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## Thought for the Month

I can't quite believe I'm already writing a summer thought for the month – this year is zooming by so quickly. Summer is a funny season. We expect the sun to show up meaning we can be experts in barbecuing and sunbathing, always debating if we need to take a coat or umbrella out with us or not.

July and August generally have a slower rhythm, a time when the normal routine of life is interrupted by holidays, family and friends.

It's a time for fun days out, trips to the beach and trying to remember how to relax, whatever that may look like. But I guess if we're honest, even when we sit out in the sunshine with a cold drink, our minds are often still buzzing with to-do lists of all the things we 'should' be doing instead.

Jesus was no stranger to needing a break. He often withdrew to quiet places, usually up a mountain. Not for the view, I imagine, but for the peace and quiet. Resting isn't laziness – it's something that's essential. One of the ten commandments was to have a weekly sabbath rest. And yet I wonder how often we feel guilty for slowing down.

If this is you, take this as permission to pause, in whatever way is possible given your own unique

circumstances. Be delightfully unproductive – not because you've earned it, but because your soul needs it.

Whether your summer is brimming with adventure or peacefully uneventful, may you discover joy in unexpected places, laughter that lifts your spirit, and moments of deep peace and contentment.

After all, Jesus never rushed. And if the Son of God could take a breather, maybe we can too.

**Janna Holder** - Children and Families Minister





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## From the Editors

In this double issue we have some great suggestions for days out, activities to do at home with the children and as always some interesting reading ideas. In Seer Green, Trinity Cafe is becoming a great place to meet up with friends, end your walk or to work away from home for a while (see front page).

Find out what goes on in Jordans Nursery School with their open week in September. Finally the last concert for Jordans Music Club takes place in July. They always find the finest musicians to come to Seer Green!

### The Editors

## Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **September** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **12 August 2025**. 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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Front cover: Trinity Cafe photo Janna Holder

## Coming Up for children and families in July and August

Fun & Faith, at Seer Green Baptist Church, continues on Sunday **27 July**, from 9.15 – 10am. An opportunity to enable families to explore faith in a fun, informal way.

Families @ 3.30pm and Fun & Faith both take a break in August.

During the Summer Holidays Messy Crafternoons will take place on Mondays, **28 July, 4, 11 and 18 August**, 2.30 – 4.30pm @ SG Baptist Church. An opportunity to enjoy creative activities aimed at 2-10s. All children must be accompanied.

On Friday **1 August** Little City will be visiting SGBC with sessions for under 6s to enjoy their role play city. This popular activity is likely to book up quickly so please book as soon as possible.

Family Fun - Wednesdays **6,13 and 20 August\*** 10am – 12noon and 1.30 – 3.30pm @ SG Baptist Church. (\* No afternoon session on 20th) Family Fun is for parents/ carers and their 0-7 (ish) year olds. Come and enjoy a change of scenery with lots of toys, crafts, games and activities and a chance to catch up with your friends.

For 9-12 year olds there will be two evening sessions on **28 July** and **11 August**, with games, activities and food!

For further details on any of the above activities, including cost and how to book places, please contact Janna on 07764 490960, jannaruthholder@gmail.com.


**Janna Holder** - Children and Families Minister

## Holy Trinity Services in July

2 July	10.30am	Midweek Communion
6 July	8am	BCP Communion
	10am	Holy Communion with baptism of Rory Cooper
13 July	10am	Morning Praise
20 July	8am	BCP Communion
	10am	Holy Communion
27 July	10am	Morning Praise

## July Charity of the Month






# Charity of the month

## Kisiizi

an extraordinary place in rural south-west Uganda serving a very poor community with healthcare, hydro-electricity, primary school education and a community health insurance scheme. Established 55 years ago, Kisiizi continues to develop with a School of Nursing, increasing networks both local and international and yet has continued to provide care for the most vulnerable including the mentally ill, children with disability and neonates. It's core aim remains to share "Life in all its fullness" with its patients, staff, community and visitors



The hospital cares for the most vulnerable and admits between 550-700 patients each month

Nurses and midwives are trained to be a valued part of the Kisiizi hospital community

350 Primary students in the community school to support hospital staff by keeping family close and give them a good education.

## Holy Trinity Services in August

3 Aug	8am	BCP Communion
	10am	Holy Communion
	12pm	Baptism of James Weavers
6 Aug	10.30am	Midweek Communion
10 Aug	10am	Morning Praise
17 Aug	8am	BCP Communion
	10am	Holy Communion
24 Aug	10am	Morning Praise
31 Aug	8am	BCP Communion
	10am	Holy Communion

## 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.

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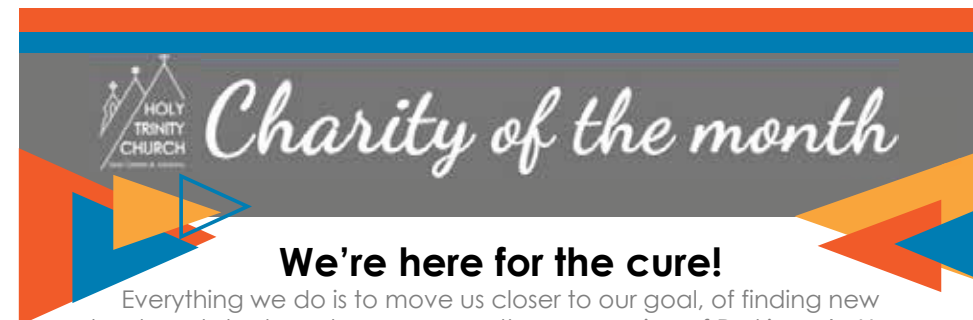
Donations in cash/cheque may be delivered to our treasurer at 58 Chalfont Road.

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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)**



## August Charity of the Month



Everything we do is to move us closer to our goal, of finding new treatments to slow, stop or reverse the progression of Parkinson's. Your donations and your involvement in research will lead to the breakthrough we all want to see.

Curing Parkinson's needs world-class collaborative science involving researchers, clinicians, the pharmaceutical industry and, most importantly, people who are living with Parkinson's. This collaboration is at the heart of our research programme.

Our leadership and funding enables the world's leading neuroscientists and neurologists to prioritise, together, the next generation of drugs for clinical trial. We're acting with urgency, for people currently living with Parkinson's, with a focus on research which has potential to translate into the clinic within five years.



### AIMS:

To be in international catalyst in the search for a cure

To work with the world's leading Scientists and clinicians to find a cure

To work with people affected by Parkinson's to support, inform and accelerate the search for a cure.



## Open week at Jordans' Village Nursery school

In the idyllic Jordans Village, just off the village green, you will find the Jordans Village Nursery School. A wonderful nursery where laughter, creativity, and a love of learning are nurtured by a caring, knowledgeable staff team. Open Mondays to Fridays in term time, the Jordans village hall is home to this very special nursery.

The nursery is well established and is staffed by a passionate, dedicated and experienced team. Many are former parents and have worked at the nursery for many years, including four qualified teachers. All our staff are qualified in paediatric first aid and child protection, and two team members are SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) trained.



We have a great outside space for trikes, a sand pit, mud kitchen, scooters, water play, and more. We play outside whatever the weather as snow and rain provide opportunities for learning too! Planned into our curriculum to give children variety and a broad range of experiences are activities such as music and movement, visits to the woods, and cooking. We also have a Spanish speaking teacher who



introduces the children to Spanish culture and language. A favourite with the children are our science and technology sessions which include activities such as making volcanoes, building bridges, and learning about our skeletons.

We have nature on our doorstep and use the village green and visit the woods frequently. The children run up and down the dells, hunt for bugs, collect sticks and peep in the dens.

We have strong links with the community and with Jordans School. Our children visit Jordans School regularly in their final term to

help prepare them for their move to 'big school.'

We are an inclusive nursery and welcome all children. We offer flexible hours to suit your child's needs. Children can start at the age of two.

Our first week of the Autumn term (8th-12th Sept) is an 'open week.' We would love to invite you to come and see what goes on behind the gate. Please contact our Admissions Manager Nicola Coyne on 07952 993951 to let her know you are coming. A warm welcome awaits!

**Susan Lawrence**

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## 8 O'Clock Club

The Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital at Cliveden was a famous and respected local landmark. It was with thoughts of bravery and a nod to nostalgia, when the last of the hospital buildings closed and the ground on which they had stood made way for a large housing development.

The story, from National Trust Volunteer Ray Istead, began at the start of WWI when the Astors of Cliveden offered their house and grounds to the War Office for a military hospital. The War Office declined the offer citing unsuitability, and so an approach was made to the Canadian Army Medical Corps. They accepted, and the hospital that started life in the indoor tennis court of Cliveden, was named the Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital. The Duke of Connaught, Prince Arthur, was Governor General of Canada.

The Army Corps staffed and equipped the hospital. Linen and night attire (2 of) plus a bed and mattress, was purchased from Selfridge Ltd for two pounds eighteen shillings and thruppence. In 1915, the first Matron of the Canadian Army Nurses was Edith Campbell, subsequently a recipient of the Military Medal for bravery whilst serving abroad.

Nancy Astor was a regular contributor to hospital life, welcoming and visiting patients and arranging entertainment for the sick and wounded. For the patients, the journey to the hospital was long and uncomfortable, eventually arriving at Taplow train station for onward passage by ambulance to the hospital.

The site was used again as a hospital in WW2, but this time the Canadians built a new hospital that was the size of a small village. At the end of the War it became a national research centre for children suffering from rheumatism, before it passed into the hands of the NHS who introduced Maternity services. It closed in 1985.

The next talk will be on Thursday **July 3** at 8pm, venue Seer Green Baptist Church.



Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital

A beautifully illustrated presentation '**Our Glorious Universe**' by Dr Graham Hine (a former Seer Green resident) who has a PhD in Radio Astronomy from Cambridge University. *NB There has had to be a change in topic.*

£4 (cash) admission includes tea/coffee. All welcome.

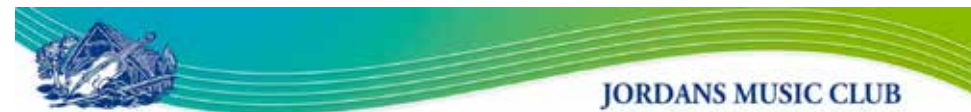
Thursday **August 7** at 7.30pm.

Visit to Jordans Meeting House led by Nina Liebenberg (warden)

£4 (cash) Please meet at the Meeting House (parking available - entrance in Welders Lane)

**Elizabeth Lee**

## Jordans Music Club



### 82nd Summer Festival 2025 – 1 June to 6 July

Come along and enjoy a glass of wine with some fine music with musicians of international calibre without high prices or the need to travel into London.

#### 6 July - Cellist Guy Johnston and Pianist Tom Poster

Two of the UK's finest musicians come together for an unforgettable musical experience. Guy Johnston is acclaimed as one of Britain's most exciting cellists; Tom Poster is praised as "mercurially brilliant".

Concerts at the Jubilee Hall, Seer Green HP9 2QJ at 7.30pm.

Tickets at [Ticketsource.co.uk/](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/) JordansMusicClub







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## Summertime at the allotments

Down at the allotments, sitting on a bench one early Sunday morning I drank in the sights, sounds and scents. The birdsong - wow! There is a great variety of birds up here, from the tiny but loud wren to the stately red kite with its less grand cry. Blackbird proclaims his handsome qualities while throwing tilth hither and thither in search of worms and the ubiquitous allotment robin, always happy to see me disturbing the earth, grapples with a very long worm which he dissects into manageable portions. From a nearby field this chorus is joined by the donkey calling out good morning sounding rather like a barn door in need of an oil, reluctantly opening.

Later as the sun hits my patch the bees will come foraging amongst the poppies, while butterflies sun themselves, wings out flaunting their beauty. Over the pond damselflies do their magical mating ritual while various winged pollinators drink their fill. I can't hear ladybirds munching on black-fly but I hope they are.

Late afternoon the martins will give their fantastic aerial display as they catch insects on the wing, flying high and swooping low, looping and sweeping, truly wondrous. At dusk if you're very lucky you might see the barn owl out hunting, flying across the scrub on the edge of the field, a silent and deadly hunter of mouse or vole. During the night, badger and fox will search out worms and slugs, leaving ankle busting holes for the unwary, while moths feed at the evening primrose flowers.

All this while our allotments bring forth fruit, flowers and vegetables - and however we approach our plots, whatever we choose and strive to grow, when here we can blank out any worries, stresses and woes, immersed in the quiet beauty all around us.

Can you wonder that I call my plot, my happy place.

**Charlotte Baggins** from the allotments.



*The plant, cake and coffee sale*



## Seer Green Gardeners



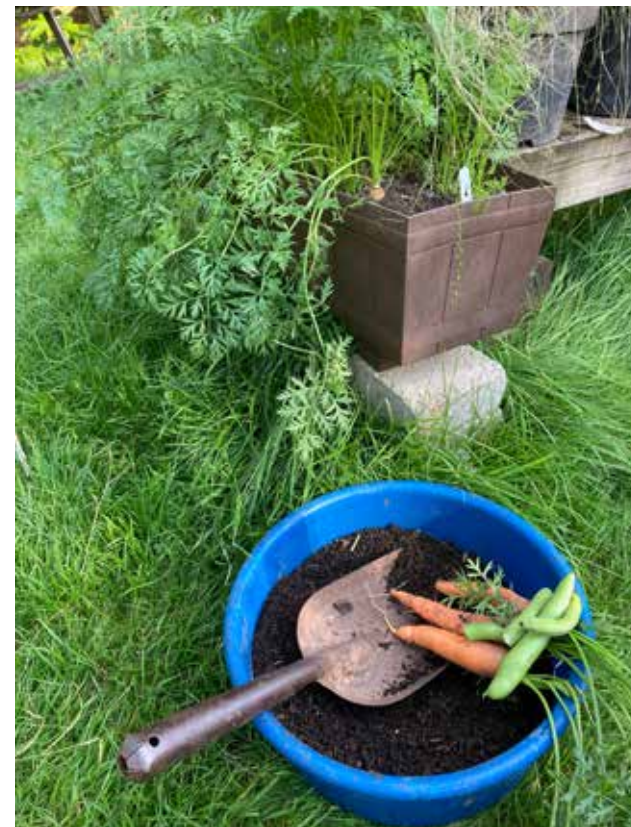
### Garden jobs for high summer

- Keep on top of those tomato side shoots - these emerge from the joint between each set of leaves and the stem. If you leave them in place, the plant becomes over-leafy to the detriment of fruit development. This assumes you're growing a cordon variety. Bush tomatoes are designed to sprawl and will make their own space providing you've given them room so you don't need to worry about side shoots.
- Pick courgettes before they become marrows!
- Keep flower displays looking good for longer by regularly cutting off faded flowers of bedding plants and perennials which you expect to make more flowers this year (check the particular plant online if you're not sure). Make the cut right at the bottom of the stem rather than leave a bare stalk.

Dead heading makes the plant put its energies into producing more flowers rather than seed heads (ignore this advice if these are what you prefer!).

- Collect seeds from veg and flowers to sow next year. This generally works well and saves money providing you're not growing an F1 (hybrid) variety.
- Keep on top of watering during dry spells, but remember that plants appreciate larger quantities LESS often to superficial frequent watering - evaporation means that most of what you apply won't reach the roots.
- There are some wonderful displays of wisteria around our village during late spring, and if these have inspired you to plant one, do check out the RHS website on how to ensure they look good and flower well. By July you'll see lots of very long whippy new shoots have appeared. These need shortening back to five or six leaves. Then make a note in your calendar to prune these same shoots back further to just 2 or 3 buds.
- Relax and reflect on the fruits of your efforts!

### Sally Ash







Invites you to join a group tour to:



**Thursday, 24 July from 10.00 to 17.00**

**Cost: £35 p/p**

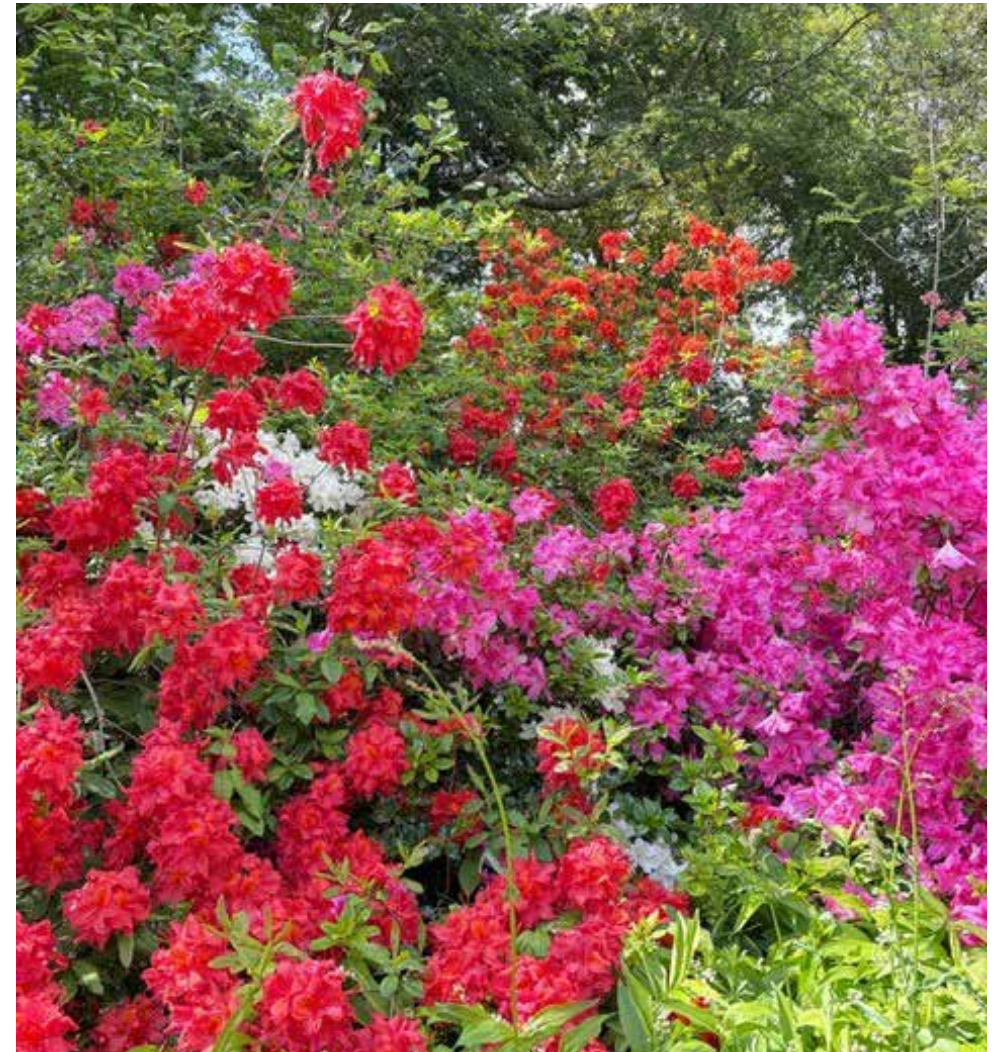
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afternoon Royal  
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coach tour

## Come Exploring with Seer Green Gardeners

Do join us on our day trip to the Savill Garden on Thursday **24 July**. The subsidised cost of £35 covers return coach travel to Seer Green, an hour's tour of the gardens and a Royal Heritage tour on the coach with a guide (which can only be arranged as part of a group visit). There will be time to explore the gardens at leisure and treat yourself to lunch in the cafe or bring a picnic. Full details and how to book: [www.seergreengardeners.org](http://www.seergreengardeners.org)



*Savill Garden is by Lindy Hardy*



## Do you like colouring?

We wrote about Strawberry Bombe's collection of sketches around Seer Green that are available on Amazon, in the May magazine. She has given us this one of Holy Trinity that you can try colouring. We hope that you will enjoy it. If you send us a photo of the Holy Trinity picture coloured, painted, or decorated in any way you like then we will put it up in Trinity Cafe.

The Editors



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### The Editors



## Our Living Village: Hodgemoor Woods - heritage and wellbeing!

The annual Council for British Archaeology (CBA) public Festival of Archaeology, held nationwide in July, is again running a local event this year. As the Festival theme is Archaeology and Wellbeing, what could be better than a guided walk exploring 2000 years of human occupation within the area of Seer Green parish now covered by Hodgemoor Woods? Also with the chance for some therapeutic 'woodland bathing' or to hug a tree!

As a community-based heritage project, Our Living Village has again partnered with the Buckinghamshire Archaeology Society (BAS) to offer two walks this year, on the morning and on the afternoon of Sunday **27 July**. Booking is essential as the number of attendees is restricted. However, the walks are open to the public and are bookable either from the Festival website at <https://tinyurl.com/259xy242>, or directly with Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society at <https://tinyurl.com/4srbpzpn>. There is a small charge for non-BAS members, with money being collected on the day; this goes towards supporting the charitable objectives of the county archaeological society.

Search the full CBA event listing (<https://tinyurl.com/2dzy9s53>) for other activities near to wherever you find yourself this summer.



If you are interested in this walk, or the history of Hodgemoor Woods, but are unable to book or the date does not suit, then we are always open to running similar events for small groups - please contact us via the email below.

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

## Jordans Village Cricket Match

**MATCH DATE SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**  
**BACK-UP DATE IN CASE OF RAIN SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**



JORDANS ESTATE OFFICE vs. JORDANS VILLAGE  
The Ted & Hubert Cup – awarded to the winning team  
The Colin Brown Cup – awarded to player of the match  
Catch of the Match – in memory of Willem Lomas  
Warm up from Midday onwards...first ball at 2pm

If you are interested in playing for either team, and you are 11 years or older, Male or Female please contact Chris Jenkins at the Estate Office on 01494 875177 or [estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk](mailto:estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk)

Refreshments provided by The Jolly Quaker



# Jordans Biodiversity Day Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July

A series of activities from dawn to dusk to celebrate Nature in our Village  
Everyone is welcome!

## FREE WILDLIFE SAFARIS

Places are limited. To book, see links on  
[www.jordansvillage.co.uk](http://www.jordansvillage.co.uk)

Tour 1: 7am - 9.30am: Morning Bird Safari

Tour 2: 11am – 1pm: Bumblee Safari

Tour 3: 9pm - 11pm: Dusk Bat Safari

## Tea and Cake

### on Manor Farm Field North

3pm – 5pm

Visit Manor Farm Field to see what we've been doing to restore nature. Highlights include: the wildflower meadow, hedgelaying, monitoring butterflies, amphibians & reptiles!

Tea and homemade cake



Photo credit: Hugh Clark



Photo credit: Bumblebee Conservation Trust



Photo credit: Simon Nichols

Please wear sturdy shoes and long trousers (we can't rule out ticks in the long grass).

No dogs (except guide dogs) please.

Manor Farm Field is located off the footpath between Jordans and Seer Green, close to Wilton Lane.

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## A hidden gem in the centre of London - All Saints Church, Margarets Street

Take a break from shopping in Oxford Street and, walking from Oxford Circus past the new IKEA, turn north into an area called Fitzrovia. This area of London used to be the centre of the rag trade, but now is populated by advertising, film and TV companies. In a few minutes you will come across Margaret Street and there, squeezed between offices and homes, find the stupendous church of All Saints, one of the great monuments of Victorian architecture.

The exterior is red brick with colourful inlay decorations and the tower is high, taller than the towers of Westminster Abbey. Walk through the small courtyard and on entering the church you will be overwhelmed by the great size of the interior, but also the most striking brightly coloured mosaics which decorate the walls, floor and ceiling and east wall.

The Church was built in 1849 and 1859, only a few years after Holy Trinity in Seer Green Church, at a cost of £70,000 making it one of the most expensive churches. It was designed by the prolific Victorian church architect William Butterfield who also designed several Oxford college chapels. His instructions were to build a church which would



restore spiritual pride having open altar so there is no screen or pulpit to obscure it but only a low richly decorated wall

It is a high church with a strong musical tradition. The choirs have sung at coronations including that of Elizabeth 11. William Lloyd Webber, father of composer Andrew and cellist Julian, was Director of Music for 10 years.

After enjoying the beauty and peace of this fine building, return to the noise and bustle of the West End.

**Jim Fischer**



## Children's activity - Make a Miniature Garden

Have fun building your own garden you can create and look after yourself. Use for imaginary play and to help you tell stories.

### You need:-

1. A bowl or flowerpot preferably with a large surface area.
2. Line it if you want to protect it for other use.
3. Put some gravel or broken pot pieces in the bottom for drainage.
4. Fill to about 2cm from the rim with compost.
5. Use Miniature Rock plants, alpine and herbs that stay small and grow slowly for greenery and colour. Succulents can be good. You don't need many 3 or 4.
6. Use small rock chippings like slate or gravel to make paths or flat areas. Egg shells broken up look good for paths and Sea shells help add pattern and interesting shapes.

### Plan your garden:-

Is it a park, zoo, woodland, garden?

Where will the paths go?

Where will the plants go?

What are you going to put in it?

Use Lego or Playmobil figures or create your own.

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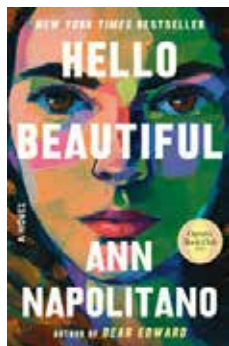
Let your imagination go wild!

**Carol Wright**





## Janet's Book Reviews



### **Hello Beautiful** – Anne Napolitano

The publishers use Little Women meets Elena Ferrante as their tagline for this book, not too sure about that, but it's a very enjoyable read, perfect for a beach!

A family saga spanning decades following the Padavano sisters, an Italian family from Chicago. 4 sisters, all so different, Julia, the problem solver; Sylvie, the romantic dreamer; Cecelia, the free-spirited artist; and Emeline, the caregiver.

Meet William – a lonely young man who finds solace in basketball becoming a skilled player. Julia decides he's the one for her and he is thrust into the loud, lively family dynamics.

However, William is fighting depression and anxiety about his life just as Julia is planning their future. In the midst of a tragic crisis, the family is shattered by decisions made and vows broken

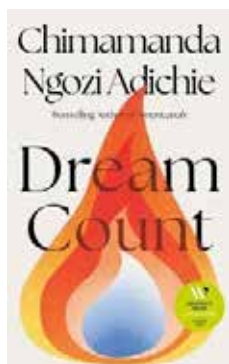
It is a beautiful, raw and lyrical look at family, grief, mental health, and love and how to reconnect after a life changing rift.

Enjoy this with a glass of chilled wine by the pool!

### **Dream Count** – Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's 4th novel is powerful and compelling as always, exploring the nuances in the relationships between both partners and friends.

This novel is a kaleidoscope through which we peer into the lives of 4 women and their experiences not only of love, filial and romantic, but of power in all its subtleties and cultural contexts.



Set during lockdown, It captures the confusion, fear and dilemmas that were familiar to everyone in that time without it overtaking the plot

Strong feminist political opinions make this a riveting read, not sure she's a huge fan of the USA!

### **Fundamentally** – Nussairah Younis

Fundamentally is the perfect mix of funny and enlightening. There is no better feeling than when we can thoroughly enjoy reading whilst also learning.

The main character, Nadia, is an academic who's sent to Iraq to rehabilitate ISIS brides whilst escaping a failed relationship from her girlfriend and her mother.

She makes for a complex protagonist whose inner dialogue is engaging to read as she battles with her moral compass, her ex, her mother and the life she might have lived if things had gone differently.

I laughed whilst reading it, occasionally worried that I shouldn't, given the subject matter, but that is what makes it such an engaging book.

The author is a recognised expert on contemporary Iraq and has had a decorated career as a peacebuilder.

After the novel she talks about how her work inspired the novel and the experiences that she drew on to write it. I found it fascinating, her experience adds to the novel's uniqueness and authenticity.

Thoroughly recommend this - take it on holiday!

**Janet Stewart**



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## Rotary club



Jordans Rotary Club have invited the major charity Shelterbox (which was first introduced by Rotary Clubs in Cornwall) to attend the Seer Green School Cherry Pie Fair this year. We will have a stand showing the children the tents and solar lights. Water purifiers and many more items that are sent out by the charity to all the areas of disaster, floods, earthquakes, fires, war zones. So please do come and visit the stall.

The Rotary Club have also organised two more trips on the

River Thames in August this year for the seniors of both Seer Green and Jordans. For those who don't get out very often, it will be on The Rivertime Boat Trust boat from Henley up and down the river back to Henley, particularly for those in wheelchairs, those who use walking aids, as there is a lift available on board to aid getting on and off.

Dates are Monday **11 August** and Thursday **14 August** both in the afternoon. Transport can be arranged.

There are 11 places on each trip, please contact Jenny Owen on 07707 386415 for booking places.





## Dates for your Diary

Thurs 3 July 8pm	<b>8 O’Clock Club</b> Our Glorious Universe
Sat 12 July	<b>Jordans Biodiversity</b> Biodiversity Day
Thurs 24 July 10am-5pm	<b>SG Gardeners</b> Trip to The Savill Garden
Sun 27 July	<b>Our Living Village</b> Hodgemoor Woods Walk
Thurs 7 August 8pm	<b>8 O’Clock Club</b> Visit to Jordans Meeting House
Sun 10 August	<b>Jordans Village</b> Cricket Match
Mon 11 August pm	<b>Rotary Club</b> Thames Boat trip
Thurs 14 August pm	<b>Rotary Club</b> Thames Boat trip
Sun 24 August	<b>Jordans Village</b> Cricket Match back up date for rain
Sun 7 September pm	<b>SG Gardeners</b> Spud in a Bucket weigh-in
Mon 8 - Fri 12 September	<b>Jordans’ Village</b> Nursery School Open Week
Fri 12 – Sat 13 September	<b>Seer Green Scouts</b> Beer & Music Festival
Sat 20 Sept 2.30-4pm	<b>SG Gardeners</b> Autumn Show

## Coffee Shop

A meeting place for the community

Monday Mornings  
10.30am to 12.00noon  
Seer Green Baptist Church



## Thames Hospice launches “Trunks across the Thames”

A majestic elephant art trail set to transform Windsor and Slough in 2026.

Thames Hospice is delighted to announce the official launch of ‘Trunks across the Thames,’ a spectacular public art trail set to bring a vibrant herd of up to 30 majestic elephant sculptures to the streets, parks, and iconic landmarks of Windsor and Slough in summer 2026. This ambitious event, is created in collaboration with renowned producers Wild in Art.

Trunks across the Thames will run for approximately nine weeks, forming a free, fun, and family-friendly discovery trail. Each unique elephant sculpture will be adorned with bespoke artwork by professional artists and generously sponsored by a local business, organisation, or individual, transforming the towns into a glorious open-air gallery.



Dr Rachael de Caux Chief Executive of Thames Hospice says “This project offers opportunity to engage with people in our community including local businesses and schools, the latter via an exciting education and learning programme. We believe that by having these tangible, beautiful sculptures in the heart of our communities, we can open up vital conversations around end-of-life care, helping to demystify hospice services and demonstrate how we help local families experience quality of life to the end of life.”

Please do get in touch if you would like any further information.... Or an elephant of your own!

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