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May 2026



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The Fairytale Fete

A Spring Walk

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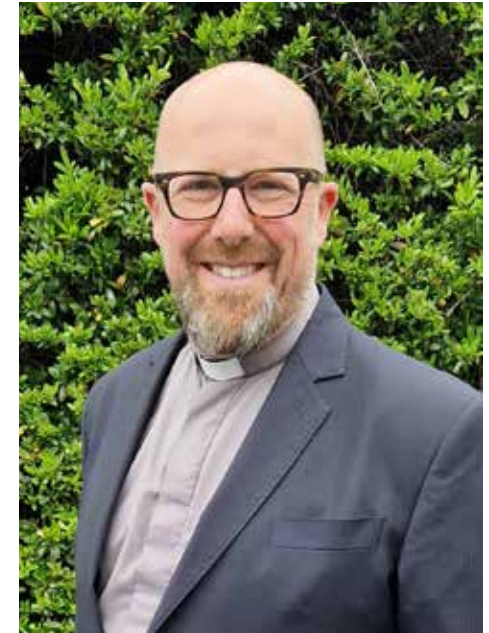
Thought for the Month

Cliche warning: the vicar is about to talk about God's love. Many of the greatest cliches begin as profound insights or ideas, even if they've been worn thin by too many mediocre cover versions. I hope we can find the original melody here.

I've been reflecting on an enigmatic figure in John's Gospel, known simply as "the disciple Jesus loved." Many scholars think this was John's way of referring to himself. There are various theories about why he might have done this, but it certainly wasn't a claim to being more loved than the others - that would make a nonsense of his message.

When we know ourselves to be truly loved, it changes everything. It becomes the lens through which we view our place in the world. Maybe John was eternally giddy about Jesus' love for him, and he couldn't think of himself any other way.

May is a month of high stakes. For many, knowing we are loved is the fuel we need to navigate the road ahead. We think of those facing exams or the looming end of the academic year. Then comes the season of transition: moving up a year, heading off to university, or entering the workforce. Of course, transitions never really stop - they just change shape into empty nesting, retirement, or downsizing the family home.



Exams and big shifts challenge our identity. They tempt us to derive our value from the wrong places - our accomplishments, our status, or our "usefulness." As any counsellor will tell you about performance-based worth, "Here Be Dragons."

What would it feel like to go through life knowing that, come what may, we are truly loved? How might we ensure that those around us know that, because of us at least, they, too, are truly loved?

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From the Editors

We have a very varied magazine this month. There is something for everyone from books to read, a walk to take, how to look after your garden, music concerts to attend, how to start a journal for the

children and what it's like to be an Extra for film and television. There are also plenty of events to attend coming up in May and June.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

The Editors

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **June** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 May 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: Carol Wright - The Footpath from Jordans to Chalfont St Peter

Supporting leaders where they're needed most.



Charity for May & June

Christian Leaders Home and Afar

Innovista identifies, equips and develops Christian leaders working in challenging contexts. They help leaders transform people and communities through churches, ministries and enterprises.

Where:

Great Britain – The 2021 census showed that large parts of GB are now among the least religious in the world.

Ukraine – The War has had a devastating effect on Ukraine & its people, and has created nearly 6 million refugees.

Moldova – Bordered by Romania and Ukraine, Moldova remains one of the poorest countries in the whole of Europe.

Central Asia – The Muslim-majority countries of Central Asia are highly challenging and dangerous locations for Christians.

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



Working in challenging locations

Training 1,500 leaders every year

Equipping and developing leaders

Trinity Cafe (inside Holy Trinity Church)

Firstly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Grace, who has recently moved on to take up an exciting new role in London. Grace has worked hard as part of the team establishing Trinity Cafe within the community and she will be missed. We wish her every blessing and success in this new chapter.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Sam as our new barista. Sam brings with him over five years of barista experience and a genuine passion for coffee. His enthusiasm and expertise are already evident, and we are confident that he will be a wonderful addition to the Trinity Cafe team.



The cafe's afternoon opening hours have changed for the summer.

We are now open on Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 8.30am to 12.30pm, and 1.30pm to 4.00pm. On Saturdays, the cafe is open 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Do pop in for coffee, cake, and conversation - we'd love to see you!

Sam is getting married this summer to his fiancée, Anna. You may spot her volunteering in the cafe on Fridays. Do please pop in and say hello and welcome him to Seer Green.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that Trinity Cafe will celebrate its first birthday at the end of May. We are planning a few special events to mark this milestone and to give thanks for the wonderful support the cafe has received over the past year. Please watch out for posters and further communication with details of what's happening. We would love you to join us in celebrating our first year.

Janna Holder



Holy Trinity Services in May

3 May	8am 10am	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion with baptism and organ
10 May	10am	Soul Space (doors open at 9:30am)
17 May	10am 11am 3.30pm	Morning Praise Church APCM Families@3.30
24 May	Pentecost 8am 10am	BCP Holy Communion Morning Praise with organ
31 May	Trinity Sunday 10am	Holy Communion



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



Spring Baptisms

At Holy Trinity



Elodie's Baptism



Alex's Baptism



Maisie's Baptism

SPRING FEST

 **SEER GREEN GARDENERS**



SCARECROW TRAIL
SATURDAY 2nd - WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2025

THEME: CHILDREN / FAMILY FILMS

There are lots of scarecrows around the vilage.
Can you find them all? Can you guess who they are?

Pick up your map from Trinity Cafe or SG Baptist Church
from 9am on Saturday 2nd May
or download from www.seergreengardeners.org

Vote for your top 3 scarecrows and name all
their films to enter our competition to win a prize!

More information on the SG Gardeners website
or contact Janna 07764 490960

Seer Green Gardeners' SpringFest is here again!

This year, over the first May Bank Holiday weekend we have two always-popular events: the Scarecrow Trail, starting on Saturday and the Plant Sale on the Sunday afternoon. As usual, contributions for the Bring and Buy plant stall are welcomed; please deliver these to the hall between 12.30 and 1.45pm and label the plant with its name; but if you don't know it, bring a blank label and we'll help you to identify it. The sale itself starts at 2.00pm with the tea bar selling drinks and home made cakes. Emma Pegram will also be there talking about the Jordans biodiversity project. Proceeds of the sale go to local, garden-related good causes.

If you missed the April distribution of spuds for the annual Spud in a Bucket challenge, these will be available at the plant sale. This year's variety is maincrop 'King Edward' which can be successfully planted as late as May and will be ready to harvest at the weigh-in on **13 September**.

Cherish the month of May for the freshness of new growth and the optimism with which we gardeners enter the busiest period of the gardening year! Dust down those good intentions made earlier in the year for getting things sown and planted at the experts' recommended times!

Some May suggestions:

- Remove the old flowers of tulips as soon as they fade to help the bulbs conserve their energy to help with an even better show next year. I'm always amazed at how they multiply.
- Start to plant out tender bedding plants and veg unless the weather is unseasonably cold. You can continue to plant out later in the month and into June, but leaving them in pots risks growth being stopped by the lovely fresh roots becoming pot-bound.
- Sow cosmos and sunflowers for fresh, spectacular blooms in August that will last well into October. Plant out dahlias.
- Visit the YouTube channel of Professor Dave Goulson to learn about how to make your garden a welcoming host to a wide range of pollinators needed for growing most food crops.



Sally Ash and Jill Moody



JORDANS VILLAGE HALL TRUST PRESENTS

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ON JORDANS VILLAGE GREEN



DATE - SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026

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Family tent - £50, 2 Man tent £30

**ALL NON CAMPERS WELCOME! DONATIONS (CARD/
CASH) ON THE DAY VERY MUCH APPRECIATED**



Exciting plans for Green Meadow Playground!

In 2024, the Parish Council asked the village how to improve local amenities - and upgrading the playground was a top priority, especially something for older children. In 2025, we asked local children to choose from four designs... and the clear winner was a netted climbing structure!

We've now selected a 5-metre-high Spire Net - perfect for climbing, confidence building, and lots of fun!

The total cost is £25,500. The Parish Council has set aside money over the past few years to contribute £17,000 towards this, and now with your generosity, we hope to raise the final £8,500 from the community to make it a reality.

Every donation helps!

You can read more about the project and donate on the link below.

We hope to install it in Summer 2026 (subject to planning approval and fundraising).

Let's make this happen together and give our children an exciting new addition to Green Meadow.

Thank you.

Seer Green Parish Council

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/green-meadow-play-equipment



Jordans Picture House

Our 2026 programme continues and concludes
And we look forward to welcoming you again – next season!

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



On Friday **May 8** we shall screen “My Cousin Rachel”.

My Cousin Rachel (12A)

Cast: Rachel Weisz; Sam Claflin; Holly Granger.

Director: Roger Michell

A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin’s mysterious, beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his death. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms. (Source: IMDB)



On Friday **May 15** we shall screen “Flow”, following our AGM.

Flow (U)

Cast: Gints Zibalodis; Thomas Oldman;
Alexander David Bobson

Director: Gints Zibalodis

Cat is a solitary animal, but as his home is devastated by a great flood, he finds refuge on a boat populated by various species, and will have to team up with them despite their differences. (Source: IMDB)



How to buy or reserve tickets (£8.00)

Online: Go to www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk
See “Programme and Buying Tickets”

Jordans Box Office: Alan Sealy
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Seer Green Box Office: Gill Pettman
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Jordans Picture House Committee



Jordans biodiversity day

Sunday **24 May 2026** 1.45pm -
5.00pm

Jordans Biodiversity Group and
Jordans Horticultural Society are
pleased to announce an open
gardens day with a difference -
all the gardens include an area or
installation specifically designed to
support wildlife.

The event will also include tours of
the Biodiversity Project on Manor
Farm Field to see up close the
results of managing the field for
biodiversity (now in its third year)
including the wildflower meadow
and laid hedge, and a talk from
one of our gardeners in his well
established garden meadow.

Start at Jordans Village Hall: pick up
a map of the open gardens and find
out timings for the talks information
on wildlife friendly gardening and
the Jordans Connectivity Project
which aims to establish a mosaic
of wildlife friendly areas within the
village.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes!

A £5.00 donation to support Jordans
Connectivity project will be much
appreciated.

For more information contact:
gordon@hamme.co.uk
0795 686 5423



Photo: Gordon Hamme

The Seer Green Fairytale Fête

Step into a world of magic, make-believe and enchantment!

Jubilee Hall, Seer Green
Saturday 16th May – 11am to 1.30pm

- ★ Fairy trail quest
- ★ Live performances
- ★ Magic potion making
- ★ Face painting
- ★ Woodland crafts in the enchanted forest
- ★ Games and stalls at the Magic Village
- ★ Bouncy castle
- ★ Refreshments at Mr Wolf's BBQ and The Spellbound Tavern

Come dressed as your favourite fairytale character!
£3 on the door. Children go free.

All proceeds go to Seer Green Pre-School • Registered Charity No. 1207892

Toddlers in the Woods

HOW much more 'soggy' card and 'melted' clay could we manage and then after such wet Fridays the sun came out! Our Easter celebrations in the glorious sunshine were just wonderful, and we all left the Centenary Clearing full of hope for the summer to come.

At the end of our 4th year of Toddlers in the Woods, I felt sad that families who had been in the woods with us almost since the beginning were growing up and moving on to full time early years provisions or school.



My downheartedness was totally unfounded as a whole brand new group of toddlers arrived with their mums, dads and carers in tow and 'Toddlers in the Woods' thrives.

Children are never too young to come to play in the woods and here is the opportunity to meet kindred spirits whether enthusiastic about discovering the fun of the mud kitchen, painting or simply enjoying all that can be achieved outside - yes whatever the weather!

As I say every term time Friday - all families from our villages or with a close connection to them - are so welcome to come and join us.

Ali Cork

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Hosted by Holy Trinity Church
Seer Green and Jordans

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The Centenary Clearing,
Crutches Wood,
Jordans

£2.50 donation
per session appreciated

For more information contact Ali Cork
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News from an Allotment Far, Far Away

Allotments are plentiful in Sydney - they are called Community Gardens and tend to be smaller with more contained planting. Some Community Gardens are sponsored by Councils; some are on land loaned by private enterprises. I visited two gardens, one expansive with harbour views, and one on a small site - both were busy and well cared for. Each Community Garden has a Committee with a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and they hold regular committee meetings and an Annual General Meeting. But this is where the commonality stops!



The Australian gardens really are communal. Individuals do not have their own planting areas; everyone shares the work to keep the garden productive. Members meet once or twice a week and select the tasks they will do - cutting back, weeding, picking, planting,

composting, worm feeding, watering etc. And at the end of the couple of hours, everyone sits down for tea or coffee, and the harvested vegetables, herbs and fruit are shared!

The other key difference is that planting is done in large, raised planters which are mostly covered with netting to keep out greedy birds and possums. This apparently allows better control of water use (usually a key issue in Australia).



The Mackie Lane community garden recycles large plastic water tanks which are cut in half to create a planter with a water well and a water wick so the soil can draw water up as required. The Coal Loader has more sophisticated planters with automated watering cycles set to suit whatever is planted. In both cases the water is kept in large rain catching tanks.

Some more exotic plants are bananas, coffee, okra, sweet potatoes and citrus - lemons, native limes and other native fruit. Mostly, the vegetables, herbs and fruit are similar to the ones we find in SGAA - except they are all grown outside! Every community garden has a beehive - the bees are stingless, solitary and native to Australia. The Coal Loader has chickens which are also communal.

So, if you are ever in Australia, visit a Community Garden and meet like-minded and enthusiastic allotmenters.

Maggie Pearson from the Allotments far, far away.

Meanwhile back home don't forget our Plant, Cake and Coffee Sale Saturday 16 April 10 - 12 on the allotment site by the rec.



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THICKETS



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Thickets ("fascinatingly original", "beautifully disconcerting") (featuring Bex Davies)

Miriam Jones ('Jones could sing the phone book and you'd want to stay till Z')

Bar 7pm, Stage 8

8 O'Clock Club

Should you ever find yourself having dinner in the company of the British Monarchy, then do not linger over your vittles, for when the King/Queen finish eating, so do you! Sound advice from retired Butler to Royalty, William French, recalling that he has experienced many a disappointed diner from whom he has had to extract a partially-consumed plate of food!

Born and bred in Buckinghamshire, it would have been impossible to chart William's career path. At 15½, he had persuaded his brother to forge his mother's signature, such that he could leave his school in Winslow and join the Royal Navy. Initially training as a chef, William decided he wanted a more front-facing role and subsequently trained as a steward, finishing top of the class.

William could hardly have expected the Falklands War of 1982, or that at 17½ he would be the youngest British sailor to serve in the conflict. Alongside weapon duties, William was a first-aid-er and was one of the boarding party when the "Sir Galahad" was destroyed in the Bluff Cove attack.

William served as valet/steward to Rear Admiral Sir "Sandy" Woodward, before being chosen as one of the elite crew on the Royal Yacht "Britannia", serving the Royals in their family setting and accompanying them on royal duties. With a different naval uniform



sporting white badges and two silk swallow-tails in deference to Prince Albert, the crew wore white plimsoles to reduce the noise on the yacht's teak flooring.

William became Breakfast Butler at Buckingham Palace before moving to Kensington Palace with Charles and Diana. It was then a short hop down the road to become personal butler to Lord Rothermere chairman of the "Daily Mail". Latterly in the employ of film stars, William has also appeared in TV shows himself. It has been an unpredictable life.

May 7 at 8.00pm

'Land's End to John O'Groats' – a solo journey by Jane Smith (Seer Green resident). Seer Green Baptist Church; £4 (cash) includes tea/coffee. All welcome

Elizabeth Lee



JORDANS MUSIC CLUB

83rd Summer Festival 2026 31st May to 12th July

If you appreciate good music ...

Come and enjoy a glass of wine along with some fine music from musicians of international calibre without high prices or the need to travel into London.



© Matthew Johnson

Sunday 31st May CONSONE QUARTET

Haydn ▪ Mozart ▪ Schubert

The first period instrument string quartet to be selected as BBC New Generation Artists.

Sunday 14th June RYAN WANG (*piano*)

Schubert ▪ Bartok ▪ Mussorgsky

Canadian pianist Ryan captivated audiences worldwide when he won BBC Young Musician in 2024.



© Frances Marshall

Mark your calendars now for an incredible season of music.

Concerts at the Jubilee Hall, Seer Green HP9 2QJ at 7.30pm.
Tickets: [Ticketsource.co.uk/JordansMusicClub](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/JordansMusicClub)

Visit [JordansMusicClub.org.uk](https://www.JordansMusicClub.org.uk) Registered charity No. 1046630

A spring walk - Penn Wood and Penn House

A fairly easy walk through beautiful woodland

Length: 4 ½ miles

Start point: Penn Street

Difficulty: Fairly Easy

Park near the church on the eastern edge of Penn Wood and start the walk towards the church. Turn left on the path in front of the church and turn right after about 50 metres. Follow this pretty path through the woods until you arrive at a path junction. Go straight over and past the newly renovated Beamond End Pond on your left. The path eventually turns right angle left and follow that for 200 metres to a path junction where you turn right.

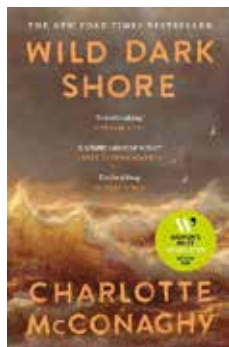
When you get to a road go straight over into Common Wood and follow the path gently downhill until the trees on the left end. Go through a gate to the left and diagonally over the field to another gate and re-enter the woodland. Two paths angle at 45 degrees up the hill and follow either until you reach a wide track. Turn left on this old cart path and follow it for ¾ mile where you bear right off the distinct path just before two houses and go down to a road. Turn left on the road and at the junction ahead go straight over on the path going uphill. Bear left in about 50 metres and follow the path up the hill towards Penn House.

Pass to the left of the house and at the estate road turn left. Just after the road bears right take a path to the left into the woods. This pretty wood is full of bluebells in the spring. Stay on the path and come out on the road where you turn left past the Hit or Miss Pub towards the Common and go across the common between the cricket pitch and The Squirrel pub back to your start point.

David Tryon



Janet's Good reads



Wild Dark Shore - Catherine McConaghy

Set on a remote island off Australia, the unforgiving location is the catalyst for this intriguing novel.

A woman, Rowan, is rescued from the turbulent sea and nursed back to health by Dom Salt, a widower and hid 3 children Raff, Fenn and Orly who have lived on the island as custodians of a scientific programme running a seed storage repository.

Why is Rowan there? What secrets are hidden? Where are the research scientists?

The narrative is full of twists and turns, the setting harsh and remote. The Salt family are all concerned about the diverse eco system of the island. The seals, whales and penguins and the sea itself, play a huge part of the plot.

A moody, atmospheric, brutal, intriguing suspense novel.

A Far-flung Life – M L Stedman

From the author of The Light between Oceans.

If you love a sweeping, atmospheric family saga then this is the book for you

Covering four decades from 1958 and set in the tough, unrelenting heat of the Australian outback, we meet the MacBride family.

When tragedy strikes, it causes ripples that continue throughout.

Matthew, left with a brain injury, struggles with his emotions on returning to his family's sheep station. Rose has an unrequited crush on visiting Brit Miles, and Lorna, their mother, has no idea how she will manage the station without her husband.

The setting is used to powerful effect. The physical isolation of the sheep station, vast, unforgiving, and remote, mirrors the emotional distance between the characters shaped by hardship, silence, and long held secrets. This is a world where resilience is essential but emotional expression is limited, and the author captures that perfectly.

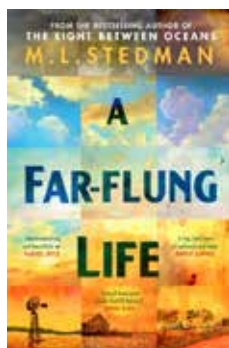
Heartbreaking at times, but full of hope, this character driven novel really stays with you.

Another great read.

Janet Stewart

Dates for your Diary

Sat 2 May until Wed 6 May	SG Gardeners – Scarecrow Trail
Sun 3 May 2pm-4pm	SG Gardeners – Plant Sale with tea bar
Thu 7 May 8pm	8 O'Clock Club – Land's End to John O'Groats
Fri 8 May 6.45pm/7.30pm	JPH – My Cousin Rachel
Sat 9 May 6.30pm/7.30pm	Rotary Club - Charity Film Night "Finding your Feet"
Fri 15 May 6.45pm/7.30pm	JPH – AGM (followed by Flow)
Sat 16 May 10am-12noon	Allotments - Plant Sale
Sat 16 May 11am-1.30pm	SG Pre-school – Fairy Tale Fete
Sat 16 May 11am	Jordans Biodiversity - Plant Sale
Sat 16 May 12noon-2pm	Jordans School - Bluebell Fair
Sat 16 May 7pm/8pm	Concert – featuring Miriam Jones and Thickets
Sun 24 May	Jordans Biodiversity – Open Gardens
Sun 31 May 7.30pm	Jordans Music Club – Consone Quartet
Sun 14 June 7.30pm	Jordans Music Club – Ryan Wang
Sat 20 June	Jordans Village – Mid summer camp out
Sun 28 June 7.30pm	Jordans Music Club – Michael Collins/ Michael McHale



Life as an 'Extra'

There's a particular kind of glamour attached to the film and television industry- red carpets, dazzling lights, and impossibly attractive people saying impossibly clever things. As an extra, I can confirm that I have seen all of this... usually from a respectful distance, while dressed as "Man Holding Microphone #3."



My career as a Supporting Artist has seen me transformed into everything from Abraham Lincoln's sidekick (itchy beard included), one of James Bond's Spectre enemies (gassed), a patron of the Queen Vic,

and a Star Destroyer Technician in a galaxy far, far away. The trick, I've discovered, lies not in acting - heaven forbid - but in reacting. A raised eyebrow here, a thoughtful sip of imaginary coffee there. It's all very subtle. So subtle in fact, that the real skill lies in disappearing into the background completely, as 'background actor' is another name for what we do.

One of my most memorable moments was arriving at Ealing Studios, being told that I was the only extra that day and had therefore been given my own trailer to relax in (this time as an undertaker), that my scene was short and I would be finished at lunchtime. Finally, the time came for me to shine, and I was introduced to my fellow performer, Sir Michael Caine! (he was lovely). We did our scene together and wrapped up for lunch. When the movie came out, I sat in the cinema waiting for my big moment.... which never came, as both Michael and I had ended up on the cutting room floor!

You quickly learn that no two days are the same and you never know quite what will happen.

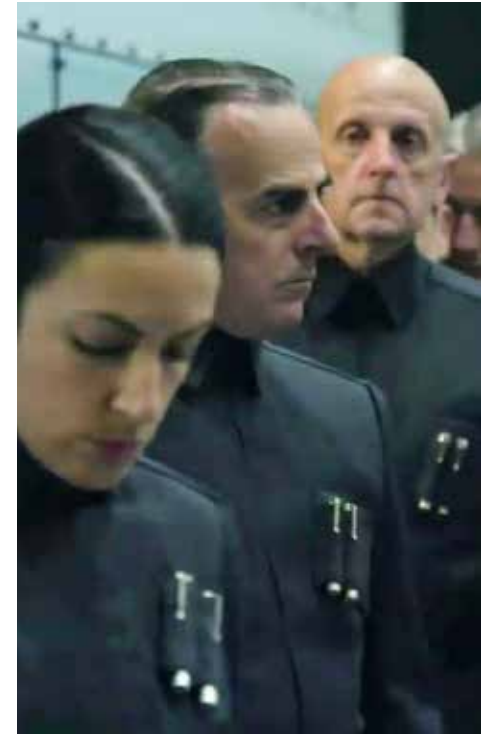
Much of an extra's life is spent in holding areas and waiting, swapping stories with fellow supporting artists over lukewarm tea, and waiting, there is a lot of waiting.

But! Despite the long hours and the chance of fleeting screen time, there's a quiet joy to it all. For a brief moment, you're part of something much larger- a story unfolding, even if you're just the blurry third person to the left, in deep background, pretending to read a newspaper.

And you never know, one day, you might even be given a line of dialogue!

I'm ready for my close-up Mr DeMille!

David Howkins



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Scrap Booking or Journaling Interview with Finn aged 9

Have you ever thought of starting a Scrap Book or Journal? Finn explains how to get started.

What do you like about scrap booking?

It helps you remember what you've done, and you can add maps & train tickets of places you've been. Entry tickets to places are good too.

How do you start a page?

I stick a date in, do the title for the day, what I'm looking forward to on that day.

I only do it on days I find exciting.

I collect things through the day, maps, tickets, photos.

What would you include on a page?

Date, day, maps, photos, drawings, paintings, writing about what I saw, what my favourite part of the day was.

I feel happy and excited when scrap booking. I love doing the drawing and using my imagination to make the images. I like to be busy, and I concentrate a lot on how I'm filling the page.

What would you say to someone who is thinking about starting scrap booking?

It's a good way to remember what you've done, you can show other people and talk about your

experiences. I feel proud of my work.

What is the best sort of notebook to use?

I like A4 with a spiral binding so you can lay it flat when open and when it's full it still closes.

Have you got inspiration from anywhere?

Austin Kleon's book Steal Like an Artist is very good.

Why not start a journal yourself. It's a great way to use all your skills and improve them.

Carol Wright and Finn



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