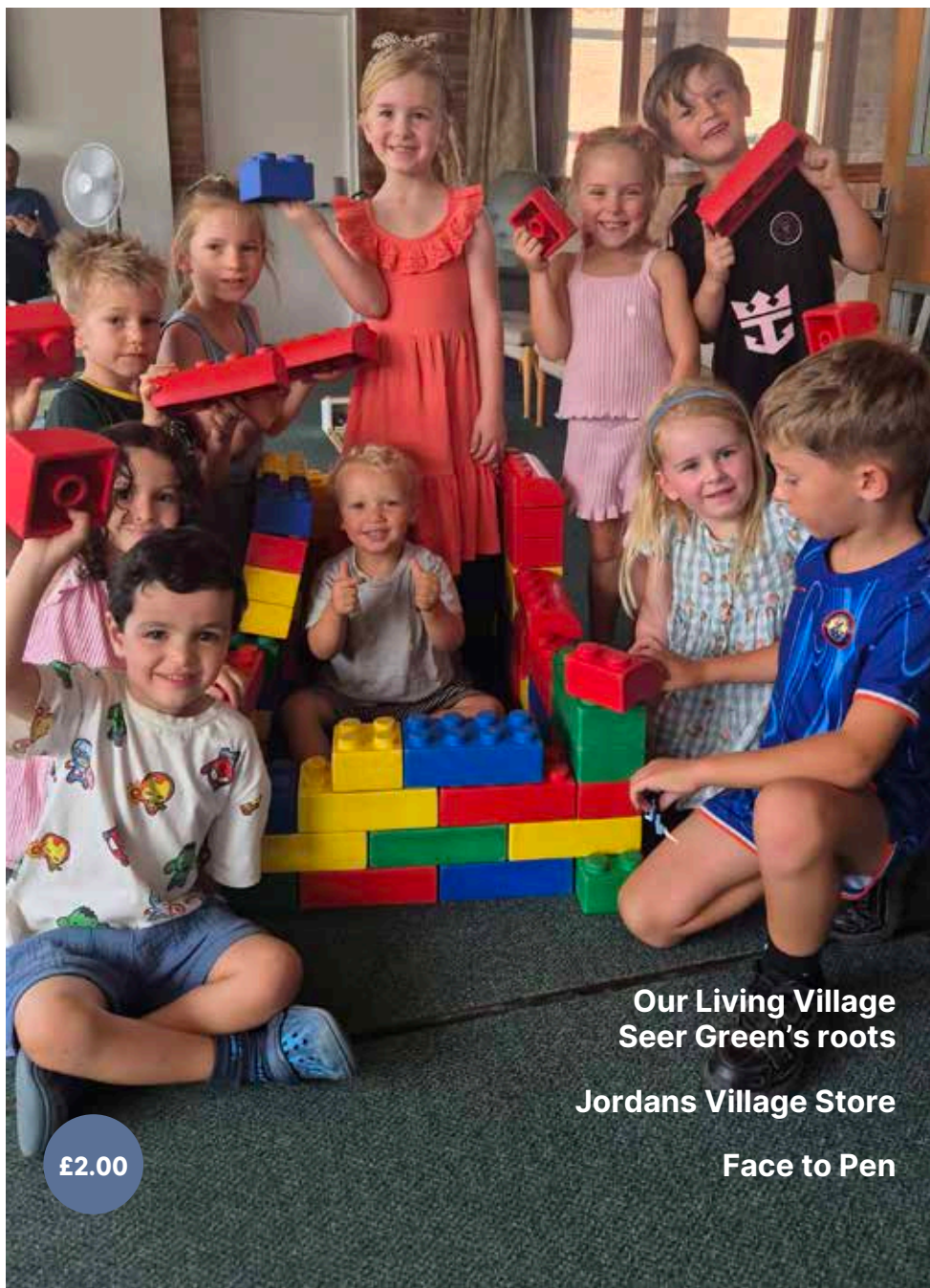


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Thought for the Month



As I write this in the middle of yet another heatwave, I look out of my window and wonder if we should consider changing the name of our village from Seer Green to Seer Yellow! After weeks of endless sunshine, the grass has taken on a rather golden hue, the gardens are crying out for a drink, and many of us are wondering if we will ever see a proper rain cloud again.

Yet, amongst all the brown and yellow, there is still an extraordinary amount of colour to be found. The bright flowers in our gardens, the deep greens of the trees that have managed to keep their colour, the blue of the summer sky, and even the golden grasses all remind us of the incredible variety and beauty of creation. There have been some stunning sunsets and the solar eclipse too!

Jesus encouraged people in Matthew's Gospel, to, "Look at the birds of the air" and "See how the flowers of the field grow." He was inviting us to pay attention to the world around us and, through it, to recognise God's care and provision.

Nature is not simply scenery; it is one of the ways God reminds us of his presence and creativity.

As we look ahead towards autumn, the colours around us will begin to change again. We will see more golds, reds and russets, creating another beautiful display of colour. As one season gives way to another, perhaps we can learn to receive each one with gratitude, noticing the beauty it brings. Whether our villages are looking green, golden, or somewhere in between there is always something to celebrate. And perhaps, after all that sunshine, when the first autumn rain arrives, we will welcome it with a smile!

Janna Holder - Children and Families Minister



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From the Editors

This month's magazine is brimful of interesting articles. We are starting a series of articles called Face to Pen which introduces the writer behind the regular contributions. Look out for more of these in future copies.

As we move into September and School Terms begin we wish everyone involved good luck as they head back to something new ahead.

The Editors

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **October** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 September 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: Messy Crafternoon Fun by Janna Holder

Autumn Term for Children and Families

As the year flies by, the autumn term is now upon us, there is lots going on for children and families in our villages.

Baby Group, for parents and their under ones starts back on Monday **7 September** 10am at SGBC.

Little Blessings tinies and toddler group starts back on Wednesday **9 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 **11 September** at 9.15am. Enjoy having fun outside with your preschoolers.

Torchlight starts back on Monday **7 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 whilst chomping on goodies from the tuck shop.

Connect Youth Groups will run once a month. Similar to Torchlight there will be one evening for Years 7, 8

and Year 9 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 topics of faith, and the big questions of life. *Other food may be available.

Teen Take over at Trinity Cafe starts back on Thursdays in September giving Y7-Y13 a safe place to catch up with friends, do homework and enjoy special discounted treats.

Who let the dads out returns on Saturday **19 September** and **7 November**, 9.30-11.15am at Seer Green Baptist Church. An opportunity for all dads, grandads and male carers with their 0-7s to make friends and enjoy toys, activities and bacon butties.

Lite Bites lunch for mums will continue during the autumn, contact Janna for further information if you'd like to come along.

Fun & Faith continues monthly @ SGBC on Sunday **27 September** and **25 October** from 9.15-10am. This is a short informal, fun opportunity to explore faith with your children through story, song, activities and refreshments.

Harvest @ Holy Trinity Saturday **3** and Sunday **4 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 cake, 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.

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

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Services at Holy Trinity for September

6 Sept	10.30am	Joint Service at Seer Green Holy Baptist
13 Sept	10am	Soul Space (doors open at 9.30am)
16 Sept	10.30am	Midweek Communion
20 Sept	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Holy Communion
27 Sept	10am	Holy Communion



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The Editors

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Welcome to Jordans Village Community Store

Located a short (15 minute?) stroll from Seer Green lies the village of Jordans and at the very heart (quite literally) and centre of our village is our community shop located right next to our wonderful village green and run by a small team of employees and local volunteers.



From left to right: Ali Cork, Lauren Khouri and Rosemary Bennett 3 of the volunteers at Jordans Village Store

Photo Sally Wilson

Our shop offers all the usual things like sweets, newspapers, drinks and snacks, but did you know that we also have fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh meat and deli products, household items, frozen goods, outdoor toys and a stationery section? We like to focus on local product ranges where these are available and currently this list includes ice cream, fresh sausages, chicken and beef, honey, eggs, milk, bread and pastries, beer, wine, gin, homemade cakes, cards and apple juice: all from within the Chilterns.

We are also very keen to support environmental causes and have run a household and personal care refill station for several years. Customers can bring their own containers to refill with laundry liquid, fabric softener, toilet cleaner, all purpose liquid, washing up liquid, delicate laundry liquid and rinse aid as well as hand and body wash.

Our latest project is to create a coffee corner where customers will be able to come inside in more inclement weather and relax with a hot drink, maybe a slice of homemade cake and peruse our range of second-hand books and DVDs or just chat with friends.

So next time you want to stretch your legs, how about coming over to see what we have to offer? Or, if you're looking to meet some new people and/or learn some new skills, why not consider joining our team of volunteers?

You'll be sure to get a warm welcome at Jordans Village Community Store!

Sally Wilson - Manager Jordans Village Community Store

Toddlers In The Woods

Toddlers In The Woods has been up and running for 5 years! An initiative hosted by Holy Trinity and run by Bridget Day of Seer Green music fame, of some years ago now, Nora Bennett and Rachel Gibson of Holy Trinity and myself also of Holy Trinity.

So why did I come up with this idea that a toddler group in the woods outside in all weather would be a good plan?

During the Covid years isolation to keep us healthy was key and afterwards we all had to start being sociable again. For many this was tricky as many families were new to our villages and didn't know where to start.

Toddlers in the Woods - outdoors so no on-going concern about being inside with others which we were far from used to, and looking to the future this is what early years nurseries and schools are asked to do by the governing body Ofsted - to get outside. This is so understandable as it is so much better for our physical and mental health regardless of age.

The Forest School Association grows daily and many schools now employ a FSA leader to direct outdoor, especially woodland, activities. Toddlers in the Woods is far from being a Forest School - we don't adhere to the format required - but our ethos is very similar.

Get outdoors in the woods and learn - yes adults and children alike! - through the activities on offer.

Friendships made by both adults and children, skills learnt how to transfer historically indoor activities to an outdoor setting, as well learning how to use all that can be found in the woods. This is what happens at Toddlers in the Woods in The Centenary Clearing, Crutches Wood, Jordans every Friday morning from 9.15 - 10.15 during term time.

All preschool children of any age from our 2 villages of Jordans and Seer Green, or with a close connection with either, are so welcome to join us!

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Seer Green Gardeners gardening in September

Looking out at my very parched garden and at the Met Office forecasts, it seems likely that the record breaking drought is set to continue with the added hardship of a hosepipe ban. Inevitably most flowers, fruit and veg are unlikely to be up to the usual standard for exhibiting in the Jubilee Hall at the Autumn Show on **19 September** but don't be deterred - we're all in the same boat! Bring whatever you've managed to grow to lift everyone's spirits. The entry classes are all listed on the last pages of this year's brochure and on our website, seergreengardeners.org

Hopefully more positive vibes for Spuds in Buckets nurtured by conscientious waterers! Bring them as usual to the Jolly Cricketers' garden for the 4pm weigh-in social where you can compare notes with other gardeners: Sunday **13 September**.

So, what about gardening in September?

- Ground conditions are unlikely to have recovered sufficient moisture to risk putting out newly purchased plants, so don't rush to garden centres just yet.
- I've lost a few much loved perennials so am researching more drought resistant species to replace them. The RHS website has an excellent video with specific suggestions. Sedums in particular are a great choice both for length of

flowering and providing much needed nectar for pollinating insects well into autumn.

- If you prefer to shop online, take care with your choice of site as you won't necessarily get good quality from 'pile high and price low' ones. I've found DT Brown reliable and they supply old fashioned bare rooted wallflowers.

Evening Talks - diary date

We are looking forward to welcoming Buckinghamshire naturalist, John Tyler who will tell us all about 'How to Read the Countryside. Tuesday **13 October**, 7 for 7.30pm in the Baptist Church.

Sally Ash



September on the Allotment

September is one of my favourite months on the allotment.

After the hard work of spring and summer, it's the time when we can finally enjoy the rewards. There are still plenty of tomatoes, beans and courgettes to pick, the apples are ripening, and the pumpkins seem to grow overnight. It's also a reminder that

gardening is always looking ahead. As one crop comes out, another goes in, and before we know it we're thinking about next year's harvest.

The allotments in Seer Green are much more than somewhere to grow vegetables. They are a place to chat with neighbours, swap gardening tips and occasionally share a few too many courgettes! They are also full of wildlife. On a warm September afternoon you'll still see bees visiting the last of the flowers, butterflies making the most of the sunshine and birds keeping a close eye on freshly turned soil.

Like many gardeners, I've noticed that the weather isn't quite what it used to be. Summers seem hotter and drier, followed by sudden heavy rain that can undo weeks of careful work. Climate change can feel like a huge global problem, but it's becoming something we notice here in our own village too.

The good news is that gardeners are used to adapting. We collect rainwater whenever we can, make compost to improve the soil, and plant flowers that attract bees and other pollinators. These are small things, but together they make a real difference.

As autumn begins, there's a lovely sense of community on the allotments. People stop for a chat, compare harvests and lend a hand when needed. In a busy world, it's a reminder that growing food isn't just about what ends up on the dinner table. It's about looking after the environment, supporting local wildlife and enjoying the simple pleasure of spending time outdoors. Long may that continue in Seer Green.

William Luff



Face to the Pen

New article to introduce our contributors. This month Helen Lindsey-Clark – Recipe Writer



For the past five years I've had the pleasure of writing the recipes for the Community News, and I sometimes wonder if readers ask themselves, "Why her?" The simple answer is that the editors kindly invited me to contribute because they knew I had a lifelong background in food and cookery.

That passion began at a very young age. I've loved cooking ever since I was old enough to stand on a chair and stir a saucepan on the stove, and in many ways everything I do still revolves around the kitchen.

My professional journey began in the 1980s when I studied for a BA in Home Economics in Liverpool. During my degree I worked at Sharwood's developing new products and gained experience in the food department at Prima magazine. After graduating, I completed a Cordon Bleu course in London before working briefly as a chef.

I then became Chief Recipe Tester and Food Stylist for a book publisher, working on more than 20 cookery books. After moving to South Africa in the 1990s, I continued working in food publishing and prepared food for television commercials. Later, after living in Australia and Malaysia, I returned to the UK to raise my family.

With my three children at Seer Green School, I became well known for making the cherry pies for the annual summer fair and later compiled a Cherry Recipe Book to raise money for local village causes. While promoting the book at a local kitchen shop, I was spotted by Neff and then worked as a freelance Home Economist demonstrating their ovens. Around the same time, I completed a Diploma in Nutrition.

In 2009, I retrained as a Food Technology teacher and spent seven years at Wycombe High

School teaching students from Years 7 to 13. I developed my own cookery programme to help older students continue learning valuable cooking skills.

Alongside teaching, I was the Domestic Judge for the Seer Green Gardening Club for many years and am delighted to be returning to the role this year.

Since leaving teaching in 2016, my enthusiasm for food has not

diminished. I continue to attend cookery courses, bake sourdough every week, and create wedding cakes for family and friends. This month, I'm also launching the Food and Cookery subgroup for our new Cherry Pie WI.

I hope my quarterly recipes inspire you to try something new and enjoy them with family and friends.

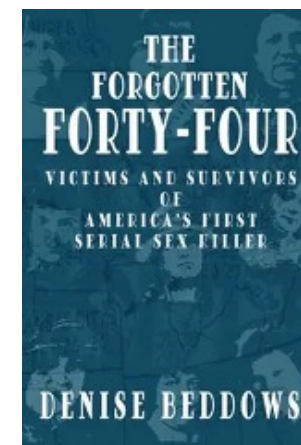
8 O'Clock Club

Eagle-eyed readers of this magazine and/or those with long memories, will remember the surprising revelations of our speaker Denise Beddows in 2023 and 2025, when she disclosed the most unexpected finds once she began to dig into the history of her Family.

Her research laid bare that there have been 4 murders within her Family. In 2023 Denise had spoken about a 1921 execution during the Irish War of Independence, and then in 2025 we heard about the murder of her Great-Grandmother in 1910.

These murders took place in days long before the Internet, so news of these tragedies had much less exposure beyond the immediate locations affected, and would possibly have been the subjects no-one talked about within the family. As decades pass, very often so too does the full story.

However, sometimes the story is bigger than just the immediate vicinity, and such was the case of Denise's ancestor Mrs. Emily Patterson. Emily's family had emigrated to Canada and it was in her family home in Elmwood Winnipeg where Emily was killed in 1927. She was one of the last victims of Earle Nelson; the "Gorilla killer" who is now thought to be America's first known serial killer.



Nelson had committed murder across north America before entering Canada. A teenage girl had also been killed in Winnipeg around the same time as Emily and so the Canadian Mounties were sent into Winnipeg and Earle Nelson was apprehended.

As with her other true-crime books, Denise's interest is in the victims: not just those of her Family, but victims who don't have a voice. It was Denise's research of Emily's murder that led her to question the number of Nelson's victims. It had been thought to be just over 20, but Denise believes the number to be at least 44; Denise has written a book 'The Forgotten Forty Four'.

There will not be a meeting at the Baptist Church in September, some members will be going on a visit to Training Centre for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Future meetings

October 1 - My Life as a Mouth Painter and the MFPA (*The Mouth and Foot Painting Artists*) - Keith Jansz

November 12 (Note 2nd Thursday) - Every Drop Tells a Story' - The Story of Perfume Discover the world of perfume with Master perfumer Ruth Mastenbroek. We'll smell some wonderful essential oils and fragrances, as Ruth explains her creative process and how the perfume industry works - Ruth Mastenbroek. Award-winning British perfumer

December 3 - The Victorian Christmas - Denise Beddows Researcher and author

Seer Green Baptist Church at 8pm, £4 (cash) admission includes tea/coffee

Latest news about the footpath between Seer Green and Jordans

Two quotes have been received to repair the path and make it accessible for buggies and easier for everyone to use. Both quotes are around £15,000. Jordans Village Limited has now pledged £3,000. If the extra £12,000 could be raised, the work could start in the autumn and allow everyone to walk between the villages this winter. 'Why drive when you can walk' Ali

Cork asks, 'It is better for you, for the environment and better for our two villages.'

If you are able to donate here are the account details

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In July we challenged our members, in teams, with a series of fun mini challenges. Our willing members were straight "on it" to identify flavours of tube crisps. The teams also undertook a bridge challenge – fashioning a bridge from sheets of A4 paper and sticky tape. The bridge is suspended between 2 chairs without using the tape on the chairs and then weight tested. We had a confectionery logo quiz and the grand finale – dress a pirate from the fabrics and paper supplied! Overall winners were the "Tea Ladies" – Sarah, Lyn, Yo and Kim.

Well done all and especially our organisers Jane and Janna.



August brought us an expertly crafted "Scavenger Hunt" around Seer Green. If you saw chalk body outlines on the pavements don't worry – no Police tape needed, just one of the tasks set!. Our winning team was "The Chalk Bandits " with 49 points but truly it was about taking part and enjoying something different. Returning to the Jubilee Hall we enjoyed our BYO picnic and a Quiz. The Scavenger Hunt is available for a small donation to the Cherry Pie WI. Contact us via our gmail to request a copy! Again, thanks to the able hunt and quiz compilers and helpers including Mr Stewart.

In September we are getting excitedly energetic with a professionally led dance session. Flat shoes which will stay on your feet whilst you get your steps in please! October – our plans have been laid for a very exciting and special WI film night. Information to be released soon.

We always have refreshments available for a nominal sum so do come along as a guest.

Our membership continues to increase, so if you're interested in joining us write now to cherrypieswi@gmail.com and we'll send you our information.

The WI #inspiringwomen

Kim Edwards

Jordans Picture House

Welcome back for a new season! We have a film showing approximately every 2 weeks until May 2027.

On Friday **September 25** we shall screen "H is for Hawk". Doors open at 6.45pm and the Programme starts at 7.30pm.

H is for Hawk (12A) 119 min

2026 Nominee Outstanding British Film of the Year

Cast: Claire Foy, Brendan Gleeson, Denis Gough. Director: Philippa Lowthorpe.

H is for Hawk follows Helen (Claire Foy), who, after the sudden death of her father (Brendan Gleeson), loses herself in the memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together, training a wild goshawk named Mabel to navigate her profound loss. But as she teaches Mabel to hunt and fly free, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own emotions and life. What begins as an act of endurance transforms into an intimate journey of resilience and healing. Source rottentomatoes.com

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Date	Time	Film
Fri Sept 25 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	H is for Hawk (12A)
Fri Oct 9 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	I Swear (15)
Fri Oct 23 rd	6:45 for 7:30pm	Downton Abbey - Grand Finale (PG)
Fri Nov 13 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Choral (12A)
Fri Nov 27 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	Mr Burton (12A)
Fri Dec 11 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	Song Sung Blue (12A)
Fri Jan 8 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	Lee (15)
Fri Jan 22 nd	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Way We Were (A)
Fri Feb 12 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	F1 The Movie (12A)
Fri Feb 26 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Penguin Lessons (12A)
Fri Mar 12 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	Black Bag (15)
Fri Mar 26 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	Nuremberg (15)
Fri Apr 9 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	Thelma (12A)
Fri Apr 23 rd	6:45 for 7:30pm	All Is True (12A)
Fri May 14 th	6:45 for 7:30pm	Juror #2 (12A)
Fri May 21 st	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Ballad of Wallis Island (12A)

HOW TO BUY TICKETS (£8.00)

Online: Go to www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk
See "Programme & Buying Tickets"

By phone: Call TicketSource on 0333 666 4466
Mon-Fri 9am – 7pm, Sat 9am – 5pm

At the door Payment by card only, please
(subject to availability)






Jordans Arts and Crafts Group

Wonderful! It's Monday afternoon again. Time for our weekly art and craft session. Organised by Georgina Wright two years ago, a dozen or so arts and crafters from around Jordans and Seer Green meet up in Jordans Village Hall to enjoy two hours of artistic endeavour and fellowship. Once we have agreed on the number of chairs and tables needed, set up a still life display, made sure someone has brought cake for the very important tea break, we settle down to enjoy a peaceful time with our own particular task.

Everyone brings something different to do; several people enjoy drawing the still life and perhaps painting it afterwards; some choose to paint a picture of their own choice; two do very intricate coloured pencil work and some do needlework. Tapestry, knitting, crochet and embroidery make up the majority of the needlecraft, some work having been hauled out of a drawer where it has languished for many years, and some have set themselves the task of teaching themselves a craft, a beautifully made wood pigeon being one example, which was much admired. One crafter arrives each week with a box of minute pieces of Lego type plastic from which he produces very intricately made racing cars.

After the tea break when we have enjoyed a slice of cake, which is often home made, we settle down

to our work for another hour, after which we admire each other's work, pack up and wish each other an enjoyable week ahead.

Last year we had a most enjoyable day at the Henry Moore Garden in Hertfordshire and have plans for another outing this year. Another afternoon was spent in a joint endeavour, covering sheets of lining paper with intricate designs in acrylic paint using all manner of implements, sticks, brushes, fingers and even feet! It was great fun.

All this time we exchange news and take pleasure in each other's company. There couldn't be a better way to spend a Monday afternoon. If you are interested in joining the group please message Georgina first on 07946382570

Caroline Whiteman



Our Living Village: 1841 Tithe map

Previously (July 2026 Community News) we looked at the legal enclosure of land in Seer Green (whilst still a detached part of Farnham Royal) under the "Farnham Royal Inclosure Award" which became law in 1821. Contemporary with that Parliamentary process, and in part a response by the established church to mitigate loss of tithe revenue, the system for payment to tithe owners was also reformed.

Tithes were originally an Anglo-Saxon mechanism to support the local priest through the payment-in-kind of one tenth of all produce. In some cases, the rights to receive tithes was acquired by a monastery or college, which then funded a curate. After the dissolution of the monasteries these rights were often acquired by private landlords. The Parliamentary Enclosure Acts generally abolished tithes, replacing them with an allocation of land to the tithe owner. Hence in Seer Green the 'common land' forming the village green, and New Barn Farm with its associated 'glebe' land, were assigned in the 1821 Act to the Rector of Farnham Royal.

The 1836 'Tithe Commutation Act' aimed to change tithe payments to a financial rent-charge. Tithe apportionments recorded the names of those who were liable to make these payments, the acreage, use, amount payable, and the tithe owners.

The 1841 Tithe map of Seer Green (examine it in more detail at www.ourlivingvillage.org) largely formalises what had already been achieved through the 1821 Act. The map shows named buildings (pink denotes inhabited buildings; grey are outbuildings), fields, land ownership, hedges, roads, gravel pits, woods and waterbodies. We can infer from the map that James Dupree and Samuel Hall are the largest land owners, and it is they that have been most impacted by these changes.

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Extract from Seer Green Tithe Map (© National Archives)



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What are they planning at Best One?

Best One is our wonderful convenience store in the centre of Seer Green. When his father retired in 2021, Kajan Ponnuthurai, the eldest of the three children, was the only one who was interested in taking over the shop. Kajan has a full-time job as an IT director in the city so cannot be in the shop all the time. Senthu is the store manager with Daisy helping him. Kajan buys the stock and does all the administration. Recently he bought the shop next door, which was Blue, the butchers.

Kajan's plans are first to renovate the shop next door. He has already canvassed opinion around the village, using Community Chat, to ask what people feel they need. So far there is most support for a deli selling freshly made sandwiches, local produce, frozen meals and convenience foods. Kajan still has to decide but hopes that his plans will be clearer once the shop is renovated.

Sue Puttergill



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Nut Butters



Preheat the oven to 180°C and roast 500g of the nuts of your choice (peanuts, cashews or almonds work best) for 10-15 minutes until evenly golden in colour. Roasting brings out the flavour; however, overcooking will make them bitter so keep an eye on them. Make sure you give the nuts a stir during cooking. Once ready, remove the nuts from the oven and leave to cool completely.

Place the cooled nuts in a food processor and grind until coarsely chopped. Remove 1/3 of the nuts and set aside if you wish to have a crunchy texture, otherwise process all. Continue until it is as smooth as you can get it. Use a spatula to scrape the mixture every so often. Add a 1/2 teaspoon of salt, 1 tablespoon of honey and 1-2 tablespoons of groundnut or sunflower oil. Process until completely mixed, adding more oil

to loosen if needed and more salt and honey if desired. Return the chopped nuts to make a crunchy butter (if desired) and stir through. Place your finished butter in a sterilised jar and store in the fridge.

Extra Idea: Substitute 100g of nuts with the seeds of your choice. Toast them separately for around 5-10 minutes then stir them into your nut butter once it's processed (see recipe).

In photo: from the top to bottom – cashew with sunflower seeds, peanut with sesame seeds and finally almond with golden linseed seeds.

Helen Lindsey-Clark



Managing Your Digital Legacy (1 of 4)



Part 1 of 4: What Happens to Your Online Life When You Die?

Most of us don't give it a second thought. We bank by app, pay bills online, store our holiday photos in the cloud and stream music every day. But what happens to it all when we're gone?

For most families, the honest answer is chaos. Your executor may have no idea where you bank, let alone that you hold savings with a provider they've never heard of. Thousands of pounds can remain hidden simply because nobody knows an account exists. That's the biggest risk — not losing access, but never knowing the asset was there at all.

This is your digital legacy, and it doesn't matter whether you're 25 or 85. If you have a smartphone, a bank app or an email address, you have a digital life someone will one day need to manage.

The single most useful thing you can do — this week — is create a Digital Asset Inventory. It needs no account numbers or passwords. It's simply a list, even on one sheet of paper, of where things are held:

- Banks and building societies
- Pensions and investments
- Insurance policies
- Email accounts
- Cloud photo storage
- Online subscriptions

Here's a useful test: if your spouse, partner or executor couldn't name all your financial institutions within ten minutes, your records need improvement.

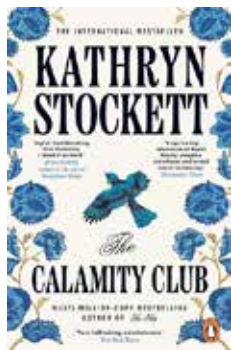
Keep the list somewhere safe, and tell at least one trusted person where it is. That single sheet of paper is one of the simplest gifts you can leave your family.

Next time: passwords, wills, and why your will should never contain either.

This article is not professional advice. Readers should seek legal, financial and technical advice appropriate to their own circumstances.

Peter Wright

Janet's Good Reads



The Calamity Club – Kathryn Stockett

Seventeen years after her wonderful book, *The Help*, Kathryn Stockett returns with *The Calamity Club*. Set during the 1933 Great Depression in Mississippi, this brilliant historical novel follows a band of outcasts trying to survive a brutal era.

We meet Meg, a sharp 11-year-old girl stuck in an orphanage run by pious women, and Birdie, an unconventional 24-year-old bookkeeper on a desperate mission to save her family estate from foreclosure. When Birdie arrives in town, she discovers her sister's wealthy, high-society life is a complete sham built on financial ruin.

Birdie teams up with Charlie, Meg's troubled mother to hatch an audacious, highly risky plan to take control of their own financial destinies, completely defying the town's suffocating social rules and hypocrisy.

The dialogue crackles with life, humour and warmth, you can't help but cheer for this unforgettable sisterhood as they refuse to accept the miserable fates mapped out for them.

A great read – I loved it.

Whistler – Ann Patchett

Another one of my favourite authors, after I read *Bel Canto* years ago (which if you haven't read it you should!) – I was hooked by her writing, and this latest book doesn't disappoint.

I love her storytelling, and *Whistler* is another great example of how she writes original stories filled with familiar, deeply relatable characters.

The novel opens with Daphne at the Met with her husband, when he sees an older man who he's convinced is following her. When confronted, it turns out that it is her ex-stepfather Eddie who was married to her mother for only a year.



This surprising and completely believable event is the catalyst for reminiscing her childhood and the events which shaped her.

Around them is a wonderfully crafted supporting cast: Daphne's older husband Jonathan, her sister Leda, their mother and her current husband, and Eddie's associate Skip and his wife as well as her now dead birth father Buddy

This is a novel about relationships, love, family, shared history, and the story of a life well lived. Definitely in my top 3 books of the year so far.

Janet Stewart

Dates for your Diary

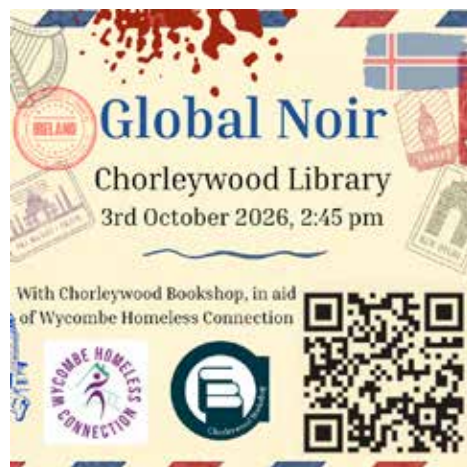
Tues 8 Sept 7.30-9.30	Cherry Pie WI Dance workshop
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Sun 13 Sept 4.00	SG Gardeners Spud-in-the-bucket weigh-in
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Fri 25 Sept 6.45/7.30	JPH H is for Hawk
Sat 26 Sept 7.30	Tom Lidgeley & Friends Evening of Opera and Song
Thurs 1 Oct 8.00	8 O'Clock Club My Life as a Mouth Painter and the MFPA
Sat 3 Oct 2.45-8.00	Global Noir Crime Writers Festival
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Fri 23 Oct 6.45/7.30	JPH Downton Abbey The Grand Finale

Global Noir in Chorleywood

A new international crime writing festival – by Paul Waters, Festival Organiser.

The sad news that Chiltern Kills 2026 in Gerrards Cross had been cancelled threatened to create a big gap in the national crime writing calendar, and to leave international authors flying in for the festival high and dry.

That's where Global Noir comes in. This new festival featuring acclaimed crime and thriller authors and stories with international roots, is happening from 3pm to 8pm on Saturday **3 October** 2026 at Chorleywood Library.



Our Nordic Noir panel will showcase bestselling Icelandic writers Sólveig Pálsdóttir, Oscar-nominated Jón Atli Jónasson, and Erlunder Arason, author of *The Hotel Manager's Guide to Murder*.

Felix Francis, who previously co-wrote with his father, the iconic Dick Francis, will reveal how he's built his own thrilling series in the world of horseracing. Vaseem Khan will take your questions on his book, *Quantum of Menace*, and his Q novels in the James Bond world, plus his Baby Ganesh Detective Agency and Malabar House series set in India.

The Global Noir line-up also includes Tim Sullivan, author of the DS George Cross series; psychological crime writer AA Chaudhuri; Paul Waters, whose latest Irish-Indian cosy crime instalment, *Death at the Elephant House*, will be out soon; and author Quentin Bates.

Plus, renowned literary agent Nicky Lovick of WGM Atlantic will be holding one-to-one sessions with aspiring authors who want to pitch their unpublished novels or ideas.

Global Noir is happening in partnership with the Chorleywood Bookshop, and is in aid of the Wycombe Homeless Connection charity. Hot drinks on site.

Tickets £15 for general admission, or £35 to include a literary agent one-to-one. Search on Eventbrite for 'Global Noir - International Crime Fiction Festival.'

Paul Waters

On the Wild Side with Storks on the Camino

You're not likely to find the majestic White Stork nesting on your roof, nor experience the good luck it supposedly brings: until reintroduction in Sussex in 2020, *Ciconia ciconia* last nested in Britain in the 1400s. But they remain common in much of Europe.

Last July while walking on the Spanish Camino de Santiago I saw their massive nests - as big as 250kg. But no storks: they had raised their families and abandoned the nests 'til the following spring. This year I returned in May and was thrilled to see them in residence. While a telephone pole could support a single family, some big church towers or communications mast held five nests, with up to four young each.

The eggs are laid in April and hatch a month later; by late May some chicks still looked fluffy but by mid-June they were big and well-feathered, but with short black bills, not yet the adults' long red ones. Mostly they stood about in the nests, looking gormless, hoping mum or dad would return with a frog or worm or snake - or the latest thing amongst storks, a bit of organic waste from landfill. While they used to migrate to sub-Saharan Africa for the winter, many Spanish storks now stay put, due to these always-open human buffets.

Occasionally as I walked, I was lucky enough to see a parent fly back with a treat and drop it into a waiting beak. Sometimes the adults engaged in the neck bobbing and rhythmic bill clacking that storks use to communicate -- perhaps saying 'Come on, you're big enough to fledge now - hop out and find your own dinner.' Soon they will indeed leave the nest, but with more growing up to do - they won't start their own families until age four or so.

Nora Bennett

See: Stork reintroduction in Britain: whitestorkproject.org



White stork nests - Nora Bennett 2026

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