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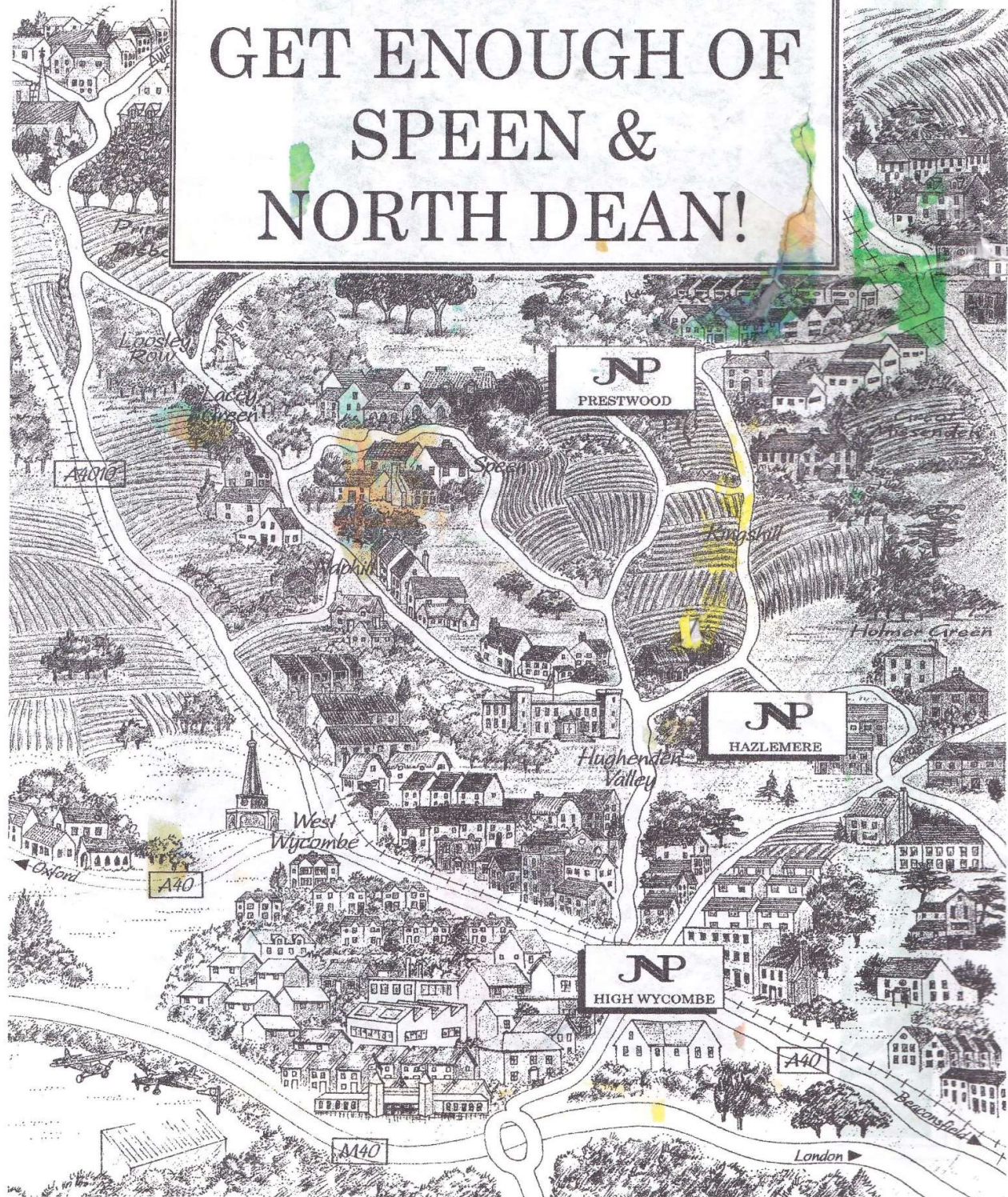


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## JAZZ AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We all gathered in the village hall to hear more Jazz from Martin Hart and fellow musicians, Roger Munns, Peter Cook and Peter Hughes. Martin had prepared a programme to illustrate the life and music of Dave Brubeck. He was able to give us details of Brubeck's life in America and the people he met on the music scene and the music they made. We were able to follow the development of his music with examples played by the band. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful music that was made with such enthusiasm. The titles, included "How High the Moon", "I'm in a Dancing Mood", "Plain Song", "Tangerine", "Blue Rondo a la Turk" and "Take Five". It became clear how complex Brubeck's music was in time signature and structure - through Martin's careful explanations. All this added to the enjoyment and understanding. The idea of an encore at the end of the evening was given a mega enthusiastic response and the faster version of Take Five soon had us tapping our feet again. What a wonderful way to finish an evening of amazing jazz at the village hall. The evening raised £290.00 for the Princes Risborough Rotary Club Charity Fund

*By Loiz Bale*

"Not bad for a village hall", I heard someone remark at the end of "An Evening of Jazz" featuring the music of Dave Brubeck. Not bad for a village hall?! That was the understatement of the year. We were privileged to be in the company of accomplished musicians whose delivery of many of the much-loved Brubeck pieces was of a standard that few would have heard inside any more illustrious venue. It can sometimes be a gamble to play the really well-known pieces such as "Take Five", "Perdido" or "Blue Rondo a la Turk", but they came over as fresh and dynamic as when I had first heard them many years ago. Martin's background information and explanations of the technicalities of the pieces further enhanced the experience. Of the fourteen works 'Plainsong' and "Nomad" were personal

favourites nicely bridging the jazz classical divide.

Lower lights and a thick swirl of cigarette smoke would have completed the transportation back forty years, but who needs that when we could listen today to something that was "not bad for a village hall"?

*By Vivienne Bell*



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# Letters to the Editor.....

## TRAFFIC~CALMING IN SPEEN

We note with interest the letter in the last Speen & North Dean News about possible traffic calming measures in Speen - to quote "isn't it time that our local Councillors considered doing something in Speen?". Referring to pages 8 and 9 of Issue No 8 and page 29 of Issue No 11, one would see that the Parish Council have already made a considerable effort in these matters.

Traffic calming is the sole responsibility of the County Council. The Parish Council usually propose measures of traffic calming but the final decision rests with the County. It is well documented that our County Council will only act on accident records and not on preventative measures.

The Traffic Management Officer of the County Council has visited Speen on more than one occasion and on the afternoon of 3 February this year, made an unannounced visit with the Chief Traffic Officer of the Chiltern Police. Their comments were that there was no serious traffic problem in the area. Even if calming measures were undertaken, with the reduction in the local Police Force, enforcement would be almost impossible.

Last year, our Parish Council had discussion with the County Council to see if the

measures taken in Berkshire and Oxfordshire for village speed limits could be used in our County but we were advised that this was not possible. We realise that physical measures such as speed humps and road narrowing require street lighting, which we have found unacceptable in this rural area. Rumble strips cannot be used because of the unacceptable noise factor in a built up area.

The County Traffic Management Officer is attending the May meeting of the Parish Council in order to discuss traffic problems within the Parish and no doubt we shall be able to keep the residents informed through the Magazine of the latest situation.

*The Editor Speen and North Dean News,*

I would like to thank all who sponsored me to run the Flora London Marathon 2000. I completed the course in 4:43 which is not a record but a respectable first time attempt. The total sponsorship I hope to receive when I have collected all that has been promised in aid of the Blind Business Association Charitable Trust, will be just under £600.

Yours sincerely  
Andrew Walker

## Editor's Letter

The letters are getting less! Is it a page you don't want anymore? I recently tried to encourage some letters about things going on in the village but I was told delicate negotiations would be spoiled by any publicity. Let's hope we hear the results eventually.

With trepidation I would like to say again. **Please give us copy about your events when they happen, they are then much more likely to get in the magazine.** I have set up the pages for the next issue already, to put them in as they arrive.

The Next copy date is

## 25 September 00

no copy can really be accepted after this date. If you have photos of events please just bring those to me. I can scan them while you wait and return the photo. We do get articles that need a photo but one has not been taken. Pictures make the whole magazine much more readable.

What's on should include items to the end of the year. (There goes another one).

My thanks to all the people who help with the magazine in any capacity. Without you writers, deliverers, printers, copyreaders and gofers we would not exist. THANK YOU.

*By Glenn Hart*



## Wycombe District Council May 2,000

**L**ocal issues which continue to be raised mainly concern speed of traffic through the village, and parking.

In response to several concerns raised over the parking at Speen Stores, I organised a site meeting with officers from the Buckinghamshire County Council and Wycombe District Council together with the Parish. (Jane Fleming of the Buckinghamshire Housing Association was keen to attend, unfortunately found late that she could not). The meeting was constructive with several proposals being put forward. However, the bottom line from the Buckinghamshire County Council Highways representative was that, as there was no history of accidents at the junction, no action could be taken by the County.

It was however agreed that some improvement could be made by clearly defining the parking bays to the front of the Stores. Recommendations for this and for a notice to be displayed were then passed to Buckinghamshire Housing Association for their consideration. I am pleased to say that a notice has been put up restricting parking on the forecourt to shoppers and the bay markings are planned.

The long term solution to the problem therefore remains in the hands of those motorists who use the shop. If vehicles are parked badly the risk of an accident happening obviously increases.

Another area of concern was the application for a change of use for the King William IV.

Because of the level of concern I requested that the application be brought to the Application Panel. However, the application was withdrawn prior to it being considered.

Several issues have dominated the work of the Council over the past few months. The Local Plan and LSVT stand out for special comment:

**The Local Plan to 2011** This matter has played, and continues to play, a large part in the work of the Council. The final tranche of responses to the draft deposit Local Plan and the proposed pre-inquiry changes (including the reduction of houses for Princes Risborough) have recently been carried out. Consultation on all the pre-inquiry changes was

commenced on the 3rd March 2000 and has now completed its six week period.

It is now up to the Planning, Environmental and Transport Committee to consider any further objections received prior to the Local Plan Inquiry which is scheduled to start on 12th September 2000.

### **Large Scale Voluntary Transfer of Council Housing**

Again, this is a major undertaking which if successful will, in my opinion change, for the better the way in which 'council' homes are maintained and administrated. The consultation process with the tenants is now well underway with a positive 'Yes' vote expected in the summer to the formation of a 'not for profit' Housing Company to take over the housing stock.

**Electoral Boundaries** are to be the subject of review by the Local Government Commission in July 2000. It is also likely that Parish boundaries will be reviewed by the District Council at this time.

If you have any concerns about the services provided by your Council then please drop me a line or give me a call and I will do my best to help.

Paul Rogerson

Member for Lacey Green and the Hampdens

Tel.:01494 488315

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NORTH DEAN VILLAGE HALL – APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Once again, the attendance was poor. It was hoped there would be more residents attending to bring fresh ideas for the future – maybe next year?

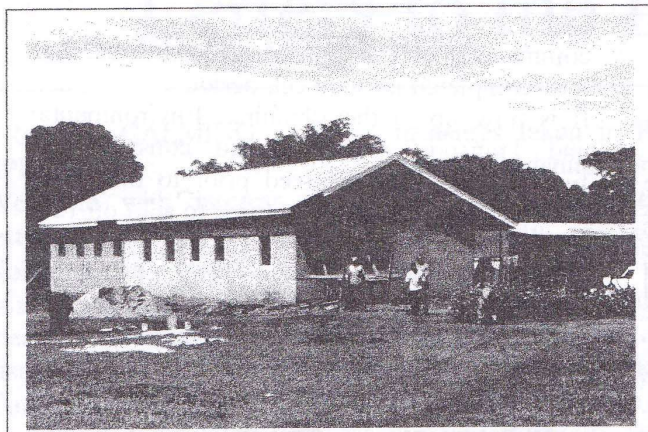
Owing to their commitments some members of the Committee had to stand down until next year. However, we are fortunate in that these places have been filled by some of our newer residents.

Anyone interested in becoming a Committee member or able to help in any way please contact John Rogers (562041)

By Megan Chinn



## NORTH DEAN THIRD WORLD PROJECT



*As part of our millennium celebrations in North Dean we collected money to build an AIDS/HIV ward in Uganda. On 8<sup>th</sup> February, courtesy of B.A., David Kemp of Flint Cottage flew out to Luwero with £6,510 .... Now read on!*

David was met at the airport by Joseph, his builder, and in five days the site was chosen and plans drawn. On 14<sup>th</sup> the foundation was started and on 19<sup>th</sup> the concrete base (80' x 30') was laid. Cement – and therefore concrete – is expensive (£7 a bag). Bricks have to be bought from local brickmakers and timber (hand cut from trees felled specially)

brought in from the bush.

The building has an office, a counselling room and a treatment room at one end with two adjoining wards. Medical care in the area is provided by Ugandan nuns, led by Sister Ernestine Akulu and their patients come thirty miles or more.

David was based in Luwero, staying in the quiet wing of the convent, but when the building allowed he travelled to various parts of Uganda on behalf of the Amersham based charity "Workaid". This group sends out reconditioned tools and machinery to the third world. David's purpose was to raise the profile of Workaid and find a partner organisation in Uganda for them. He spent some time in the "War Zone" on the Congo border and on behalf of Workaid met MPs, the Minister of Education and Agriculture and several bishops!

At Luwero, David's first purpose was to get the ward up. This was done and we are now close to completing internal work on one ward and the smaller rooms... but our funds are used up. We have applied to the Austrian OED (active in Uganda) for help to finish the ward – no answer yet. Perhaps the CAFD (a Catholic charity) can help.

David has put in much more than just his time and, as a Christian, sees faith working in the development of our project, where others see just good will, good fortune and "fortuitous happenstance". But however we each understand it, the great thing is that the North Dean Ward is now standing in Luwero, albeit not yet fully completed, nor paid for. Meanwhile there are exciting possibilities (through the contacts of another North Dean family) of medical funding and support from an international drug company and Italian charities, and a friend has offered to run in the Wycombe half marathon for the project, and an article is coming out in the Guardian.

None the less, to finish the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward, buy equipment and pay back the £2,000 loaned by North Dean we not only welcome any ongoing contributions but urge you to come to the GRAND SUPPER DANCE at Pigotts on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Big Band, "Farmhouse Supper" licenced bar and raffle and a message from Sister Ernestine – all for £20.00 a ticket from Nick Wheeler Robinson (01494 562167). Don't wait to see if it will be convenient – buy your tickets now anyway – it will keep the work going in Uganda (cheques to North Dean/3<sup>rd</sup> World project at Pigotts, North Dean HP14 4NF







# Speen Fun Day 2000

**Sunday June 25th from 12:30 on the Playing Field**

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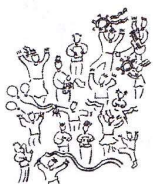


## News from Speen Baptist Church

### Andy writes:

This Easter has been a very busy time for the village church. We started the countdown to Easter with:

#### Speen Pre-School Easter Service



On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April about 20 lively but well behaved children and their parents tumbled into the church. Kay Morgan and her team had done a marvellous job decorating the church with beautifully coloured oval Easter

Egg shapes (the children were learning about different shapes!) and teaching the children two action songs.

I'm not sure who was the most nervous; me - who had never done a service for such a young group before, or their parents! But we had a lively and enjoyable time, with the parents joining in and copying some of the children's actions as we sang whilst Gwen Palmer played the piano for us.

Explaining the Easter story in terms of happy faces and sad faces was certainly a challenge, but the children seemed to connect with it.

#### Easter Top Ten Songs of Praise and Senior Citizens Easter Tea on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>



Last September's Top Ten Songs of Praise and Senior Citizens Harvest Tea was so popular that many folk wanted it to be repeated - and Easter seemed a natural opportunity to do so. So invitations went out to our Retired and Senior Citizens; replies came back, including their preferred three favourite hymns. And then, with the votes counted, a hearty tea was enjoyed by all before the chosen top ten hymns were sung.

#### Churches Together in Lacey Green and Speen Good Friday Walk



This year the traditional Good Friday walk (with meditations at each of the three churches) started at St. John's, and then onto the Methodists where we were fortified with hot cross buns before departing for Speen.

Despite mixed weather beforehand, as we left, the clouds cleared, the sun came out, and we had a beautiful walk back to Speen for the last of the three meditations. (Perhaps I should add a disclaimer that

all figures in the clip art above are fictitious and any resemblance to anyone living or dead is purely coincidental!)

Reflective contemporary worship songs were at the heart of the final meditation; both sung - quietly and movingly - and read as prayers led by local ministers Nick Young and Richard Caik. The church teenagers also acted out a thought provoking drama.

And so to:

#### Easter Sunday.

It has been both a wonder and a great joy to see the congregation growing steadily both in numbers and in love over successive months. And this Easter Sunday - even though we were not including a baptism in our celebrations - the church was even fuller than last Easter.

A new group of younger musicians had been in training in parallel to the older group, and this was the first Sunday when they led worship together. The combined group with their violins, violas, flutes, guitars, recorders, jembe and the piano filled the whole of one side of the church, and led us beautifully in worship. A deeply moving and joyful occasion.

As the older children performed a lively rap it crossed my mind that there were now more musicians alone than there had been people in the whole congregation just four years ago.

Easter - life from death - and perhaps that is what your local church is experiencing.

### Summary of Weekly Church Activities

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| <b>Sundays:</b> | <b>10:30 am</b> Worship for all ages<br>incl. Creche and Sunday School for<br>3's-12's and Teens discussion<br><b>11:45 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month</b><br><b>Fair Trade Stall in church hall</b><br><b>6:00 pm</b> Worship Group.<br><b>7:30 pm</b> Meeting for Prayer. |
| <b>Weds:</b>    | <b>10:00-11:30am</b> "Time Out"<br><b>10:00-11:30am</b> Daytime Home<br>Group - Chinysnook, North Dean<br><b>8:00-9:30pm</b> Evening Home<br>Group - Studridge, Studridge La.   |
| <b>Thurs:</b>   | <b>8:00-9:30pm</b> Evening Home<br>Group - 172 Parkwood Walters Ash   |



## Speen Parent Teacher Association

The Magic Mirror Theatre Company visited us in January, and was very well attended. So well that we were able to book two performances, and both sold out. The children enjoyed the show, but for me personally the best bit was all the wonderful cakes afterwards. Thanks to all the cake makers!

The Line Dance in March was not such a success, and was very poorly attended. However, it still made a profit. By the end of the evening every one had "strutted their stuff" on the dance floor. Thank you to Philippa for organising the event.

Most recently we have had a family treasure hunt. We all had to follow a trail of clues, find hidden Winnie the Pooh characters, collect items and answer questions. Most of the answers could be found in gardens, so apologies to any householder who suddenly found their garden was so fascinating on that afternoon! To finish off there was a bar-b-cue at the school, (food was involved once again!) and prizes given to the winners. This was a super event, aided by the wonderful weather we had on that bank holiday weekend. It was not run to make a profit, but just to get families together. Thank you to Ian and Debbie Waterman and Ashley and Julie Cooper for organising this event.

The above events did make a profit, but the **main fund** raiser this year will be The Summer Ball on 10th June, featuring Mad Masks and Hilarious Hats. I know that a lot of work has been put in by some people already, and there is a lot more effort to come in the preparation. If it is as successful as previous years though, it will have been worth it.

The children will be continuing the tradition of country dancing at Speen fete on 8th July, while PTA volunteers will be manning the coconut shy.

So far this year the PTA has only funded small expenditure, including the Millennium trees and shrubs that have now been planted to enhance the playground and field. Also, some maths software, RE artefacts and books, butterfly eggs, and other sundry items. The project that will take a lot of money is the plan to equip the school with the computer facilities that are being set by government. So please, continue supporting us so that we will not be able to afford only the

bare necessities, but enjoy a super duper network for all the future children of Speen School.

Thank you for your continued support, and thank you to the hard working committee.

Nicki Pitt Chairperson. Tele: (01494) 488713

### **Is that to eat in or take-away?**

On Saturday, 1st April, at the village hall. No, not an April fool, but a true "Taste of India". Yes, it was an unfortunate date, but we did it anyway. About 60 people gathered together to enjoy a family curry evening, as a welcome to our friends visiting Speen from Hyderabad, via Scotland!

I am sure many of you are aware of the link between Speen Baptist Church and the Christian community in the Hyderabad region of India. Prem Babu, one of the leaders, is currently studying in Scotland. After much prayer, his wife Neleema, his son and new baby daughter were granted a visa to visit him in this country. They arrived in Speen on Saturday afternoon, and joined us for supper that evening.

Catering for this amount of people required a huge team effort. We sorted out the menu, and appealed for kind volunteers who wanted to have a go at cooking. They were each supplied with the ingredients for a curry, all weighed out before hand, and the recipe to follow. Many houses around the village had the aroma of Indian food wafting out of them that afternoon!

All that remained was for the food to be brought round to the village hall at 6.OOPM, along with the families and drinks (sorry, one had to supply one's own!) and enjoy a very pleasant evening. First we helped ourselves to the DIY buffet, then watched a short, but very informative video, of Andy Gower's last visit to Shapur Nagar, Hyderabad, India. It made me feel very fortunate to have such a comfortable life here.

It was a fabulous evening. I am sure that everyone there enjoyed it. So, Thank You to all those who attended, especially to those who cooked, cleaned up afterwards and set up the hall. Also to the children who were all very well behaved, and seemed to enjoy the non-curry buffet that was provided. A very special thank you goes out to Holly! That's all for now from the Speen DIY Curry House, until next time. *By Andrew Pitt*



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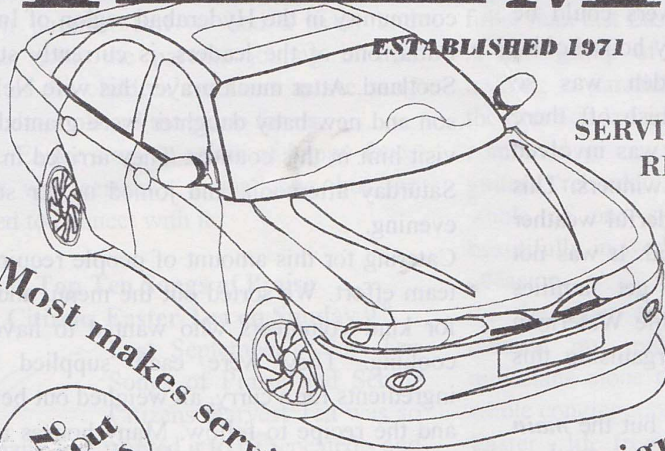
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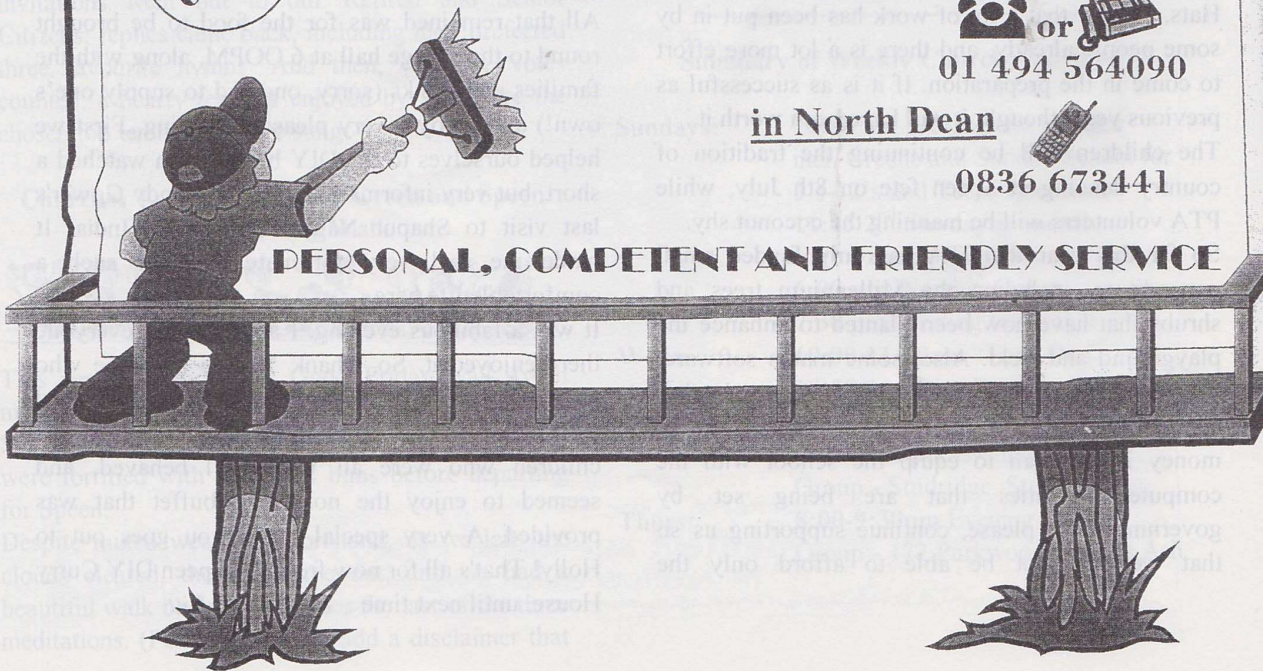


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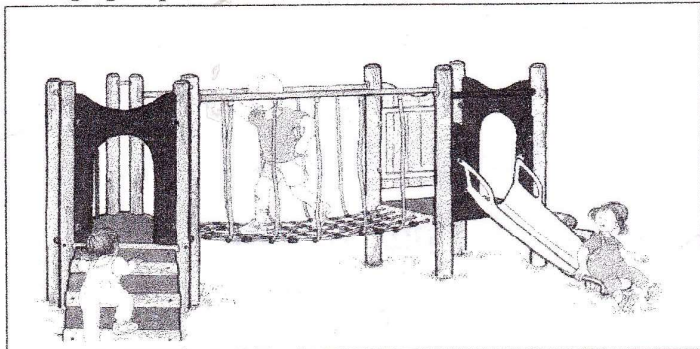


## SPEEN MILLENNIUM PLAYGROUND APPEAL

Speen and North Dean Toddler Group has initiated an appeal for some new playground equipment on Speen playing field.

In recent weeks the Toddler Group has canvassed the opinions of local parents regarding play equipment specifically for the under fives on the playing field.

It was generally felt that the current equipment at the tennis court end of the playing field, although adequate for the older children, is beyond the physical capabilities of the under five age group.



*Above is a drawing of the type of equipment we hope to install*

We have spoken to the Playing Field Committee who have agreed in principle to the siting of some new playground equipment near the tennis court - now all we have to do is raise the money!

The Parish Council has set the ball rolling by agreeing to give us a grant and the Toddler Group itself has had a couple of fund raising mornings. David and Sharon have also generously donated the proceeds of the Speen Stores Easter Egg raffle to the appeal - but we still have a long way to go!

There are several fundraising ideas in the pipeline including a men's 'celebrity chef' cookery class and an exciting summer draw.

The main focus of fundraising, however will be the 'SPEEN VARIETY PERFORMANCE' to be held on Saturday October 21st at Hampden

village hall. Last year's pageant proved that there are some very keen and talented people in the village.

The final details of the Variety Performance are still being worked on but we are hoping that both junior and adult performers will take part. Whatever your talent, be it singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, telling jokes, performing magic tricks etc etc we hope you will enter and make this event an outstanding success.

We hope this new play equipment will benefit everyone in the village, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone who is visited by a child in the under five age group.

If you have any further ideas for fundraising or would like to support the

Millennium Playground Appeal in any way please contact either Caroline Crossley (488269) or Amanda Cleaver (488288).

### North Dean Beetle Drive

Despite poor attendance, an enjoyable evening was certainly had by those who did turn up to what was a great fun evening. Super was provided by Committee members, and we actually made a profit of £60.00

## NORTH DEAN MILLENNIUM DAY SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2000

**"From little acorns?" "We ought to do something - yes but what?"**

**Be there on 25<sup>th</sup> June and find out! Enjoy the programme of events laid on for you, something for all the family to share.**

**As well as a BBQ and fun and games, we have the unveiling of the Millennium Stone (carved by a former resident) and the Millennium Photograph Archive. A village exhibition should be of great interest too.**

**All this following a grand parade of vehicles at 11am.**

**As this is a ticket only event for North Dean residents, we cannot open it up to the general public. However, we do extend a hearty welcome to all on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> to our annual fete**

A full report of this event will be in our next issue. *By Megan Chinn*





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## Lacey Green Parish Council

**F**or some time now, I have had inquiries about the possibility of Speen having its own Parish Council instead of being a Ward of Lacey Green. Recent changes in legislation have removed the well established requirement of having a Church in each Parish. Speen has been a Ward of Lacey Green Parish Council since 1986 in order to ensure two Councillors on the Parish resided in Speen. Administration and finance can only be for the whole Parish and expenditure is therefore spread throughout the community.

Over the last 30 years Speen has grown in size considerably and now has a population of over 500, large enough to sustain its own Parish Council and manage its own local affairs. It would not be the smallest Parish Council in the Wycombe District, and in the last few years, three new Parish Councils have been formed in the area.

With the agreement of the residents of Speen to proceed with the application, submissions have to be made by September 2000 in time for the next Election in May 2003 when the new Council will be formed.

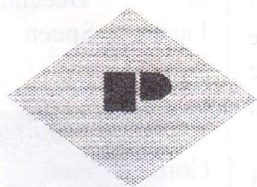
Speen would have to have a minimum of five Parish Councillors and would then be entitled to full representation along with all other Parishes. It

would have its own precept which would be much lower than at present with the consequent effect on the Council Tax.

The Wycombe District Council has a fund to pay for formations of new Parishes, and setting up Speen Parish Council would be of no cost to the residents.

In response to our notices, the proposal was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting. We received no objections and at the time of writing, 27 residents have expressed their support. There are no overriding reasons for or against the proposal but the residents of Speen would, with their own Council, be able to take a more active interest in their own community and their local Government.

During the next few months, the District Council will be sending details to every house in the village. We feel a Public Meeting should be held in the Village Hall when any questions can be raised and discussed. With the support of the majority of residents, we would be more than willing to proceed with the application for our own Parish Council. Should we receive too many objections then it would probably be better to remain as part of Lacey Green Parish. If any resident has any particular views to express, by all means get in touch with me. *Don White Chairman*



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## NOTICES FROM BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL

**LOCAL TRANSPORT PLANS** Buckinghamshire County Council's Provisional Local Transport Plan was well received by the Government and resulted in a generous settlement for expenditure in the new financial year 2000/01. Monies identified specifically £750,000 to further the Wycombe Transportation Strategy, £85,000 for Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Strategy Area and £108,000 for Local Traffic Safety schemes. Work is currently underway to produce the final 5 year Plan due to be lodged with the Government on 31 July 2000. Further public consultation is planned including face-to-face interviews through a market research company and an information leaflet being sent to every household summarising the LTP and inviting comments to be sent in.

**AREA COMMITTEES** Following consultation with District, Town and Parish Councils it has now been agreed to set up an Area Committee. This will comprise of 18 County, District and Parish Councillors meeting quarterly from May onwards. This Committee will discuss various Environmental Services local operational issues including road maintenance and local safety and minor works programmes and will take the place of County Council Traffic and Road Safety Panels and the Area Road Safety Consultative Group. A budget of £100,000 has been agreed for 2000/01 which is to be spent on the Committee's structural maintenance priorities. The Committees will be open to the public and all other Councillors will be able to attend and speak. This initiative has been specifically taken to make local democracy work better and to foster better joint working and less confusion for the public. If successful it could be extended to cover other services in the future.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FACT FILE** To further aid local communication and as part of the new Charter between Buckinghamshire County Council and Parish/Town Councils a Fact File has now been produced. This file contains more than 100 separate sheets containing facts, information and contact details on a variety of services. It has been produced by Council Members and Staff and representatives from Partner organisations including the Police and it is hoped that communications will be speeded up by avoiding delays caused by having to write to the County Council.

Copies of the Fact File are held by Parish Councils, the Area Office, Members and Libraries. It is also available on the Council Council's Internet site [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk). The File will be expanded and kept up to date on a regular basis.

### HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Since the last issue of Speen and North Dean News, the first year of the new Council has been completed. The internal elections took place this month and I was re-elected as Chairman.

One of the problems most of our villages suffer from is the speed of vehicles through them. Hughenden Parish Council is very aware of this problem and has set up a working party to investigate the various forms of traffic calming that can be employed. Naphill has had white lines painted throughout the village which is supposed to give the impression of the road being narrower than it is. I'm not too convinced that this works!

There have been a number of traffic speed traps set up during the last few weeks, also in Naphill, which were very successful, it is a possibility that a permanent camera will be installed on the main road. We are going ahead with our plans to hold workshops in each of the Wards. Hughenden Residents Association has expressed an interest in hosting one either before or at the end of their monthly meetings. North Dean is not part of this group but I am sure anyone interested would be welcome to go along. If there were enough interest I would be prepared to hold a meeting in North Dean Village Hall. This is a good chance to get to know your Parish Councillors and have a chat about your Parish Council. The meetings will be kept very informal.

If you wish to know more about the above or have any other questions about the Parish Council please contact me by telephone on 562041.

*By John Rogers, Parish Council Chairman*

### LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SN/00/05598/FUL

Erection and replacement of agricultural building at Beechdean Farms, Speen Rd North Dean

SN/00/05199/FUL

Construction of boundary wall at The Studio, Pigotts Hill North Dean. The Parish Council has no objection to the establishment of a boundary but would question whether a brick wall is in keeping with this Green Belt location.



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# SPEEN MAGICAL MILLENNIUM FETE

**Saturday, 8th July, from 2pm  
on the Speen Playing Field  
Fun for all the family!**



Preparations are now well under way for our extra-special Village Fete this year  
***The Magical Millennium Fete,***  
to be held on Saturday, 8th July, on the Speen Playing Fields.  
This year, as well as all the usual attractions, we will have *three competitions:*

*Grand Prix Cycle Race. - It's a Knockout Competition. - Grand Fancy Dress Competition.*

There will also be a Special Fete Grand Draw, with great prizes to be won including a Mountain Bike, a Hot Air Balloon Ride, and two Flexi-Break UK weekends.  
We will be coming round door-to-door in June, selling Fete programmes and tickets for the Grand Draw, and distributing entry forms for the Grand Prix Cycle Race and It's a Knockout.

*It's all in a good cause! This year the fete is supporting two very worthwhile local charities - The Special Care Baby Unit, at Wycombe General Hospital, and the South Bucks Hospice.*

<p><b>"IT'S A KNOCKOUT"</b></p> <p>Team structure: One Adult Two members 10 - 15 years Two or three 5 - 9 years.</p> <p><i>Games:</i> Dribbling a ball/crawling under a net, dressing up and throwing tennis balls. Blindfolded adult pushing a wheelbarrow with one team member holding bucket of water. Running race with Dream Topping on a plate.</p>	<p><i>Grand Fancy Dress Competition</i></p> <p>Theme: The Magical Millennium Three Classes, Each with a prize:</p> <p>Children                      Under 10    Over 10    Adults.</p> <p>Competitors should report at 1:45 on the day at the side of the main ring. <i>Organiser: Gloria Holmes. Tel: 488420</i></p>	<p><b>GRAND PRIX CYCLE RACE</b></p> <p>Sunday morning 9th July, 10:30am. Age Groups: Under 10years. (Accompanied by adult if needed.) 11 - 16 years (one lap) 17 and over (two laps)</p> <p>One lap = 3 miles (60% on road 40% off road)</p> <p><i>Free T-shirts to all entrants and prizes for each class. Safety helmets compulsory, free cycle checks, disclaimer required. Modest entry fees for this event.</i></p>
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Entry forms for will be delivered door-to-door in June and will also be available from Speen Stores.  
Closing date for entries: 23rd June.

## Other fete entertainments will include:

*Treasure Hunt  
Wizard and Nymphs  
Bouncy Castle  
Tombola  
Pets' Corner  
Stilt Walker*

*Splat-the-Rat  
Grand Draw  
Human Fruit Machine  
Colouring Competition  
Pony Rides*

*Face Painting  
West Wycombe Band  
Punch and Judy  
Vintage Car Parade  
Family Country Dancing  
(Evening)*



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# IT'S A KNOCKOUT

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**8th July 2000**

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**"IT'S A KNOCKOUT"**



**GRAND PRIX CYCLE RACING**

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Proceeds to two local charities

- Special Care Baby Unit at High Wycombe General Hospital
- The South Bucks Hospice.



### "Our Eric"

We became addicted with the Lakes about ten years ago, and we have tried to go there at least once a year ever since. Whenever we went up there, there was, and is, a manic desire just to get there. In early March we left earlier than usual and we got level with Morecambe in plenty of time. The stories of the new statue of Eric Morecambe came to mind; yes we would turn off and have a look!

Friends who had been born in the Manchester area had been going on for ages about how they went to Morecambe as children and how when the tide went out it could be very photogenic.

Our information was Morecambe is a rather crumbling relic, of a British seaside resort. We visited on a wet cold March day. We found the statue of Eric on "the front" Although we did not belong to the fan club, we had enjoyed Morecambe and Wise in their hey day. There was a surprising number of people strolling about reading the tablets of his achievements, really enjoying the fun statue, and standing next to it in the same pose. It was a very good likeness of him and slightly larger than life. We took the photos. But as the tide was neither in nor out, a coffee was indicated.

Near to the coffee shop was a second hand book shop, always worth a look. Whenever we are away from Bucks, I have always found it worth asking book shops if they have books about Bucks. In Liverpool I found two super books about Eric Gill. Having had a general look around this shop I asked "Have you any books about Eric Gill?" and waited for the response, "Who's he?" That I have often had before, but not this time. "Oh you've come to see the hotel" It was my turn to be puzzled. "I don't understand." "The Midland Hotel" Vaguely I remembered, our friends had also told us a story about a wall in a hotel which had been carved by Eric Gill, and this had been recently returned to the hotel after a long legal battle. "Where is it?" "Just along the front there, but I think it's gone bust and is shut. Still it's worth a look at the outside."

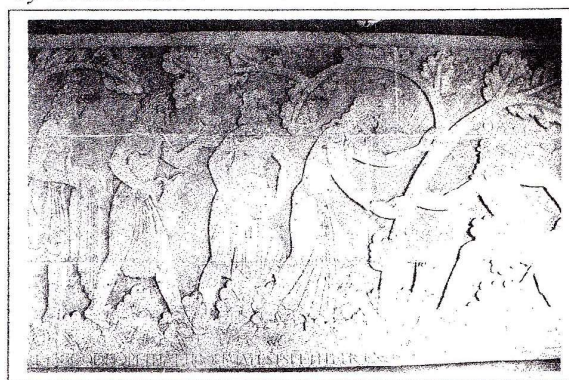
We drove down the front to a very dilapidated looking hotel with a classic art deco exterior. The front gates were open so we drove in. There were people in the reception and yes they would show us the Eric Gill suit. The bas-

relief had only just been reinstated but not in its original position, which had become a bar in the main reception hall. It had been put in a room nearby with another wall which was carved by Gill. This was a map of the coast of the North West and includes the Flying Scot. Just before starting work on the Midland Gill had painted the name plate for this engine. Towering above the Anglican Cathedral of Liverpool is the design by Sir Edward Lutyens of the Roman Catholic Cathedral never to be built. This wall is believed to be unfinished. This is said to show several aspects of Gill's life.

The bas-relief was an impressive 16' by 10'.6' and weighs 6 tonnes. It is made of Portland Stone and is engraved with the motto *There is good hope that mayest see thy friends*. It depicts *Odysseus welcomed from the sea by Nausicaa*. It was recovered by police in August 1999.

The ceiling of the staircase in the hotel features a medallion *And hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn*. It was carved by Gill and coloured by Denis Tegetmeier. While working on the ceiling Gill heard his father had died. He also met May Reeves. She modelled for Gill and joined the household at Pigotts, where she acted as a teacher. The staircase is a beautiful circular structure which has been featured in Poirot. The hotel is in need of some TLC and they are trying to get people interest in preserving the building which was built to look like an ocean liner from the front, and in the shape of a seahorse from the sky. There is a preservation group which can be contacted if you are interested in preserving this enlightened building. I will supply the phone number.

by Glenn Hart





## The First Baden Powell Trefoils of the Millennium

**O**n the evening of the 30th March, 1st Hughenden Valley Guides met in their usual place of Speen Scout HQ to celebrate the presentation of three Baden Powell trefoils, the first of the millennium. Baden Powell trefoils are the highest award that can be gained within the Guiding section and is awarded to show that the Guides have: performed service to others in the community, learnt about Guiding around the world and about the history of Guiding, attended Guide camp, and have gained craft and home craft related interest badge.

The theme of the evening was "What Were You Wearing When The Titanic Went Down?" which received an enthusiastic response from both the unit Guilders, Young Leader and Guides.

The three girls; Zoe Menzies-Conacher, Victoria Grainger and Tracey Smith, were previously Brownies with 2nd Hughenden Valley Brownies and went up into ~ Hughenden Valley Guides between January and June 1994. They should be commended for surviving unit guide camps from between 1994 and 1998 amassing a total of nearly 25 night under canvas between then, and rising to the challenge of leading a patrol and enduring the unpredictable British weather!



They are pictured here (front L-R) Zoe Menzies-Conacher, Victoria Grainger and Tracey Smith, with (back L-R) Assistant Unit Guider Diana 'Offer' Cliffe, District Commissioner Carol Fenwick, Unit Guider Pauline Hall and Assistant Division Commissioner Pat Wallingford. The girls' families were also in attendance.

Tracey will now continue with 1st Hughenden Valley Guides as a Young Leader whilst Victoria and Zoe intend to join the Equinox Ventures, who meet in Speen Scout HQ on Monday nights.

### LIFE IN THE COUNTRY ISN'T A BED OF ROSES

21st March 2000 saw the inauguration of a new Rural Stress Relief Initiative organised by Bucks Community Action in conjunction with the organisations shown below. It recognises the fact that sometimes people need help, both practical and emotional. None of us is too big, too old, or too stubborn not to cry, it's just that we don't do it in public. Very often not even those we trust and love are aware of how we feel because we try to 'protect' them from the harsh realities of the situation, forgetting that they may be unhappy as well. There are people that care enough to set time aside to help those in distress. If you feel that someone you know may benefit from these services, or indeed, if you would like to help yourself, please use one of the numbers below. Talking often helps and they are there for you, please don't suffer in silence. Everything you share with them will be in total confidence within that organisation.

#### **Rural Stress Information Network**

01203 412916 Office Hours Only

#### **The Samaritans**

08457 90 90 90 National No. (local call rate)

01494 432000 Chiltern Branch Direct 24 Hours EVERY day

#### **Citizens Advice Bureaux**

Amersham, Aylesbury, Chesham & High Wycombe

See Phone book for your local number.

#### **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society**

01865 727 888



## THE OLD PLOW RESTAURANT AND BISTRO

A selection of dishes from the current restaurant and bistro menus: -

### STARTERS

Smoked French chicken, Bang Bang Thai style peanut and cashew dressing  
Lobster and shellfish bisque with cream and brandy  
Goat's cheese with char-grilled Italian style vegetable salad, Balsamic, olive oil dressing  
Grilled foie gras with mango salad, seed mustard dressing  
Gravadlax of Scotch salmon with oriental dressing  
Carpachio of courgettes, sweet anchovies, olives, Parmesan and rocket salad  
Parma ham with fresh figs, Balsamic dressing  
½ Mediterranean prawns with Marie Rose sauce  
Cured Bresaola with char-grilled artichoke, shaved Parmesan, olives, lemon and olive oil  
Smoked salmon, fresh Devon crab and prawns with lemon and chive mayonnaise

### MAINS

Roasted best end of prime English lamb with apricot, mango and mint chutney  
Coq au Vin of baby chicken with button mushrooms, baby onions, lardons and red wine sauce  
French magret of duck with spiced red cabbage  
Grilled veal cutlet with a cream and wild mushroom sauce  
Grilled fillet of saddle of wild venison, redcurrant sauce, venison sausage, beetroot, olive oil and rosemary  
Aberdeen Angus rib eye steak on the bone, with shallot sauce and anchovies  
Grilled black pudding with caramelised apple, chestnuts and seed mustard sauce  
Linguine pasta with Devon crab, prawns, saffron and cream  
Grilled Devon scallops and bacon with chive, lemon butter and tomato sauce  
Cassoulet of fish and shellfish  
Filleted, wild seabass with sun-dried tomatoes, roasted artichokes, olive oil and lemon

### DESSERTS

Tiramisu with toffee sauce  
Cassis mousse with a raspberry and vanilla sauce  
Lemon brulee tartlet with a vanilla sauce  
Dark chocolate rum truffle cake with Brandy sauce  
Warm mulled wine pudding, red berries and dark rum sauce  
French apple tart with vanilla ice-cream  
Farmhouse cheese platter with grapes, walnuts, celery and wheat wafers  
Farmhouse Stilton with Cox's Orange Pippins, celery walnuts  
All dishes are subject to availability

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# Speen W.I.

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Helga – My Autobiography

Mrs. H. Gerhardt

Comp. My favourite Recipe.

Bloom of the month

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Blue Cross Charity

Ms. A. Rowan

Comp. Favourite Pet Photo.

Bloom of the month

## Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Thames Valley Police Dog Section.

Comp. Four pieces of gingerbread on a plate.

Bloom of the month

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Wendover Waterways

Mr. Nicholls

Comp. A Pretty Jug.

Bloom of the month

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Science in a picnic Basket

Mrs. Muriel Rutherford

Comp. An unusual Stone.

Bloom of the month

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Annual Meeting

Pot Luck Supper.

Bloom of the month

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

How Pagan is Christmas.

M. Leslie Grout

Comp. A Christmas Card in any Medium.

Bloom of the month

## Press Reports

Members of Speen WI were looking forward 'eggcedly' to the February meeting when

Mrs Eastgate was showing egg decorating in the Faberge style. 'Madame Egger' produced an

outstanding 'eggshibition' of eggs which she had made and explained the very long, detailed and delicate process from goose egg to ornament.

At the end of this 'eggstravaganza', Mrs

Eastgate produced an ostrich egg which she hopes to use as the basis of a Faberge style clock. Members were egging

each other on to make an 'eggscursion' to the ostrich farm and start on this delightful craft style for themselves.

A team is being entered for the initial round of the WI quiz at Little Missenden on March 23rd. Ideas are required for producing a short play based on the theme of 'Yesterday, today and tomorrow' for the Drama Festival and many other County Events were highlighted for members to check in the monthly newsletter. Names will be required next month for outings to the Mill at Sonning, the 'Rain Forest' experience near Newbury and an Evening at Beatties in Aylesbury. Details of any of these events are available from the secretary.

*By Jean Morris*

# NORTH DEAN FETE SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**OPENED AT 2PM BY LORD SIMON**

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## Princes Risborough School

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#### **Exciting Times**

#### **The next step in The School's Development**

Exciting times lie ahead as we prepare for the next major step in the development of Princes Risborough School. As we continue to go from strength to strength the Governing Body and staff have decided to enter a bid to become a school with **specialist status**.

#### **What Is a Specialist Status School?**

**The Government has established four categories of specialist status that can be awarded to schools:**

*Arts - Technology - Sports - Languages*

#### **Which are we aiming for and why?**

Princes Risborough will be aiming for Technology status. Information Technology is a tool for learning, which can be used in every subject. In addition it gives students many of the skills they will need in the work place and is essential for their future development.

Parents will know from the last Ofsted inspection that the development of one aspect of this, Information Technology, was a major concern in this school and its development will be significantly enhanced if special status is achieved.

#### **What does this mean for Princes Risborough School?**

By selecting Technology status we can continue to build on the full national Curriculum by way of enhanced facilities and resources that we can provide for the students. This is because when we are successful in our bid the government will enhance the school's funding for up to 7 years. This could mean an extra £1 million over the seven-year period. This will enable us to purchase extensive resources and increase our staffing thus significantly improving the education we are able to provide for your children and/or grandchildren, regardless of the subject they are studying.

#### **What do we do now?**

#### **We need your help!!**

Our bid to become a specialist status school is on a competitive basis which means that not

only does the school have to put the bid together detailing what is to be provided BUT, in addition, we have to underpin it with sponsorship of £50,000. This sum will be matched by the government in additional funding in the annual budget for up to 7 years. Unless we raise the sponsorship our bid will fail so therefore we need all the sponsorship we can get.

Do you know of any companies or businesses that could help sponsor us? Perhaps you would consider a personal donation.

As you can imagine any help, no matter how small, is much appreciated and will assist in raising the level of education provided at Princes Risborough School even higher.

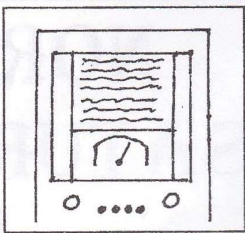
Our Bid has to be finalised before the end of July 2000 So if you can help and would like to contribute please send donations to the school at Merton Road, Princes Risborough, Bucks HP27 0DT

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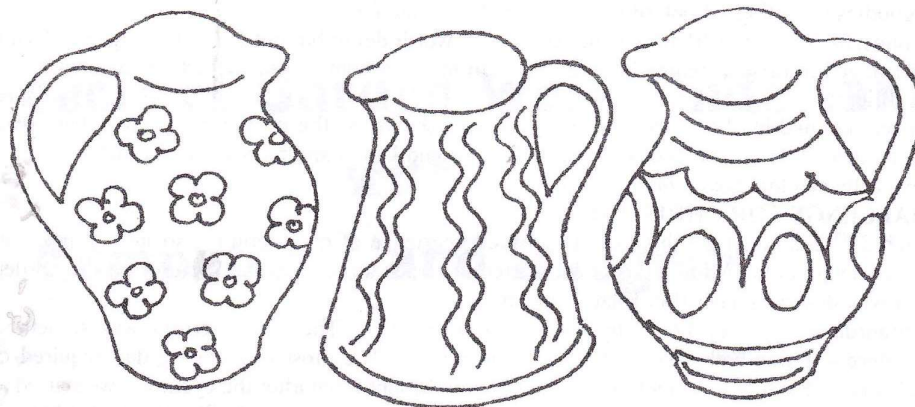


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The track leading to SPEEN POTTERY runs down a lovely secluded valley just outside the village of Speen. The Pottery and Showroom is part of an old cottage with a delightful garden. There is parking space at the pottery.

On display in the showroom are examples of beautifully coloured and fine tableware. Special Commemorative Plates and Bowls can also be made for Wedding Presents, Anniversaries and other occasions that need to be remembered.

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**Tessa holds pottery classes in her workshop for groups of 3 people, mornings or evenings. Ring for more details 01494 488 206**

***Valley Cottage, Highwood Bottom, Speen Bucks. HP27 OPY***



**IT REALLY WAS A MARATHON ...**

We got up at 5.30am and caught two trains; as I went over Waterloo Bridge I realised – this is it! I had thought that those lovely runs through the quiet, leafy lanes in the Chiltern every week for the past three months would prepared me for the London Marathon until I realised how daunting the other 29,999 runners would appear!

First timers gave each other moral support as we thronged through the start and out on to the streets of London. Now we were running in earnest, crowds cheering us on.

I found it hard going, overwhelmed by the sheer volume of runners and unable to get into a rhythm, so how those runners in costume managed I cannot comprehend! At 9m I had a severe attack of nerves so a big thank you to Sarah, a fellow Christian, for pulling me out of that. At 14 miles, over Tower Bridge, it was very psychologically demoralising to see other runners on the other side of the highway on the home straight at 22 miles.

Eventually I got into my stride but did not dare look at the casualties, many prostrate on the ground at 18 m – often referred to as “hitting the wall”. The sights en route were largely lost on me. I was only aware of a wall of crowds.

I barely remember the last few miles as I was coming to the end, because the relief to finish at all was enormous, even though it was well outside my best time. I was wrapped in foil, given my medal, some water, a packet of sandwiches and a bag of goodies including a Book of Calm (seemed a bit late for that!)

This was a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime experience, well worth doing but not to be done again! Thanks to everyone's generosity I managed to raise a tremendous £2,700 (still more to come!) for the Retinoblastoma Society which fights eye cancer in children.

I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and good will shown by the people of Speen – thank you so very much. However, a very special thank you goes to my family, husband David and boys Tom and Jack – without their support I would not have achieved this goal. *by Kate Slade*

**CYCLE CHALLENGE FOR CHRISTINE**

Between March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> this year I had the experience of my lifetime - so far! I took part in the first all women cycle challenge in the Middle East. We started in Israel and crossed and re-crossed the borders of Jordan and Egypt before a well deserved day off in Eilat, Israel at the end.

It was an extraordinary journey both physically and spiritually. The desert terrain was something I have never experienced before - it was both beautiful and awe inspiring. The most challenging day required cycling 80 miles across the rock strewn Sinai desert, not to mention climbing Mount Sinai after the cycling – we started at 2.30am!

It was an amazing trip with all funds going to support Europe's first purpose built women and babies research centre adjoining Queen Charlotte's Hospital. I would like to take this opportunity to write a sincere thank you to all the generous people in Speen who sponsored me in my endeavour. The two cycle rides raised over £190,000.

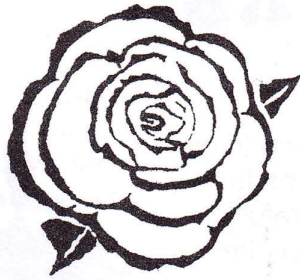
*By Christine Symondson*

**Ladies Night 2000 – Lacey Green:**

Models Kate Slade, Louisa Rose, Judy Redrup, Jude Awdry and Marjory Stockley, part of the History of Fashion section at May's Ladies Night, put together and attended by the ladies of Speen. The evening raised over £800 towards Kate's and Christine's charities, Dalton House for the Blind Nursery School and the Speen Millennium Celebrations. A noisy and busy evening!







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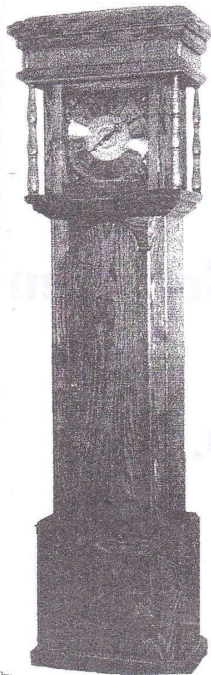
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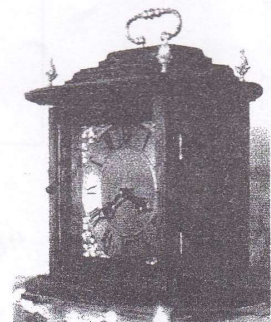
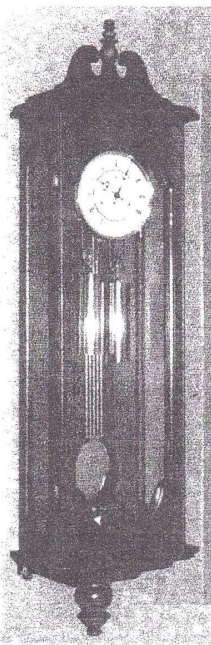
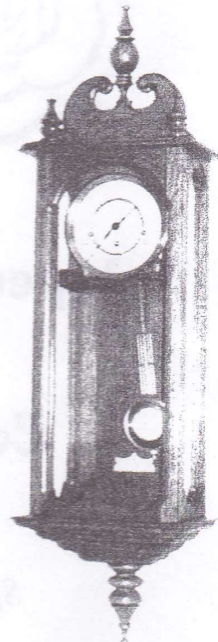
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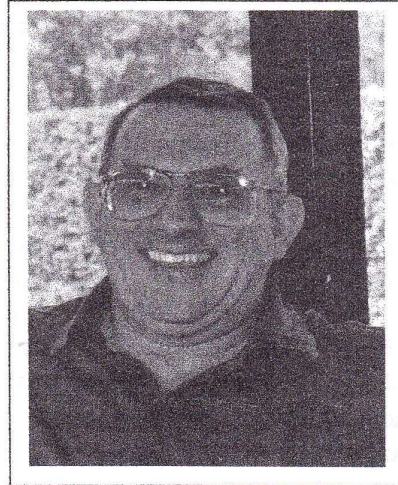
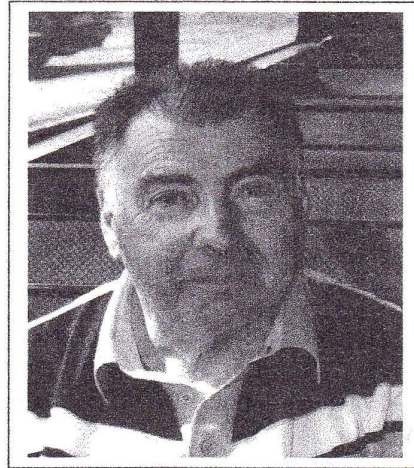


## Thames Valley Times Running Day 2,000

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am a bus pulled up outside my house and several men got off and proceeded to take photographs, not of the pretty cottages but of the rather old bus, the driver and the conductor!! Ever nosy, I went outside and asked what they were doing. It was Running Day 2,000.

The poster explained it all. But why hadn't we heard about it? The event was to mourn the passing of Frogmoor Bus Station 30 years ago; to celebrate the thirtieth year of Newlands Bus Station; mourn the passing of Wycombe's last crew operated bus service twenty years ago; to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Chiltern Link

It was mainly for bus enthusiasts. The buses ran every hour. The driver and conductor used to work on the Speen route. They were driver Alan Birch driving Alder Valley [Beeline] Wycombe bus since 1976 and conductor Richard Johnson who used to work with Alder Valley at High Wycombe between 1975 and 1978. They happily posed in front of the bus for me.



The bus was expected to keep to the timetable so after a couple of minutes they were off again.

At 11.30am only two gentlemen were passengers. Do you recognise them? One was born in Bakery Cottage in 1931 the other was a Dean and wanted to find if he had a connection with the Speen Deans.

At 12.30pm a group from London arrived with a gentleman dressed as an inspector; he even had a sixties hair cut.

The buses were going along many of the routes that were now closed and you could tour the area at 1968 fares. All for two charities, a South London Hospice and Wycombe Central Aid. We might find out early enough to have a ride next time. *By Glenn Hart*



**DON'T MISS OUT - MAKE THE FETE !**

There are some extra special reasons why everyone should get along to Speen Village Fête 2000 on July 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the great programme of events lined up for the afternoon the Millennium Celebrations Committee will have available:

- ① A **FREE** Speen Millennium mug for every household in Speen (courtesy of the Parish Council).
- ① A unique hard-back History of Speen from earliest records up to the present day, based on painstaking research and fully illustrated. Copies of the book will be available for the first time at the Village Fête, signed by the authors, Martin Stockley and Bob Johnston. A book to enjoy and to keep, and a must for anyone with any interest in the village.
- ① Limited edition framed prints of a village map of Speen, beautifully designed and illustrated by Peter Symonds. A collector's item - there will be no reprint.
- ① Calendars for 2001 featuring scenes of Speen and neighbouring villages, specially drawn by local artist Gillian Goodall.
- ① Postcards of Speen - past and present.
- ① A "Domesday Book" of Speen residents and homes at the turn of the Millennium - hoped to be available in both hard copy and CD-Rom format.

Enquiries - Martin Stockley 488101.

**LEAVES TAKE ROOT**

The damp and chilly early February morning seemed a far cry from the balmy weather of last July's pageant. Nevertheless, a hardy band of twenty or thirty people - many of them in their "Leaves of Time" costumes - turned out for the planting of a commemorative tree on Speen Playing Field. The oak sapling, provided by the Parish Council, is in the corner of the field where the action took place and roughly where, as participants and audience may recall, a felled tree stood temporarily during the show as a background to the performance and a screen from behind which the little wood nymphs emerged. Don White, Chairman of the Parish Council, administered the first spadeful of earth, which was then added to by director Marjorie Stockley and

script-writer Martin Stockley. Everybody was then invited to throw in some soil for good luck.

A stone plaque is now being carved and will be set in the ground alongside the tree so that there will be a memento of the pageant for many generations to come. It will be unveiled by the Wizard of the Woods and his attendant nymphs at this year's Speen Village Fête on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

*By Martin Stockley*





## Play it Again Speen!

### Second in the series of alphabet concerts I to Q

#### PLAY IT AGAIN, SPEEN

Despite extending the performance this time to two evenings, Speen Millennium Choir's Spring concert was again a sell-out - on both nights.

This was the second in the series of alphabet concerts in Speen Village Hall, in which the choir and a number of soloists are running through the alphabet of composers, and on this occasion the entertainment covered from I to Q.

The object is to enable as wide a variety of musical styles as possible to be enjoyed, and so the composers ranged from Huddy "Leadbelly" Ledbetter and Van Morrison, to Mozart and Purcell. The choir opened the entertainment with Thomas Morley's madrigal "It was Lover and his Lass" - believed to have been written for the original performance of Shakespeare's "As you like it" - and sang a selection of pieces through the evening, culminating in Jerome Kern's classic "The way you look tonight."

There were solo songs from Wynne Davies, Bill and Megan Chinn, Phil Howell, Melanie Holmes, Margaret Lewis and Jessica Tomlin, while Gwen Palmer held the whole evening together with accompaniments for both choir and soloists. Further variety came by way of instrumental performances, including a

clarinet, viola and piano trio from Mary Hall, Richard Gower and Gwen Palmer, and a piano duet by Gwen Palmer and Martin Stockley. Another interesting item was a version of the 60s pop song "Girl from Ipanema" which featured Richard Gower playing an African drum, Mary Hall on bass guitar, Wynne Davies on rhythm guitar, Martin Stockley on keyboard and Melanie Holmes providing the vocal. As on previous occasions the audience also enjoyed an excellent supper, organised by Jean Baines.

The final concert in the alphabet series will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and will feature composers from R to Z. If there are any more talented musicians out there in Speen or North Dean - singers or instrumentalists, of any age - who think they may like to take part next time please get in touch with Martin Stockley (488101).

**North Dean Tapestry Group met on 15<sup>th</sup> May, the tapestry is progressing well, ten squares of canvas are at different stages of stitching.**

**We would welcome anyone in the village who would like to help, any level of skill or age! Dorothy Hazell 563534**



*Melanie Holmes was the girl from Ipanema*

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## SAGA OF THE TEMPERANCE HALL OR ALICE DEAN'S "SHEEP AND GOATS."

Alice Dean, in her a 1970 essay about Speen referred to the Sheep and Goats as the Temperance Abstainers of drink in contrast to the drinkers of wine and beer. On the evidence available to her she mentioned 1893 as a date for the Temperance Hall

Through the courtesy of the chapel deacons we had access to chapel minutes which give an earlier date, with hints at a difference of views. John Henry Jones was pastor in 1870, possibly an abrasive character for he scribbled a note in the minute book accusing his deacons and church members of hypocrisy. His leadership seems questionable as the minutes of quarterly and annual business meetings disappear for the ten years 1873 to 1883

On 11th September 1873 George Biggs, age 69, of Cherry Tree cottage, sells a plot of his garden for £12. He was deacon of the Chapel but against his name in the members register WITHDRAWN is written

The next day the Trustees of the land, Thomas Free, Frederick Smith, James Baldwin and Thomas Martin, obtain a mortgage from High Wycombe Building Society for £120.

The building, call a Lecture Hall, appears on the first edition O. S. map of 1878 with a benchmark still visible behind the front door. It was a place of worship for Don White recalls the mark of the steps up to a central pulpit that were on the East wall before a decoration. October 1883 marks a new start, for Charles Saville arrives as Pastor for the Chapel.

The newly purchased minute book states there was scant record of church matters since 1870 and none whatsoever 1873 to 1883.

It recalls the coming of Charles Saville and recommends the members list to be updated. By April 1884 the pastor recommends unfermented wine for the Lord's supper- agreed unanimously. (A gesture of reconciliation?) The next sentence- "Whether temperance hall could be procured for our use as a church.

By that Autumn in September 1884 the temperance hall was used for "our week evening services".

Negotiations between trustees and solicitors continued from nine years during which time Charles Saville paid off the building debt to the Building Society and Thomas Free £65. 12 shillings and three pence.

On 29 December 1893 the Temperance Hall returned to the Chapel Trustees. Two of the hall's original trustees Thomas Martin (now farming in Surrey) and Frederick Smith (of Naphill) sold the land and hall for ten shillings. January 1902 "It was reported the brass band had not subscribed for the last two years for the use of the Temperance Hall. Their offer of £1 now and ten shillings per year thereafter was accepted. (about £40 a year by today's prices).

The chapel sold the hall in October 1923. The reasons are not clear but it can be assumed the Baptist members could not afford the high cost of maintenance. The price paid was £125 signatures on the deed were Mabel D. Daniel, J. Hare, A. Wood, J. G. Janes, EE Burcham.

So we are happy to confirm Alice Dean's record of Victorian sheep and goats, the verbal history is now proved facts in our flint and brick Village Hall

*By Bob Johnson*





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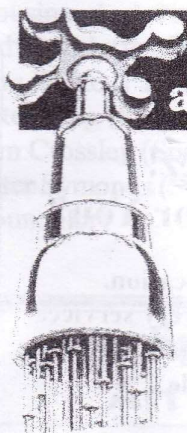
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## Speen Shop Charities Committee

At the meeting of the committee in March, it was confirmed that funding to various good causes in Speen has already reached £3000.00. In addition to this amount further support was approved at the meeting in response to an application received as follows:-

- \* Speen Toddler Club - A donation £300.00 was approved to purchase toys and play equipment for the benefit of the Toddler Group (which meet every week at North Dean Village Hall)
- \* Speen Village Hall - A grant of £750.00 was approved towards the cost of re-surfacing the forecourt to the Village Hall, following a request from the Halls Committee.

Further applications will be considered at the next meeting of the committee in June. If you wish to apply, please have regard to the terms of reference of the committee. Financial assistance can only be provided :-

- 1 For any useful, non-commercial purpose satisfying an individual or community need in Speen
- 2 Where (as a general rule) alternative funding is not available
- 3 Where there is a clear and demonstrable educational, medical, social or community need.

We welcome further applications from individuals and groups in the village as well as established village organisations. Forms are usually available from Speen Stores. If not, contact a committee member and hopefully we should be able to assist. The closing date for applications are as follows.

31st July 2000

31st October 2000

31st January 2001

If you want to discuss your application before submitting it, please contact one of the Committee members:- Andy Gower (Chairman) 01494 488758

Jane Flemming/Rosemary Pickworth (Bucks Housing Ass) 01494 532808

Judi Booth (Bucks Housing Ass.)

Don White (Parish Councillor, Speen) 488437

Peter King (Speen Resident) 01494 488189

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During holiday times the contact numbers will appear on the office notice-board.

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## What's On ? - in Speen & North Dean

### June

10th	Twinning Assoc.. AGM & Supper	Speen Village Hall
17th	Village Walk (Adv Booking requested) Bob Johnstone 488593	Meet Speen Chapel
24th	Midsummer's Day Quiz (See Martin Stockley)	Speen Village Hall
25th	Millenium day	North Dean
25th	Garden Open Day	Speen village / Teas in Hall
29th	Good Neighbours Pop-in 2.30 - 4pm	Speen Village Hall

### July

6th	WI Ms A. Rowan talks about the Blue Cross Charity	Speen Village Hall
8th	Speen Millennium Fete / Speen Art Exhibition (In Hall)	
27th	Good Neighbours Pop-in 2.30 - 4 pm	Speen Village Hall

### August

3rd	W I.. Speaker from the Thames Valley Police Dogs	Speen Village Hall
5th	North Dean Summer Fete	Noth Dean Playing Field
20th - 1st Sept.	Childrens Summer Play-schemes (enq. 421886) 10-3.30pm	North Dean Village Hall

### September

4th	Parish Council Meeting	Speen Village Hall
7th	W I. - Speaker Mr Nicholls, 'The Wendover Waterways'	
16th	Horticulture Autumn Show (See John Payne for times)	Speen Village Hall
17th	Village Walk (Adv Booking requested) Bob Johnstone 488593	Meet Speen Chapel
28th	Good Neighbours Pop-in 2.30 - 4pm	Speen Village Hall

### October

5th	W I. Mrs Muriel Rutherford "Science in a Picnic Basket"	Speen Village Hall
15th	Village Walk (Adv Booking requested) Bob Johnstone 488593	Meet Speen Chapel
20th	Village Hall Quiz	Speen Village Hall
26th	Good Neighbours Pop-in 2.30 - 4pm	Speen Village Hall
28th	Lace Day (See Winnie Lowes)	Speen Village Hall
30th	Grand Supper Dance (to support north Dean 3rd World Project)	Piggots/North Dean

### November

2nd	W I Annual Meeting	Speen Village Hall
17th	Millennium Choir Concert (see Martin Stockley)	Speen Village Hall
18th	" " "	Speen Village Hall
25th	Xmas Fair	Speen Village Hall
30th	Good Neighbours Pop-in 2.30 - 4pm	Speen Village Hall

### December

4th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm	Speen Village Hall
7th	W I. Mr L Grout "How Pagen is Christmas ?"	Speen Village Hall
28th	Good Neighbours Pop-in 2.30 - 4pm	Speen Village Hall
31st	Millennium New Year's Village Party	Speen Playing field

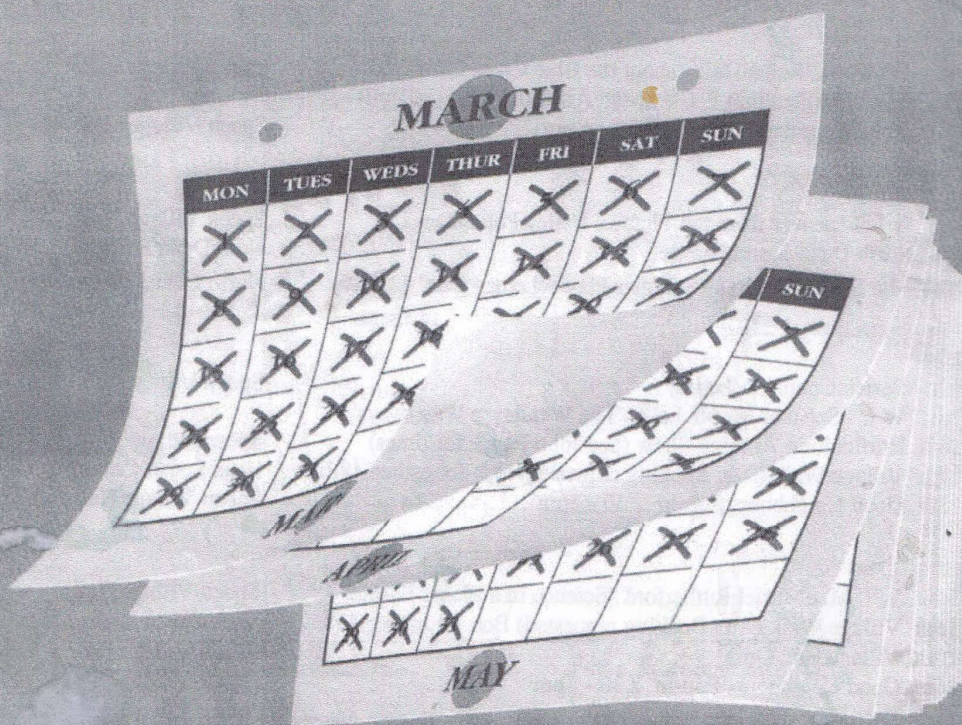


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