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Welcome to the November edition

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The contributions are entirely voluntary; you will still receive the magazine even if you are not able to contribute. The cost of producing each issue is about £2 per copy - £8 across the year. So we suggest a donation in the £5 to £10 range.

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Thanks to Jonathan Hilder and Sonia Goby for his superb front cover picture and those on page 11. It's good that the local village magazines can work together.

Thanks also to the local police for their article on page 6. It's good to see that they recognise the local issues and are keen to communicate with us.

The middle pages are full of stories about our Ukrainian visitors, it's great that they have settled in so well. I hope that the new charity and Bucks Council can find a solution to the housing problem.

Theatre group Equus are bringing their panto to Lacey Green again this year, it's a great tradition. Let's support it.

Mike Piercy Editor

Village Hall

Can we really be getting ready for Christmas again?!

2022 seems to have flown by and many events have taken place at the hall.

As Christmas approaches, we have a full variety of festive events. The Horts Soc have a sweet pea workshop on Nov 20th see page 27.

The weekend of November 26th /27th sees the return of the craft show. This was very well received last year and there will be a spectacular range of crafts to view and purchase.

There will be two wreath making workshops during December. These are being run by local florist, Fiona, see the full advert on page 4.

Finally, its Panto time. Oh yes, it is! This year's production is Jack, Jill, and the Beanstalk. Equus Productions encourage everyone to join in, experienced or a novice. On stage or off. Book your tickets early to avoid missing out, see page 7.

With 2023 just around the corner, please book your party early to avoid disappointment.

Look out for new classes of yoga and upholstery. The craft café is also back. Enjoy everything that our fabulous hall has to offer.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy Christmas. With very best wishes for 2023.

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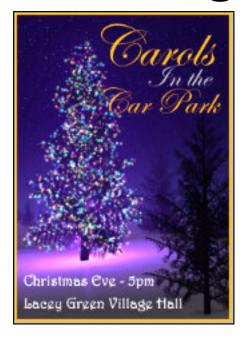
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A Village Coming Together



Following the sad passing of Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth II, several villagers gathered by the flagpole to observe the national minute's silence in her memory. It was a solemn moment and one that was nice to share with others. It brought back the memories of the village coming together during the lockdown and the feeling of community spirit and togetherness it gave to so many at such a difficult time.



To that end, we would like to invite you to join us in the village hall car park at 5pm on Christmas Eve to start the festive season together by singing Christmas songs and carols..... you never know, there might even be a visit from the man in the red suit if we all behave ourselves!

If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to help with a few simple tasks on the evening, please contact me. Fiona Quilter-Wood fionagw@yahoo.com

We had our MacMillan Coffee Morning on 29th September at Lacey Green Village Hall. Because of Covid we had missed two years so we were thrilled to raise the grand total of £1,523.

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

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

Special thanks also go to Stephanie at Buckmoorend Farm Shop, The Horticultural Society and the WI for their very generous raffle prizes. We certainly could not have achieved such a great total without all of you.

Ann, Daphne and Sandra

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You





Welcome to our Local Police Update for your community area. My Name is Steve Bobbett and I am the Neighbourhood Inspector who covers your area, along with the rest of the High Wycombe and Marlow area. I want to keep this article, which has been provided by your Neighbourhood team, local to your area and relevant to you. We are pleased to announce that the new Police Station outside the Fire Station in Princes Risborough should become operational hopefully by the end of October 2022. There will be an opening event, which we will publicise locally, when this goes live. This will be the base for Neighbourhood Police Teams (NHPT) that cover Princes Risborough and surrounding villages out to Widmer End, Butlers Cross, Ilmer, Little Hampden and the villages in between. The Chepping Wye Valley NHPT are the other team and cover Hazlemere, Flackwell Heath, Penn and Loudwater.



This new station pictured above is a sign of our long-term commitment to keep your Neighbourhood Teams local to your area.

There will be no discernible difference to the service that the public receive. This will be a satellite station with no public counter and the Response Teams from High Wycombe will continue to cover 24 hour policing in the area.

The teams currently consist of Sergeant Oliver Brixey, PC 4755 Andy Ralph and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) 9625 Alicia Grant covering Princes Risborough. PC 6027 Marea Logan who has been a longstanding and valued member of the team is leaving for pastures new and we all wish her well. We will be recruiting her replacement in the coming weeks and we will update you with her replacement when they start with us.

PCSO Carina Gomes Da Costa is also leaving the team to become a Police Constable, again we wish her well and congratulate her on her new role.

PCs 4741 Jed Russell, 5569 Rus Hawkins and PCSO 9634 Lauren Newell make up the Chepping Wye Valley NHPT.

Princes Risborough town has been subject to increased antisocial behaviour (ASB) this year, which has consisted of Minor Disorder, Theft and Criminal Damage, mostly carried out by a group of youths. PC Ralph has investigated crimes involving 6 main youths who have all been interviewed and dealt with by way of community resolution (an out of court disposal where an admission is made usually incorporating an apology and payment for stolen or damaged items) or conditional caution.

On top of thi,s multi-agency work incorporating the youth justice team, social services and schools have also helped to significantly reduce reported ASB/crime by this group in the last month and provide a more long-term solution to the youths' behaviour.

OP HERD has been put in place within Princes Risborough to tackle this increased ASB. This has meant officers and Police Community Support Officers



(PCSO's) from across the whole police area have been working in Risborough on late shifts to provide increased presence, engagement and enforcement, where necessary.

As part of our drive to tackle Rural Crime and be more easily contactable to farmers and the rural community alike, we have a dedicated work phone WhatsApp group where questions or suspicious activity can be posted for our attention and we can respond accordingly.

PC's Hawkins and Russell have been carrying out increased town centre and local rural patrols in the last month. As a result, numerous stop checks have been carried out in rural locations resulting in a number of personal drugs seizures.

They also were involved in stopping an electric scooter with one male being detained and arrested for riding offences in Princes Risborough. Another scooter was seized in Walters Ash for not being on the Police National Computer. The driving offences are being investigated.

I hope you have found this article useful and look forward to providing similar updates going forward.

Best Wishes

From your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Musicals and magic!

Not exactly a production, but our latest adventure was an "evening at the musicals", which was held in the Village Hall in September.

We enjoyed performances from Ross Hardman (National Performer and MD of last year's panto) and got a sneak preview of Jack, Jill & the Beanstalk to be staged this Christmas. All whilst enjoying a delicious home cooked two-course meal prepared by one of our current performers, Karen.

We also had 8 rounds of musicals based quizzes - wow, didn't realise how competitive everyone was! Then we enjoyed some fabulous karaoke performances from guests on the evening and some good old favourite sing-a-longs. We could have kept going for hours and we all had a fabulous evening.

We would like to thank the following people for donating prizes for our raffle: Handmade by Heather, Twenty Four Hair, The Beauty Barn, Fiona Michaels Flowers, Tesco, Princes Risborough, M&S, Princes Risborough and all our wonderful guests.



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Now our attention returns to performance and after our successful production of Cinderella last year, we are delighted to be bringing another pantomime to the village this Christmas!

This year join in with cheering our gorgeous twins, Jack & Jill as they venture up the Beanstalk to rescue the beautiful Princess Jane from the evil clutches of Giant Blunderbore! Will they be successful in their quest – will all of their dreams come true? Not without a little help from the magical Fairy Liquid and all the lovely boys and girls in the audience.

Please come and help them by booking your tickets now www.equusproductions.org/tickets

Fiona Quilter-Wood

Artistic Director, Equus Productions.

On the Farm

This autumn has been relatively dry, we had expected it to turn wet after the drought of the summer. We have had good recovery of grass, allowing a group of the milking cows to graze well into October and a good number of youngstock are still out.

The dry weather of the summer has certainly affected our silage stocks (the main feed for the cattle for the winter) and I think it will have to be carefully rationed over the winter to make it last.

Some of the other byproducts we use are also in tight supply. The supply of brewer's grains which are the mashed residue of barley (a good form of protein) from the brewing process are in erratic supply. We use about 30 tonnes every fortnight but cannot always get them in time. The ones we use usually come from the Carlsberg Brewery in Northampton. Hopefully beer production will increase in the run up to Christmas. We are no longer able to get citrus pulp, which was the residue of fresh oranges squeezed for juice, as small part of a ration they provided sugar and fibre.

As predicted the harvest in the summer was very early (see photo of harvest behind Culverton farm). At times it was quite worrying; with tinder dry conditions, fire was a serious concern. On one day whilst harvesting, smoke could be seen from three fires, in the local area at the same time.

In the Chilterns we are at risk of fires being created when the combine skids hit flints on the ground causing sparks and starting fires. We did have a small fire behind the engine of the combine, this could have spread uncontrollably in seconds but with several fire extinguishers we were able to

put it out quickly with only minor repairs to get it going again.

Compared to last year where we dried everything, this year we didn't have to dry any grain, which saved a great deal of time and money. We did have to cool it as the grain comes in at a similar temperature to the day temperature, and it can heat up and sweat if it is not cooled.

Considering the dry year, we were very happy with the yield. The specific weight was exceptional and the Hagberg was good, however the protein was generally too low for milling wheat (I know, I did predict in the last article the protein would be high). As this is a nation-wide issue the mills have reduced the specification they require, to keep their supply. They will probably import more wheat from Canada as that usually has very high proteins.

For the last three months we have been very busy with many of the cows and heifers calving. We have been quite tight on staff over the last few months, and this creates a lot of work looking after the calves and starting to milk the heifers (new cows coming into the herd).

The new heifers are not always sure they want to be milked, they can lash out with their feet at the milker who must have their wits about them. Generally they settle down within a few days and are fine. Thanks to all our team who have put in many hours looking after all the stock.

We have had several visitors to the farm over the last few months. Rob Butler our MP had a tour of the farm, wisely he turned up with wellies. We were able to discuss issues that are affecting farms producing food in a sustainable way.



We also had Princes Risborough Junior Young Farmers for a tour one evening. The club seems to be thriving, but new members are always welcome (you don't have to be one(farmer) to be one). The juniors are for 10 to 14 year-olds, the seniors are from 15 to 26 year-olds.

In June we had a fly tipping incident in a field in Smalldean Lane, this was dumped on the edge of one of our fields. This was made possible because somebody had stolen the gate from the field a few weeks beforehand.

Interestingly it was domestic rubbish and in it were several letters all from the same address, in Buckingham. The council official I was with when these were found was delighted and assured me that the resident of the address would be given a visit, hopefully they were.

I wonder if we will see more green fly tipping into fields due to the new council charges. This is always a concern as gardens often have plants that can seriously harm cattle.

Continued opposite...

Pop Up Scavenger Hunts

By request, following a successful Scavenger Hunt during the sponsored walk in aid of St Johns Church in September we have decided to run these on a regular basis.

The children had a lovely afternoon in the vicarage gardens enjoying various activities collecting autumn seeds and flowers and then making a picture from them.

The afternoon finished with parachute games and bubbles.





Santa's workshop on December 12th in St Johns Church and grounds between 2pm and 4pm will be our next venue.

The Christmas Tree festival will be on in the church and Santa's Elves have been very careless and have lost important parts to the toys they are making for Christmas. We will need to help find them and make some Christmas decorations to show the elves where we live.

Pop up scavenger hunts will offer a chance to donate to St Johns Church, Lacey Green.

kindergymjenny@gmail.com or 07754 518034 for further information or offers of help.

Jenny Stothard

On the Farm cont..

The cluster group has been doing reptile surveys, thanks to Lavinia and friends who have been monitoring various sites around the farm throughout the summer. (The photo shows her checking under the mats for reptiles).

I am not sure there has been much on our patch, but I do I know some farms have found grass snakes and slow worms, I expect the results will be published soon.

The cluster group is just starting some meetings discussing chalk stream catchments, specifically issues such as field run off and aquifer recharging.



Quite a few of the farms have chalk stream catchments so it should be interesting.







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Widmer Farm Park

Widmer Farm has a long history of managing rare and exotic animals. I remember going to see the ostriches some years ago, but the complexities and costs of keeping up with zoo licences were too much, and the animal trail closed down.

Post lockdown, life is returning to normal and we are getting out and about again. So Widmer is opening a Farm Park containing most of the domestic animals to be seen outside zoos

I went for a visit and was shown around by the park manager Alice Paterson. She showed me that they have a wide variety of cute animals including many rare breeds. There are goats (big and small); sheep (Jacobs, Cotswolds, Herdwicks); llamas, alpacas, donkeys, and pigs expected soon.

All the animals have big open pens with shelters in case of bad weather, and various landscaping objects to keep them interested. Visitors can feed some of the tamer animals and they are very friendly.

The Farm Park is open to everybody but is clearly aimed at families with pre-school children. There's an outdoor picnic area with sanitary facilities so you can bring a meal.

Construction is underway for a large indoor cafe and soft-play area, so you'll be able to buy your drinks and light meals whilst you shelter from the winter weather. Hopefully this will be open before Christmas.

Also in this indoor area there are rabbits and a big display area for guinea pigs - you can even buy them to take home as pets.

The Farm Park is open 10 - 4 Mon - Sat. www.widmerfarmpark.co.uk

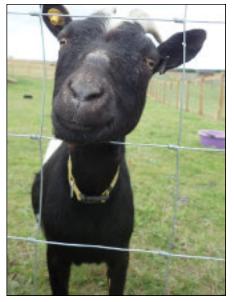














LLS Youth Club

After a summer break, Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen Youth Club is back for another term

We have welcomed lots of new members from the current Year 6 and are really glad to see that the Year 7s have continued coming after starting at their new secondary schools, as a way of keeping in touch with old friends. The Youth Club has been a really popular social event for our local youngsters with over 50 attendees on the current register!

We have had a few exciting events already this term; Halloween Pottery, Pumpkin Painting, Minecraft Coding workshops delivered by local teenager Elliott O'Connor and Fun Splash at Risborough Springs. The children are still contributing to the timetable and are enjoying making the decisions about which activities the youth club runs each fortnight.

The tuck shop is a huge success and the children love being able to spend their pocket money. Although, you may be surprised to hear that lots of the children do also opt to choose the free fruit and veg on offer each week!

We are currently raising funds to improve the facilities and resources for the children with a new Air Hockey table, new pool table and more comfy bean bags top of the list! If you have any bean bags that you longer need or use; or any other games equipment that are taking up space at home and would like to donate to the youth club, please get in touch.

Our last meeting of the year will be on Friday 9th December which will be our Christmas Party, with games, decorations and present making. We will be back again after the Christmas holidays, fortnightly from Friday 6th January 2023 for just £3 a session, at the Millennium Hall, 7:30pm-9pm. All children Year 6-9, who live in Lacey Green, Loosely Row or Speen are welcome to attend; as well as those who attended St John's School.

As with all volunteer run organisations, we are always looking for helpers and volunteers who would like to join us; or any locals that may have particular skills or hobbies that they would like to share with our young people.

Thank you so much to all the parents who have been helping out this term and last term. Without these helpers we would not be able to offer this fabulous club to our youngsters.

We are now at the point where we are looking to set up a small committee, so that we have a group of helpers who are committed to supporting LLS Youth Club and ensure it continues to run well into the future. If you are interested in joining the team as a committee member, please get in touch.

If you would like more information about the LLS Youth Club, please visit the Lacey Green website www.laceygreen.com or email directly to natashakann@gmail.com





Natasha Kann



Buckinghamshire Council

The end of the year 2022 is rapidly approaching and what a year it has been. In June we celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and then in September, we mourned her passing with the proclamation of King Charles' accession to the throne.

With the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, all of us in the UK are seeing a rise in the cost of living, energy costs, interest rates and inflation.

Buckinghamshire Council is working hard on its priorities and spending plans for next year. So like other Councils across the UK, the Council is in the process of setting its budget for 2023/2024. 82% of the cost of providing all its services comes from the collection of Council tax.

On 12th October, Buckinghamshire Council launched "Money Matters"- the way for residents to tell us what matters most to them when we allocate available funds during next year. The budget will pay for services such as road repairs, adult social care, children's services, running libraries and leisure centres, and support for residents facing hardship.

This consultation closes at midnight on 20th November. You can complete the online survey or download a printed version and send it back. Here is the link to the website:

https:// yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.co m/corporate-services/ budget-2023-24/ With the financial pressures Buckinghamshire Council runs the "Helping Hand" initiative which is there to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Details can be found here:

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/

The Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre closed in March 2019 due to Buckinghamshire County Council having to make savings due to financial pressures even though there was a petition with over 4,500 signatures opposing the closure.

A Community Interest Company was set up with the support of 12 Town and Parish Councils to act as a vehicle to submit a planning application to re-open it independently. With the Covid pandemic and the transition of the Councils to the new unitary, the application went to appeal due to nondetermination. The Planning appeal was dismissed in August 2021 by the Planning Inspector solely on the CIC not having an adequate Minerals and Waste Management plan.

With the transition to the new unitary, Buckinghamshire Council has made savings within the Climate Change and the Environment Portfolio, and with the expansion of Princes Risborough in the next few years, the Cabinet met on 22nd September and voted to re-open this facility sometime in November if not sooner.



Details of this can be found here:

https:// www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/ waste-and-recycling/householdrecycling-centres-permits-andwaste-facilities/find-your-nearesthousehold-recycling-centre/ bledlow-recycling-centre/

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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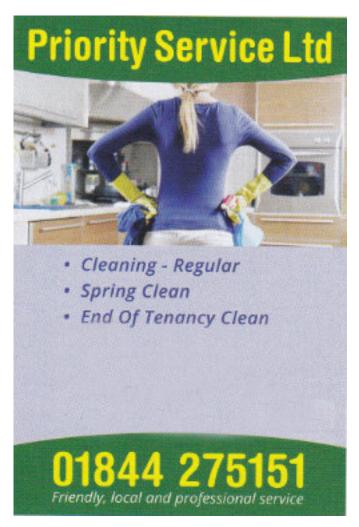
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Don't Let the Grinch Steal Christmas! Celebrate with us at The Pink!

As I sit here and write this, all around us is doom and gloom. After the last couple of Covid years we were all really in need of some cheer but nonetheless all is sweetness and light up at The Pink. Our fires are lit, our food is fresh, seasonal and delicious and the wine, beer, whisky and gin – as well as a large selection of fabulous non-alcoholic options – are racked up and ready for you. So why not make a Great Escape and follow the yellow brick road up to The Pink this festive season.

The seasons change no matter what else is going on in the world and at this time of the year all of our thoughts turn to the C-word! We're looking forward to hosting your Christmas parties this year – and please, if you're thinking about booking a party with us don't delay and book today as things are getting really busy – crackers included! And why not let us cater for all of your families this Christmas Day? We have a

fabulous, luxurious but still affordable menu on offer details are on our web page, pinklily.com or from the pub itself. Although at the minute The Muppet's Christmas Carol is definitely the theme in the government - fingers crossed this mess is sorted out soon - it's all Love, Actually inside with us this Christmas. Why not let us Elf you out with your festive entertaining - there's no need to Die Hard cooking for the hoards when Luddy is at the helm in our kitchen - our own Wizard of Oz! He has a selection of fabulous menus planned for you!

We had a great summer and we are so appreciative of all of the support we receive from the village. I know that times are straightened for everyone but I cannot over-emphasise the importance of using your local or losing it. While Scrooge seems to be definitely in charge with all of the rumoured cuts and shortages,

and we, like everyone else, have had to reflect the changing economic circumstances. It certainly seems a bit of A Nightmare Before Christmas. Don't stay Home Alone but join us as the Holiday Inn to celebrate in style! And not only in the run up and on the big day itself, we'll soothe your sore heads on Boxing Day with roasts and Bloody Marys so our beautiful historic pub will really seem like A Miracle on 34th Street.

Last Christmas we were just coming out of the Covid Christmas Chronicles – and please be assured that we continue to maintain many of the precautions to keep us all safe. So let's make this Christmas a true celebration as, regardless of what else is going on in the world, It's a Wonderful Life with us at The Pink!

Shirley Abbott

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Windmill WI

Our August Meeting was held at The Sports Club. The speaker was Geoff Farrer Brown a volunteer speaker from the Medical Detection Dogs. He had with him his lovely black Labrador called Peppar who was an Administrator dog for the charity. Geoff's talk was very interesting and informative, explaining how the dogs could detect cancer, Covid and other illnesses in people.

September was our 35th birthday meeting and we celebrated with cake and wine. The speaker was Jeff Rozelaar telling us stories of the controversial figure of Princess Margaret. A very interesting talk.

At the end of September many of our members helped and attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning which was a huge success. The October meeting was our AGM. We listened to the Annual Reports from Pat, Daphne and Vivien. Nobody had opted to come off the committee so all positions stayed the same. After the business of the AGM we enjoyed social time, chatting to each other and having tea and cake.

In October a group of us met up and enjoyed a very good lunch at the Red Lion at Bradenham. Next month we are hoping to go to Hartwell Garden Centre.

We meet at Lacey Green Village Hall, the first Wednesday in the month (except January) at 7.45 pm. If you would like to join us you would receive a very warm welcome.

Ann Bartlett

Parish Council

Please Bag it and Bin it!

Since lockdown we have noticed an increase in the numbers of our canine friends living amongst us in our lovely villages. Personally I'm all for this as I understand how much joy and colour they add to our lives.

Being a dog owner of course comes with a few responsibilities. Parking most of them aside for a moment, I'd just like to focus on the slightly less fragrant element – that of disposing of our pooch's poo!

Largely most people use poo bags and either put them in the nearest public bin, which is acceptable practice, or take them home and dispose of them in their own bins for collection by the waste team – which again is acceptable practice.

However, we are still experiencing some less than savoury instances where dogs foul in the middle of lanes or on public footpaths which have no lighting – leaving people to unwittingly tread in it.

Another practice which defies logic is to hang full dog poo bags on branches of bushes, or simply dropped by the side a foot path. This is worse than leaving unbagged poo as the bag stays in the environment for much longer and is very difficult to clear up.

I get it that we sometimes absentmindedly do things like

this and all I would like to do is ask you to remember other walkers and consider their enjoyment of a walk too.

For those instances when a poobag is not available and a "download" has been left on a path, please consider the stick and flick method to clear it off the path.

The council will look at strategically placing a few reminder signs near to footpath gates in order to remind owners of their responsibilities and in order to make our villages as clean and pleasant as possible to walk through.

Tim Macgillivray

NW Community Board

Community Board funding is available to community and voluntary organisations who have a project or scheme in mind that could benefit the local area.

Applications are invited from organisations that can show a need for financial support and evidence that their project

meets the Community Board priority areas and addresses a local need.

To learn more, please contact Jackie Binning, community board manager, on jackie.binning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Or https://

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/ community-and-safety/ improving-your-localcommunity/



Ukraine to Chilterns



Charity Status

As we head towards winter, many of our Ukrainian guests have been living within our community for six months or more. Indeed, Ukraine to Chilterns has been operating for 8 months and the time has flown by.

We are delighted to announce that we are now 'official'. After months of challenging work behind the scenes from our treasurer Caroline Gulliver, Ukraine to Chilterns is now a registered charity with a bank account! This is incredibly good news and allows us to fully support our Ukrainian community and their hosts. Our numbers currently stand at 192 Ukrainians staying with 75 host families.

Back to School

Following an incredibly busy summer schedule, our thriving Ukrainian community continue to fully embrace life in the UK. Our September focus was, like for so many, 'back to school', so the amazing team at The Clothes Barn have been working hard sorting out the latest generous donations and supplying grants for new school uniforms and comfortable warm

clothes. The grants have been kindly funded by The Rotary Club, Princes Risborough.

Oksana s story

We gratefully attended a fantastic benefit concert held in Speen, where we were given the opportunity to highlight the work of the charity; we invited Oksana to join us to share her story.

Oksana and her daughter Maria arrived in Princes Risborough in April, leaving her husband, son, and apartment in Irpin that was devastated by a missile on March 17th. Now fully embracing life in the UK, Oksana's goal is to launch her interior design business in the UK. The incredibly talented contemporary folk singer, Grainne Hunt entertained us through the evening and kindly dedicated a song to Oksana. Thank you Speen for your support, it really is making a difference.

Possible returns

During August and September, several of our guest families returned to the Ukraine to see their loved ones. Despite the insidious threat of further destructive action, it was a period of relative calm in many of the areas that our guests are from and perhaps lulled us all into a false sense of security.

Several of the local families had even begun making plans to return home permanently. The events of early October have been sudden, viscous and terrifying for our guests. It has made any return to their homes very unlikely in the short term. The need to continue to support these refugees within our community remains as important as ever.

Local links

As a charity, we have an array of challenges and we are working incredibly hard to mitigate these. We have forged strong links with many of the local community groups and Bucks Council.

The unerring generosity of these groups and individuals locally has been heartwarming. Both the trustees of Ukraine to Chilterns Charity and those that we support are overwhelmed with gratitude for it.

Accommodation

One of our major issues is finding alternative accommodation for families who need to move elsewhere after their initial six months. This situation is difficult for all concerned and is almost always the result of a change in circumstance for one of the parties involved. As you can imagine there are no easy fixes



Charity

for this and it is further compounded by the lack of available rental properties and the long waiting lists for social housing.

Rematching

Our solution has been to rematch our guests. We have had considerable success with this method and other groups like ours are adopting the idea. The benefits are clear; a re-matched sponsor does not have the headache of registering and creating bank accounts with their guests, as this has already been done. The guest already has a social network locally and in most cases an income. The children are settled within school and their language acquisition is vastly improved from their arrival.

One such success story is of a guest and her two children who were recently re-matched with a local widower. The children, particularly the youngest who is only 4, have begun to refer to their new sponsor as their grandfather! The host and the guests have enhanced each other's lives and the family is secure for at least another six months.

If you feel that being a rematched sponsor is something you may be interested in, we would be very happy to talk with you, answer your questions and introduce you to others that can tell you their stories. Please contact Lizzie Thomas-Davies on lizzie@thomas-davies.com or visit our website, to register an interest

www.ukraine2chilterns.com

Summer trips

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Janet Voke, Sarah Halliday and Motts Travel who organised and provided the transport for our excellent local trips over the summer.

A group of forty Ukrainian families enjoyed a variety of heritage sites over three days in the holidays. They visited Tyringham Hall, Ascott House

and the Chiltern Open Air Museum; it was a resounding success.

The photo opposite shows Greg Smith, MP, and the guests during the trip to Tyringham Hall, Cuddington.

The Beacon and SuperCamps hosted thirty of our guest children aged between 5 and 13 for two weeks over the summer holidays. The children had a fabulous time and their English learning improved immensely! This was a hugely generous opportunity and we thank the Beacon School in Amersham wholeheartedly.



The Princes Risborough Rotary supported the charity to run a stall at the Kop Hill Climb and sponsored several Ukrainian



youngsters in the 'soapbox Challenge' It was a brilliant weekend.

We continue to run our busy autumn/winter schedule and shout out a plea for anyone who is interested in getting involved. We particularly hope to find more host families and other local accommodation options including rooms for rent, to help us ensure our Ukrainian friends can continue to stay in this area whilst Putin continues to wage war on these innocent people.

For more information and details on how to get in touch please visit our website and fill in our contact form (the website is currently being updated so please bear with us).

Ukraine2chilterns.com

Louisa Spearing



Kop Hill Soapbox Challenge

We were given the opportunity by The Rotary Club and the organising committee of Kop Hill to exhibit at the event.

We decided to highlight some of the talent within the community and promote some of the products, ideas, and businesses that we are supporting to help build independent lives.

We had so many lovely conversations, sold lots of cookies, auctioned a beautiful cake by Hanna (see photo below) and held a competition to promote the wonderful gift bouquets by Natalia (pictured below) whilst supporting the





amazing efforts of our 3 Ukrainian soap box challenge teams!

Thanks to Risborough Rotary for their sponsorship.













known as the Soapbox Challenge. This runs over the weekend and is for young people aged between 8 and 17 years of age. The idea is that they help build a soapbox from 'bits and pieces' like old bike wheels and other scrap.

This year there were 11 soapbox teams. Of these we had 3 Ukrainian teams:

- Crazy Frog driven by Stella, Danya and Olga
- Ice Spirit driven by Dan, Yarik, Nikita and Sofia
- Start Ukraine driven by Maria, Yegor, Nikita and Andrei

The soapboxes are taken to the top of a ramp, the driver gets in and when the track is clear, the start marshals release it. The track is marked out with straw bales and a good run will be more than 70 meters from the start.

The only power is gravity and the winner of the competition is determined by the team that can go the furthest. The best run of day 1 being added to the best run of day 2.

Of the 3 teams, Ice Spirit did the best, coming in third overall, but all of the teams were fantastic, helping to create a great competition and some great moments. Also, grateful thanks to Yuri who pushed soapboxes up the ramp, tirelessly over the 2 days and to the Princes Rotary for their sponsorship.

We are already planning for 2023 and aim to have Soapbox open day at the Repair Barn to encourage young people to come





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St John's Church

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 27th November 3.00pm Advent Carol Service

Sunday 4th December: 3.00pm Christingle Service

Sunday 11th December 10.00am Toy Service

Sunday 18th December: 6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

<u>Christmas Eve:</u>3.00pm Crib Service11.15pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

<u>Christmas Day:</u> 10am Parish Communion with Carols

<u>Tuesday 27th December:</u>
9.30am Holy Communion for Saint John the Evangelist

Sunday 8th January 2023 10am Parish Communion - First Sunday after Epiphany

In August we had a very successful and well supported Garden Party at Lane Farm; Catherine and Craig kindly loaned their garden for the event.

In October we celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving which included a special service to include our Ukrainian visitors.

As we look forward to Christmas we are having a Toy Service where gifts will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children. On the evening of Saturday Dec 10 there will be a concert arranged by Gavin Mole for Gary and himself to entertain us again. They did a brilliant job in the summer and I am sure that we can expect a similar performance this time.

Look out for further advertisements about events and in the meantime we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pat Rushmere

Routine Services

Sunday

8.00 a.m. Said BCP Holy Communion. Held at St. John's every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion Service with Hymns. Held at St. John's.

6.00 p.m. BCP Evening Prayer Service with Hymns. Held on Zoom every 1st Sunday of the month.

Tuesday

9.30 a.m. Said Communion (Common Worship). Held at St. John's



Our Christmas Tree Festival will be held from 9 - 11 December and this year our theme is 'Christmas Traditions'.

We hope to see a large number of entries from clubs, organisations, schools and individuals to make the church look truly festive over the weekend. Please register your interest with Margaret Gray or Caroline Gulliver

Time to get creative!

Community Tennis



As the evenings draw in, our hardy tennis players are still out there playing in all weathers under the floodlights. Having three floodlit courts massively increases playing time and it is pleasing that we are exceeding 60 hours a week on court.

Our membership continues to expand, and we have been fortunate to take on many keen players wanting to improve their game. Dan has certainly been kept busy with private lessons and group coaching. A highlight has been cardio tennis which is a high energy workout to music. The sessions are 9.15am and 7.30pm Thursdays and 10.30am on Saturdays; we have seen record numbers recently.

Congratulations to Mike Kitching who was Dan's adult member of the month for September. Mike has shown great commitment to improving his tennis and is becoming more consistent during drills sessions and social play.

In our junior programme, Isla Williams has a great attitude towards learning by always listening, and applying what she is taught to her technique. All with a smile too! She is junior player of the month, well-done.

Moving from the summer term to autumn, we normally see a small drop off in juniors, but this year the numbers have stayed the same. This is highly encouraging, and our aim is to get the children playing more friendly matches against other local clubs. Kids love competition and it really motivates them to improve and develop their playing skills.

The planning permission for our new pavilion was due to be decided in July, but like most applications there has been a large delay. Our architect has finally heard back, and we are informed that they are writing it up for approval – fingers crossed!

Having a toilet, kitchen facilities and seating next to the courts will be a massive improvement and will hopefully expand our membership base even further.

In preparation for this, we have paid Thames Water to install a new water main for us in Slad Lane. Like everything, prices were going up and we had the opportunity to freeze the installation costs at 2021 prices. An opportunity not to be missed.

To aid with the funding of the new clubhouse, I am grateful to Jackie Coles for organising the many fund-raising activities that we have held this year. Over 80 people attended our Thursday night quiz on 13th October, and we managed to raise £1,350. Not bad for a weeknight, but then again many work from home on Fridays – or so they say!

Other events planned include our annual Xmas dinner at the Pink & Lily on Saturday 26th November and our fun Santa mulled wine and mince pie morning. It's amazing how the co-ordination completely goes after a couple of drinks. Funny to watch too!

We were saddened to hear of the demise of Lacey Green Productions. We enjoyed supporting their shows and they have been very generous with their support of the tennis club too. We were delighted to be included on the final distribution of funds and wish everyone who was involved, every success for the future.

Nigel Glenister

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I always wanted a little girl, pretty, fair and neat.

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Of course they had the fashion's fancy shirts and flares,

but the clothes that I wore they really weren't aware.

Except I couldn't show much flesh 'Mother, do up that button on your dress'.

The house was always filled with noise That's how it is when you have boys, When they left they left home I felt so sad After all, they weren't that bad. I thought I had missed out, on all the girly things.

Then the other Sunday, the phone began to ring

'Mum I need your help' was the frantic cry I want to know the heat at which you cook a pie'

As I answered the question, I had to have a grin

Why do I want a daughter when I have him. My boys have always been such fun Then he said 'Thanks a lot, I love you Mum'

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Horticultural Society

I write this looking out at a beautiful autumn day with the sun shining on golden trees laden with berries and ripe fruit. It's been a strange year for weather, but then it usually is! However, the heat and drought in the summer affected many things, from the flowering times of the sweet peas to the setting of the runners. I have never had runner beans as late as this, but we had hardly any until September when it turned a little cooler. Fortunately, we haven't yet had a frost to kill them off. I suspect that we will have to change many of our expectations and gardening practices in the near future.

The society has returned to its full menu of activities in the hall. Our Autumn Show was a great success though domestic entries were very much lower than previously. Images and results are on the village website.

Our last speaker was a visual delight and told a great story of setting up a flower business here in Bucks, the Wildrose Flower Company.

Our next event is the Annual Supper in November. In January we will have a welcome return of speaker Tom Way, international award-winning wildlife photographer. Those who attended his last talk will remember his amazing photographs and an excellent and entertaining speaker too. All are welcome to the talks, as a visitor if not a member.

We are reliant on our membership to keep us going and since Covid, numbers have been lower for all our events. So, if you are interested in gardens, wildlife or indeed continued social activities in our villages then please do think about joining in. We have a very active and dedicated committee, but all our efforts are in vain if we are only doing it for ourselves!

We introduced some afternoon workshops this year in an attempt to reach a different audience. Our next is on Sunday 20th November from 2.00-4.00pm on the topic of Getting Started with Sweet Peas. It includes full instructions for sowing, planting and growing on. You will go away with at least two pots full of different kinds of sweet pea seeds ready to plant out next year and enjoy their wonderful heady perfume. To book your place email:

horticultural.society@btconnect. com or phone: 01844345750. The workshop costs £10 and includes fabulous tea and cakes!

The benefits of becoming a member are many and include meeting like-minded people in the village, learning more about gardens, gardening and related topics; gaining practical advice; having fun; visiting interesting places and seeing amazing flowers, fruit and vegetables. So, whatever your interests we hope to offer you something worthwhile. I look forward to meeting new members and guests to our events.

Alison Shreeve







Obituary: Doug Tilbury

Douglas Ian Evans Tilbury 22-03-34 to 15-07-22 " Doug to all his friends ".

Doug sadly passed away at his home in Ellesborough in July surrounded by his close family.

He was born at the family home in Parslows Hillocks, the small hamlet of houses that has the Pink and Lily pub as its focal point.

Doug was third generation Tilbury to live in the hamlet. At the time the Tilbury family owned all four Hillock cottages. He lived with his parents and three siblings in No 1 & 2, his grandparents lived in No 3 and one of their workers in No4. The third child and first son of Reg and Rose Tilbury, Reg was one of the last wood bodgers working in the Hampden Estate beech woods producing spindles for the High Wycombe furniture trade.

Doug attended St Johns, Lacey Green primary school, followed by a secondary education at Mill End School, High Wycombe until he was 15.

When he left school he joined his father Reg working in the woods and on the family smallholding, but he described his father as a Victorian taskmaster who made him work seven days a week and paid him a pittance. He plotted and planned his escape and applied to the RAF to complete his National Service.

Douglas got his call up papers and joined the RAF in August 1952 much to his father's annoyance!

He recalled his anxiety the day his father dropped him at Aylesbury railway station to catch a train to Manchester and then onward to RAF Padgate near Warrington for his initial training. He had never left the family home before, not even for a holiday!

His assigned trade was jet turbine mechanic and following his training he was posted to 56 squadron in Cambridgeshire, a jet fighter squadron who at the time were operating Meteor Mk8s.

He really enjoyed his time in the RAF, and particularly loved the camaraderie of his colleagues and recalled many happy social moments, his passion was organ music and ballroom dancing.

Following the completion of his service he returned to the family business and branched out on his own as a forestry and garden contractor, and then added Christmas poultry and potatoes to the farm side of the business followed by pigs and more cattle. Throughout the 1960s and into the 70s he was fully occupied running a small mixed farm, but being a a one man band by this stage he rarely got a day off. Making a living from such a modest acreage got more and more difficult.

Towards the end of the 1970 s he started to work more regularly as a contractor for larger arable farms. He particularly enjoyed combine driving throughout the Summer. Many of you will remember him working right into his mid seventies, his tractor was a regular sight locally cutting hedges and topping horse paddocks.

A huge part of Doug's life was dedicated to St John's Church and he continued to attend weekly services until a couple of years ago when he lost driving licence due fading eyesight. He joined the church choir when he was 10 years old and continued until 85 years, he loved music and enjoyed the company of his fellow choristers. He served as church warden to both Rev

Bernard Houghton and Raymond Maynard, and he always loved ringing the church bell. He always regretted Lacey Green didn't have a full set of bells and later joined the bell ringing group at Wendover church in his retirement.

In his younger days much of his social life was based around the Princes Risborough Young Farmers Club, where he eventually served as Chairman and later became the Club Leader on the advisory committee. It was at a dance in the Walsingham Hall, Princes Risborough that he met his wife, Kathleen. On their first date he took her home to collect eggs from his hens and feed the cows.

Four years later they got married at the parish church in Princes Risborough and spent 67 happy years together.

Doug was a founder member of the Risborough Historic Farm Machinery Club. Initially an idea from four friends meeting for a pint in the Pink and Lily in the early 80s. By the 90s they were a club of over 50 members meeting monthly and regularly organising ploughing matches, tractor run pub crawls and threshing demonstrations.

As Doug approached his eighties he embraced the new age of computers, email and the Internet. Once he had mastered his new IPad he was able to fully engage as a member of the Lacey Green History Group. He also served as a Lacey Green parish councillor for around ten years during his younger days.

Doug will forever be missed by family and friends and remembered for always being kind, caring and polite, the perfect gentleman!

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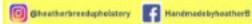


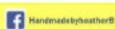
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Amazing Grace

In 2023, the Parish of Olney in North Buckinghamshire will be at the centre of celebrations to mark the 250th anniversary of one of the world's most beloved hymns, "Amazing Grace". John Newton, the former-slave-traderturned-Anglican-priest, composed it in the weeks leading up to his New Year's Day service at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church in the town, on 1st January 1773. Since then, the hymn has been featured in various different musical styles, but without doubt has gone on to inspire countless people, not least people of what are often described as Black Majority Ethnic Churches. In the USA, it has even become known as the nation's "spiritual anthem".

The composer of the hymn "Amazing Grace", John Newton, also wrote the hymn "Glorious Things of Thee are spoken". Newton was born at Wapping in London on 24th July 1725. At the age of eleven he first went to sea with his father who was a ship master. Newton sailed six voyages before his father retired in 1742. Newton's father planned for his son to work at a sugarcane plantation in Jamaica but, instead, he signed on with a merchant vessel sailing the Mediterranean Sea. In 1743, whilst going to visit friends, Newton was captured and pressed into naval service by the Royal Navy becoming a midshipman on HMS Harwich. He tried to desert and received a flogging of eight dozen lashes in front of the entire crew of 350. While the Harwich was en route to India he transferred to the slave ship Pegasus but, in 1745, the crew left him in West Africa with Amos Clowe, a slave dealer, who gave Newton as a slave to his wife Princess Peye, a woman of the Sherbro people in what is now Sierra Leone. He was rescued, returned to sea and to the slave trade, becoming Captain of the slave ships Duke of Argyle (1750) and

African (1752-1753 and 1753-1754). It was on 12th February 1750 that Newton married his childhood sweetheart, Mary Catlett, at Saint Margaret's Church, Rochester. He adopted his orphaned nieces, Elizabeth Cunningham and Eliza Catlett, both from the Catlett side of the family. After suffering a severe stroke in 1754, Newton gave up seafaring but he did continue to invest in the transatlantic slave trade for some time afterwards.

It had been in 1748, whilst returning to England aboard the ship Greyhound, that Newton had experienced the first promptings of his spiritual conversion. He awoke to find the ship caught in a severe storm off the coast of Donegal, Ireland, and about to sink. He began praying for God's mercy and the storm began to die down. This experience prompted Newton to read the Bible and other religious literature and by the time that the ship safely made it to port in Lough Swilly, Ireland, he had accepted the doctrines of evangelical Christianity. The date was 10th March 1748, an anniversary that he marked for the rest of his life. However, it was not until some years after his conversion to Christianity, that Newton renounced his involvement in the slave trade. As a result he became a prominent supporter of abolitionism and a key ally of William Wilberforce.

Having become a committed evangelical Christian, Newton became well-known as an evangelical Lay Minister and he was ordained as a Church of England cleric in 1764, being made Deacon on 29th April of that year and finally ordained as Priest on 17th June. He served as Parish Priest at Olney for 16 years. His friendship with Dissenters and evangelical clergy led to his being respected

by Anglicans and Nonconformists alike. His preaching was so popular that the congregation at Olney added a gallery to the Church to accommodate the crowds who flocked to hear him. In 1779, he became Rector of Saint Mary, Woolnoth, Lombard Street in London, where he remained in post for the remainder of his life. In 1776, Newton contributed a preface to an annotated version of John Bunyan's spiritual classic "The Pilgrim's Progress".

In 1788, 34 years after he had retired from the slave trade, Newton broke a long silence on the matter with the publication of a forceful pamphlet "Thoughts Upon the Slave Trade", in which he described the horrific conditions of the slave ships during what was known as the Middle Passage. He apologised for "a confession, which ... comes too late ... It will always be a subject of humiliating reflection to me, that I was once an active instrument in a business at which my heart now shudders." He had copies sent to every MP, and the pamphlet sold so well that it swiftly required reprinting. Newton came to believe that during the first five of his nine years as a slave trader he had not been a Christian in the full sense of the term. In 1763 he wrote: "I was greatly deficient in many respects ... I cannot consider myself to have been a believer in the full sense of the word, until a considerable time afterwards."

John Newton lived long enough to see the British Empire's abolition of the transatlantic African slave trade in 1807, just months before his death on 21st December 1807.

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What an amazing Summer we have had at the Black Horse, hopefully it will continue into the Winter months!

We have just updated our menu to match the season with AJ cooking up some winter classics from Liver and Bacon, Homemade Fish Pie and Homemade Steak and Kidney Puddings, they will definitely warm you up on a cold winter's day.

We have also got BT Sport back in the pub as well as Sky Sports. So, if you haven't popped in for a drink recently, come and watch a game now the football season is well underway!

Thank you to all the people who joined for our Beer Festival. We definitely enjoyed the live music

and American Diner food, and hope all of those who joined us did too!

It is always a pleasure to have the company of the Over 50's Pub Lunch on the first Tuesday of the month. All are welcome so if you are interested in joining, please see contact details at the back of the Hallmark.

We are looking forward to a busy winter with our Christmas Parties! We still have some spaces if you would like to book. You can see the menu online or come in and chat if you have any questions. £5 non-refundable deposit required.

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Christmas Fair with the Sports Club on the 29th of November from 10am-1pm. We have a variety of stall holders from local suppliers such as Timpson's Butcher as well as a whole range or small independent stalls with a variety of products on sale! The bar will also be serving hot and cold drinks and our chef will be there to serve up some food. As sponsor of the Lacey Green Sports Club Race Night we wish them all the best with this event!

We are delighted to see the Crib and Dominoes League restarting soon on a Monday evening. If you are interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

We hope to see you soon!

The Black Horse Team





Lacey Green Windmill

We opened as usual from April until the end of September and as ever time seems to have gone so quickly. The year has been eventful for everyone, and on a positive note, we have welcomed regular visitors to the Windmill, although numbers have been lower this year. It seems this is a trend in many places, I guess we have not all adapted to life after the pandemic lockdown, we hope next year will see numbers increase again.

We were delighted to support the Loosley Row celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by opening the Windmill. How lucky we were to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2, an amazing woman who had a profound effect in the UK and around the world. Little did we know she would not be with us a few months later.

We too were affected by the heatwave and made the decision to close to visitors on 2 Sundays due to the heat. The

interior of the windmill usually has cool temperatures inside, but that proved not to be the case during the heatwaves.

Some of you may have noticed that the cap of the windmill is not turning into the wind at the moment, so the sails are always facing North. An urgent inspection has found that some of the machinery at the back of the cap at the top of the windmill has become worn and needs repairs. The Committee will be debating the next steps which will need parts of the machinery being removed for repair or replacement. We hope to ensure the windmill is able to get back to its magnificent self. We will keep you up to date with progress.

We also plan to paint the outside of the windmill next year, I am assured a trip in a Cherry Picker is quite an experience and provides excellent views from the windmill. We will see!



Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers who make the opening of the windmill possible, we could not manage without them all.

As ever, if you are interested in getting involved please contact:

Jane Herve

jane@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk

Speen Helping Hospices

Many thanks to all who came to the wine tasting evening in September. It was a very good evening. Simon Lloyd of Lloyd's Wines ran the event for the second year running and treated us to very generous glasses of wonderful wines. No telling tales out of school but, a number of cars were left in the car park that night! £777 raised for the hospices.

Next up is the Christmas Market on Saturday19th November at the Chapel from 11.00 to 4.00. We have some new stall holders this year and it promises to be a great event. Enjoy a glass of Bucks Fizz and one of Judy Keen's famous sausage rolls or perhaps a bacon and brie bap. So, write your Christmas lists and come and buy early and local this Christmas.

We have Pub Quiz Night on Friday 2nd December at the Chapel Hall hosted by Al Bowyer and Jill Rogerson. Tickets are £15 to include homemade cottage pie and apple crumble. Go to our website www.shh-shop.org for further information and ticket sales. We can cater for all dietary requirements. So, get a table of friends together and pitch up for a lively night!

Independent hospices only receive up to a third of their funding from the government and are dependent on

charitable donations to keep hospices running. Every event we run with your support helps to ensure children and adults receive respite and end of life

Help raise money for Speen Helping Hospices in 2023. We are looking for people to raise money by taking part in a local fun run/half marathon/cycle race or other event. If you are planning or considering taking part in a sporting event, would you help others by fundraising for Speen Helping Hospices as you run/cycle/swim?

Grainne Suter

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Windmill Under 5s Pre School

It has been another wonderful start to the term and an exceptionally busy start to the new academic year for Windmill Under 5s Preschool.

The children have settled in nicely after their long summer break and upon their return they were keen to share all the exciting things that they had been up to, with the staff and their friends.

As the summer weather didn't last very long into the new term, our activities turned from learning about our families, with creative finger-painted family trees to a focus on the season change and a celebration of all things autumnal.

The children brought in a beautiful array of conkers, acorns and all shades of leaves to put to good use in a variety of art, in play dough and for a wall display in the setting.



The children have also been having lots of fun and showing their brave side whilst enjoying some 'spooky' tuff tray activities and crafts along with learning practical skills, testing their scissor control in the creation of some rather sparkly ghosts.



In amongst the seasonal celebrations, the children have been engaging in focused activities and play to teach them to recognise their names, colours and numbers. At Windmill Under 5s Preschool, we have long adopted a 'learning through play approach' which gives the children an opportunity to explore their own setting independently and activities are set out each day to facilitate this.

Looking ahead into the second part of the Autumn term, the children will enjoy learning about Bonfire night and Diwali before all focus turns to one of the Preschool's favourite times of year – Christmas!

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. We are open Monday – Thursday, 9am - 3pm & Friday 9am – 1:30pm during term time and welcome children aged 2-4 years.



Darren Peters

Chairperson

windmillschair@gmail.com



Millennium Hall



We've come a long way since our first hall, an old army hut, was purchased from RAF Halton with generous donations from a village collection back in 1923 but how did we get the land?

The Hall's full history, which makes for interesting reading, is at

https://www.laceygreen.com/ Sections/VHHistory.php

It was ever thus, one way or another, villagers raised the funds to get us where we are today - well it is our Hall.

The current hall was officially opened at the turn of the Millennium in 2000 – hence its name. The land was ours but it had still cost in excess of £250K (415K today) to build, half of which came from the Millennium Commission. There were dances, sales, buy a brick raffles and more but all the monies raised were then exhausted on the build and furbishment so a few non-essential items were left for another time.

At the AGM in 2018 these other items – an Atrium glass front across the patio, and surfacing of the car park – were reconsidered. The meeting agenda was advertised and a much larger number of villagers attended the meeting than was usual.

After a discussion there was great enthusiasm in favour of the car park; the Atrium was rejected (mainly due to the anticipated heat generated by sunshine).

The case for re-surfacing:

- The shingle moves:
- This causes depressed areas, ruts and furrows (especially when drivers use it as a quick turnaround or accelerate too fast) and water collects;
- Stones migrate onto the main road:
- It is unsuitable for the infirm, disabled, wheel chairs, pushchairs and very young children;
- Its depth varies causing a slip/trip hazard especially onto the fixed paved area;
- It requires constant attention;
- It is unsuitable for high heels.

It cannot be used for other purposes, e.g.

- Club activities in good weather;
- Market sales:
- Outdoor theatre etc.

Funding was the issue and progress was slow. No matter how we stressed the benefits in our funding applications to the many organisation offering financial help, at the end of the day it was for a car park. Wycombe, now Bucks CC, did donate a generous and appreciated £7K and numerous villagers and local users made donations - thank you - but it all fell far short of what was needed. It would take another 20 years for the small annual profits the Hall makes to raise the money required and that's not considering inflation. But then providence, if that's the right word, intervened – the Pandemic.



Government support for closed village halls was generous and we applied for all the offerings. With what we already had in the bank we actually reached our goal notwithstanding we were still paying bills with no other income.

Now we had to find a gap in the calendar for the work to be done. The patio was first and there were several delays but what a superb finish the bonded resin now presents.

A resin car park was too expensive and perhaps unnecessary for rubber tyres so after more on and off dates; in just three days, the shingle was scraped off and the base finally covered in two layers of tarmac 14-17 August 2022. Full credit and thanks to Sid and his team from AAA Driveways.

When you read this we should have made a start on restoring some plants to the patio area and creating a use for it.

Finally let me say it is inevitable that hire fees will rise next year but it is due to rocketing inflation – the car park and patio are paid for. Of course any donations are also welcome to build up our now depleted reserves:

Bank: 20-85-73 30557900 Lacey Green & Loosley Row Village Hall Fund, or cheque to same. Thank you for your support.

The Village Hall Committee.

Organisation	Meetings	Contact	Phone	Email address
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Full walk last Sun of the month 10.30	Liz Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8 pm	Alison Shreeve		a.shreeve1@btinternet.com
LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time at St John's School	Denise Kinnard		laceygreensingers@hotmail.com
Equus	Theatre, drama, and sometimes food	Fiona Quilter- Wood		artistic@equusproductions.org
Windmill Under 5s	Mon to Thurs 9.00 - 3.00, Fri 9.00 to 1.30	Tracey Winfield	07502 198405	manager@windmillunder5s.co .uk
Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45 pm	Daphne Williams	01494 562455	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High Wycombe and District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Terry Boreham	01494 928220	hw.u3a.membership@gmail.com
Youth Club	Alternate Fridays - see laceygreen.com web site for details 7.30 pm	Natasha Khan	07737 638718	natashakann@gmail.com
Over 50s Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse. First Tuesday of the month	Yvonne Axe	345216	
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Yoga	Friday morning: Darcie's Yoga for Health & Happiness	Darcie	07590 674424	darcie21@live.com
Pilates	Wednesday mornings	Rosie Lewin	07932 607116	bodyconnection@talktalk.net
Karate	Monday evenings	Stephen Fincham	07540 531034	stevefincham@sky.com
Whiteleaf Bowmen	Wed, Thu and Fri evenings, Apr to Sep	Kan O'Keefe	01628 528978	www.whiteleafbowmen.org.uk
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Held in Village Hall 10am - 12 noon Thursdays. Friendly chatting with tea or coffee and biscuit.

OVER-50s PUB LUNCH

Do you want to meet some more residents? Come to the monthly lunch on the first Tuesday of the month at the Black Horse. Even if you know nobody you will be welcome and can meet your neighbours. Contact Leigh on 345216

If someone collapses suffering severe chest pains, remember there is a Defibrillator at the kitchen entrance to the Village Hall, beside the bins.



LACEY GREEN WINDMILL

The windmill will reopen in April 2023

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Last year, while not offering the best growing conditions, was a bumper year of growth for us in other interesting ways. Some of you will know that we deliver home grown salads to your door from May to October. Alongside this, we began to supply the Professional Masterchef 2020 winner and finalists and other wonderful local restaurants of note including The Griffin in Old Amersham and Nomadic in the Chalfonts. The Barn Kitchen at Peterley Manor Farm now serves our salad and look out for our produce popping up on other new menus nearer home very soon!

We grow in a completely organic way using a method called 'no dig' which is great for soil health, if you're interested in making a kitchen garden at home and need help, do get in touch with us-

We are on a mission to encourage growing your own, as a sustainable, healthy and satisfying way to produce your own delicious ingredients! All without plastic packaging and food miles.

Follow us through the seasons on Instagram @thebadgersgarden www.badgersgarden.uk

Thanks to all of you who have supported us so far, we appreciate it enormously.

Here's to a great 2022, with very best wishes from the Badgers.



Artists & Makers Fairs 2022

12 November: 10.00am - 4.00pm BledlowRidgeVillage Hall, Chinnor Road, HP14 4AJ 26 & 27 November: 10.00am - 4.00pm

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