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Thought for the Month

Easter arrives each year with familiar sights and sounds: bright spring flowers, blossom on the trees, longer days and lighter evenings, lambs in the fields, chicks hatching, and of course, chocolate eggs.

Yet at its heart, Easter tells a story of hope. It begins in uncertainty and sadness, but it does not end there. Instead, it speaks of new beginnings, second chances, and the possibility that what we thought was the end of the story may not be the end after all.

Good Friday reminds us of sorrow, injustice, fear and loss. It speaks honestly into the struggles we experience in our own lives and

communities - grief, uncertainty, broken relationships, and anxious hearts. Easter does not pretend that these things do not exist. Instead, it meets us right there.

The celebration of Easter Sunday, remembering the resurrection of Jesus, is not simply a happy ending to a sad story. It is the declaration that love is stronger than hatred, light is stronger than darkness, and life is stronger than death. The stone was rolled away not only from a tomb two thousand years ago, but as a sign and reminder that nothing is too big for God's power and nothing is too little for His care.* (*If you have a child who has heard my assemblies at school, they might even be able to sing you a song about that!)

Easter proclaims that love, life and hope will always have the final word. In an uncertain world, Easter invites us to notice the quiet signs of love and hope around us: a kind word, a shared smile, a friend checking in, or the courage to step into tomorrow.

May we carry hope into our conversations, kindness into divisions, generosity into places of need, and faith into uncertainty. And may this Easter we be reminded that even after the darkest night, the dawn will come.

Janna Holder - Children and Families worker



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From the Editors

Our April edition of Community News covers Easter and there are details of the variety of Easter events at Holy Trinity this year. It is also the time when gardeners are beginning to start work in their gardens in earnest and there are hints and tips from our local experts. We love having information about what is going on in the villages

and lots is planned, wine tasting, concerts, films and talks. This month there is an article from Seer Green school and their new playground plans, do have a look and see what they are doing. Maybe you could contribute?

The Editors

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **May** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 April 2026**. 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: 'Hannah's hens' photo Hannah French

Holy Trinity Services in April

3 April	10.30am	Good Friday joint service at the Baptist Church
	2pm	An hour by the Cross at Holy Trinity Church
5 April	8am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
	10am	Easter Morning Praise
12 April	10am	Holy Communion
19 April	8am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
	10am	Soul Space
	3.30pm	Families @ 3.30
26 April	10am	Holy Communion

Charity for April – Cure Parkinson's



What's on at Holy Trinity in April

The first week of April is full of Easter activities at Holy Trinity. Thursday 2nd is Maundy Thursday, which is when we recall the 'Passover meal' that Jesus shared with his friends: a meal which recalled God's mighty acts of rescue in the Exodus story, and which foreshadowed the rescue Jesus would accomplish through his death; that's when he instituted what we now call 'Holy Communion'. At Holy Trinity we'll have a meal together that tries to recapture something of the events of that night. Get in touch if you'd like to book in!

Good Friday (3rd) is the day we remember Jesus' death. We'll have

a joint service at the Baptist Church, 10.30am, and a reflective service called 'Hour by the Cross' at Holy Trinity, 2pm.

Then on Saturday, there's the Great Seer Green Easter Egg Hunt - fun for all the family!

On Easter Sunday (5th), we celebrate Jesus rising in victory over death; there'll be a short, fun, family-friendly service at Holy Trinity, 10.00am, followed by an egg hunt for the children.

We'd love you to join us for any of the above - do get in touch if you'd like more details on anything.

Jeze Carr - Vicar 07916 559151

Trinity Café April

We are kicking off this month with Holy Week and celebrating Easter at Trinity Café.

For Holy Week, we will be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8.30am-1pm and Saturday – regular hours! We will be hosting a variety of free activities for children of all ages, requiring no booking. It is a perfect space to keep busy in the holidays, and the café's outdoor space is great for sunny days.

Holy Trinity Church will be marking Holy Week with services later in the week – check out Holy Trinity Church dates and times.

At the time of publishing, we will be open on our regular days, but hours are to be confirmed. Keep an eye out for more information.

Trinity Café is available to book/reserve space for birthday celebrations, afternoon teas, and meetings. The café has had lots of fun over the past few months, celebrating milestones with the community. Come in and ask in the café with any enquiries.

Additionally, the café has recently begun hosting a monthly police surgery, providing an opportunity to connect with the community policing team. This month, a community officer will be here **Friday 10** 11.30am-12pm, unless they are called away for an emergency! Feel free to come along to raise any concerns or simply say hello to one of our local community officers.

Dates for future police surgery (11.30am - 12pm): **Friday 8** May, **Friday 5** June and **Friday 3** July.

Finally, this will be my last month at Trinity Café. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping to establish the café, and it has been wonderful to see the community's support and the positive impact it has had in the village. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and to the many friendly faces I will miss.

Grace Gilbertson





CURE PARKINSON'S



We're here for the cure!

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

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

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



AIMS:

To be in international catalyst in the search for a cure

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

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

Coming up in April for children and families!

Saturday 4 April – The Great Seer Green Easter Egg Hunt 10am – 3pm

Head to the Baptist Church to join in between 10am - 3pm. Have fun exploring round the village, following the clues, finding eggs, answering questions and spotting the cheeky chicks. New challenges for 2026. It will take about 1.5 hours to complete. Fun for all the family discovering more about Easter. Yummy treats to be won.

Saturday 18 April – Who Let The Dads out, 9.30 – 11.30 @ SGBC

An opportunity for all Dads, Grandads and male carers with their 0-7s to make friends and enjoy toys, activities and bacon butties.

Sunday 19 April - @ 3.30pm @ Holy Trinity and Sunday 26 April – Fun & Faith, 9.15am – 10am @ SGBC

Both the above are informal, fun, an opportunity to explore faith with your children through story, song, activities and refreshments.

Janna Holder - Children and Families minister 07764 490960



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>

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

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

If you can Gift Aid your donation, please add your name and address.

If you would like to join our planned giving scheme, please speak to our treasurer Audrey Hardy on 07342 652707 or chardyseergreen@aol.com



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The Editors



Hope

Have you ever seen the rain through the sun?

Have you ever seen sun streaming through raindrops?

Have you ever noticed the blossoms on a tree before the green leaves appear?

Have you ever noticed green leaves appear before the blossoms on a tree?

Have you ever felt the rain on your skin and smelt the hope of new spring?

If you listen carefully, you will hear the whisper on the breeze.

Know that you are loved.

Carole Campbell

The Flower Guild at Holy Trinity Church

The church at Holy Trinity has been the setting of some beautiful arrangements of flowers of all shapes and sizes.

We have a great band of (non professional) flower arrangers, who regularly ensure that the church has a beautiful display at the altar. We find it a relaxing and rewarding pastime. If you would like to join us, we would love to hear from you. We can give you all the guidance and encouragement you need.

After more than 20 years, I am now stepping down from leading the Flower Guild and Helen Linsey-Clark will be your contact going forward.

Her mobile number is 07880 736003 and email helen.linseyclark@btinternet.com. I am sure she would be delighted to hear from you.

Pam Britton



Seer Green Gardeners

Early March has brought us some much-needed warm sunshine - let's hope it continues along with the occasional April shower to help our seeds and plants grow! The Gardeners have been busy distributing, to every household in the village, their usual colourful small annual brochure containing dates and other information about this year's events. Please drop us an email (seergreengardeners@gmail.com) if yours hasn't arrived yet.

Gardening suggestions for April

- If you have a mahonia shrub in your garden, take a look at its shape. It's a lovely architectural, usually highly scented winter flowering plant that's greatly improved by regular pruning, especially at this time of the year. Cut back stems quite hard into bare wood and they'll soon re-sprout. Varying the height to form a rounded shape can be very effective.
- Plant some early flowers such as primroses and sweet violets to support newly emerged bumblebee queens. Primroses in particular are prolific spreaders so ask around neighbours and village friends to see who has plants to spare.
- Look out for young froglets emerging at this time of the year. They'll appreciate being rescued before you start mowing any areas of long grass!
- Speaking of mowing, did you know that grass clippings make a valuable addition to compost bins? But don't just dump them en masse. Layer with different materials (say 50-50 green and brown) and the odd spadeful of soil to prevent that slimy mess!
- Blind daffodils should respond to more space, more water and a sunnier position. Wait til after they (should have) flowered and relocate to somewhere with more of all these.



SpringFest will be held over the first May Bank Holiday weekend. Our Plant Sale this year will be on Sunday **May 3** at the Baptist Church. Along with bedding plants for sale, this will also be a 'bring and buy' event so contributions of spare bedding plants and perennials would be greatly welcomed on the day. The tea bar will be open selling hot/cold drinks and home-made cakes.

Sally Ash and Jill Moody

Seer Green Village Scarecrow Trail 2026 -

Saturday 2 - Wednesday 6 May

Last year we had 34 scarecrows - can we have more this year?

Make a scarecrow - theme
CHILDREN / FAMILY FILMS!

Register your entry by midnight on Friday **24 April** on the Seer Green Gardeners Website.

Create your scarecrow from any medium (it doesn't have to be straw or hay). The scarecrow(s) must be durable and designed to live outdoors and survive whatever the great British weather treats us to that weekend. The competition is open to individuals, groups and

organisations based in Seer Green. Place your entry outside your home, allotment or business by 9am on Saturday **2 May**. If you live on a quiet road or your home is not easy to access, we can display your scarecrow for you in the centre of the village.

Winners will be decided by an online vote amongst village residents and visitors. The voting form will be open from Saturday **3 May** until 5pm on Friday **8 May** and accessed from www.seergreengardeners.org and village WhatsApp groups.

For more information please contact Janna 07764 490960



Residents enjoying scarecrow trail



Wine Tasting



Spaces are limited - reserve now!

07:00PM-10:30PM

25.04.26

JVHT and Laithwaites present a curated tasting of 6 wines (3 red, 3 white) with paired charcuterie boards.

Tickets £25

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/jordans-village-hall-trust/wine-tasting/2026-04-25/19:00/t-njornga>



JORDANS VILLAGE HALL

From the Allotments

Not the Watford Gap - but the Hungry Gap

Unless you started your asparagus bed years before me, this month is somewhat lean as far as eating from the allotment is concerned. It's a bit of 'sublime' - asparagus, to 'absurd' - by now your overwintered kale really does start feeling like cattle feed!

However there is work to be done, second early and main crop potatoes to go in, seed beds to prepare, indoor sowing well under way. Unless you have warmed the soil, beware of sowing outdoors too early, and do not get carried away by one sunny day, or even several sunny days, Jack Frost has not finished with us yet. If you are sowing outside, protect with cloches, one sharp frost can be so demoralising, even if it doesn't take out your seedlings completely it will set things back. It's time to remember slugs, putting beer traps out this early can reap great rewards amongst the young slug population.

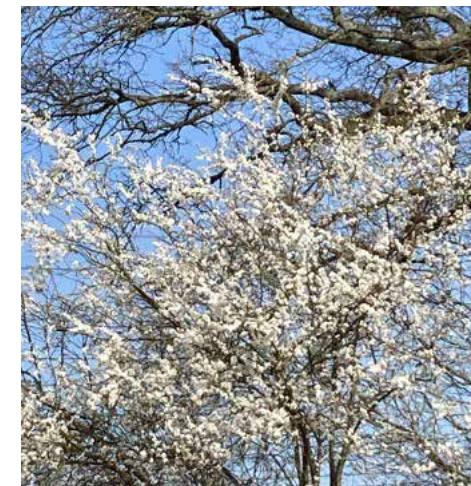
Do take the time to enjoy the lighter mornings, longer days, birdsong and blossom - it's a glorious time of year and with a bit of luck it won't be drowned in a deluge or scorched under an unexpectedly ferocious sun.

If however, you have sown no vegetable seeds or suffered disaster that presents you with gaps in your planting schedule help is at hand. Up at the allotments we will be holding our annual plant sale with a variety of young vegetable and flower plants, (possibly some lovely fresh rhubarb stalks) homemade cake, coffee and tea. Everything very reasonably priced, (card reader or cash) - free advice from the huge stash of gardening wisdom and folklore amongst the motley crew. You are welcome!

Allotment Plant Sale - Saturday 16 May 10am - 12 noon

Tea, coffee and cake also available for sale. *(On the site at Park Place, between the rec and the scout hut).*

Charlotte Baggins from the allotments



ROTARY CLUB OF
JORDANS & DISTRICT
Charity Film Night



Saturday 9th May 2026
6.30pm for 7.30pm

Beaconsfield National Film and Television School,
Station Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2LG



For tickets contact Jenny Owen 01494 677571 /
07707 386415 or Janet Sonnex 07814 673101
Cost £20 to include a glass of wine and nibbles
Cash/cheques payable to Jordans Rotary Trust.



News from Seer Green CE School



I am delighted to share that our OPAL project has now launched. This initiative represents an exciting development in how we provide enriched play opportunities for the children.

The launch followed two Collective Worship sessions led by Mr Bell and Mr Ricketts, during which the new activities were introduced and expectations regarding storage, setup, and tidying procedures were agreed with the children. This ensured that we were ready to begin with clear understanding and shared ownership of the project.

We were fortunate that our first OPAL day coincided with one of the few warm and dry days we have experienced this term. We have started with three stations: a Lego and Duplo area, a small world play space, and a quiet reading and reflection area in our spiritual garden.

The response from the children has been overwhelmingly positive, and it has been wonderful to see

children from different year groups collaborating and playing together. One Year 1 pupil captured the spirit of the initiative perfectly, commenting that it was "the best playtime ever" and describing how they had made "a fantastic building with a new friend in Year 6."

As we continue to develop the project, we are actively seeking donations of toys and games to expand the range of activities available. We will be making specific requests on a regular basis to ensure we can introduce additional stations progressively over the coming weeks. We are keen to establish a den building area as the weather improves, and we would be grateful for donations of pallets, bottle crates, wooden planks, and tarpaulins to facilitate this.

Should you have any items you would like to contribute, please do get in touch with the school.

Laura Morel - head teacher



Jordans Picture House

Our 2026 programme continues and we look forward to welcoming you again!

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



On Friday **April 10** we shall screen "A Real Pain".

A Real Pain (15)

Cast: Kieran Culkin; Jesse Eisenberg; Ohla Bosova.

Director: Jesse Eisenberg

Mismatched cousins reunite for a tour through Poland to honour their beloved grandmother, but their old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history. (Source: IMDB)



On Friday **April 24** we shall screen "Maria".

Maria (12A)

Cast: Angelina Joli; Pierre Francesco Favino; Alba Rohrwacher.

Director: Pablo Larrain

Maria Callas, the world's greatest opera singer, lives the last days of her life in 1970s Paris, as she confronts her identity. (Source IMDB)



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



Dates for your Diary

Sat 4 April 10am-3pm

Great Easter Egg Hunt – Start at Baptist Church

Thurs 9 April 8pm

8 O'Clock Club – Butler to the Royal Family

Fri 10 April 6.45pm/7.30pm

JPH – A Real Pain

Fri 24 April 6.45pm/7.30pm

JPH – Maria

Sat 25 April 7pm-10.30pm

Jordans Village Hall Trust – Wine Tasting

Sat 2 May until Wed 6 May

SG Gardeners – Scarecrow Trail

Sun 3 May 2pm-4pm

SG Gardeners – Plant Sale with tea bar

Sat 9 May 6.30pm/7.30pm

Rotary Club -Charity Film Night
"Finding your Feet"

Sat 16 May 10am-12noon

Allotments – Plant Sale

A vision for the footpath running between Seer Green and Jordans

The anticipation of being able to walk pushing a buggy between Seer Green and Jordans along the footpath between our villages, while viewing the Jordans Biodiversity project in Manor Farm Field north, is exciting beyond words. And I am pleased to say that it will happen.

The project can be easily divided into three with Seer Green villagers enthusiastic to fill in the most susceptible to squelchy mud in the path from Seer Green and before the metal posts – part 1. (These stop the path being used by all except for walkers.)

Major re-surfacing and widening of the path between the two Manor Farm fields is part 2 with the removal of self-seeded hedge roots and hedge maintenance, in conjunction with the Biodiversity Group, being part 3. Each part will be separately funded.

A project for us all enabling enjoyment of each other's villages and all offered in each WITHOUT taking the car.

Watch this space!

Ali Cork



A view from the footpath. Photo: Ali Cork

Our Living Village: putting our villages on the map

The Georgian period saw a revolution in science and mathematics, with industrial development driving interest in surveying for land ownership, resources, and communications. The first detailed map of Seer Green was produced in 1753 for Francis Godolphin (see November 2025).

The first regional map locating Seer Green was produced in 1761 by John Rocque 'Topographer to His Majesty,' of the County of Berkshire (scale of 2 inches to 1 mile). In 1770 Thomas Jefferys 'Geographer to King George III,' produced a county map of Buckinghamshire (1 inch to 1 mile), showing properties at Jurdens, Stone Dean, Ponds, Rollins, and New Barn.

Many talented map-makers competed in what was becoming a crowded market. In 1790 John Cary produced a book of 'itineraries' (an early road atlas), including the turnpike between Gerrards Cross and Beaconsfield, as well as county atlases in 1787 and 1801, and in 1820 worked with William Smith to produce the first geological map of Buckinghamshire.

Perhaps the most aesthetically pleasing, even if not the most accurate, map of our area from this period was produced in 1790 by William Faden 'Geographer to the King,' of the area 25 miles around London (1 inch to 1 mile). This map (examine it in more detail at <https://ourlivingvillage.org/>) shows the hamlets of Seer Green and Three Households, and identifies properties at Widmer, Rollins, Frog Hall, Ponds, Astings, Stone Dean, Jurdens, Whitlons Park, with New Barn and Dean Farm incorrectly located.

Andrew Bryant published another beautiful map of Buckinghamshire in 1825, but with the Ordnance Survey (subject of a future article) producing maps from the early 1800s, the opportunities for private land surveyors was diminishing.

Nigel Rothwell - ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com



William Faden: 'The Country 25 Miles around London' (extract), 1790
(© National Library of Congress)

8 O'Clock Club Programme

Digging through mud and up with the Lark – or out for a scavenge in the mud after dark!

Mudlarking today is a pastime, but still an activity specific to certain areas of the Thames flowing through London. However, when the term Mudlark was originally coined, it referred to people for whom their way of life was anything but pleasurable.

Whist Mudlarking is still something of a grubby pastime, it doesn't bear comparison with the original Mudlarks of the 18th and 19th Centuries. The name was attributed to the poorest of the poor, usually children, who scavenged the foreshores of London's river for coal, timber, chains, ropes, locks, workmen's tools, glass and anything else they could find to sell to survive. In all weathers they squelched barefoot in the mud, dressed only in ragged clothes. A dangerous occupation, certainly not a sweet-smelling one.

Although there is somewhat more perilous Mudlarking around the Estuary, (never turn your back to the River, was Mudlarker Jason Sandy's advice to us!), it's London's gravel-bedded foreshores that hold the promise of treasure. Not a surprise then, that Jason scavenges the same part of the river from where the well-known collector Thomas Leyton acquired some of his artefacts. Leyton was a prolific collector of antiquities, and from the large, absolutely fascinating display Jason brought with him, he too unearths stunning objects whilst adding to London's rich social history.

Foreshore mud is anaerobic, a great preserver. In central London as the tide turns, the river can drop 7-10 metres. Add to that the swell of the Uber boats and the river just keeps giving; gold, wood from the Great Fire 1666, bricks from the Blitz. These days you need a Licence to Mudlark. Curb your enthusiasm! There's a waiting list of 10,000!

Thursday April 9 (note 2nd Thursday of the month) at 8.00pm

Butler To The Royal Family by William French

Seer Green Baptist Church; £4 (cash) includes tea/coffee. All welcome

Monica Sado



Chiltern Open Air Museum

Tudors: Life, Falconry and Folk 3 - 6 April 2026.

Raphael Historic Falconry and The Companye of Merrie Folke transport us back in time to the Tudor era this Easter Bank Holiday weekend. They give a unique insight into the lives and skills of the period. See some incredible birds of prey and enjoy a thrilling, entertaining and educational display that the whole family will love. For more information and tickets go the Chiltern Open Air Museum website www.coam.org.uk



Janet's Good reads



The Homemade God – Rachel Joyce

The latest book from this author of the unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, might take you by surprise. It's a bit darker and sharper than her previous work, but every bit as absorbing.

The story follows four siblings - Netta, Susan, Iris, and Goose. They are whisked away to a sun-drenched, stifling Italy after the sudden death of their father Vic, a famous, larger-than-life artist who'd recently married a much younger woman, Bella-Mae that none of the siblings had met.

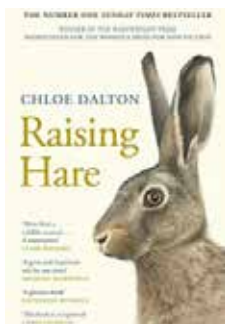
As the siblings hunt for his missing final masterpiece, long-buried family secrets and sibling rivalries start bubbling to the surface.

Joyce is a master at untangling family ties, showing how we all play roles within our families that are hard to shake off. While the characters aren't always likeable, they are brilliantly depicted. It's a moving, occasionally funny, and ultimately hopeful look at how families fall apart and how they might just be mended.

Raising Hare: The heart-warming true story of an unlikely friendship – Chloe Dalton

When lockdown led busy professional Chloe to leave the city and return to the countryside of her childhood, she never expected to find herself custodian of a newly born hare. Yet when she finds the creature, abandoned, alone and no bigger than her palm, she is compelled to give it a chance at survival.

Raising Hare chronicles their journey together and the challenges of caring for the leveret and preparing for its return to the wild. We witness first-hand an extraordinary relationship between human and animal, reconnecting with our childhood enthusiasm for wildlife.



This improbable bond of trust serves to remind us that the most beautiful experiences, inspiring the most hope, arise when we least expect them.

The Long Shoe – Bob Mortimer

Do you like a funny, quirky, cozy crime book – this one is for you?

Bathroom salesman Matt is at a crossroads. He has lost his job, he is about to be made homeless and his girlfriend has left him. He wants his luck to change and he wants things to go back to how they were. Out of the blue he is offered a job that comes with a free luxury apartment. He hopes this might be enough to tempt her back. But, as events unfold, it starts to dawn on him that perhaps she didn't leave of her own accord after all...

Janet Stewart

Coffee Shop

A meeting place for the community

Monday Mornings
10.30am to 12.00noon
Seer Green Baptist Church



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Buckinghamshire Culture

This is a charity established to nurture and champion arts, heritage and culture and implement the County Cultural Strategy. We are supported by the Rothschild Foundation and the Council. We work with others to shape, build and celebrate a bright cultural future for Buckinghamshire.

Our main role is supporting and advocating for all the wonderful arts organisations in Bucks, not competing with them. We provide networking opportunities, training and support in applying for funds. We run projects where they enable arts organisations to develop, such as Bucks Open Weekend and our stories project. We have worked closely with the disability community to improve disability access in culture, and with cultural leaders, providing mentors so that we can grow expertise and make the sector more resilient.

Creativity and culture are essential parts of everyone's lives, we take part as participants and observers, – through actively doing and experiencing, or because they are embedded in the design, storytelling, films and engineering that surround us. We want all Bucks residents to have easy access to a wide variety of experiences, inclusion is essential to our aims for a sustainable future for creativity and culture.

Buckinghamshire is a fascinating place, one of the world's leading clusters in film making and a proud literary heritage, but no major arts centre or dominant town. A county of small towns, and thriving arts festivals. We aim to build on this and strengthen it.

The recent review (which we contributed to) of the Arts Council suggest that in the future more influence should be given to local organisations of advocates, artists and educators, so the future looks bright for Buckinghamshire Culture as we start to think about the 2029 – 39 Cultural Strategy.

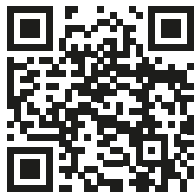
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