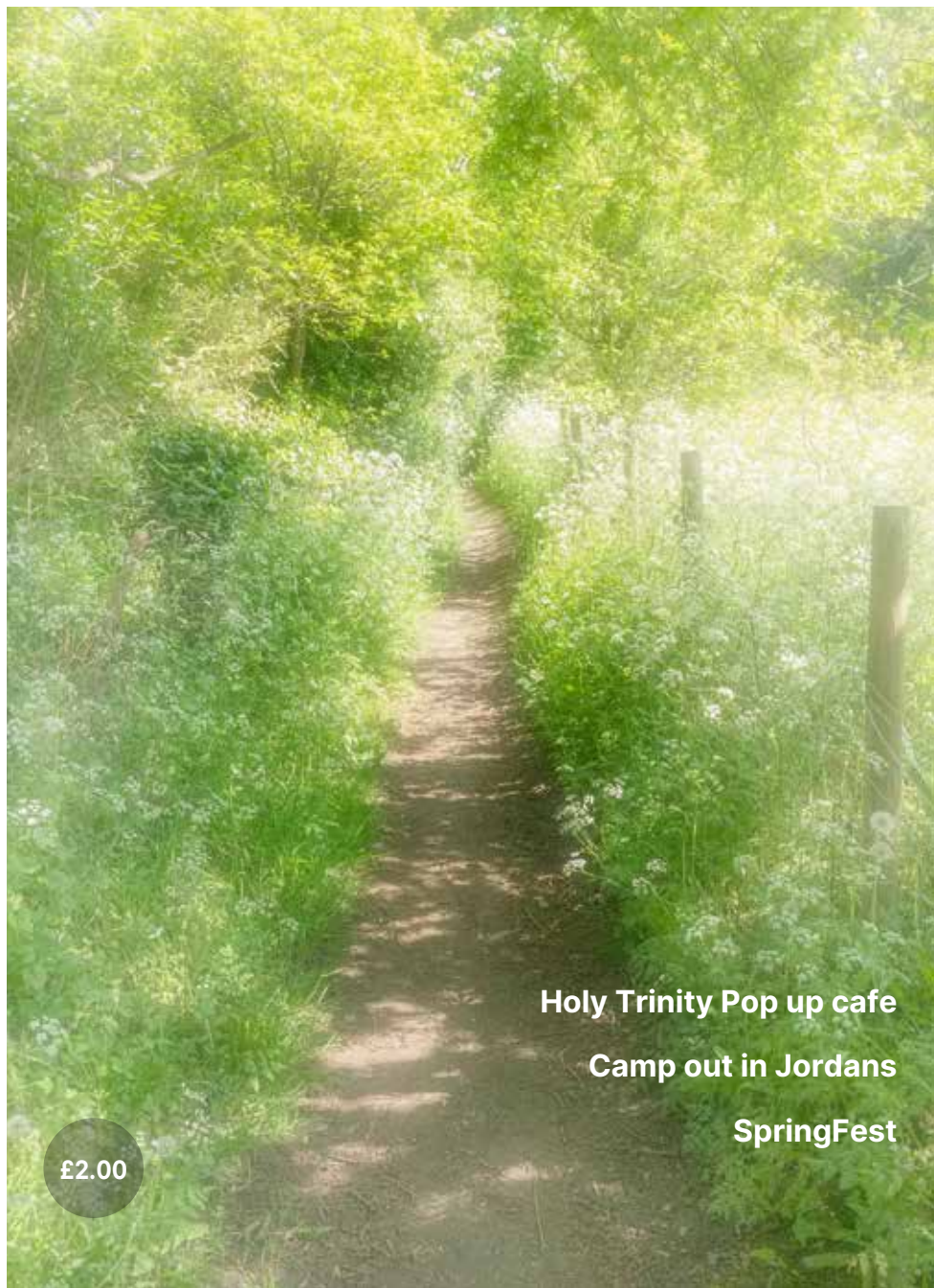


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May 2025



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## Thought for the Month

On a sunny springtime day in Seer Green, it would be easy to think that there was nothing wrong in the world. I have been absorbed with planting seeds, watching them emerge; my spirits lifted by bright primroses and tulip buds on the point of breaking open (I write in April). My world seems full of hopeful anticipation and joy - until I listen to the news and imagine the lives of so many where hope must feel in very short supply as the waves of world events or natural disasters break over them and sweep their ordered lives and plans away.

I feel the discomfort of living in the tension between those contradictory states of life and

even though we can reach across the divide in both prayer and generosity; it can feel as if the destructive and chaotic forces in the world are too large for us to make much of an impact. Where are we to find hope in such a world?

Theologian Jurgen Moltmann writes of hope as an active force that drives us toward a future not yet realised but promised by God. Through Lent I read a collection of essays by young writers who dare to take the promises of God seriously, to re-imagine the world and to play their own part in creating the change they long for. It was entitled, 'Wild Bright Hope.' One of them described Christians as 'prisoners of hope' – the wild, bright hope that is born out of the contradiction between the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter Sunday morning; a hope that cannot be extinguished.

This is the power that enables a TEAR Fund aid worker speaking from the rubble of Mandalay to say, 'Even in the hardest time, kindness and hope remain.'

**Rev Jenny Tebbth** - A member of the Holy Trinity Church team





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## From the Editors

It is a beautiful day as I write this and everything in the garden is bursting into life. Our two villages seem to be doing the same with so many exciting events planned for the spring and summer. I hope that you will enjoy taking part in them

and meeting other villagers as you camp out, meet the gruffalo, buy plants or try the new cafe in the church.

### The Editors

## Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **June** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 May 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: *The path to Three Households* - Peter Jones

## Holy Trinity pop up café

There have been all sorts of changes at Holy Trinity recently; do pop in and have a look. The pews have been arranged in a more informal way and there is now a space at the back of the church for activities. We are opening a new pop-up café which is being piloted in May, June and July, serving speciality coffee, tea and cake. We expect to open four mornings a week, including Saturdays.

There will be toys for little ones, tables to sit at for a chat, and wi-fi if you want to work away from the house. There will also be opportunities to volunteer in this

community project – do get in touch if you would be interested. Either way, we would love to see you! Look out for more details around the church building and on Community Chat.

**Jez Carr** - Vicar and the café team



*This is part of the space at the back of the church where the cafe will be.*

## Holy Trinity Services in May

4 May	10am	Morning Praise
7 May		Midweek Communion
11 May	8am 10am	BCP Communion Service Holy Communion Service
18 May	10am  3.30pm	Morning Praise with organ Service followed by APCM at 11am Families @ 3.30
25 May	8am 10am	BCP Communion Service Holy Communion Service with organ
29 May	  10am	Thursday Ascension Day Service at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church Communion

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### The Editors



## May Charity of the Month



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**Ireland** — There has been a dramatic fall in church attendance in Ireland, and the wider culture is secularising fast.



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

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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)**



## Seer Green colouring book

Just before we went to print, we received a lovely email from Kate (aka Strawberry Bombe) about this colouring book. She told us 'Recently, I was out running around Seer Green and it occurred to me that Seer Green is such a picturesque village I wanted to share some of the sights with people who may not have seen them. I decided to put them together as a single colouring book.'

The book is available on Amazon, for 5-15-year-olds and costs £8.34. It would make a lovely present for someone, an activity for the holidays or just be wonderful to see.



New colouring book featuring 17 sights from around the village by local artist



Now available from [amazon.co.uk](https://amazon.co.uk)



## Seer Green Gardeners - gardening jobs May 2025

If you're reading this issue before the end of April, a reminder that our Community Plant sale happens on **3 May**. We do hope dedicated gardeners will support this by bringing along donations for us to sell. Based on previous years, having labels on plants make them very much more attractive to customers!

### Suggestions for keeping busy in the garden in May!

After such a dry bright April, it'll probably be a good idea to check that young plants, including any trees or perennials planted last autumn have sufficient water. The use of ungloved fingers gently exploring the root ball gives the most accurate indication of whether a plant needs watering. Horticultural research is increasingly pointing to the amazing role of soil microbes in supporting moisture delivery to plant roots, so it's important to avoid root disturbance from over-enthusiastic weeding!

Thinking back to the great 2024 battle of the slugs, I've decided to try sowing many more annuals this year. I figure that while it's still dry, and providing I remember to water them, annuals should get a head start and be large and strong enough to withstand the arrival of hungry molluscs. That's the theory anyway! Good ones to try are sunflowers, calendula and cosmos which bloom well into October or even later.



Who doesn't enjoy the flavour of fresh basil through summer? Home grown from seed, the flavour of the resulting plants is far superior to that of floppy supermarket specimens. Give it a try following directions on the seed packet. They like a warm sunny position and I find I get best results from growing Basil in largish pots.

Finally and importantly, May is the month where Spanish Bluebells form their seed pods. Please remove these to help protect our lovely but endangered indigenous species - they are much more delicate, have darker and droopier flowers.

**Sally Ash**



## Seer Green Gardeners SpringFest 3-5 May



SpringFest is back over the first May Spring Bank Holiday weekend of 3-5 May with a range of events.

**Scarecrow Trail** Build a scarecrow and display – the theme is Children's Book Characters – or just follow the trail to see the different scarecrows that have been made and vote for your favourite!

**Plant Sale** Our popular plant sale will be in the Baptist Church car park on Saturday **3 May** 2-5pm. There will be a selection of nursery grown bedding plants, annuals and perennials plus a bring and buy plant stall. Tea and cake will be on sale inside the church.

**The Bank Holiday Monday 5 May** morning bird song walk in Hodgemoor Woods led by Richard Tomlin, an experienced birding guide from Amersham Birdwatching Club.

Full details of all these events can be found on our website [www.seergreengardeners.org](http://www.seergreengardeners.org)

**Jill Moody** - Chair Seer Green Gardeners

## This is a SOB STORY

I found this little creature, a small white butterfly, floating on the surface of a water butt at the allotments, some wing damage having occurred. Early emerging butterflies in search of nectar feed on spring flowers such as dandelions, daffodils and primroses. Other favourites for butterflies are knapweeds, thistles, teasels, ragwort, vetch, birdsfoot trefoil (aka eggs and bacon). I can almost hear the hackles rising as 'perfect lawn' enthusiasts and horse owners read this list, but this is about spaces for butterflies not bowling greens or paddocks, aficionado of both can plant a buddleia as a butterfly friendly alternative.

Our butterfly population is in crisis, cold wet summers don't help, but loss of habitat and food supplies, somewhere to lay their eggs (nettles are a common choice), pesticides on caterpillar food sources – all these things make for a crash in population.

You may ask "What have the butterflies ever done for us?" Well, apart from being members of the all important pollinators group, providing foodstuff in the form of caterpillars for young birds, and the sight of them bringing joy to the hardest of hearts...apart from that, butterflies are the canary in the coal mine to the outside world.

Their absence is a warning, their loss is an indication that things are out of sync.



So, once again I make a plea for a bit of colourful disorder in our plots and gardens, some bug friendly spaces, so that we never lose the joy of spotting our first Peacock butterfly of the season.

Sob story? It stands for Save Our Butterflies!

Happy Plotting, **Charlotte Baggins** from the allotments.

*PS - A small piece of wood as a floating pontoon on the surface of an open water butt provides wee critters in search of water with a means of escape.*

**Allotment plant Saturday 10 May 10-12am.**

Also cake and coffee sale.

All welcome small money please.

Free advice!



The poster for the Seer Green Beer & Music Festival 2025 features a central illustration of a large beer mug with a red banner across it that says "SEER GREEN". To the left of the mug is a guitar and musical notes, and to the right are two glasses of beer. The background is a light blue sky with green grass at the bottom.

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**TICKETS ON SALE: FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
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**Early Bird Volunteer tickets\* on sale: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
 \* Available to those who volunteered at Beer Fest '24

**NEW Saturday ticket types available this year!**

- SATURDAY 'ALL DAY' (entry from 2.30pm)
- SATURDAY 'EVENING' (entry from 6.30pm)

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## Beer Fest '25: Bigger and better than ever!

The ninth Seer Green Beer and Music Festival will be held on **Friday 12 and Saturday 13 September** to raise funds to support Seer Green Scouts with the costs of maintaining their Scout hut.

Last year's festival sold out on both days, so this year we are making some changes to enable even more people to enjoy this fabulous community event.

Saturday will have an earlier start time of 2.30pm and we will be introducing two categories of tickets: 'ALL DAY' tickets for 2.30pm entry and 'EVENING' tickets for entry from 6.30pm. If you are only intending to come along in the evening, please purchase 'EVENING' tickets to allow families with children to purchase 'ALL DAY' tickets.

On the entertainment front, Friday night will once again see upcoming talent take to the Big Top stage, with an impressive line-up of bands from the village and the wider area. On Saturday, the development of our second 'Mess Tent' stage will provide a wide selection of music throughout the afternoon, plus the usual incredible Saturday night line-up in the Big Top.

Running the festival is only possible thanks to the large number of volunteers who help out each year, so to recognise their important contribution, we are introducing Early Bird Volunteers' tickets (on sale from Monday 2 June.) All those who volunteered at last year's event will be emailed with details of how to purchase these tickets.

Tickets will go on general sale on Friday 6 June. As usual, tickets are required for all attendees, regardless of age, including volunteers.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Seer Green Beer Fest 2025! It's always an incredible weekend that you won't want to miss, so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

**Pam Pennefather and the Beer Fest team**



## 8 O'Clock Club

It may seem like a leap from Seer Green during Roman occupation, to some words written by author Margaret Atwood: "As we know from the study of history, no new system can impose itself upon a previous one without incorporating many elements to be found in the latter....".

I was reminded of this as speaker Nigel Rothwell took us on a journey across the Chilterns through Seer Green and onwards to the Thames Valley. The Chilterns was rich in Iron Age Hill Forts, so it's not a surprise that the Romans gravitated to prosperous areas of a previous civilization.

Neither is it a surprise that truths that had been held absolute, have been queried and refuted in latter ages; from the Ancient Greek Mathematician proving the earth was round not flat, to LiDAR technology today that has tracked Seer Green's Roman Road as taking a different path than previously recounted.

Our Roman Road, the Camlet Way, which in modern tongue was the St Albans to Silchester Road, (and no less important than Ermine Street), ran North-East to South-West through Hodgemoor Woods. Silver Denarius has been found nearby. The silver content of the metal gave the coinage longevity;

although dateable, unfortunately there's no telling when it was dropped, lost, and by whom!

Whilst generally there is little to be gained by digging up a Roman road, LiDAR has revealed much more about how these Roman roads were constructed, enabling re-interpretation, and demonstrating that ours is the "best-preserved section of engineered Roman Road within the Chilterns".

As the Thames has changed its course over time partly due to glacial activity, so too has our local landscape been altered by ridge and furrow ploughing, extraction pits, railways, motorways etc; a mirror to habitation. For what we know here and now, view the website. Our Living Village.

Next meeting Thursday **May 8** (note 2nd Thursday)

8.00pm Seer Green Baptist Church

'My Life as a BA Stewardess and the charity "Dreamflight" - a charity which takes children with a serious illness or disability on the holiday of a lifetime, to the theme parks of Orlando, Florida - Patricia Pearce MBE

£4 (cash) to include tea/coffee and biscuits

## Our future meetings:

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|----------|--|
| June 5   | 'Cliveden and the War Years - featuring the Canadian Red Cross Hospital' - Ray Istead National Trust speaker |
| July 3   | Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - Mike and Clare Coote  |
| August 7 | Visit to Jordans Meeting House - Nina Liebenberg   |

Elizabeth Lee

## Coffee Shop

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## Jordans Picture House

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Following this we shall screen "Blind Ambition" (free for Members).

Doors open at 6.45pm with the AGM starting at 7.30pm.

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**Jordans Picture House Committee**



## New Jordans Village Hall project

It gives me great pleasure to report that the SPRING SOIRÉE held at the Bull Hotel was not only a wonderful evening for all who attended but also raised in excess of £11,000, after expenses, for the **New Jordans Village Hall** fund. This was extraordinary as the main purpose of the event was to raise the profile of our venture to build a new Village Hall for our communities to use and enjoy.

The generosity of those at the event was beyond all expectation and I thank those who so willingly gave such a variety of experiences and items to bid for at the Auction. Thanks also go to Gordon Hamme for donating such a generous raffle prize, the enthusiastic JVHT Fundraising Committee under the expert leadership of Gabi Burke for organising the event, all who came on the night and those who gave so generously in lieu of tickets.

The project is very much alive and exciting events for Villagers of both Jordans and Seer Green during 2025 are in the planning stage. In fact the first event is already planned (see attached Poster).

Hope to see you there!

**Ali Cork** - Chair, Jordans Village Hall Trust

### Gordon Hamme donates books to the Jordans Village Archive and plans an event in support of a new Village Hall

8pm on Wednesday **14 May** in the Village Hall.

Bob Redpath is building a collection of books by Jordans residents and Gordon Hamme has donated the three books he has written. The books cover contemporary silversmithing collections and a book on 'Building A Craft Business'. Gordon will be giving a talk about his books and a little bit about his life in Hatton Garden, being a hotelier, and achieving a PhD in his retirement.

Please get in touch with Gordon directly in order to reserve your seat - mobile: 07956 865423 - email: [gordon@hamme.co.uk](mailto:gordon@hamme.co.uk)







# CAMP OUT

on Jordans Village Green

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## Our Living Village: Seer Green's Wordsworth connection!

During springtime we might fondly recall the Poet Laureate (1757-85) William Wordsworth's poem 'Daffodils.'

William had a cousin Robinson, born in 1775 also in Cumbria, who worked as a Customs Collector at Harwich. In 1799 Robinson was at Walton, Suffolk, prevented by adverse weather from apprehending suspected smugglers; and on another occasion, investigating someone being taken out of the country dressed as an Irish woman, without being registered at Woodbridge Custom House!

In June 1799 a Secret Service payment to 'Mr Wordsworth' was recorded in the accounts of the Duke of Portland (Home Secretary under William Pitt the Younger); annotated that Mr Wordsworth befriended a French agent on a voyage to Hamburg. The Hidden Wordsworth, by K.R. Johnston (published 1998), alleged that this was government spy William, travelling to Germany with his sister and Samuel Taylor Coleridge, during heightened European tension following the French Revolution. However, it was Robinson the Customs Collector, who was arresting and taking to London two men accused of treason.

Robinson retired in 1834, later settling in Seer Green. Robinson's son, Reverend C.F. Wordsworth was Deacon of Gillingham, Dorset in 1840, Rector of Fyfield and Curate of Ebbesborne Wake, Wiltshire 1844-51. In 1851-56 he was resident in Seer Green, during which time he was on the Board of Guardians for the Amersham Union Workhouse.

Robinson died in Uxbridge in 1856, and the Reverend C.F. Wordsworth instructed the sale of Ponds Farm in May that year. The 1851 census records Ponds under the name of Grimsdale, and the 1861 census under the name of Howard (of Howards Road and Crescent). It seems likely that Reverend Wordsworth occupied Ponds Farm between these years, and that Robinson was lodging with him.

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



*William Wordsworth, National Library of Wales (CC-PD-Mark)*

## One of London’s hidden gems - 2 Temple Place



Getting to 2 Temple Place from Seer Green and Jordans is easy. You take the train to Marylebone and the Bakerloo line tube to Embankment. Then there is a short walk, through the magical Victoria Embankment gardens. Look out for the Watergate, in one corner of the gardens, it was built in 1626 as an entrance to the Thames for the Duke of Buckingham. The Thames waterline has receded, and the gate is now about 100 metres from the river. A pretty open-air café in the gardens is a great place to stop for a coffee and you can also pop into The Artist’s Garden, an open-air art exhibition site on the rooftop of Temple Tube.

You leave the gardens and 2 Temple Place is on your left. This extraordinary building was built in 1895 by the Gothic revival architect John Loughborough Pearson, as the money-no-object estate office of William Waldorf Astor. He also bought Clivedon in 1893. 2 Temple Place’s interior expresses Astor’s lifelong love of literature and art but also reflects his family’s complex history and their connections to Europe. 2 Temple Place is open for exhibitions, art and craft workshops, concerts and for tours of the building.

See [Twotempleplace.org](http://Twotempleplace.org) for details.

2 Temple Place will be open during Open House London Festival **September 13-21 2025**, when I am told the windows will be open revealing their amazing views of the Thames.

Sue Puttergill

## Monday at the musicals

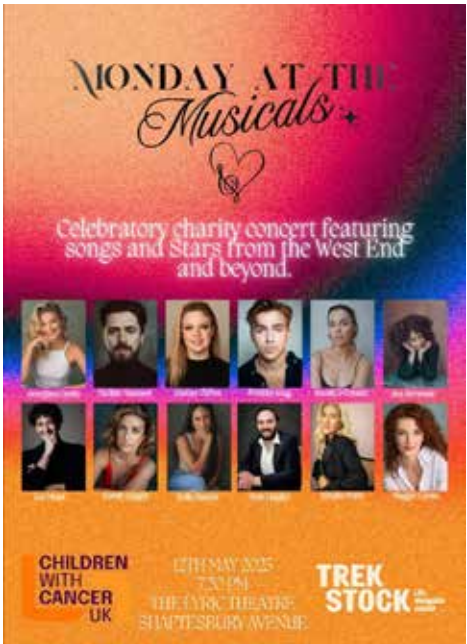
Monday at the Musicals is back for one night only and bigger than ever, following the success of their previous charity concerts!

Tom Lidgley, who went to Seer Green school, is a professional singer now and he is singing in the concert to raise money for 2 amazing cancer charities, Trekstock and Children with Cancer UK. The concert is on Monday 12th May at the Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, in London’s West End.

As well as Tom, the lineup of Singers includes: Stars from Phantom of the Opera, Hamilton, Six, Wicked and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and many more.

If you are interested, there will be a coach from Seer Green.

Ring or message Yo Lidgley is 07513 491520 for more details.

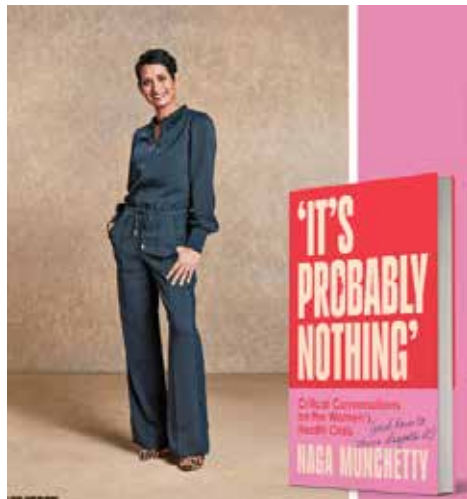


## Dates for your Diary

Sat 3 - Mon 5 May	<b>SG Gardeners</b> SpringFest Scarecrow Trail
Sat 3 May 2-5pm	<b>SG Gardeners</b> SpringFest Plant Sale
Mon 5 May 8am	<b>SG Gardeners</b> SpringFest Bird Song Walk
Thurs 8 May 8pm	<b>8 O’Clock Club</b> My Life as a BA stewardess/ Dreamflight charity
Fri 9 May 6.45pm/7.30pm	<b>JPH</b> AGM followed by Blind Ambition
Sat 18 May 11am-1.30pm	<b>SG Pre-School</b> Fairy Tale Fete
Thurs 5 June 8pm	<b>8 O’Clock Club</b> Cliveden and the War Years
Sat 28-29 June 1pm-Sun 11am	<b>JV Hall Trust</b> Village Green camp out



## Chiltern Bookshops



**7 May @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

Join broadcaster and women's health advocate Naga Munchetty for what promises to be a fascinating evening discussing her new book *It's Probably Nothing*.

Throughout history, women's pain and health issues have often been dismissed and viewed simply as an innate part of being female. Whether blamed on a wandering womb, witchcraft or being 'all in our heads' – women's health has been consistently misunderstood. As a

result women have, and still are, missing out on receiving the healthcare they deserve.

In *'It's Probably Nothing'*, Naga Munchetty explores the difficulties of being heard, diagnosed and treated. She writes candidly about her own experience of poor care and speaks to women directly affected by undiagnosed and untreated health issues. Speaking to doctors and experts at every step of the way, Naga will uncover what people need to know and ask for when advocating for themselves and their loved ones.

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**8 May @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

An evening with Reeta Chakrabarti and Tracy Chevalier

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## A bird nerd quiz

1. The largest bird in the world is the .....
2. A group of birds is called a .....
3. Birds don't have ..... which means they have to swallow their food whole
4. Field marks are the ..... that people use to help identify a bird
5. The most common species of bird in the world is the .....
6. Birds are the only living animals that have .....
7. The process of birds shedding their feathers is called .....
8. England's national bird is the .....
9. The largest bird in the UK is .....
10. .... can weigh between 800 and 1.3kg and are between 24 – 26 inches long with a wingspan of approximately 5 feet. They are seen in Seer Green and Jordans

Answers on page 29



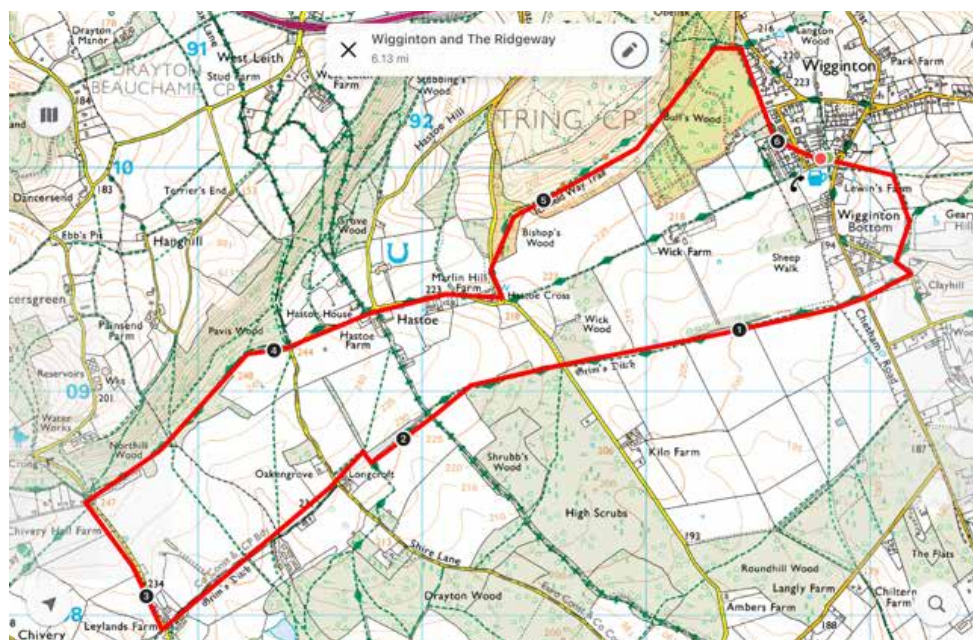
## Wigginton and The Ridgeway

A nice walk through woods and along ridges with lots of historic context

**Length:** 6 miles

**Start point:** Greyhound Inn, Wigginton

**Difficulty:** Easy



This is a fairly flat walk above the Chiltern escarpment and across fields, woods and a country park. Start from the Greyhound at Wigginton (park on the road or pub car park if visiting afterwards) and take the footpath opposite the pub between houses and then downhill across a field. At the path junction turn right up the hill and follow the path past some allotments to a small road. Turn left for 100 metres then take the path on the right in front of a house and follow this back up to the Chesham Road. Do a small zig zag right along the road and then left onto another path across fields. You can miss out this first section by walking back from the pub along the road if you like but it's a bit busy.

Follow the path straight on across fields and through copses. The ditch in the copses is a Grims Ditch or Dyke – Iron Age constructions that are thought to have been used to demarcate land. Where muddy it may be best to walk either side of the copses along the field edge. Cross two small roads and keep following the line of the ditch until the third road where you turn right and walk along the road for 500 metres until you reach a wood just where the road descends sharply. Turn right onto The Ridgeway which is the higher of the two paths and follow that near the edge of the wood for just under a mile until you come out on a road. Carry straight on along the road (bear slightly right in Hastoe) for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to Hastoe Cross then turn briefly left at the road junction and then, as you enter the woods, right on to another path.

This path quickly opens out to become a pretty boulevard as it passes through Tring Park with lovely views to the left. The land is owned by the Woodland Trust and the house was built by the Rothschilds. Follow the paths (and the map!) through the woods for about a mile turning right as the path starts to descend more steeply, and then right again back into Wigginton where you can walk through the houses back to the pub.

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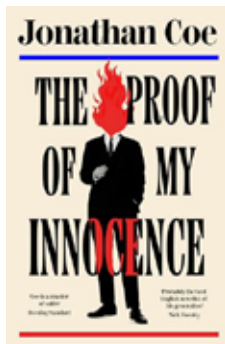


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## Janet's Book Reviews



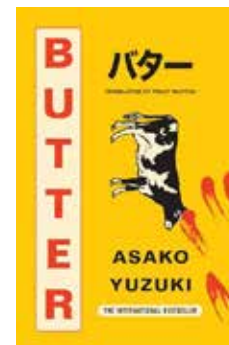
### The Proof of my Innocence – Jonathan Coe

If you're familiar with this author, you will know that he is best known for his political satire. This one is no exception, but with a twist! Set during the short time of Liz Truss as our prime minister, there is also a cosy crime novel.

The story switches between decades, going back to Cambridge University in the 1980s where an intriguing literary mystery as well as a murder combines with the shadowy world of right wing think tanks.

My favourite character is the indomitable DI Pru Freebourne, whose ability to eat and drink at all times is worthy of my admiration!

An entertaining read with political overtones.



### Butter – Asako Yuzuki (translated from Japanese by Polly Barton)

Another of my quirky reads.

I was immediately drawn in to this dark tale based on a true story about Manako Kajii, a woman imprisoned for murdering three lovers.

Rika, a journalist, is determined to get an exclusive interview with her but finds herself getting deeply entrenched in an unusual relationship.

As the title suggests, food is a very important part of the plot but It is also about female friendship, Japanese beauty standards, relationships, fathers, work/life balance, grief, obsession, guilt....so many other things!

I can honestly say that I could not guess where the story would take us, but if nothing else the description of the delicious food and ingredients kept me entranced. This story will make you go straight to the kitchen to make a bowl of rice topped with good quality butter and a splash of soy sauce!

Highly recommend this, especially for all you book clubs.

Janet Stewart

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Shan Lui

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8. robin 9. Common crane 10. Red kites

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## FAIRY TALE Fête

**18th May, 11am - 1.30pm**  
**Jubilee Hall, Seer Green**

### *What's on :*

- A Gruffalo hunt with the chance to meet the Gruffalo himself!
- Woodland crafts in Enchanted Forest School (hosted by Toddlers in the Woods)
- Paint-your-own plant pot, including Thumbelina seeds to take home
- Face glitter, hair tinsel and hair braiding
- Games and stalls
- Free bouncy castle
- Fairy-tale themed fancy dress competition (with prizes!) for children of all ages

### *Mr Wolff's BBQ Shack :*

- Pulled pork rolls and sweet treats
- Kids' lunch boxes
- Tea and coffee
- Tinkerbellinis, beer and soft drinks

### *Timings :*

**11am - Doors**

**12pm - Singalong story time in the Gruffalo Glade**

**1.15pm - Fancy dress parade and judging**

**1.30pm - Closing performance by the children of Seer Green Pre-School**

**£2 donation on the door, children go free**

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