have information phone: Annette James 07548 902600 or Ruth at Cats Protection 07721 710836 Thank you





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Shortly after the publication of Hallmark in February, we were delighted to hear from Bucks Lawn Tennis Association (BLTA) that the club had been voted as club of the year! The awards committee commented on the substantial progress the club had made over the past few years, both in terms of facility improvements, membership growth and the large increase in coaching.

A major part of our success has been as a result of our coach Dan working full time at the club. This is a very rare occurrence for our size of club, but it means that he can dedicate all his time to attracting more junior and adults playing at Lacey Green.

Fortunately, this didn't go unnoticed at the BLTA awards committee. Dan was awarded Development Coach of the Year recognising all the hard work he has put into the club over the past 18 months. Both club and coach are now put forward for consideration at the regional stage where we will be judged against 9 other counties. Fingers crossed!

On the tennis side, we have obviously been shut for 3 months, but in the background

plenty has been happening.

Our plans to floodlight court 3 are going ahead and we hope to have this completed by June. To finance this, we are extremely grateful to Bucks County Council, Bucks LTA, Lacey Green Parish Council and Postcode Lottery who together will be financing some 70% of the project cost. The extra floodlit court will ease bottlenecks and provide more playing opportunities over the winter periods.

Just prior to the opening up of the courts on 29th March we had a maintenance morning, which for the first time ever was completed in under 2 hours thanks to the number of volunteers and the generally good state of the surrounding area. In fact, a number of parents subsequently commented on pickup how good the club looks, which is always nice to hear.

Dan had one week of normal term-time coaching before going into the Easter camps. These proved extremely popular and were averaging around 30 children a day. These were split over two age related sessions each lasting 2 hours. We think this format works well

compared to traditional camps which can last 6 hours or so. To help Dan, I am grateful to Anna Joseph and my son Scott who were present most days assisting with the various games.

Although walking tennis has only been running for a short period, it has been very popular, and we now have a new membership category to cater for it. For only £35 per annum, members receive a discount on the coaching, which is every Wednesday at 10.30am, and have a court reserved each week for 3 hours so that they can play amongst themselves. It's fun, sociable, outdoors and is great for making new friends!

As we move into late spring and early summer, we have a busy schedule ahead of us. We are planning to have an open morning on Saturday 22nd May where all the coaching will be free! There will be something for everyone and if you come down you will get a discount on membership or some free coaching thrown in. Keep a look out on our website and social media for further details.

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Windmill Under 5s Preschool

It's been a busy spring term at Windmills, with the children celebrating Valentine's Day, making cards and hearts, as well as spending a lot of time outside planting seeds and playing in the sunshine in our wonderful outside area. We have had a change around in the outside area, meaning that that there is now more room to investigate cooking in the mud kitchen, which the children have really enjoyed.

The children also entered two categories in the Horticultural Society Spring Show and have been learning lots about planting and growing. Mummies were also given fabulous light bottle gifts for Mothers' Day, all hand painted by their children.

Thank you to all the families who supported our Easter Bunny Hunt around the village looking for Windmills eggs! We had a fabulous turn out with 50 children taking part! We raised a wonderful £170 and the money raised will go a long way to help the preschool replenish our resources for an exciting Summer Term ahead, so thank you very much!

During the Easter break, a very kind parent has given our noticeboard a much-needed revamp.



Now families will hopefully be able to find out more about what is happening at the preschool, events coming up, fundraising that has taken place, contacts for the committee and more information about the sports club too!

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

There will also be more time spent learning about growing (both ourselves and plants),

changes in the world around us and life cycles.

Fingers crossed that the weather will be kind and we will be able to be outside as much as possible!

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

Natasha Kann Chairperson

Happy Wanderers

Spring Update

We were very sad to learn of Ted Janes' death in February. He was a founder member of the Happy Wanderers and its first Chairman. The Club celebrates its 30th anniversary this year having been started in 1991 so we owe Ted and the other original members a big debt of gratitude for their vision.

If Boris' roadmap continues to roll out according to the plans, we plan to start our walks again in our beautiful Chiltern countryside in the summer.

In the meantime please keep safe and well.

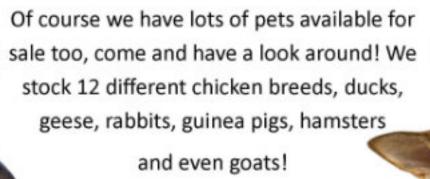
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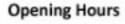
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St John's Church

Whilst the main festivals have been zoomed from the Church we have not been able to open for services, but hopefully we can soon return to Church. We have zoomed services every Sunday at 11:00am and we have had good numbers, and new faces, at these services. Possibly this arrangement will continue for a time, even when services are resumed as there is obviously a need for some members of the congregation.

Easter was celebrated as usual with the Cross on the corner of Church Lane and this year the Easter garden was outside for all to see. This was part of an initiative by Churches Together in Risborough where each Church depicted a Station of the Cross in their garden.

All the services included the excellent singing from the Mole family. The music and singing were fantastic!

By the time Hallmark is published there may be changes to the pattern of worship but in the meantime the Church is 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!

Here is hoping that, with everybody taking the necessary sensible precautions, life will return to normal soon.





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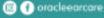
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The village and villagers have managed to reach another summer. Who would have thought that lives would have changed so much in the last 12 months. We hope that like us, you are looking forward to a less restrictive summer of 21.

The parish council has been working in the background through-out:

We have supported some of the residents in Kiln Lane in managing the parish pond there, removing debris, trimming trees and generally having a good tidy up of the pond, we wish to thank all those concerned for their hard work.

We are supportive of The Community Board that was formed about 12 months ago and have found that they are working for the community. We have been successful in receiving some funding for the clear up of the Kiln Lane and the Tennis Club have also received funding for their new floodlights.

If any other organizations in the village are looking for funding, now that you can all start meeting up again, please contact our clerk for details.

We have been notified by The Returning Officer at Buckinghamshire Council that it will not be necessary to hold elections for the Parish Council this year. The current councillors have all put forward their nomination papers and as no other residents have, the council will remain the same with 5 councillors from the Lacey Green & Loosley Row ward, and 2 from the Speen ward.

We try to keep in touch with the residents, reading their posting of the various social media sites and it seems that with all the free time and encouragement to exercise, that dog waste has become a real issue.

We would like to think that our residents will take heed, and take their pets' waste home and put in their own waste bins. Compostable poo bags were not invented to leave on pathways or to hang on trees and hedges. They were invented so that users could be environmentally friendly and carry them home to put in their own garbage bins.

We are still working on the parking issues surrounding St Johns School, funding has been agreed between the Parish Council and the Community Board and we are pleased to say

that Buckinghamshire Council are preparing both resident letters and press releases for final consultation after collating the responses from the earlier canvas of opinions.

We unfortunately fell into the 'purdah' period and nothing can be publicly released but rest assured there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes and we, like yourselves, are looking forward to their suggestions that will be released shortly after the elections.

Finally, we have been in conversation with a resident from Loosley Row, wanting to organize a regular litter pick around our two villages (see below).

We are looking for some champions to help with this, we can arrange for the litter bags, hiviz jackets and tongs for picking up rubbish, we just need some volunteers. Please email our clerk (p34) if you are interested in helping make our villages a tidier place to live and walk in.

Wishing you all a more relaxed summer – but please stay mindful of restrictions.

Cathryn Davies

Many of us will have noticed the increased volumes of litter in our parish over the last year. As we are coming out of lockdown and can enjoy the spring weather, we need more volunteers to become litter heroes and be active in our villages.

Keep Britain Tidy commenced their new 2021 campaign with the Great British Spring Clean lasting from May 28 – 13th June. www.keepbritaintidy.org support-our-campaigns

We need more local volunteers to join Keep Britain Tidy and our community of #Litterheroes on the #MillionMileMission.

The goal is to clear litter from our streets, our hedgerows and our countryside. This is not only good for our environment but also is good for our mental and physical health.

By registering as an active litter hero you will help achieve the Million Mile Mission.

Small groups of volunteers have recently been active over the winter. Teams from Bledlow Ridge and Speen have made an amazing and positive impact already. Loosley Row has a tightknit team of volunteers. More help is needed however in the Lacey Green and the Hampden

Woods area. Pink Road, Woodway and Smalldean Lane are often particularly badly hit by the litter louts and need regular attention. If you live near these areas – please do become a hero.

You could register your support or simply when out walking take a glove and a bag to pick up the litter in your area . As a litter scout you will be amazed how much you find. You could even invest in a litter picker and join Team Litter Scouts vs the Litter Louts!

Gordon Donkin

1955 Student for a year at S

Roll the sleeves down

It was a warm summer evening at the beginning of September when I started what was to be a long and sometimes painful road to the world of work. My parents dropped me off at Stocken Farm, in the Chiltern Hills of Buckinghamshire, where I was to spend a year living in and working on the farm, prior to going to agricultural college. I was instructed to walk round Church Lane where the rest of the farm staff were harvesting some of the wheat crop. The binder was spewing out sheaves that needed 'stooking' (propping up together). I was wearing my shirt with the sleeves rolled up, but it didn't take long for me to unroll my sleeves and button them up, due to the abrasive ears rubbing my skin. Monotony soon became apparent after two or three circuits of stooking the field.

Living as family

My employment conditions were to live as family. Pay was £1 a week and one Sunday off every three weeks. My working week must have consisted of somewhere between 70 and 100 hours. More often than not I spent my Sunday off in bed until lunch time, from extreme exhaustion. Some students had to pay farmers for learning from them. As I got better at the work my wages went up to £4 a week. One week I received an extra £2, because the pigs I had been responsible for rearing, had a very good weight. Mr West took me to Reading Market, to see them sold. He had a Vauxhall car and towed a trailer with the weaners in. They sold very well.

Oats for the horse

I never slept well during my 12 months on the farm for fear of being late for milking. My alarm went off at 5.30am in my room in the attic. Mr. West and I had a cup of tea and a piece of cake before venturing out to start the day's work. During the spring and

summer months my first job before starting milking was to open the stable door, put some oats in the manger, go to the covered yard door leading to the horse pasture and let in the shire horse for his corn. Keeping well out of the way to avoid getting knocked over.

A well trained horse

The Shire horse was very useful at corn harvest, when we were loading sheaves onto trailers and carts. The correct command would make him move up the rows of stooks without having to jump on the cart. He was also very useful when it came to muck carting and heaps had to left in rows up the field.

Learning to milk

The milking for a beginner took a bit of getting used to. First of all you had to recognise if it was a milker or was dry. Also how long to leave the unit on each cow. There were three 'bucket units'. Each cow's milk was weighed and recorded, morning and evening, once a week. The records would come back showing the total milk vield of each cow for that lactation, normally 305 days. Replacements would be reared from the highest milkers. The milk was tipped into another bucket with a lid on to prevent splashing from any animal that lifted its tail up. This must have happened guite frequently when I started, as cows know instinctively when humans are nervous.

A huge fried breakfast

By the end of milking I was starving. Luckily Hilda was used to youth's appetites and a huge fried breakfast was on hand with variations, including tomatoes from John's greenhouse, and mushroom from the horse pasture, which grew in September, the real 'McCoy', not the cultivated ones. The boss loved his fat bacon, and couldn't get enough of it. In those days,

with the amount of physical work involved, you needed all the calories you could consume.

Milk in churns

It was my job to wash the milking utensils after milking, rinsing in cold water before scrubbing in hot water in two washing-up tubs. Another monotonous job I didn't enjoy. The milk was collected in churns which were labelled then put on the churn stand for the milk lorry to collect. This was all very labour intensive and became out of date with the advent of milking parlours.

Feeding the pigs

Mr West fed the pigs being reared, while we were milking. There were a mix of breeds, Wessex Saddleback, Large White and Landrace, a recent import from Denmark. Dry meal was tipped in a tub, then mixed with water by stirring with a large wooden 'spoon'. It was bucketed into the feed troughs with a cacophony to waken the dead in the village churchyard. The Wessex Saddleback sows were crossed with Large White or Landrace to produce piglets with hybrid vigour (faster growing than pure breeds). These sows were kept outside with straw huts in a field down a track. It was my responsibility to look after them. They were contained by electric fencing in paddocks. In cold winter the plastic water pipes would freeze up.

Friends

The Wests liked to have visitors on a Sunday afternoon and entertained them in the 'sitting room' that wasn't used on a daily basis. One of the families was a Jewish couple from Hampstead, London. They had come to England before the advent of WW2. I was treated as part of the family on these visits, which was very kind of them. The eccentric bachelor David, who was Mr West's brother, would turn up, out of the blue. He farmed at

tocken Farm by Alistair Fagge

West Wycombe, and I think came to seek his brother's advice. Another of their friends, Andrew and Doris Oliver, lived in Church Lane. I found out years later, that he had been involved in the beautiful woodwork in the fittingout of the Canberra liner, which I was on, as a passenger, on its maiden voyage to New Zealand.

More jobs

There was a flock of half-bred ewes, put to a Suffolk ram. Some beef cattle, mainly Hereford Crosses, were kept and fattened. I learned to assist lambing, if there were complications. We had a rota to keep an eye on the ewes overnight, to avoid unnecessary losses. They were kept in pens under one of the barns, both before and after lambing, until the lambs were properly feeding from their mother. They were then let into a pasture nearby. The ewes were each fed a whole mangold every day, which had been stored in a covered clamp. The mangolds were grown in part of a field. We hoed out between the rows, and singled out the plants, leaving about 12 inches between. They were harvested when they were 8-10 inches in diameter, pulling them by hand, 7 rows at a time, into heaps, which were then carted to the clamp.

Corn threshing

The sheaves of corn from harvest had been brought to the farm and stored in stacks in the yard, and some put in a hangar left by the war department after WW2. A contractor was booked to thresh out the grain. He came twice, first with a traction engine, the second time with a Marshall tractor, with a large fly wheel. Both were connected to the thresher by a long drive belt, which was also connected to another belt that drove the wiretying baler, for the resulting straw. The sheaves were thrown to the person feeding the drum, who cut and retained their strings. The threshed wheat was bagged up in 2 cwt. sacks and lifted with a hoist to be taken on a trailer to

the granary next to the farmhouse, near the bull pen. These were carried on the back, up a short flight of steps, into the granary. I had one of the dirtiest jobs on the farm, bagging the chaff into large bags, dust flying everywhere.

Chopping mangolds

We had a break mid-afternoon, with 'tea' back at the farm house, before milking. This, like all the meals was a welcome break and necessary to replenish one's energy. The cows went out to graze after each milking in spring and summer, and included strip grazing kale behind an electric fence in autumn. The cows were also given hay in the yards during the winter. After an evening meal, the day's work still wasn't finished. On light evenings I didn't find it a problem, but in winter I did find it tiring to go out and help each night, chopping up mangolds with a root cutter and mixing them with chaff plus other ingredients for the beef cattle rations.

My room

My room in the attic was adequate, except in winter when it was extremely cold. I was usually in bed by 9 pm, come the 5.30 am rising time I would often fall over, as my legs were numb with cold. The protective clothing we wore was hessian sacks round the shoulders and middle, which became coated in mud, when working in the fields in wet weather. The 'boss' wore one when stirring up the meal and water for the pigs. One of the problems in the house was the lack of hot water. The Aga in the kitchen provided a nice warm atmosphere in the mornings but very little hot water to have a bath. There is nothing worse than a bath of tepid water in the middle of winter.

Saturday nights

Saturday night at Stocken Farm was more or less sacrosanct as time to myself. I would more

often than not catch the bus to High Wycombe to either go to the cinema or occasionally a visit to the local repertory theatre.

Riding with no reins

We didn't work every night in the summer months, so I had a bit of free time to do as I pleased. I borrowed a 4/10 rifle and took myself round the hedgerows to try, unsuccessfully, to bring back a prize for the pot. The land in Church Lane was rented from a retired Colonel, whose son had a pony which he hardly ever rode. So with a cow halter and a mangold I would catch it, jump on, and ride it bareback through Hampden woods on balmy summer evenings. I didn't ask permission and would have said that I was keeping it trained to be ridden.

Valley Bottoms

The farm comprised 250 acres, with a small amount of rented land nearby. Besides wheat, there were barley and oats, red clover, kale and mangolds, and of course grassland for grazing, hay and silage. Some of the land furthest away from the farm buildings was very steep and difficult to cultivate. The valleys in this part of Buckinghamshire are known as 'bottoms', Gerald and I ploughed the very steep field that had been used to grow kale. We had two tractors and ploughs. It was only possible to plough down the slope and go back up empty.

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The Samuel Green Pipe Organ

On 13th April of this year, the Parochial Church Council of the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen, took the momentous decision to proceed with a long-anticipated project to restore and repair our historic Samuel Green pipe organ. This project recently received Faculty permission from the Chancellor of the Diocese of Oxford and there is considerable interest in it from connoisseurs of Church organs.

The pipe organ at St. John's Church is older than the Church itself (which first opened in 1825). In fact, the organ is a 1792 example of the work of the well-known 18th Century organ builder Samuel Green. He was also responsible for the construction of a number of pipe organs including the 1783 organ in High Wycombe Parish Church, the 1787 organ (almost identical to the Lacey Green organ) at St. Mary's Edith Weston in Rutland, and the 1790 organ in St. George's Chapel Windsor.

The instrument is a 'drawer' chamber organ, intended originally not for a church but for a country house. Although augmented in more recent times it is one of the relatively few Samuel Green organs whose original condition is still recognisable. It is well known and documented; and its historic importance recognised with an Historic Organ Certificate from the British Institute of Organ Studies and listed on the National Pipe Organ Register with the Certificate of Recognition awarded in 2008.

To this day the organ still retains the original decorative Brass Chicken Wire and the Dark Green Silk Backing in the spandrels of the central oval. The Lacey Green organ is one of the very few examples of its kind remaining in the country. It is one of the oldest pipe organs in use as a Parish Church instrument within the Diocese of Oxford.

The intent is to restore the organ in such a way as to enable it to fulfil its role for many years to come.

Although the organ was originally built for use in a drawing room, it was modified on a low budget basis by Kingsgate Davidson in 1951 to make it (as then perceived) more suitable for its role in leading worship in a church considerably larger than a drawing room. These changes were left clearly discernible and reversible.

The organ has for some years been suffering continuing deterioration with ongoing faults no longer possible to rectify during modest maintenance visits. Continued tuning of the instrument has been gradually proving harder with the accumulation of dirt, increasing number of loose slides and damaged pipework.

So it has been agreed that the time has finally arrived to take more comprehensive action to save the instrument and ensure its continued use for the future as a valued asset to the Church.

The plan is to restore all historical aspects of the organ, as far as is practically possible, within the confines of the Church's desire that the instrument should retain the Kingsgate Davidson addition of Pedals and an independent Bourdon rank, which undoubtedly make the use of the instrument more practical in continuing to fulfil the Church's needs.

The intention then, is to preserve the historical nature of the instrument restoring it as much as possible to the original specification yet leaving it more able to fulfil its role within the church building.

We are therefore very pleased that our proposals, which have the full support of eminent organ advisors, achieve the appropriate balance between restoration and repair that we have been seeking, and have the requisite official approval of the Diocese of Oxford.

The scale of the work required will require the organ to be temporarily removed to the organ builder's workshop at Farnham in Surrey and the work involved will take some time to complete.

The cost of the project is £26,400 plus VAT. However, St. John's Church is a Listed Building and the work therefore qualifies for reimbursement of VAT under the Government's Listed Places of Worship VAT Grant Scheme which is due to end on 31st March 2022.

At the time of writing we have currently raised £20,000 towards the cost of the proposed works with other fund-raising initiatives in place. Mindful that the work will take some time to carry out but needs to be completed before this VAT deadline next spring, the PCC have taken the view that we should move forward with the project now; in faith that the additional funds that are still needed will have been raised by the time all the work that is required has been completed.

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