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October 2025



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Thought for the Month

My parents live in Cuddington, just across the Chilterns. They also won Best Kept Village for their class, but they DIDN'T get the Sword of Excellence, and I remind them regularly. But what they have had is blackberries. Maybe the weather is just a bit different north of the hills, but their blackberries were better than ours. I appreciate that it's been a tough farming season - the weather hasn't been what the crops were banking on, and yields have been low - and there's much we could say about that. But still, we've been plucking all hues of apples, plums, cherries and berries off the trees and bushes. And, at least in this instance, we've done so without really trying.

Autumn reminds me of that comment in the biblical creation account, that God made "trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food." He could have created a system of nutrition that was more like charging a battery or fuelling a car, but he chose to embed the system with joy and beauty. Arguably, the shop shelves (that are the final step in our food distribution systems) take some of that joy and beauty away. We forget where our food really comes from and gain a false sense of agency over the processes that sustain our very lives. But at this time of year,

we're reminded of the mysteries of nature's provision; of not being in control; of the love and delight that God embeds in the gift of food. If we see it - if we pause long enough to dwell on it - we can only have one response: gratitude. And of course, we'd all be much healthier if we managed to take that gratitude with us into the rest of the year.

Rev Jez Carr



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From the Editors

October is usually the month when we celebrate the Harvest. This year those that grow their own food have had bumper crops, but all much earlier than usual due to the hot summer. The fruit trees have produced particularly good yields. We have a recipe and ideas this month for using some of your vegetables up, information about

the Harvest Celebration, a special opening of Trinity Cafe to raise funds for the One Can charity and ideas on how to prepare your veg patch or allotment for next year. There are indoor activities to stay warm and dry with two film events taking place and the 8 O’Clock Club talk.

The Editors

Next Month’s Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **November** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 October 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: Harvest celebration with Kit Huxstep and Florence Butterworth
Photo: Janna Holder

Sunday 19th October
Doors @ 9.30am, brief gathering @10am

Soul Space
- wisdom for the week

A faith-inspired thought for the day,
 framed with music, conversation,
 free coffee and cookies.

Everyone welcome.




ALL SOULS'
 REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH
 LIGHT A CANDLE TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE &
 ADD THEIR NAME TO OUR REMEMBERING TREE
 8.30-12 NOON TRINITY CAFE OPEN
 12 NOON - 5PM CHURCH OPEN FOR QUIET REFLECTION

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH 3PM
REMEMBERING SERVICE
 A TIME TO REMEMBER AND COMMEMORATE THOSE
 WHOM WE HAVE LOVED BUT NO LONGER SEE.




Soul Space

New to our monthly schedule is 'Soul Space.' Doors open from 9.30am when you can come in and grab a drink and catch up with friends before a gathered short faith-inspired thought for the day, framed with music and conversation, at 10am. After this continue the discussion accompanied by refreshments. All welcome.

Janna Holder

All Soul's weekend - 25 and 26 October

On Saturday **25 October** Trinity Cafe will be opening 8.30am - 12 noon, with the opportunity to light a candle to remember a loved one and add a name to our remembering tree. The cafe will be closed in the afternoon for people to enjoy peace and stillness in their remembering.

On Sunday afternoon there will be a special remembering Service in Holy Trinity at 3pm. This will be a time to remember and commemorate those whom we have loved but no longer see. There will be an opportunity for them to be remembered by name and to light a candle in their memory. All are welcome.

Janna Holder

Holy Trinity Services in October

1 Oct	10.30am	Midweek Communion
5 Oct	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	No Service
	3.30pm	Harvest Festival
12 Oct	10am	Holy Communion
19 Oct	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Soul Space - short faith-inspired thought for the day, framed with music and conversation
25 Oct	8.30-5pm	The church is open to remember a loved one and to light a candle. The café will be open until midday.
26 Oct	10am	Morning Praise
	3pm	All Souls Service

October Charity of the Month



Charity of the month

Climate change, habitat loss and species decline are having devastating effects on the natural world. A Rocha UK's mission to equip Christians to care for the environment for God, nature and all people – is more relevant than ever before. We need to take action to protect and care for nature today.



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Exploring practical ways to enjoy, nurture & defend God's creation

Special Events in October

Harvest

Come and join us and celebrate Harvest! Saturday **4** and Sunday **5 October**.

Over the weekend we welcome donations of non-perishable goods which will be given to One Can. Items such as tins, packets and toiletries all welcome and can be left at the front of church.

Trinity Cafe will be open as usual on Saturday, 8.30-3.30pm. On Sunday morning, the cafe will have extra opening hours between 9am - 12 noon where you can enjoy a drink and cafe, with all profits being donated to One Can.

Our Harvest celebration takes place on Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm and will contain some favourite harvest hymns as well as being interactive and engaging for all ages. We'd love to see you.

Janna Holder

ONE CAN
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Harvest @
Holy Trinity
Saturday 4th &
Sunday 5th
October

Saturday 4th October
Trinity Cafe open
8.30am - 3.30pm

Sunday 5th Oct
Trinity Cafe open
9am - 12 noon.
All profits go to One Can.

Harvest themed activities.

Harvest Sunday
Celebration
3.30pm
All welcome

Drop off gifts of non perishable goods
to be donate to One Can.

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 -

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seergreenandjordanscofe.org and scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.

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

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Friday
8.30am - 12.30pm &
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Our Living Village: Hops, Pigs, Potatoes, Milk and Lenin

Alfred Ellis laid a foundation stone for the Baptist Church Sunday School extension (now Parish Hall) in 1933. Born in Shepherd's Bush in 1868, he was articled to a Solicitor, became a Partner in 1895, and moved to Amersham-on-the-Hill around 1906. The new Metropolitan Railway meant Ellis could easily commute to his London law firm Ellis & Co., and he soon established an office in Amersham, forming the Ellis and Fairbairn partnership in Amersham in 1919.

Agriculture became one of Ellis's specialities. He was legal advisor and London solicitor for the National Farmers Union, and later acted for the newly formed Hops, Pigs, Potato, and Milk Marketing Boards.

Following the 1917 Russian revolution he was engaged by Leonid Krasin, a Bolshevik politician and diplomat, to help negotiate the first Soviet trade agreement with the British Government, and to establish Britain's recognition of the new Russian Government. The Anglo-Soviet Trade Agreement was signed in March 1921 by Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Krasin, Commissar of Foreign Trade for the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic. Britain was the first country to accept a Soviet trade agreement, ending the blockade of Russian ports and restarting the Russian economy under Lenin's New Economic Policy.



Alfred Ellis (@ Amersham Free Church)

Ellis was then retained as solicitor for the Russian Embassy in London.

However, Ellis was most proud of being Honorary Solicitor to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. He was a Lay Pastor until 1923, providing services in Amersham and local villages. He was chairman of the Lay Preachers' Federation and a supporter of women Lay Preachers, and was elected Vice President of the Baptist Union in 1931, then President in 1932. He died in 1936.

Nigel Rothwell - ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com

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Seer Green CE School

It has been a great start to the new year and I am delighted to share our news and some new initiatives that we are launching.

Our reception pupils have settled wonderfully this term, demonstrating confidence in their class routines and thoroughly enjoying their time on the playground. They learnt the new routines really quickly and after only a couple of weeks were entering school independently along with the older children.

Two exciting projects are starting this term. Firstly, we are developing mental wellbeing champions from Years 5 and 6 who will undergo specialised training. This will equip them with strategies to understand and manage their own mental wellbeing, while also learning how to support their peers who may be experiencing challenging moments in the playground.

We are also collaborating with Outside Play and Learning (OPAL) to develop our school grounds. This project, launching in the new year, aims to maximise the use of our amazing grounds, provide opportunities to develop play skills, strengthen relationships, and most importantly, have great fun.

Both these projects will fundamentally support the wider wellbeing of our pupils, directly impacting their learning and overall school experience, always a key focus for the school team.

Laura Morel - Head Teacher - Seer Green CE School

Coffee Shop

A meeting place for the community

Monday Mornings
10.30am to 12.00noon
Seer Green Baptist Church



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Autumn on the Allotments

Something for the birds..... 101 Ways with Courgette!

Well, that is how the summer was for many of us here on the site. It seems allotmenters either had total failure in the courgette bed or massive overload. A great deal of sharing went on and then the variations kicked in. First, how are you cutting your courgette? I give you sliced, half moon, chunks, ribbons, grated, lengthways split for filling and the jolly spiralised courgetti spaghetti. Will you bake it, steam it, fry it, curry it, have it raw in a salad, fritter it, minty soup it, plump up a casserole or a cottage pie. They have served us well this summer, and now farewell!



Photo: Carol Wright

We had a successful summer barbecue at August's end in our communal party area: carved out of overgrown blow-ins and old barbed wire, rusty this and that and humongous nettles, brambles and comfrey, it is now a pleasant shady place for sitting quietly reflecting on the joys of horticultural activity or partying with fellow enthusiasts, and here a special vote of thanks to the one who had the foresight to use summer fruit so wisely, to make delightful liqueur, though call it cordial, because that is the effect it had on us all.

Now we move on to the squashes and pumpkins, the rainbow chard - lovely autumn colours with spicy soups to warm our hearts and Halloween lanterns to light our path. Time to build up and turn the compost heap, give some beds an autumn mulch and check out the doughty brassicas that will hopefully sustain us through the winter.

Some things we need to protect from frost, others need netting to ward off the pigeons and muntjacs. We might choose to cover beds to suppress weeds, check the gutters on sheds and greenhouses to enable our water butts to fill should the rains come, all the while enjoying the colourful onset of autumn.

Charlotte Baggins from the allotments.

**ROTARY CLUB OF
JORDANS & DISTRICT**



Charity Film Night

In aid of



Saturday October 18th 2025, 6.30pm for 7.30pm

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‘Lincoln



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Cost £20 to include a glass of wine and nibbles
Cash or cheques payable to Jordans Rotary Trust.

The path connecting Seer Green to Jordans

2 Villages standing side by side with only the Manor Farm Fields dividing them - hardly a 5 minute walk to get from one to another. However now quite impossible to negotiate with a child in a buggy.

Over the years the once splendid path has deteriorated, through constant use, beyond recognition and sadly during that time has not been maintained by its owner, Chalfont St Giles. Jordans sits in the Parochial Parish of Seer Green but the Civic Parish of Chalfont St Giles. Why would the councillors of CSG be remotely interested in a footpath that their residents never use?



For our 2 villages of Seer Green and Jordans it is an essential thoroughfare if we are to reduce families with young children having to use their cars. Neither village want cars driving in and out unnecessarily and surely nowadays we are actively encouraging all to get outside and walk?

How fortunate we are to have skilled villagers who would give their time and residents who would happily support the project financially so let's take the matter into our own hands and do it!

I propose a 'Footpath Improvement Project' led and supported by villagers of both Seer Green and Jordans and would welcome the help of those able to be involved in any way.

Let's allow our families to walk over to school with younger siblings in buggies, to walk to the villages' preschools, nurseries, to Toddlers in the Woods, to each other's shops and play areas, to church - just as they used to, now rather a long time ago!

Please show your interest in taking part in this community project by emailing alicork686@gmail.com

Thank you - your support would be so much appreciated.

Ali Cork

Join the biggest names in crime writing to combat youth homelessness

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CRIME WRITERS FESTIVAL

Saturday 4th October 2025
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Honouring Freddie's Legacy



The late great Frederick Forsyth was patron of the Chiltern Kills crime and thriller writing festival in Gerrards Cross. This year's festival on Saturday 4 October at Colston Hall on East Common is in aid of Centrepont and the Big Issue. We'll have dozens of top authors on our Marple and Poirot stages, but we'll also be honouring Freddie.

We'll launch his new book, *The Revenge of Odessa*, written with my Chiltern Kills co-founder, local thriller author Tony Kent. Also, Vaseem Khan will unveil his James Bond spinoff, *Quantum of Menace*. And I'll launch my own *Murder in Moonlit Square*, the first in my new Irish-Indian cosy crime series set in Delhi.

If you have a book idea, you could buy a Meet-The-Agent ticket? Last year a festival goer secured an agent and a 4-book publishing deal.

The festival runs 9am-11.30pm, with bestselling authors Lisa Jewell, Claire Douglas, Robert 'Death In Paradise' Thorogood, Janice Hallett, John Niven and Fiona Cummins. Plus media stars turned crime authors Jeremy Vine, Stig Abell and the Rev Richard Coles. Writers Helen Fields, Olivia Kiernan and Graham Bartlett will be pulling pints at our WhoDunHim Inn run by Windsor and Eton brewery.

The authors appear for free, so all ticket money can go to the Big Issue and Centrepont to combat homelessness.

Don't miss our gourmet food village, tote bag freebies and legendary *How To Murder A Song* karaoke. I got Sir Ian Rankin up dancing to my *Time Warp* last year.

Our authors write about killing. But at least one of this year's authors has actually done the crime – and the time.

Which one? Come and find out.

Chiltern Kills, Saturday **4 October**, Gerrards Cross. Tickets via www.ChilternKills.com £40 All-Access, £70 Meet-The-Agent.

Paul Waters – author of *Murder in Moonlit Square*

8 O'Clock Club – August meeting



After an illustrated talk by Nina the Warden we explored the Meeting House, gardens and burial ground. We were also indebted to Barrie who provided an insight into the current role of the Meeting House and Quakers in today's society.

From the upstairs floor of the house, it was easy to marvel at

the simplicity of the interior and to feel that we were seeing the building very much as it had been in the year of its build 1688. The pictures and photographs in what was a bedroom, portrayed the perceived rural idyll of tranquil meadows and grazing cattle. No wonder the surrounding 17th century woodland was a safer haven for radical beliefs than that of the turbulent cities, where such beliefs were quashed.

On land that was once part of Old Jordans Farm, materials for the build were locally sourced. Bricks for the floor came from the kiln on Potkiln Lane, and the hinged panels opened up additional space into the latter-built cottage. A timber beam that survived the 2005 fire is a reminder of what we nearly lost.

Theatre visit

At the end of August, a very enjoyable evening was had, when a group visited the Wycombe Swan Theatre to see the play 'Death Comes to Pemberley' - a gripping murder mystery by author P.D.James based on Jane Austen's book 'Pride and Prejudice'

It is June 1803, six years after the marriage of Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy and Miss Elizabeth Bennet, one evening, George Wickham and his wife Lydia (Elizabeth's sister) are travelling by carriage to Pemberley with Captain Denny for the annual ball. Wickham and Denny have an argument and leave the carriage in anger. The two men disappear into the woodland, where Lydia hears two gunshots. After being informed, Darcy sends out a search party, who find Wickham distraught and hysterical, holding Denny's body and blaming himself for his murder. BUT – who was the murderer? All were surprised when this was revealed at the end of the play.

The next meeting will be on Thursday **October 2** at 8.00pm.

Countess Howe will tell us about her role as Lord Lieutenant of

Buckinghamshire - This would be subject to change if something 'official' crops up for which she is required.

Cost £4 (cash) with tea/coffee included. All welcome.

Thursday **November 6**

'Gareth Williams And The Mystery of The Body in The Bag' In August 2010 MI6 spy Gareth Williams was found naked in his flat locked inside a sports holdall placed into his bath. What were the possibilities as to his demise and who may be responsible? Paul Barwick Retired Met: Detective

Monica Sado

Seer Green Gardeners

The Spud in a Bucket weigh-in took place on a sunny, but windy September Sunday afternoon. The weights ranged from 116g to over 2.2kg! Many congratulations again to Josephine Rutherford with her winning bucket of potatoes.

Matthew Biggs Talk Tuesday **14 October** 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall

Don't miss the chance to meet and hear national gardening celebrity Matt Biggs (of BBC Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time fame). He will be addressing the subject of "Problem Plants for Difficult Places". Tickets cost £6. There will be a pay bar. Please secure your seat by booking online via the website if you can.

Jobs in the garden for October

- Plant spring flowering bulbs
- Cut back perennials that have died back
- Lift or mulch dahlias before first frosts
- Collect fallen leaves for composting
- Cut back potted geraniums and fuchsias and put indoors or in the greenhouse
- Divide mature rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- Plant shallots, onions and garlic now for bigger bulbs next year
- Cut raspberry canes down to the ground when they finish fruiting
- Harvest squashes, pumpkins and tomatoes before first frosts

Sally Ash and Jill Moody

Jordans Picture House

Our 2025 programme continues

We look forward to welcoming you again!

On Friday **October 10** we shall screen "Breakfast at Tiffany's".

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

Breakfast at Tiffany's (PG)

Cast: Audrey Hepburn; George Peppard; Patricia Neal.

Director: Blake Edwards

A young New York socialite becomes interested in a young man who has moved into her apartment building, but her past threatens to get in the way.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0054698/>



On Friday **October 24** we shall screen "Small Things Like These".

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

Small Things Like These (12A)

Cast: Cillian Murphy; Eileen Walsh; Emily Watson. Director: Tim Mielants.

In 1985 devoted father Bill Furlong discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers shocking truths of his own.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt27196021/>



How to buy tickets

(Adults £8.00, U15s £5)

Online: Go to www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk

See "Programme and Buying Tickets"

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Jordans and District Rotary Club

The weather was again kind to us on both our trips down the Thames on the Rivertime boat organised and funded by Jordans Rotary Club this year in the middle of August.

21 residents of both Seer Green and Jordans enjoyed afternoon tea and a leisurely sail down and back up the river. The club would like to thank the volunteer drivers who delivered their precious cargo to and fro Henley.

Jenny Owen



The Jolly Quaker Pub is 10

Friday 3 October 7.30 - 11pm
at the Jordans Village Hall

There will be delicious
homemade food, a Pub Quiz
with Prizes,

Birthday Cake, a special
Birthday Cocktail, Music,
local Beer. And more!

Come along and support
the shop!



Minestrone Soup

With the glut of vegetables from the summer's harvest and with the cooler weather on its way, it is time to start making soups. This recipe is ideal for those surplus courgettes! Serves: 8

Ingredients

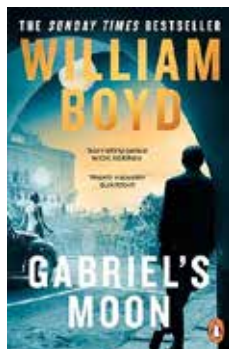
- 30ml (2 Tbsp) olive oil, 1 onion, peeled and diced
- 2 carrots peeled and diced 2 celery sticks, diced
- 2 medium courgettes, diced, 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 10ml (2 tsp) paprika, ideally smoked, 1 x 400g tin of chopped tomatoes or fresh tomatoes
- 1.5 litres vegetable stock, 1 x 400g tin of cannellini or borlotti beans or similar beans, drained and rinsed
- 100g cavolo nero leaves, stems removed and shredded, 100g broken spaghetti or orzo or similar small pasta shapes
- 5ml (1 tsp) salt, Freshly ground black pepper, Juice of half a lemon
- 1 small handful of chopped fresh basil, Freshly grated parmesan cheese to serve (optional)

Method

- Heat the oil in a large heavy based pan.
- Add the onion, carrot and celery and cook gently for 5 minutes.
- Add the courgettes and garlic and cook for a further 2 minutes.
- Add the paprika and cook for a further minute, stirring frequently.
- Add the tomatoes, stock, and beans, cook on a medium heat for 5 minutes.
- Bring to the boil and add the cavolo nero, pasta, and salt. Continue to cook on a medium heat for 10-15 minutes or until the pasta is completely cooked.
- Season with black pepper and lemon juice, adding more salt if needed.
- Stir in the basil and serve with freshly grated parmesan cheese if desired.

Helen Lindsey Clark

Janet's Book Reviews



Gabriel's Moon – William Boyd

Gabriel's Moon is an absolute treat! The book follows Gabriel Dax, a stylish travel writer in the early 1960s who's an insomniac haunted by a childhood tragedy - he's convinced a moon-shaped lamp caused the fire that killed his mother and burnt his childhood home to the ground.

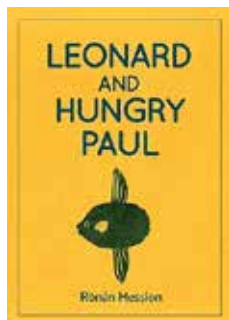
He lands an interview with Patrice Lumumba, the leader of Congo which catapults him into Cold-War spy intrigue.

Soon MI6 handler Faith Green is dangling secret missions across Europe—Spain, Poland and London. Gabriel's bumbling, reluctant charm is impossible not to cheer for.

William Boyd blends smart historical detail with suspense and a pinch of dry wit, making the whole story feel like cinematic time-travel. It's thoughtful, beautifully written, and effortlessly gripping. Perfect for anyone who loves spy stories with heart, mystery, and a dash of psychological depth.

Leonard and Hungry Paul – Ronan Hession

Leonard and Hungry Paul is one of those quiet little books that sneaks up on you in the best way. It doesn't rely on big twists or dramatic conflicts—instead, it celebrates the gentle, often overlooked beauty of ordinary lives. Leonard, recently grieving his mother, and Hungry Paul, a softly spoken board game enthusiast, are two friends who move through the world at their own pace. Their conversations are witty, thoughtful, and often very funny, reminding you that kindness and simplicity have their own kind of power.



What I loved most is how the book feels like a warm pause from the chaos of everyday life. It's tender without being sentimental, and funny without being loud. If you've ever felt a little out of step with the world—or just want to spend time with characters who make you feel at ease—you'll find this novel utterly charming.

Soon to be a TV series – read it first!

Janet Stewart

Green Flag Award

Eight Bucks parks get the Green Flag award and for Langley Park it is the first time.

The Green Flag Award Scheme is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful, Keep Wales Tidy and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

Any green space that is freely accessible to the public is eligible to enter for a Green Flag Award. Awards are given on an annual basis, and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag Award status. A Green Flag Community Award recognises quality sites managed by voluntary and community groups. Green Heritage Site Accreditation is judged on the treatment of the site's historic features and the standard of conservation.



left to right: At Langley Park Country Park, Jake Batchelor, Dawn Shrewsbury, and Josh Greedy (Country Park Rangers).

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Sat 18 Oct 6.30pm/7pm	Jordans Rotary Club - Film Night
Fri 24 Oct 6.45pm/7.30pm	JPH - Small Things like These
Thurs 6 Nov 8pm	8 O'Clock Club - Gareth Williams and the Mystery of the Body in the Bag

A visit to the Tyburn Convent near Marble Arch

It is hard to believe that not far from the crowds of Oxford Street and the endless traffic round Marble Arch, there is a convent with a silent order of nuns.

The convent of the Sisters of the Adoration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was founded in France by Mother Marie- Adele Garnier, but established in London when religious orders were forced to close by French law. She felt drawn to the site of the Tyburn Tree which was the principal site for executions in London from 1300 to 1783.

A brass plaque on the pavement near Marble Arch marks the actual site of the gallows. Over 100 Catholics were executed here in the 15th and 16th centuries and the convent was established as a memorial to their sacrifice.



There are 25 nuns who live in the convent and only rarely leave it. They have a vow of silence except for an hour a day of conversation. They devote their lives to prayer, worship and study and maintain an unbroken vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, day and night.

The convent is an unprepossessing building on the Bayswater Road. A nun may be available to show you around. After seeing the chapel go down to the Martyrs Crypt which holds relics of the executed martyrs.

Many were collected from Catholic families who had secretly safeguarded them during the centuries of persecution. Some relics were gifted by the Vatican. The relics include fragments of bone, clothing and even devotional articles. A replica of the Tyburn Tree, the triple gallows where executions were carried out, is the centrepiece over the altar. Do not miss one of the most beautiful and often-overlooked features of the crypt, the stained-glass windows.

Visitors to the convent speak of how the presence of prayer and sacrifice leaves a strong impression.

The Convent is open from 8.30 to 6.30 daily. Crypt tours run at 10.30, 3.30 and 5.30. No 5.30 tour on Thursday and no 10.30 tour on Saturday and Sunday.

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