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The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those villagers, too many to thank individually, who generously donated toward the Hallmark printing costs.

Can we ask you to please remember to make cheques payable to the Village Hall as there is only the one account for everything.

To try and keep printing costs under control, we are trying a new print company for this issue. So please forgive me if there are any print issues.

We are looking forward to the Village Hall AGM at 8pm on March 7, everyone is welcome and there is a free glass of wine or other drink for all attendees.

We are very pleased with new car park and hope you are too.

Don't forget your opinions are welcome on this and anything else at the AGM.

The bookings for the Hall in 2023 are going very well and we have some new daytime classes as well as evening functions.

I'm very pleased that we have articles from the Sports Club and the Cricket and Tennis sections; let's hope for some good results in the coming season.

Thanks to Alison Shreeve for her front cover picture of irises flowering in her garden on Jan 6.

**Mike Piercy
Editor**



Lacey Green Windmill

The volunteers and committee members are delighted to be opening the windmill for the 2023 season. Plans are already underway to ensure the windmill is ready for our visitors.

The opening dates and hours for 2023 are as follows:

Sundays: from 2 April until 24 September - 14.00 - 17.00 hours

Bank Holidays: opening times 14.00 - 17.00 hours

- Monday 10 April
- Monday 1 May
- Thursday 29 May
- Monday 28 August

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National Mills weekend:

- Saturday 7 May - Times to be confirmed
- Sunday 8 May - Times to be confirmed

We ask for "Donations to Visit" with suggested minimum of Adult £3.00 and Child (5 to 15) £1.50.

Please encourage friends and family to visit, the windmill is very interesting and we are so lucky to have the windmill on our doorstep. As ever if you have any friends/family who may be interested in volunteering we would love to hear from them.

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Jack & Jill went up the Beanstalk

We thoroughly enjoyed bringing pantomime to the village again and welcoming some new performers to our group. We all had a lot of fun and judging by the many wonderful comments and messages received from audience members, so did they! We were particularly delighted to welcome Sarah Hobbs, a fabulous local BSL interpreter to our team this year and she gave a fully signed performance for us on New Year's Eve. We had excellent feedback from members of the deaf community who attended the show and commented on how fantastic it was to be included and able to fully take part in the performance. We hope to have Sarah with us for future projects.



in at such short notice and allowing that to happen and for all giving such amazing performances.

The production was sadly hit by illness with our dame, Archie, having to be replaced two weeks prior to the opening and two further performers, Karen and Adrian, having to pull out just the day before. But, as the old saying goes "the Show must go on" and we are, therefore, hugely grateful to Richard, Chris, James and Malcolm for stepping

Our thanks go to JNP Princes Risborough for creating advertising boards for us, to those very kind residents who allowed us to have boards on their property and, of course, all the members of our audiences for coming to see the show.

We never hang around long and are already in rehearsal for our

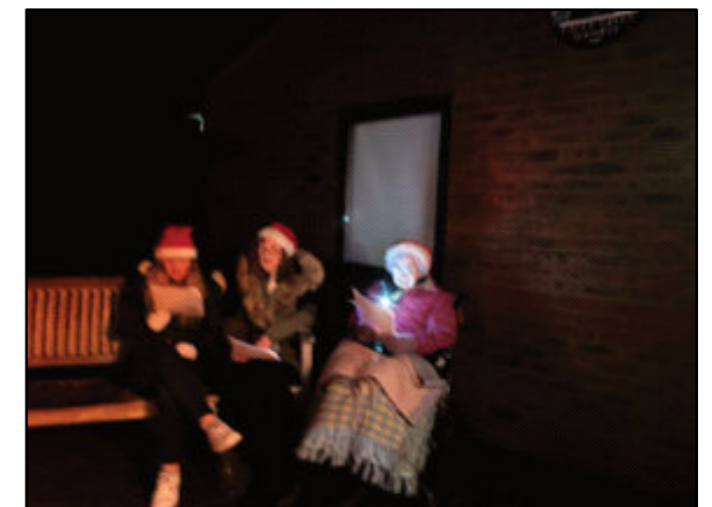
next production which is the stage adaptation of the TV Sitcom, "The Good Life". We are back touring with this one with performances currently confirmed for Hastoe and Gt Kingshill in April - it would be lovely to see some of you there and we hope to be back in the village again soon.

Fiona Quilter-Wood

Artistic Director

The village welcomed Christmas

A small, but very enthusiastic group gathered outside the village hall on Christmas Eve and sang carols together around the tree. It was a lovely start to the festive season with friends and neighbours... in spite of the rain! Thank you to everyone for coming along and to Mickey Gomm for providing lights and music for us all. Hopefully, we will arrange more "get-togethers" in the future. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this, do let me know. fionaqw@yahoo.com



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Welcome to our Local Police Update for your community area. My name is Oliver Brixey and I am the Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant who covers the Princes Risborough area, along with the Marlow Neighbourhood Policing Team and Chepping Wye Valley Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Policing Team moved into their new Police Office, which is located at the Fire Station in Princes Risborough in October 2022. It is fantastic that we have been able to keep the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team within the town and this helps with providing High Visibility Policing. This Police Office is not open to the public and only an operational base for staff.

However, you can report a crime or incident of Anti-Social Behaviour by calling 101, using the yellow phone at the front of the station or by visiting the Thames Valley Police Website.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team is committed to supporting the community with Neighbourhood Priorities. The current priorities for the team include: Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Speeding and Anti-Social Driving, Burglary and Rural Crime.

The most frequently reported offence category in Princes Risborough and surrounding villages during October - December of 2022 was ASB, with 60 occurrences recorded.

The team has been conducting ASB patrols across the summer months to tackle youth related ASB across the green spaces and parks across the area.

We have seen a decrease in reported ASB from the peak in the summer until December where we only received 11 reports of ASB.

We have unfortunately seen an increase in burglary and theft offences across December. We often see an increase in burglary and theft in the winter months when the days are shorter.

This is a good time to review your home security, consider installing alarms, CCTV, Ring Doorbells or additional security lighting. In addition keeping sheds and garages locked, and windows and doors closed helps to keep your property safe. Time switches are great at putting lights on when you are out, to make it appear someone is home.

There have been increased burglary patrols across the area to disrupt criminality and the Neighbourhood Policing Team has been following up with reassurance patrols and cocooning. This has been supported by our Winter Burglary Campaign on our social media platforms. Hopefully you will have seen our elf on the shelf posts.

This is a reminder if you are not already following TVP South Buckinghamshire on Facebook or TVP_SouthBucks on Twitter then please give us a follow as we provide information updates and gives you an idea what your local officers have been up to on a regular basis.

Rural Crime offences remain very similar to last year. We have seen an increase in Hare Coursing and Hunting Offences and the connected criminality such as Criminal Damage.



The Team will be providing signage to repeat locations in the coming months reminding offenders that Hare Coursing is a crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the Christmas Light Switch On in Princes Risborough which was well attended by the community. It was great to see the lights. Here are some of photographs of our team.

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

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A Happy and Healthy New Year to all. The Christmas season went very well at the Princes Centre. Our Jingers Choir had an amazing turn out when they performed at St Mary's. At the centre there were lots of Christmas related activities, making and decorating Christmas cakes, making little



cone Christmas trees, calendars and other novelties, and enjoying lots of entertainment from Elvis, Dorothy B and her local choir singing classic carols and the Black Dog Band. Singing and quizzes, board games and indoor bowling also took place. We are very grateful to Dunelm who donated a large quantity of Christmas gifts for our clients in addition to the ones provided by the Centre.



We ended last year on a promising note with the arrival of contractors from IDDEA to erect the long-awaited solar panels. Together with the recently installed loft insulation above the main hall we are now expecting to reduce our energy consumption expenses over the year. We are very grateful for two large grants from Ngage Solutions through Bucks Business First and Buckinghamshire Council North West Chilterns Community Board who contributed towards the cost. The trustees are planning for further projects to bring us nearer to carbon neutral in the future.

We were very pleased that our grant applications to the Kop Hill Climb and to the Wyke Fund were successful. The Kop Hill Climb grant will be used to renew the pathway to the lower hall and around the back of the building and to erect fencing in that area to afford some privacy for clients. The Wyke Fund is specifically for hiring the use of a hydrotherapy pool to provide sessions to enable some of the clients, who would benefit from its use, to have the opportunity to swim or exercise in the pool. This is dependent on being able to book sessions which are available during the times that clients attend the centre.

A number of volunteers gave up some of their time before Christmas to help with a collection at Tesco. Considering that it was planned for a day which turned out to be extremely cold, they were very brave to turn up to help but Tesco's staff very kindly allowed us to be situated inside the store which was very much appreciated. A big thank you to all of them and to Tesco.

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On the Farm



The daylight is getting longer which always helps after a cold or wet winter. It certainly has been wet over the last few months really making up for the drought we experienced in the summer. We still have some cattle out, which generally are not damaging the soil structure or grass leys despite the rain, the soil is far from capacity after the drought. The cattle that are out are beef rather than dairy cattle, they are Angus x Holstein (see photos) and British Blue x Holstein that are about a year old. These breeds can take adverse weather quite well and probably prefer to be outside.

The very cold weather we had in mid-December allowed us to clean the barns out, and to take the dung out to field heaps without damaging the fields as they were frozen solid. That is the best thing about the cold, the bad part is water pipes freeze and parts of the parlour freeze, so at 4 am when milking starts, any frozen parts must be identified and thawed out. The parlour holds 28 cows at a time, so the parlour does warm up quite quickly when the cows come in, exuding their heat.

The Christmas period can be quite tricky trying to allow staff have time off and keep the show on the road, we always hope for benign weather and not to have any breakdowns. Nearly everyone worked over Christmas, thanks to the team it

went well without any major issues.

Before long the main herd will be out grazing, and our attention is turning to improving grass leys. They were damaged by the drought last summer, leaving gaps between the grass which the weed 'chickweed' has now occupied, and is now smothering more grass out. So we need to remove the chickweed and plant new grass seeds. Last summers drought is also showing in our silage clamps which are not nearly as full as this time last year, so we will be hoping for an early turnout, to take the pressure off the reserves.

The roller coaster of prices is still going flat out. The milk price has been going up for many months, but it definitely looks like it's



gone over the peak and if you listen to industry commentators we are in for a scary ride. It is said the cure for high milk prices is ...'high milk prices', as production usually goes up, then consumer demand drops with high product prices, causing a surplus. Bulk cream has dropped at an alarming rate and values are now 50% what they were only two months ago.

Fuel costs have come back significantly, but feed costs are still very high and currently look high for some time to come, especially proteins. Wheat has been high, which has been good when selling but it has dropped 20% in the last 3 months. This I think is because the grain corridor from Russia and Ukraine has been successful in moving a lot of grain, but is of course precarious. This grain is being sold quite cheaply and so to be competitive our price has had to drop, as we still have a large surplus from last harvest to export.

In February we will be doing the farmland bird count. This is important to us as it will show whether our wild bird feeders (see picture) and other measures we are taking to create habitats to improve biodiversity to flourish are being successful, so fingers crossed we count more than last year.

Richard West

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Mrs T

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Buckinghamshire Council

Well another year 2023, and already we are in February with the days getting longer and spring is in sight.

As per the November edition, Buckinghamshire Council has been working hard on its priorities and spending plans for the year 2023/2024. The Council has proposed a budget increase of 2.99% in the base rate in the council tax. This is set against an increase in inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index of over 10%. In addition, it is planning to take up the Government's proposal for a Social Care Precept of 2%, meaning a total rise of 4.99% in bills. These increases are still to be ratified by the end of February by the full Council.

With the rise in the cost of living, Buckinghamshire Council still has 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. See

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

As reported in the last edition of Hallmark, Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet met on 22nd September and voted in favour of re-opening the Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre, having been closed since March 2019. We are delighted to announce that the facility opened its gates on 16th January 2023. Proof of address is required, as although it is free for residents of Buckinghamshire for the disposal of household waste, there is a charge for Oxfordshire and other out of County residents.



Details of this can be found here:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres-permits-and-waste-facilities/find-your-nearest-household-recycling-centre/bledlow-ridge-recycling-centre/>

Following a request from a resident of Lacey Green recently regarding speeding along Main Road, in conjunction with the Parish Council, truvello strips were installed for a period of time in the autumn to monitor speeds and by each type of vehicle. Reports were issued and the results are currently being reviewed.

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

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St John's Church

The Christmas services were well attended this year – particularly the Crib Service and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services.

The Christmas Tree Festival was again a success with nearly a dozen entries - the winner was Speen School

A Coffee Morning with stalls is being planned for early in the New Year and also a Celebration Concert for the return of the refurbished organ, which is now back in use.

Pat Rushmere



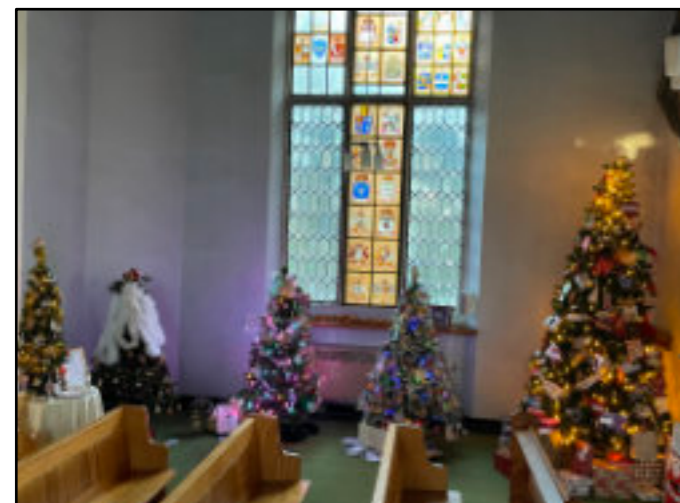
Routine Services

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.



Windmill WI

Due to the bad weather in December we had to postpone our Christmas meal but we are having it in February. A meal served by caterers and entertainment by Ken Brazier. We will also have a collection for a local charity - Wycombe Homeless.

At the end of October we had our first Jumble Sale for three years. We had loads of jumble but unfortunately we didn't have the customers. We are having another one on the 11th March so hopefully more people will come.

In November Vicki Scoble came and showed us how to decorate china. It was a great evening and we all went home with lovely dishes, vases and jugs. Some of us went to Hartwell Garden Centre in November. We had a lovely wander round buying Christmas presents then enjoyed a lovely lunch.

Due to Covid only three of us went to the local panto - Jack, Jill and the Beanstalk. It was an excellent evening and a very funny panto.

Our first speaker of the year will be Sandra Williams, a Horse Whisperer, this should be a very interesting talk.

We meet at Lacey Green Village Hall, the first Wednesday in the month (except January) at 7.35 pm. If you would like to join us you would receive a very warm welcome.

Dates for the future:

Jumble Sale Saturday 11 March
Village Quiz Tuesday 25 April

Anne Bartlett



Community Tennis

Over recent years we have appreciated the milder, dry winters with few cancellations to our tennis programme. Last year we were spoilt with an amazing summer but have been repaid with November and December being very wet. December had a 7-day period with snow on the ground and very cold conditions.

This has meant many cancellations to the normal tennis programme but didn't impact our club matches until January where we have had to postpone some 4 or 5 matches.

The men's 1st team currently sit second in division 5 with a very good chance of promotion this year. The men's 2nd team, having been promoted last year are struggling in division 7 and sit second from bottom. The points are quite close, so a couple of wins could save them from relegation.

Our ladies' team are steadily improving and benefiting from a larger pool of players. The extra practice sessions have paid off and they sit 3rd in division 8 with every chance of promotion.

The mixed team are mid table with a mixed bag of results. Having been promoted last year, a year of consolidation would be a good result.

Whilst we may have struggled to play tennis, off court we had a record number of social activities.

On 26th November 40 members enjoyed a fabulous Christmas meal at the Pink & Lily. Dan our tennis coach also had his DAFTA awards (Dan's award for tennis achievement) which were presented during the evening and were highly amusing. Categories included the player who had lost the most balls, time keeping and the worst on court jokes. I may have won one of those awards!

Dan's Monday improvers group organise a few social activities throughout the year and had a lovely meal at the Black Horse at the beginning of December. The year was completed with both the men and ladies going out. The men had a curry evening at the Radhuni and the ladies had a meal at a Thai restaurant in High Wycombe. We were all impressed with the

subsequent video that was circulated showing their hand co-ordination and high-spirited festive singing to Twelve Days of Christmas!

Planning permission for our new pavilion was finally approved on 19th October and since then we have installed a standpipe by the shed and are awaiting Thames Water to connect us in Slad Lane. We are also looking to replace some of our older wooden benches with more modern heavy duty plastic ones. I am grateful to the Parish Council for their continued support and thank them for their recent grant.

Finally, I was pleased to award prizes to two members of the year. Jackie Coles has done an amazing job with fund-raising, putting in hours of work together with her partner Mike. Also, one of our newer members, Simon Floyd has really engaged with the club, playing lots of tennis and introducing a number of his friends to the club. Well done both, here's to a great 2023!

Nigel Glenister



We need you!

As the Russian war in Ukraine continues unabated and news articles predict a spring escalation, our Ukrainian guests are facing the very real prospect of an extended stay within our communities.

Our generous Sponsor families have given sanctuary to their guests for nine months already and many have extended their offer for the year, and beyond.

In a few cases, because of unforeseen changes of circumstance, some families are required to be re-matched.

Sadly, renting within this area is difficult with low housing stocks and further complicated by a lack of credit and employment history for Ukrainian families.

As a result, we are encouraging new hosts to step forward and help those families who need rematching but who are already settled in our community and are thriving.

The benefits of rematching are great for both parties. The guest and their family can stay within the area, the children can remain in local schools and the support network, jobs and friendship groups remain intact.

The new host family can make a very real difference by offering a safe place for the guest to stay; communication is hugely improved as English acquisition is greater than when they first arrived, and all the hard work of settling the family into the community, work, schooling, GPs, bank accounts etc... has already been done. Many of our hosts have discovered that genuine companionship, found through sharing their home, is a rich gift.

We have many hosts who would be happy to share their very positive experiences and the Ukraine to Chilterns Charity is always there, along with the Council's liaison officers, to support as necessary.

If this is not for you then there are many other ways to help, so that together we can stand tall with Ukraine.

To find out more please contact us on www.ukraine2chilterns.com or me @ louisa.spearing@yahoo.co.uk



Ukrainian Christmas - from the British with love

On the bright holiday of Christmas, no one should feel lonely and unhappy. With this idea in mind, the charity 'Ukraine to Chilterns' carefully organised a special Christmas holiday for Ukrainians on January 7th - the day when Ukrainian Orthodox Christians used to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Almost from the beginning of the war, on the initiative of local residents, a charitable organisation was created with the aim of helping Ukrainians who suffered as a result of the Russian attack. Initially, it was planned to be small and very local, but the residents of Princes Risborough and nearby villages showed such a burning desire to help, that today Ukraine to Chilterns is already a developed official charitable institution. They fund-raise locally and are supported by other reputable charitable institutions. Princes Risborough Rotary Club works closely with this organisation, helping with generous donations for specific needs and organising events. Ukraine to Chilterns took over the organisation of the Christmas celebration - the first Christmas in Britain for all Ukrainians.

The holiday turned out to be really wonderful and everyone got a lot of pleasant emotions. Elim Church kindly offered their

large hall. The event also featured a wonderful band 'Black Dog' performing traditional English dance music.

Surprisingly, not only Ukrainians, but even the British were dressed in festive Ukrainian traditional clothes - Vyshyvanki - shirts and dresses with embroidered patterns. It looked like spring had come in the middle of winter. It really warms the heart - to see a Vyshyvanka even in a foreign country.

Everyone was looking forward to sitting down at the table and eating together. Ukrainian families prepared many traditional treats. While everyone enjoyed and savoured, the group "Black Dog" performed incredible and fun English traditional songs. Under such accompaniment, the children also ran faster, and conversations went more easily, and their eyes sparkled more lively.

Some Ukrainian families have been living in Buckinghamshire for more than half a year, but frankly speaking, every time you meet faces that show tension and confusion. This is the normal state of people whose past is broken in an instant, and the future is unclear and hazy. They have only the present left, and thanks to the sensitivity of the British, Ukrainians are safe and can breathe easy. One should give credit - the efforts of the English were not in vain, after half an hour even those who were completely confused began to smile, melt and talk friendly with people.

Children do not take care of it. Small children are better than everyone else - they exist only in the present, where there are pleasant smiling people around, beautiful, like doll houses, houses, gardens, parks and



many opportunities to play and have fun. Perhaps we should all learn from children how to face a new day full of optimism. Because it is impossible to describe in words the emotions that children felt when the real Santa Claus gave them wonderful gifts. These gifts had been kindly provided with a grant from the North West Chilterns Community Board.

After the Christmas dinner and receiving gifts, there was another unexpected surprise - the group "Black Dog", together with Tony Bundock, taught Ukrainians traditional English dances. There was a lot of laughter and fun, because it was not easy to remember the moves!

At the end, Ukrainians sang Christmas carols in their native language. In those carols, it is told that we all rejoice because Christ was born and we wish everyone well in the new year.

Everyone knows what a wish all Ukrainians made. Probably, millions of people all over the world made this wish on New Year's Eve. But the most important thing is that even now, when the whole world is struggling with an economic and energy crisis, the British found an opportunity to warm the lonely hearts of war victims and fill them with warmth. After all, kindness and love are what people from all over the world can oppose to evil. This is the only thing that saves the world. The British felt that the event was full of emotions and good impressions, and the Ukrainians sincerely thanked for the kindness, for the opportunity to gather together and feel that you are not alone.



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We had a hugely successful Quiz Night early in December and then the Christmas Market, Christmas Hamper raffle rounding off 2022. Despite the snow, ice and rain, we managed two evenings of carol singing around the village. All these events raised £5,950.

Speen Helping Hospices has arranged the following events to start off 2023

Valentine's Dinner Raffle

For our first fundraising event in 2023, we are running a Valentine's Dinner Raffle. This is a chance for TWO lucky couples to win a dinner for two

delivered to your home on Valentine's Day - Tuesday 14 February.

It will include a cocktail, canapes, 3 course meal, chocolates, champagne and roses. The meal can be delivered within a fifteen minute drive from Speen including Walters Ash, Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Hughenden Valley. Tickets cost £10 each and are available at www.shh-shop.org/

Charity Golf Day at Burnham Beeches

This is the first golf event organised by Speen Helping Hospices. Wednesday March

15th at the prestigious Burnham Beeches Golf Club. It is a Fourball Stableford Team Competition. When it was launched in early January it was sold out within seven days.

There are a great selection of prizes for the players plus other opportunities to raise additional funds for SHH.

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Horticultural Society

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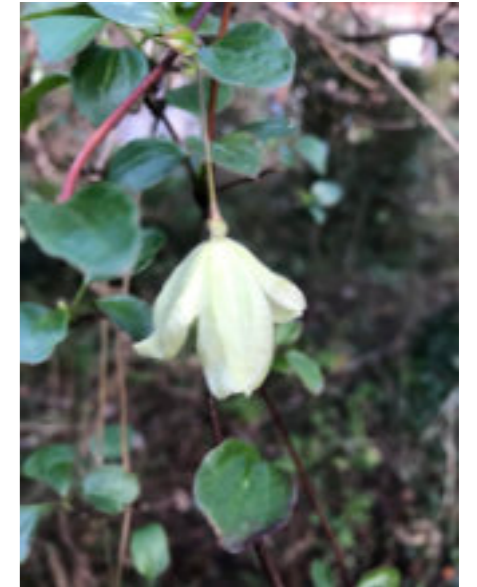
We are hoping again to run the Spring Show on 25th March in the Millennium Hall. Due to Covid we have missed three years in a row and now we think it is time to bring it on. Get your creative hats on, engage the family and have a look at the village website where you will find the schedule and see what you can enter. The focus for the Spring Show is really on families. We have 4 different age categories and lots of fun things to make and bake. From pure fun to the very sophisticated, there is something for everyone.

Later in the year we are planning more exciting talks on the third Wednesday of alternate months. The next one is March and we have a fruit expert coming to help us Get to Grips With Fruit.

We have speakers lined up through the year and are planning a visit to the Wild Rose Flower Company. Rosie came and gave us a very interesting talk about setting up a successful flower business here in Bucks and it was a delightful evening, so we are looking forward to seeing it all in the flesh.

In November we ran a popular workshop – Getting Started with Sweet Peas. The participants went away with two pots of seeds and we hope to see them back on 18th June for the Chiltern Sweet Pea Society Show here in Lacey Green with the results of the workshop. There are novice classes for the show, so if you are feeling brave and have a few flowers, do think about coming along. Check the Horticultural Society pages on the website for more information.

Finally, we hope to see you at one of our talks, or the Plant Sale on 14th May. Our AGM is on 15th March but we kept the business to a record breaking 12 minutes last year.



This year we are looking for more people to join the committee, so now is the chance to have your say and direct the future of the society! Do come and join us. Membership is only £5.00 a year and is due in March. For that you have access to wide ranging interests and expertise and information throughout the year. Enjoy your gardens, and make the most of whatever the weather brings this year.

Alison Shreeve

Lacey Green Cricket Club

Lacey Green Cricket Club has two teams playing on a Saturday and a Sunday team.

Last year our first 11 finished mid table and our second 11 finished second in the league. Our second team also won the knockout trophy, of which we are all really proud.

Due to teams going up and down the tables, our first team will be in division 1 and our

second team will be in division 2, this season.

Our Sunday team did very well last year. They also arranged a knock out competition, which was very popular with players and spectators.

We are looking forward to the upcoming season, which commences in May. We are always looking for new players and would love to see more

spectators. Please come along and support us, we are there every Saturday from early May until the end of August. There is a bar, which we open when possible during the game and always after the game.

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Sports Club

We hope that everyone is having a good start to the New Year. The Sports Club has had an interesting year as we have emerged from the pandemic. Although many of our activities were suspended we have managed to pull through this difficult time as a club with limited income due to no sport, the bar being shut and reduced income from the preschool.

We are really proud of how we have bounced back since Covid! Our Tennis and Cricket Sections have both had a strong year and have managed to perform superbly under the circumstances. The Tennis Section is going from strength to strength with more members than ever, and the Cricket Section has two Saturday teams and a Sunday side who are looking to introduce a second side! It is great to see Football back at the club with Hughenden Under 15's using our ground, a great boost to have more sport played in the village!

There have been a couple of really successful fundraisers during the last year. Top of the list was our best ever Race Night! We managed to raise £2500 for the club with over 100 tickets sold and a busy night at the bar! Thank you to everyone who came and those who helped. Special mention to Jane Oakford, Phil Duff and Pokie for the Chilli, Cayleigh Pockock and Sam Oakford for helping on the bar and our

"Bookies". We were grateful to The Black Horse for sponsoring the event and to those who sponsored races including Tyre Team, Paul Spittles Landscape Gardening, Nicki Illife, Phill Duff, Leanne Page, Lynne Comley and Jono Dell - AquaDell. This would not have been possible without Tom Oakford and all his hard work organising the event!

We held a great Christmas Fayre with the Black Horse! Thank you to all those who took part in and supported this event. Special mention to Lynne Comley and Sam Oakford who were able to fundraise £100 for the club with their tombola and cakes! We rounded the year off with our "Christmas Drinks" where Charlie Jones gave us an amazing performance.

We were sad to hear the news that the Pre-School propose to leave us later this year. We wish them all the best at the School and hope they continue to prosper and the move helps to keep a Pre-School in the village for years to come.

Various improvements have been made to the Sports Club over the year including new lights, decoration of the bar and the grounds have continued to be kept in immaculate condition by our volunteers. Future plans include the refurbishment of the club and a new website. If you have any information about the history of the club or any photos, we would greatly

appreciate it if you could send us a copy to
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Of course all of our plans are dependent on the hard work of our few volunteers and the continued success of our fundraisers.

It has been great to open the bar this year which has proved popular and we are seeing an increase in bookings for the club. We hope to see this interest continue as the Sports Club becomes more available and the planned improvements completed. If you are interested in hiring the hall for any event please don't hesitate to get in touch at
lglrsportsclub@gmail.com.

Looking to the year ahead we have lots of exciting events planned. Make sure you are following our Facebook page for all the latest information. However, we can tell you that we are planning a themed night at the club on the 15th July, so save the date and keep an eye out for more details. We will be looking into another Race Night in the Autumn and the possibility of doing a Summer Fayre!

Once again a big thank you to everyone who has joined us at the club or volunteered over the last year, without you there would be no Sports Club.

The Sports Club Committee





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Firstly, as I am writing this at the beginning of January, I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and I hope you all had a good Christmas! Thank you to all of our customers who have supported us over the last year, this is greatly appreciated.

We had a busy festive period with plenty of interest in our Christmas Menu and a fun New Year's Eve Party.

We had a successful joint Christmas Fayre with Lacey Green Sports Club. It was great to see this well supported and we hope you enjoyed all the sausage rolls and mince pies!

We have had some new developments at the Black Horse with the Marquee being given a new lease of life with a

new cover and sides and the kitchen being refurbished.

We also looking to offer morning takeaway hot drinks and bacon rolls. Stay tuned for more information about this!

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 the contact details at the back of the Hallmark.

We are looking forward to the new year and have plenty of plans for the year ahead! We will be shortly releasing our menus for Valentine's Day Evening meal, Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday. So, please keep an eye on our website or Facebook for more

information and other events such as the celebrations for the coronation.

Looking further ahead we are planning music and themed menu's for the Coronation Weekend in early May

We are delighted to see the Crib and Dominoes League being rejuvenated and our teams have had a successful start. If you are interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

We were sad to hear about the passing of two of our good friends; John Hedgeland and Bernie Clark. They will both be sorely missed and our sincere condolences go to both families.

The Black Horse Team

After a wonderful Christmas break, Lacey Green, Loosely Row and Speen Youth Club is back for another term!

We are still welcoming lots of new members with the Youth Club being a really popular social event for our local youngsters with over 70 attendees on the current register!

We have a few exciting events planned for this term; Games Night with Bingo, a Karate taster session and Roller Mania being just a few! 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 helps towards raising funds! The children love being able to spend their pocket money, with the option to pay on card available too. 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!

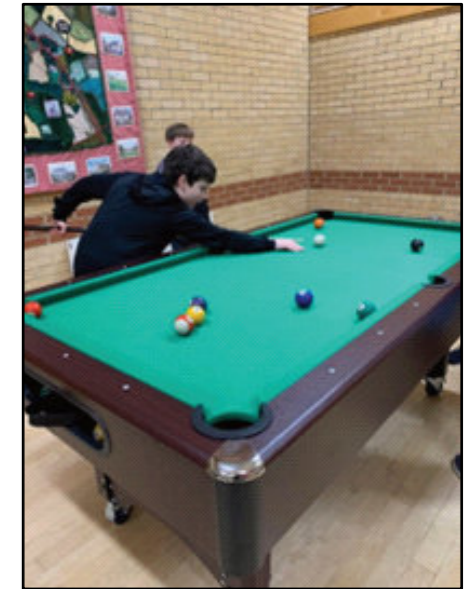
We have been raising funds to improve the facilities and resources for the children and have been able to purchase; a new Air Hockey table, a new pool table and lots more comfy bean bags.

We meet every fortnight from Friday 6th January for just £3 a session, at the Millennium Hall, 7:30pm-9pm. All children in 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. The dates are also on the Lacey Green Website.

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. So, if this is you...please do get in touch!

Thank you so much to all the parents who have been helping out so far 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

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Before the Christmas break the children had lots of fun looking at Diwali and they were all super stars for the Christmas play "A very modern Nativity". We were able to have parents come watch and then enjoy a warm drink with a mince pie and raffle.

The preschool also took part in the Christmas tree decorating competition and the children had a wonderful time making all the decorations to go on the tree, and helping to hang them.

The children also learnt about space and saw them making their own solar systems, spacemen and spaceships. With lots of paint, glitter and sparkles. With all the cold weather we have been having, we have delighted in taking the children outside to investigate the frost and looking at all the frozen cobwebs and talking about this as well.

On seeing the frozen webs we have also been looking into winter animals and the children have had a wonderful time making silhouettes for our windows. Once the snow had cleared, the children took great delight in painting and decorating their own snowman for a display inside the setting.

This week they have also been making ice sculptures with bowls of water and the children

have collected berries and leaves to decorate them and then hang them up once they have set.

Due to the cold the children were not able to play football but they all enjoyed taking part in a sweepstake with the world cup. The prize being a football for the winner! Everyone got very excited and in good spirits for a little competition. To keep warm they have all been enjoying some yoga, I wish I was as flexible as them!

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 Winter term, the children will enjoy learning about cold weather and what we wear to keep warm, Chinese New Year, looking at Valentines and also celebrating our all important Mothers on mothers' day.

If you would like to arrange a look around the preschool or enquire about a place for your child, please call or email Tracey Winfield (Preschool Manager) on 07502 198405 or email manager@windmillunder5s.co.uk. We are open Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm & Friday 9am - 1:30pm during term time and welcome children aged 2-4 years.

Darren Peters

Chairperson

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Heavenly Bodies

Three fabulous planets dominate our February evening skies to give us quite a performance! Mars, Jupiter and Venus are shining brightly and jump out at you from their starry backdrop.

Venus blazes low in the south-western sky just after sunset and doesn't hang around for long before it disappears below the horizon. So be sure to look out for it early evening in the scenarios described below.

Glorious Venus is the brightest and whitest of the three planets, and some call it the 'evening star' as it emerges from behind the Sun. It's approaching its furthest distance from the Sun as we see it, so the Earth-sized planet appears to climb closer and closer to Jupiter above. During this journey, on February 22nd, Venus, Jupiter and the crescent Moon form a triangle in the sky which will be a beautiful spectacle (see sky chart).

The following evening, the Moon will be above the two planets as it orbits Earth faster than a speeding bullet. It will be below the 'Seven Sisters' star cluster (aka the Pleiades) in the evening and night of February 26th.

Meanwhile, Venus continues to edge nearer to Jupiter until the two are side by side and closest together on the magical evening of March 1st (see sky chart). It's amazing to think that although Venus will out-shine Jupiter and appear to be about the same size as its neighbour, more than 1,000 Venuses would fit inside Jupiter. Their 'similar size' is of course an illusion because enormous Jupiter will be four times further away from us than Venus – 860 million kilometres compared to 204 million km.

Mars starts the month high above the Orion constellation in the south-east. The 'Red planet' shines a deep orange colour, which is complemented by the bright orange star Aldebaran just below it (this star is 44 times wider than our Sun!). Mars has its own lunar rendezvous on February 27th when the Moon will be just to the right of it.

From the planets to a comet. There is one affectionately called Comet c/2022 E3 ZTF which may be bright enough to be seen with the naked eye (unpredictable at the time of writing!). The first week of February is the best time to catch it, probably with binoculars, before it fades. The comet will be in the region of the bright star Capella – exact location at <https://theskylive.com/>



Chris Dignan

Organisation	Meetings	Contact	Phone	Email address
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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	Tuesday: Gentle Yoga at 9.30am Chair Yoga at 11am	Claire Page	07711 588214	hello@clairepageyoga.com
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Hello from Badger's Garden!

We thought we'd use this opportunity (while our crops are still mere seedlings) to let you know a little about what we do. We are a local family business that started up over lockdown, growing salads, herbs and vegetables plus edible flowers and bunches of cut blooms, all here in Lacey Green.

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.



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