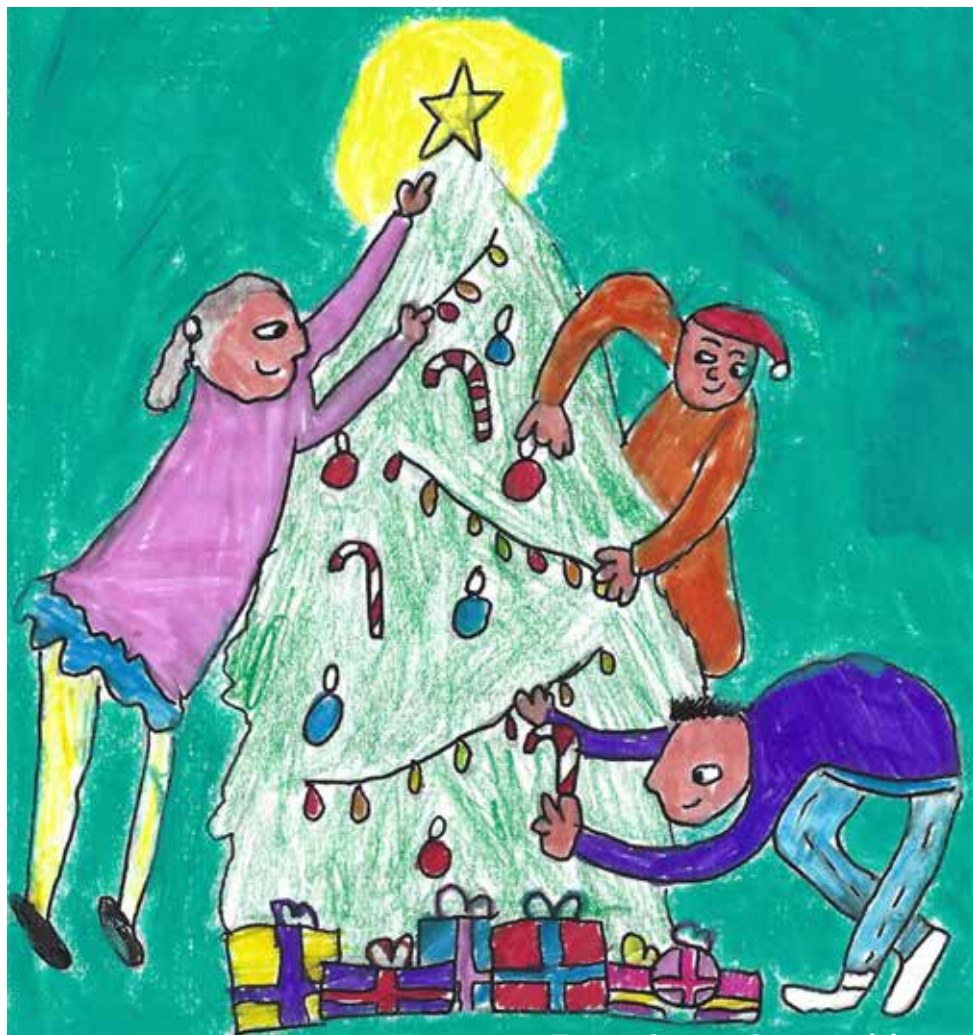


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## Thought for the Month

I hope it doesn't cause you distress to discover that I'm not writing this at the start of December. I know, right? Shocking! Writing these reflections a month ahead gives an interesting perspective for the writer, even if we don't let you in on that. We don't want to spoil the illusion. But this month.... well.... It's early November.

In the rhythms of the village and the Anglican church, we are in a season reflecting on death: All Souls, when we remember before God those we have lost; All Saints, when we celebrate historic heroes of the Christian faith; Halloween, which is mainly originally a Celtic



Second - Lola Barnes - Year 4

festival about spirits returning from the dead and roaming the earth; and finally Remembrance Day, when we give thanks for lives lost in two world wars. Put all this together with the falling leaves, and death creates quite a backdrop to autumn.

For me, this underlines a few things about God coming as a baby at Christmas. Firstly, it underlines the cost to him in the very act of entering a world framed by death. He becomes a vulnerable child, reliant on his young mother to keep him safe amid the hooves of livestock, and the soldiers of Herod. Secondly, it underlines his companionship: that he walks alongside us, knowing first-hand what life is like. Thirdly, it underlines the magnitude of what he came to do: to strike the decisive blow in the battle against death itself. So amid the holly and ivy, the mince pies and mulled wine, may we hear the angels singing:

*Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth,  
Hark! The herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

**Jez Carr** - Vicar

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## From the Editors

Our front cover picture this month is the winning entry to our Christmas competition.

Congratulations to Freddie Howes in Year 4 at Seer Green School who will turn on the Seer Green Christmas Tree lights on **1 December**. You'll find the other winners Inside the magazine.

This month we have the recollections of Nigel Morgan's time at Jordans school and a fascinating story from Our Living Village. Be sure to check out Janet's good reads for great ideas for Christmas reading and presents. We hope you enjoy a fun filled Christmas season with family and friends.

### The Editors

## Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **February** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 January 2024**. Diary dates for the next two or three months would be very welcome.

Articles should be **300 words max** and in WORD (.doc or .docx format) and photos should be jpeg format, preferably 300 dpi.

Please note any items submitted may be edited for space, content or style.

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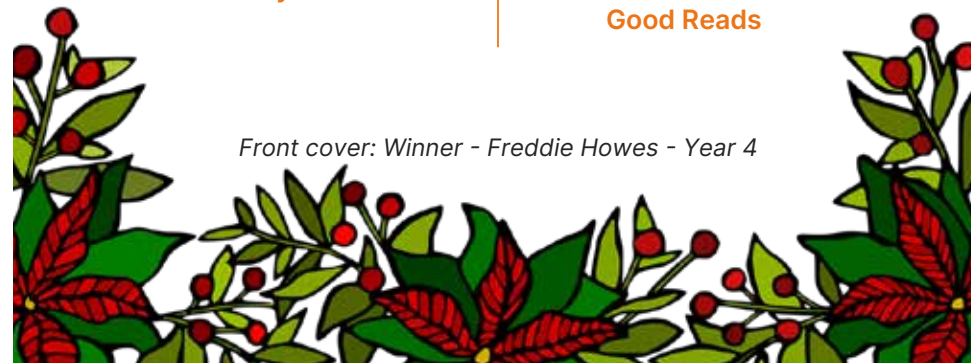
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## Holy Trinity Christmas Services and Events

There is so much on offer to get involved with this Christmas. We hope you can join us over the festive season.

### 1 Dec 3.30pm Christingle service

*Our Christingle service helps us to start thinking about Jesus coming to Earth as the Light of the world. Join us in this special all age gathering as we have fun together with some edible treats!*

8 Dec 8am BCP Communion Service

10am Morning Praise Service

### 5pm 'Sing into Christmas' at The Jubilee Hall

*Led by Rev Jez and Jane Smith, featuring Seer Green Singers. Come and enjoy carols, Christmas songs and festive readings. This is a ticketed event. There is no set charge, but donations gratefully received. Book tickets at <https://singintochristmas24.eventbrite.co.uk>*

15 Dec 10am Christmas Holy Communion Service with carols

### 7pm Traditional Lessons and Carols

*Journey through the events of the first Christmas through readings, carols and music from Village Voices choir.*

### 16 Dec 3.30-4pm Carols, Cookies and Hot Chocolate

*Come and sing your favourite carols and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. This event is particularly aimed at popping by on your way home from school... but all ages are welcome to come and join in.*

18 Dec 10.30am Midweek Holy Communion with carols at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church

22 Dec 8am BCP Communion Service

### 10am 'Pass the Parcel' All Age Carol Service

*A morning opportunity to sing carols, hear the Christmas story and have fun!*

### 24 Dec 3pm & 4.30pm Crib Services

*Our Crib service is designed for the whole family, lasts about 40 minutes and tells the Christmas story with lots of audience participation! Come dressed as part of the Nativity story or in your favourite Christmas jumper. Due to the popularity of these services and the church capacity this is a ticketed service.*

*Book now to avoid disappointment. There is no charge for these but if you would like to make a donation towards the work Holy Trinity does, particularly with children and families in our villages, you can do so online with the tickets, or with cash or card on the day.*

*Tickets are available via eventbrite. For the booking links please visit – [www.christmasinseergreen.weebly.com](http://www.christmasinseergreen.weebly.com)*

### 24 Dec 11.30pm Midnight Mass

*This late-night service starts on Christmas Eve and ends just after midnight, so you're among the first to celebrate Christmas.*

### 25 Dec 10am Christmas Celebration

*A short service celebrating the good news of Jesus' birth.*

### 29 Dec No services at Holy Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion Service at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church

9.30am Holy Communion Service at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church

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## Holy Trinity Services in January

5 Jan 10.00am Traditional Holy Communion

9 Jan 10.30am Midweek Communion

12 Jan 8.00am BCP Communion Service

10.00am Morning Praise Service

3.30pm Families @ 3.30

19 Jan 10.00am Holy Communion Service

5.30pm Reflective Service with Communion

26 Jan 8.00am BCP Communion Service

10.00am Morning Praise Service

## Contact us

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## December Charity of the Month



**DISASTERS  
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### December Charity of the month

The DEC brings together 15 leading aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas. In these times of crisis, people in life-and-death situations need our help and our mission is to save, protect and rebuild lives through effective humanitarian response.

Pooling our resources to work as one, we are pivotal in co-ordinating the UK public's response to overseas disasters. In collaboration with our Rapid Response Network of national media and corporate partners, we raise the alarm to the UK public and set up easy ways for them to donate.

And we have



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Immediate impact, getting aid to people who need it, fast

Responding to urgent needs of shelter, food and medical care

## Looking Ahead into 2025 for Children and Families!

Families @ 3.30 and Fun & Faith continue in the new year, giving families an opportunity to explore faith together in a relaxed and fun environment.

Families @ 3.30pm, hosted at Holy Trinity on Sunday **12 January**, **2 February** and **2 March**.

Fun & Faith, 9.15am, hosted at SGBC on Sunday **26 January** and **23 February**.

If you would like any further information, please contact Janna 07764490960, [jannaholder@talktalk.net](mailto:jannaholder@talktalk.net)

**Janna Holder** – Children and Families Minister



Third - Leo Sahnun - Year 3

## Donations to Holy Trinity

If you would like to donate to the work and upkeep of Holy Trinity Church there are many quick and easy ways to do so -

Go to our website:

**[seergreenandjordanscofe.org](https://seergreenandjordanscofe.org)** and scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.

Or go to:

**<https://tinyurl.com/4hx7cyzx>**

Or you can activate our Online Giving page by using the QR code opposite.

Donations in cash/cheque may be delivered to our treasurer at 58 Chalfont Road. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please add your name and address.

If you would like to join our planned giving scheme, please speak to our treasurer Audrey Hardy on 07342 652707 or [chardyseergreen@aol.com](mailto:chardyseergreen@aol.com)



## January Charity of the Month

# YOUNGMINDS

## January Charity of the Month

*Young Minds* are leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges. *Young Minds* wants to make sure children and young people get the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties.

The crisis in children and young people's mental health is real and it is urgent. More children and young people than ever before are reaching out for help with their mental health. But, for those who take the brave step, help is much too hard to find. Together, we are changing this. We're fighting for young people's mental health. Join the fight.

We support young people

We support parents of young people

We support those who work with young people

Visit our website & read our blog. It is full of real life stories written by young people who have struggled with mental health



## Toddlers in the Woods

Toddlers in the Woods has grown! It is just such a positive joy to watch short legs in wellies come along the path early on a Friday morning and whether the Seer Green and Jordans birth rate has increased in the last few years or whether the pleasure given from getting outside in the mornings is catching on I just don't know!

We now host a wonderful gathering of children from our villages, whether living here or having older siblings at our village schools. Parents, carers and children alike enjoy a chat, engage in our singing with our wonderful band and activities. It's infectious and we all really do have a great time.

Christmas approaches so if you happen to be walking in the woods on a Friday morning listen out for Jingle Bells and Bridget's wonderful adaptation of a Christmas Carol to the tune of 'Here we go round the Mulberry Bush' resonating through the trees.

Ali Cork



## News from Jordans

Maybe our villages won't look like this in '24 as snow seems rather remote as we enjoy such unseasonably warm days but be assured we in Jordans will be celebrating and singing 'When the snow lay roundabout' (Good King Wenceslas). This will take place around the tree on the Green on Christmas Eve, as heartily as if we were deep in snow with frozen fingertips, clutching the carol sheets or reading from our phones!

Before then there are an abundance of festive treats, that linger on into the New Year, to enjoy. The glorious 'Supper and Song' in The Village Hall on the 30 November when extraordinarily talented villagers make their debut on the stage - or rather in the middle of the hall as our stage has perhaps seen better days?

Then **Saturday 7** heralds our annual children's Christmas party followed by the turning on of the Christmas tree lights that wind and rain, plus the electricity supply, permitting shine out over the Village Green until Twelfth Night.

The Village Shop Christmas Party on **Wednesday 18** (6 until 7.30ish) is unmissable. The mulled wine flows as we all attempt to balance Pat's wonderful hot sausage rolls along with the festive cheer in the midst of Julie's stunning Christmas decorations and Sally and the staff's enticing array of goodies.

All from both villages are very welcome to battle their way through the crowded shop, enjoy the atmosphere and perhaps scoop up a few goodies on the way. The till will be up and running!

And so to Good King Wenceslas on Christmas Eve. Do come and join us, snow or not!

**Ali Cork**



## Competition Runners Up

*Theo Cunningham-Burley  
Year 6*



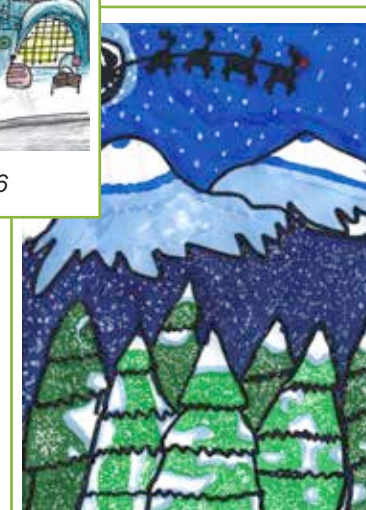
*Alfie Harrison-Cohen  
Year 2*



*Alfie Norris - Year 6*



*Olivia Langhorn  
Year 6*



*Isla Arbiter-Dean  
Year 4*

## Seer Green Gardeners

The last event of our busy 2024 was held in the Baptist Church in mid October when we welcomed George Lockwood to speak about planning for early summer colour in the garden. George looks after five very large gardens filled with herbaceous plants and is obviously an expert in choosing the right plant for the right place. His talk was a beautifully illustrated plant-by-plant description of where it performs best and how to care for it. Everyone was given a list of plants so we could scribble notes as he spoke. Questions at the end morphed into a general debate about slug treatments - garlic spray was concluded as the most effective, providing you apply it frequently enough. Head to the 'visits, walks and talks' page of our website which includes a recipe link.

The gardeners' committee is now busy planning next year's programme, so look out for (and hold onto) the paper brochure due to drop through your letterbox in February. But don't wait for this if you'd like to come to the 2025 launch event, the ever-popular QUIZ on Friday **21 February**. Head to the website to book.



### Things to do in the garden in December and January

- Rambling roses flower on the long floppy shoots produced last summer. First cut out all the stems that have already flowered then tie in the new ones to the support.
- Cut off the old leaves from Hellebores to provide a good view of their flowers as they emerge in early Spring
- If you're lucky (or far-sighted!) enough to have a supply of woodchip, they make great paths, especially around veg patches. As they slowly rot down, they add nutrients to the soil and also look smart. (Whenever you or your neighbours have pruning work done, contractors are usually pleased to let you have this valuable organic material for free)
- Spread as much mulch as you can over bare soil.
- Plan your plantings for 2025!

Sally Ash for Seer Green Gardeners



## Our Pre-school is Looking Brighter than Ever



The Autumn nights may be drawing in, but our Pre-School is looking brighter than ever thanks to the colourful firework decorations the children have been making. This is to mark both Fireworks Night and Diwali, and we were thrilled to have one of our parents come in to talk to the children about Diwali and why it is celebrated.

We were also lucky enough to have another lovely parent stop by to tell the children all about Thanksgiving and the children had a wonderful time learning about this special festival and the fun — and tasty — traditions that go with it.

The countdown to Christmas has truly begun now that we have packed up the presents for our annual Operation Christmas Child initiative. Children all over the world receive a special box, just for them, filled with toys, games, clothing, sanitary products and crafts. Our generous parents and children each donated an item or two and the children lovingly packed the boxes, ready to be shipped to countries less fortunate than ours, to give their children something special for Christmas.

**Amy Miles**

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With best wishes Sue Puttergill,  
Carol Wright and Jill Moody

**The Editors**



## Alloment News



### Year's Ending

There was a time when one could write about December and January with certainty that frost, bare trees, cold winds and possibly snow would be worthy of mention but in these strange climatic times it is not certain that plants will remain dormant, frosts will break up clumps of turned over soil or that seasons will appear and behave as expected. So we must adapt.

Here on the allotments it has been a mixed growing season at best, although the mice enjoyed the broad bean shoots early on and the squirrels feasted on sweetcorn this summer, crops that made it to the kitchen were somewhat scant.

But we allotmenters are made of strong stuff and so we clean our tools, sharpen our blades and tidy our sheds. We build the compost

heap up and cover it warmly for winter thus both providing winter quarters for whichever animals so choose and preparing some handy compost come the spring in whatever form it arrives next year.

Roughly turned soil will be broken up further by any frost, or covered to warm ready for first sowings. Any tender plants will be mulched to protect them and winter veg will need to be well netted unless feeding the pigeons and deer is your particular delight.

Keep an eye out for the forecast if not regularly visiting your plot, so that you can break the ice on ponds and other water sources; as always don't be too tidy, rotting logs, a heap of leaves - something will call it home for the duration. If you made, were given or bought a bug hotel this year, prepare for visitors!

Don't start seeds off too early, they'll just get leggy while you impatiently wait for warmer weather, there's nothing wrong with allotmenters having a dormant period too. So make yourself warm and comfortable with some refreshment and a seed catalogue and while away some time daydreaming of horticultural wonders that will delight the taste buds and win success at the village shows. Festive Greetings to all.

**Charlotte** from the Allotments.

## My Time at Jordans School 1952-55

For the last few years I have had the pleasure of an invitation in May to talk to Year 1 on this. The half hour is essentially my recollections, supported by a few contemporary monochrome images. Included in this is of course time for questions from the children; these have included "did you have colour in those days?", on seeing a world that was apparently just black and white; and - my favourite - after what must have been possibly an unduly graphic account of the school in the early 1950s: "How did you survive?".

Well, survive I did, as indeed some years before did my sister Jennifer who was part of the school's original intake in September 1943; it moved

to its current site in January 1944. There were only two classrooms, with the cloakrooms and kitchens in the centre of a single storey long, low building- all very different from what they have today! There was no separate Reception class, so the "Infants" class had pupils from aged five to eight- quite unacceptable now, of course. The other was Juniors, aged nine to eleven.

I try to cover some of these points: There were no school uniforms- this was probably based on shortage of materials and money, but I ask them to discuss whether it was a good or bad thing. Did we have computers? What difference do they think that made? We also had to drink a small



Harvest Festival early 1950s. Can you see that the playground was grass.

bottle of milk every morning - do you think we enjoyed that? A chorus of "no!" inevitably follows that question! However, history like the cane and outside lavatories I have quietly dropped.

It's a real pleasure to do- and of course I have a fresh audience each time! Here's to next year.

**Nigel Morgan**

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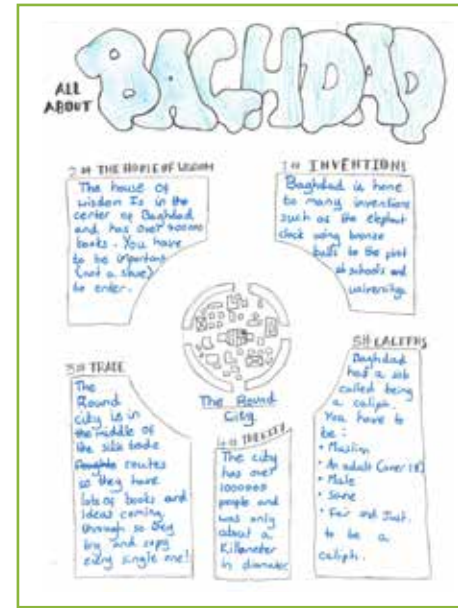
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## Seer Green CE School

As we approach the festive season, the atmosphere at Seer Green CE School is full of excitement and anticipation. Our pupils are eagerly preparing for the upcoming Nativity and Carol Concert, with our Reception children demonstrating remarkable confidence considering that they only started in September.

Thank you to all who joined us for our Christmas Fair, the profits from which make a valuable contribution to the school via the PTA who support the school in many different ways. Your support is invaluable, and we hope you found the event enjoyable.



Across the school, the staff and children have been working hard and making great progress. I was particularly impressed by Year 6's work, who have carefully linked their History and English topics and produced work that challenges all of their skills. Their exploration of ancient Baghdad has resulted in the creation of detailed fact sheets, some of which I have had the pleasure of sharing.

We are also pleased to report that the statutory Admissions Consultation that ran this term has concluded with a positive response, requiring no significant alterations.

As we approach the festive period, I would like to reinforce my appreciation for your continued support and engagement with the school community. On behalf of the entire staff at Seer Green CE School, I wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mrs L Morel - Head Teacher

## 8 O'Clock Club

The "unseen Emergency Service", biking emergency blood supplies up and around the capital in all sorts of weather in the darkest hours of the night.

Our meeting welcomed Kamran Irani, Chairman of SERV - Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers, whose team working in partnership with the NHS, provides an emergency courier service for Bucks, Berks, Oxon and Northants delivering blood, platelets, human donor milk, other clinical products, surgical instruments and medical papers. They operate across hospitals and laboratories between the hours of 7pm and 6am five days a week, and provide a 24-hour service at week-ends and bank Holidays. All our major local hospitals use the Bikers.

More commonly referred to as Blood Bikes, the Charity operates a nationwide service. It started in 1962 when a family member of Margaret Ryerson was in a south London hospital and the blood, urgently needed, was in Edgware. The unsociable hour, the cost of private-hire taxis and courier companies and the diverting of Police/Ambulance services was recognized as a heavy toll. Now, the Bikers' rapid response and free service has saved the NHS hundreds of thousands of pounds in transport costs.

The local fleet consists of two sizes of motorcycles; Yamahas and BMWs. They are police bikes with rear modifications for transportation purposes.



Two 4x4 cars Dacia Duster and Mercedes Citan, support the Bikers. These vehicles are used when the weather is too dangerous for the bikes, or if the temperature is outside the permitted range to transport blood products.

If a bike breaks down on its journey, the 4x4s ensure the payload reaches its destination.

From all walks of life, bikers have to be a minimum of 25 years of age, holding IAM/RoSPA/or Police equivalent certification.

As the Charity says, "One day we may well have the ride of your life".

## Future meetings

Our December meeting is a festive meal at Beaconsfield Golf Club.

We do not meet in January so our next meeting will be:-

Thursday **February 6** at 8.00pm  
Seer Green Baptist Church; £4 (cash) includes tea/coffee. All welcome

'Tea - the Journey from Bush to Cup'

Giles Oakley & Mark Lawson  
Tea Tasters @ Two Spoons Tea  
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**Elizabeth Lee**

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## Jordans Picture House

### Our programme from December into New Year

We look forward to welcoming you again!

On Friday **December 13** we shall screen "The Holdovers".

Doors open at 6.45pm and the Programme starts at 7.30pm.

#### The Holdovers (R)

Cast: Paul Giamatti; Da'Vine Joy Randolph; Dominic Sessa. Director: Alexander Payne

A cranky history teacher at a remote prep school is forced to remain on campus over the holidays with a troubled student who has no place to go and a grieving cook.



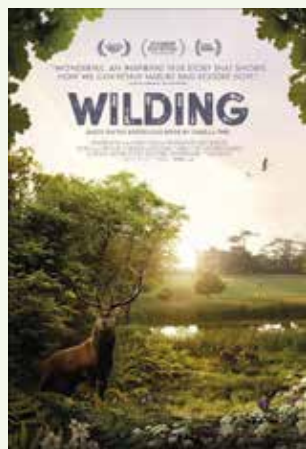
On Friday **January 10** we shall screen "Wilding".

Doors open at 6.45pm and the Programme starts at 7.30pm.

#### Wilding (PG)

Cast: Matthew Collyer; Rhiannon Neads; Isabella Tree. Director: David Allen

A dying landscape that is healed against all the odds going on to thrive in astonishing ways. Isabella Tree and her husband, Charlie Burrell, strive to breathe new life into the ailing Knepp estate. They reintroduce native ponies, deer, pigs and other wildlife, allowing nature to thrive.



On Friday **January 24** we shall screen "A Haunting in Venice".

Doors open at 6.45pm and the Programme starts at 7.30pm.

#### A Haunting in Venice (12A)

Cast: Kenneth Branagh; Michelle Yeo; Jamie Dornan. Director: Kenneth Branagh

In post WW2 Venice, Poirot now retired and living in his own exile reluctantly attends a séance. But when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to once again uncover the killer.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt22687790/>



#### How to buy tickets

(Adults £8.00, U15s £5)

**Online:** Go to [www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk](http://www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk)

See "Programme and Buying Tickets"

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**Jordans Picture House Committee**



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# Amersham Fair Organ Museum

(registered charity No 1102001)



&



# Jordans & District Rotary Club

(registered charity No 283790)

## Christmas Concert & Fundraiser

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 15:00

Amersham Fair Organ Museum, Plantation Road, HP6 6HJ



Join us for our joint Christmas fundraising event: an informal afternoon featuring a tour of the Museum collection, Christmas raffle and traditional sing-along - not forgetting the all-important sandwiches, cake and fruit punch! All profits from the event will be split equally between our charities to aid important ongoing work.



Adults: £16.00

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Tickets are available online by visiting [ticketsource.co.uk/afom](http://ticketsource.co.uk/afom) (online booking fee applies), or from the Museum shop during open days. \*Ticket price includes light refreshments: non-alcoholic fruit punch, tea/coffee, mince pies, cake & finger sandwiches.



## Our Living Village and the 'Father of Modern Philanthropy'

Philanthropy is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as 'goodwill to fellow humans,' an apt sentiment for this time of year.

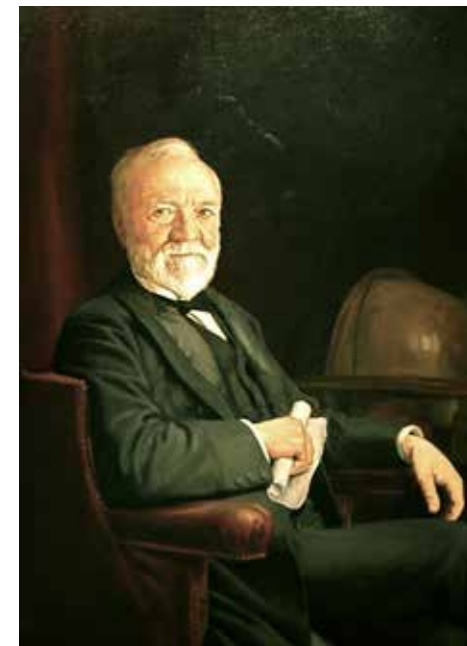
If you worship at Holy Trinity this December, consider the Christmas message, whilst listening to the organ. Musical accompaniment to carols has taken place in churches for hundreds of years, but at Holy Trinity organ music has only been possible since the early twentieth century, thanks in part to Andrew Carnegie.

Holy Trinity was built in 1846, on land allocated in the 1821 'Inclosure Act' to the Reverend Septimus Grover, Rector of Farnham Royal, in lieu of tithes. Prior to the church being built, spare a thought for Anglican parishioners wanting to worship at their 'mother' church having to make the 15-mile round trip to Farnham Royal! Funding for the church came from the curate of Farnham Royal, John Henry Worsley, who became its first vicar, Eton College who held the parish living and Church of England grants; but the organ did not come until later.

And Andrew Carnegie? Born in 1835 in Dunfermline, he emigrated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1848. He started work for a telegraph company, gained a job with the Pennsylvania Railroad, then developed business interests in railroads, iron-works, steamships and oil, and established the Carnegie Steel Company. He sold CSC to U.S. Steel in 1901 and thus became one of the richest men in history. His philanthropic interests began around 1870 and he is best remembered for his endowment of free public libraries, particularly in industrialised towns throughout the English-speaking world. In 1908 he gave £80 to the Seer Green organ fund.

The pipe organ he funded was replaced by a digital instrument in the 1990s.

**Nigel Rothwell** - [ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com](mailto:ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com) - [www.ourlivingvillage.org](http://www.ourlivingvillage.org)



Andrew Carnegie © National Portrait Gallery CC0

## Seer Green Santa Dash

Last year we were able to give the PTA and Scouts £300 each and The Food Bank £450. The cake sale also made £132 for the Scouts.

Join the fun dressed as Santa and walk, jog or run anything from a dash up to a 5km route to Jordans.

Ticket price can include your costume or purchase a ticket without and reuse your previous one!

The scout hut will be open serving hot drinks and cakes.

**Jodie, Jenny and David.**

# Seer Green Santa Dash



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

12 noon @ The Scout Hut

Bring card for hot refreshments and treats

**For info and tickets scan QR code**



Questions? Contact Jodie Homer – [jodietayloruk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jodietayloruk@yahoo.co.uk)

## Stained Glass Biscuits

These biscuits are fun to make and lovely to hold up against a window to see the light shine through them. Makes 25-30.

### Ingredients

- 175g butter
- 225g plain flour
- 75g caster sugar
- 2 Tbsp milk
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 125-150g boiled sweets, assorted colours (approx. 15-20 sweets)



### Method

Preheat the oven to 175c Fan.

Sort the sweets into separate colours and crush each set in a plastic bag using a rolling pin. Put to one side.

In a bowl, gently rub the butter into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs, alternatively use a food processor. Then stir in the sugar.

Add the milk and vanilla essence and mix to form a dough either by hand or in a food processor.

Roll the dough on a floured surface to 5mm thick. Using biscuit cutters of your choice cut out shapes.

Place the dough shapes on baking trays lined with baking paper.

Carefully remove a dough circle from each shape using a smaller cutter

Continue with remaining dough off cuts.

Fill each dough hole with a teaspoon of crushed sweet crystals taking care not to spill any on the edges.

Use a skewer to make a smaller hole in each shape if you wish to hang them.

Bake in the oven for 12-15 minutes or until golden.

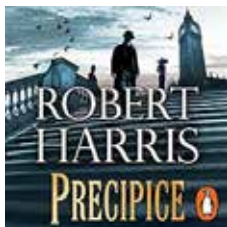
Leave the biscuits to cool completely to allow the sweet centres to harden.

Thread a ribbon through the small hole if desired.

Note: if hanging biscuits consume within 24 hours, otherwise store longer in an airtight tin.

**Helen Lindsey-Clark**

## Christmas Reading and Gifting Recommendations



### **Precipice** – Robert Harris

Summer 1914. An affair between Venetia Stanley and prime minister Asquith becomes a matter of national security that will alter the course of history. Based on real letters between the 2 lovers, this is a fascinating story.

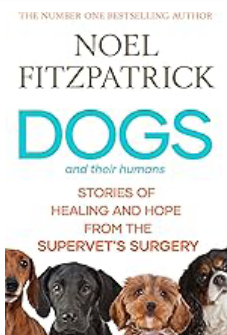


### **A Voyage around the Queen** – Craig Brown

Satirist Craig Brown returns with a charming anecdotal book about Queen Elizabeth II.

Every aspect of the monarch's 96 years is chronicled in short, punchy, often hilarious, occasionally moving chapters.

It's a selection box of wonderful facts and stories about the country's longest serving monarch.



### **Dogs** – Noel Fitzpatrick

The supervet brings us a funny, uplifting but at times heartbreaking celebration of our relationship with our dogs. He's seen it all from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Perfect gift for the canine lover in your family.



### **Eighteen** – Alice Loxton

From a young Elizabeth Tudor facing deadly intrigue to a teenage Richard Burton, young historian Alice Loxton explores Britain's past through the lives of eighteen figures at the crucial age of 18. Her book brings history to life in a unique, fresh, accessible way.

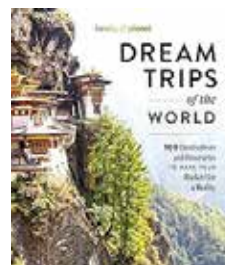
Great gift for young adults or any history buff



### **Comfort** – Ottolenghi

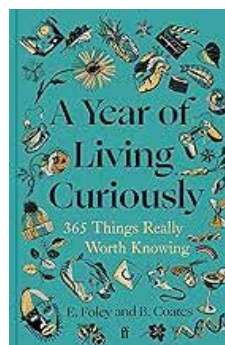
This collection captures the essence of comfort food so well!

A lovely mix of veggie and non veggie dishes make your mouth water and want to rush into the kitchen to create them!



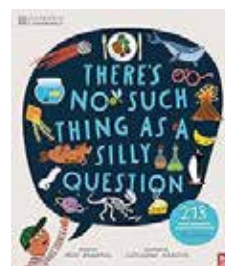
### **Dream trips of the World** – Lonely Planet

Does what it says on the can! A mouthwatering bucket list travel guide featuring 100 dream trips with insights and knowledge to make them happen. Detailed itineraries and wonderful photography.



### **A year of living curiously** – E Foley & B Coates

A book of 365 random daily shots of knowledge which will expand your mind in a flash.



### **There's no such thing as a silly question** – Nosy Crow

A brilliantly silly Q&A book for young enquiring minds. Recommended for 8+.

Janet Stewart



## Amersham Festival of Music Winter Concerts



### Celebrating 40 Years of Extraordinary Performances

The Amersham Festival of Music proudly announces its Winter Concert Series, marking a significant milestone—40 years of delivering world-class music to audiences in Buckinghamshire. This year's winter programme promises to be an unforgettable celebration of classical music, jazz, and an exceptional programme of Italian Concertos, with concerts running from October through February.

Festival Director Iain Ledingham expressed his excitement for the upcoming season: "We are delighted to celebrate our 40th anniversary with such a rich and diverse programme. From timeless classical masterpieces to the thrilling sounds of jazz, we are excited to offer something truly special for our audiences."

### Key Winter Concerts

Friday **10 January**, two identical performances at 4.00pm and 8.00pm Italian Concert for the New Year.

Ring in 2025 with a stunning programme of Italian classics, filled with passion and exuberance.

Featuring renowned soloists and ensembles, this concert is the perfect way to start the New Year on a high note.

Friday **14 February**, 8.00pm  
Bach, Mozart, and Schubert  
Celebrate Valentine's Day with a sublime evening of music from three legendary composers - Bach, Mozart, and Schubert. This romantic concert will capture the essence of love through timeless classical works.

### Supporting Young Talent

In addition to celebrating its 40th year, the Amersham Festival of Music remains dedicated to nurturing the next generation of musicians. Through its annual bursary scheme, the Festival has provided essential financial support to over 100 young musicians, distributing more than £20,000 in the past five years alone. These bursaries have been used to cover tuition fees or help young artists acquire much-needed instruments.

### Tickets Now Available

Tickets for the Amersham Festival of Music Winter Concerts are now on sale. This is a unique opportunity to experience world-class performances in a truly enchanting setting. With a rich programme of concerts spanning five months, there's something for every music lover to enjoy.

Don't miss out on this milestone celebration of music. Join us for a winter of extraordinary performances that promises to inspire and delight.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit:

<https://www.amershamfestival.org/programme>

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### Dates for your Diary

Sun 1 Dec 12 noon	<b>Santa Dash</b> – Rec/Scout Hut
Sun 1 Dec 3pm	<b>Christingle Service</b> - Holy Trinity Church
Sun 1 Dec 5.45pm/6.15pm	<b>Christmas Lights Switch On</b> – Orchard Road Shops
Fri 6 Dec 7.30pm-11pm	<b>Jolly Quaker</b> - Jordans Village Hall
Sun 8 Dec 5pm	<b>Sing into Christmas</b> SG Singers/Holy Trinity Church – Jubilee Hall
Tues 10 Dec 1.30/3.30/7pm	<b>SG Scouts</b> - Make a Wreath/Table Dec - Scout Hut
Fri 13 Dec 6.45/7.30pm	<b>JPH The Holdovers</b>
Sun 15 Dec 3pm	<b>Carol Service</b> - Baptist Church
Sun 15 Dec 3pm	<b>Rotary Club</b> Christmas Concert/Fundraiser
Sun 15 Dec 7pm	<b>Traditional Carol Service</b> Village Voices/Holy Trinity Church
Mon 16 Dec 3.30pm	<b>Cookies and Carols</b> - Holy Trinity Church
Wed 18 Dec 6pm-7.30pm	<b>Jordans Village Shop</b> Christmas party
Sun 22 Dec 10am	<b>Family Carol Service</b> - Holy Trinity Church
Tues 24 Dec 3pm&4.30pm	<b>Crib Services</b> - Holy Trinity Church
Tues 24 Dec 11.30pm	<b>Midnight Mass</b> - Holy Trinity Church
Wednes 25 Dec 10am	<b>Christmas Celebration</b> - Holy Trinity Church/SG Baptist Church
<b>2025</b>	
Fri 10 Jan 6.45/7.30pm	<b>JPH Wilding</b>
Fri 24 Jan 6.45/7.30pm	<b>JPH A Haunting in Venice</b>



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