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## Welcome to the August edition

At last life is returning to normal-I've had my first drink in a pub in nearly 18 months. What a time to welcome Sam Watson as the new landlady at the Black Horse (see page 11).

We were very sad to hear of the death of Stella Boll. As well as being a long term member of the VH Committee she was a great supporter of Hallmark and drew many of its cover pictures.

You will notice that this edition of Hallmark is a slimline version. We have lost a few advertisers during the pandemic and some of our regular contributors have been unable to provide articles. Lets hope we can get back to normal next time.

Mike Piercy Editor



Village coffee mornings resume on August 5th and let's face it tea and cake has kept us all going during these testing times.

Welcome back!

Karen Hodghton Booking Secretary

## Village Hall

What a time we have all had over the past sixteen months. Hall open, hall closed, hall used only for educational purposes. Everything sanitised and definitely no socialising!

Now we are fully open and all organisations, old and new, will be back in September. Of course, nothing is certain anymore, but I for one am remaining optimistic.

By the time you read this the Horticultural Society will have held a social event. Our first for a very long time.

Looking ahead, there is a play being organised by Equus Productions in September and a chance to make lace with our now 'famous' lacemakers. (Adverts for both on page 5)

## Windmill reopens



We will open the windmill to visitors on Sunday 25th July and will then open each Sunday until and including Sunday 26th September. Opening times will be 14.00 to 17.00 hours. Visitors will also be welcome on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August when opening hours will be extended; 11.30 to 17.00 hours. We are asking for a minimum donation for entry, £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for children over 5 years.

We are keen to ensure the safety of our volunteers and visitors and will be asking everyone to wear masks when inside the Windmill and will be limiting the numbers inside, so please bear with us if we ask you to wait outside. Hand sanitiser is available for use.

We ask visitors to park on Pink Road and walk up the lane to the Windmill.

Much work has been done by the team to ensure the windmill is looking its best as we welcome visitors. It is an amazing building and we do hope you will come along and visit. The Wardens will be on hand to explain the Windmill's history and restoration, it is really interesting and quite a feat to get it to the condition you see today.

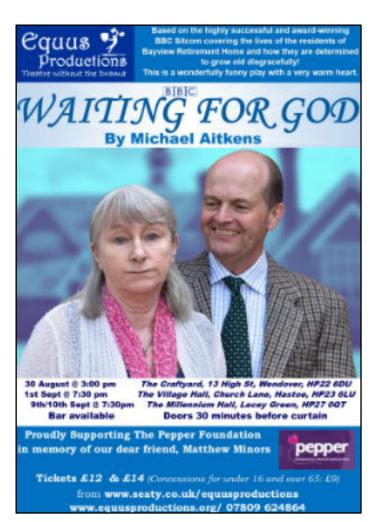
We are very pleased to welcome new volunteers this year. We would also be pleased to hear from anyone interested in supporting the Windmill, opportunities include: Wardens, Assistant Wardens, maintenance, publicity or general support. The time commitment is not onerous and training is given. If you are interested please email <a href="mailto:iane@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk">iane@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk</a>. Look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you to our landlord for the support and also the Chiltern Society who are supporting the opening of the windmill.

We look forward to seeing you over the summer.

Lacey Green Windmill Restoration Committee







#### 'Loosley Row Open Gardens'

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Adults £10, students free. Children over 9 welcome. Tea and coffee will be served. Tickets available from Eventbrite.

Some equipment will be available on the day, or you can bring your own.



## The Black Horse

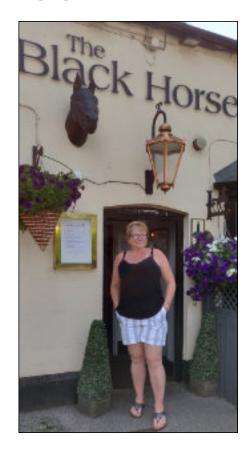
As most of you will know, Lynne and lan retired in April and have handed the Black Horse on to a new licensee. She is Sam Watson and comes to Lacey Green after many years working in a variety of different pubs and sports club bars in High Wycombe. She knows all sides of the business and has many contacts in the hospitality world to give her advice and recommendations – one of which was to take on the Black Horse!

She has brought some staff who have been members of her previous teams, but has also kept 4 of the existing staff to give continuity. She has known her chef for a long time and they work well together.

The drinks side is working well (and I can testify to the London

Pride being excellent). At the moment she is running a small and simple menu but sees this expanding greatly in the future to bring in seasonal menus and daily specials. Sam is not aiming to serve expensive restaurant-style food but is looking to provide good home-made pub grub. She has already restarted the senior citizens roll up pub lunch on the first Tuesday of the month.

Before the menu can be extended she has agreed with Admiral Taverns that the kitchen will be fully renovated and the cellar improved. Once these works have been done she has longer term plans for redecorating both the interior and exterior of the building – though that may be some time away.



Even though the government has lifted all the controls on Covid, Sam is still being careful. Some of the (younger) staff still choose to wear masks but they are not mandatory. Though customers will be able to place orders for food and drink at the bar they will not be allowed to sit at the bar or stand around inside in large groups. The outside marquee is still available for those who want to be in large groups.

In the future Sam is hoping to put on events and music and is planning a beer and gin festival, possibly at the end of August.

Mike Piercy

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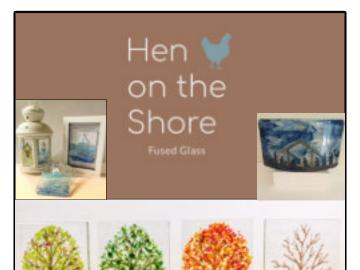
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## Drama returns to the village

We have been "waiting" a long time to bring you this show as it was originally planned for June 2019. So we are delighted to finally announce that tickets are now on sale for this wonderfully funny and heart-warming comedy based on the awardwinning BBC sitcom starring Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowdon. Set at the fictional **Bavview Retirement Home** near Bournemouth, the show was based on Diana Trent and her relationship with Tom Ballard, a former accountant with semi-feigned dementia.

Equus Productions is a local amateur theatre company, we have been staging plays and musicals for 6 years throughout Bucks and South Herts.

As I and my partner Mickey, our Technical Manger, now live in the village we are delighted to be performing in our new home!

Equus will also be bringing a traditional family pantomime to the village between Christmas and New Year and news of auditions for Cinderella will be available very soon. If you are interested in joining us either on or off stage for panto or in future shows, we would love to hear from you! Keep an eye on our website www.equusproductions.org or contact me at artistic@equusproductions.org for details. We do hope you will be able to join us for Waiting for God on Thursday 9th or Friday 10th September.

Tickets are available from www.seaty.co.uk/ equusproductions and we are raising funds for the Pepper Foundation in memory of our dear friend and former member, Matt Minors, who we sadly lost to Covid.

We do hope to be able to welcome you to one of our shows, auditions or fund-raisers very soon.

#### Fiona Quilter-Wood

Artistic Director, Equus Productions.

## **Short Mat Bowls**

Short-Mat Bowls - 2pm prompt every Monday at the Village Hall.

We re-started in the Village Hall at the beginning of July. The standard is terrible due to lack of practice but this is more than just competition. We frequently stand up, sit down, bend to pickup a bowl, launch it and then walk 15 metres to the other end of the mat. So it is exercise without getting too exhausted or breathless. In fact you don't realise you are so active until you go home. Need it more strenuous - just help roll and unroll the mats.

We tend to be retired people especially as it's a weekday afternoon but anyone is welcome. We are very sociable and in fact this is another of the reasons we do it. Talkers often need reminding it's their turn. One drawback of this age group is our continued mobility and as a consequence membership is

down, so room for several new members. You need some indoor shoes to change into to protect the mats and you can come for free for a couple of sessions to see if you like it - just turn up.

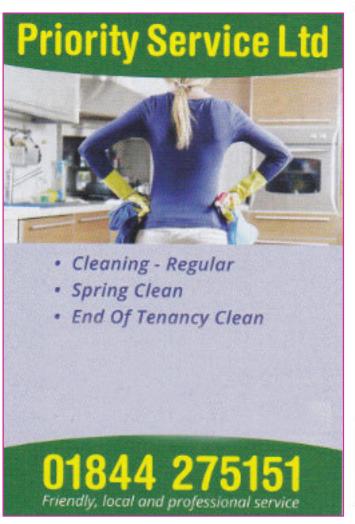
When we started the club everyone put in £20 to buy two second hand mats so membership is set at this but it's for life and gives an equal say to everyone as to how the club is run. Thereafter it's just £2 per session and you only pay when you come. We also throw in a cuppa and a biscuit at half time.

You can borrow some bowls to try it and then you can buy your own or the club will loan you a set for £40 and give you £30 back when you return them.

Virus: Our age group tend to be careful in our activities and associations so the risk is small. We all have had both jabs and there is a hand disinfectant in the entrance. Also plenty of room to maintain distance if desired. We have chosen not to wear masks.

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## **Happy Wanderers**

First Walk of 2021- hurrah! Sunday 27 June

On a dull and cloudy morning, but mild after a short rain shower, seven walkers and two dogs started the walk from Buryfield car park Great Missenden.

We walked past the sports field passing the school on the left, up Church Lane into the Abbey Park. Crossing the bridge over the lake we had a good view of the 12th century former medieval Abbey and its beautiful grounds. It is now a

conference and training centre and is a popular venue for weddings, craft fairs and other events and has lots of accommodation.

We crossed the London Road and went through a small housing estate into a big field, with red kites circling overhead. This led through an equestrian centre, where we saw two mares with their foals. We went through Angling Spring wood, which was good underfoot considering the rain we had the weeks before. After an enjoyable approximately three-

mile walk, we came out onto Whitefield Lane taking us back into the village.

#### **Phyl Bloomfield**

We are hoping to walk on Sunday July 25th around Cholesbury and then on Sunday August 29th and Sunday September 26th. We would be delighted to welcome any new members to join us. Please contact Liz Lewin (relewin@btinternet.com) for more details. We look forward to seeing you!

## Speen Helping Hospices

Speen Helping Hospices are running one of their big Saturday night entertainments on Saturday 4th September as part of Speen Festival 2021. Organise your friends and book a table now for Party Music through the Decades. Tickets are £20 each and include Disco and a two-course supper, they can be purchased from <a href="mailto:grainnesuter@btconnect.com">grainnesuter@btconnect.com</a>. Join us in the marquee on Speen Playing Field.

A wine tasting evening run by Lloyds Wines on Warrendene Road, is planned for 24th September. Tickets are £25 each and include 8 wine tastings and a cheese and charcuterie platter.

Check out our website www.shh-shop.org for information or contact me to get your tickets.

On 6th October we are organising a Bridge event with afternoon tea in North Dean Village Hall. This is a call out to bridge players to get a table together and join us for a stimulating (of brain and taste buds) afternoon. For more information contact me.

Our Christmas Market is on the 13th November in the Chapel Hall in Speen. This is always a popular event in a lovely setting. We have new stall holders this year and can promise you the perfect setting to buy early for Christmas.

Just to remind you the charities we support are Helen and Douglas House, the children's hospice in Oxford, Florence Nightingale, Rennie Grove Hospice and South Bucks Hospice. They all need us to support them to ensure they can support us should/when we need their services.

If you think you can support or sponsor a fundraising event, offer a prize for a raffle or would like to help us in some way, please contact me <a href="mailto:grainnesuter@btconnect.com">grainnesuter@btconnect.com</a> or 07778803260

## Windmill WI

We hope to have our first meeting back on 1st September, this will be our birthday meeting so we will enjoy tea and cake. Some of us will also be attending the Centenary Garden Party at Waddesdon Manor on the 10th August. Our knitting group is still going strong and we have made lots of baby blankets.

Sadly we lost Stella Boll this month. Stella was a committee member for several years, our Treasurer and Village Hall Rep. She will be very much missed.

Hopefully once we have had our first meeting we will be able to organise some trips out. We are trying to organise tea and cakes for one afternoon at the Pink and Lily, time and date to be confirmed.

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## On the Farm

The calendar indicates that it's mid-July and so it's the calm before the storm. We have now done spring barley wholecrop silage and 3 cuts of grass silage. Unusually the third cut is the heaviest of all of them, it's as though the grass celebrated finally getting some warm weather in June following the cold April and wet May and put in a massive growth spurt. The maize has picked up and now looks back on track.

The storm that is coming is our harvest. Wheat and spring barley. All looks set for good yields, but nothing can be counted until safely gathered. Wheat will be our first crop which will be around the beginning of August. Before our harvest other farmers will combine winter barley, this will make available some straw which we are in desperate need of. Last year's straw was in short supply following the wet autumn of 2019 when few cereals were planted.

At the same time as our harvest, we have about half our cows and heifers due to calve. This sets them up for autumn and winter milk production. Most of our cows have been out grazing this spring as the grass grew strongly. As the weather gets warmer in the summer the grass growth slows, we will have to supplement their diet with the silage we have conserved.

Bees and pollinators are important to us all. Arla, our milk co-operative, has recently launched its 'Bee Road Campaign', supported by Morrisons, Homebase and the charity Buglife. They are encouraging farmers to get on to the 'Bee Road' by planting pollinator plots. Arla has given away 100,000 packs of seeds of pollinator-friendly plants to consumers to plant in their gardens. A photo shows one of our wildflower patches.

Recently most of the farmers in our Cluster Group met at

FarmED in the Cotswolds. This is a new educational farming centre for farmers, growers, policy makers, students and researchers. The centre is passionate about regenerative agriculture, soil fertility and capturing carbon. The day certainly created debate amongst all that attended, as it was challenging our approach to farming techniques that have in many cases become monocultural and not necessarily with soil health at the top of the agenda. What did become clear during the day is that grazing livestock has an important part to play in soil health and regenerative farming. The Chiltern Cluster is based in a diverse landscape, so most of us have got livestock on the farm as well as crops.

Just a few miles from FarmEd is Jeremy Clarkson's farm. The Amazon Prime series he has made about running his farm has been generally well received in the farming community. Often showing all the challenges that can happen in farming and his ways of overcoming them. Well worth watching if the opportunity arises, although it's possibly not for the faint hearted at times.

BORG came to check their owl and kestrel boxes for chicks. The result was a little disappointing; a crafty squirrel had set up home in the kestrel box, a sneaky pigeon was nesting in the barn owl box and the tawny owl box was still vacant. We did pick up a very young tawny chick in the spring which was delivered into St. Tiggywinkles care. (See photo)

We have often been asked if we sell milk from the farmgate, the answer is not yet. We have been looking into the idea of a milk vending machine. This would vend our pasteurised milk. They have been quite successful in some locations; we are currently investigating its viability so watch this space!



Anyway, back to harvest preparations and all the machinery needs checking and servicing. This morning the combine coughed and spluttered and refused to start. Our main tractor, after getting over adblu problems last week (adblu the bane of a lot of modern machinery), brake lights have come on ... so disc brakes need changing which means back wheels and axle off. All these issues 4 weeks after the 3-year warranty ran out!

#### **Richard West**



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Weatherise, it has been a strange summer so far. May was bitterly cold, June was extremely wet, and July has experienced very hot temperatures.

Fortunately, this hasn't dented the enthusiasm of our tennis players and after a 60% rise in membership last year, we continue to expand this year, not least in the junior section. Our head coach Dan Smith has done an amazing job attracting new juniors and over the summer term he was regularly coaching more than 70 children at the club each week. Most encouragingly, we are seeing a lot of tots (2.5 - 4 years old)participating which bodes very well for the future.

For adults, we want to get members playing more often and meeting other members whether at club sessions or organised tournaments. To support this, and new this year, we have some 40 members playing in friendly men's and ladies' doubles. Names were drawn out of a hat and the pairings are working very well. The idea is to get beginners playing with more advanced players so that members improve, but most importantly everyone has a bit of fun which encourages infrequent members to join in more. Alongside this, we are also running a men's singles ladder and members are competing in the club's championships for the ladies' Ebbles Cup and the men's Bradley Cup.

After our promotions in the Aylesbury summer league, this year looks to be a consolidation year with most of our teams mid-table. I am hopeful with the interest in ladies' tennis that we will be able to put out a second team this winter, which would mean 5 teams competing: a record for the club! We are currently a couple of players short in the men's 1st team due to some of the younger players moving away and some RAF relocations, so if you're a good competent player we would love to hear from you!

Our plans to floodlight court 3 have been slightly delayed due

to component shortages, but it should all be completed by the end of July. The focus now moves to our ambitious plans to build a 50m<sup>2</sup> clubhouse by the courts which will incorporate toilet facilities and an open plan kitchen. The aim is to make the main area sufficiently large so that we can offer small classes of Pilates/Yoga which are very complimentary to tennis and will provide another revenue stream for the club. We hope to submit a planning application this autumn and we are already forming a fund-raising committee which will require substantial efforts over the next few years.

The trend towards being healthier and getting fit has obviously accelerated over the past 18 months, and it looks set to continue for the medium term. Tennis is a great way to exercise outdoors in a sociable environment, and whether you are young or old we have something for you. Come and join in with the fun!

**Nigel Glenister** 



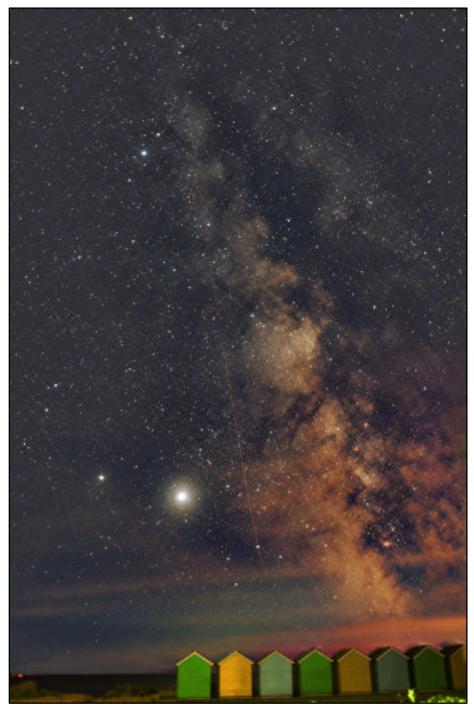
## **Heavenly Bodies**

Shooting season is upon us, and unless you're a grouse, the 'Glorious Twelfth' of August looks set to be a cracker up in the sky. The Perseid meteor shower will be Moon-free, so here's hoping for a sizzling summer festival of shooting stars. This will all take place beneath the majestic gaze of our two giant planets.

The Perseids happen because as the Earth hurtles around the Sun, it passes through the exhaust trail of Comet Swift-Tuttle. The trail is made up of particles of dust and rock about the size of rice grains and sand. This sounds peaceful enough – but since our planet is travelling at 67,000mph and the particles are also orbiting at high speeds, the specks collide with our atmosphere at a colossal 125,000mph. They squash the air in front of them which heats up and vaporises the particle 50 miles above us - producing the brilliant streak of light we call a shooting star.

This is called the Perseid meteor shower because the light streaks appear to emanate from the area of our sky where the Perseus constellation is. The peak of the shower is Thursday 12th August - the later the better that night (the Moon sets at around 10pm). Some will be visible before midnight, but more will be on show in the small hours as Earth's night-side slams more directly into the trail. So grab a garden lounger, look overhead and enjoy (do you hear that, clouds?!).

Lower down in the south-east sky from 10pm-ish, two bright points of light will stand out from the crowd. These are the mighty Jupiter and beautiful Saturn. Last year, the two gas giants were visible with Jupiter to the right of Saturn. During the year, Jupiter has 'overtaken' Saturn on its inside orbital lap and is now to Saturn's left.



I took the image on this page last year while holidaying on the south coast (hence the beach huts) when brighter Jupiter was on the right and the Milky Way was nicely in view.

To give some scale to the image and what you'll hopefully see too – Jupiter will be about half a billion miles from us, Saturn one billion miles away and the Milky Way is thousands of light-years away. The two planets will be in our skies for a few months, setting earlier as time passes.

Also during August and the following months, look out for Venus (aka the Evening 'Star') low in the west/south-west skies after sunset. Lovely.

So lots to look out for! It's said by some that just seeing a shooting star brings good luck to the observer – so good luck spotting loads of them. Until February – gotta shoot!

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On 6th May the local elections were held for the new Buckinghamshire Council. These were the first elections since the transition to the new unitary Council on 1st April 2020 due to last year's scheduled elections being postponed due to the pandemic.

The Ridgeway West Division now has three Conservative Councillors namely Carl Etholen, the former Bucks County Councillor for the area, Shade Adoh, the former Wycombe District Councillor for the ward of Stokenchurch and Radnage and Robert Carington, who is from a local farming family from Bledlow who has been elected for the first time.

Thank you very much to everyone who voted in the local elections and we look forward to working as hard as possible on your behalf as representatives on the Council.

#### **Road Funding**

The new Council held its first AGM on 26th May and more recently on 21st July, both which were held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium to ensure social distancing.

At the meeting on 21st July, it was announced and agreed that there would be an extra £3 million investment to improve the county's roads, in addition to the £24 million already allocated to highways improvement. The extra £3 million is being set aside specifically so an extra £2.5 million can be spent repairing potholes with another half a million pounds to upgrade road markings.

This will take the total investment on roads and pavements to over £100 million over the next four years.

Buckinghamshire Council has already pledged to spend an extra £4million on clearing drains and gulleys this year, and the work is now underway.

#### Coronavirus

As of 19th July, the Government has eased restrictions on social distancing, the rules of wearing face coverings etc. so these are a not a legal requirement but purely advisory. Sadly, the case numbers are rising.

As of 21st July, there were 315.3 cases per 100,000 people in Buckinghamshire, which is slightly lower than the figures for the South East of England which is 321.4 per 100,000 and also lower than the rate for the whole of England which is 425.3 per 100,000.

#### Speen Village Fete

On 3rd July, we were very privileged to be invited to have a

stand at the Speen Village Fete as a way of introduction to local residents as well as to promote the North West Chilterns Community Board which brings localism to the people.

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

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#### **HS2 - HGV Traffic**

As the work on HS2 proceeds there is likely to be an increase in HS2 related traffic on the A4010. There was a concern raised by a number of the parishes, either side of this road, that some of the HGV traffic may seek alternative routes through the lanes, if for example the main route becomes congested.

We were made aware by Tfb that there was funding available from HS2, to help minimise the impact of HS2 traffic on the environment. As our roads are clearly not built to sustain this kind of traffic we took the opportunity, in combination with neighbouring parishes, to apply for funding to improve the signage at the access points on the A4010.

Our application was to arrange for new signage at Foundry Lane and Little Lane – primarily to deter HS2 traffic. The indicative cost was £8,400 and LGPC were prepared to contribute £2,100, so HS2 funding would have been £6,300.

We were very disappointed to be advised that this application had been refused. Tfb provided the following statement:

"The main reason this did not go through to stage 2 was that the areas potentially benefiting from the schemes are not areas which should be impacted by HS2 construction traffic.

"Although there was some evidence of collisions on Smalldean Lane and Slough Lane, these were investigated by the Network Safety Team who concluded that none involved HGVs. The network safety element of the assessment (road safety benefit and legacy) concluded that introducing new or reinforcing existing weight

restrictions would have no impact on reducing collision rates."

We have requested this be reconsidered. We will publish any further news on this on the Parish Council web page. Tfb have also asked that if anyone sees any HS2 contractor HGVs using inappropriate roads they should get a registration number and advise the Parish Council of the details by emailing clerk@laceygreen-pc.org.uk. We can then pass this on to prove a point and for Tfb to take action.

#### **Traffic calming**

The 2nd consultation closed on the 9th July and Buckinghamshire Council will now collate the feedback.

- Week commencing July 26<sup>th</sup> will see a meeting arranged with the Council and the Parish Council to agree decisions. This will be followed by a submission report for approval followed by a decision report.
- Week commencing August 16<sup>th</sup> will see consultees informed of the decision, the website updated, followed by an instruction to advertise and the statutory consultation finishing on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Around the end of September we will see parking suspensions, bus stop suspension and letters to residents before the actual work can start. Hopefully it is programmed to be finished towards the end of October.

We are hopeful that these works will not cause too much disruption, and would ask all to be patient whilst works are being carried out.

#### **Litter Pick**

We now have a date for an organised litter pick for the villages of Lacey Green and Loosley Row – it's Saturday the 9th of October. We hope to run it along the same lines as before, where we congregated at the village hall and enjoyed some well-earned sustenance soon after!

This is subject of course to the prevailing rules and guidelines regarding Covid at that time. Our thanks, in advance go to Liz Patient, who has kindly agreed to liaise with us in the organisation of this event. We will communicate more detail on this nearer the time - both on our web page and also the What's Going On In Lacey Green Face Book page.

#### **Vandalism**

I'm sorry to report that there is an increase in vandalism in the children's play area – with a waste bin being destroyed and in the process also damaging a bench, which has resulted in us having to remove it.

Children have been climbing on the shelter. This is totally not what the shelter was put in the playground for and we ask parents to supervise their children whilst they are in the playground to ensure that all equipment is used as it was designed.

We also noticed a post on Face Book recently reporting some damage, I believe at Windmills.

This is probably children doing this – hopefully they will grow up soon and realise that damaging these facilities is spoiling the enjoyment for other villagers who wish to use them properly.

Tim Macgillivray

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## Windmill Under 5s Preschool

We have finally made it to the end of the school year; and what a year it has been! A huge thank you to all our families for helping us all stay safe by following our rules to ensure that we have not had to close due to this uncertain year.

We were able to say goodbye to our school leavers, which is always emotional for all involved. The teaching team have done an excellent job getting them ready for 'big school', throughout the challenges faced and will be sending them off with lots of happy memories. They were also lucky enough to have some tennis sessions with Dan from the Tennis Club too, which they absolutely loved and was a great way to practice getting changed into their PE kit!

We have spent the term looking at how things grow and flourish. We have planted beans and sunflowers and watched caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies before releasing them on to the field. We have been fortunate that we have the field beyond ours where we have been delighted to watch tractors and various farm machinery getting it ready for the cows to come back (see photo).

Writing this in the sunshine makes it hard to remember the really wet weather we had earlier last month, but this did help us with our under the sea project looking at animals and plants that live in the water! The children have learnt some great movements to songs and we showcased these to the parents at a socially distanced Sports Day where great fun was had by everyone who took part.

Windmills would not be the fantastic preschool that it is without the excellent teaching team, who have worked so hard all of the year to ensure that the children haven't noticed that

anything different has been going on! Special thanks to our Manager Tracey, and our Business Manager Sarah, who keep us all organised and on top of all the ever-changing regulations and requirements.

We are also so grateful to our very committed committee and parents, who do a huge amount for Windmills in their own time. We will all enjoy a well-earned rest over the summer and look forward to starting the autumn, hopefully back to normal, in September.

Due to the restrictions in place, again, many of our usual fundraising and social events have had to be cancelled. This not only effects our ever-needed fundraising but also meant that many of our families never really got more than the passing hello in the morning queue. Hopefully things will return to normal in September so more social interaction will be able to take place and we can have our family quiz nights in person rather than on Zoom!

With this being said, however, we were able to hold our annual summer raffle and would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses and families that donated such wonderful



prizes! Thanks to: The Black Horse, The Whip Inn, The Pink and Lily, The Co-op (Walters Ash), Sue's House of Cakes, Beckonscot Model Village, Dan (Lacey Green and Loosley Row Tennis Club), Sizzorhands, Countrywide Coaches and The Goat Centre who helped us the raise a fantastic £360!

We currently have spaces for children 2-5 years old, if you are interested get in touch with Tracey on 07502 198405 or manager@windmillunder5s.co.uk

#### Natasha Kann

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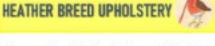




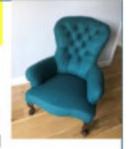
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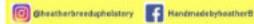


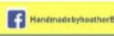
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## St John s Church



We have returned to Church and have enjoyed services. There are still restrictions but we have had Morning Prayer with Parish Communion at 10:00am in Church, followed by a Zoomed Morning Prayer online with hymns at 11:00am. Parish Communion in Church has also taken place on Tuesdays. All services have been well attended.

The services at 11:00am included the excellent singing from the Mole family. The music and singing were fantastic!

Following the lifting of most remaining lockdown restrictions, on 20th July, the PC Standing Committee have agreed to the following changes to worship at St. John's for the immediate future:

- Although no longer legally required, we request that for the time being due to rising Covid-19 infection rates, the congregation do continue to wear masks in Church, maintain social distancing and sanitise their hands.
- The choir will resume singing in Church from this Sunday onwards. The congregation are invited to join in the singing of hymns but are requested to do so wearing their masks.
- Holy Communion will continue in one kind only for the time being and will be administered from the area in front of the chancel step (as we have been doing during lockdown).
- The Peace will continue for the time being to be observed discreetly and following social distancing protocols.
- The congregation are asked to observe social distancing as far as possible and the Lady Chapel area will be set aside as a mandatory social distancing area for those who feel they need to socially distance themselves from others. Please respect this.

### SAMUEL GREEN PIPE ORGAN

Fund-raising for the restoration and repair of the historic Samuel Green pipe organ at St. John's Church is continuing, and we have now raised over 80% of the total we need.

We have an invitation by the Tillotson family in Church Lane to use their lovely garden for an "Afternoon Cream Tea with live light music" on the 18th September from 3pm until 5pm.

The music will be organised by Cher and Gavin Mole. Please contact Rev Tony Bundock by email or telephone (tony.bundock49@gmail.com or 01844 347741) for tickets £8 each.

Look out on noticeboards around the village for fund raising events and we look forward to your support.

Pat Rushmere

## **Lacey Green Players**

Lacey Green Players have sadly, like most actors and performers, had to take 18 months off from what we love doing. There is nothing like performing, having fun and importantly entertaining our audiences and supporters.

Now that we can get back together we are putting our creative thinking caps on and deciding what performances we can do this or next year. No definite plans as yet but please watch out for news, details will be available on our website:

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Jane Hervé



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| Happy Wanderers<br>Walking Club | Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed 10.30  | Linda Taylor            | 345261       |                                   |
| Horticultural<br>Society        | 3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov.<br>8 pm                              | Alison Shreeve          |              | a.shreeve1@btinternet.com         |
| Speen & North<br>Dean Toddlers  | Tuesday 9.30 Chapel Hall, Speen Church in term time                           | Natasha Kann            |              | Speennorthdeantoddlers@gmail.com  |
| LG Singers                      | Thursday evenings in term time at St<br>John's School                         | Denise Kinnard          |              | laceygreensingers@hotmail.com     |
| Lacey Green<br>Players          | Theatre, drama, and sometimes food  | Jane Herve              |              | info@laceygreenplayers.co.uk      |
| Windmill Under 5s               | Mon-Fri 9.00-12.00 (or 1.30 with lunch).<br>Tues & Wed can be extended to 3pm | Tracey Winfield         | 07502 198405 | manager@windmillunder5s.co .uk    |
| Windmill WI<br>(evenings)       | 1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45 pm  | Daphne Willash          | 01494 562455 | daphne.willash@btinternet.com     |
| High Wycombe &<br>District U3A  | 4th Wed afternoon of the month  | Theresa Hehir           | 01494 881170 | hehirt@hotmail.com                |
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| Over 50s Pub<br>Lunch Club      | Black Horse. First Tuesday of the month                                       | Yvonne Axe              | 345216       |                                   |
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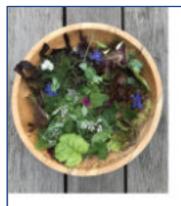
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