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## Thought for the Month

Trinity Café is now open (or at least, at the time of writing, that's the plan!). Trinity Café is a new venture in Holy Trinity church, serving speciality coffee during the week. In early May, we had a Taster Day, and it was a wonderful success. Across the morning, we served around 150 drinks to people of all ages and stages, in a wonderful atmosphere of welcome. We know it won't be like that every day, but we do hope that it will be a place where everyone can come, especially those who feel isolated or alone, and find faithful friendship. And really good coffee that far exceeds everyone's experience of 'church coffee'. And cake too!

Welcome, hospitality and friendship sit at the heart of the Christian faith and are a big part of why we're doing this café. (That, alongside the opportunity to make everyone feel more comfortable around the church space, and less cautious about what it would be like to come on a Sunday...).

Jesus was a very friendly person - everyone who met him found unconditional welcome as they arrived, and inspiration to be a better person as they went on their way. For all the confusing mysteries surrounding the doctrine of the Trinity (the idea that God is Father, Son and Spirit, in perfect love), the reason it's so important to Christians is that it is really about friendship in its perfect, archetypal form. God IS love; when we come to him, we are loved and welcomed into the circle of loving friendship in which he already exists.

We want Trinity Café, and indeed everything about Holy Trinity Church, to reflect the profoundly loving character of God as we seek to create a place of warmth, welcome, connection and belonging for everyone across the villages of Seer Green and Jordans.

**Reverend Jez Carr**





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## From the Editors

Welcome to the June edition of Community News. There is a lot going on in our two villages this month from annual events such as school fairs, village fairs and the first camp out on Jordans Village Green. This is alongside regular monthly events such as the 8 o'clock club talks and the Seer Green Folk nights.

Do pop along to Trinity café - a new venture in Holy Trinity church - for tea/coffee and a piece of cake! There is an interesting article outlining the different judging criteria in the Buckinghamshire Best kept Village competition for which Seer Green is being entered.

### The Editors

## Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **July/August double** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 June 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: Lucy and Maria having fun at Toddlers in the woods.

## Holy Trinity Services in June

1 June	10am	Morning Praise
4 June	10.30am	Midweek Communion
8 June	8am 10am	BCP Communion Holy Communion
15 June	10am	Morning Praise
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## June Charity of the Month



Samaritan's Purse UK is an international relief and development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in need (in countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe & Central Asia) across the world.

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### The Editors



## Toddlers in the Woods turns 4 in July

I am so proud that this venture, conceived during the isolating Covid years, has sprung into life and now retains an integral position in the lives of many of the young families in Jordans and Seer Green.



*JJ holding his clay animal*

The innovative idea for many of getting outside in the woods regardless of the weather early on a Friday morning was very alien to families awakening in a post Covid world. With determination to find others isolated during their young children's lives they sourced long since used outward bound clothing, similar for their children, and headed out. The outcome has been just amazing!

Bridget, Nora, Rachel and I welcome all families with pre-school children

and a donation of about £2.50 is optional though much appreciated. All our equipment is woodland based and purchases are simply to bring to life what is already right there surrounding us.

The Centenary Clearing was created as a legacy for the inspired group of Christian Friends who in 1919 seized the opportunity to create a vibrant working community on the fields opposite the historic Meeting House.

Today the Centenary Clearing lies in the Parish of Seer Green and Jordans and Holy Trinity Church hosts and guides Toddlers in the Woods in the direction of following the Christian faith. However all of any faith, or no faith at all, seeking companionship and a rewarding experience for your young children are so welcome to join us.

### Ali Cork



*Oscar and Marley playing in the tuff tray*



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## Mrs Agnes Cameron - Should auld acquaintance be forgot...

The name Agnes Cameron, who recently died at the age of ninety-nine, will be familiar to every family in Seer Green who had children at our local school in the 1970s and 1980s. To others perhaps less so, but her important legacy lives on in the village to this day.

Mrs Cameron was already a highly experienced teacher in Scotland when in the mid-1970s she moved south with her husband and two daughters, taking up the position of Deputy Head Teacher at Seer Green C of E School. Within a short time she was appointed Head



Agnes with her great grandson

Teacher, and leading a team of dedicated colleagues she set about transforming the school into the progressing and cosmopolitan place of learning that we see today.

As a fine pianist herself, music was naturally one of her top priorities and a school orchestra and marching band were quickly established. These played an important part in the rejuvenation of the Cherry Pie Fair, where local celebrities such as Val Doonican and Ian McCaskill helped to turn this into a major village event.

Foreign language teaching was another of Mrs Cameron's priorities, and working with local volunteers many of the children reached a remarkable high level of competency. In fact one of the children from that time, now himself a university professor, recently stated that he spoke better French at the age of eleven than at any other time in his life!

The language teaching was reinforced by an annual school trip to Carantec in Brittany, with Mrs Cameron setting off confidently for France driving the school minibus. Memorably, on one occasion setting off a bit too confidently, leaving behind the bag containing all the children's passports, resulting in an

exciting chase along the motorway to catch up with the speeding minibus.

As well as raising educational standards, Mrs Cameron oversaw a major reconstruction and redevelopment programme for the school, leaving as her physical legacy the fine modern school that the village enjoys today.

In her retirement, Mrs Cameron continued her musical activities becoming Friends' secretary to the Amersham Music Festival, singing with the Holy Trinity Church Choir and the South Bucks Choral Society, and expertly accompanying

many local students through their stressful music exams. Being a good Scot, golf also played an important part in her life but not more than her travelling and – most importantly of all – watching her family expanding and flourishing. And fittingly, her very last trip back up to her beloved Scotland was for the marriage of her granddaughter. Later she welcomed her great grandson to the family which brought her enormous joy.

RIP Mrs Agnes Cameron, 14 May 1925 – 27 January 2025

**Alan Kell and Jane Cousins**



The school band outside Holy Trinity church



# Bric-a-Brac Sale June 14 at Jordans Village Fete



**Please donate!** Books, China, Glass, Pottery, Kitchen Stuff. Small Appliances. Bikes. Home Décor. Clean **adult clothing.** Toys, Vinyl Records. Sports Equipment. **Small** items of furniture (can you lift it with one hand?)

**Sorry, we can't take:** broken items, puzzles, stuffed animals, shoes, plastic plant pots, large furniture, DVDs, CDs, video tapes.

**Drop off your items from 12 - 2 pm  
June 14<sup>th</sup> on the village green.**

**All proceeds go to the Jordans TMC**

## An Allotment per se helps you work, rest and play

The month of May sees work up at the allotments intensifying, with those seedlings which have managed to break through being hardened off, then back safely inside or under cover as the weather does its extreme thing... hot hot hot - cold cold cold - dry dry dry - but the weeds seem to thrive whatever the weather throws at us; so can we relax in June? NO! But hopefully we can enjoy the long days, celebrate the longest day and begin to anticipate the fruits of our labour, whilst not sacrificing all of it to slugs and pigeons. As people opened up compost heaps and covered beds slow worms were discovered, and some of us will have the inconvenience and delight of a robin nesting in their shed or bees nesting underground in ready-to-use-now compost heaps.

What a privilege to be thus chosen.

A word or two about bees...late spring often sees honey bees swarming. This is when the old queen leaves home taking about 20,000 worker bees with her. They carry a packed lunch of honey in a sac in order to build a honeycomb to house the new colony, it's all about procreation and the noise is not anger but the hard work of being airborne when carrying luggage. If a swarm is coming in your direction, stillness is better than running

or flapping about. Think of it as a miniature murmuration such as starlings conjure.



Bees are not aggressive but defensive. When they sense danger they will defend, pheromones trigger a response. A bee will sense strong perfume or aftershave as a predator - danger! And like a good social creature will take one for the team, remember a honeybee dies after stinging. Bees need water so if you have been bothered by bees when watering your plot, provide a safe, simple watering site by putting pebbles in a plant saucer of water, bees safe - you safe.

Meanwhile enjoy the light, take care of your back and plot on....

**Charlotte Baggins** from the allotments.

## Seer Green Gardeners

This is the month when typically we start to see the first full flushes of growth in the garden, but after this year's remarkable April, I'm wondering whether our plants will still have the same energy in June? Here are some suggestions in the hopes that May will not have been too cold or dry for normal routines to apply.

- If you've not already done so, gather some suitable sticks or bamboo canes and stake herbaceous perennial plants to show them off to best effect.
- Pinch out the side shoots on tomato plants that emerge from the joint between the leaf and the stem. This retains the plant's energy for developing fruit rather than more leaves and prevents the plant from becoming a messy bush.
- Keep sowing carrots as they're so delicious to eat straight from the garden. I've had much more success growing them in large containers raised off the ground using bricks to help drainage.
- As risk of frost should have passed, you can put houseplants outside for a summer holiday and finish planting out summer bedding.
- Keep on top of weeding!
- Will this be the year when I remember to cut back my hardy geraniums flowers after blooming? Apparently they sprout new growth very quickly and produce more flowers later in the year.
- By now, most bearded irises will have finished blooming. Remove seed heads as this will sap the plant's energies. Remove the stems and if your clump is getting big, lift and divide it into separate plants. (I did this last year and was astonished at the positive effect on flowering this year).
- Don't forget to water new plants regularly until they're well established.
- Above all, enjoy the profusion of colours, textures and shapes to be found in your garden in this most exuberance of months in the gardening year!

**Sally Ash**

### SpringFest / Scarecrow Trail

Our Plant Sale on Bank Holiday Saturday drew many happy buyers wanting to add summer bedding or new plants to their gardens. We were particularly pleased with the number of donated seedlings/plants to our bring and buy plant sale. As always the tea bar with its selection of delicious cakes was very popular.

Seven people enjoyed the bird song walk through Hodgemoor Woods on a beautiful Bank Holiday Monday morning. The leader, local bird expert Richard Tomlin, was able to identify the birds through their song rather than by sight as they were hidden in the tree canopy.

A wonderful time was had by many wandering around the village in search of Scarecrows over the early May bank holiday week. There were 34 to find, on the theme of Children's book characters.

Judging was by public vote, where people were encouraged to vote for their top 3 (first place gave 3 points, second place gave 2 points and third place scored 1 point).

The winning entry, with 122 points was Rapunzel by Paul and Janet Stewart. 2nd place, with 75 points went to Postman Pat by the Sew 'n' Sews. Third place, with 58 points, went to the Hungry Caterpillar at Holy Trinity. Charlotte's Web (48), Paddington (44), Stickman (39) and Peter Rabbit (33) were all highly commended. Whilst these received the most votes it was lovely to have scarecrows popular with everyone and all entries received at least 2 votes.

A huge thank you to all who took part by making a scarecrow, and to all those who enjoyed finding them and voting.

Why not get involved next year? Early May Bank Holiday weekend, theme Children/Family Films.

**Jill Moody / Janna Holder**



*Winning Entries Rapunzel (1st) and Postman Pat (2nd) Photos by Janna Holder*





## Our Living Village: Seer Green and the Ancient Order of Druids!

Who were the Godolphin's, after whom Godolphin Road is named?

In 1752 Francis Godolphin (later 2nd Baron Godolphin) purchased land in Seer Green from Thomas Coke, Earl of Leicester. Francis died in 1785 leaving no heir, so the barony became extinct. In 1832 it was recreated for Francis Godolphin Osborne, 1st Baron Godolphin of Farnham Royal, the second son of the 5th Duke of Leeds.

George Godolphin Osborne was born in 1862, becoming the 10th Duke of Leeds in 1895 following the death of his father (the 9th Duke), and inheriting the title 4th Baron Godolphin together with the Seer Green estate. He lived at Hornby Castle in Yorkshire.



*George Godolphin Osborne (Public-Domain)*

In 1887 George was elected Conservative MP for Brixton, entering Parliament as the Marquess of Carmarthen. From 1887-90 he was Assistant Secretary to 1st Baron Knutsford (Secretary of State for the Colonies). He served as Treasurer of the Household from 1895-96, was a member of London County Council, a JP for the North Riding of Yorkshire, a Lieutenant in the Yorkshire Hussars, an honorary Captain in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve commanding the Royal Yacht Squadron, and an aide-de-camp to Edward VII. Altogether a very establishment figure!

At the end of the 19th century, he was initiated into the Fraternal Society of the Ancient Order of Druids, and was present in 1905 for the first mass Druid ceremony at Stonehenge. This event is now repeated every summer solstice.

George was noted for racing greyhounds. He incurred gambling debts which resulted in the sale of Hornby Castle in the 1930s. It is tempting to conclude that this hobby probably also contributed to George selling off his Seer Green estate in 1901 and 1912.

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

## 8 O'Clock Club

Orlando Florida is high on many children's bucket list. The charity 'Dreamflight' makes that experience possible for thousands of seriously ill and disabled children, and for whom the Disney trip delivers a life-changing experience. It's all made possible by Bucks' resident Patricia Pearce, through her career as an Air Stewardess.



For 39 years, Pat's flying days took her all over the world, in aircraft remembered with fondness such as the Bristol Freighter that transported cars as well as passengers; the de Havilland Dove; Dakota DC-3; Airspeed Ambassador (Elizabethan); Bristol Britannia; Vickers Viscount 748. She flew during an age where hat and coat racks and ladies' dressing tables were appropriate.

A six-week Training Course, consisted of learning how to handle passengers, knowing how to complete the necessary paperwork; serving and cooking meals that

included the carving of meat; make-up with Elizabeth Arden; first aid, and very importantly safety and fire fighting. Her stewardess uniform at B.O.A.C. and BA went through many stylish innovations, including the donning of a paper dress for the flights from New York to the Caribbean; real DIY where the wearer had to cut the dress to length!

Flying had been a dream for Pat since the age of nine and in 1986/87 that dream took shape, as the holiday of a lifetime for seriously ill and disabled children.

Starting with a big Disney-themed party, Pat was challenged to turn this party into a party-trip to Orlando, initially flying 288 children aged 8-14. Thousands of children across the country, nominated by medical professionals, have now experienced the fantastic Orlando Parks' events, supported by medical and airline staff and large numbers of volunteers on both sides of the Atlantic.

The experience can be life-changing and gives young people an opportunity to do something that medicine can't, they discover independence, confidence and a new outlook.

To do this Dreamflight need to raise over £1m each year. <https://www.dreamflight.org> to donate.

The next talk will be on Thursday **June 5** at 8pm Seer Green Baptist Church.

'Cliveden and the War Years Featuring the Canadian Red Cross Hospital' by a Cliveden National Trust Volunteer

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

**July 3** - Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Mike and Clare Coote (volunteers)

**Elizabeth Lee**

## Best Kept Village Competition

Seer Green has entered the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition for 2025. Judging takes place from **1 June** until **mid July 2025**.

Thank you to all of our litter pickers who are regularly out keeping the village clean! Community spirit is important, so please keep your front gardens tidy and even the pavements in front of your homes if you can.



Marking is based on the provision, maintenance, and overall appearance of the following:

1. Cemetery, graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship).
2. Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated nature conservation area.
3. Floral Displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc).
4. Community facilities (Village Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall).
5. General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, etc).
6. Shops and pubs.
7. Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs.
8. War memorial.
9. Evidence of community engagement (eg website, newsletter, magazine, posters and general community involvement in the Competition).

**Liz Bates** - Parish Clerk





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## Join our local Rotary club? Why should you even consider it?

Jordans and District Rotary Club meet for a social family evening meal two Mondays a month at Beaconsfield Golf Club. This provides two nights out with new friends for a meal, often an interesting speaker and socialising. In 1980 joining a Rotary club was by invitation to special working people by special working people. Weekly meetings of men in different professions, often with a speaker, with the object of helping people in their local area and internationally.

Today UK clubs are no longer weekly get togethers of working men. Members today can be men and women usually living near their club and often are retired or close to retirement. Wives, husbands and friends are always welcome. But Rotary still is a service organisation. As a member you can give back something to your local and international charities.

Club members work together to raise funds which are then put to good use.

We have a number of events every year. A Quiz, Film nights, special dinners with interesting speakers, plus Christmas events. Our funds go to different good causes, local food banks, the local scouts, schools, the Air Ambulance, and possibly needy individuals.

Internationally there are endless opportunities for our funds to help.

The last two years we have concentrated on Ukraine.

So why not come to a Monday evening meeting and learn more about who we are and what we do. To receive an invitation please call Ken on 07889 323623 or Jenny on 07707 386415 or Karen on 07931 737051.

You will be made very welcome.

**Jenny Owen**

Jordans and District  
**Rotary**



## News from Seer Green CE School

As we move into the last term of the year, I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and the parents for their support. Our commitment to our music provision continues to provide great opportunities for the children, as evidenced by the exceptional performances of the children recently.

Our Year 5 pupils, who had been rehearsing for Energise, performed fantastically at the Swan Theatre. Their participation in the collaborative piece celebrating the jungle was truly impressive, and I have attached a couple of photos.



I was delighted that the Key Stage 2 choir reached the final of the Bucks Music Trust choir competition. Performing alongside six other choirs at the Grange School in Aylesbury, our children sang beautifully and with infectious enthusiasm. While they did not win, their performance instilled a sense of pride in both staff and parents alike. The confidence and joy radiating from our children was palpable. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Barrett and Mrs Roach for their tireless efforts in preparing the choir. It is interesting that the guest judge reminded us of

the significant benefits that singing has both mental wellbeing and academic performance.

I recently received an email entitled 'Children's Behaviour' which initially caused some trepidation, but proved to be a source of immense pride. A member of the public, who had observed our Year 4 pupils at the swimming pool, was so impressed by their exemplary behaviour both in the pool and the changing room that they felt compelled to write and compliment our staff and children. This external validation of our pupils' conduct, even amidst the excitement of end-of-term races and pool games, is a

testament to their respect for others and the values we instill at Seer Green CE School. Well Done Year 4!

**Mrs Laura Morel** - Head teacher






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## News from Jordans school



**JORDANS SCHOOL**

A Small School with a Big Heart, guiding our children to becoming kind and courageous citizens.



We are delighted to announce, we have appointed a new school cook. Miss Cullen will join us on a phased start until 30 June when she joins us full time. We are confident that Miss Cullen will be a huge asset to our school. She is a Nutrition and Medical Science graduate and is passionate about children's health and nutrition. Welcome Miss Cullen!

**Holly Swain** - Headteacher

## Seer Green Folk Nights

The next folk night will take place on Tuesday May 27 in the Jolly Cricketers marquee. Join us from 8pm to sing, play or just listen - musical proficiency is very much not a must!

This month's theme is Americana (including country and bluegrass), so expect great American classics from the likes of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Woody Guthrie and the Carter family.

The folk nights are very relaxed and often arranged at short notice. If you'd like to find out more or be added to the folk night WhatsApp group, please message Bex on 07793 743525

**Rebecca Davies**

## Dates for your Diary

Thurs 5 June 8pm	<b>8 O'Clock Club</b> Cliveden and the War Years
Sat 14 June 12noon-2pm	<b>Jordans Village Summer Fair</b>
Sat 28 June 12noon-2.30pm	<b>SG CE School</b> Cherry Pie Fair
Sat 28-9 June 1pm-Sun 11am	<b>JV Hall Trust</b> Village Green camp out
Thurs 3 July 8pm	<b>8 O'Clock Club</b> Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

## Jordans Village Performs

The final event in our current season will be a short piano recital and AGM on Saturday **31 May**, starting at 4pm in Jordans Village Hall and lasting about 90 minutes. Everyone welcome.

Natalie Bleicher will play some colourful pieces inspired by nature and animals. After this, tea and scones will be served, and there will be a brief, open-to-all, AGM where JVP chairperson Esther Cavett will outline the plans for the upcoming season of concerts starting in October. Life membership of JVP is just £10 and you can sign up at the AGM.

For further information about JVP see [www.jordansvillageperforms.org](http://www.jordansvillageperforms.org). Please email [jordansvillageperforms@gmail.com](mailto:jordansvillageperforms@gmail.com) to confirm attendance (and get scones!). There is no charge but donations appreciated.

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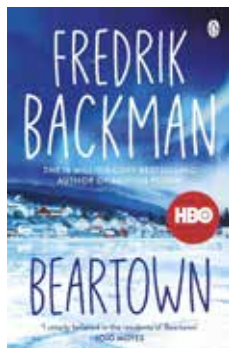


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## Janet's Book Reviews

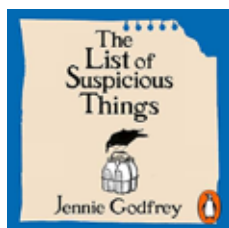


I thought it would be good to suggest a few books which are now in paperback that I highly recommend.

### **Bear Town** - Fredrick Backman

This is not a new book, but several book reviewers I follow have rated it highly. I read it some years ago and really enjoyed it

I would not have thought that a book about ice hockey would engage me, but this is so much more. Beartown is a small town in Sweden, where community is paramount. The fortunes of the youth ice hockey team are on the up, the excitement is tangible until a brutal act causes a huge scandal and a moral dilemma for the residents. Do you choose your team and the town or are you willing to forfeit it all for the truth and the repercussions?



### **The List Of Suspicious Things** - Jennie Godfrey

I loved this book, it's clever, engrossing, fascinating and completely satisfying!

Set at the time of the Yorkshire Ripper murders in the 1980's, we meet Miv & Sharon, young teens. Miv is determined to try to work out why girls are disappearing, she ropes Sharon in to compile a list of suspicious people and things going on around them in their neighbourhood.

The author perfectly captures the mood of the country at the time, but more specifically, to the time and place, the music, the politics the clothes.... We meet a cast of diverse characters, all beautifully described

Their search for truth reveals more secrets in their neighbourhood, within their families and between each other than they'd ever thought possible.

A wonderful debut novel.



### **All The Colours Of The Dark** - Chris Whitaker

This is another book reviewers absolutely rave about which I thoroughly agree with. It's so much more than a crime fiction book, I have to confess to having a lump in my throat at the end!

In 1975, we meet two teenagers, Patch and Saint. Both are viewed as misfits, with unconventional home lives. Their difference bonds them, building a lifelong friendship. Their loyalty is tested and stretched when Patch hears someone in distress, but then becomes the victim himself, he is taken. Thirteen-year-old Saint refuses to give up on Patch, to write off her friend, to say goodbye.

While there is a crime to solve and some police procedural business, this is the most exquisite love story, but not in any conventional way, loyalty and love are stretched in every imaginable way.

Janet Stewart

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## Raspberry Meringue Cake

This summer dessert is simple to make. Either prepare one cake and slice it in two and sandwich together or make two cakes and sandwich both together for a larger version.

### Ingredients

#### Sponge Base:

125g butter, softened  
100g caster Sugar  
2 egg yolks  
5ml (1 tsp) vanilla essence  
60ml (4tbsp) milk  
100g self-raising flour

#### Meringue Topping:

2 egg whites  
150g caster sugar  
50g hazelnuts, chopped

#### To Serve:

300ml double cream  
225g fresh raspberries  
Icing sugar to dust

### Method

Pre heat oven to 170°C Fan. Line a large rectangular baking tin (approx. 25×35 cms)

with lightly greased baking paper.

Make the sponge base first, beat together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add the egg yolks and vanilla essence.

Gently fold in the flour and combine with the milk.

Spread the sponge mixture thinly in the lined baking tin.



Whisk the egg whites until firm peaks form, add the sugar one spoon at a time while continuing to whisk.

Cover the sponge mixture with the meringue topping and spread evenly.

Sprinkle the chopped hazelnuts over the meringue,

Bake in the oven for 25 minutes. Turn off the oven and leave the cake in the oven for a further 10 minutes.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely. It can be covered and left overnight at this stage if you need to make it in advance.

Lift the cake out of the tin using the paper and cut in half and place one half on a serving dish (or if you are making the larger cake place this layer on a serving plate. Make sure you remove the baking paper.

Whip the double cream until soft peaks form, then cover one half of the cake with the cream and evenly sprinkle over the fresh raspberries before you carefully place the other layer on top. Dust with icing sugar before serving.

**Helen Lindsey-Clark**

## How my life went T!TS up



Laura Skinner, who lives in Seer Green, has recently written a book about her experience of having breast cancer at the age of 24 and discovering she has the BRCA1 gene.

Laura lived in Chalfont St Giles with her parents and her sister from the age of 2. She went to school in Chalfont St Giles before going on to Chalfonts' Community College and then Gloucestershire University to study Sport and Dance Education. Laura moved to Seer Green in September 2020 after lockdown and when her cancer treatment was over. Have a look at the advert on page 34 for more information about the book.

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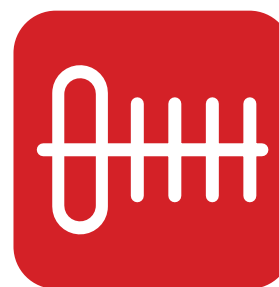
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