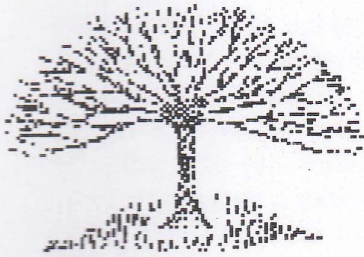


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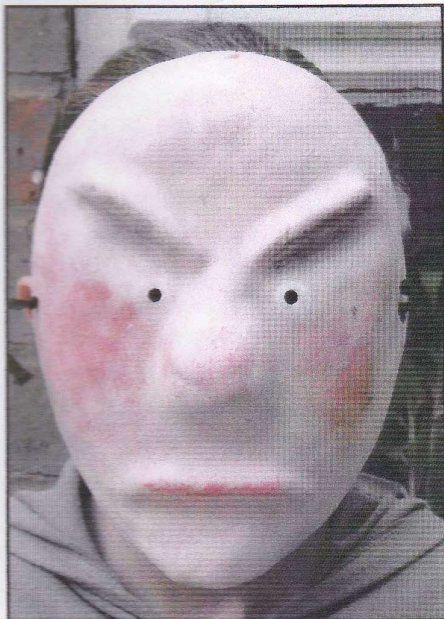
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Editor's note

Hello to all our readers.

Martin is a hard act to follow, but I'm doing my best to approach his high standards of publishing. Happily, you the reading villagers are providing a very healthy flow of material, and I'm afraid that I've been unable to include everything I've received in this issue. North Dean has been especially productive, which is a great turn-about after the previous issue in which Martin asked for more articles from you.

I hope you'll find all my deliberate errors carefully embedded in the text – not too difficult for someone who's learning desktop publishing from scratch. Peter Dawson tells me that when he was doing the S&ND News back in the nineties he was using a small Chinese word processor which caused many errors. Well technology has moved on since then, but I must confess to an equal number of frustrations with my three year old PC—which I'm told is near obsolete!

Please keep news of past and future events flowing in. Articles are fine by email, floppy disk or hard copy. Photos are always very welcome too – send all you can. Please take simple close-ups including people wherever possible as the printing resolution is not high enough to deal with complex busy pictures.

Items for the next issue should be sent to me: Stephen Peake, Beeches, Hampden Road, Speen HP27 0RU, or by email to stephen.peake@ge.com. My phone number is 01494 488293; mobile 07785 280055.

Stephen Peake

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February 14th 2005

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North Dean Fete

Yet again a brilliant day for North Dean's 'very traditional village fete' – hundreds of visitors spent a very enjoyable afternoon with many side shows, raffles and tombola. Steam engine rides and the make-up artist were a favourite with the children.

The village entries for vegetables, flowers and wines were hard fought with amazing entries.



The fancy dress contest at North Dean Fete

Piggott's band provided musical entertainment, while guests enjoyed a cold beer or Beech Dean ice cream.

An array of vintage cars and motor-bikes added an interesting look into vehicle history.

A supper after the fete was enjoyed by all the helpers and organizers, and lasted well into the early hours.

Peter Keen

The North Dean Summer Fete

My fairy cakes are baking, my painting's almost dry,
I'm adding final touches to my model pig and sty.
I know I'll win at least one prize, maybe even more,
And mum will realise why we had to wake at half past four.

Dad's arranging all his vegetables on stacks of paper plates,
He says he's going to beat John Rogers, but he's getting in a state.
And now it's almost judging time and we're running rather late
But our entries make it just in time for the North Dean summer fete.

I've dressed up as a Viking, and my helmet's very hot.
My pig and sty won first prize, but my fairy cakes did not
And I've won whisky and a soapdish - this tombola is fantastic.
And Emma's won a coconut and can we go and crack it?

Louise Wilson

Speen Fete

This year's Fete was a terrific day for all concerned. Despite the weather everyone turned out to set up the fete, run side-shows, sell raffle tickets, cook sausages, display produce and crafts, sell programmes and provide cakes and tea.

Money-wise, the Fete produced a good result. In round terms the Fete raised over £2,330 giving each of the eleven village organisations £160 with £700 (30%) distributed to charitable organisations. This means that the Village Hall received an additional cheque for £640 (includes Chapel's share) with £250 going to the Abbey Homes Charitable Society of Princes Risborough



Face painting at Speen fete

I hope you will agree that thanks goes to every one who had a part in making the fete a special day for the village, and that we can look forward to next year to do the same.

Paul Rogerson

Children's Corner

I would just like to say thank you to all the people who helped and supported the children's corner at the fete this year, it means such a huge difference to the organizers. (I have put all your names down to help again next year!)

I hope the children all enjoyed it. The Pre-School and I are always keen to get new ideas for the children's corner so if anybody has any suggestions for next year then they would be gratefully received. Its never too early to get planning.

I remember the Fete Day very clearly. Up until about 5 minutes before the gates opened for the fete it was absolutely tipping it down - so as I sat under the tent looking like a drowned rat, clothes dripping, feeling a little chilly, with not one person to be seen across the desolate field, one of my children came across to me and said, "Mummy, it doesn't matter that its raining, 'cos we're children and we don't care". I thought to myself how right you are, and within 5 minutes the gates were open, people poured in and nobody cared whether it was raining or not, especially the children.

Thanks again to all of you who helped.

Jenny Rogerson

Science as seen by eleven year olds

Quotes from science exams

Water is composed of two gins, oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogen is gin and water.

When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire.

H₂O is hot water and CO₂ is cold water.

To collect fumes of sulphur, hold down a deacon over a flame in a test tube.

When you smell an odourless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.

Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.

Blood flows down one leg and up the other.

Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration and then expectoration.

Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull.

Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.

Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.

For fainting: Rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead. Or put the head between the knees of the nearest medical doctor.

To prevent contraception: wear a condominium.

To keep milk from turning sour: keep it in the cow.

A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.

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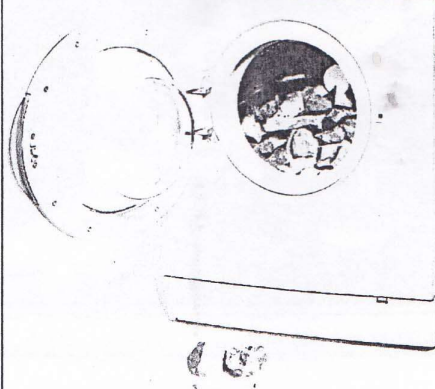
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Wildlife Watch

by Peter Symonds

The Summer and early Autumn periods have produced several interesting records.

Numerous young birds were noted after the breeding period, with garden visits by both young Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Green Woodpeckers. At The King William Pied Wagtails nested again whilst a pair of Jackdaws, which are not particularly common in Speen, also spent time checking the chimney in the early part of the season. High winds during July caused problems for some young nestlings. Two young Goldcrests were blown from a nest high in a Scots Pine in our neighbour's garden before they could fly properly. They both almost landed on the front doormat which is regularly used by the resident cats. Having lifted them to safety on numerous occasions we were relieved to see the parents appear and start feeding the birds some hours later. A young Song Thrush in Coleheath Bottom, which may have been brought home by another cat, was eventually released after hand-rearing by a local vet. (Generally speaking the best advice with young birds is to lift them to safety if they are within reach of predators but otherwise leave them to call to their parents who are generally in the vicinity.) Breeding continued right through the Summer. In our own garden a Song Thrush was still incubating three eggs on 10th of August. This very late clutch was, I believe, the pair's third attempt after two failed nests close by. Three young eventually left the nest towards the end of August. Young Blackcaps being fed in the garden were a first local breeding record for the neighbourhood so far as I am aware.

Other interesting sightings included a Red Legged Partridge on the green in Abbotswood and more recently a Grey Wagtail passing through the garden. Sparrowhawk kills were also reported from various village gardens in Cherrytree Close and Coleheath Bottom. These shy birds will often

stay for half an hour or so devouring a Wood Pigeon or other prey providing they are not disturbed. However the star attraction for the period was a definite sighting of a Rose-Ringed Parakeet within the village on 29th September. On an early morning walk I heard the distinctive raucous call of a Parakeet and saw the green bird fly into one of the tall Beech tree on Chapel Hill. These birds seem to frequent tall deciduous trees but in parts of London will visit garden bird tables.

Roe Deer, which have been highlighted in recent editions, continue to be seen with records from North Dean, Speen and Flowers Bottom, including one record of a female with two fawns. A Muntjac with three young was reported from Lily Bottom Lane. Hares have been noted in Flowers Bottom and a young one was seen in Great Hampden. Rats have been recorded around some of the old farm buildings in the village.

Another interesting find, for the second year running was a dead female Slowworm in Coleheath Bottom. Within our own garden dragonflies have bred well including a number of Broad-bodied Chasers noted early in the season. I am not aware of any definite reports of Purple Emperor butterflies this year. I had one possible sighting in late July but it was flying too high (as they do) to be certain of the identification.

Please let me know of any interesting sightings – Tel 488016.

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Speen WI Report

The tea tent at the fete was busy this year - especially when the heavy rain drove people inside. A total of 200 slices of cake & 50 cream scones made and donated by our members, plus 400 cups of tea, helped ensure a healthy profit and a tired workforce. Our thanks to those who helped in setting up and working in the afternoon. We are delighted that our suggestion that the Village Hall should benefit this year from what seems to be a very profitable day, will ensure funds to help them with the much needed maintenance and improvements which they have planned. We are all very happy to benefit from our village hall and we are pleased to be able to help them in this way.

But we also had other activities going on and two summer visits were particularly popular. An afternoon at Cliveden accompanied by a very knowledgeable gardener helped us to an even greater admiration for the wonderful gardens there. Some people will be needing another mortgage if some of the makeover plans being made were ever to come to fruition. On a lovely August evening - yes we really were lucky and managed to find a dry one - we had a wonderful guided tour of Old Amersham. Around the back alleys were parts of this lovely old town that we didn't know existed and our extremely well informed guide knew what to point out and all the stories which are attached to these lovely old buildings. Although we booked this as a visit just for us, there are conducted tours every afternoon during the summer for anyone who wishes to go. Amersham museum can give you all the details and they are open every weekend throughout the year.

On a more serious note we discussed the problems which farmers seem to have in their dealings with supermarkets and as part of a campaign supported by the Na-

tional Federation of WIs we wrote to our MP, David Liddington, to express concerns about the implementation of the current code of practice. He replied to us and also explained that there is currently an audit being carried out by the OFT and it will be interesting to see the outcome of this and whether any further action will need to be taken.

Our speakers have been excellent and the delicious taste of Sandra Webb's Caribbean food and her details of some of the unusual ingredients was certainly appreciated. We were amazed at the variety of industries and people, described by Jim Dale, who are so reliant upon the weather forecasts and our evening hearing Gilbert and Sullivan music and a history of their lives with Ann Woodward was most informative and entertaining.

Our Annual Meeting will be held in November and early December will be a good time for us to enjoy our Christmas Celebration evening. We shall also be helping as usual with the Christmas Tree Lights evening on December 11th.

The programme for 2005 is booked and our speakers are listed on the What's On page.

We shall be looking forward to art, gardens and travel among the topics on offer for our monthly meetings, and no doubt many social events and outings during the coming year.

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Robert Laing – a tribute

Robert (Rob) Laing died at his home in Speen on 15 June, after a brave fight against cancer. Friends in the village knew him as a gentle man with a quiet wit, generous in his hospitality and solicitous of others' comfort. Villagers who attended Speen's Jubilee celebrations in 2002 might recall a genial character wearing a cheerful grin - and a hat carefully crafted to represent Windsor castle, with Union flag flying.

But in his professional life Rob had played an important role on a larger, more glamorous stage, as a designer and art director in the film industry. Rob's career had its roots in the Wycombe art school, where his talent for drawing and eye for detail were developed and the foundations laid for working at Pinewood Studios. There, he started as a junior draughtsman on 'Carry On' films, going on to work as an art director on three early 'Bonds'. Later assignments took him to many countries, from India (*The Far Pavilions*, *Ghandi*) to Mexico (*Titanic*), and from the mountains of Switzerland (*On Her Majesty's Secret Service*) to the Dominican Republic (*Sorcerer*). Over the years he contributed to numerous other titles, including *Rollerball*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *True Lies*.

Rob's work was both creative and painstaking, demanding the ability to visualise a scene and communicate this, through meticulous sketches, to those who built the sets. In addition to exercising the skill of an artist, the designer must also research and find the location, then recruit the team that turns vision into reality. The challenges were at times enormous, as in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* when Rob built a racing-car track on ice in the valley at the foot of the Schilthorn, or when constructing a convincing replica of the interiors of the Titanic. For *Rules of Engagement* (his last film), Rob had sets on the East and West coasts of America and in Morocco - many hours were spent in the air that year!

In 1982 Rob's achievement was crowned with the award of an Oscar for his work on *Ghandi*. He also had Bafta nominations for *Travels With My Aunt* and an Emmy nomination for two mini-series, *Far Pavilions* and *Noble House*.

Rob was self-effacing and made light of his considerable gifts. With his wife Maureen he created a beautiful home at Flowers Cottage - aptly named for a place so gloriously set in a perfect English garden, bearing witness to Rob's ability for scene-painting and to the creativity he and Maureen shared.

Rob's burial took place at Holy Trinity Church, Penn Street. His funeral service was moving in its quiet dignity - a fitting tribute for a man of huge personal integrity, courage and charm, as well as one who made a very visible and lasting contribution to the world of film. Rob will be greatly missed. He leaves Maureen, his son Martin, daughters Charlotte and Jacqueline and grandchildren Emily, Harry, Jessica and Maclaren.



Robert as he'll be remembered by his friends in Speen

Lacey Green Parish Council Planning Ap- plications

The following applications have been considered by the Council, who have raised no objections:

Kingsford, Studridge Lane	New detached house on plot adjoining Elm Tree Cottage
2 Cherry Tree Close	Conservatory and Porch
12 St Peters Close	Two storey Rear Extension
4 St Peters Close	Conservatory
Pedlars Cottage, Studridge Lane	Two Storey Side Extension and Loft Conversion
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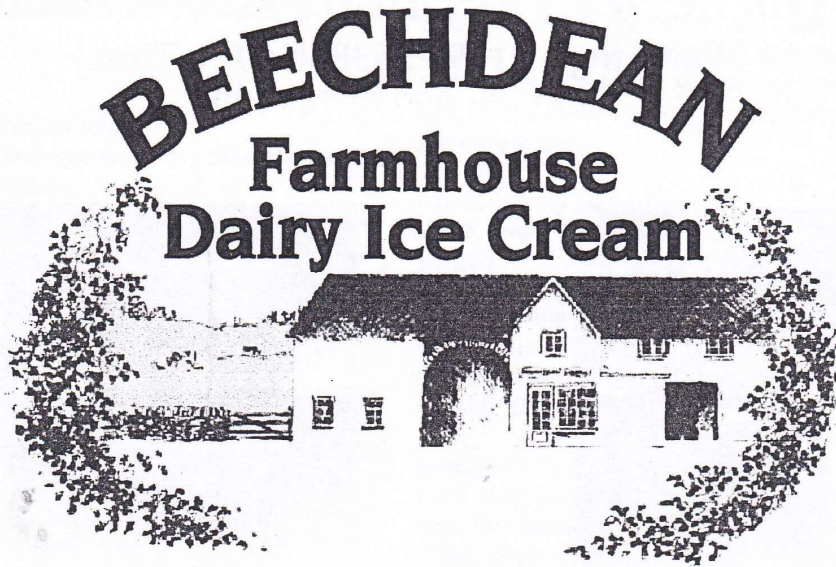


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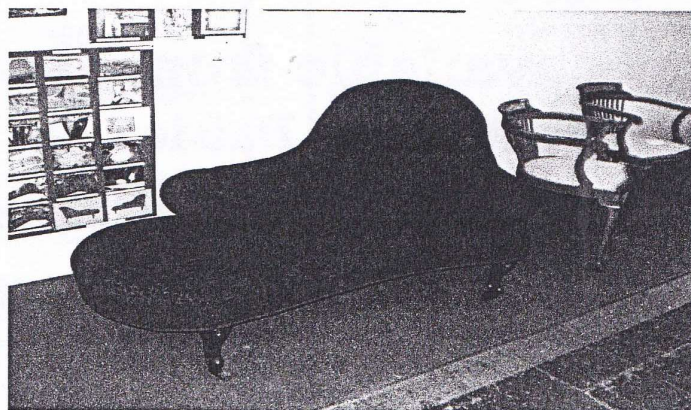
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For those concerned at the increase the illegal and inappropriate use of motor bikes, quad bikes and other motorised bikes for 'off road' use, the County, District and Parish Councils in conjunction with Thames Valley Police have launched an initiative where, using section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002, vehicles used in an anti-social way may be seized. The Police may be contacted on **08458 505 505** quoting the specific URN number **URN 892-11/06/04** which allows all reports to be grouped together giving an accurate picture of incidents that occur.

The Speed Limit Review & Tranquil Project

There is not a lot of visible progress to report on these projects as, following the informal public consultation, these are now with officers to firm up the proposed changes to Speed Limits. Formal consultation is scheduled to be carried out in late August early September and, if satisfactory, the process of implementation will commence late 2004 or early 2005.

Village Design Statement for Speen

Wycombe District Council have agreed to fund the production of a Village Design Statement for Speen. Those who visited Lacey Green Village Day may have seen the draft statement for Lacey Green &

Loosley Row: the product of a years work for the Group. I do have several names of those wanting to be part of a Group for Speen so with the effort for Lacey Green coming to end we should be able to get underway by October. If you would like to take part or would like to know more then please give me a call.

Local Safety Schemes

Work was undertaken to cut the grass verges for the vision splays on the Hampden Road junction with Bryants Bottom Road and also the Rignal Road. If you see any other areas that need attention then please call the Council using the Highways on Call number 0845 230 2882.

Mobile Police Surgeries

I am sure that most people were pleased to see the local Police Officers holding their surgeries in Speen.

Community Leaders Fund

This year's funding has now been completely taken up with projects throughout my Division. For Speen I am pleased to have been able to support the Play Group with £300 funding for additional Play Equipment. I hope that the County Council will again support the scheme next year, so if you are aware of a project that is need of funding then please contact me.

If you do have any concerns regarding County Council issues, would like more information, 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
01494 488315

North Dean needs YOU!

Cleaner for North Dean Village Hall needed one/two hours per week pay circa £6.00 per hour. If interested please call Pat Rogers on 562041

New Younger members for our various committees. It's fun. They cover our Fete, our Village Hall maintenance, fund raising and social activities. If interested please call Lillian Cash on 564969

My two weeks at summer camp

For 2 weeks of my holidays I was invited to a Gifted and Talented Summer Camp at Sir Henry Floyd grammar school in Aylesbury. There were 18 children that attended this camp all from different parts of Bucks. As we were ushered into the drama studio a woman called Kareena from Thresal Theatre company explained to us that we had been nominated by our school head to attend this camp, and that we would be performing and learning techniques for the next 2 weeks, and putting on a show at the end.

First we were introduced to various masks made by Thresal which all had different expressions. Groups of 3 had to put on a mask of their choice and

mime answers to questions asked by the other children in the audience. The next day we discussed what expression suited us for the mask we were going to make the next day.

The next day we moulded our masks with clay into the expression that we had decided on. Then sent it off to Thresal Theatre to have it vacuum formed in plastic so that the next day we were able to paint it

We painted our masks with acrylic paint ready for the next week. We were put into groups and all given scenes to rehearse for the show. We had 5 different scenes, when they were all put together it would last half an hour.

On the 4th of August we went to see the Lion King in London as part of the camp, it was brilliant because it was well put together, lively and I think that the actors played all of their

parts very well and made it enjoyable. It gave us more of an understanding of how to act in a mask. it's not as easy as it looks!

The final performance was called " Memorial Park".

I think that everyone enjoyed

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By Ella Tipping.



Ella—age 11, with her mask

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Hampden Row Broadband campaign

Regular readers of the Speen & North Dean News will be aware that a campaign to bring ADSL Broadband Internet access to the area served by the Hampden Row telephone exchange started in July 2003. Eventually there were around 130 active supporters and thousands of e-mails were generated. Supporters registered more than 175 telephone numbers on the BT website. In November of last year, BT set a trigger level of 150, which should have meant that we would be enjoying the benefits of ADSL Broadband in January this year.

BT then discovered a major engineering problem. Not only were new fibre optic cables required to the Hampden Row exchange, but a new duct and 9.4 km of cable had to be laid between Amersham and Great Missenden. The cost of this work, to serve an exchange with less 500 subscribers, looked prohibitive and the prospect of having Broadband seemed to be receding into the far distance. All the known alternative technologies for delivering Broadband were explored, but none was found suitable for our circumstances. Our Member of Parliament, David Lidington, was asked to help and he exchanged correspondence with the BT Chairman and had meetings with BT Senior Executives, which resulted in a promise that the work would be undertaken. BT eventually set a Ready For

Service date of the 30th June 2004, which they met.

BT gave a presentation in the Great Hampden Village Hall on the 24th June, followed by a tour of the Hampden Row exchange, which was attended by around 40 supporters. The attendance would probably have been much greater had the timing not clashed with the England vs. Portugal match of the European Cup. If anyone would like to see the BT presentation it can be downloaded at: www.uk-walker.com

In the words of one of the BT Engineers, we now have the digital equivalent of the M25 running through Speen and our access speeds to the Internet are superb. As of the 1st October, 128 users have subscribed to the Broadband service and the numbers are growing by an average of around 20 per month. The Hampden Row exchange has installed capacity for 240 Broadband users, but this can be readily increased to meet demand.

Michael Walker



Richard Ferguson

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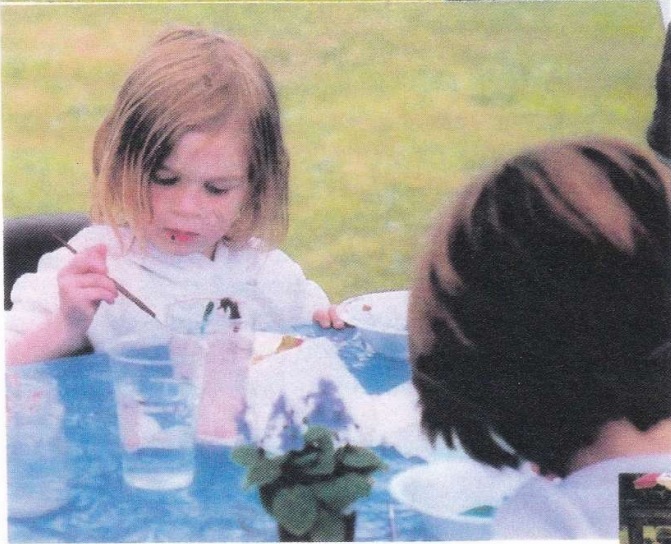
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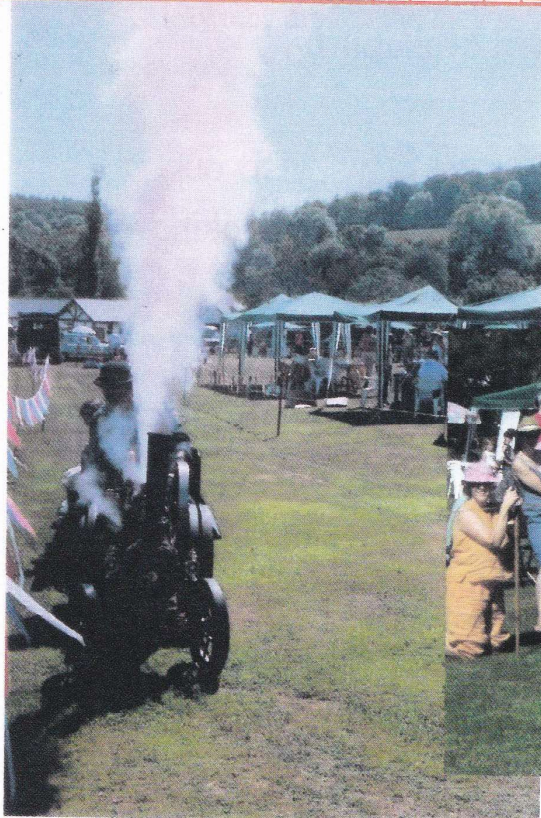
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North Dean Village Fete 7th August 2004





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First day at School



The sun shines as Mums say goodbye



Monday 6th September was the first day at school for George, Mira, Gini, Ethan, Jamie and Katie. Daisy, Percy, Immy and Ollie moved into the reception class. The sun was shining as mums said goodbye to their children. How lucky they are to start their school days at Speen.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Mention was made some time ago of the casual discarding of rubbish in this lovely, wooded area. Apart from the depressing regularity with which crumpled white paper tissues appear on the paths, when they could so easily be hidden in the undergrowth and left to rot, plastic and metal containers may well accumulate for our descendants to find. But the worst example of behavior with a really nasty and dangerous potential, seems to have been the dumping of glass bottles into the pond. Inevitably some of those have smashed. Dog owners beware! But who is to warn the deer, the badgers and the foxes?

Some of us are unfit to have the right to roam anywhere.

Yours sincerely,

Leonora Cottrell

Dear Editor

SOS (save our society)

It would be sad and ironic if Speen Horticultural Society has to pack up, when the gardens of Speen are such an obvious reflection of how interested we all are in the subject. The horticultural tent is always a big attraction at the fete and one of its best fundraisers.

Basically we need new members, including at least one or two who might like to run our simple affairs. Apart from the fete, other activities have included speakers during the winter and an occasional open gardens day during the summer.

We'd like to invite all interested villagers to a meeting on Tuesday 23rd November 2004 at 8pm in the village hall. The purpose of the meeting is to see if we can save this longstanding village

organisation from having to be wound up for lack of support.

So please come along to the meeting and enjoy a glass of wine as we put our heads together to discuss how we can keep the Speen Horticultural Society alive through 2005 and beyond.

If you cannot attend, then please phone me on 488222 to indicate your support. Alternatively e-mail petedaw@waitrose.com

Kind regards

Peter Dawson secretary

Dear Editor

Boules Court in Speen

In the earlier part of the summer I contacted a number of local residents by email suggesting that our village would benefit from a Boules court on the playing fields. The feedback was most enthusiastic and I have also contacted the Speen Playing Fields Association Committee and understand that they have discussed this briefly.

A boules court would not take up too much space and the area behind the pub has been suggested as it is close to the centre, is sunny in the evening and well located for a drink after a game or two!

It should not be expensive to construct, as you basically only need hard standing and gravel that is built in a heavy timber frame made out of old railway sleepers. The only other expense would be to install a couple of bench seats.

From a couple of the emails I received, I understand that there might be funds available from within the village charities/associations to cover this project.

If you are interested in this idea, please contact the Playing fields committee or drop a line to the Editor of Speen & North Dean News.

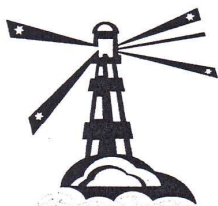
Yours sincerely, Philip Suter

News from Speen Baptist Church

Andy writes:

The summer months are a very different time of year in the life of the church, for – rightly understood – church is the people not the building.

So what have the people who make up the church been doing over the summer?



With the start of the school holidays (which now seem so long ago) many parents and teens from the church were volunteer helpers at the Lighthouse Christian Holiday Clubs for Children. These events are increasingly popular with families in the community and are held at Great Missenden and Princes Risborough for a week each summer – but they are entirely volunteer dependent, drawing support from churches in the area.

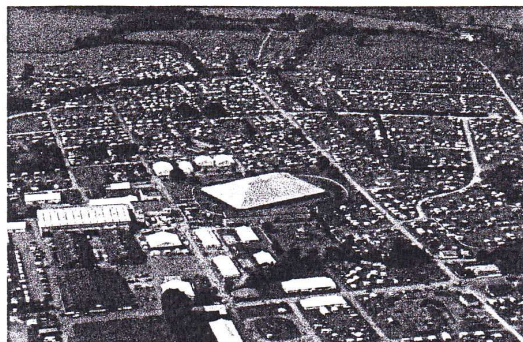
SOULINTHECITY

After Lighthouse came *Soul in the City*. During two weeks over 12,000 Christian young people descended on London to assist with a wide range of community action projects. We had a small presence among so many, combining with a church from High Wycombe who were sending a bigger team.

Day time activities varied from cleaning up graffiti to repainting old peoples' houses to running sports holiday clubs for children. Then in the evening they held worship celebrations in a range of venues around the capital. The value of these projects in regenerating community life and raising people's quality of life is immeasurable, and drew positive response and support from all quarters including the Metropolitan Police and Mayor of London, Ken Livingston.



Then came New Wine - a family camp of about 8,000 people held on the Royal Bath and West Show Ground at Shepton Mallet. This is a great time for celebration and relaxation in a safe environment. There is a programme of activities for all age ranges of children freeing parents to have time together. And in the evenings a range of bands, artistic events and venues are on offer. Not surprisingly, we anticipate that the group of around



about 20 folk from the church who went this year will be larger next summer.

That brings us to the final young people's event of the summer: **Soul Survivor**

Using the same showground site and the Big Top, some 10,000 young people took over the venue for 5 days of celebration, teaching and worship. Despite the inclement weather this year the 12 teenagers we took all had a great time and want to return next year.

Perhaps after all this the church needs a holiday!

Coming up this autumn:

Special talk by Prof Sir Ghilleen Prance

'Ecology, South America and the Environment'

8:00pm Fri 12th November in Speen Village Hall.

Breakfasts (in Speen Baptist Church Hall):

Sat 13th November: Ladies Breakfast - 'A Scientist's Story' with Prof Sir Ghilleen Prance.

Sat 4th December: Men's Breakfast - 'A Magician's Story' with Peter McCahon.

Christmas Events:

Sunday 19th December at 5:00pm **Kids Karols**.

Christmas Eve at 6:00pm **Carols by Candlelight**.

Christmas Day at 10:30am **Family Celebration**.

Summary of Regular 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

7:30pm Prayer Meeting

Mon: Meetings for Prayer at various homes

8:00pm Evening Home Group at 5 Abbotswood

Tues: **7:45pm** Parenting Course in the church hall

Weds: **10:00-11:45am** Daytime Home Group – Chinysnook, North Dean

10:00-11:30am "Time Out" – the Book Club,
Thurs: **7:00pm** (monthly) YAC Football & Pizza, and YAC A-Z of being a girl of God.

Sat: **8:30am** Men's Breakfast Alpha Course.

Speen Pre-School

Pre-School has got off to a fantastic start this term. We welcomed six new children and two new members of staff to the team. All have settled in well and are proving to be great assets to the provision.

This term we are exploring the animal kingdom. So far we have had an exciting time learning about animals from different countries, especially Africa, which provided a wonderful opportunity to try out the Djembe drum. We are looking forward to learning about animals with feathers, pets and wild animals over the next few weeks. The children have also had great fun this term developing their commercial skills in our very own mini-Speen Stores, buying and selling fruit and veggies as part of our harvest theme.

At the end of September we underwent our four yearly main Ofsted inspection. The inspector carried out a very thorough check of our health and safety policies and procedures to ensure that the children are safe and well cared for. She also inspected the quality of educational provision for our funded 3 and 4 year olds. The written report will not be available straight away.

However, the initial verbal feedback from the inspector was very encouraging. She was very impressed with the high standards of teaching and resources within our pre-school, the calm atmosphere and the quality

of our fantastic staff. As a result she intends to award us the highest possible grading for the inspection!

We are delighted with this result which re-



Gil, Isla and Christopher help to groom Mo the pony

fects the tremendous hard work and commitment that so many people put into Speen Pre-School to make it such a happy place and where our children are given the

best possible start in life – thank you.

Do visit our website www.speenpreschool.org.uk which gives further information about us and where we will post details of the Ofsted report as soon as it is available.

We will also be continuing our annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Service** this year to help raise funds for the Pre-School. Details will be made available nearer the time, or ring Sandy Mitcheson tel. 01494 488875 for further information.

Speen Pre-School Committee

Speen Festival/ 8th to 17th September 2005

All those interested in being involved, in any way, with the show at the start of next year's Speen Festival are invited to attend an initial meeting in Speen Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday November 9th.

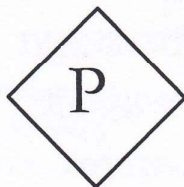
Whether you want to help with acting, singing, stage management, technical, costume, props or general dogsbodying you will be very welcome.

If unable to attend but would like interest noted, please phone Marjorie Stockley on 488101.

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Speen Playing Field News

DAN RIDGLEY'S FIELD

The transfer of the field to the Village is progressing very slowly. The intention is that this land will be held on trust by The Official Trustee of Charity Lands (as is the Playing Field) and managed by the Playing Field committee. However, flaws have been found in the transfer documents. This is taking some time for the solicitors acting for Dan's executors to resolve.

The proposal to use a small area of the field for a children's mountain bike circuit was agreed, in principle, by the SPFA. It will probably require planning approval for a change of use.

REPLACEMENT MOWER

The new mower has been doing a much better job keeping the grass cut this summer. Much appreciated help with funding came from the Parish Council, the Shop Charity Fund and the Millennium Fund. However, some of this has to be repaid and so more funds are still needed.

FUN DAY, 2004

Took place in June. A group, led again by Jem Symondson, organised an excellent programme of challenging games for street based teams, followed by a tea party and then an evening disco in the Speen Marquee. Many thanks to all those who helped with the arrangements and for the great support from the Village for this now very popular event.


WORKING PARTY and BONFIRE NIGHT

By the time you read this, another working party will have taken place on 30th October (cutting back hedges, resurfacing the childrens' play area, replacing worn shackles on the swings), and Bonfire Night on 6th November.


CHRISTMAS TREE

The now annual Tree lighting ceremony, with carols, mince pies and mulled wine, is planned for Saturday 11th December at approx. 6.00pm on the Playing Field. The time will be confirmed on posters nearer to the time. All profits will be donated to charity

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Autumn 2004 Update

From time to time we put an article in to SNDN to keep you up to date with our activities and to thank you for your continuing support.

Our latest event was the Late Summer Ball hosted by Gracie and Barry Stickings at Willott's Farm at the beginning of September. Wow, were we blessed with brilliant weather for a marquee party! As most of you will know the tickets sold out by early July so we welcomed 120 guests at our champagne reception. We presented cheques of £1,100 to four of the five charities that night prior to tucking into a pig roast. Not only was it dry but beautifully warm, so party-goers could either dance to live jazz, stroll in the grounds or sit under lanterns with friends. Many have voiced how much they enjoyed the evening and we raised approximately £2,500.

As a committee, we were particularly pleased to celebrate the return of Melanie Page to our pre-ball meeting. Many who are local to Speen will know that Melanie had a recurrence of cancer and suffered severe effects from aggressive chemotherapy. For our pink leaflet for the ball, she told us about the Iain Rennie nurses who have been tremendously helpful in a practical way, by providing a link between herself and her GP plus other services such as occupational health and assisting with the Disability Living Allowance. She greatly appreciated aromatherapy treatment for relaxation on a regular basis. Just as importantly they provided her with vital mental support, always being available just to listen when problems seemed insuperable.

Melanie was also shown around Florence Nightingale House, situated at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. She told me that it is a very welcoming place and hard to believe it is over 20 years old as everything appears brand new! The entrance is through a wonderfully plant and flower-packed garden. There is a central, open-air courtyard, similarly packed with flowers and a central water feature. At FNH there are all kinds of activities either for in-patients or those just dropping in for company.

We are delighted to report that she is recovering and has returned to work part time. We are very humbled by her strength, courage, determination and faith, and are very proud to have her on our committee. We are also very proud to be raising funds for charities that are so worthwhile, so well run and serve our communities so well.

Not for the first time we would like to thank you for supporting our events and encouraging us to do more for the local hospice movement. Don't forget that the quiz continues every other Thursday. We are planning a Chinese New Year supper in February and hope to be contributing to the Speen Music and Arts Festival in September 2005.

Suzi Rose

Coming in the next issue

Update from India

As Adam and Caroline enter their second month in India they are happy to report that the money raised through their prize draw last September in Speen has gone towards several worthwhile projects. With the help of volunteers, 3 health clinics and 3 reading rooms have been established in slums and villages in Bangalore. Full report and photos in the next issue

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What's Cooking in Speen and North Dean?

We can look forward to a new generation of budding chefs thanks to the generosity of Speen Shop Charities Fund earlier this year.

The children at Speen School have also benefited from the Fund which has enabled the School to buy a new (real) cooker to replace the ancient model in the School kitchen. Kate Vale and Caroline Crossley report that the Friday afternoon cookery lessons

Speen and North Dean Toddlers Group, which meets every Tuesday morning in North Dean Village Hall, was awarded a grant to buy a new toy kitchen after the old one disintegrated. The new kitchen is proving very popular as the children busily prepare gallons of cups of tea and bake hundreds of cakes (sadly all "pretend" but perhaps that is better for our waistlines!) for their parents every week



Cordon bleu at Speen School courtesy of chefs Danny, Emma, Tara and Luke



Toddlers Jemima, Ryan and Amy prepare tea and cakes

are much improved thanks to the new equipment. The cooker was installed just in time for the Speen Summer Ball and must have tardis qualities – because somehow, Jean Baines and her team managed to use it to produce a delicious hot meal for over 100 people!

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North Dean News

Pig Roast – July 4th

Over 130 villagers, locals and friends enjoyed a lovely warm summer's day on the North Dean Annual Pig Roast, held on the village green under a clear blue sky.

The pig, from Tony at Prestwood Farm to Freezer Shop, was up to its usual standard. Ice cream was kindly supplied by the generosity of Beech Dean Ice Creams.

A successful raffle followed amazing puddings by village wives, and over £1,000 was raised for much needed repairs to the village hall and playground.

Breakfast on the Hill - June 20th

Mid-summer Sunday & Father's Day saw 40 villages at 9.00am with a BBQ breakfast, champagne and orange juice, high up in the village under the Beech trees of Hills Wood, where fabulous views up and down the valley were enjoyed - much blessed with fine weather.

Quiz Night - 22nd May

Over 75 budding master-minds from North Dean and Speen enjoyed a head-to-head night over supper and wine in the Village Hall and contributed £400 to the Village Hall fund.

Nick Dawson thought up an amazing array of questions to confuse the brains of the locals.

A Plea for Help to Young Men of North Dean

We are very lucky to have a strong "Fund Raising & Social Committee" -

however the Committee is mainly ladies who do all the catering so well. Could we get a small bunch of young men and older children to help these lovely ladies set out tables, chairs, tents etc. for an hour before the events and for an hour after to help clear up the village hall and village green.

Please call Peter Keen on 01494 562151 if you can help us, so we can all continue to enjoy our lovely village.

2005

If anyone has any ideas of things we could organise for the village, let me know.

It's the 75th Anniversary of our Village Hall next year we think - should we do something a bit special????

We all enjoy our lovely unspoilt village and if anyone has any ideas for a village event, we'd be happy to look into it.

Future Calendar 2004/05

November 18th Charity Lunch (*Muscular Dystrophy*) Village Hall

January 20th Bridge Afternoon Village Hall

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Campaign for a reliable electricity supply

As a resident of Speen or North Dean you will be aware that the reliability of the electricity supply leaves something to be desired. You may consider, as I do, that in this increasingly digital age in which we live, a reliable supply is absolutely essential to normal life and something that we should be able to take for granted.

EDF Energy, the British subsidiary of the French state owned organisation, Electricité de France, is responsible for the Distribution Network in this area. Strange as it may seem, legislation places little or no obligation on the company to provide a reliable supply of electricity. EDF have set their own standards and consider up to four interruptions within six months to be acceptable. This does not seem to be an acceptable standard to me, but in fact, the frequency of interruptions that we are experiencing is at least three times more than their self imposed standard.

Meetings with EDF Energy have established that there is a particular problem with the High Voltage transmission line from Wendover through Speen to Bledlow Ridge and the Low Voltage transmission lines fed from it which serve the local communities. The problems are largely caused by trees and branches interfering with overhead lines, both HV and LV. EDF admit that no serious pruning has taken place in this area for 15 to 20 years. We are not alone in experiencing unacceptable levels of reliability but resources for remedying are limited. EDF frankly admit that the more complaints they receive from a given area, the higher the priority becomes for resolving the problem.

Surprisingly, in recent years, equipment which would inform the supply company of short term interruptions in LV lines has been abandoned and unless consumers report a problem the suppliers are unlikely to be aware of its existence. They are aware of faults which occur on the HV lines.

For some months now a campaign has been taking place which is already having results.

You may have seen that the low voltage overhead copper wires in Speen are being replaced with Ariel Bunch Conductors. Trees are being cut back along the high voltage lines that supply the Speen locality. However, much more work needs to be done before we have a truly reliable supply. From an operational as well as aesthetic perspective, more lines should be put underground. Improvements also need to be made to the levels of inter-connectivity to improve flexibility and reliability of supply.

If you would like to join the campaign for a more reliable electricity supply, which takes the form of writing to EDF each time there is a supply interruption, then please contact electricity@uk-walker.com The campaign enjoys the active support of our Member of Parliament, David Lidington, and our County Councillor, Paul Rogerson.

If you have friends in the geographic area between Wendover and Bledlow Ridge who are unhappy with the reliability of their supply then please pass this information to them as the greater the support the better our chances of success.

Michael Walker



Sparklers in Speen on November 6th



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What's on in Speen and North Dean

	November	
4th	WI Annual Meeting	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
6th	Fireworks and Bonfire	Speen Playing Field
12th	Ecology, South America and the Environment	Speen Village Hall 8.00pm
13 th	Ladies Breakfast – 'A Scientist's Story'	Speen Village Hall 8.30am
15 th	Lacey Green Parish Council Meeting	Speen Village Hall 7.30pm
18th	Charity Lunch (Muscular Dystrophy)	North Dean Village Hall 12 noon
23rd	Speen Horticultural Society SOS meeting (see 'Letter to Editor')	Speen Village Hall 8.00pm
27th	Christmas Fair	Speen Village Hall 2pm
	December	
2nd	A Christmas Celebration - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
4th	Men's Breakfast – 'A Magician's Story'	Speen Village Hall 8.30am
11th	Christmas Tree Lighting, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine	Speen Playing Field ~6.00pm
13 th	Lacey Green Parish Council Meeting	Speen Village Hall 7.30pm
19th	Kid's Karols	Chapel 5.00pm
24th	Carols by Candlelight	Chapel 6.00pm
25th	Family Christmas Celebration	Chapel 10.30am
	January	
6th	Interior Design - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
16th	'7:48' Schubert Octet	Pigotts North Dean (tel 562167)
20th	Bridge Afternoon	North Dean Village Hall
28th	Curry Evening – Agape Alive in India	Speen Village Hall 7.30pm
	February	
3rd	Art in your Garden - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
	March	
3rd	Life and Works of Monet - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
3rd	Woodland Archeology Study Day	Pigotts Wood 10:00am (tel 562167)
15th	The Wildlife of Speen – Peter Symonds	Gt Missenden Memorial Hall 7.45pm
	April	
7th	45 th Birthday Party – WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
17th	'7:48' Jazz	Pigotts North Dean (tel 562167)
	May	
5th	Resolutions Discussion Evening - WI	Chapel Hall 7.45
	June	
2nd	The Amersham Martyrs - WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm

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