

Lacey Green Windmill

We opened as usual from April until the end of September and as ever time seems to have gone so quickly. The year has been eventful for everyone, and on a positive note, we have welcomed regular visitors to the Windmill, although numbers have been lower this year. It seems this is a trend in many places, I guess we have not all adapted to life after the pandemic lockdown, we hope next year will see numbers increase again.

We were delighted to support the Loosley Row celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by opening the Windmill. How lucky we were to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2, an amazing woman who had a profound effect in the UK and around the world. Little did we know she would not be with us a few months later.

We too were affected by the heatwave and made the decision to close to visitors on 2 Sundays due to the heat. The

interior of the windmill usually has cool temperatures inside, but that proved not to be the case during the heatwaves.

Some of you may have noticed that the cap of the windmill is not turning into the wind at the moment, so the sails are always facing North. An urgent inspection has found that some of the machinery at the back of the cap at the top of the windmill has become worn and needs repairs. The Committee will be debating the next steps which will need parts of the machinery being removed for repair or replacement. We hope to ensure the windmill is able to get back to its magnificent self. We will keep you up to date with progress.

We also plan to paint the outside of the windmill next year, I am assured a trip in a Cherry Picker is quite an experience and provides excellent views from the windmill. We will see!



Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers who make the opening of the windmill possible, we could not manage without them all.

As ever, if you are interested in getting involved please contact:

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Speen Helping Hospices

Many thanks to all who came to the wine tasting evening in September. It was a very good evening. Simon Lloyd of Lloyd's Wines ran the event for the second year running and treated us to very generous glasses of wonderful wines. No telling tales out of school but, a number of cars were left in the car park that night! £777 raised for the hospices.

Next up is the Christmas Market on Saturday 19th November at the Chapel from 11.00 to 4.00. We have some new stall holders this year and it promises to be a great event. Enjoy a glass of Bucks Fizz and one of Judy Keen's famous sausage rolls or perhaps a bacon and brie bap.

So, write your Christmas lists and come and buy early and local this Christmas.

We have Pub Quiz Night on Friday 2nd December at the Chapel Hall hosted by Al Bowyer and Jill Rogerson. Tickets are £15 to include home-made cottage pie and apple crumble. Go to our website www.shh-shop.org for further information and ticket sales. We can cater for all dietary requirements. So, get a table of friends together and pitch up for a lively night!

Independent hospices only receive up to a third of their funding from the government and are dependent on

charitable donations to keep hospices running. Every event we run with your support helps to ensure children and adults receive respite and end of life care.

Help raise money for Speen Helping Hospices in 2023. We are looking for people to raise money by taking part in a local fun run/half marathon/cycle race or other event. If you are planning or considering taking part in a sporting event, would you help others by fundraising for Speen Helping Hospices as you run/cycle/swim?

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Supporting Helen House for Children, South Bucks Hospice, Florence Nightingale and Rennie Groves Hospice Care