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Thought for the Month

I am glad to have this chance to write a brief note to you all which will arrive with you as I prepare to join the team at St Mary's in Denham. I have been working with the benefice of Chalfont St Giles with Seer Green and Jordans since I was ordained in 2015.

It has been a huge privilege for me getting to know the villages and the people who live in them, piecing together history and family networks and developing competence in ministry (and you have all been my teachers in this!). We have worked together through Covid and through the double vacancy and I have truly valued accompanying marvellous and extraordinary people through key moments of life; weddings, baptisms and funerals as well as

through the general complications that life throws at us all, working with the team at Holy Trinity and visiting the school for assemblies.

Being a shepherd of God's people is a great adventure but following the good shepherd himself is an even greater one and with him there is always something new (and usually challenging). When I spotted the advertisement for an associate minister at St Mary's in Denham, I felt that one more change and challenge should be explored as I head into the last five years of licenced ministry and I am looking forward to finding out what happens next!

The hardest part of that decision was to leave my familiar work and friends from this area but I know that there will be new things springing up among you all as there are already thanks to your hard-working and imaginative team and the arrival of the fantastic church café.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Jenny Tebboth



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From the Editors

We hope that you enjoy our September edition of Community News. We have information about autumn events for you to enjoy, a return of our nature writer Nora Bennett, who has been adventuring in Spain, a couple returning to Holy Trinity after 65 years, Asher Carr writing about mushrooms and something different - a plea for dog foster parents.

We say goodbye to Jenny Tebboth, who has been a member of the Holy Trinity team and moves on to Denham. Jenny has led many beautiful services, weddings and baptisms at Holy Trinity and will be much missed. Jenny has written her last Thought for the Month for the September edition of Community News.

The Editors

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **October** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 September 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: Karen Norton and her spud in a bucket potatoes

Holy Trinity Services in September

3 Sept	10.30am	Midweek Communion
7 Sep	10am	Joint service at Seer Green Baptist
14 Sept	10am	Morning Praise with organ
21 Sept	8am	BCP Communion
	10am	Holy Communion
28 Sept	10am	Morning Praise

Baptisms, weddings and funerals

Baptisms

29 June Archie Thompson - 6 July Rory Cooper - 3 August James Weavers



Archie's baptism



James's baptism



Rory's baptism

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

Or go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/4hx7cyzx>

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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**



Best Kept Village Competition

The Parish Council is delighted to let you all know that Seer Green has won the DeFaine Cup for the Best Kept Village in our category. Not only that, but the village has also been awarded the Sword of Excellence for best overall winner of the 2025 Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition.

Huge thanks are due to all volunteers and residents who gave up their time, as well as to the Pubs, Churches, businesses and the contractors we work with, who all made such an effort to ensure that the village looked its best for the judges.

On Saturday **20 September** the President of the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition, HM Lord Lieutenant, Countess Elizabeth Howe, will present the Cup and the Sword at Holy Trinity. They envisage getting to Seer Green at about 10.45 and leaving about 11.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you all so much!

Liz Hungin - Chairman - Seer Green Parish Council

SEPTEMBER OPENING HOURS



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Autumn Term for Children and Families

Baby Group, for parents and their under ones starts back on Monday **8 September** 10am at SGBC.

Little Blessings tinies and toddler group starts back on Wednesday **17 September**, 9.30am at SGBC. Open to parents, grandparents and carers with their babies and preschoolers, who live in Seer Green or Jordans, or have qualifying connects to the villages. Places are booked each week via eventbrite.

Toddlers in the Woods, heads back to Crutches Wood in Jordans from Friday **12 September** at 9.15am. Enjoy having fun outside with your preschoolers.

Torchlight starts back on Monday **8 September** 6pm @ SGBC. Torchlight is run so that children in Y5 and 6 can come along and have a fun time together joining in the activities and games, such as table tennis, sports, air hockey, computer games, and can enjoy free time interacting with their friends which chomping on goodies from the tuck shop.

We will be running three different Connect Youth Groups each one held once a month. Similar to Torchlight there will be one evening for Years 7 and 8, one for Year 9 and 10 and then in addition Connect+ which is for any in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who want to join us for discussion and donuts and explore through games, videos and chatting together on topics of life, faith, and the big questions of life.

Teen Spirit is for those in Y10-13. This meets sporadically. Please get in touch with Rev Jez or Janna for more information.

Who Let the Dads out returns on Saturday **27 September** and **8 November**, 9.30- 11.15am at Seer Green Baptist Church on 11.15am. An opportunity for all Dads, Grandads and male carers with their 0-7s to make friends and enjoy toys, activities and bacon butties.

Fun & Faith continues monthly @ SGBC on Sunday **28 September** and **26 October** from 9.15-10am. Gather together for a short informal, fun opportunity to explore faith with your children through story, song, activities and refreshments.

And an advanced date for your diaries – Fun, Food & Fireworks, Sunday **16 November**.

If you would like more information on any of these please speak to

Janna Holder - 07764 490960.

September Charity of the Month



CRANE works to see every child living in a safe and loving family by encouraging kinship care, fostering, and adoption.

The Gospel message shows us that we are adopted by God into His family, made his heirs, and afforded the security of dwelling in the family of God. Because of the love that God has shown to each of his adopted children, every one of them should grow to love God and love their new family.

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Children access safe, quality education



Back after 65 years

On Thursday 7 August 2025 Fran and Doug stood on the steps of Holy Trinity for a photo, the exact same place they had had their photo taken nearly 65 years ago when they got married at Holy Trinity on 17 December 1960.

Shortly after their wedding they moved to New Zealand, where they settled and have spent much of their married lives. On their recent trip back to the UK to stay with one of their daughters in Norfolk they decided to make a daytrip to Seer Green and have a walk down memory lane. Sadly our written marriage records before 1967 are no longer kept at Holy Trinity so I wasn't able to show them that but with Trinity Cafe open they sat in the churchyard and enjoyed tea and

cake as they shared their memories of their wedding and time in Seer Green. Having taken some photos and then said goodbye a few moments later Doug reappeared with his phone showing the photo of their wedding steps photo which another family member had sent to them. They kindly gave permission for both images to be shared in this magazine.

Holy Trinity has seen many weddings in its long history but its moments like this that remind us that vows are more than just words, they are the start of a story. We wish them well as they continue to write the chapters of their life together.

Janna Holder



Seer Green Gardeners Visit to The Savill Garden



On a day of mixed weather, some 40 people enjoyed our day coach trip to The Savill Garden. Fortunately the rain held off for our guided hour-long tour of these beautiful gardens. Visitors then had a couple of hours to explore the gardens at leisure, enjoy a picnic lunch or lunch in the café and a mooch around the shop.

In the afternoon it was back on the coach for The Royal Heritage tour where we learned about the royal history of Windsor Great Park. The feedback from those attending indicated it was a most enjoyable day out. Look out in next year's brochure for our 2026 garden visit!

Jill Moody

Seer Green Gardeners

Upcoming events

Spud in a Bucket weigh-in at the Cricketers on Sunday afternoon **7 September** - this is a great social occasion for everyone, regardless of whether you grew a spud in one of our buckets or not.

Saturday **20 September**, Autumn Flower and Produce Show in the Jubilee Hall. Here's the chance to share and compare the fruits of your summer, whether floral, edible or artistic, and enjoy a sociable cuppa with friends and neighbours. Check out the categories for all age groups online at <https://tinyurl.com/4sdppjw3>. And it's not too late to capture a picture of 'Local Animals' for the photography display. Choose your favourite shot and print it out no larger than 20×25cms.

Tuesday **14 October** 7.00pm 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) whose subject will be Problem Plants for Difficult Places. Tickets £6. There will be a pay bar. Please secure your seat by booking online via the website if you can.

Gardening suggestions for September

- Autumn planting for onions, garlic and shallots: in spite of heat and failure to water during June's drought, my healthy crop was ready for harvesting at the end of July. DT Brown offers a reliable and economical collection of all three types of set for delivery in October.
- Collect seeds from your favourite flowers to scatter next spring - or even for culinary use. Nigella (Love-in-a-mist) has very pretty seed heads so it's worth leaving in place until they go brown. For foodies enjoying Indian cookery, you can then collect them and make your own Panch Phoran!
- It's a good time to plant container-grown trees and shrubs, giving them the chance to benefit from (hopefully) increased moisture in autumn and get nicely established before winter sets in.
- After harvesting crops, try to spread a generous layer of thick mulch over any bare soil to reduce weathering from winter rains. This will feed the soil ready for spring planting.

Sally Ash



Miniature Gardens



Screen on the Green

Sunday 21st September

Films on Jordans Village Green with bar and snacks

A fundraising event for the rebuilding of Jordans Village Hall

3:00pm – “Paddington in Peru” (PG)

6:00pm – “What we did on our Holiday” (12A)

(Admission from 2:00pm and 5:00pm respectively)

Advance ticket purchase strongly recommended as there is a limit to audience size – book here:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/jordans-village-hall-trust



Summertime at the allotments

Allotmenters might go on holiday but our plots carry on regardless!



In June I was lucky enough to witness midwifery arachnid style. Whilst harvesting some delicious spinach I noticed mother spider with her egg sac under her belly, making a web on one of the leaves, two days later she was still in the neighbourhood but the egg sac had been secured to the leaf with the web, and all of a sudden many - yes really a great many - tiny spiderlings emerged - wonderful. So while I apologise for the quality of the pictures I took, it is a case of right place, right time serendipity to witness and capture these moments.

It has been a very fruitful summer.... taken us all a bit by surprise, everything seems to have fruited a month earlier than usual and in great abundance! This is not a complaint of course, it started with the Tayberries, fantastic blossom that turned into magnificent luscious fruits - the like of which I have never managed to grow before. Currants followed, then plums, and August saw the blackberries ripening at the wrong end of the summer holidays as it were.

Meanwhile we have enjoyed plentiful butterflies, with some more unusual specimens appearing. On the other side of the coin, the ladybirds who we hope to rely on for munching the blackfly that attack our broad beans early in the season, were sadly delayed. A mixed bag, which in some ways is normal, but things have been a bit out of sync and we are getting quite extreme weather conditions, hotter, dryer, wetter, windier in no particular order.....

But life goes on up at the site, flowers have been glorious and pollinators as busy as ever. The shelf outside the gate to the site has groaned under the weight of courgettes free to whoever would like them. Enjoy!

Charlotte Baggins from the allotments.

Our Living Village: Battle of Bannockburn and Seer Green!

Bannockburn, 23-24 June 1314, a decisive victory for Robert the Bruce, King of the Scots; defeating Edward II and leading to restoration of Scottish independence. It would also become significant for the lordship of the manor of 'Farnham [Royal] with La Sere' [Seer Green].

Gilbert de Clare, 8th Earl of Gloucester, and a nephew of Edward II, was killed on 24 June, aged 23. The de Clare family had profited hugely from Edward I's campaigns in Wales, so Gilbert's death left Edward II with a problem distributing the wealthy Gloucester estates. Gilbert had no children, so his great wealth should have been divided amongst his three sisters. However, Edward was concerned this would bring great power to their husbands, so he needed to be sure they would be his loyal followers.

Gilbert's youngest sister, Elizabeth, was already a wealthy widow. Her husband, John de Burgh, 2nd Earl of Ulster had died in Ireland in 1313. On Gilbert's death, Edward summoned and detained her in his wardship, at Bristol Castle.

Theobald de Verdun, Edward's Minister for Ireland, and a significant Irish landowner, returned to England in 1315. His family seat was Alton Castle, but he was also lord of 'Farnham with La Sere.' Elizabeth promptly eloped with him, and they



Elizabeth de Clare (PD-Art)

married at Alton in 1316. Edward accused Theobald of abduction, though Theobald claimed he was honouring an existing 'arrangement' made with Elizabeth in Ireland.

Theobald never stood trial. He died from typhoid six months after the wedding. Elizabeth inherited part of Theobald's estates as her dower, including La Sere, and a third of the Gloucester estates. She became one of the wealthiest women in Medieval history, endowing religious houses, and also Clare College Cambridge.

Nigel Rothwell - ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com

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1st Seer Green Cubs

Many congratulations to Mally O'Conner, Archie Gray, James Davies, Max Homer, Lewis French, Sammy White and Ted Spour who all achieved their Chief Scout Silver awards at Cubs this term! This Award rewards years of effort achieving the many elements of the Challenge badges, which have seen them do multiple camping trips and hikes, climbing, caving, Leap of Faith jumps, zorbing, abseiling alongside a lot of community work and fun along the way!

Archie was also awarded 'Leaders Cub of Year', Sammy 'Cubs Cub of the Year'! and Alfie Zetter 'Junior Cub of the Year'! Well done Cubs!

Cubs is open to children aged 8-10.5 years old. The Cubs Pack meets at 6.45-8pm Wednesdays term time only at the Seer Green Scout Hall. If you would like to enrol your child on the wait list or if you are interested to join the team of adult volunteers, please contact us on secretary@seergreenscouts.org.uk or speak to Andy Lapham, Group Lead Volunteer.

If you would like more information on Cubs, please visit www.scouts.org.uk/cubs or contact us using the email above.

Alison Davies



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Seer Green CE School

Summer has flown by and we are all excited about welcoming the children back to school. The year ended with a mixture of traditional activities and new experiences – the Colour Run being a very popular new event which was enjoyed by all and thanks to the community's generosity made an impressive contribution to the kitchen fund. Many thanks to the organizers – who may be asked to make it a more regular event!

I was, as always, very proud of the staff and children who took part in the fantastic performances of 'Porridge' by Craig Dawes. Their dedication and talent were evident throughout each performance, and it was a privilege to witness their achievements.

I was particularly delighted to welcome Craig Dawes to our school, whom the intrepid Mrs Barrett had successfully tracked down. Mr Dawes, a former pupil of Seer Green CE School, was thrilled to bring his mother, who still lives locally, to see the show. He thoroughly enjoyed reliving some of his memories during a comprehensive school tour, and his presence added to the children's performance.

As we look ahead to this new academic year, we are already engaged in our planning and preparation including welcoming our new Reception children who will be starting school in September.

A particular focus for this year will be supporting our pupils' wellbeing. We are looking forward to training wellbeing champions among our pupils and developing enhanced playtime activities. These initiatives directly respond to feedback from the children's summer term wellbeing survey, demonstrating our commitment to listening to and acting upon our pupils' voices.

I hope that you all enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating holiday period. I look forward to everyone flourishing at Seer Green CE School.

Mrs Laura Morel - Head teacher



It's become a tradition for reception year children to learn about growing potatoes! Here is Raffy, the proud winner of the 2025 school Spud in a Bucket competition!



8 O'Clock Club

Stepping into the breach at short notice was villager Marion Cox to share her passion for lace; old, new, and modern. Residents of Bucks, even if they don't know anything about lace, probably know that in its day, lace making was a cottage industry prevalent across the county. It is a craft still practised, and therefore not a surprise to hear that Marion learned her lace making skills from a previous resident of Seer Green, Ruth Walker.

Lace making is very often passed down through the generations, resulting in the creation of beautiful pieces of work that are so remarkable and demonstrate the hours of labour and love that has gone into the making of a collar, bonnet, or bookmark. Lace from bridal wear and christening gowns is often passed down through the generations. I'm sure there were many listening who had memories of lace tablecloths or handkerchiefs edged with lace, that were very special; only to be used for "best" and then carefully put away for next time!

As Marion demonstrated, showing the items she had created were testament to her skill, dexterity and years of painstaking work. As with any creative handiwork, equipment, techniques and styles evolve. The bobbins around which the thread is wound to create the lace patterns use various materials for their production; bone, wood, ivory, brass, and plastic. Creation of the pattern is weaving with holes; Marion explained how she had embarked on this craft by buying a pattern, sticking it onto card and holding it up to the light to then make the small holes in the dots on the pattern. The pattern was then laid onto a pillow, often filled with horsehair, with the lacework created on the top. Since then, Marion's creativity has ranged from beautiful pictures to stunning parasols.

There will not be a meeting at the Baptist Church in September, as some members will have been to see 'Death Comes to Pemberley' at Wycombe Swan Theatre.

October 2 'Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire' - Countess Howe This date is subject to change if something 'official' crops up for which she is required.

November 6 'Gareth Williams and The Mystery of The Body in The Bag' - Paul Barwick, Retired Met Detective. 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?

Seer Green Baptist Church at 8pm

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

Elizabeth Lee

Jordans Picture House

Off with a puff of smoke for our new season

Welcome back! On Friday **September 26** we shall screen "Conclave".

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

Conclave (12A)

Cast: Ralph Fiennes; Stanley Tucci; John Lithgow. Director: Edward Berger

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the centre of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church. Source: IMDB

We are delighted to say that Paul Hellewell, from Chalfont St Giles came forward and has agreed to become the new Chair of Jordans Picture House.

Please contact Alan Sealy (01494 873205) or Chris Waymouth (01494 874575) if you are interested in joining the new JPH Committee starting from May 15 2026 and planning the new season starting in September 2026.

How to buy or reserve tickets

(£8.00)

Online: Go to www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk

See "Programme and Buying Tickets"

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Jordans Picture House Committee



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From little pup to life-changer: volunteer with Hearing Dogs

Hearing dogs support deaf people by giving them invaluable practical and emotional support. But the charity can only train these amazing dogs with the help of its dedicated volunteer puppy trainers. The charity has an urgent need for puppy trainers in Buckinghamshire - could you help train a pup and change someone's life?

Many deaf people miss out on vital sounds like smoke alarms, alarm clocks and even baby monitors. Hearing dogs not only alert people to these important and potentially life-saving sounds, they also provide unwavering love and companionship.



Susie Hill from Gerrard Cross has raised nine puppies since she became a volunteer puppy trainer in 2014.

"Volunteering with Hearing Dogs has been such good fun, and I've learned so much," she says. "We have weekly puppy classes and I've never yet left a class without picking up some little gem."

Susie says the impact of the dogs on the lives of deaf people is what inspires her most.

"Before I got involved, I thought hearing dogs just alerted people to sounds," she admits. "But now I see how they boost confidence, reduce isolation, and become life-changing companions."

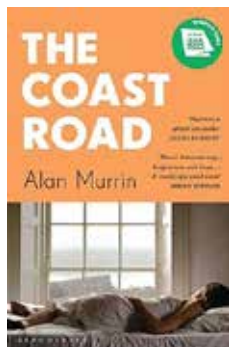
She also loves the charity's community feel.

"It's like a family. There's a fantastic network of volunteers here. If one of us needs help, someone is always willing to step in and look after the puppy."

Volunteering as a puppy trainer involves taking a puppy into your own home for six to 18 months at a time and starting them on their training journey. No experience is needed, and all costs are covered by the charity – from vet bills and insurance, to food and treats. All puppy trainers are fully supported by the Hearing Dogs training team.

To find out more, visit hearingdogs.org.uk/volunteer, call 01844 348129, or email: volunteer@hearingdogs.org.uk.

Janet's Book Reviews



The Coast Road - Alan Murrin

Having spent time in Ireland this summer, The Coast Road felt especially poignant. The novel, set in a small Irish town in the 1990s, beautifully captures the quiet rhythms and undercurrents of rural life.

Alan Murrin's writing is subtle and full of emotional depth, drawing you into the inner world of a woman torn between the expectations of her community and her own yearning for something more. The landscape, the people, the unspoken tensions - it all rang true and resonated deeply with what I saw and felt while there. Murrin's debut is a gentle, thought-provoking story that leaves a lasting impression. If you enjoy books that simmer slowly but stay with you long after, this one is well worth picking up. It's the kind of novel that makes you reflect - and maybe even plan another trip to the Irish coast.

The Eights - Joanna Miller

Set in 1920s Oxford, The Eights follows four young women who become unlikely friends after moving into rooms along the same corridor - Corridor Eight - just as the university starts admitting female students for recognised degrees.

Beatrice, determined to make her mark despite her mother's suffragette legacy; Dora, still reeling from her brother's death in the war; Otto, a brilliant ex-nurse with a mind for maths; and quiet, watchful Marianne, carrying secrets of her own. As they navigate academic pressure, social restrictions, and personal struggles, their bond deepens into something truly life changing.

Joanna Miller's debut is warm, moving, and beautifully observed - a celebration of friendship, resilience, and the power of women finding their place in a world just starting to let them in.

Janet Stewart

Social Media Project



Wanted a young person to assist Jordans Rotary to establish a social media presence. We will provide all the information, but we need someone to get us on to Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok and other appropriate social media platforms. Would make an ideal school project. Rotary does so much, ranging from Running a Schools Technology Tournament to Building a Health Centre in Nepal. Our motto is 'Service before Self' and you could be the start of something really special.

Contact David on 07827 526136 for more information if interested.

Our speaker for Monday **Sept 8** is Terry Read with his talk "My Illustrious Career!!!"

We do ask our new members to give us a talk about themselves every now and then and we look forward to hearing from Terry. Should anybody like to join us for a splendid buffet supper that evening please contact Jenny Owen on 07707 386415.

Save the date: Jordans Rotary Club Film Night: Sat **18 Oct** to be held in the Beaconsfield Film and Television School's cinema 6.30 for 7.30pm, film choice yet to be decided.

Jenny Owen

Coffee Shop

A meeting place for the community

Monday Mornings
10.30am to 12.00noon
Seer Green Baptist Church



Mushroom Warning!

I started getting interested in mushrooms in July 2024. I was going on a walk with my mum when I spotted a bright red mushroom with white spots growing in the grass. I thought if there was one mushroom that beautiful there would be others.

When we got home, my mum downloaded the mushroom identifier app. We identified the mushroom as a Fly Agaric.

From that moment on I was hooked!

Here are my top 4 mushrooms you don't want to touch

1. Death Cap (*Amanita Phalloides*)

The Death Cap is the most poisonous mushroom in the world. Symptoms are nausea, vomiting, jaundice, seizures, coma and death. This mushroom is no laughing matter! The Death Cap can be mistaken for the common field mushroom.

2. Fly Agaric (*Amanita Muscaria*)

This is the fairytale mushroom. The bright red with white spots indicates a poisonous stay away from me warning. It causes nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive salivation, perspiration, watering eyes, slow and difficulty breathing, dilated pupils, confusion and excitability. It can be found beneath birch trees in the autumn.

Interestingly, red squirrels, slugs and fungus gnats can eat this mushroom.

3. Sulphur Tuft (*Hypholoma Fasciculare*)

This mushroom causes diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, proteinuria and collapse. Sulphur Tufts like to grow in clusters. They glow in the dark and grow on the rotting trunks of broadleaved trees. Eg oak, maple, birch, elm.

4. Brown Roll Rim (*Paxillus Involutus*)

This mushroom causes vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. The cap is covered in pure poison. TOUCH it and you will die. It's found in deciduous woodland, particularly where there are birch trees.

Mushrooms are fascinating plants! They can be great to eat, or they can kill you. If you want to know more about mushrooms, download the mushroom identifier app.

So, beware!

Asher Carr - aged 8



Death Cap



Fly Agaric



Sulphur Tuft



Brown Roll Rim

Dates for your Diary

Sun 7 Sept 4pm

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Mon 8 - Fri 12 September

Fri 12 - Sat 13 September

Sat 20 Sept 2.30-4.00pm

Sun 21 Sept 3pm

Sunday 21 Sept 6pm

Fri 26 Sept 6.45pm/7.30pm

Sat 27 Sept 7.30pm

Thurs 2 Oct 8pm

Tues 14 Oct 7pm

Sat 18 Oct 7pm

SG Gardeners Spud in a Bucket weigh-in

Jordans - Flower & Produce Show

Jordans' Village Nursery Sch Open Week

Seer Green Scouts Beer and Music Festival

SG Gardeners Autumn Show

Screen on the Green - Paddington in Peru

Screen on the Green - What we did on our Holiday

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On the Wild Side on the Camino de Santiago

The Camino de Santiago is an ancient network of pilgrimage paths flowing across Europe to the shrine of St James in northwest Spain. In July I travelled with Ali Cork of Jordans to join the Way near the French-Spanish border, and we soon became part of a 'Camino family' that shared the joys and struggles of the trek and relaxed together in the evenings.

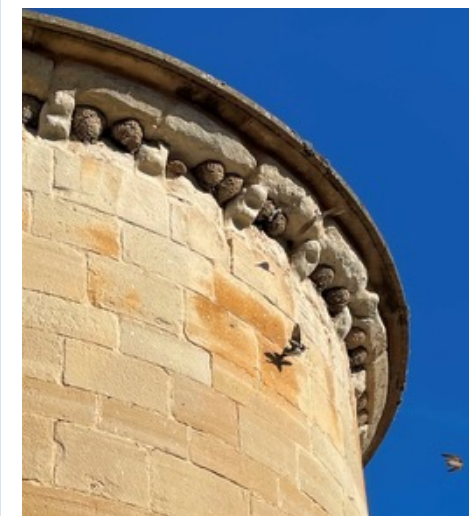
I was one of the slower walkers, mainly because of foot problems, but also because of birds - I kept stopping to watch them. The most magnificent were the griffon vultures. With eight foot wingspans, they soared overhead as we climbed the Pyrenees and crossed mountainous Navarre. Moving into the wheat and vineyards of Rioja, we met familiar faces like blue tit, chaffinch and red kite; and some now vanishingly rare in Britain: the nightingale, and the turtle dove, caressing the ear with its purring call.

More exotic species included the wonderfully named zitting cisticola, with its 'zit, zit' call likened to a scissors snapping; and the jewel-like european bee-eaters, hunting honeybees and dragonflies over the drying swathes of tall grass and wildflowers. As we approached the serene, treeless expanse of the meseta, the enormous nests

of white storks began to appear on church towers; their young had already fledged and they would soon be migrating to Africa for the winter.

But perhaps most delightful were the great numbers of swifts and house martins swirling through every town and village. The old buildings offered endless nesting spots for them: for example the 12th century church whose apse was studded round like a string of beads with martins' little mud homes. Sadly we lacked the time to walk the full 500 miles to Santiago this year, but when I resume the journey, my binoculars will come too.

Nora Bennett



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