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SPEEN SCHOOL & LITTLE APPLES PRESCHOOL



Speen School rose to the annual request for a country dancing display at the Village Fete once again. The children looked delightful in their outfits and danced beautifully to three different songs. We were really pleased that even our youngest Reception pupils joined in the challenge (with just a couple getting stage fright at the last minute!).

The end of term will finish for us, with our annual play. Children have been rehearsing vigorously for both events, feeling very proud of themselves in all they have accomplished amidst a crazy year.

Little Apples pre-school meanwhile have also been busy. They had a cream tea last week - making and baking their own scones, together with washing and preparing various berries to have with them. We also welcomed our new Little Apple September starters to a teddy bears' picnic.

For more information about our school or Little Apples Preschool, email *office@speenschool.com* or have a look at our website *www.speen-cofe.bucks.sch.uk*.

Jacquie Coles Headteacher



Spring term news from Speen School PTA Vanessa Samuels & Fleur Ridley, PTA Co-Chair & PTA Secretary

It's been an incredibly busy term for the PTA. Buoyed somewhat by our success during the previous terms' activities, we returned to school in April ready to roll out further fundraising initiatives and events.

The introduction of 'Frozen Friday' has been a big hit with the children. For a number of Fridays this term the PTA has sold ice creams at school pick up which has been enjoyed by children and parents alike! In addition, our recent printer toner/ink recycling initiative raised almost £100 for the school as well as diverted over 200 cartridges from possible landfill. We were grateful to all residents, along with parents, who deposited their branded cartridges in our recycling bin. We plan to do a collection each term and would be grateful for any donations of branded cartridges (toner or ink) in our designated recycling bin which is situated next to our wooden gazebo as you enter the school.

Our ongoing Ebay sales of designer clothes donated during our two previous textile collections continue to sell well. Since March 2021 they have added an additional £227 to the £510 raised previously. We are planning another textile collection next term so if you are having a clear out over the summer holidays, please consider donating your items to us. Likewise, if there are any local families who have Speen school branded uniform they no longer need, we would be happy to take that off your hands for our second-hand uniform sales to existing and new parents.

Parents kindly donated many tombola items as well as their time to man our three stalls at this year's Speen fete. It was a fantastic afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and their families. We were delighted to be able to donate a huge children's hamper to the raffle too, with all items donated by families at the school.

The PTA has been busy revitalising the children's sensory garden in the grounds of the school. We were grateful to be donated a number of landscaping items by Country Supplies and after a busy morning of pruning, digging and cutting back, the sensory garden is being restored to its former glory. Likewise, our gazebo is also undergoing some important repairs. We were grateful to receive items donated for this task by M Glynn Builders.

Finally, this month the PTA were delighted to be involved in welcoming the new families and parents of children joining Speen school in September. With tea and cake at the ready, we met many of the new cohort and hopefully twisted their arm to get involved in the PTA side of life at our lovely school.



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Cat Cook

SEPTEMBER 2021 Speen Regenerates!

It's amazing what can happen when deadlines are short! I have 22 event organisers creating their events; I have 2 post-GCSE teens producing a website and online box office; I have 10 core team putting the mechanics of the festival together, and we have 6 weeks to make it all happen! It has been rather a leap of faith to get Festival planning underway this year, but as you read this we are on a roll!

Speen Festival 2021 will launch on August Bank Holiday weekend with the ever-popular Martin Hart Jazz Night bringing us the Great American Songbook, and for the next 15 days we have a wide range of activities for the whole community. If you have missed live events over the last 18 months, we have music events such as La Folia – a celebration of Italian composers through the ages; or comedy with Elliott Wengler and his star-studded line-up. The events created are always a reflection of our community and many this year highlight a focus on our own environments; our houses and how we heat them (SEAG Home Energy Event); how we look after ourselves with yoga and self care (Outdoor Pilates & Yoga, Relaxation and Self Massage); our possessions and how we can upcycle and repair them (Luxecycling and the Repair Barn). Maybe you've spent lockdown writing a book; you are not alone, hear how one resident got published at We've All Got A Book In Us.

Unfortunately, our Festival show in its previous form has been a victim of our current circumstances. With initial reduced ability to get a cast together our numbers were low, then subsequently decimated by isolations. Nevertheless, the production team remains committed for theatre to be a part of the Festival: look out for a Puppet Workshop or to try your hand at Stage Combat.

We look forward to finishing the summer holiday with you.

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SPEENHELPING HOSPICES

Gráinne Suter

Our Sunday Afternoon Jazz in the Park event was idyllic, everything you would want from a music event. Fabulous setting on the cricket ground at Great Hampden, a hot sunny Sunday afternoon sitting around with friends, sharing a picnic, drinking Pimm's and chilling to jazz from the Martin Hart Quartet supported by Johnny Thirkell on trumpet and Frank Walden on saxophone. We were treated to an amazing afternoon, great musicians giving their time and talent free to support Speen Helping Hospices.

Thank you to Martin and his group and Johnny and Frank. We are so lucky to have all this talent on our doorstep. The event raised £3,100, our most financially successful event this year.



What a glamourous setting we had for our pop-up Pub Night on Grubbins Lane. Thanks to the considerable dedication of the attendees the bar made a profit of ± 308 . Keep up the drinking Speen! Keep an eye out for details of the next pop-up pub night.

Thank you to Speen Fete Committee for nominating Speen Helping Hospices as its charity of the year on Fete Day. It provided an opportunity to raise our profile around the locality. There was a great atmosphere, lots of fun stalls and the weather was kind.

SHH was honoured to be the recipient of charitable donations at the funeral of Jane Oury who died in February. We would like to thank Jane's family for their kindness.

Have you seen the Festival Programme yet? Speen Helping Hospices are running one of the big Saturday night entertainments on Saturday 4th September. Organise your friends and get your tickets now for Party Music through the Decades. Tickets are £20 each and include a Disco and a two course supper. Retro Night two years ago, again organised by SHH, was a pretty wild night and we look forward to welcoming all those ravers back on the 4th.

A wine tasting evening is planned for late September. Tickets will be on sale shortly to include wine tastings, cheese and charcuterie platters.

On 6th October we are organising a Bridge event with afternoon tea in North Dean Village Hall. This is a call out to bridge players to get a table together and join us for a stimulating (of brain and taste buds) afternoon.

Our Christmas Market is on the 13th November in the Chapel Hall. This is always a popular event in a lovely setting. We have new stall holders this year and can promise you the perfect setting to buy early for Christmas.

With Christmas in mind, we have carol singing around the village over three nights, a Christmas Hamper raffle and

maybe another village fun run booked for December. All the dates will be on our website *www.shh-onlineshop.org*.

We really need your support at all our events, and just to remind you the charities you are supporting are Helen and Douglas House, the children's hospice in Oxford, Florence Nightingale, Rennie Grove Hospice and South Bucks Hospice. They all need us to support them to ensure they can support us should/when we need their services. If you think you can support or sponsor a fundraising event, offer a prize for a raffle or would like to help us in some way, please contact me *grainnesuter@btconnect.com* or 07778 803260.







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Ashridge Home Care Founder, Managing Director and Speen resident, Trudi Scrivener, who is passionate about making sure all clients can maintain their independence and grow old with dignity. "Live in care has shown time and again that it is beneficial from both a physical and mental wellbeing perspective. It allows people to stay in the comfort of their own home, amongst their own possessions and memories, yet receive comfort, companionship and professional care as they need it."

Recently voted Best Employer in Buckinghamshire, the team at Ashridge are always looking at how they can improve the quality of life for their clients and have introduced some great new innovations, such as appointing a head chef to help mentor other carers to learn how to cook simple, nutritious meals. They even produced their own recipe book with the help of TV chef and nutritionist, Janet Brinkworth from the BBC's Saturday Kitchen! Other creative ideas include developing a 10 minute yoga routine that carers can do with clients to keep them moving and arranging for a footcare practitioner to teach basic footcare to carers via online sessions.

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SPEENVILLAGE HALL

Bill Groves, Chairman Speen Village Hall Management Committee



We are now hopeful of fully opening the Village Hall from Monday 19th July. This means that we will be able to commence our normal activities of Bridge, Garden Club, W.I., Table Tennis, Yoga etc.

During lockdown we have managed to tidy up the garden area and to replace the awning. I am also very pleased to report that we have recruited a new member to our management team - Richard Hodge from Holly Goblins, Studridge Lane. We are planning to replace the exterior kitchen door and to paint the outside and the railings.

Our Christmas Fayre is booked for Saturday 4th December and we will be making our normal request for gifts for the various stalls

The Hall is available to Speen Organisations and Speen residents at reduced rates and if any one wishes to book please contact Sue Taylor on 488500

SPEENHERITAGE GROUP

Peter Symonds

Speen Buses

In previous editions we have provided records of the restored old Scooter bus (LT 1076) that was spotted at the London Transport Museum where records indicated that it had been recovered from Speen. Initial enquiries suggested that this might have been restored from an old chicken house sited at Darvills Farm but further information confirmed that this bus was recovered from land below the far corner of the school site close to Guys Wood. Thanks to Ward Jones of North Dean we now can report on what happened to the Darvills Farm bus.

One might wonder why Speen has had a history of old buses hidden away in remote locations. It transpires that after the second world war there were some 20 or more buses around Speen that provided shelter and accommodation for people and families from London who had lost their housing as a result of the blitz. Evidently the Darvills Farm bus was the last one to be removed from the village in 1977, albeit a second bus by the one at Guys Wood simply decayed to nothing. The Darvills Farm bus (UF6805) was a Southdown Motor Services bus built in 1930 with a Tilling Stevens chassis and a 31 seat Short Bros body. In 1940 it had been requisitioned for use by the War ministry for transporting agricultural workers in Cambridgeshire and then as a rest centre for firemen during the London blitz.

It was acquired by Mr and Mrs Anderson of Darvills Farm and used as a chicken house until it was spotted by an enthusiast who wished to see it restored. In 1977 it was rescued and taken away for restoration at the Chalkpits Museum in Amberley, Sussex. 30 years after its discovery in Speen it was granted an MOT and now appears at rallies and events resplendent in its 'Southdown' green and cream.

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Innovative ways of staying together have continued for our members this year. Knowing that there would be no face to face meetings before the summer at the earliest, Zoom meetings, telephone calls and distanced chats in the garden have kept us in touch. An Easter Gift Bag replaced the April meeting and members were delighted to receive an Easter Egg, a primrose and a

packet of wild flower seeds. These last items are now appearing as indigenous plants in our gardens and around the village. It also included a beautiful card, handmade for each person by Lesley Batting.



Buckinghamshire WI members have been busy sewing for the NHS again. This time the request was for fabric bags that could be given to patients at discharge to carry their possessions. So far 500 have been delivered to hospitals in the County and are being warmly received.

Some of us tuned in to the Bucks Federation Annual Meeting which this year had to be online. Among the excellent speakers was Jay Blades of Repair Shop and Money for Nothing fame. He is a local man from High Wycombe and we were fascinated to learn of his early work setting up workshops for disaffected teenagers to teach them craft skills and perhaps find a future career. How close to the ideals of the WI is that ? By June we were at least able to meet as a group in a member's garden and were lucky with a beautiful sunny day when we could drink Prosecco and toast our hoped for return to some form of normality. Unfortunately we still await our first full meeting.



As last year's 100 years of the WI in Buckinghamshire Garden Party had to be cancelled it was rescheduled for this year. Already the first date in July has had to be postponed but all being well, the grounds of Waddesdon Manor will host the WI in August.

Preparations are underway for a slightly different style of tea tent at Speen Fete, but we will rise to the challenges and look forward to seeing you all there.

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NORTH DEANNEWS

Well in common with so many other institutions during 2020/2021, we in North Dean have been keeping our heads down and generally obeying HMG guidelines! However, we have spent the time preparing for "lockdown release" in the following ways.

During the Spring of 2021 we instructed a local fencing contractor to replace and renew completely the fence around our Village Hall playground area. This work was very ably done by David Stocks Fencing Contractor and has brought this area up to suitable standard again.

Following on from the new fence, we decided that the Village Hall itself needed some exterior maintenance, and again using local contractor M. A. Atherton Painter & Decorator this work was completed during a much extended period of May and June, due to the very poor weather.

Next, our "piece de resistance" and to celebrate one hundred years in Autumn this year of the building of our Village Hall, we have purchased an extremely majestic looking clock, that will shortly be fixed to the outside apex above the entrance doors. This should be a tremendous and lovely visible asset to the hall. My thanks to Jeremy Mudie for organising this purchase.

At our recent AGM, three existing committee members stood down, and our grateful thanks to them for all the hard work and support they have put in over the last few years. We wish Gerry and Joe Luckett and Jez Wicks all the best.

Three new members have volunteered to join our committee which will therefore still be at full strength. We are now looking forward to our Lockdown Release Party on Saturday, August 14th, to be held in the Village Hall field in the form of a Pig Roast with music and suitable refreshments. £5.00 per adult, and children free. (First drink free!). We will hope to organise other events, with more information coming out shortly.

On the sporting front, we are arranging to play Speen in the Autumn for the "Beeks Golf" Trophy and any new golfers who wish to join in should contact myself.

Finally, it should not go without mention that very sadly over the last few months we have lost much beloved husbands and fathers in Clive Edwards, Desmond Ryman and Nic Heald. All will be very sadly missed"

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Speeding through North Dean

During and since the very first lockdown it has become clear to many North Dean residents that the Speen Road through our village is being used as a "rat run" between Princes Risborough and other villages and High Wycombe. Already this year at least three cats have been killed by road users and many residents feel that it is only a matter of time before something worse happens.

In fact at the recent AGM attended by a record twenty-six villagers, this problem was brought up under AOB. (There are only eighty-four dwellings in North Dean so this was a substantial number of people showing an interest in village affairs!) Villagers have also noticed that the quality of driving of some drivers passing through has deteriorated, with unnecessary hand signals being shown on occasion. There are already two MVAs speed warning signs in the village, but it was resolved that more needs to be done in the form of writing to local councillors, Transport for Bucks and possibly to get further speed calming measures installed, especially as there is likely to be an increase in traffic from the new development in Clappins Lane. We may also have to resurrect the "Speed Watch" system.







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Clive passed away peacefully at the Florence Nightingale Hospice, Stoke Mandeville with his family by his side. He lost his courageous battle only 7 months after being diagnosed with terminal cancer of the Oesophagus, aged just 54.

Clive faced every day with such positivity and true courage. His quiet strength and irrepressible humour always present, even in the final weeks that he shared with his family.

A loving husband to Sharon and a dedicated father to Charlie, Jacob, Alfie and Charis, Clive

was a humble man of many talents, but in particular a great sportsman and talented artist. Always positive, polite, charming, kind-hearted and fun.

Another of his talents was his ability to fix things. He was regularly commissioned to work on the gardens and houses of neighbours and even on the North Dean village hall.

Clive played for the victorious North Dean cricket team. He was an integral member in charge of running the bar at the village fete for many years, alongside Craig and they certainly contributed more than their fair share to the fete's most profitable stall!



In the neighbourhood Clive was a man everyone loved and trusted. This is evident from the warm words and overwhelmingly generous donations received in his memory from the community he lived in. We are all so proud to have 'Clive's Gate' now installed behind the two barns in North Dean and 'Clive's Bench' sighted on the village green. Both fantastic memorial tributes set within the village that he loved, and a regular reminder to keep Clive's memory alive when walking in the beautiful North Dean countryside.

The family would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who contributed and of course to Craig who took on the mantle of organising such special tributes.

Clive's funeral was held on 3rd December 2020. It was very sad that so many of those who loved him were unable to share the day and say their goodbyes. The family would like to thank all those friends and neighbours who took the time to line the roadsides for Clive's onward journey to Greenacres. It was so heart-warming to see such support and feel the love of so many.

Clive will be greatly missed and notably leaves a huge void in the lives of everyone who knew and loved him.

Sharon Edwards

BEECHDEANDOWN ON THE FARM

In view of the problems caused by the covid pandemic, a few months of 'normal' weather would have been most welcome on the farm. This spring and early summer rains have been anything but normal. April was very dry and May resembled a 'monsoon' in many parts of the area. Cattle grow better in dry weather with limited grass than they do in wet weather with large quantities of lush grass. 'The April showers we are

experiencing in June are not helping haymaking. We are praying for a dry July for the cattle and the harvest.

The government's ELMS (Environmental Land Management Scheme) is taking shape in this part of the Chilterns. 18 farmers are working together with help from the Conservation Board to form the Central Chilterns Farmer Cluster. The Board have obtained National Heritage Lottery Funding to assist these farmers in improving the environment for wildlife on their 6,500 hectares.



Several different projects are at present underway. 52 owl nesting boxes have been installed in barns. Farm bird surveys, both in winter and spring are being carried out. The Hughenden Ringing Group have ringed 339 birds, including 19 corn buntings and 93 yellowhammers. A small mammal and amphibian/reptile survey has been agreed to cover 18 farms.

We must not forget that the prime objective of farming is food production and in uncertain times it becomes more so. However much of the Chilterns is not suitable for cereal, let alone vegetable growing. The steep grass banks are however useful for grazing animals. Beef animals provide a highly nutritious food as well as producing the dung pats which feed hundreds of insect larvae which feed the birds which we all value.





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OBITUARY Desmond Ryman

The village of North Dean has recently lost its 'Lord of the Manor', Desmond Ryman. He was a much loved and respected member of the community, as was demonstrated on the day of his funeral when nearly all the villagers were at the roadside to say goodbye. He was always ready to help everyone in any way he could.

Nationally he was known as an innovative businessman who, in1951, had inherited Rymans Stationers from his father and transformed it into a highly successful country-wide enterprise. Desmond lived life to the full. He loved fast cars and in his younger years piloted himself to work in his helicopter. He also bore more than his fair share of tragedy, being made a widower twice before finding happiness again with Christine, who describes him as fun loving, mischievous, generous and kind. North Dean is a much poorer place without him.

Gill Kent



The day's event began with Desmond returning to his beloved North Dean House for the final time, led by the funeral director walking down the drive ahead of the hearse,

followed by the Limo (if you please ...) for the 5 of us (Jeremy, Richard, Oliver, Vicki and myself). Although very dignified, it was rather difficult to see Desmond coming home like that - one of many poignant moments, this one I was always dreading! We took some photos, then climbed into the Limo, masks and all, and the director again led the procession out of our drive walking through our village, past all the villagers who had lined the long road, standing outside their houses, especially to bid Desmond their last farewell. What a heartfelt gesture, and what a turnout! Desmond would have been so honoured, I know that. We were all overwhelmed with emotion - the faces, the sorrow, the respect - there were tears, both in our car and outdoors. This image will always be etched in our hearts & minds, as not only was it a most moving start to the day's ceremony, but also deeply appreciated.

The remainder of Desmond's 'Grand Finale' as I call it flowed smoothly, with mixed emotions throughout. Our lovely vicar Helen presided with such calm that only she can muster! Our final placing of the red roses on Desmond, so movingly to the tune of Frank Sinatra's 'My Way', was just the most beautiful and befitting ending. He would have loved that. So we need not have been nervous after all, his send-off was indeed a most memorable one, and we have all done him proud!

Afterwards, as gathering indoors was not permitted (very sadly) the five of us came home and sat in the Drawing Room, all nice and snug, munching away on deliciously

Desmond's Final Farewell



delicate sandwiches and dainty little cakes and a hot 'cuppa', playing Desmond's favourite music in the background, and chatting away merrily. It was as if Desmond was there all the time with us – so very special!

I am bearing up, a month on, but it is too difficult, we were after all literally side by side and inseparable for over 10 years. No-one is ever prepared for this and I remain shattered and shocked. Desmond enriched me with

his love, humour, generosity, kindness and drama too at times (garage clearing comes to mind!), so I am full to the brim with his many gifts! How lovely!

We have been quite overwhelmed by the beautiful bouquets, and great volume of letters, cards and phonecalls which we have received expressing every kind of sympathy and understanding in our great loss. It is such a comfort to know Desmond leaves so many happy memories both to us and with so many of you.

Desmond had a long and colourful life to say the least, but was also struck by tragedy early on with Shirley. Then Cicely came to his rescue to fill that void, which lasted over 40 years, and about 8 years after her passing, I appeared on the scene! 91½ years IS a great age to live to. But a life is more than a number of years. It is said that the measure of a good life is in the number of other lives that are touched and enriched. As is evident from all the flowers, letters, cards and phone-calls received, there is not one person whose life has not been enhanced in some way by knowing Desmond. You, his family, and your friendship over all the years - be it long or short - have played a part in that measure of his life. So thank you for being such a wonderful friend to him.

From all the family and myself, we are appreciative of your love for Desmond, beyond any measure.

Christine, Jeremy & Pamela, Sarah & Bill and Oliver & Vicki xxxx

SPEENFETE

Helen Davies & Clare Morris

For the first time in over 50 years Speen Fete had to be cancelled last year, so it was with much celebration that the 2021 fete went ahead on the 3rd July. Despite ghastly forecasts the rain stayed away, and a fantastic afternoon was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who attended as extra patience was needed to manage the queues and token system.

Opened by John & Gloria Holmes to a large audience in combination with the unveiling of the new plaque renaming the pavilion as the Holmes Pavilion, celebrating the efforts they have made to Speen over many years. It was a delight to welcome back Martin Hart and the Speen Feetwarmers Jazz Band and Speen School's Country Dancing was a highlight for many. Jem Symondson led a thank-you clap to all those who have proved so valuable to residents during the Covid pandemic.

The arena was later filled with a taster of Speen Fun Day, organised by Matt Davies, as teams from across the village enjoyed hilarious games with much rivalry, cheating and laughter. Traditional sideshows kept everyone entertained and filled with sweets. The chapel served up their usual tasty BBQ, the W.I. delicious tea and cakes and the run on the bar resulted in an additional trip to Rebellion brewery. In the evening the football was shown, and a pizza van tried to feed everyone before bedtime.

Of course, the Fete would not be able to run without the support of the committee, largely made up of representatives of all the village organisations. In addition, all the volunteers on the day and in the run up and clear down afterwards who make it happen. A special thanks to Amanda Dobbs for her copious form filling and her plentiful supply of sanitiser for ensuring we met the Covid event guidelines that we had to comply with to proceed.

It's also important to thank the many businesses who support us by placing an advertisement in the Fete Programme or who provided donations of Grand Draw prizes. These contribute greatly to funds and the programme provides an ongoing reference of local services.

Our main charity this year was Speen Helping Hospices. Although the final numbers have yet to be reconciled, we are confident that we will be able to present them with a significant sum and in addition provide all involved village organisations with a healthy cheque. At a time when fundraising has been a challenge, we know that these will be a real boost.

There were many highlights to this year's fete but for many the sheer joy of being able to come together again as a community, meet many new faces and reconnect with friends, all whilst watching children having great fun made for a priceless afternoon of memories – at last something to celebrate.

See you next year on the 9th July!

Congratulations to the following competition winners:

Colouring competition: Jack, Niamh & Klay from Speen School Photography competition: Speen in lockdown – Anna Dow Celebration – Helena Winson

Decorate a pebble: Harry Davies

Two decorated cupcakes: Elsie Rogers Decorated celebration cake:

> Olivia Davies Best dressed house*: 9 Abbotswood

Sponsors choice*: The Williams'

* The 'Decorate Your House' competition was sponsored by Amanda Dobbs, in memory of her father John Turner who loved seeing the house transformations unfold.



Grand Draw 1st Prize: £250 Oil – Boiler Juice Ann Beale 2nd Prize: £150 Cash Mark Gibson 3rd Prize: Assorted tools – Briants Debbie Tilt 4th Prize: £50 Oil – Boiler Juice George Grey

5th Prize: Darvill's Farm Voucher Corinne Simmonds

6th Prize: Cut & Blow Dry - 24 Hair Mike Foster

7th Prize: Wren Davis 2 weeks' milk delivery Michael (Kimble) School: Children's Hamper Gloria Holmes WI: Fruit Basket Jill White Chapel: Tea for Two Miles Awdry SHH: Garden Tools from Hildreths Ester Comunello

SEAG: Hamper of Environmentally Friendly Products The Pisani family

Playing Fields: Hamper of 'Booze' Denny Moody

Tennis Club: Junior Tennis Racket Pat O'Neill

Village Hall: Delivery of Indian Meal for 2 Lucy Williams



Photos by Peter Symonds and Maureen Laing



SPEENPLAYING FIELDS

Clare Morris, Outgoing Chair

Thanks to all those who turned out for a bumper work party in March. It was great to see so many people responding to our requests to help maintain our village Playing Field. The fete team are particularly grateful to all those who helped put up the new fete shed - not an easy task. Our Autumn work party is scheduled for 25 September and we hope to follow it with beer and burgers. No sheds to build I promise!

It's been a quiet few months on the Playing Fields with Covid restrictions resulting in Fun Day cancellation for the second year. Therefore, the fete was even more widely anticipated with a taster of fun-day events one of the highlights of the afternoon. Hopefully this will have whetted your appetite for Fun Day proper next year.

The work by S.E.A.G to create a wildflower meadow on Ridgeley's Field is paying off with it looking fantastic this year and no doubt the bike park will become a popular facility as we enter the school holidays. Many thanks to all those that have signed up for the SPF draw – entries need to be in by 31st July for inclusion in the annual draws running from August 21 to July 22.

Finally, this will be my last article as Chair of Speen Playing Fields as I step down from a role I have enjoyed for the past few years. The Playing Field Committee are a great team of highly skilled enthusiastic volunteers with many different and complementary skills. We are looking for someone to step into the role. I know they will be supported and guided. It's not a meeting-heavy committee, with just four a year, and it is hugely rewarding. I know as we go into summer how much my children will benefit from having a safe space to hang out in – however all these facilities rely on people stepping up and being involved. To discuss please email *clare.morris@mac.com* or call me on 07785 114660.

Many thanks for all your support.

Clare Morris Speen Playing Fields

SPEENMARQUEE



The Speen marquee is a village owned asset available for use by villagers within the local area. The management, maintenance and uppings/downings is all run by a very small team of three; Greg, Jem and James.

There was a previous marquee bought in around 2000. The current 60x40 ft marquee with which many of you are familiar was purchased in early 2009 for about £9,000. In order to be able to provide a replacement marquee within the next few years, the current marquee is 'hired' out for village events and private functions at a small charge.

Our fund is healthy and following review after the 2019 festival it was agreed we should purchase a smaller event tent type marquee to act as a bar or small annex as required. The new 6x6m tent cost us £1500.

The accounts remain healthy and I expect to replace the current large marquee within the next few years as we should be able to get a few grand in resale value.

If you are able to offer your support either for upping or downing, the notices go out on a number of village WhatsApp groups.

If you feel you could do more than that and maybe step up to helping us with the small task of team leading, we would welcome your support as the three of us have been running the marquee for over 10 years now. We aren't going anywhere but more help would be welcome

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MUSICAL SHEEP AT DARVILLS HILL FARM

Charlotte Downing

Recently a neighbour asked if I was playing musical sheep as they had noticed I keep moving our flock of rare breed sheep into a fresh paddock every three days. I agreed it looked it bit odd, especially as I have discovered that if I clap my hands a couple of times, and call "Come on then", the flock mobilise themselves and calmly walk into the next paddock.

I was sceptical of my shepherding ability when I embarked on this approach to grazing in the Spring. I figured I would need to engage the services of a sheep dog, or if you have been following Jeremy Clarkson on 'Clarkson's Farm'



(Amazon Prime), a drone. However, as much as I would like to think that this magical compliance comes from my skill as a novice shepherd, it is more likely to come from the sheep's ancient instinct to find new pasture.

The idea behind this steady movement of livestock is that by allowing grazing for only short periods of time, with vegetation and manure being trampled into the ground and a longer recovery time, soil health is improved. Essentially, we are working with nature to draw down and store carbon in the soil and improve biodiversity

This was brought into sharp focus for me this year when I learnt that there is less than three percent of species rich grassland left in the UK and that we are fortunate enough to have some of this rare habitat at the farm. I am hopeful that this game of musical sheep will, in the coming years, continue to protect and enhance the Flowers Bottom Lane wildflower meadows.

PS If you are interested in finding out more about the importance of soil in improving the health of the planet, I would recommend the 2020 Netflix documentary "Kiss the Ground". It is worth a view.

FACING UP TO FATHER: *The Pleasures and Pains of a Cotswold Childhood*

by David Worlock with illustrations by Rufus Mills.



"You will never earn a living with just your pen and your brain ", my father said. "Even if you leave now, you will still have to come back here when you can't get a job". In a small village in Gloucestershire this refrain, repeated from my tenth year until I at last reached Cambridge in the early '60s, seemed like a fatal judgement, so I submitted to training in "the skills that everyone will always want, the skills that will keep you employed for life". Thus it was that I learnt to lay a hedge, fashion a dry stone wall and construct a

Ha-Ha. In 1950s agriculture we lived in a strange twilight zone between the horse drawn pre-war world and the revolution that came with the Lend Lease tractor. And Father, who hated tractors, was wonderfully eccentric in other ways. A lover of fox hunting as a random cross country chase, he pursued his hobby with absolute devotion for 56 years, and through

many injuries. While as his son I just wanted to escape a 350 year tradition of son succeeding father on the farm. I wrote this book to remember the reconciliation as well as the conflicts, and the laughable and endearing events that surrounded them both .

Available in paperback for £10.99 from bookshops and Speen Stores.



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WILDLIFEWATCH

Peter Symonds

Summer 2021

Spring provides the prime breeding opportunity for most species and as usual there have been successes and failures. Red Kites which often nest in a garden on Grubbins Lane failed to raise any young following a severe storm. Mallard nest quite widely around the village favouring enclosed gardens and small ponds, but nests can be away from water in thick vegetation where they hope to avoid be found by foxes. This year three nests in our own garden were raided by foxes with nearly 40 eggs being lost but having added a couple of feet of extra wire netting down the side of the garden two further nests have been successful with 4 birds having flown and 3 large duckling making good progress with a further clutch still being incubated. Other broods have hatched at the Biffa's revitalised pond and at gardens in Hampden Gate and Grubbins Lane.



Family of 10 moorhens sunbathing next to their pond

Moorhens nested again in our garden and have raised 8 young which are now fully grown with the female sitting on a second clutch of eggs. In Water Lane three of four young moorhens have survived apparently.

In local woods both Green and Great spotted woodpeckers are known to have bred and reared young and families of Nuthatches and Marsh Tits have also been seen. Stock Doves have used woodland nest boxes and Jackdaws have bred around the village both in chimney tops and large holes in trees. Local farmland bird surveys reported good numbers of Skylarks (190), Blackcaps, Whitethroats and Yellowhammers in Lacey Green and then 4 Yellow Wagtails in Loosley Row in June.

In terms of more unusual sightings in the wider area Dick Seekins again reported the presence of satellite tagged White Tailed Sea Eagle in the county on 17th June. Peregrine Falcons attempted to nest on All Saints church in Wycombe town centre whilst a pair in Marlow successfully raised three young. 100 swifts were reported from Hughenden on 23rd June diving to feed on emerging insects over the fields. A Coot in Hughenden Park and a Little Grebe at Great Hampden were also unusual records.

During Spring various environmental groups promoted the concept of "No mow May" to enable wild flowers to flourish in lawns and roadside banks. In both Speen and North Dean orchids have been apparent in locations where they are not always present with several pyramidal orchids in Abbotswood and also in North Dean at the bottom of Clappins Lane.



Pyramidal Orchid in Abbotswood

Also in Spring many of our deer are still readily visible and a walk around my own wood in early April enabled me a get photographs of a beautifully camouflaged Muntjac fawn and a young male Roe deer still shedding velvet from his antlers.



Young Muntjac fawn superbly camouflaged against the leaves

Please let me know of any interesting sightings. Peter Symonds 488016 or *psymonds590@gmail.com*.



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Lacey Green Parish Councillors for Speen – Roger Craft and Philip Suter

Speed Watch update

Buckinghamshire Council's TFB division has now agreed to remove the short 30 MPH repeater sign near the scout hut and opposite the Speen village sign on Chapel Hill and replace it with a large painted 'roundel' like there was many years ago. This time there will be one on the other side of the road reminding drivers that although they have left Speen, they are still in a 30 MPH zone as they go towards North Dean.

Full Complement of Councillors

We now have seven Parish Councillors - five representing the Lacey Green & Loosley Row Wards - Cathryn Davies (LGPC Chair), Miv Hughes, Jean Roberts, Tim MacGillivray & Keith Bowler and two representing the Speen Ward - Roger Craft (LGPC Deputy Chair) & Philip Suter. Frank Post is the Parish Council Clerk and any correspondence or issues you wish to raise with the Parish Council should be addressed in the first instance to the Clerk by email: *clerk@laceygreen-pc.org*.

Street signs

Over the past three years the Parish Council has arranged with Wycombe District Council (now Buckinghamshire Council) to replace seven of the street name signs and a replacement for Arch Way has been ordered. We are experiencing more and more delivery vehicles in the area so if your property has one of these signs outside that could get overgrown by your hedge, please can you make sure that the sign does not get covered by the foliage.

Waste bin for area by Speen sign on Hampden Road

We have asked Buckinghamshire Council to move the waste bin opposite Water Lane (not the one on the corner of Water Lane) and relocate it next to the green sand dispenser near the Speen sign on Hampden Road. If they are unable to move the bin, we have requested an additional bin instead. This should mean that there is an additional bin for dog walkers coming up Hampden Road.

Studridge Lane Pond update

Lacey Green Parish Council (LGPC) own and have responsibility for several assets in the villages of Lacey Green, Loosley Row and Speen. One such asset is the pond in Studridge Lane, Speen. In October 2016, under the supervision of The Chiltern Society, volunteers from The Chiltern Society, local residents and Parish Councillors cleared the pond. Unfortunately, the pond has now got overgrown again and after an approach and agreement of LGPC a working party from The Speen Environmental Action Group (SEAG) carried out a limited clearance of the pond towards the end of last year. This year, members of LGPC and SEAG met and had a discussion at the pond on morning of 28th May to discuss further work to be carried out this Autumn. LGPC advised that they had been in discussion with other Parish Councils and the Chiltern Society to get advice. A few contractors with environmental experts are being sought to get costed proposals of how to proceed with further works to clear/ tidy the pond. In the meantime, LGPC must reiterate that responsibility for the pond remains with the Parish Council and no events at or work to the pond are to be carried out before advising/seeking permission via the Clerk.

HORSETRUST



The Horse Trust are delighted to announce that we will be re-opening our doors for the first time in 16 months! Come back and catch up with all of your favourite horses, ponies and donkeys and enjoy a bite in the Black Beauty Tea Room afterwards. We will now be opening from 28th July, Wednesday – Sunday, 1-4pm. All visitors must pre-book entry slots in order to gain entry, in order to keep you and our team safe. Please keep an eye on our website for more information about timeslot booking.



Update

While we have been rightly pre-occupied by the pandemic, the climate emergence and biodiversity loss have not gone away and may be even more serious. However, there are some hopeful signs because so many of us are tuned into these distressing subjects and are doing more specially to take care of our own environment. But we need effective action by our local council and central government to get real change off the ground.

The G7 summit which entailed some world leaders jetting in by private plane seems to have been disappointing in terms of genuine action and financial pledges. We must hold out hope for Cop26 in November.

SEAG has continued to work with our local Parish Council and the North West Community Board discussing local initiatives and projects such as the Studridge Lane pond. We continue with our successful Veg Patch Pals project, encouraging a 'No Mow May' policy and have started two new recycling opportunities in the village – tennis ball collection and a Tetracycle bin next to the Village Shop. We have continued our policy of disseminating useful information, answering members queries, and publishing information and online webinars on vital topics such as home energy and electric car use. We also keep in close contact with other environmental groups through our membership of Bucks Climate Action Alliance *www.bucksclimateactionalliance.org* and also the Risborough group CanR.

We hope that as Covid recedes we can engage in person with the community and continue our vital work together. Thank you for your support and please join up to receive updates and further information.

Jane Farley seag@btinternet.com

Going Green in Speen and North Dean

Jeni Fairey

Although many of us chose to live in Speen and North Dean because of their timeless rural charm, there are some things about this area which really do need to move with the times if we are to avoid losing the beautiful landscape around us. The majority of homes in this area are still heated using fossil fuels, which are finite and polluting, the burning of which is a huge contributor to global warming.



Oil and gas burners are the most carbon intensive forms of heating a home while thermal solar panels are the least (Credit: Leonardo Soares). Government intends to introduce changes to the Building Regulations, dubbed the Future Homes Standard, with the aim of ensuring all new homes will have low carbon heating and "world-leading levels of energy efficiency" by 2025.

For those of us who want to do our bit to reduce our carbon emissions at home, tackling our source of energy for water and home heating as well as cooking would be a big, impactful gesture. There are various ways we could effect this change: lobbying local government in order to obtain help in the form of grants etc.; we could all group together and bring about a huge change to our area's carbon dioxide emissions by collaborating in a community energy scheme like some very forward-thinking villages such as Frome and Swaffham Prior (www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk), or one could take on the project alone.

To make these changes in one's home may seem daunting. Where does one find out reliable companies? Where does one begin? Does it cost a fortune? Would you save money?

Our SEAG event prior to the pandemic highlighted that many people would like SEAG to share as much information as possible with them to help them make changes, therefore, SEAG are seeking out those forward-thinking individuals within our villages who have already made the changes in their homes or are pursuing this change to ask them to share their learning with all of us in the hope that more of us might make some positive changes to our energy sources. We hope you find the following interview with Jo Podmore useful.

We hope to highlight other CO2 reducing choices too in future issues, including Electric Vehicles. If anyone wishes to share learning, do please get in touch at *seag@btinternet.com*.

Living with Renewable Energy Sources

Interviewee: Jo Podmore

Which form of renewable energy supply do you have installed in your home?

A ground-source heat pump. It is an IVT Greenline, Single Phase 9 Kw, made in Sweden.

What made you decide to go for this?

When we bought Kingsford 16 years ago, we planned to extend and refurbish the existing house. There was no central heating and no gas supply to the village - as now. Through my work, I was aware of the developments in renewable energy and Stu and I were keen to try to make a ground source heat pump work for us.

Did you do the research yourself, and if so, where did you find the best information?

I visited Future Build, an exhibition in London and a great source of information on sustainable building design and construction. Once we decided upon ground source, we went to a number of installers for quotations. As well as a budget, this process provided a greater understanding of the issues involved. It gave us the opportunity to ask the opinions of the different companies who design, supply, install the equipment and supply the warranty.

Which company did you chose to use in the end?

We used ICE Energy, based in Oxford. This company specialised in heat pump installation. Ground works required to install the heat collectors in our garden were carried out by a separate contractor, with guidance from ICE Energy (no longer operating).

So your house was not a new-build?

No, but we did carry out the work as part of a refurbishment and extension which included installation of underfloor heating downstairs, larger radiators upstairs, upgrading the insulation, and replacing the single glazing with more thermally efficient windows.

Did the installation cause much disruption?

The ground works were the most disruptive: 3 trenches were dug, 15 metres long by 3m wide by 1.5m deep, the extent of excavation covering the area of our back garden. This was for the installation of the heat collectors that take the latent heat from the sun, that is stored in the ground and, through the use of compression and heat exchangers, transfer this heat to hot water.

Does the heat pump equipment take up much room? The heat pump, including water storage cylinder, is the size of a large fridge freezer. We located ours in the garage where we can't hear the pump running and where the pump and cylinder is protected from frost.

Are there any drawbacks in your opinion?

Very few. The payback time for the installation was given as 10 years and we would estimate that this has been achieved, although with fluctuating fuel prices for alternative energy sources, this is hard to assess. It is interesting to note that our electricity bill, relative to other households, is high in winter and relatively very low in other seasons. As well as the electricity used to power the heat pump for winter heating, an electric emersion heater kicks in when the temperature is very cold. The heat pump runs most efficiently when temperatures are not well below freezing, providing up to 3 Kw of heat energy for every Kw of electricity used. Also our lawn is never flat. Following excavation into the clay, the ground rises and falls with rainfall levels, but I quite enjoy this unforeseen consequence.

What are the benefits?

The obvious one is not burning oil at home and we combine this with a 100% green electricity tariff from Octopus. We are not tied to fluctuating oil prices. Underfloor heating is a real pleasure, especially having warm feet on a cold morning. No radiators on the walls downstairs.

Maintenance costs have been very low, the heat pump should be serviced every two years and, touch wood, we have not required any new parts or had any breakdowns since the heat pump was installed. This is reliable engineering.

What would you say to anyone keen to explore this area and not sure what to do?

Find out about the options available to you now and possible funding opportunities. Think renewable energy options, especially if you are planning any building work, as this is a great time to upgrade the thermal efficiency of your house which will add to the efficiency of a heat pump. There is a lot of information online, but look to organisations such as the Heat Pump Federation or visit a home exhibition that includes information on sustainable energy options, where you have the chance to discuss what would work for your energy needs.

Consider air source heat pumps as an alternative to ground source.

Many thanks to Jo for sharing her experience. SEAG is currently putting together a Home Energy Event to help more people explore the possibilities of alternative energy sources. Please do register your interest with us at *seag@btinternet.com*.



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Going Green in Speen and North Dean Retrofitting an Air Source Heat Pump Ben Wilde for SEAG

My wife, Sarah, and I were delighted to move to Speen earlier this year and have been exploring a renewable heating solution for our house on Chapel Hill. While we have not yet completed the work, we were invited to share our experiences so far.

Our house is a rather conventional four-bed 1970's, oil-fired detached house, with an Energy Performance (EPC) Rating of 'D' and traditional radiators throughout. Naturally motivated by the environmental and economic benefits of switching from oil, we also want a modern hot water system, and to help maintain the long-term value of our property.

We have written off a Ground Source Heat Pump, or a Biomass boiler, due to lack of space and budget, and have pursued an Air-Source Heat Pump instead. Given the government RHI scheme is due to end in Spring 2022, we are hoping to complete the work this year and make use of the grant to repay costs.

We have now committed to a 12kw Samsung Air-Source Heat Pump. The complete solution will replace our oil system with an external unit in our back garden, as well as modernising our radiators and water tank. We expect this device to supply all of our radiators, as well as 210 litres of hot water per day; enough for a family of four. This will also enable us to reclaim space inside and outside, once we decommission the oil tank and boiler.

While the initial £13,000 outlay will prove substantial, we have been encouraged by the RHI and MMSP payback contributions (typically higher for oil and LPG-fuelled homes) of around the same amount, paid out over the next seven years. This, in addition to the fuel savings, have made it an attractive option for us.

Having undertaken a lot of research, in preparation, we are happy to speak to any other villagers considering a move to a renewable energy system. And we welcome the opportunity to compare notes and learn from those who have already made changes!



Recycling News

TERRACYCLE

There is a new TerraCycle bin to the right of Speen Stores. All proceeds are going to St John's School.

Items accepted:

- 1. Crisp packets, including multipack outers.
- 2. Bread bags any brand of stretchy plastic loaf bags like a basic sliced loaf.
- 3. Confectionery outer wrappers all brands of sweets and chocolate.
- 4. Biscuits and snacks plastic wrappers. Flexible packaging only.
- 5. Pringles tubes, flattened.
- 6. Cheese bags flexible packaging. Babybel the nets and the wax.
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10. Oral care - toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, toothbrush packaging, electric toothbrush heads. NO electric or battery operated toothbrush bodies, pump toothpaste, wooden toothbrushes, mouthwash bottles or interdental brushes.

For more details please see the list inside the bin lid or visit the Speen Village website SEAG TerraCycle page *www. speenbucks.org.uk/terracycle/.* If you are unsure about an item please email Jo (*recycling@allaboutjo.me.uk*).

RECYCABALL

This is a tennis ball recycling scheme started in Speen with Recycaball (A Not For Profit Company). They buy used balls to re-pressurise for reuse. Proceeds from Recycaball to go to SEAG.

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Ingredients:

- 1 small yellow pepper, seeds removed, roughly chopped
- 1 small red chilli, seeds removed (add more or less to taste)
- 1 or 2 garlic cloves, peeled (add more or less to taste)
- 20g fresh parsley, including any tender stalks
- 10g each fresh basil, tarragon and chives (or your choice of herbs)
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 150ml rapeseed oil
- Salt and coarsely ground black pepper

Method:

Put everything in a food processor and whizz until fairly smooth.





Buttercup and dandelion stripes photographed by Jeni Fairey



THE PRINCES RISBOROUGH ROTARY CLUB

WE NEED YOUR HELP - HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GETTING INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

I'm Trudi Scrivener, a local woman living in Speen with my family. I'm a working mum and I run a company that provides care to people in their own home. My job is super busy but I've always been interested in giving back in other ways than just through my work. I joined Rotary because being part of my local community and supporting people at a grass roots level is important to me. Rotary allows me to get involved, get to know people in the area and really make a difference.

Throughout the last year our Rotary Club has supported over 30 charities and provided over £35,000 of funding to organisations that are doing amazing work. In the past we have supported the <u>Speen</u> Playground and Helping Hospices Funds.

Rotary is a great way to network professionally, to meet other like-minded people and to get involved as much as you are able. We are a flexible, friendly club and that means you can put as much time in as you can but equally if your work is busy you can just do what you are able to.

Why not get in touch for an informal chat about getting involved by calling Trudi, on 07825 004991 or email trudi@ashridgehomecare.co.uk

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