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Editor's note

Is it a sign of the times that, in this issue, both Speen and North Dean Village Halls make a plea for younger members to come forward and to help support and run these community facilities? By "younger" they almost certainly mean under 50! Unfortunately, the scarcity of the 30s, 40s, and even early 50s generations on organising committees in the two villages is not limited to running the Halls. With the obvious exception of the PTA, which perhaps has somewhat narrower aims, almost all voluntary community functions and facilities appear to be sustained by a fairly small number of active folk who are not necessarily retired but are.....er, shall we say, not getting any younger! This newsletter is no exception. The Speen & North Dean News would love to have some younger village representatives on its committee (it's hardly a great demand on time unless you choose to become editor), so anyone who's of a mind to get involved - please get in touch; and I'm sure the Village Hall committees would like to hear from someone too.....(and the Fete, and the Festival, and the Playing Field Association, etc etc.....).

Meanwhile, please do keep the news of past and future events coming in. Articles are fine by e-mail, floppy disc or hard copy, and photos are very welcome too - it would be nice to have more. We would prefer to limit articles to 1 page, although we appreciate that sometimes this isn't possible. My e-mail address is: ma-jos@btinternet.com, telephone 01494 488101, address Driftway House, Coleheath Bottom, Speen HP27 0SZ.

Martin Stockley

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John Radford & Christine Symondson seem pretty delighted to be at the SSG Christmas Quiz (page 32)

Andy Gower with the children of Speen School, who gave books for children in India (page 24)

Jude Awdry and Sharon Hay were proud winners of a business award (page 32)

A lunch enjoyed in North Dean raises funds for good causes (page 32)

Reminiscences of a local bobby's son

My twin sister Margaret and I were born in the old Police Station in Wycombe Road, Risborough, on February 28th 1928. Our father, Reginald Harris (PC 39), was stationed at Risborough until about 1930 when we were moved to Graham Cottages in Lacey Green - the house between the bungalow adjacent to the school and Stocken Farm. Graham Cottage belonged to Mrs Dell, who lived in the half nearer the school. My brother Dick was born before we moved again to Lane End in January 1939

After we had left Lacey Green a Police House was built opposite, as were several other houses, on ground that in our time had been an open field backing on to Mrs Carter's indoor tennis courts.

I was only ten when we moved from Lacey Green but I had been in the Boy Scouts - who held their meetings in the vicarage garage - and the church choir. My sister was in the Girl Guides and they met in a hut near The Black Horse.

I remember walking cross-country with other boys to Gt. Hampden to play football in a

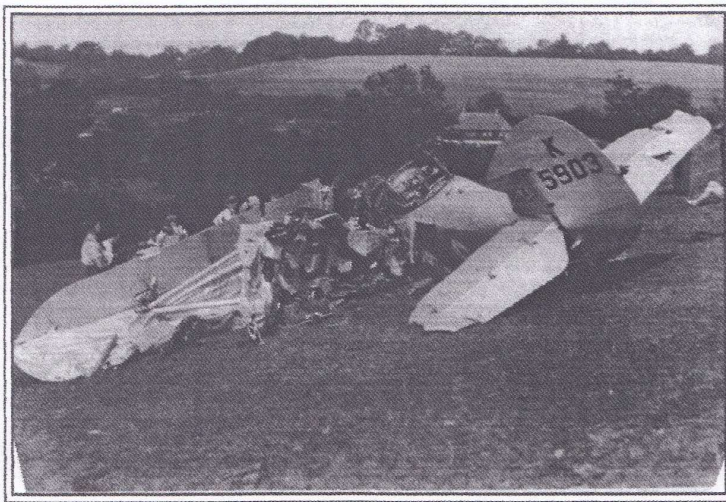
field almost opposite the blacksmith's (Mr Brown) on the lane to Hampden House.



Miss Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of ex-Premier Ramsay MacDonald, arrives to take over the Ye Olde Plow Inn, Speen, in January 1936 with the former owner, Mr C B Childs, to be welcomed by PC Harris

I never got to know Speen very well but Major Caldwell's house, the totem pole and the monkey that was kept there (*see page 18*) made an impression when Dad once took me to the house. As a kid I remember Dad bringing home hot-cross buns from the old Speen bakery and wooden off-cuts, which I used as toy bricks, from Rixons workshop, which was on the right towards the top of Flowers Bottom Lane overlooking The Plough and the bank where that aeroplane crashed. Our birds-nesting trips would sometimes take us along Highwood Bottom but rarely would we reach Speen proper. Thinking of Highwood Bottom, I remember sledging down the bank and having to duck under the barbed-wire fence at the bottom of the bank before landing in Highwood bottom lane - health and safety-----!!

John Harris



A Hawker Demon crash landed in Flowers Bottom

SPEEN VILLAGE HALL - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

I know the 29th November was a horrible wet day, and I know there were lots of other Christmas Fairs on in the surrounding villages but we are YOUR Village Hall and without your support it won't be there for your children's birthday parties and your various functions. We run very few fund-raising events, the Christmas Fair being the main one. This year hardly anyone attended, just the faithful few who help patronize us every year. The committee spend a lot of time, money and energy to do these things and in return keep the hire fees one of the lowest in the area. If we don't get support from our own community the hire of the hall will have to be increased as there is a considerable amount of money required for its upkeep.

Next time we are fund-raising will you PLEASE come and support us?

Catherine Butler
Secretary
Speen Village Hall

Encouraging footnote: Since then, tickets for the next fund-raising event, a performance of "Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell" on April 17th, completely sold out nearly 2 months in advance - so many thanks to all those who were able to get them!

Speen Village Hall would also like to recruit new members to the Committee - in particular younger members of the community. The demands on time need not be high - so why not make a contribution to the village by joining? Please contact the secretary, Catherine Butler, on 488412



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Just over a year ago, Karen said "Speen needs a youth club".

"Yes!" I said, "Let's do it".

After a few meetings, loads of phone calls, and collating a lot of advice, Speen Junior Club was launched. During the planning stages, another mad village person, Melanie, **WILLINGLY VOLUNTEERED** to come on board -(I told you she was mad!)

The first meeting took place at the church hall on Friday 23rd May, with 16 children attending. Since then we have gone from strength to strength, with an average weekly attendance of about 22 children.

We received an amount from Speen Shop Charities Committee, which covered the setting up costs together with some new equipment. Although our weekly "profit" is not astronomical, we are using it to provide equipment for craft activities to be run most weeks.

I would like to appeal to anyone who may have any ideas for activities that we could run for the children. We have two hours each evening to fill. Perhaps you may feel drawn to help us some Friday evenings. If so you would be most welcome. Please call me on 01494 488713.

If you have any second hand games or equipment I would love to hear from you. We do not have any storage room at the church so large items would not be much use for us. Our current target is to purchase another TV and computer game console.

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU, firstly to Karen Smith, whom I blame entirely for my lack of spare Friday evenings now! Thank you too, to all the children who regularly attend; you make it a pleasure to run the club each week - well, most of the time anyway.

Unfortunately, due to illness Melanie is unable to help each week at the moment. Melanie, thank you for all your help and support, and when you are recovered enough to come back you will be welcomed with very open arms.

I think that is a fair summary of the Junior Club to date. Thank you again to all those who have supported us.

Nicki Pitt.



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District and County Council News March 2004

Green Waste Collection

You will have seen from the local press that the decision has been made by Wycombe District Council to pilot test Green Waste collections together with Dry Recyclables. The pilot, based on alternate weekly collections of green and refuse waste, is to take place over a two-year programme and will include some 12,000 homes in the South of the District. As there was support in this Ward for the recycling of glass and plastics, I have asked the Council to look at the possibility of introducing collections of Dry Recyclables in the rural areas. I have also asked that they consider the possibility of introducing local composting facilities on redundant farm land, as proposed by the County Council's Minerals and Waste Deposit Local Plan; this could save the cost of the collection of Green waste and avoid the introduction of two weekly refuse collections. If you have a view on this idea I would like to hear from you so that I might pass it on to the Council.

The Speed Limit Review

A possible delay in this work has been avoided, with the first meeting of the Review Group, which includes Speen, taking place in January. I was invited to be part of the group and was pleased to hear that 30 mph limits for all rural villages were to be considered. It was also agreed that extensions to existing limits, such as that on Hampden Road, were to be reassessed. It is hoped that consultation on the results of the review will take place with the Parishes during the summer and that implementation of the proposals will commence in the autumn.

The Tranquil Project

This project is now proceeding in tandem with the Speed Limit Review with consultation on the outcomes of the study planned to be carried out at the same time as that for the Review.

A4010 Culverton/Woodway Junction

I attended the County Council's Planning Committee in November 2003 and asked that, in order that the potential increase in 'rat-running' through Loosley Row and Lacey Green be addressed, conditions linking the start of work be linked to the completion of the Quiet Lanes project. I also supported the concerns of some residents over the impact of the proposed lighting on the AONB. The application was passed subject to conditions being placed on the lighting and landscaping requirements together with a restraint on the start being linked to

the reporting on the Quiet Lanes project. However since the decision to pass the scheme, the County Council has decided that it was proving too expensive and has therefore decided to re-evaluate the proposal and look for alternative solutions.

Local Road Works

Coleheath Bottom / Hampden Road - The work to provide haunching, edge strengthening and surfacing at this junction has been completed.

Pink Road and Green Hailey to Hampden - The majority of the white lining on these roads has been carried out. Some lines between the Whip and the Pink & Lily are still outstanding but all junctions have been completed. In addition, some work to improve the road frictional resistance through Green Hailey to Redland End has been carried out. I have asked that this type of work be considered to the steep approaches to Speen to help equestrians ride without slipping.

Community Leaders Fund

This year's allocation of funds has now been taken up with the final grants given to help Saunderton Station restoration and the refurbishment of the Sports Club in Lacey Green. I am hopeful that the fund will be reallocated next year so that local community projects will be able to benefit from grants. If you are aware of a project that is need of funding then please contact me.

If you do have any concerns regarding District or County Council issues or have noticed areas where action is needed then please let me know and I will do what I can to help.

*Paul Rogerson
District & County Councillor*

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BOB JOHNSTON

1925-2003

Bob was born on 6th April 1925 in Calgary, Canada. His mother had emigrated to Canada from Devon with her family, while his father had emigrated from Edinburgh. On leaving school in 1943 Bob started work as a weather observer for Yukon and North West Territories Dept in the Canadian Civil service. He was stationed at White Horse in Yukon - 1,700 miles north west of Calgary - until he was called up for the army in 1944.

Bob did not like the idea of the infantry, so he talked his way into the artillery where they needed weather observers to gauge wind speed and direction and relay that information to the gun layers. Bob always was a good talker!

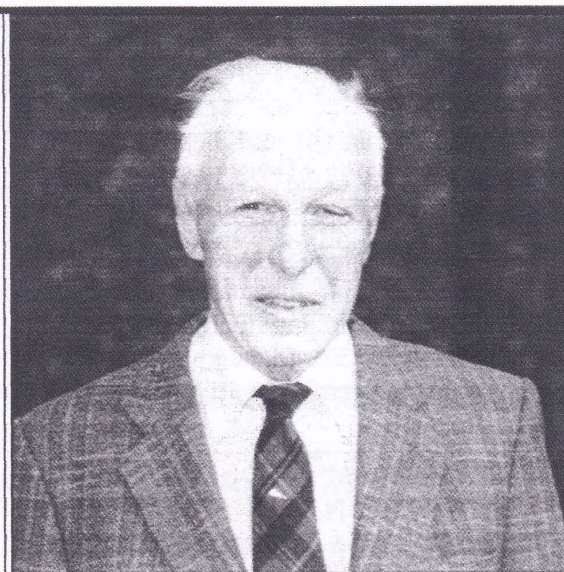
Arriving in England in March, he was sent on an army course, given money and told to find his own bed and breakfast. VE Day saw him in Edinburgh visiting his father's nephews and nieces. Bob was a great one for keeping in touch with family members and on later trips to see daughter Vivien in Canada he would set off, with very little luggage, to visit and catch up with family members spread around the country.

Apart from the course in England, Bob's army career consisted of, in his words, '*a jaunt up through Belgium, Holland and the Frisian Islands to Wilhelmshaven in Germany. More a Cook's tour than a war*'. He then volunteered for Japan but victory in the Pacific brought his demob in Calgary where he continued college studies, graduating with a BA in Social Sciences after two years.

Still with itchy feet he decided to see more of the Old Country and came back to Britain in 1950.

Bob was a sporty sort of chap and it was his tennis playing which brought about the next significant change in his life, for through playing tennis he met Sheila at the local tennis club. They were married on 13th August 1955, and settled in Chorleywood.

After working in the freight industry for several years, Bob changed tack in 1964 and took a job in the Careers Service of Hertfordshire County Council Education Dept. As a gregarious person this work suited him well - and it was one in which his analytical and research skills were honed. These skills were later applied to our benefit in Speen, for he put them to good use in retirement, re-



searching and documenting the history of the village, having moved here soon after the new close of Abbotswood was built in 1977.

Bob's love of history, his outward-going nature and his pleasure in sharing things with others led to the creation of his walking tours of Speen as part of the village Millennium celebrations. During the summer months he would lead groups of interested folk both from within and outside the community on a guided tour of the village, finishing with an afternoon tea in the chapel hall. Much of the information he had amassed saw the light of day in the book *'The Leaves of Time - a history of Speen'*, which he co-wrote with Martin Stockley and which another village friend, Jude Awdry, published.

Bob was closely connected with tennis in Speen, and also spent many happy hours in his garden. He managed to combine his love of tennis and gardening by taking on responsibility for ground work at Great Missenden Lawn Tennis club. Both he and Sheila shared a love for Scottish Country dancing and Bob regularly donned his kilt for their weekly night out at the dance.

They had been married for 48 years before, following a lengthy illness, Sheila died in August last year. Not long earlier, Bob had also become ill and, after a short stay in a residential care home, he followed Sheila in November.

A true village "character", Bob will be sorely missed.

Thanks to Andy Gower for this summary of Bob's life

Marjorie Stockley

Change of use of adjoining agricultural land to residential garden at Jasmine, Speen Road, North Dean, due to contravention of Policy C5.

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Speen WI News Report

This report has to start with a big thank you to all who supported the carols at the Christmas Tree in December - doesn't that seem a long time ago? The collection and refreshments raised a grand total of £160 which has been sent to the Stroke Rehabilitation Unit at Amersham Hospital, where it is being used to purchase some essential equipment needed to help the care of patients.

Since the start of 2004, we have enjoyed an evening discovering the basic use of graphology as a guide to character and a slide show given by David King about Speen. This latter was using the material so painstakingly collected by Bob Johnson and all felt that he had left a lasting legacy to the Village.

As usual our May meeting will be a discussion of the resolutions for the AGM in June. The topics to be debated are ways of dealing with people-trafficking, especially of women and children, the ever present issue of GM crops and food, and the means by which the Air Ambulance Service is funded. It should be an interesting agenda and if you are interested in any of these issues do come along and take part.

Also in May we are organising a Saturday Morning Ramble followed by a ploughman's based lunch in the Village Hall. This starts from the Village Hall at 10.00am on May 15th and must be pre-booked with our secretary.

The speakers are already booked for June and July and if you fancy a spot of Yoga or finding out about the impact of the good old British Weather, check the dates in the What's On pages.

Our members have visited the Orchid

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Festival at Kew and been on a tour of the Science Museum followed by a Thames River Trip. We are now planning to go to one of the organised garden tours at Hughenden Manor later in the summer.

Remember that we always welcome visitors to any of our meetings and if the thought of walking into a room full of WI ladies is too intimidating to contemplate, give us a call and we will come and meet with you beforehand.

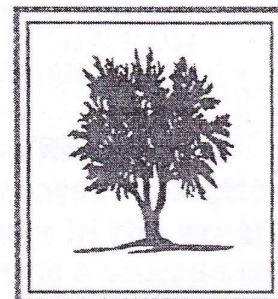
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Wildlife Watch by Peter Symonds

I must start this report with a correction to my previous Wildlife Watch. I had received reports of a Parakeet visiting gardens in Cherrytree Close, Speen, and had assumed that it was a Rose-ringed Parakeet. This is a naturalized species that lives wild in South London and has more recently moved westwards along the Thames. It can now be seen and heard in Marlow and Maidenhead and I assumed the reported bird was possibly the first of these birds to reach Speen.

However, Lesley Marchant from Grubbins Lane has reported that the Parakeet was a "Rosella", which I believe is an Australian species. This bird, which must have been an escapee, was noted in her garden daily for three weeks in late August visiting the bird table, apple trees and the Yew trees. Whilst not frightened of humans it would not permit approach within 10 feet.

The winter period has been disappointing in that relatively few interesting species have been noted. The mild weather conditions have meant that wildlife has not been driven into our gardens to the normal degree. While the bird table has been quite busy the visitors have been the regular Tits, Finches, Robins and Collared Doves. Siskins are present in the local woods but have yet to descend on garden feeders in significant numbers. I am not aware of any Crossbills or Bramblings in the village although they are probably present in the woods.

Large flocks of various birds have built up over the winter period on the fields between North Dean and Speen. Up to 200 Black-headed Gulls, 100-150 Crows and about 50 Jackdaws have been noted on the high pastures along with small flocks of Wood Pigeons.

In the garden we have at least three Wrens sheltering together in a small roosting pouch hanging under the rear canopy of our

house. On the more Spring-like days Blue Tits and Great Tits have been noted checking out nest boxes and Robins are already paired up and defending territories.

Interesting animal sightings include a definite record of two Roe Deer to the north of Speen, Hares towards Lacey Green and several day time sightings of Foxes around the village as they search for mates and territories.

The mild weather in early February encouraged Frogs to start migrating to their breeding ponds but the subsequent colder spell has as yet (late February) discouraged them from spawning.

Please let me know of any interesting sightings during the Spring

Peter Symonds (tel 488016)

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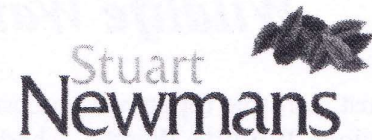




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HAMPDEN ROW BROADBAND CAMPAIGN UPDATE - GOOD NEWS!

BT set a Trigger Level of 150 on the 17th November 2003 at a time when there were 175 pre-registrations. We had hoped that this would mean that the Hampden Row telephone exchange would be enabled for ADSL broadband within the usual 10 to 12 weeks from that date. On the 24th December BT then announced that significant work would be required to the Hampden Row exchange before the enabling work could be completed and that the Ready For Service (RFS) date would be delayed by more than five months. In January our Member of Parliament, David Lidington, wrote to the Chairman & Chief Executive of BT and had meetings with senior executives who then set a provisional RFS date of the 30th June 2004. BT now state that new ducting needs to be prepared and that cables are required between Amersham and Great Missenden

before the Hampden Row exchange can be enabled and it is hoped that this work can be completed in time to bring the 30th June RFS date forward. We are now waiting for a definite date from BT following which negotiations will be resumed with Internet Service Providers to see if we can negotiate a more favourable arrangement for the provision of ADSL broadband by acting as a community rather than individuals.

If you would like to be kept informed of progress then please join the 110 strong and growing Campaign Supporters by registering your details with hampdenrowbroadband@uk-walker.com

Michael Walker

DAN RIDGLEY'S FIELD

When Dan Ridgley died he left his 2-acre field at the junction of Studridge Lane and Moses Plat Lane to the village. His executors have offered the field to the Playing Field trustees to own and manage on behalf of the village. A condition of the will is that the field "is used exclusively for a children's play area.... and not for adult sports.... and also that the same is never built upon".

The Playing Field committee has agreed in principle that the offer should be accepted but has concerns about a) realistic uses for the field if respecting the condition limiting the use exclusively for children and b) the additional effort and/or cost of maintaining this field and its hedges, gates, trees, etc as well as the present Playing Field.

It was agreed to invite suggestions from villagers. **What could Dan's field be used for, within the stated conditions, which is not (or could not be) provided on the present Playing Field? Is there money to set up and support the suggested use?**

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Rotaract is an opportunity to have fun on a regular basis with a group of outgoing people. It is the chance to make new friends, many of who will last for life.

Rotaract also helps young people to develop themselves by getting involved in activities they would not normally undertake.

In the last 3 years the Rotaract club of High Wycombe has donated £10,000 to charities, which has been raised from a variety of entertaining and fun events. These events range from organising social events, (Burns Supper, Speed Dating, Quiz Nights, Caribbean Party), running the bar at evening functions (Youth Speaks) to the traditional charity tin shakes and other sponsored events (Parachuting, Pedal Push, Abseiling).

The club, for people aged 18 to 30, has weekly social events (pubs, bowling, cinema, theatre, rugby, football), active events (walks, rounders, unihockey, tree planting, pond clearing, ice skating) in addition to other special



Rotaract helping with refurbishment of the Thames Valley Adventure Playground for handicapped children

events and functions.

The club members also get involved in community projects with local voluntary groups (car parking for Round Table Fireworks Night, scrub clearing with Hicks Farm Wood group, Programme selling/marshalling at Speen Village Fete, step building with National Trust Conservation Volunteers. Rotaract's biggest

special event is a charity Burns Supper, held in January, when the club plans and prepares the 5-course meal for 100 guests before joining in with the entertainment of a traditional Scottish Ceilidh until the early hours. This is a big fund raising event, which this year raised over £1,600 for local charities.

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Monkey business in Speen

As he was about to board ship on leaving Panama in 1931, my father had a Capuchin monkey jump onto his shoulder. Its owner seemed far from kind and it wanted to stay with Dad, so he bought it and brought it back home to The White House of Speen. Sadly this did not prove a success; despite warm quarters in a heated office annexe adjoining the house, the monkey suffered from cold and damp. It did not become trusting, and at one time or another it bit us all. From time to time it escaped, climbing the tallest and most awkward trees.

On one occasion we heard tapping in the garden for a long time; investigation revealed the monkey carefully breaking the last of the greenhouse windows with a stone. A highlight of its escapology was a night

spent in Monkton Wood. Seeing a light in the Cottage Farm window the monkey tapped at the window and pressed his face against it - the occupant, a lady alone in the house at the time, had quite a surprise.

In an attempt to make the monkey's life happier another (green and white) was introduced, but they did not get on. The Capuchin became very ill with rheumatism and had to be put to sleep. The other monkey did not take to a Belgian hare(?) suggested as a companion, and after one horrified look they departed to far corners of their enclosure, there to remain. Thereafter we reverted to budgerigars, cats and dogs as resident house animals, with poultry and Shetland ponies as field residents.

Francis Caldwell

Speen Shop Charities - ideas needed please!

Those of you who have lived in Speen for some time will be aware that the village shop was built with investment from both Buckinghamshire Housing Association and the National Lottery. Not only is Speen the furthest point from the sea in England, and the highest village in the Chilterns, it is one of very few villages in recent time to have regained its shop. I'm sure you will all agree that Peter and Sandra are doing a great job, so let's all keep supporting it!

As part of the agreement, rental income received by the BHA from the shop is made available to the societies and institutions of the village for investment in facilities, projects and events that benefit the local community. The Speen Shop Charities Committee meets quarterly to review and approve applications, and is chaired by the Reverend Andy Gower. The other committee members

are Judi Booth, Tim Crossley, Peter King, Jill Rogerson, Don White and Rosemary Pickworth of the BHA.

Recent examples of supported projects include the replastering and redecoration of part of the Speen Village hall, provision of a playground train for Speen School, stage hire for the Speen Festival, and new table trestles for the Horticultural Society.

As of the time of going to press, there is just under £2,500 available for investment, and the deadline for new applications for the next committee meeting is May 31st 2004. Application forms are available in Speen Shop or from Peter King (488189).

So get your thinking caps on and help us to further improve the facilities and quality of life in Speen!

Tim Crossley

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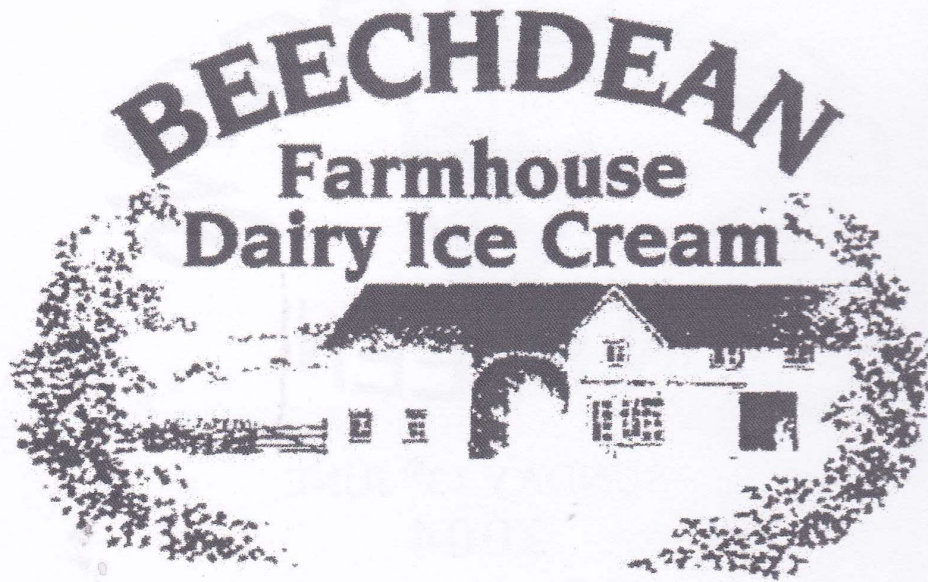
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Lacey Green Community Plan

(including Speen)

Mike Walker has done an absolutely splendid job in persuading BT to agree to provide Broadband in Speen. We will really believe it when it actually happens, but it is certainly encouraging to know that the first few hurdles have been cleared. Mike has provided details elsewhere in the magazine (*see page 15*).

Nearly 40 residents of the parish attended the Community Plan public meeting at St. Johns school on 14 November, which was addressed by Gillian Simpson (Wycombe Community Safety Manager), Sgt. Philip Rudd and PC Adam Polkey from the Risborough police station. At least eleven Speen residents were present and contributed to the discussion.

The Community Safety Group acts as civilian supporters of the police and is concerned with the reduction of crime and disorder. Few of those present realised that such a group existed. We are hoping to obtain a handout from the group to include in a future issue of the magazine.

Our police colleagues gave some statistics which revealed just how much of a workload is created by the behaviour of the lawbreakers within the community. The parish of Lacey Green is fortunately relatively crime free. However, the spate of burglaries that triggered the recent formation of a residents action group based in Loosley Row appear to be the result of one individual's handiwork, and the said indi-

vidual has now been removed from the scene.

The police themselves seem to be as frustrated as the general public at the problems associated with crime and antisocial behaviour, and the difficulties in effecting improvements. The judicial system itself appears to have faults that contribute to the problem requiring government action for their solution. Perhaps your vote at the next election might do the trick!

We are looking at the possibility of a call in local police 'surgery' in the village, and another meeting at which we would try to have a representatives of the judicial process and those that are responsible for creating it: perhaps a judge, a magistrate, a member of the government and a senior civil servant from the Home Office.

Over in Lacey Green itself, we have had a minor victory in that Post Office Ltd. have agreed to the re-instatement of the post office, on a part-time basis. We still have to get it up and running, of course, but it's nice to know that you can win sometimes!

We still need extra pairs of hands to help develop the Community Plan. If you are remotely interested in seeing improvements in the village, please get in touch and we can discuss how you might be able to contribute. Call Paul Rogerson (01494 488315) or me (01844 344975).

Tony Molesworth

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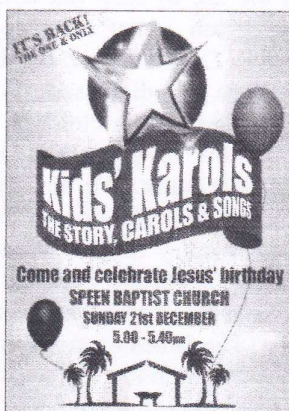
News from Speen Baptist Church

Andy writes:

Arriving back on Saturday evening from temperatures of 35°C in Hyderabad, to Sunday morning snow was a bit of a shock, as was realising that the deadline for S&ND News was imminent! (*Latest news of the Agape School project is in the article by James Entwisle and Moira McLure.*)

This Christmas was the second time that we have put on 'Kids' Karols' and it was another fun filled event. Word had clearly got around since last year and more children, parents and grand-parents came to celebrate Jesus' birth.

The church young musicians had put together a set of contemporary and traditional carols in a way that fairly zinged along. Add in actions and even what looked like a spot of line dancing and you had the ingredients for a joyous celebration. The parents were so responsive during the interactive story that at one point a chorus of 'He's behind you' would not have seemed out of place!



By way of contrast **Carols by Candlelight** took a much more traditional form. The church was packed as the organ and classical instruments accompanied us through seven lessons and carols.



No origami this year; instead we made friendship bracelets for each other to illustrate God's offer of reconciliation in Jesus Christ. The offering in aid of Ian Rennie Nurses Wycombe Team raised £340 – a big 'THANK YOU' to all who contributed. Many in our community have been greatly helped at times of deepest need by the services provided by the Ian Rennie teams, and we are indebted to them more than words can express.

The **Men's Breakfast** in December with musician and entertainer **Graham Hepburn** was a hoot as Graham



recounted his story with a fine blend of music and humour. Many of us had not laughed so much and so long for a while. A very therapeutic morning! Graham has agreed to return and share his story with the Ladies Breakfast in February 2005.

The ladies at the **Ladies' Breakfast in November** were treated to a travelogue including fantastic slides by photographer and graphic artist **Tracey Elliot-Reep**. She recounted her adventures in faith of travelling the length of North and South Islands of New Zealand by horse back, and of doing the same in Britain in aid of Riding for the Disabled during last summer. Tracey's zeal for life is infectious and if the book of the British journey is only half as spectacular as the one of New Zealand it will be a must – both for the coffee table and for bedtime reading.

February's Ladies' Breakfast brought a very different perspective on life as **Caroline Philps** shared a most moving story about caring for her Downs Syndrome daughter. Her message was very clear – "each child is special and important regardless of what value society puts on them", and believing in a good God does not save us from life's difficulties; rather we are sustained and strengthened in them.

Happening during the Spring:

Saturday 20th March: Men's Breakfast - 'A Business Man's Story' with Geoff Knott.

Good Friday 9th April: 10:00am - A simple Passover meal and ramble; **7:00pm** - Worship led by young people.

Easter Sunday: 10:30am Celebration

Sunday 17th April: Easter 'Top Ten' Songs of Praise & Tea for Senior & Retired Citizens

Saturday 15th May: Ladies' Breakfast – 'A Story of Hope' with Emmy Wilson

Summary of Weekly Church Activities

Sundays: 10:30am Worship for all ages incl. Creche, Sunday School for 3's-12's and Teens discussion group.

12:00 Fair Trade Stall in church hall (2nd Sunday in month).

6:00pm Music rehearsal

Mon: Meetings for Prayer at various homes

8:00pm Evening Home Group at 5 Abbotswood

6:00pm Alpha in the Work Place

Weds: 10:00-11:45am Daytime Home Group – Chiny Snook, North Dean

10:00-11:30am "Time Out" – the Book Club,

6:30pm Youth Alpha Course

8:00pm Post-Alpha Course at White Cottage, Idle Corner, Lacey Green

India Revisited

It was a revitalised team that left Gatwick this year bound for Hyderabad. The regulars, Andy Gower and James Entwisle, were supplemented by the excited newcomers Moira McLure from North Dean and Edward Ibberson from the distant city of Leicester. As if the two newcomers weren't enough we were also joined for the first time by a furry friend from Speen School called Barnaby along with most of one person's baggage allowance worth of books donated to Agape School by the children of Speen School (pictured on the front page).

Barnaby travelled well and didn't mind it being 34 degrees centigrade. The rest of us were reeling at the hectic programme of events that we were catapulted into as soon as we landed. We managed between us to conduct seven days of teaching at the Bible school, three Sunday church services (we were only there for one Sunday!), two days of teaching to 90 women on healthcare issues, three days of seminars to sixty church members, one pastors' meeting for 60 pastors, 12 home group meetings, four weekday church services and several visits to Agape School. Not only that but between us we also managed to eat around 100 curries.

Agape School goes from strength to strength. There are now 150 children there and the aim is to raise this to 200 at the start of the new academic year in May. This is made possible by the second storey of classrooms (pictured opposite) that were officially opened whilst we were there. We have agreed to support meals now as funds have come in to do this. It has turned out to be essential to provide lunches as without them the children need to go out to work in order to earn enough to eat. We are also supplementing their diet with a banana for breakfast when they arrive at school. Barnaby did his bit by demonstrating how to eat bananas hygienically to the kindergarten class. The children were absolutely delighted with the books and send a big thank you to Speen School.

The community living around Agape is very poor. Sanitation and hygiene is basic with homes not having running water or latrines. Illness due to poverty and poor sanitation is rife. What shocked us more than anything was

the lack of understanding about public health and how to prevent illness. Our week was spent sharing basic health messages with the children in the School and with women in the community.

We led discussions around hand washing and the use of soap (all children at the school were given a bar of soap- they were very happy!). Diarrhoea and the dangers of dehydration were also discussed. With the help of Barnaby bear all the children in the school now know how to prepare a cup of rehydration sugar/salt water. We also focused on eating a balanced diet. The normal diet is rice and lentil or meat curry made with spices. The understanding about the need for vitamins was limited and vegetables and fruit are not widely eaten. The ladies of the community were really shocked that in the UK we try to eat 5 pieces of fruit and vegetables a day!!

Although this was an initial health assessment visit the community responded with great interest. Our aim is to raise awareness and education in the community about how they can help improve their health situation.

As well as the school and the healthcare initiative we have discussed various future developments. Last year we sent money to acquire a new site for the construction of a church, bible school and pastor's house. We now need funds to build on it! We hope in due course to acquire a two acre site further out of Hyderabad where a large campus with church, school, orphanage, clinic, widow's refuge etc. can be built. These sorts of facilities are targeted at the poorest people who typically earn a few pence a day (the wealthiest families of children in Agape School bring in £2 per day). The need is immense. The easy response is to be overwhelmed by it and walk away, but we see a transformed community where Agape School has been built and want to see more miracles like this. If you would like to know more about Agape Alive In India, the charity through which our efforts and funds are now channelled, please contact Andy, Moira or James.

**Moira McLure, Andy Gower and
James Entwisle**



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North Dean Village Hall Report

North Dean Village Hall AGM 5th April 2004

Please come and support your village centre. Tell us what you would like to see happening in your village

Another year has passed so quickly that it seems no time at all since I wrote last year's spring report. Our AGM will be held on 5th April 2004 and I would like to remind all North Dean residents that they are welcome to attend. We need to know what you require from your village hall. I know that I have said it before but we would still welcome ideas from you as to what activities you would like to see in the village.

Many improvements have been made to the hall and its outbuildings. Redecorations have been made to parts of the main hall and the kitchen, together with new hot water supplies, so that it is easier to cater for bookings. The main items of expenditure have been the repair and redecoration of the outside of the hall and the storeroom, together with the replacement of the garage door, the hot water boiler and the storeroom door and windows. We have also had to repair some damage to the hall floor caused by wear and tear from hirings. The upkeep of the building and its grounds is an ongoing process and this, as always, requires financing. The increase in the hall lettings have helped a lot as have the donations by 'Gift Aid'. The ongoing process of the upkeep of the Hall and the Grounds is still a problem. The onus is still falling on the dwindling numbers of our tired and ageing committee members.

The new sub committee system is working well but a lot of it still relies on the 'Old

Faithfuls' putting in more than their fair share of spare time. I have so far refrained from saying this, but I feel that the time has come to be blunt about how near we are to closure. If some new people don't soon come forward to help in the running of things and to breathe some new life into our Village Centre I fear that, in the not to distant future, there won't be enough people to carry on with the running of the hall or its grounds. That would be a sad day indeed.

As Chairman, I will be standing down this year and hope that someone suitable will take over the reins. It has been an interesting couple of years but I need to spend more time with my own interests, although I still hope to support events. Our present secretary Janet Wheeler has said that she is willing to take over the chairmanship and if elected will, as far as I know, be the first 'Madam Chairman' the hall has had. Janet has also had more experience than me in this field. I wish her well and hope the election goes well - 'Move over Maggie Thatcher, the other Iron Lady wants to take over'. This of course leaves us with a bit of a dilemma because we will now require a new secretary. Any offers? Ah well, C'est La Vie.

I cannot finish without thanking all the people on the committees, and their helpers, for such sterling dedication over this last successful year. They have supported me all the time and made what could have been a painful transition to new systems, a smooth and practically trouble free experience. Thank you one and all.

*Bob Wheeler
Chairman NDVH
Main Committee*

NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH

The past months since the last edition of the Speen and North Dean News have seen a large number of activities taking place in and around St John's Church. As space is limited, what follows is a brief résumé of parish activities:

- During the weekend **25th/26th October 2003**, some 50 members of the congregation joined together for a short period of spiritual renewal, fellowship and to discuss the way forward for St John's and its role within the local community. The Retreat Centre at Offa House, Nr Warwick, proved to be an ideal location and the weekend was a great success.
 - On Monday, **3rd November 2003**, some 30 members of the parish attended a Wine and Cheese Evening to launch the 2003/04 Stewardship Campaign at St John's. During the evening, two short presentations were given by members of the Stewardship Committee on the aims and objectives of the campaign and a summary of the results from the previous year. As ever, the key goal is to get more individuals giving of their time, skills and support to the Church in Lacey Green.
 - On Friday, **7th November 2003**, a large crowd of children and parents gathered at Collins Farm for the Parish Bonfire and Sparkler Party and to enjoy 'bangers and hot-dogs'.
 - On Saturday, **8th November 2003**, a Jumble Sale was held in the School Hall to raise money for the Restoration Fund. Regrettably, this was not as well supported as previous sales but we are grateful to all who helped to achieve an overall profit of just over £200.
 - The Church was full for the Parish Eucharist and Service of Remembrance on Sunday, **10th November 2003**. During the service, The Revd Denise Critchell dedicated a new Memorial to those members of the Parish who gave their lives in World War 2. Both Memorials are now located in the nave of the church under what is called the 'window of light'. Mr Brian Panter read the dedication to the fallen and Group Captain Barry Titchen read their names. Following the 2-minute silence and playing of the last post and evening hymn, Squadron Leader Ian Ward laid a wreath.
- A special word of thanks must go to Mr Gordon Gray who undertook the work involved in moving the original Memorial and erecting both Memorials and a small shelf (for wreaths and flowers) in their new position.
- Sunday, **25th November** was Stewardship Sunday at St John's, the culmination of Phase 1 of the St John's Stewardship Campaign. Members of the Parish re-dedicated the giving of their time, talents and support to the Church. Adults and children bought back their Smartie Tubes full of small change to help towards the Restoration Fund. At the time of writing some £330 has been generously given.
 - On Saturday, **29th November 2003**, a large crowd attended and supported the Parish Victorian Christmas Fayre. 'Queen Victoria' opened the event and was also on hand to welcome a surprise visit from Father

Christmas!! The grand sum of £1200 was raised towards the Restoration Fund.

- On Sunday, **7th December 2003**, a special Evensong of Advent Carols and Readings was well supported with around 65 people attending.
- During the final week of the school term, the church resounded to the sound of young and enthusiastic voices when pupils and parents from Speen School and St John's School held their End of Term Christmas Services at St John's. Additionally, the church was packed to 'bursting' when pupils from St John's entertained their families and friends to the Story of Christmas, including drama and carols.
- An additional event in the calendar was the Family Christingle Service held on **Sunday, 14th December 2003**. This service was very well supported and a generous collection of around £250 was taken for the Children's Society.
- The Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas took place in candlelight on Sunday, **21st December 2003** with the Choir of St John's singing their special repertoire of carols and the congregation joining in the more traditional carols and hymns for Christmas.
- On **Christmas Eve**, some 224 children and adults attended the Crib Service and blessing of the Crib. Members of the Junior Church performed the story of the birth of Christ as they decorated the crib.
- Well over 200 people attended the **Midnight and Christmas Day** services at St John's – a small increase over previous years. As in the past, the collection from the Eucharist Service will go to a local charity.

Restoration Fund

With the repairs to the roof completed in 2002 and the new boiler installed in the final quarter of 2003, the monies held in the Restoration Fund are now just about spent. The new and larger boiler is working well and the church building is benefiting from being dry and warm. There are still a number of repairs that have yet to be done around the outside brickwork and guttering. Internally, some of the windows require attention and the church needs to be rewired. Thus, we continue to raise funds to support this work and we are so grateful to those of you who make regular monthly or one-off donations to this work. For the longer term, work is beginning on looking at how best to provide toilet facilities, a small kitchen, an office and a larger meeting room (for Junior Church etc). As the church continues to grow in Lacey Green, it is important that we can provide those facilities that we all take for granted in other public places. With your continued help and support an extension will be built at some time in the future.

Further news on fundraising activities will be published in the next issue of Hallmark. Please support your Parish Church in whatever way that you can.

Barry Titchen, Deputy Church Warden

Regular Services

The times and format of weekly services at St John's has changed very slightly and are listed below for reference:

Sundays

8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Sunday
10.00am	All Age Family Eucharist	1 st Sunday of the month
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Other Sundays of the month
11.30am	Family Worship	3 rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm	Choral Evensong	1 st Sunday of the month & Festivals

Tuesdays

9.30am	Communion Service in the Lady Chapel at St John's
2.00pm	Pram Service - each Tuesday afternoon during term time

Wednesdays

Group Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough

Feast and special day services – see Parish Magazine.

Full details of all services, articles and detailed information about St John's is published in the Parish Magazine – Viewpoint – which is published monthly.

For those readers who may have observed with some concern the disappearance of the hedges by the Scout Hut at the bottom of Chapel Hill, but have not had time to stop and read the notices affixed there, fear not! The plan is simply to regenerate fresh and more vigorous growth so that the result will be a stronger and healthier hedge than before. Watch that space.

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"Oh snow, which sinks so light..."

Snatches of songs, sung years ago, can linger in the mind for hours. Recently, a few flurries of snow swirling down from an overcast sky prompted memories of singing in the school choir and of what it was like further north in the Staffordshire of my childhood when snow was not just a passing inconvenience. Country lanes could be blocked for days, schools closed, essential supplies delayed, sheep buried under drifts, pipes frozen - it was an anxious time.

The song continues: "Brown earth is hid from sight." The enchanting perfection of white fields starkly contrasted with dark buildings and bare, austere trees under an icy blue sky is a favourite theme for Christmas cards.

But it was bitterly cold! As small girls, my sister Cynthia and I, wakening early because the snow outside the bungalow reflected the light on our ceiling, marvelled at the frost flowers on the window-panes, but hesitated to leave our warm beds until the last moment. We had no central heating or double glazing.

Later, bundled into our warmest clothes and wearing Wellingtons, we could hardly wait to join the other children outside. But, too soon, the boys would start snowball fights which always ended in acrimony and tears and we would retreat indoors with sodden gloves, wet coats and snow in our boots. Then - what bliss to change and sip warm drinks by the living-room fire - even though holding our hands over the guard gave us the "hot aches".

As we grew older and tougher, we acquired sledges and ventured further a field with our friends, tobogganing down a part of the bassilows*, a mile or so from home.

We discovered a disused canal which went across open country for two miles or so, from the old Brymbo colliery to Apedale, and which invariably froze over. Some winters we could slide on the ice from end to end of the canal, taking risks which may well have

alarmed our parents. That was so exhilarating!

Once the ice at one point was almost as transparent as glass and we could clearly see the waterweeds growing underneath it.

But then, in the song, the scene changes:

"Oh snow, thou'rt white no more

Thy sparkling too is o'er"

I remember the sad soiling and shrinking of the lovely stuff beside the roads and in gardens and fields as the ever-present sootiness of the atmosphere gradually prevailed over it.

Finally -

"The snow must melt

Must melt, must go

Fast, fast,

Fast, fast!

As water flow"

A change of wind direction, a rise in the temperature. Icicles might start to drip. Then perhaps a shower of rain and we might be ankle deep in grey slush. There was the sound of running water everywhere and the risk of being caught in small avalanches as melting snow fell from the roofs, or of slipping on icy patches on pavements.

Then clear skies, more warmth in the air and spring was on its way.

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SPEEN BUSINESS WINS AWARD

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It's fun raising funds with the Pub Quiz

The fortnightly quiz in the King William IV continues to be a popular night out every other Thursday night. Entry is by a donation of only £1, and yet Geoff and Claire Smith, who run the evenings, have managed to raise over £1000 for Speen Supporters Group since the quiz started in February 2002. SSG donates money to five local hospices.

It was standing room only for late arrivals at the SSG Christmas Quiz! Some 60 regulars, friends and supporters from Speen, North Dean and Bryants Bottom turned out on the last Thursday before Christmas to join in the fun at the second themed SSG Christmas Quiz. (*See picture on front cover*). Festive hats and costumes were encouraged with prizes awarded for the most outrageous and most adventurous. A raffle, a name-the-bear competition and a contribution from mine hosts Mike & Zena saw the fund target for the evening easily reached and surpassed. Quiz winners on the evening were the "Silent Knights", closely followed by "Jose Carreras", but the real winners were the 5 local hospice movements that benefit from the SSG's ongoing fund raising effort.

The SSG Pub Quiz, which is open to everyone,

takes place every other Thursday at the King William IV Speen starting around 8:30pm. Mike and Zena offer a special "Quiz" supper menu from 7:00pm.

Spring Quiz dates are:

March 25th
April 15th
April 29th
May 13th
May 27th

North Dean Charity Lunches

North Dean continues to hold its regular lunches in aid of selected charities and Village Hall funds. Last November, the occasion raised money for the St John's Sitting Service, which is unique to Buckinghamshire and provides trained "sitters" to care for elderly or sick persons so that the regular carer can have time off. After the meal, the lunch guests were given a talk by a speaker from the charity. (*See picture on front cover*).



Marquee Hire

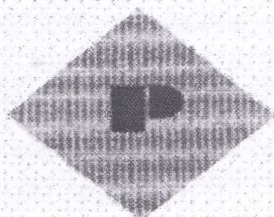


Wedding Parties Fetes Discos Open Air Dances Barbeques

The village of Speen has bought a large marquee, primarily for use by village organisations, which is available for general hire. Any income raised will be used to support village events and charities. The Speen Millennium Marquee is an attractive, modern, traditional marquee made of the latest fire retardant fabric. The fabric is white and therefore light and airy inside. A lining is usually not necessary. The walls are removable to suit all weather conditions. Internal background lighting is available. Tables, chairs and other fittings appropriate to an event are not supplied with the Marquee.

Specifications:
The Marquee is 60 feet long by 40 feet wide, with an eaves height of 8 feet. The Marquee can be reduced in size to 40 feet by 40 feet.

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What's on in Speen & North Dean

April		
1st	Birthday Party - The Magic Circle & Magic: Mr David Bell - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
4th	Spring Ramble - North Dean Village Hall - contact 01494 562474	North Dean Village Hall 10.00am
5th	North Dean Village Hall AGM	North Dean Village Hall 7.45pm
17th	"Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell" - supper theatre	Speen Village Hall 8.00pm
19th	Lacey Green Parish Council meeting	Speen Village Hall 7.30pm
May		
6th	National AGM Resolutions discussion - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
12th	Lacey Green Parish Council meeting	Lacey Green Village Hall 7.30pm
15th	Ladies' Breakfast: "A Story of Hope"	Speen Village Hall 8.30am
15th	Woodland Ramble and Ploughman's lunch - WI	Speen Village Hall 10.00am
20th	Speen & North Dean Golf Day	Weston Turville GC
22nd	Saturday Night Quiz	North Dean Village Hall
25th	Making the Most of Your Memory: talk and 2 course supper - contact 01494 488101	Speen Village Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm
June		
3rd	Introduction to Yoga: Mrs Hilary Roy - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
12th	Fun Day - Speen Playing Field Assoc.	Speen Playing Field
13th	Open Gardens Day - Speen Horticultural Assoc.	Speen
15th	Lacey Green Parish Council meeting	Speen Village Hall 7.30pm
20th	Breakfast on the Hill - contact 01494 562151	North Dean 8.30am
26th	Speen School PTA Ball	Speen School
July		
1st	The Impact of Weather: Mr Jim Dale - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
4th	North Dean Pig Roast - contact 01494 562151	North Dean Playing Field 12.00pm
10th	Speen Village Fete	Speen Playing Field 2.00pm
13th	Lacey Green Parish Council meeting	Lacey Green Village Hall 7.30pm
August		
5th	Gilbert & Sullivan: Mrs A Woodward - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
7th	North Dean Village Fete	North Dean Playing Field 2.00pm
September		
2nd	Caribbean Cookery: Mrs Sandra Webb - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
4th	Ball - Speen Supporters Group	Willott's Farm, Speen
13th	Lacey Green Parish Council meeting	Speen Village Hall 7.30pm
25th	Mystery Car Rally - contact 01494 564180 or 562864	North Dean 5.00pm
October		
7th	Voluntary work with the RSPCA: Mrs Burnett - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
12th	Lacey Green Parish Council meeting	Lacey Green Village Hall 7.30pm
16th	Race Night - contact 01494 564969	North Dean Village Hall
November		
4th	WI Annual meeting	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
15th	Lacey Green Parish Council meeting	Speen Village Hall 7.30pm
December		
2nd	A Christmas Celebration - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
13th	Lacey Green Parish Council meeting	Lacey Green Village Hall 7.30pm

Who's who in Speen & North Dean

Speen & North Dean News - editor	Martin Stockley	488101
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Speen Marquee - hirings	John Holmes	488420
Mother & Toddler Group	Sandy Mitcheson	488875
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Speen Playing Field Association - secretary	Jenny Cowan	488546
Speen Pre-School	Janis Hearn	488440
Speen Residents' Association	Gordon Hall	488331
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Speen Singles Group	Dave Howarth	488578
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Speen Tennis Court - secretary	Cherry Seekins	488355
Speen Village Hall - bookings and secretary	Catherine Butler	488412
North Dean Village Hall - chairman	Bob Wheeler	564090
North Dean Village Hall - secretary	Jan Wheeler	564090
North Dean Village Hall - bookings secretary	Megan Chinn	563074
North Dean Village Hall - buildings/development	Eric Cash	562969
North Dean Village Hall - fete committee	Dorothy Hazell	563534
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North Dean Village Hall - housekeeping	Pat Rogers	562041
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