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Welcome to the December edition

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Events

I had hoped that you would take advantage of the new publication schedule to tell me about your plans for Christmas events.

The Church contributors have done a great job at this and have filled our middle pages with Christmas plans, they have even given us the schedule for their Summer celebration of their 200th anniversary; see page 20.

However the other village organisations seem to be planning a very quiet Christmas and New Year.

We haven't got a play or pantomime scheduled for this Christmas in the Hall, but we do have an article on page 31 about Equus' next production in the Spring.

Happily the village organisations are making good use of the Village Hall and there are plenty of commercial bookings as well. We are covering our operating costs and managing a small program of improvements, especially in the kitchen.

Welcome

Welcome to Becky, the new Head Teacher at St John's Primary School. This autumn she has taken over from Mr Newton and is now settling in. See her thoughts on page 27.

Windmill

We were hoping that the new stocks would have been fitted to the windmill by now, but they soon will be going up - see Jane's article on page 21.

Help the editor

I have been editing Hallmark for the past 15 years and have enjoyed it greatly. However I am now slowing down and realise that it is time to hand over to new blood. I'm not in any great rush to go, so can hand over the tasks gradually.

So if you would like to try helping put the magazine together there is opportunity to try it and see if you enjoy it.

There are a variety of tasks, you could try one or all of them -

- Liaison with village organisations and regular contributors to gather in their articles and perhaps steer them to write about particular village issues
- Writing articles yourself, and interviewing persons of interest in the village
- Reviewing the village history and putting together articles from Joan West's magnificent Wiki
- Using DTP to design the look of the magazine and being creative laying it out
- Liaison with the printers and distributors to ensure that the magazine is printed and distributed correctly

Please get in touch to have a chat about any of these jobs.

Mike Piercy



Thank you

for your donations towards our running costs, happily we have received enough to enable us to keep publishing without going into the red.

Thank you also to Timea, a first time contributor for her very engaging article on running.

Congratulations

To Stocken Farm for winning the "Best Run Small Farm Cup" for the second time at the Chiltern Hills Agricultural Association awards.

Bus service

Did you know that the Community Bus service has been extended with a new bus. They only come to Lacey Green on Tuesdays, picking up at 9.05, 12.00 and 15.10. Cost is £2.50

I also notice that they do trips from Risborough High Street to Worlds End and Chiltern View Graden Centres on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. See www.racb.co.uk

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Your local village hall is busy with regular users, with lots of variety on offer for the local residents of all ages, in Lacey Green, Speen and Loosley Row! Here is what is currently on offer...

Recently started is Mucky Ducks; a baby and toddler messy play group which runs in the morning on every 3rd Monday of the month. (contact Hannah at muckyducksbuckandhemel@gmail.com).

Monday afternoons see the local Indoor Bowls group in action! (see below).

Monday evenings the hall is used for local karate lessons from Seido Karate. With classes for children aged 6 to adult! (contact Alan at alan@avtechuk.com).

Tuesday mornings we have Yoga classes with Claire (hello@clairepageyoga.com).

Wednesday mornings is Pilates classes with Rosie (rosielewin@me.com).

The WI meets in the hall in the evening of the first Wednesday of every month. The U3A group also meet every month on a Wednesday evening.

We have regular meetings with the West Wycombe Art Society, who hold some of their events and art shows at the hall.

A local resident, Heather, runs very popular Upholstery classes on a Thursday morning (contact Heather at heatherbreed@hotmail.co.uk).

Now the weather is turning colder, the Whiteleaf Bowmen use the hall for their sessions on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. (contact Jan at Secretary@whiteleafbowmen.org.uk).

There is a regular coffee morning every Thursday in the meeting room at 10am where everyone is welcome to attend!

The Horticultural Society hold annual events and host special speakers throughout the year.

Our local amateur dramatics group, Equus, hold many of their practices and performances at the hall throughout the year. (contact Fiona at hello@fionamichaels.com).

The LLS Youth Club meets fortnightly, in term time, on Friday evenings for children aged 11 upwards. (contact Natasha at natashakann@gmail.com)

The Millennium Hall is also available to hire for private events with charges stated on the Lacey Green website (<https://www.laceygreen.com>). If you would like to hire the hall for a private function please email laceygreenhall@gmail.com

Natasha Kann

(Bookings Secretary)

Short Mat Bowls

Our Club used to have over twenty members but old age and infirmity or worse have slowly reduced us to single figures and just being able to pay for the hire of the Village Hall.

We are not the only village organisation suffering in this way. I believe the Walking Group, Pub-lunch club and even the W.I., are suffering the same malaise.

Nearly all of these groups involve mostly retirees, so I'm wondering why people have stopped retiring – where are they?

The clubs exist to allow for face to face human contact which I still believe is essential to our well being. The mobile phone doesn't yet make our lunch or keep us fit or create proper friends and friendship – we need to get out and about and meet people.

At bowls we probably talk too much but keep fitter by constantly sitting down, getting up, bending, and walking round the hall. It also exercises the brain in ways you can't imagine.

We meet on Monday afternoons from 2-4pm. You can try it out for free for a couple of sessions and only if you decide you like us and decide to join do we start to charge the £3 per session fee. We have spare bowls and you won't be embarrassed when you see our standard of play.

When you are absolutely certain, there is a £20 joining fee based on the original start up group donating the same to buy our mats to start us off. Everything we do is based on consensus.

Leigh Axe

WHAT'S ON

December

Friday 13 December: Sports Club Drinks

Saturday 14 December 2.30 to 4.30 at St John's church: Festive Afternoon Tea with seasonal live music. Tickets £5 for adults or £2.50 for children

Friday 20 December: Karaoke at the Black Horse

Christmas Eve 5.30pm: Carol singing in the Hall car park - all welcome

For Church festive calendar, see page 19

Tuesday 31 December : New Year's Disco at the Black Horse

January

Wednesday 15th January: Horts Club presents THE RIDGEWAY by John Tyler

February/March

Wednesday 19 March: Horts Club AGM followed by WHAT'S IN A NAME by Heather Houston

Saturday 22 February: Bingo Night at the Sports Club

Saturday 29 March 2.30 & 7.30: Equus presents "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night"

COFFEE MORNINGS

Held in Village Hall 10am - 12 noon Thursdays. Friendly chatting with tea or coffee and biscuit.

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Gabbitas Wedding

Congratulations to long-time residents of the village, Rosemary Mortham and John Gabbitas in showing us that it's never too late in life to get married!



Parish Council

Christmas is knocking on our doors and the Parish Council is formalising our annual precept for next year's expenditure.

If any clubs, societies or groups within our village, have any projects they would like some financial help with, please get in touch, our contact details are at the back of Hallmark, or on our website <https://www.laceygreen-pc.org.uk> where application forms can be downloaded.

The Parish Council accepted with reluctance the resignation of Councillor Tim Macgillivray. Tim is moving with his family and dog to pastures new in the West Country during the late summer.

Tim has been an active and much appreciated member of the council since late 2018

Tim has been the co-ordinator of our MVAS units, arranging the rota for placing them around the villages and liaising with members of the village in downloading the information for consolidation with speeds from the Speed Watch Team and the occasional Trevello Strips.

(All these statics are necessary for us to try and get the speed reduced on the 'National Speed Limit' zone between Lacey Green and Walters Ash).

Tim's other claim to fame was his ability in involving the villages in the annual 'Litter Pick'. This has proved very successful over the past few years, and long may it continue after all the hard work that he put in organizing it.

These are just a few of many projects that Tim involved himself in and he will be very much missed by the council.

We have welcomed a new councillor from the Loosley Row ward – thank you Steve Coats for stepping up.

Steve has already taken up the mantle of the MVAS units co-ordinator and is proving to be a pro-active member of the council.

We look forward to working with Steve and thank him for joining our council, whilst we say a fond farewell to Tim and his family.

Thank you Tim, and welcome Steve, and a big thankyou to all our existing Councillors for all your hard work and commitment

Cathryn Davies

25 YEARS

Owing to a number of circumstances, we have delayed this event until **Spring 2025**

Come and join us for a Street Style Party with music, competitions and a chance to come together as a community.

Full details will appear in the February edition of the Hallmark and you can follow our facebook page @Lacey Green & Loosley Row Village Hall for updates.

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Sports Club

We have had a great summer of cricket and tennis, now the winter is coming and the cricket has finished, the football season is well under way. We have just about recovered after dancing the night away at the Saturday Night Fever Disco earlier in the year, and now we look forward to the Race Night coming up!

By the time you read this the Race Night will have taken place on the 16th November. Thank you to our sponsors for the evening; Country Supplies and The Black Horse. Tickets have sold out within two weeks, which is a record for the Sports Club!

Thank you to all of those who have bought tickets and supported us. Next year we will look to make it bigger and better than ever so that we can sell even more tickets.

If you were unlucky and missed out on the Race Night tickets, we do have some other events planned which you can put in your diary. We are having Christmas Drinks on Friday 13th December, so it would be great to see some of you down at the club for some festive cheer.

We will also be hosting a Bingo night on the 22nd February, keep an eye on our facebook page and website for more details coming soon.

The renovation of the patio is coming along well, and we hope to have it completed towards the end of this year, weather permitting... fingers crossed! Thank you to our grounds team and sponsors for all your help so far: Tom Oakford, Chris Oakford, Tony Comely, Rob Henry, Country Supplies, CCBS, PA Spittles Landscapes Ltd, Camcrete, Grant & Stone, Hawes, Stocken Farm, Surebuild and Simpatico.

We have seen an increase in bookings for the club and hope to see this interest continue into the New Year. If you are interested in hiring the hall for any event please don't hesitate to get in touch at lglrscsportsclub@gmail.com. We can host parties with or without a bar, or even be a meeting place for events and clubs.

Make sure you are following our facebook page and website (www.lglrsc.co.uk) for all the latest information.

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 for the village.

All the best for the holiday season,

The Sports Club Committee

Cricket Club

As the curtain falls on another cricket season, Lacey Green Cricket Club has plenty to celebrate. Both teams have finished strongly in the league table but this year has been particularly successful due to the influx of young talent joining the club.

The new recruits have not only brought youthful energy to the teams but have also reignited a passion for cricket among players of all ages. Watching these young athletes embrace the game, learn new skills, and bring a fresh perspective to the sport has been a joy for teammates and fans alike. Their excitement has been infectious, spreading a renewed sense of camaraderie and purpose throughout the club.

Both teams finished strongly in the table which is a significant milestone. Given the challenges of integrating a younger roster and the natural learning curve that comes with it, these results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the captains.

It's no small feat to maintain competitive performance while fostering and developing young talent, and Lacey Green Cricket Club has struck a commendable balance this year.

To capitalise on this excitement, the club is considering launching coaching sessions for young cricket enthusiasts in the community.

This initiative is still in the planning stages, but the aim is clear: to inspire the next generation of players and create opportunities for young people in Lacey Green and the surrounding area to learn the sport and develop their skills in a supportive environment.

If there's enough interest, these sessions will run during the summer and could become a pipeline for young talent to join the club teams in the future.

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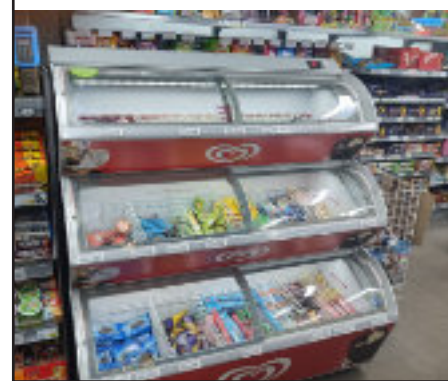
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On the Farm

True to form the weather has been challenging us again. The extremely wet spell from mid-September to mid-October came right at maize harvest and planting of winter cereals. It looked like a re-run of last year. However the anti-cyclone that we have had since then has allowed most field work to have been completed.

The wheat we harvested in the summer is now being sold. We have run into a problem because it contains Ergot and the mill will not buy wheat with Ergot. Ergot is a fungus and, this year, it is widespread in the area; I think weather conditions have favoured its life cycle. It is like a very large black grain. The good news is, it can be cleaned out by a machine called a colour sorter that takes the black ergot out of the beige wheat. The bad news is, it is slow and expensive but it will be what we have to do.

In mid-November we had to complete our TB test. I am pleased to say we had no issues so our herd remains officially TB free. This is good news, especially as quite a few farms locally have got TB issues; for now I believe there is none in the parish.

The big concern and talking point in the farming community is the Budget. There are serious consequences for agriculture (as there will be for any other small family run business). The biggest concern is the change to Agricultural Property Relief (APR). This was established to prevent farming families from having to sell their primary source of income to pay IHT, as it passes between generations. Without APR, smaller farms could become untenable and the family business come to an end. The allowances are not enough. The percentage of 'real working farms' at risk would be very high (the Treasury appear to have included smallholdings and country houses with pony paddocks in their calculations, not just actual working farms).

APR was protecting working farms producing food for the population. Most farms are made up of small family businesses with multiple generations working together producing food and caring for the countryside. The new IHT implications that are being introduced are disproportionate to farm incomes, a farm doesn't generate enough income to pay the tax bill, even spread over ten years. This means land would have to be sold, probably to non-farmers, potentially reducing food production and making the businesses less viable going forward. Food security is a subject that few people in this country worry about, as a nation we are already far from self-sufficient, let's hope in the future it's something people still don't worry about, because it's not guaranteed.

Of course you never know when the time will come, so all businesses will be vulnerable in the short term, with people's homes and livelihoods at risk. Older generations are very upset, after years of work the rules are changed and there is little they can do in the short term. These rules are set to change in April 2026, for some the only answer will be to not be still here at that point, we have already heard of this happening. With mental health issues in the farming community already running high this is just going to make things a whole lot worse.

The National Farmers Union is organising a mass lobby of MPs which will involve farmers meeting MPs in Westminster on the 19th November, to make sure they are aware of the implications. There is also a Rally being planned on 19th where farmers are taking British food donations to a London food bank, to take their message to the Government.

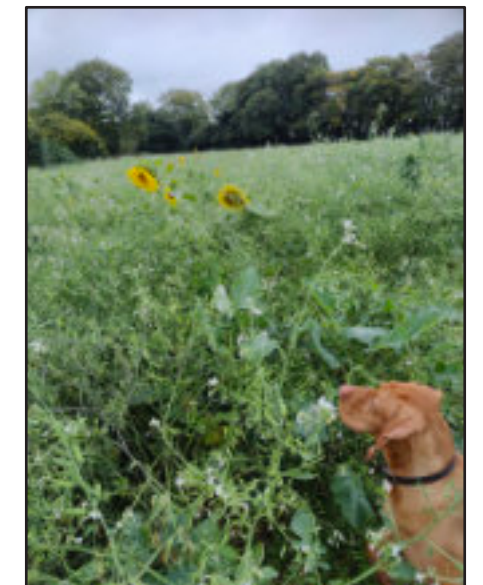
On top of IHT there is employers N.I increases, a fertiliser tax, and double cab pick-up tax - a commonly used agricultural vehicle since the Landrover Defender went upmarket.

I listened to Keir Starmer make a speech at the NFU conference last February prior to the election. The talk was of new partnerships, opportunities, the importance of national food security and at one point he said "losing a farm is not like any other business, it can't come back. You deserve better than that". We thought he meant he was going to support farming, I don't think the delegates really understood what he meant and I now realise, neither did he!

We recently had the Chiltern Hills Agricultural Association dinner and annual Competition Awards. We had a good night and picked up the Best Run Small Farm Cup which we had last in 2019 and Best Dairy Youngstock which we last won in 2014. Back in September, Charlotte was asked to be on a panel at the 'Women in Dairy Conference', quite an accolade for her, especially as she was probably half the age of all the other panellists!

We recently inspected our winter bird food crops in awkward field corners (see below). They have done well and should provide abundant small seeds throughout winter. Also, walking our new herbal ley I spotted a four leaf clover. Hopefully it brings some luck! I wish you all good luck and A Happy Christmas and New Year.

Richard West





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Horticultural Society

Since the last Hallmark edition we have had our Autumn Show. In spite of a difficult growing year, with a very late and gloomy Spring, things picked up enough to provide a good range of exhibits for vegetables and flowers. The fruit was excellent this year, unlike last year, so as usual the gardening year has been full of surprises!

Well done to everyone who exhibited. We had a good range of exhibitors and the younger growers proved once again that they were as good as any of us older people. That looks promising for the future. We hope that more young people will have a go at showing. It's great fun to see how well your produce compares to other keen growers and there is always plenty of help to learn how to display your veg to its best. The judges look for good condition – freshly picked, clean veg. The uniformity of your exhibits will win over size: if you have three small carrots that look fresh and of similar shapes and sizes, they will win over large, irregular sized, lumpy carrots for example. There is a rule book which we are happy to share if you wish to know more – just ask!

One area in which entries were down on last year was the domestic section. Disappointingly the numbers of exhibits have declined in the last couple of years. Perhaps we have less time for baking? I don't know, but

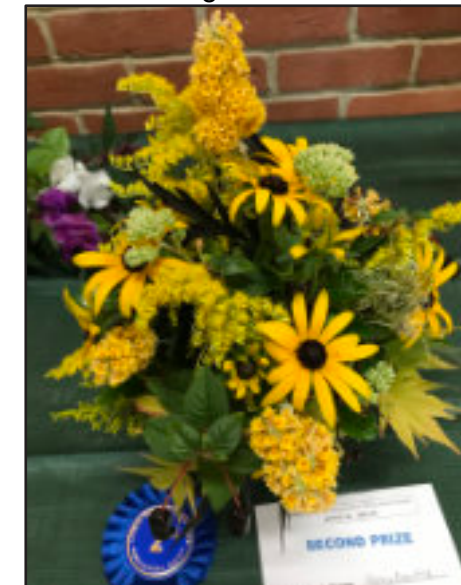
we do have a great domestic judge who ran a workshop for us on how she judges exhibits. She will also be giving us a demonstration on how to work with chocolate. That will hopefully solve a few Christmas presents. If you enjoy baking do think about having a go and entering next year. Our Spring Show is in March, so plenty of time to practise once we send the schedules out in the New Year.

The weather has of course been a big point of discussion this year. As I write we have a mild but dull Autumn. There are still plants flowering which I wouldn't expect to see, like Gladioli and clematis, which usually flowers in July/August, plus the usual annuals which go on until the first frost. My perennial Lathyrus latifolius didn't flower until August and carried on until the end of September; its normal flowering time being June/July. Something is definitely happening to our climate and affecting the normal patterns of flowering plants. I just hope that we have more sunlight than we had last winter and spring plus some nice cold frosty sunny days – that would be nice! Good gardening to you all and good health over the winter months.



Alison Shreeve

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Happy Wanderers

The Happy Wanderers reconvened for a two-night break from 6th to 8th of October, returning to Swanage – a favourite destination. The size of the group has sadly diminished over the years, but the 16 that made it took the best advantage of what the area has to offer.

On the afternoon of our arrival a small but determined group set off from the car park at Studland to walk to Old Harry Rocks, along the Southwest Coast Path to the top, along part of Ballard Down and back to Studland. Although we had to cope with a 15-minute squall, we enjoyed wonderful views across to the Isle of Wight, Swanage, Poole Harbour and beyond.

Due to the weather, the rest of the group lingered over lunch and relaxed at the hotel.

On the following day, we drove to Lulworth Castle, which dates from the 17th century and is the seat of the Weld Family. It was almost destroyed by fire in 1929, but superbly renovated thanks to English Heritage.

The weather cleared in the afternoon and a small but select group left Worth Matravers for a five mile walk that took in the dinosaur footprints close to the historic Priests' Way, a descent to Dancing Ledge (the site of historic quarrying), along the southwest path to Winspit and up the track back to Worth Matravers. One or two took advantage of the hospitality of the historic and quirky Square and Compass pub!

The non-walkers took the time to visit the pier (with its Happy Wanderers plaque from 2012), or stay at the hotel to play

Scrabble, read or just relax.

As always, The Pines proved to be the perfect base for a group visit like this, with its fine clifftop location, excellent hospitality and a friendly atmosphere. Despite the weather, we all enjoyed the break and the range of activities – including walking!

David and Helen Cliff



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Local History News

Dentists

Recently I was made aware that now, in 2024, it can be difficult to find a National Health Service dentist. In this case the need included some children.

75 to 85 years ago that would not have been a problem because the dentist came to the school.

Now, if any children are reading this, let me reassure you that the dentists of today would kill the pain, so that anything that had to be done to the teeth would not hurt all that much. They couldn't do that all those years ago.

In 2000 the Local History Group invited past pupils of Lacey Green School to a reunion. 89 former pupils came. They were all given a questionnaire to fill in. There was also a blank space to write about any special impressions that stuck in their mind.

You need to imagine the school 75 to 85 years ago, which then only consisted of the old part nearest the Main Road.

Margaret Harris, the policeman's daughter, who lived at the old Graham Cottages and was at the school from 1933-1939, wrote -

"I wonder how many remember the school dentist? Mrs Guerney's office/stock room was used, I still recall the dusty surroundings and the smell of old books. The Harris twins (me and my brother John) had toothbrushes, but still had more treatment than others. Some who didn't have a toothbrush needed no fillings. Our mother was in Barts having a major operation, but oh how I needed a cuddle. Thank goodness dentistry has advanced since then."

Dennis Claydon, who lived in Kiln Lane, was at the school from 1947-1953, he wrote :-

"The visits of the school dentist left a lasting impression. To a small boy of six or seven the dentist appeared to be an elderly, silver haired lady, although she was probably not so elderly!

There was a very big dentists' chair. One had to climb on a box to clamber into this large piece of furniture. The drill was operated by means of a foot treadle, which was very terrifying, there being no pain killing injections. Even today the thought of it makes me shudder!"

Others wrote of the horror of it and how the dentist seemed to work that treadle so slowly.

Dennis Claydon, was the last to mention the dentist. He was six in 1948. The National Health Service was started that year in July. Although this school service was loathed by the children, I can't help thinking they must have had their welfare at heart.

After 1948 it seems that the school left the NHS to get on with it. It is a pity they seem to have a problem in 2024!

I would welcome any comments or information you might be able to provide to add to my media wiki about our local history, such as some information just given to me of how that person's father managed to pull out his own bad teeth.

To see the wiki for yourself go to LaceyGreenHistory.com or see the advert on page 35. Put any word into search (top right)

My email address is LaceyGreenHistoryWiki@gmail.com.

Joan West

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

THANK YOU THANK YOU

We had our MacMillan Coffee Morning on the 3rd October and were pleased to raise £746.04p for this worthwhile cause.

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

Also thank you to all the husbands and friends who dealt with all the tables and chairs. We certainly could not have achieved such a grand total without all of you.

ANN & SANDRA

Church News

Remembrance

The annual Remembrance Service was held on Sunday 10th November. This is always a very moving and reflective occasion. Thanks are due to everyone for their participation, including members of the congregation who placed crosses under the memorial plaques.

These had the names of local people who gave their lives in the two world wars on them.

There was a strong choral presence underpinning the service and we are always grateful to Johnny Thirkell for playing the Last Post and Reveille at the key moments, as well as providing the descant for the national anthem.

Vince Stothard



Sponsored Walk



A sponsored walk took place on Saturday 21st September. This left from St. Mary's in Princes Risborough, heading along a short section of the Ridgeway and the Icknield Way, before dropping down to St. Dunstan's, and then back to St. Mary's. Ten enthusiastic participants took part and helped raised much needed funds for the Church.

The end of the walk coincided with a baking and social event that was arranged in celebration of Fairtrade fortnight. All the cakes incorporated at least one Fairtrade item and the tea and coffee were Fairtrade as well. This event was very enjoyable and was open to all walk participants as well as members of the parish.

Vince Stothard

Autumn Extravaganza

We had a lovely messy afternoon on Saturday 26th October creating works of art inspired by the Autumn season. Canon Tony opened and closed the proceedings with a short prayer. Pumpkins were carved and painted. Paint and glue flowed freely, to create collages or models. Biscuits were decorated and flapjacks consumed to keep our energy levels up.

The high spots were definitely the giant rocket that the children helped to make and then played in, and "going to the moon" with parachute games at the end. (Our nod to Fireworks Night.)

Thank you to everyone, including our new village shop, who donated the amazing amount of cardboard we needed.

Watch out for our next one on Good Friday. If anyone would like to be involved in the planning of these, please let me know. It is great fun.

Jenny Stothard

stjohnschurchlaceygreen@gmail.com



Christmas at St John's

We hope to see as many of you as possible over the Christmas Season.

Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday 10.00am Toy Service

We bless the Advent Wreath and light the first of its candles, the "Hope" candle, the first of three violet candles. The 10am Service on Advent Sunday is also our Toy Service when brand new toys are received to be passed on to the Salvation Army in High Wycombe for the benefit of the children of needy local families. Canon David Williams will be with us for a farewell visit that morning before he and his wife Jo move to Wales early in the New Year, followed by refreshments.

6.00pm Churches Together - Advent Carol Service

The Risborough joint service with guest readers from other local churches, followed by refreshments. The collection at this evening service will go to the Lighthouse summer holiday project for children and young people.

Sunday 8th December 10.00am service

We light two candles on the Advent Wreath, the second one is the "Faith" candle, followed by refreshments

3.00pm Christingle Service

This is based on a custom brought to this country by Moravian immigrants who came here early in the 18th Century to escape persecution in their homeland.

Making a Christingle begins with an orange representing the world with a red ribbon around it signifying the blood of Christ on the Cross. Four cocktail sticks are added which are said to represent the four seasons or the four points of the compass. To these are added sweets, dried fruit or cherries, in order to remind us of the fruits of the earth. Lastly a candle is added

which is lit, during the Christingle Service, as a symbol of the Light of Christ. In modern times, the Children's Society have adopted the Moravian Christingle custom as a way of raising funds for their work with deprived children and young people in need.

Sunday 15th December 10.00am service Gaudete Sunday,

We light three candles on the Advent Wreath, the third of which is pink in colour and is the "Joy" candle, followed by refreshments.

Sunday 22nd December 10.00am Service

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, four candles are lit, the fourth being the candle representing "Peace", followed by refreshments.

6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

A traditional service with readers from the local community, and well known and loved carols, featuring our wonderful Church Choir, followed by refreshments.

Christmas Eve: 9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Our regular Tuesday 9.30am Said Service which is customarily a modern language Service but, on this occasion, we will be using the traditional 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

3.00pm Crib Service

Our Crib Service, focused on our beautiful crib, is especially aimed at children and families and is by far our best attended service of the whole year, Much loved by children, and with the element of the blessed unexpected only children can bring.



11.15pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Midnight Mass of the Nativity begins at 11.15pm and the fifth candle, which is the white Christmas candle, the "Christ" candle, is lit for the first time. This is a very spiritual service, including some of the most glorious hymns and anthems of the season, as usual led by Cher Mole and our dedicated choir.

Christmas Day: 10.00am Parish Communion with Carols

Our Service on Christmas morning takes the form of Parish Communion with Carols, with what we hope is an informal atmosphere, and a chance for the congregation to show their Christmas presents.

Sunday 29th December 10.00am Parish Communion with Carols

To celebrate the feast of Saint John the Evangelist, followed by refreshments

Sunday 5th January 2025 8.00am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

Said Service of BCP Holy Communion.

10.00am Parish Communion Eve of Epiphany

Celebrating the Eve of the Epiphany, when we celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three Kings, to visit the infant Jesus after he had been born.

Canon Tony





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To mark this very special occasion, St. John's Church is planning a whole week of celebrations. The timetable agreed so far is printed below. There may also be other events, which have yet to be decided.

We do hope the whole of the parish of Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen will want to join in. If anyone is able to help in any way, either acting, singing, organising, front of house or behind the scenes we would love to hear from you.

Sat. 28th June BEATING THE BOUNDS

A walk around the parish boundary.

This will extend over several dates with time for stops and refreshments.
Transport will be provided at some stages.

Sun 29th June 10.00 am Normal Church Service

3.00 pm St. John's SONGS OF PRAISE (not BBC!)

Mon 30th June HISTORY EXHIBITION all week.

Thurs 3rd July 7.30 pm CELEBRATORY EVENSONG

Fri. 4th July All Day FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sat 5th July Time t.b.a. HISTORICAL PAGEANT

Including tableaux and music, when we hope to be joined by pupils from the local schools

Sun 6th July Time t.b.a. ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

We also hope to have an Organ Concert, Jazz music, and music from St. John's School, dates and times to be decided.

For further information or offers of help, please contact Rosemary Gabbitas on 01844 345863.

Lacey Green Windmill

Update

We opened the windmill until the end of September and saw a steady number of visitors which was great. We are now closed until the April 2025.

Visits

As mentioned in our last Hallmark article we have welcomed children from various groups and are delighted to have been contacted by a Primary Academy who will be visiting in March 2025.

The Committee plan to write to local groups over the winter to offer special visits to the windmill after hosting a local U3A. Please spread the word if you are part of a group and are interested in a special visit.

The Chiltern Society's Heritage & Culture Festival included the windmill as a feature this year and we were pleased with the response.

We will be writing to local schools to offer educational visits to encourage younger visitors.

Restoration work

The windmill has been painted and looks fabulous. We have a resident bird, maybe an owl, in the cap which has provided streaks of white on the newly painted exterior, not much we can do about this but we are going to put up owl boxes to offer different accommodation. However, as someone said, a windmill is probably a preferable place to live.

The stocks have arrived in the UK and both have been shaped to match the existing. They have been preservative treated, just waiting for them to dry so that they can be painted. We are hoping the weather doesn't deteriorate too much so they can be put up on the mill in November...fingers crossed.

Celebration event

We are planning an evening celebration event in the LG&LR Village Hall; more details to follow once finalised.

Supporters are always welcome, if you have any spare time and want to volunteer please get in touch with Jane by email; jane@laceygreenwindmill.com.

Jane Hervé



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

We have enjoyed some lovely summer nights and now we can continue to enjoy the garden in the winter with our new outdoor heaters and lights!

Our roast dinners are now even more popular than ever. We have been fully booked most weeks, so make sure you give us a call to reserve your spot in plenty of time. We are now also offering take away roast dinners as well.

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 Hallmark. It's a lovely event to be able to meet people from the village and have a chat and a meal.

Dominoes and Crib are still going strong and are having another great season! Well done to them! If you are interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are looking for more teams and if any other pubs are interested in getting involved, please contact Lynne.

We have TNT and Sky Sport in the pub, if you haven't popped in for a drink recently, come and watch a game now the football season is underway.

We are looking forward to a busy Winter with our Christmas Parties. We still have some spaces if you would like to book.

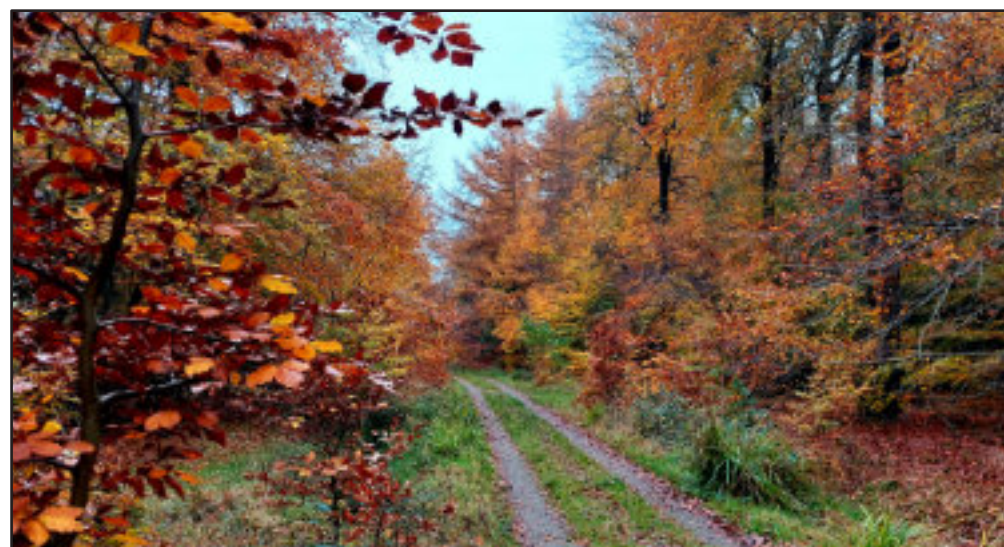
You can see the menu online or come in and have a chat if you have any questions.

We are having karaoke on the 20th December as well as a New Years Eve Disco. Keep an eye out for more information on this closer to the time, but of course everyone is welcome no tickets required.

The Black Horse is proud to be sponsoring the Lacey Green Sports Club Race Night; we wish them all the best with this event. We had a great time at the Saturday Night Fever disco and can't wait for another superb evening.

We hope to see you soon.

The Black Horse Team 🐾



Timea's picture from her run (opposite)

Runaway Mum

It's 6am. I step out the door, my belly still warm from coffee, leaving behind the comforting embrace of my home. Darkness envelops me as I take my first step, with only the blinking stars and a silver moon hanging above my head. A thick veil of fog hovers over the dewy grass, and the silence is broken only by the faint call of an owl echoing in the distance. The world around me is still, wrapped in slumber, safe and cozy in their beds.

I inhale deeply, savouring the crisp air as I exhale, watching my breath form a delicate mist in front of me. With a quick reach, I flick on my headtorch, casting a beam into the early morning shadows. Across the field, a pair of shining eyes reflect back at me – fox or muntjac? It seems I have company.

For a moment, I hesitate as the cold cuts right through me - the warmth of my bed beckons, urging me to retreat, to cocoon myself beneath the blankets. But I glance at my sports watch. It's time to seize the day. I press "go", feel my legs respond, and I'm off. The trails are calling.

At the start of the run, my body feels like a cold engine, each stride weighed down by the fatigue of yet another restless night spent trying to locate teddies gone AWOL, and cuddling an unsettled baby back to sleep.

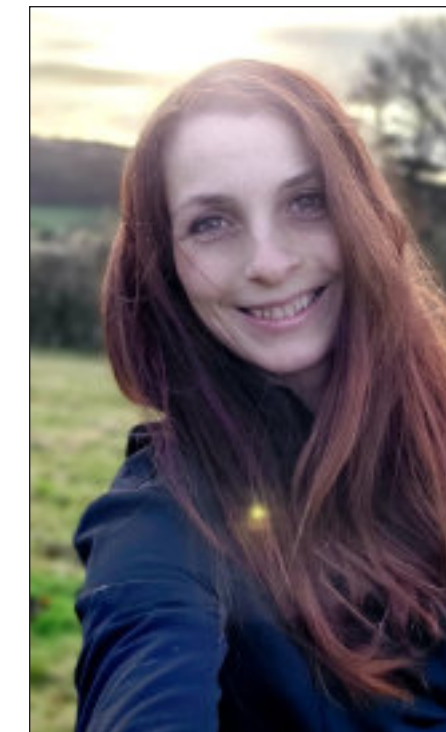
My breathing is rugged, and my heart starts pounding firmly against my chest. My mind buzzes like a crowded beehive, full with thoughts of all I need to do today, the deadlines I can't forget, the places I need to be, the endless juggling act to keep it all together.

My heart gradually settles into a smooth rhythm, my body feels lighter, and my mind slowly releases its anxious, hurried thoughts, surrendering to peace.

Suddenly, I'm fully present, soaking in my surroundings. I hear the crunch of autumn leaves

beneath my feet, the soft rustle of branches as I brush past overgrown hedges, the flutter of birds' wings overhead. The earth gives a gentle squelch under my weight, and the cold air kisses my cheeks, waking me up. In the corner of my eye, I catch a frisky bat darting above, a pair of playful squirrels racing through the branches, and a shy muntjac watching me from the undergrowth. The raw, earthy scent of autumn fills my nostrils.

I'm finally starting to enjoy the run. Out here on the trails, I'm wrestling rolling hills instead of endless to-do lists, trading the



messy chaos of life for a simple rhythm under my feet. Here, decisions are straightforward: left or right, up or down - no tough calls and 'grown up' responsibilities to weigh. Each stride forward is a break from the unrelenting pace of being a busy working parent. Instead of chasing my own tail, I'm chasing speed along the open flats.

After a miscalculated step that nearly cost me a shoe to a pool of soft mud, followed by expertly dodging a flock of fluffy sheep, and navigating my way around a field of curious cows, I feel invincible - ready to tackle

whatever the day will throw my way.

The weariness lifts with the fog, and energy courses through my veins. In the stillness and the shadows, I slip into a state of flow, everything feels effortless and pure. Just as I approach the home stretch, dawn begins to break and I spot the familiar silhouette of the windmill in the distance. Moments later, the soft glow of the rising sun illuminates the horizon, bathing everything in hues of soft pink and orange as the world slowly stirs. A profound sense of freedom, wonder, and gratitude fills me.

By the time I step through the door, covered in sweat and satisfaction (carefully leaving muddy footprints outside), I am renewed. The smell of my husband's freshly made pancakes is wafting through the house. My son shows up in his cosy pyjamas and wraps his little arms around me and my baby girl's smile outshines the rising sun as she notices me. And as I breathe in the warmth of home, I realize: the run didn't just bring me back to my door - it brought me back to myself. I'm ready to embrace my family and the new day.

Timea Jones

For Timea, running is a lifeline in a busy world, connecting her with nature, herself, and others. If this resonates with you or if you're eager to explore the beautiful countryside right outside your door, consider joining her growing Strava community for local runners at www.strava.com/runaway-villagers. Because, after all, running is about building connections – with nature, with ourselves, and with each other.

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Rotary Club of Princes Risborough



As always at this time of year the Club is very active. Our Christmas efforts include supporting the Bucks Young Carers Party, the Princes Risborough Youth Club, the Princes Centre, a free lunch for over 75s living alone in the town, a toy boxes initiative for children in domestic abuse refuges across the UK, meals for 300 children in a school in Africa, goodies for those in a local family refuge.

We also support the "Tree of Light" (providing the opportunity to honour, remember or celebrate the life of someone special who has passed away) and the Town's Christmas lights switch-on. For us to do this we need to fundraise and one way that we do this, as we approach Christmas, is to hold street collections in the Town.

We are able to achieve all this through the efforts of our Club members who raise over £30,000 each year and get actively involved in bringing our projects to fruition. We have been very fortunate to be able to continue increasing our numbers, we now have 65 members.

We meet on Monday evenings at the Whiteleaf Golf Club for a meal and various forms of entertainment. We are a lively, fun-loving group focused on giving back to the community whilst having a good time. Apart from our regular meetings we have a number of additional activity groups including cycling, walking, curry outings, a breakfast gathering, ten pin bowling, snooker, quiz and film nights and regular "away day visits".

If you are thinking about joining us and helping us contribute locally and internationally, visit our website and consider coming to one of our meetings to see if it might interest you. Also, if you know of causes that would benefit from our support, or you would like to donate to our Charity Account, please use the contact details below. A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all.

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The annual Spring Lunch at the Horse Trust was as popular as ever and tickets sold out very quickly.



Comedy Night in September arranged by Elliot Wengler was a terrific success and Lacey Green Village Hall a great venue.

The Bridge Afternoon Tea in North Dean Village Hall attracted a more sedate audience who tucked into the home-made sandwiches, scones and cakes at half time!

The Christmas Market was held in the festive Chapel Hall, Speen. People started their Christmas shopping early and the handmade crafts and gifts, fragrances and beauty products, artisan chocolates, stunning jewellery, unusual Christmas decorations and Christmas cards were in demand.

Thank you to all who have supported us during the year. Please continue to do so, we do need you.

Final Events in 2024

Christmas Hamper tickets will be on sale at the Christmas Market and on-line www.shh-shop.org

Would you like to get involved in SHH?

SHH would really welcome your engagement, that could be ideas for future fundraising events or helping us expand our coverage in the neighbouring Chiltern Villages, a good contact that might help us at an event, donating a prize for a raffle or if you would like to get involved with SHH contact me grainnesuter@googlemail.com or 07778803260.

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St John's School

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St John's Primary School. I consider myself very fortunate to be leading this school in the middle of such a supportive community.

We are now in the second half of our Autumn Term and we have been busy. We have held a wonderful Harvest Festival celebration in church and made a substantial donation to the One Can foodbank. We have been on trips, had visits from authors and won football matches and this is alongside our usual jam packed curriculum of interesting and engaging subjects.

I am eager to make connections and explore ways to increase community involvement. Our pupils thrive when they feel a strong sense of belonging, and I believe that by working together, we can create an even more inclusive and collaborative environment.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas, or suggestions you may have. I am keen to build upon the wonderful foundation that has been laid here at St John's and look forward to hearing from you.

Rebecca Wright



Windmill WI

Our Speaker for September was Rosie Isley from the Wild Rose Flower Company. Rosie talked about the love of Locally Grown Flowers and showed us how to arrange these beautiful flowers.

On the 18th August we had the very sad news that Daphne had died. Daphne had been our Secretary for many years and was a very active member of our WI. She was much loved and will be so missed.

In October we had our Annual Meeting and Carole Green our WI advisor attended to guide us through procedures.

An auditor was appointed for the coming year. We heard the Treasurer's report and the President's address. Ann was elected President for the coming year. We also welcomed three new members to the committee. Debbie and Phil will be sharing the role of secretary.

In November we had 'A Tutu Sweet Journey' from Tutu Chocolates. This was a lovely evening learning how the cocoa bean turns into chocolate and of course there were many samples.

December will be our Christmas meal when we shall enjoy a meal cooked by some members of the committee and listen to Christmas Carols.

We meet at the Village Hall on the first Wednesday in the month (except January) at 7.15pm. If you would like to come and join us you would receive a warm welcome. We have lots of interesting speakers and outings.

Ann Bartlett

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Tennis Club

It's not really been the best season for tennis with several matches being postponed in October due to rain and the courts being covered in leaves. A willing team spent an afternoon clearing the courts and surrounding area only to find the leaves returned within 24 hours... there's something about shovelling snow while it's still snowing but we burnt a surprising number of calories so on balance I'm sure there was some benefit!

Good news is that the toilet is up and running- just needs a floor! Details for access will be going to members soon.

We've seen all 5 teams commence the winter campaign in October which runs until March, and this has provided an opportunity for some of our members to play for the first time in the league, including our new mixed 2 team. We continue to welcome more members taking part, so please contact our captains Angie Thirkell, Dan, Ross or Simon Floyd if you are interested.

Our Womens team have enjoyed a great start, sitting top of Division 7 after three fixtures. However a defeat (following a valiant effort) at Aylesbury threatens their position. Mens 1 and Mens 2 are both mid table, and our mixed teams are both seeking their first wins - it's early in the season and they have both only played 2 fixtures so far. We wish them all success throughout the season.

We entered our first under 8s team in the mini red challenge at Buck's indoor tennis centre- it was great learning experience for all involved and a huge WELL DONE to Mason, Jacob, Isla and Phoebe (and Dan)- we are all extremely proud of you!



In early October nine members enjoyed a fantastic 4 night stay at La Manga in South East Spain. The tennis centre boasts 28 courts and 7 padel courts. Visually, the clay courts are always striking with the rich ochre of the brick dust set off by dark green hedges and giant cacti. We played some 4.5 hours each day split between tennis and padel, followed by visits to some local restaurants. A great trip, and there is even more interest next year.

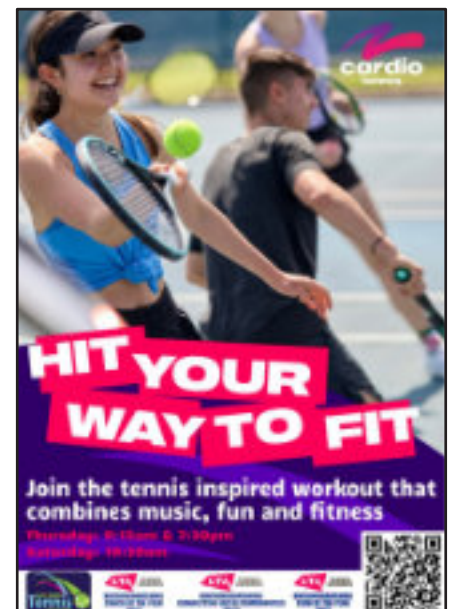
The ladies social on 1st Nov was a riot, The Thai at Great Kingshill is an excellent venue and the food is great.... The team there are also very patient! Thank you for hosting us!

The Christmas dinner is coming up on the 30th November, by the time you are reading this we will have had it and I suspect a great time was had by all and the food at The Pink and Lily was, as always, excellent!

If you are thinking of New Year's resolutions, cardio tennis is a great way of getting fit. Sessions run Thursday morning and evening and Saturday morning. It's a bit like circuit training with a tennis racket and a bit of friendly competition... tennis ability not important!

For anyone retired or semi-retired, members and non-members there is a U3A session 1-3pm Wednesday.

Nicola Housby



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Do you like a challenge?

One of the most creative of our village residents must be Fiona Quilter-Wood who lives in the village and is the owner of Fiona Michaels Flowers, and Artistic Director of Equus Productions. Equus regularly stage shows in Lacey Green and other village halls in the area. They will be coming to us in the Spring with a staging of the play based on the well-known book – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time.

This is the story of an unusual boy who is way out on the autistic spectrum and has trouble relating to our societal norms. He gets involved in a mystery story centred around a murdered dog and the family relationships surrounding it. It will be a massive challenge to interpret the many voices in the book and bring this to the stage, but Fiona is relishing it.

Equus is unusual as the company is not based in one location but does mini tours going into local village halls and theatres for one or two nights and then moving on – quite a challenge! They normally concentrate on putting on serious drama but every few years they do a pantomime which they stage at Christmas or Easter. Fiona usually directs the plays and sometimes takes an acting role as well, she also writes the scripts for the pantomimes.

Fiona is a long term Bucks resident, being brought up in Gt Missenden and attending the Performing Arts School at Tring Park.

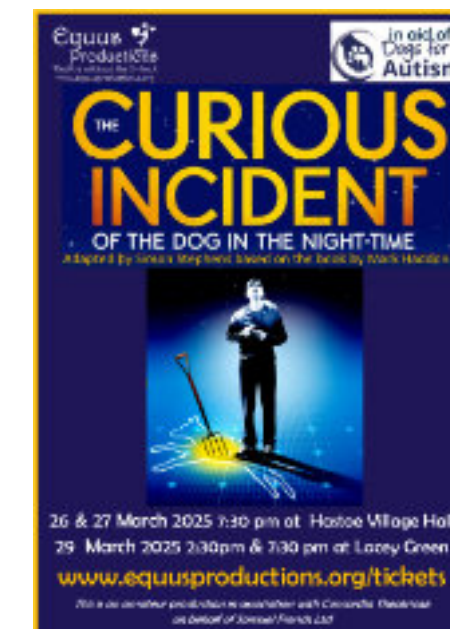
She initially started work in the City in a marketing job which led her round the world organising events.

Finding herself divorced and with three young children, she changed careers to be with her children as much as



possible and, drawing on the qualifications gained in dance and drama, she spent 20 years in a range of prep schools in London and then Bucks as Head of Drama.

Once the children had grown up and left home, she had another career change to set up as an independent florist. She opened a high street shop in Wendover, and developed a



parallel business doing flowers for large events (based on her early event-management experience). This went well, but following Covid she gave up the shop and now continues the business from home here in the village.

Throughout all of this, her dance and drama background still called, and she became involved with amateur musical theatre. She worked with various theatre groups and local theatres in London and then back in Bucks. However, she found that the traditional amateur dramatic societies were not for her and 10 years ago she and two partners started Equus.

This is a bare bones company with just the three directors in executive roles and they pull in actors and stage staff for each production as required – there is no regular troupe of members, although many chose to work with them regularly.

Fiona is also active in other ways in the village. She is the Advertising Manager for Hallmark and pulls in the money to keep us going. She also organises the Christmas Carols in the hall car park and is involved in planning the events for the Village Hall 25th anniversary. In whatever spare time she has left she is a keen countrywoman walking her dogs or riding out across the fields.

We wish her the best of luck with her challenging project.

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Flood Ready

In October, the new Buckinghamshire Be Flood Ready website launched, providing lots of information on how residents can make their homes more flood resilient, prepare a flood plan, find out what to do after a flood, get advice on insurance and who to contact.

Whilst the forecast is currently dry, more heavy rainfall is anticipated over winter, and the Council are encouraging residents to prepare now.

The Council recommends that residents:

- Check if the area they live in is at risk of flooding
- Sign up for flood warnings
- Check what to do during a flood

It is a property owner's responsibility to take appropriate action to protect their own property from flooding, and to look after their property if it does flood.

Please remember that the Council have a limited stock of sandbags intended for use on highways and during times of emergency and will try to assist residents by delivering these to properties at imminent risk of flooding, but this depends on the availability of crews to transport them.

To request sandbags, in an emergency only, view the Council's emergency contact details.

Website - [Buckinghamshire – BeFloodReady](#)

Robert Carington



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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We are grateful for the support from our residents and for reaching out to us for advice and solutions to problems and concerns.

We continue to encourage community groups to participate in the North West Chilterns Community Board and take advantage of the available funds to carry out projects.

Pension Credit Surgery

The Council predicts that up to 5,000 Buckinghamshire pensioners who are eligible for Pension Credit are not claiming and could therefore be missing out on benefits of up to £3,900 per year. To help residents who may be struggling with their applications, the Council are holding Pension Credit Surgeries in venues across the county. These will run until Friday 20 December which is the deadline for applying.

There is no need to book an appointment to get support. Residents simply need to bring their National Insurance number, information about any income, savings and investments they have and their bank account details. If applicable, they will also need their partner's information.

The closest location to Lacey Green hosting these surgeries is Princes Risborough Library (10:15am to 12pm):

Thursday 5 December

Thursday 12 December

Thursday 19 December

More information can be found on the Support with Pension Credit applications page on the Council's website.

Useful local numbers

Local		National	
Bucks Council	0300 131 6000	Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Councillor Etholen	07810 442617	Water Emergency	0800 3169800
PR Community Bus	07941 963097	Electricity Emergency	0800 404090
PR Information Centre	01844 274795	Power Cuts	105
PR Library	01296 382415	NHS Direct	111
Brownies (Naphill)	01494565571	Police non-emergency	101
Scouts (Naphill)	01494 565955	Childline	0800 1111
Hughenden Doctors	01494 562189	Samaritans	116 123
Cross Keys Doctors	01844 344488	Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Unity Health Doctors	01844 344281	Citizens Advice	0808 2787938
Sprinz & Nash Vets	01844 345655	Consumer Advice	0808 2231133
Womens Aid	01494 461367	The Arts Society West Wycombe	07885 232171
Equus drama group	07809 624864		
Sports Club	07768 831196	<p style="text-align: center;">VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clive Hodghton (Chair)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jane Hervé (Secretary)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leigh Axe (Treasurer)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Natasha Kann (Booking Sec.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yvonne Axe, Vivien Sheehan,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pam Bowell, Cathryn Davies,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fiona Quilter-Wood</p>	
Tennis Club	01844 342771		
Parish Council	07495 300626		
Black Horse Pub	01844 345195		

Defibrillator

Remember that there is a defibrillator unit mounted on the outside wall of the Hall near the kitchen door. In case of a cardiac emergency dial 999 and the operator will talk you through how to use it. It requires no previous training.

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Intrigued by the past around us? Explore Lacey Green, Loosley Row, Speen, Local Parishes and Hamlets

Welcome to "Lacey Green History Wiki", it is a place to explore Lacey Green of the past: the people, the places and the events that shaped our history.

My name is Joan West and local history research is my passion. For over 50 years I have enjoyed investigating local history and putting it together like a jigsaw. It is an ever-evolving picture... And growing media wiki! Rather than keep it all to myself I wanted to share with others, who I hope will be as curious and intrigued as I have been.

In this wiki, local people, places and events are recorded and linked so that it is possible to trace back through their stories.

For me it all began in 1971 when I hoped to discover the history of Stocken Farm, my husband's family home. Dennis Claydon was already working on the local history here. Dennis and I spent many hours in the Local Records Office, sharing our discoveries. In 1970 the village magazine Hallmark was launched providing more general information and in particular research by Miles Marshall and Rita Probert.

In 2008 the Local History Group was formed when Dennis Claydon and I declined to write a local book knowing that once printed it could not include any new information that came to light. It was decided to put that information on a website.

In this wiki I am putting information from all these sources so that all those people, places and events can be linked to tell their stories, with as many photographs as possible.

So, now you are here, to get started scroll down the indexes below and click on a page. Organised by:

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