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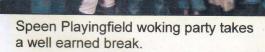
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st	Watercolour quickies with Sheila Ward—Speen WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
17th	Los Squideros Mexican Band	Speen Playing Field Marquee 7:30pm for 8:00pm
18th	Speen Fun Day	Speen Playing Field 1:30pm
24th	Speen School Ball	Speen School Marquee
29th	Visit to the garden of Mary Berry– Speen WI. Contact Barbara Collett 488348	Opens at 6:00pm
	July	
	ACJC Choir from Singapore. Free concert and refreshments. (No tickets just come!)	Pigotts North Dean 2.48pm (2:45pm acceptable!)
3th	Physiotherapy and exercises, Mrs Gummer—Speen WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
Bth	Speen Fete	Speen Playing Field 2:00pm
	Seahorse salsa and disco—National Society for Epilepsy. Tickets from Speen Stores or at the Fete	Speen Playing Field Marquee 7:30pm
29th	North Dean Fete	Village Playing Field 2:00pm
	August	
3rd	Charles Dicken's Troubled Childhood, Colin Oakes— Speen WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
	September	
7th	Artists of the Thames Valley, Brian Edwards—Speen WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
9th	Speen Ball—Speen Supporters Group	Willotts Farm TBA
21st	Speen and North Dean Golf Day	Weston Turville GC
30th	Men's breakfast with Teryl Bryant. Tickets from James Entwisle 488875	Speen Baptist Church 8:30am
	October	
5th	The story of perfumery and Grasse, Mark Davis—Speen WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
	November	
2nd	Annual Meeting—Speen WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
4th	Bonfire night at Speen	Speen Playing Field—time TBA
	Ladies breakfast with Dr Andy Houghton. Tickets from Sandy Entwisle 488875	Speen Baptist Church 8:30am
	December	
7th	Flower arranging, Linda Elliott—Speen WI	Speen Village Hall 7.45pm
9th	Christmas tree lighting and carols	Speen Playing Field—time TBA

Editor's note

You'll see in this issue that preparations are well underway in our villages for a rich variety of summer events. Let's hope for some good weather so we can really enjoy the fetes, the Funday, the summer balls and perhaps a strawberry tea at Lacey Green. All these events, and others, are advertised within. There's some important construction work to read about too. North Dean have completed a major refurbishment to their village hall and in Speen the bike track for youngsters at Ridgley's Field is almost ready for use. I can also recommend a visit to the newly completed nature trail at Brush Hill—just opposite the car park for Whiteleaf Cross, by the way.

There are some interesting items in this issue from people with memories of past events in our villages. For some readers these may ring a bell and you might be prompted to fill in some details or remember some other events from the past. If so please let me know and remember photos are always especially welcome. Some people may learn who built their house and something of its history.

As usual there's been a really healthy flow of contributions for this issue. Please keep it up and remember to take photos of interesting events. Close-ups are always best.

Contributions to the Editor

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Contributions should be in the form of electronic Word or jpg files wherever possible. Pictures are especially welcome.

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Final copy date for the next issue:

September 15th

Our aim is to distribute within 4 weeks

News from Lacey Green and Loosley Row

ST JOHN'S CHURCH LACEY GREEN

Dear All

Spring has sprung once again and we have enjoyed wonderful services at church especially over the Easter period. Forthcoming events this summer include the opening for the summer season of The Quiet Garden at 'Millbrooke' in Goodacres Lane, starting on May 17th, more details in 'Viewpoint' the parish magazine. There will be a special Songs of Praise service for Pentecost at both the 10am and 6pm services at St John's church on Sunday 4th June. The Confirmation service for all candidates will be on 19th June at 7.30pm, and last but not least – don't forget that Lighthouse Week held at Princes Risborough will be running again this year between 24th and 28th July.

Regular Services

The times and format of weekly services at St John's are listed below:

SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday
10.00am All Age Family Eucharist 1st Sunday of the month
10.00am Parish Communion 2nd, 3rd 4th (&5th) Sundays
11.30am Family Worship 3rd Sunday of the month
6.00pm Choral Evensong 1st Sunday of the month

TUESDAY

9.30am
2.00pm
Communion Service in the Lady Chapel at St John's
Toddler Praise – each Tuesday afternoon during term time
WEDNESDAY

10.30am Group Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough

1st and 3rd Sundays Family orientated service, for all ages, everyone welcome.

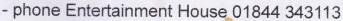
Sunday School 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, held in the Upper Room at the church, for children aged 4 years and

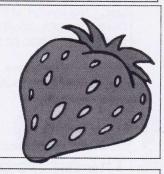
above, held during the regular services. For more details contact Jenny King on 01844 343910

We look forward to meeting you at our lovely church -you are always welcome, so do come and join us. Andrea Bennett ☎ 01844 274550

Strawberry Tea

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Speen Village Design Statement—first steps

A meeting was held at the Village Hall on 10th May to discuss the proposal to produce a Village Design Statement (VDS) for Speen.

So what is a Design Statement? It is a document describing the character and special qualities in the village and surrounding area which are valued by the local residents.

A VDS is intended to influence the statutory planning system, so that new development is in harmony with it's setting and makes a positive contribution to the immediate environment.

It was agreed that the following sub-groups are be formed:

- History
- Demographics
- Housing
- Amenities and facilities
- Infrastructure
- Business development
- Landscape and environment

Anyone in the village is welcome to join in this task. No special skills are needed. Contact Dave Howarth tel 01494 488570 or email d.howarth2@tiscali.co.uk

As work progresses, individuals and local groups will be consulted before a draft document is produced.

Dave Howarth

The future of the pub

Islam tells us that he's considering an offer to purchase the De Wanium (formerly King William IV) for conversion into a 'Gastro Pub'. There's still some way to go but at the moment things look hopeful for a return of the pub..

Noise nuisance from 4X4s in College Wood

Paul Rogerson advises that he has registered a complaint about 4X4 noise nuisance with the Environment Department at Wycombe District Council through Pc Chris Allman. The owner of College Wood has also been contacted.

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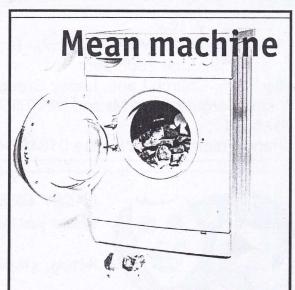
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Ridgley's Field Update

Sufficient funding has been received for the construction of the bike park for village young people. We are very grateful to our Parish Council, Speen Shop charity, Bucks CC, Bucks Playing Fields and Wycombe DC for their grants towards this project.

the footpath provided and installed by Bucks CC. Hedge planting and grass seeding will be carried out by village volunteers in the autumn planting season. The access gate to Ridgley's Field has been moved to a safer location.

The bike park should be open for use very soon and appropriate insurance has been put in place by SPF. However, youngsters must ensure that their bikes

are in good working order and that they are using helmets. Children under ten must be supervised by an adult. Please remember that it is a condition of the planning consent that no motorbikes or other motorised vehicles of any sort are permitted in the bike park. Representatives of the SPF committee will endeavour to monitor the bike park and any youngsters abusing this rule may be reported to the police who now have powers to confiscate motorbikes in such circumstances.



The bike park being tested out by some keen future enthusiasts

The earthworks for the track have been carried out by Clinton Putnam who has very generously provided machinery and labour without charge. The fencing and gates are in with a kissing gate across No dogs are permitted on the bike park.

John Holmes. 4th May 2006.



NORTH DEAN IS PROUD OF ITS NEW LOOK VILLAGE HALL

After 4 years of struggling, the money was finally raised to carry out the work which was necessary to bring the Hall up to standard at a cost of just over £30,000. Not only has this project improved the Hall aesthetically, but it has made access so much easier for the disabled.

Local residents with disabilities can now come along and more easily enjoy the facilities, and also we are able to offer the Hall for hire to a much wider group of people whose membership is partly or wholly disabled.

The improvements include the provision of a ramp and new access door, invalid toilets inside the Hall, and the resurfacing and extension of the car park.

The Development Committee would like to thank The Buckinghamshire Community Ac-

tion Group who spent a lot of time helping us put together our Lottery Grant application, which unfortunately failed for the most obscure reasons.

Also, our thanks are due to the organizations where our applications were successful: to "The Awards for All Scheme" for a grant of £5,000, to Wycombe District Council for a grant of £5,000, and to

Hughenden Parish Council for a grant of £5,000. Without this generous help the work would not have been possible.

Thanks should also go to the Fund Raising Committee for organizing events to raise the balance needed, and to all who gave their support to these events. Although this project is now complete, we cannot rest on our laurels; there is still some major work to be completed within the next two years. The fund raising Committee will be holding events within the next few months, a Barbecue is planned and of course the Annual Fete, together with some Social events. Please come along and support us; our friends from Speen are always welcome at our Village functions.

If you are unable to support our planned events, the Gift Aid Scheme is always an option, Ring Doug Wilson on *563750* to find out more.

In conclusion, if anyone has a little time to spare and could give some practical help with maintaining the hall and playing field, Andrew Lawson would be pleased to hear from you on 562136.

John Rogers



North Dean's new look village hall

Your Milkmen—unsung Heroes come rain or shine

Here is a picture of your long standing milkmen, Ian and Nigel Kelloway, but how many of you knew they were actually brothers? Ian on the left is the elder by 5 years. They have family roots going back generations on their mother's side in the local area. (Rixons and Chiltons). Their father met their mother while he was serving in the RAF based at Walters Ash. His family came from Somerset. Between them, Ian and Nigel have some 57 years of loyal service to Wren Davis. Ian has been delivering in

WREN DAVIS LT.P

Ian and Nigel Kelloway-57 years of combined loyal service

North Dean, Bryants Bottom and Naphill for 34 years and Nigel has been delivering to Speen, Hampden and parts of Prestwood for 23 years. They both start their rounds at 2.00 a.m. and finish by about 10.00 a.m. and then go home for a well-earned nap. Ian

delivers about 3000 pints per week to 470 customers. The customers have remained the same as every so often Wren Davis takes a milk round out and divides it amongst the other milkmen. The area lan delivers to now, used to be covered by 3 milkmen, and 15 years ago he was delivering 4800 pints per week, so you can see the decline in the doorstep delivery. It is very important to continue to support your local milkmen so if anyone wishes lan or Nigel to deliver to them please contact Wren Davis on 01494 862776. You would think that after yomping up 470 drives 5 days a week lan would put his feet up at weekends but he is actively involved with the Risborough Countryside Group and is interested in wildlife and local history. If you have walked up

Whiteleaf over the last 4 years and noticed all the archaeological digs going on, the chances are that lan would have been there. Nigel likes all sports and plays cricket for Lacey Green most weekends.

Quote

"My, worst moment must be the ice and snow; best moments are at this time of year i.e. dawn chorus, sunrises and wildlife. Funniest moments: whilst having my flask of coffee at 5 a.m. in Naphill village hall car park, 3 police cars suddenly appeared blocking all exits. Someone had phoned the police thinking that I was a burglar. On another occasion whilst delivering to a customer for the very last time as she was moving, she said 'this must be the first time you have seen me with any clothes on', (as I had only ever seen her in her dressing gown), the removal men nearly fell down the stairs with her wardrobe, laugh-

ing. My favourite place for holidays is Dorset. I have been married to Sue for 32 years and have a son and a daughter."

Peter Keen



WI Report

Members decided to have an open meeting in February, as it was thought husbands and friends would be interested in hearing Jill Carey talk about Red Kites. She gave an excellent account of how these lovely birds were re-introduced in 1989 and, of course, we frequently see them in our skies these days. For our March meeting Susan Brooke gave a very interesting talk on The Rothschilds and

If you want more information on the W.I. try the website www.buckswi.org.uk/speen. On 29th June we will be visiting the garden of Mary Berry and invite anyone who might like to join us to contact Barbara Collett on 488348. Admittance is £8 to include sandwiches and wine and opens at 6.00p.m.

Barbara Collett



In January the WI had some lessons in green willow weaving with Christine Brewster

Waddesdon. In March some of us attended the Spring Group meeting at Holmer Green, when Bill Giles entertained with tales of working at the Met. Office. Our birthday party in April was enjoyed by all, especially when soprano, Glynis Groves, told us of her life of singing. Unfortunately she was unable to do any actual singing, due to a sore throat but like the true professional she is, didn't want to let us down by not turning up. Our next meeting will be the Resolutions in May, Watercolour Quickies in June with Sheila Ward and Physiotherapy and Exercises with Mrs. Gummer.



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Wildlife Watch

The cold winter weather seemed to continue well into March this year without ever delivering a biting cold spell or sufficient snow to significantly influence wildlife. In the last newsletter I mentioned about a flock of some 20 Lapwings in the fields off Grubbins Lane. That flock grew to over 50 at the end of January. Small flocks of Redwings were reported from gardens in North Dean whilst on the pasture above the village numbers reached around 120. In the same vicinity huge flocks of 200 crows were noted. Also roosting on these pastures were some 20 Meadow Pipits and 5 Skylarks. Elsewhere interesting winter birds were scarce but five Bramblings were recorded by Dick Seekins in Hampden Road on 21st of March.

The drawn out cold spell during February and early March discouraged frogs from returning to their traditional sites. However, during the second week of March, as the cold spell passed large numbers of frogs and toads made the return trek to their breeding ponds. Wet nights encourage their movement but unfortunately make it difficult for drivers to avoid causing a heavy toll of road casualties. By mid March dozens of frogs in amplexus could be seen in the warmer margins of one of our garden ponds with the first spawn appearing on 17th March. Toads started spawning on about 27th March with large numbers laying long strings of spawn around floating pond weed in two of our ponds. As usual, the imbalance in numbers saw several males fighting over each female. Numbers seemed higher than in previous years whilst the frog population seemed smaller. During our holiday, with our dog in kennels, the local Heron seized the opportunity to remove some of the amphibians.

By the end of March Wrens, Blackbirds, Blue Tits and Hedge Sparrows were busy nest building around the garden with Starlings and Great Tits also investigating nest boxes. Our bird tables have remained busy and colourful with visits from the Great Spotted Woodpecker, Nuthatches and a pair of Jays but the highlight has been a male Pheasant on top of the table right outside our kitchen window. Other gardens in the village have seen visits from the local Red Kites. One was reported to have landed in Cottage Farm Way to take some scraps whilst another was attracted by a chicken carcas in Cherrytree Close. Sparrowhawks have been reported from several gardens. One anecdote was of a Sparrowhawk that landed on a kitchen window sill attracted by the fluttering inside of an injured fledgling that was been cared for inside. Other birds of prey include a Kestrel hunting over the graveyard and three Buzzards noted together over Grubbins Lane. In the local woods by mid April Chiffcaffs and Blackcaps had arrived and were singing away.

April and early May have seen some excellent displays of Cowslips and Violets off Spring Coppice Lane whilst Primroses have shown well in Highwood Bottom. In addition I have also recorded a small family group of Roe Deer comprising a male, female with a fawn within our patch. Meanwhile at home we have been receiving nightly visits from a pair of the local badgers to our front garden.

Please let me know of any interesting sightings; Tel 488016 or symonds@speen10.freeserve.co.uk.

Peter Symonds

Speen Playing Fields News

RIDGLEY'S FIELD

The construction of the cycle track is progressing (see article on p 7).

FUNDAY

FunDay is planned for Sunday 18th June. Jeremy

and team have arranged an action packed afternoon of 'The Other World Cup' team games, including the infamous Kiddy Kurling (let's hope for warmer weather than last year!), and ending with a tea party in the Speen Marquee. The Los Squideros band will be performing on the Saturday evening. Get your tickets for both events – from Speen Stores.

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FIELD IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTE-NANCE

Safety improvements are being made to the children's play area. Additional spacers have been installed on the climbing frame/slide, the chains on all the equipment are being replaced, the seats of the swings are being replaced, and the roundabout renovated.

A working party on 13th May re-stained the

Pavilion, replaced the fence alongside the pub, repaired and re-painted the roundabout and did some general maintenance. Many thanks to the many volunteers who seemed to enjoy the morning.

SPEEN MARQUEE

We have four village hirings and two private hirings for the 2006 season. Each hiring will be managed by a team leader (James En-

twisle, Ashley Cooper, Trevor Dunnington, Jem Symondson) who look forward to the usual enthusiastic support from our volunteer erectors. Speak to John Holmes (HW 488420) if you are missing out on this!



Bonfire night is planned for Saturday 4th November and the Christmas Tree/ Carols on Saturday 9th December.

John Holmes. 4th May 2006



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Many thanks to everyone who has supported us in our London to Dublin cycle ride in aid of the National Society for Epilepsy.

By the time you read this we will have (hopefully) completed our gruelling 90 miles each day with the aim of raising £1,000 for epilepsy research. One of the things that kept us going through our training regime up and down the hills was the many people who waved and shouted out words of encouragement!

We are having one last fund raising effort a Seahorse salsa and disco- on Saturday July 8th in the marquee on the playing field after the fete. It will be an event for all the family - bring your own food and drink although there will be an ice cream and smoothie bar! The evening will start at 7.30pm tickets £5 per adult, £3.00 per child or £15 per family. All money raised will go to NSE's Seahorse Appeal funding epilepsy research.

Tickets available from Speen Stores or on fete day.

Amanda and Emma Cleaver

Dear Editor

Saving the Planet for Future Generations

If you are interested you could well visit *The* Environment Centre on Holywood Mead in central High Wycombe. It's well situated, surrounded by the Rye, Keep Hill Wood, the river Wye, Bassetsbury Manor, Pann Mill and Funges Meadow Nature Reserve.

It is staffed by 25 volunteers (more most welcome), 7 trustees and, admirably, only one part time paid official. Cllr Liaquat Ali, High Wycombe's Mayor, was so impressed with its good work that he was very pleased he had taken the Centre as his charity for his mayoral year. 16

You could go on your own or with your family or friends, possibly timing it to suit some event in their programme, almost all of them

Cutting the Carbon was a recent past exhibition which included information on hybrid cars and how to buy one, car share schemes, safer routes to schools, travel-towork schemes, cycle pools, alternative forms of transport and transport plans by Bucks and Wycombe Councils. On display outside was the revolutionary design Toyota Prius car using a combination of petrol power and an emissions-free electric enaine.

Details of future events can be obtained by 'phoning the Centre on 01494 511585, possibly getting on the mailing list for their Ecobuzz newsletter, E-mailing manager@ecobuzz.org.uk or looking up their website at www.ecobuzz.org.uk

The Manager The Environment Centre.

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Stephen Peake 488293

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Several articles in the Spring issue had me reaching for pen and paper.

Nick Wheeler-Robinson seeks information about Clifford Bax. I believe his house was opposite The Chapel, with the garden running down to Coleheath Bottom. I have a list from 1920 giving names of subscribers for the Lych Gate, copy enclosed. Mrs Bax is mentioned twice. My father, Albert Frederick Ward and his Uncle, Albert Turner, in business as Ward & Turner, built the Lych Gate, also the one at Bradenham.

Regarding Jenny Cowan's interview with Gordon Ellis, I was contemporary with his brother, Eric. We attended the old Speen School, myself to the age of 7 when my family moved to Southampton.

The old King George was for several years, until 1908, the home of my Grandparents, Joseph & Julie (nee Plumridge) Floyd. The King George and the Farm were owned by Mr Frank Tyler, from Loosley Row. Grandad was the Landlord and Farm Bailiff. Chapel Cottage was owned by Joseph & Julie Floyd with ownership coming to them through the Plumridge family, one time Superintendents at The Chapel (both Williams – father and son).

Sarah Booth's article about The Sportsmans Arms also rang a bell. My Grandfather, William Montague was Landlord from 1854-1869; I believe the Montagues originally came from Pigotts.

I see the Lacey Green Windmill will hopefully be working on May 14th. My Grandfather – John Cheshire, was The Miller from 1863, until it ceased working in 1915.

Kind regards Roger Ward Bitterne Southampton Dear Editor

Tithe Barn in Lower North Dean

Details have recently come to light of the building of the great old tithe barn – converted to a house almost thirty years ago - next to North Dean House. The barn was built in 1651 for £49-3-6d and was for the collection of the Hughenden tithes purchased not long before by the Harvey family – London cloth merchants. (The oldest brother, William Harvey, is famous for discovering the circulation of the blood!). In 1652, an adjoining dwelling house (timber frame and brick infill) was built for the Steward – for £33-15-3d!

Work continues on these documents and the tithe account for the ten years following, as this is a remarkably complete and precise archive of some 200 documents. Of the 116 local surnames mentioned, 80% are to be found in the current Wycombe telephone directory!

Any photographs or pictures (or memories) of the tithe barn before its conversion would be of great interest – if you can help, please contact Nicholas Wheeler – Robinson 01494 562167



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I aim to be there to assist villagers and to provide a police presence locally.

I ask people to approach me with any issues they have and I will endeavour to assist, if appropriate.

As stated we are available at Princes Risborough police office. If you wish to get a message to us the main switchboard number is 08458 505505, they will put you through so you may leave a voicemail message for us. If you feel in immediate threat then don't hesitate to use 999.

Regards,

Pc 3768 Chris Allman Police Station Princes Risborough

Speen Festival—help wanted

The final analysis of last year's Festival revealed that the event just exceeded break even financially, thanks to the generosity of sponsors JNP, Lacey Green Parish Council, Philip Green & Partners, Speen Shop Charities Fund, Woodside Secretarial and Wycombe District Council. A reserve remains in the bank to be carried forward to help fund/underwrite the next Festival, which is due to take place in September 2007.

Many villagers kindly contributed their time in all sorts of ways to help to run the Festival, but the organisers would now be pleased to hear from people who would like to play a larger part in 2007 in terms of the organisation of events and/or the management of the Festival generally.

The first 3 Festivals (2001, 2003 and 2005) have been very successful community events for Speen. If you want to see this continue and are prepared to do something about it, please contact Martin & Marjorie Stockley on 488101.

Martin Stockley

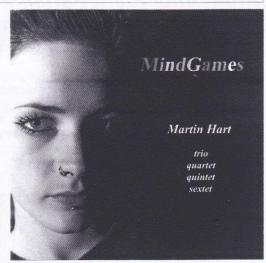
Speen Jazz Evening and release of CD

Gerry Mulligan was the inspiration for the Jazz Evening held in Speen Village Hall on March IIth – the latest in a series organised by Stan Bale to raise funds for Risborough Rotary. As always it was a sell-out!

Martin Hart brought together his colleagues from "The Century Jazz Quintet" to explore Mulligan's musical accomplishments. Mike Wills on saxophone and John Monney (bass) were old favourites, while the very experienced duo of Clive Burton (trombone) and Zane Cronje (piano) were new to the Village Hall. Martin's commentaries on the lazz Greats are always fascinating and this one was no different. The numbers played ranged from "Grand Tour" (from the recently re-issued "Age of Steam" album) through "Dragonfly" and "Venus de Milo" to "Walking Shoes" - perhaps Mulligan's most famous composition. The combination of baritone sax and trombone on several of the pieces worked really well and was different from anything we've heard in the village before.



The Jazz evening coincided with the launch of Martin Hart's own CD — "Mindgames", and Stan persuaded the quintet to play "Blues for Booker" from the CD for the loudly demanded encore. I had been looking forward to



the release since meeting Martin at the shop and hearing of his recording project. I would recommend it as a wonderful introduction to jazz because it draws on Martin's varied influences—from heroes such as Pat Metheny, Dave Brubeck and especially Louis Armstrong, to famous players he has worked with. All the tracks have been composed and

arranged by Martin himself, but it is diffi-

cult to choose a favourite because each

has its own style and draws on the skills

of a number of Martin's musician friends. The pieces include trios, quartets, quintets and sextets, but Mike Wills features in all but one. There is a wonderful combination of sax and trombone on three of the tracks, and guitar features on another. Martin makes up for not playing on the haunting "Piper at the Gate" with a drum solo on "Samba"

The CD has had several complimentary reviews in the press and on radio and Speen locals may recognise the face of Ruth Cowan on the cover. The "Mindgames" CD can only be purchased from Martin Hart 01494 488528.

By Wynne Davies

Therese".

Community Plan, Parish Plan, Village Design Statement, Development Plan—are you confused?

Tony Molesworth tries to explain it all and gives an update of the Community Plan

You'll have heard talk of all the above plans and statements over recent months and you'll hear much more as time goes on. Dave Howarth has provided an update on the Speen Village Design Statement on page 6. So how does it all fit together?

The Lacey Green Community Plan is run by the Lacey Green Parish Community Planning (Steering) Group, of which I am the chairman. This was set up in 2002 at the instigation of Bucks Community Action and Wycombe District Council, together with the Parish Council, following. guidelines formulated by the then Countryside Agency. It identified a large number of issues of concern to the community and the Planning Group has dealt with several of them either directly or via the good offices of other organisations and individuals.

The latest of our projects, launched this year and for which we have just received funding, is to produce a *Parish Plan*. This will be a document examining the needs, expectations, and aspirations etc of the Parish over a long term – perhaps up to 2035. We are supposed to complete this by the end of 2006, so it will be quite a task. Included as one of its defined aims is the production of a *Village Design Statement* for Speen. This is a separate document concerned largely with building design and related developments, and it will become a supplementary planning document (to be used by planners when considering planning applications).

The *Princes Risborough Development Plan* now extends at least in theory to cover a cluster of parishes around Risborough. This encompasses Lacey Green, Loosely Row and Speen. So far one of their main achievements has been to assist in the creation of a nature trail at Brush Hill opposite the Whiteleaf Cross car park. This wanders through some delightful woodland to a wonderful view across Risborough to Stokenchurch and beyond. Many more projects are planned and these currently relate

mainly to Risborough itself.

Lacey Green Community Plan—an update

We have just received a grant from DEFRA, through the good offices of Bucks Community Action, towards the production of a Parish Plan. This will be a formal statement of the ways in which we would like to Parish to develop over a period of some years, perhaps ten or more. It will reflect the views of the community at large and will therefore take up many of the points raised in the survey we carried out last year. The timetable calls for the final document to be completed by the end of 2006. The Community Plan Steering Group will carry out most of the work, but if anyone else would like to help, we would appreciate anything you may be able to contribute. Just call us.

There do not seem to be that many burning issues within the Parish, and we may have to be rather creative in developing the Plan. One thing which has not been included previously and which will be considered is the impact of probable climate change. Probably not too many floods, but there are other effects!

The plan will include one specified item, namely a Village Design Statement for Speen, which is being organized by David Howarth, and is reported elsewhere in greater detail (page 6). A Village Design Statement for Lacey Green and Loosley Row has already been produced, but has not yet been formally issued, and is still going though a long-winded approval process. It will ultimately be of value as supplementary planning guidance.

Tony Molesworth 0 1 8 4 4 3 4 4 9 7 5 or e mail: molechem@yahoo.co.uk

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Speen retain golf trophy

The Spring competition for the Peter Keen trophy took place in windy conditions on Thursday 18th May at the Mentmore Golf Club and Speen managed to retain the trophy for a sec-

Bill Groves receives the Peter Keen Trophy from John Rogers

ond year. A full match report will appear in the next issue.

The Autumn match will be played for the new Ivor Beeks trophy at Weston Turville Golf Club on Thursday 21st September 2006. This Autumn match will be the tenth anniversary of golf

competitions between North Dean and Speen and we will be running a sports quiz and supper at the Speen village Hall in July to raise funds for special prizes and shirts. North Dean have already raised funds to make this a special occasion.

The Autumn match is open to all residents of Speen and North Dean, so please contact one of us if you'd like to play.

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Being Healthy is really important at Speen School. Getting out and about is great fun and this year we have had lots of opportunities for out

of school learning.

This term Years One and Two are working on Sculpture and we are very grateful to John and Gloria Holmes. When the children visited their wood near the school Mr Holmes gave a very interesting talk about its use and development. En route the children collected material to attach to their 'Journey stick'

Weather permitting; they will also visit the Chiltern Sculpture Trail in Cowleaze Wood.

As part of the Wye Valley Sports Partnership, the children have had tennis coaching and took part in a Year 2' Risborough Schools Tournament at the Upper School where they came in second place.





Back at school they have had 2 specialist dance teachers working with them as well as a weekly Golf Lesson from a qualified professional.

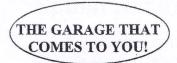
We are very grateful to Gloria Holmes who organizes helpers in school from the village.

Do you have an interest you would like to share with the next generation? If you have some spare time we would like to hear from you.

Energise 2006

The highlight of last term was the Presentation of NOAH at the Swan Theatre. Year 2 were the insects and danced and sang with 300 other children from the Wycombe area. Parents and staff were very proud of the children who had 2 very late nights performing to capacity audiences.







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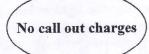
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Speen—'An idyllic place for children'

Betty Eckle was born at the house called Capri in Grubbins Lane, to Bert and Muriel Rixon. When she was 19 Betty met David Eckle and 4 years later they married in Speen Chapel. Apart from her first four years of marriage she has lived in Speen all of her life. Their daughter Angela was born in 1967, shortly after they moved to their new house in Grubbins Lane, and their son Paul was born in 1972

Betty's memories of growing up in Speen are of an idyllic place for children. Everyone went to the local school so there was a strong sense of community. The youngest children were taught in a smaller room by Miss Smith, who cycled over from Downley, and everyone else was taught by Miss Hopton, who used to walk to the Plough for her lunch every

Speen Chapel was the main source of socialising and entertainment. Everyone went to Sunday School, and there was Youth Club, Choir, and Sunday School outings by coach to the

seaside. At age 16 Betty joined Wycombe Girls' Choir and travelled all over the country for competitions and concerts. There were dances in North Dean village hall, which they walked to and from, and also dances organised by Wally Woods, from Coleheath Bottom, in Speen village hall. Music was provided by a gramophone - waltzes, quickstep etc.

A favourite place for teenagers to meet and 'hang out' was the seat on the green opposite the shop [no bus shelter in those days!]. Less legitimate entertainment for children to the form of scrumping for apples from the orchards, and for rhubarb from the allotments behind the Chapel - they would dip it in sugar and eat it raw!

Woods, and he was an auxiliary fireman in World War 2. Sometimes they

had to go to London during the Blitz. It was here that they got to know some London firemen, for whom life was extremely stressful at that time. Bert and other local firemen invited them and their families to come to Speen for weekends, to get away from the bombing. They stayed in an old caravan on Hillside it belonged to Stan Brett who gave his permission for it to be used by the visitors. Another place where the Londoners staved for weekends was a former chicken shed in Grubbins Lane [between Chiltern Heights and Westerley]. This was converted into living accommodation by the firemen themselves.

Betty's children have now grown up with families of their own, and she continues to live contentedly in her quiet and peaceful corner of Speen.

Jenny Cowan talked to Betty Eckle before writing this article. Thanks for this Jenny and Betty. We hope to bring you more personal memories of years gone by in future issues. If you might have something to contribute please call me on 488293-Ed

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Bert Rixon had a sawmill in Hampden Teenagers at a Speen Sunday School outing to the South Coast

It really is a small world

Photo of the chance meeting of David & Pauline Flynn of Speen and Eric & Lillian Cash of North Dean on March 6th 2006 in New Zealand. The location was the tiny harbour of Whitianga on the Coromandel, North Island.

We all knew we would be on the other side of the world at the same time, but never planned or expected to meet.

Needless to say we had plenty to talk about!



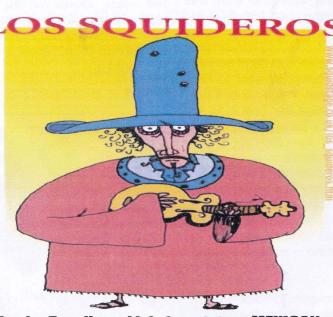
The Flynns and the Cashs in Whitianga—never planned or expected to meet

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A4010 Woodway / Culverton Junction

The latest situation on this junction improvement is that a decision to go ahead is expected shortly from the County Council. I have been told that Val Letheran, as the Portfolio Holder for Transport, will make a decision soon and that work should then start this year. I am not sure of the exact date yet so will keep you informed when I do.

The Speed Limit Review / Tranquil

The good news is that real progress is being made with the installation of the posts to carry the new limit signs. This means that the new limits should be in force soon. I have asked that the Speed Indicator Signs be made available so that these new limits can be reinforced in order that speeds are reduced. I am also told that the traffic police will be taking enforcement action at an early stage so please make sure you know where the new limits are and that you do not get an unwanted ticket.

Progress with Tranquil Project is also being made with the Parishes agreeing to the village entry treatments. I believe no request by the Parish has been made to provide either White Gates or the Oak Features for Speen. This is not the end of the project and work on the second phase includes consideration of the Quiet Lanes and traffic calming measures in areas where parish requests have been made.

The Village Design Statement

Work to restart this project has been made with a meeting scheduled for the 10th May 2006 - my thanks to David Howarth for taking on the chairmanship.

With the pressure on the South East to provide additional housing this is an opportunity to safeguard those features of the village that are important. When it is complete, the Statement will have the weight of Supplementary Planning Guidance. For Lacey Green and Loosley Row the new statement has already been used to support arguments against various proposals being made to develop land in the Parish, including the retention of community land.

I hope that as many villagers as possible will be able to take part as it is important that the statement, when complete, has village ownership. It is hoped that the Statement can be complete within a year so the more people who take part, the better it will be.

Recycling "GROW"

WDC are shortly to introduce a further box for plastics and cans. This is being done to try and create additional capacity for the general refuse "Grey" bin by taking out recyclable materials. Your comments on this would be helpful.

Community Leaders Grants

I am told that these grants will again be available from both District and County Council allowances, so if you do have a community project that would benefit from £200 to £500 pounds please let me know. Last year I was pleased to be able to help the Speen Playing Fields with £500 for safety improvements and £260 for the new cycle track on the Dan Ridgely field.

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Down on the Farm

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May is usually the most rewarding month for stock farmers. The winter work load is behind you and once you have patched up the fences and drilled the maize you can relax a little. May is also the month when our herd of Hereford beef cattle calve. You can see them in the nursery up Clappins Lane. Contrary to belief, cows are not always docile and when a cow has just had a calf she can be very vicious in order to protect her calf, so never go in a field if you think that a cow has recently calved. Later in the month we make silage and the really hard work starts again!

Jim and I started farming in North Dean in 1962 by renting Old House Farm from the Olinks who lived in The Old House. (Mrs Olink had an antique shop for many years). Jim's father and brother farmed at Cookshall Farm in West Wycombe and the two farms

were run together In those days we had a bit of everything; cows, chickens, and sheep, and we grew barley and wheat. By 1972 we had established a dairy farm at Old House. Jim and I then went into partnership with Donald Campbell of North Dean House, who already had a dairy herd. At that point we decided to specialise in dairy farming and have done so ever since.

Our son Charles joined us in 1987 and when in 1989 our daughter and son —in-law left university and they too wanted to work in this beautiful valley, we soon realised that the farm business wasn't big enough to support three families. In those days diversification had not been thought of !! We investigated growing asparagus and then ice cream was suggested. Susie and Andrew attended a one-day ice cream course which inspired them to invest in a small ice cream machine and a van. With Susie making the ice cream and Andrew making the deliveries, local customers were treated to their first taste of Beechdean farmhouse Dairy Ice Cream. Since then Beechdean has become a national brand —more about that in the next edition.

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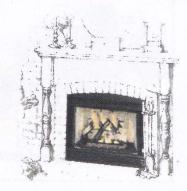
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News from Speen Baptist Church

Andy writes:

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Jack and Dan in action

The founders of Agape School – Sekhar and Chandra Godi – were visiting Speen this week and so the boys presented them with the proceeds so far.



Jack, Dan and friend with Chandra and Sekhar.

Sekhar preached at the service on Sunday 7th May whilst Chandra had a Q&A session with the church Teens

group on issues ranging as widely as the importance of education in India and miracles that she had seen.

The Alpha Course at the Old Plow and the Saturday Breakfast Alpha were so popular that many folk wanted to continue meeting as they explore their relationship with Jesus – so Alastair and Julie Blundell are hosting a **Post Alpha Course** on Wednesday evenings; some of the group below



The Ladies Breakfasts have become so popular that we have had to move to a ticket only basis. I'm sorry if you were unable to get into the most recent breakfast with Carolyn Bramhall but perhaps I can encourage you to get your tickets early for the next Ladies Breakfast with Surgeon **Dr Andy Houghton** on November 11th. Contact Sandy on 488875.

Percussionist Teryl Bryant will be leading the next **Men's Breakfast**, on 30th Sept in a community drumming event. Tickets from James on 488875.

Sadly I've now run out of space to write about the Speen Pre School Easter service, the First Aid Course and the Top Ten Songs of Praise & Tea for retired citizens!

Summary of Regular Church Activities

Sundays: 10:30am Worship for all ages incl. Creche,

Children's Sunday groups for 3's-12's and

Teens discussion group.

12:00 Fair Trade Stall in church hall (2nd

Sunday in month).

Mon: Meetings for Prayer at various homes

8:00pm Evening Home Group at 5 Abbots-

wood

Tues: 10:30am Men's Book Club at the Manse

Weds: 10:00-11:45am Daytime Home Group -

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commencing Tuesday 6th June until Friday 4th August 2006

The menu will be available Tuesday to Friday lunch and dinner and Sunday lunch too.

Similar to THE TIMES promotion, tables must be pre booked and the promotional menu requested at the time of booking. Tables can be booked for a maximum of eight people and are subject to availability.

(Weather permitting, we might also be able to serve in the garden!.)

To book the Bistro, Restaurant or a table for our special promotion, please telephone 01494 488300.

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