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Thought for the Month

July and August promise to be blissfully restful. Okay, maybe that's a little ambitious, especially for young families, but most people will be aspiring to recharge their batteries ready for September, in some way or other.

While many people feel guilty about resting, it is actually a deeply Christian value. In the beginning of the Bible, when God completes creation, he rests. That doesn't mean God busted out a deck chair because he was exhausted from his exertion – in his infinite vitality, he could have quite happily done it all over again – but rather that this was the moment to enjoy what he had made.



(side note: that means that he enjoys us humans, the 'pinnacle' of his creation, most of all).

God invites us to join him in that kind of rest. He designed us for a rhythm of six days of work and one day of pausing to savour and enjoy each other, the world, and indeed himself. I guess we might translate the pattern into a 'nine-to-five' world as five days of 'doing a job', a day of managing our lives, and a day of savouring. For many people, that sounds hopelessly unrealistic, and I think that's something of a commentary on our culture. Rest has become one of the most courageous things we can do.

For Christians, resting also looks forward, into the promises of God: when Christ returns to heal and restore this world, we will be invited into a permanent state of rest. Again, not one of inactivity (even I would get bored of that eventually), but of life so free of toil that every act becomes an enjoyment of creation, every moment a savouring of God's gifts. Amid whatever rest we find this summer, I pray that we are reminded of that promise.

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From the Editors

Welcome to your summer edition of Community News: a bumper edition with news and photos of recent events such as Open Gardens. Over the summer there are events to appeal to everyone, ranging from heritage walks round our lovely villages, the ever-popular Jordans Music on the Green, the first ever SG Gardeners coach trip and a

Biodiversity Day. See also Janet's holiday reading recommendations. With best wishes for a great summer and fingers tightly crossed for some actual summer weather!

With best wishes Sue Puttergill, Carol Wright and Jill Moody

The Editors

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **September** issue to: editorseergreen@gmail.com by **7 August 2024**. 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 photo - Phil Moody

Holy Trinity Services in July

5 July	10.30am Midweek Communion
7 July	10.00am Traditional Holy Communion Service 3.30pm Families- Afternoon tea at the vicarage
14 July	8.00am BCP Communion Service 10.00am Morning Praise Guest speaker Gillian Lacey-Solymar about Cure Parkinsons
21 July	10.00am Holy Communion Service
28 July	8.00am BCP Communion Service 10.00am Morning Praise

Holy Trinity Services in August

4 August	10.00am Traditional Holy Communion Service
7 August	10.30am Midweek Communion
11 August	8.00am BCP Communion Service 10.00am Morning Praise
18 August	10.00am Holy Communion Service
25 August	8.00am BCP Communion Service 10.00am Morning Praise

Please note there is no Families @ 3.30pm service in August

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With best wishes Sue Puttergill,
Carol Wright and Jill Moody

The Editors



New Team Members wanted!

For the last 16 years 'Open the Book' assembly team has been taking weekly collective worship in Seer Green CE School. 'Open the Book' aims to chronologically tell the big story of the Bible, rather than just individual stand alone stories. The team meets at 8.20am to rehearse a Bible story and then perform it for the children at 8.50 – 9.15am. Many children tell me it is their favourite morning of the week and look forward to our stories.

The team has lots of fun and laughs a lot! We are looking for new team members to join our team. The commitment is for an hour on a Tuesday morning (term time only), as often as you can. If you are interested please get in touch with Janna – you'd be more than welcome to come and watch and see what we get up to!

Janna Holder - Children and Families Minister - 07764 490960



Baptisms, weddings and funerals

Baptisms

2 June Leopold James John Fischer
Grace Victoria Ruth Fischer

Wedding Blessing

18 May Angelica Lindsey-Clark and Christophe Verstegen

Dr Angelica Lindsey-Clark and Mr Christophe Verstegen's wedding blessing took place at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 18 May witnessed by a full congregation, many of whom had travelled from the groom's home country of Belgium. The marriage was blessed by Reverend Jez Carr and the ceremony was followed by a drinks reception and wedding breakfast at the bride's family home in Seer Green.



Photo by Image Bliss Photography



Nicholas and Kate Fischer with Leopold and Grace, the service was led by Reverend Jenny Tebboth

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**



Holy Trinity warmly welcomes you to

Summer Sundays

Afternoon Tea & Cake
in the Churchyard

August 4th, 11th & 18th

3-5pm

All Donations will go to the upkeep of the
churchyard and building.



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Coming Up for children and families in July and August

Families @ 3.30pm, Sunday **7 July**
Afternoon Tea and games at the
Vicarage.

Who Let the Dads Out, Saturday
13 July 9.30-11.15am at Seer Green
Baptist Church. All Dads, Grandads
and male carers with their 0-7s are
invited to enjoy toys, activities and
bacon butties.

Fun & Faith, at Seer Green Baptist
Church **28 July**, from 9.15 – 10am.
An opportunity to enable families to
explore faith in a fun, informal way.
All are welcome.

*Families @ 3.30pm and Fun & Faith
both take a break in August.*

During the Summer Holidays

Messy Crafternoons Mondays,
29 July, 5 and 12 August, 1.30-
3.30pm @ SG Baptist Church.

An opportunity to enjoy creative
activities aimed at 2-10s. All children
must be accompanied.

Family Fun - Wednesdays **31 July,**
7 and 14 August* 10am – 12noon
and 1.30 – 3.30pm @ SG Baptist
Church. (* *No afternoon session
on 14th*) Family Fun is for parents/
carers and their 0-7 year olds.
Come and enjoy a change of
scenery with lots of toys, crafts,
games and activities and a chance
to catch up with your friends.

For further details on any of the
above activities, including cost and
how to book, please contact Janna
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Janna Holder - Children and
Families Minister

Coffee Shop

A meeting place for the community



Monday Mornings
10.30am to 12.00noon
Seer Green Baptist Church

July charity of the month



Come and hear Gillian Lacey-Solymar talking about living with Parkinson's. She'll talk about Deep Brain Stimulation surgery and share details regarding her weekly podcast.

Gillian used to be a lecturer at UCL in management and entrepreneurship. She is now part of a team which produces weekly podcasts on living with Parkinson's. The team meet in a noisy pub in Notting Hill and record the embarrassing, funny and not so funny experiences that they and their listeners have whilst living with the disease. Jeremy Paxman, Mark Mardell, Rory Cellan-Jones, a recently retired senior barrister and Paul Mayhew Archer along with Gillian make up an amusing mix of laughs and tears.

Gillian Lacey-Solymar

Urgent need for a cure

Holy Trinity 14 July, 10am Service



The story behind the Holy Trinity Millenium collage

If you have been into Holy Trinity church, you will have noticed the beautiful collages. There are five of them, four on the wall facing you when you come into the church and the millennium collage behind the choir stalls.

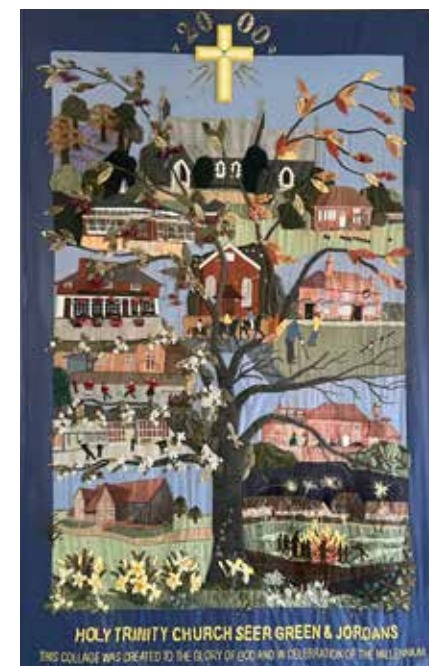
I went to talk to Muriel Ward, the mastermind behind the collages, about the Millenium Collage. When the organ was replaced with an electronic organ, this left a large space on the wall. She sang in the choir and decided that the space needed a collage representing the two villages. Her husband Peter took pictures of buildings in Seer Green and Jordans and then Joy Brand, a local artist, created the design. Muriel recruited volunteers to help. Ruth Baden made the leaves. Phyllis Mitchell embroidered the caption at the bottom. She was an expert seamstress and also made Queen Elizabeth's wedding dress. The cross at the top is made of kid leather. Carol Wright did the Mayflower barn and if you look carefully you can see her two girls in the picture. Marion Cox handmade the snowdrops of lace. The lace group did the cherry blossom. Each flower has five petals and each petal took an hour to make. The trees are made from tights, as they can be sculpted to look like branches or bark.

The background fabric was laid on a piece of MDF on Muriel's dining room table and she sewed each piece on. The finished collage was then placed on a fine honeycomb acrylic material that is strong enough to hold the weight of the fabric but can be sewn through to secure the collage and stop it sagging.

The collage needed to be protected from insects and dust and the cover was made by a Lymington sail maker.

Do pop in to the church and have a look at the collages

Sue Puttergill



August charity of the month



an extraordinary place in rural south-west Uganda serving a very poor community with healthcare, hydro-electricity, primary school education and a community health insurance scheme. Established 55 years ago, Kisiizi continues to develop with a School of Nursing, increasing networks both local and international and yet has continued to provide care for the most vulnerable including the mentally ill, children with disability and neonates. It's core aim remains to share "Life in all its fullness" with its patients, staff, community and visitors



The hospital cares for the most vulnerable and admits between 550-700 patients each month

Nurses and midwives are trained to be a valued part of the Kisiizi hospital community

350 Primary students in the community school to support hospital staff by keeping family close and give them a good education.

Toddlers in the Woods

As we draw towards the end of our 3rd year running Toddlers in the Woods, perhaps it is a time for reflection. What have we achieved? Have we in anyway succeeded in the vision I had back in 2021 when we were all still reeling from living in the Covid years?

A community project for those living within our parish or having a close connection with our 2 villages, getting young families together after years of isolation. Encouraging all to come to believe that getting outside first thing in the morning, involving ourselves with a purposeful enterprise, is the way forward.

How can I tell? The loyalty and enthusiasm of those who join together in The Centenary Clearing in Crutches Wood in the heart of the village of Jordans on Friday mornings is a joy to behold and the knock-on effect of these young families becoming friends, participants of village life across our 2 villages is just wonderful.

Involving ourselves with all that we have been given in the woods, delighting in the changing seasons, braving the cold, relishing the warm, sunny mornings, singing our hearts out, learning new craft skills, and bringing what we might do with our children inside, outside is therapy indeed.

Toddlers in the Woods is a group where adults and children alike come together to enjoy all we have been given and yes, in our 3 years I think we have achieved that. How I hope that, as our children grow, they, as well as their parents, will continue to appreciate that there is more to play and companionship than within four walls.

Now, and with our amazing new den built on Bank Holiday Monday by a wonderful team of Toddlers in the Woods families past and present, how I and my fantastic 'Team' - Nora Bennett and Rachel Gibson from Holy Trinity and my musical 'rock' Bridget Day - look forward with excitement to the next 3 years.

Do come and join us!

Ali Cork



A new den for Toddlers in the Woods

Seer Green Gardeners

What luck that on 12 May the sun decided to shine for our Open Gardens and Plant Sale! Thanks to Holy Trinity's talented flower arrangers and six brave households who hosted what we think was the largest ever number of visitors exploring the great variety in private gardens in our two villages on this special day. Meanwhile, trade at the Baptist Church was brisk for plant sales and afternoon tea. Once again a very healthy sum was raised for local charities.

Looking ahead to the rest of the summer, if you hurry you might snap up one of the remaining tickets for Seer Green Gardeners' outing to RHS Wisley on Wednesday **24 July**. £25 ticket includes coach travel, entry to the gardens, a 60 minute guided tour and a £10 'Tea in the Garden' voucher to spend on refreshments. Booking via our website, otherwise email or contact any committee member.

Then still to come:

Spud in a Bucket weigh-in at the Cricketers, Sunday afternoon, **8 September**. Go to the website for growing tips if yours is struggling!



Open Gardens Day

Autumn Show in the Jubilee Hall, Saturday **14 September**. The website includes a list of all entry categories, so if you've not exhibited before, take a look and give it a try! We're particularly hoping for more 'Summer in Seer Green' photography entries this year.

Online entries close Friday **13 September** at 6pm or bring your exhibits on the Saturday morning. If you've managed to keep your 'Figaro Mix' dahlia slug-free, do be sure to bring it along for display at the show.

Seasonal gardening tips

- Tend your vigorous wisteria! Tie in any new growth that you need to fill out the space available, and prune the rest back to about 15cms above last year's growth.
- Take semi-ripe cuttings from your favourite shrubs and herbaceous perennials to build up reserves or gifts. It's easy to do with lots of advice on the internet.

Sally Ash



8 O'Clock Club

BBC Reporters have charted the history of our Nation through its many Regions: from Coronations to sporting triumphs, from War to poignant Anniversaries. Bill Hamilton, Journalist and Broadcaster, is no exception.

His career started in Journalism on the "Fife Herald", where he reported on Council matters. When small Town Councils ceased to exist in Scotland, Bill moved to West Hartlepool. As Scotland's youngest qualified Football Referee, his day job as Sports Reporter was to cover the fortunes of Hartlepool United; fortunes that were more down than up!

Moving to Tyne-Tees Television, Bill's audience grew via TV News. He moved again to BBC Scotland. As a way of capturing reporting talent in the Regions for London's benefit, a BBC Editor in London decided it would be beneficial to offer a month's attachment for selected Regional Reporters.

Bill was the first to be sent south, experiencing an unremarkable secondment until 2 days before departure. James Callaghan called a General Election, and Bill was asked to produce a piece on ex-Cabinet Ministers.

Complete with cameraman and sound recordist, Bill was still in London to interview Rear Admiral Sir Morgan-Giles, decorated during

WWII and an elected MP. For the 10-minute interview, Bill had wanted to conduct the discussion in Portsmouth Harbour amid a background of ships, but the BBC said no; he'd have to make do with boats on The Thames!

As Bill drove out of Westminster for the interview, there was a massive explosion; the result of a bomb attached to the car of Airey Neave, Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Bill and his crew were the first reporting team on the scene, with Bill's piece leading the news bulletins.

Stints in South Africa, Albania, and Lebanon followed before Bill served as Home Affairs Correspondent and Special Correspondent for the BBC.

Thursday **July 4**

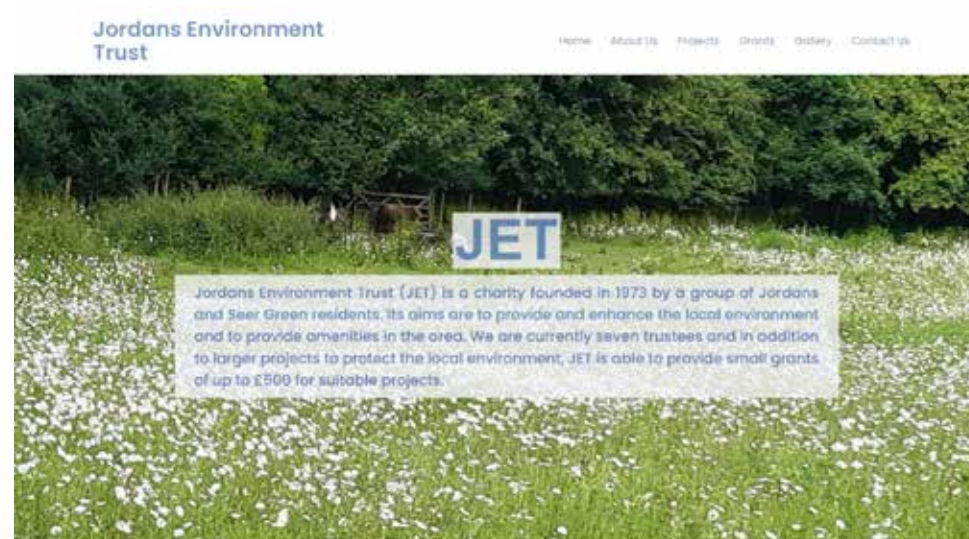
Alexander Litvinenko. The Spy Who Solved His Own Murder – Paul Barwick, Retired Met Detective. Meeting will be going ahead even though the election is on; entry will be through the lounge door of the Baptist Church. All welcome £4 (cash) with tea/coffee included.

Thursday **September 5**

Art Deco and Pearls – Frances Carlaw (The Pearl Lady)

Elizabeth Lee

A website for Jordans Environment Trust



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Jordans Environment Trust has just launched its own website: www.jordansenvironmenttrust.org.uk

The website is still being developed but do take a look and find out about the history of JET, projects they have supported, how to apply for a grant and how to donate. Perhaps you might like to get involved?

Jordans Environment Trust (or JET for short) regularly donates to projects around Jordans and Seer Green, which help to enhance our environment. Some recent examples are that JET contributed to funding trees planted in Seer Green to celebrate the Queen Elizabeth's green canopy project, they helped develop a sensory garden for Seer

Green preschool and provided the wooden benches in the Centenary clearing in Crutches Wood, Jordans used for Toddlers in the Woods. JET was also involved in creating the gardens at Chelsea Cottages, Jordans. JET's latest project is the community noticeboard outside the Baptist Church which was installed in June.

Dawn Franklin



From the Allotments

Allotment seedlings and cake'n'coffee sale

In the beginning....Rapid industrialisation coupled with the enclosures and fencing off of common land made access to food, fuel and grazing increasingly difficult for common folk and in the 19th century land was given over for the 'labouring poor' to grow food. Administered by the Parish it came with rules of course, sometimes requiring occupiers to attend divine service and even, harshly, to forfeit their plot if found working it on a Sunday. Local authorities were

required by the Small Holdings and Allotments Act of 1908 to make sufficient land available to the poor; this was extended to all folk after WW1 to assist returning servicemen.

Whilst the traditional image of an allotment holder is of an old man digging his spuds and carrots there is no age, height or gender restriction to the joys of being an allotmenteer and patterns of immigration have greatly extended the myriad variety of produce to be found growing on any site. The social interchange on neutral ground where great friendships can be



forged also allows for exchange of ideas, experience and methods, new tastes and gloriously - recipes!

Time restraints can restrict allotment activity for the middle generation allowing for close bonds between grandparents and grandchildren to be forged whilst unearthing those early potatoes- truly digging for treasure. For children, growing up in an increasingly 'virtual' world, the allotment is a treasury for all the senses and a direct connection between what we eat and where it comes from. Sowing seeds and witnessing the appearance of those first green shoots has its own special thrill.

A small golden tomato straight from the truss tastes and smells unlike anything from a supermarket. Using tools, watering and getting a bit mucky are great natural experiences for any child.

An organic allotment free from pesticides and with a small pond is a safari park in miniature. Every year I am transported back to my childhood by the utter magic that is the amphibian life cycle - spawn to tadpole to froglet - you can't beat it.

Charlotte Baggins

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Our Living Village: CBA Festival comes to Seer Green and Jordans!

The Council for British Archaeology (CBA) holds an annual nationwide public Festival of Archaeology in July each year. This year the theme is Archaeology and Community. Search the event listing at www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing.html for activities near to wherever you find yourself this summer.

As a community-based heritage project, Our Living Village has partnered with the Buckinghamshire Archaeology Society (BAS) to offer our popular local heritage walks as part of this year's Festival. This is a fitting tribute and response to the Our Living Village project having won the BAS Archaeology prize last year.

These guided walks will follow similar itineraries to those on the ourlivingvillage.org website, which are now also available through the Love Exploring app.

Booking is required as the number of attendees is restricted. However, the walks are open to the public and are bookable either from the Festival website (address above), or directly with Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society at www.bas1.org.uk/bas-outings-july-2024. There is a small charge for non-BAS members.



Walks will take place in Seer Green on **20 July**, Jordans on **27 July**, and around Hodgemoor Woods on **21 July**.

If you are interested in one of these guided walks, but are unable to book, or the dates do not suit, then we are always open to running similar events for small groups - please contact us via the email ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com

Nigel Rothwell

www.ourlivingvillage.org

Seer Green CE School

It seems unbelievable that the end of the school year is almost upon us, although the weather does not seem to have caught up yet!

We are still planning outdoor events across all year groups, making the most of the summer weather and our amazing grounds. It is wonderful to hear the children playing and learning outside and we look forward to Sports Day and the family picnic which will take place on the last day of term.

We are proud of the experiences and learning we provide for the children and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those who support the school in so many ways.

Whether it is those who visit every week, such as the Open the Book team, volunteer readers and our PE support team, or volunteers who take part in specific events such

as the Seer Green Gardeners who are running Spud in a Bucket with the Reception class. You all help to enhance the experience that the children at Seer Green CE School receive.

During our summer break, work on upgrading of the water pipes and refurbishment of the children's toilets should be completed. This would not have been possible without the Charitable Trust's contribution and the hard work of the school's finance team.

Seer Green CE School flourishes in the village environment because of the hard work of the whole staff team. We could not provide the primary school experience that we do without the support of our governors, parents and the wider community as well - thank you all!

Laura Morel - Head Teacher

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Research shows that everyone can benefit from doing tai chi.

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We especially welcome people with long-term health conditions to the café.

Everyone breathes. Tai chi promotes health and wellbeing by helping you to breathe better.

No Joke!

To his surprise, in mid-March, Mr Ian Hawes, received a call from The Office of The Lord Lieutenant. The gentleman talked about a garden party at Buckingham Palace. Ian, thinking it was a joke, could easily have ended the conversation if he hadn't caught the name 'Carla'.



Fortunately, Kathleen, Ian's wife, was able to reassure him that this was no joke.

Carla, Ian's younger daughter, had written to The Lord Lieutenant's Office nominating her father as a candidate worthy of an invitation to one of the prestigious garden parties at a Royal Residence. For the past thirty-two years Ian, accompanied by Kathleen, has been a volunteer at Tiggywinkles, the Wildlife Hospital in Haddenham. Ian and Kathleen's primary responsibility is for the welfare and rescue of badgers, foxes, and deer.

On the 8 May, having received an invitation from The Lord Chamberlain's Office, Mr and Mrs Hawes arrived at Buckingham Palace where they passed through a security check, crossed a courtyard, and entered the gardens. Kathleen and Ian, elderflower cordial in hand, meandered leisurely around the beautiful gardens whilst being serenaded by two military bands. Eventually, their feet led them to the enormous tea tent where they were met with, 'a sumptuous feast'!

After tea the crowds parted to form orderly lanes as members of the Royal Family made their entry and began to mingle with their guests. Fortunately for our couple, they were approached by King Charles who shook hands and proceeded



to talk about the badgers adorning Ian's tie.

An interesting conversation followed about their work at Tiggywinkles. King Charles, who looked relaxed and well, commented, 'You do a wonderful job'.

Finally, tired but happy, it was time to travel home accompanied by their elder daughter, Shelley, who was their official photographer for the day.

Kathleen's reflection summed up the day when she said, 'I could do it all over again!'

Valerie Baty



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The new Jordans Village Hall



An update

The response to the Presentation of the Plans for the New Jordans Village Hall has been just wonderful. Yes, suggested tweaks but overall the stunning design has met with enthusiastic approval.

Fund raising has got well off the ground and how grateful

the Trustees are to the young and inspirational Fund-Raising Committee who are pioneering this. Exciting events are in the pipeline line so please watch out for those that you would like to be involved in.

My gratitude, along with that of the Trustees, goes to those of you who have already given pledges and donations. So encouraging as we have a large amount to raise to achieve our target enabling the New Jordans Village Hall to become a reality.

Ali Cork - Chair Jordans Village Hall Trust

Jordans and District Rotary

On Monday May Bank holiday and Friday 31 of May afternoons 12 senior residents from Seer Green and 12 from Jordans village went on a cruise up and down the Thames from Henley. Both days were blessed with dry weather and Monday was actually quite sunny. They were taken on the boat belonging to the Rivertime Boat Trust which is kitted out with a lift down into the cabin especially for those needing wheelchairs and those using rollater aids for mobility issues. They were served afternoon tea, sandwiches and cake during the trip, all funded by the Jordans and District Rotary Club.

Our next speaker will be at the August meeting at The Beaconsfield Golf Club on Monday 12 August 7pm for 7.30pm. Michael Lawson from Home Instead "A Nursing Home in your Home".

Just contact Jenny Owen on 07707386415 should you like to join us and hear his talk.

Jenny Owen

Jordans and District
Rotary 

Rotary boat trip



Jordans Biodiversity Group news

Update on managing Manor Farm Field North to support biodiversity

Manor Farm Field North is the last field on the left as you walk the path from Seer Green to Jordans.

We are very pleased to announce that our project has received support from both the Bucks Community Board and Chiltern Conservation Board! Their funding awards enable us to begin some significant work on the field this year. Things to look out for over the Summer:

- We will be fixing the gate posts and installing new fencing which will protect a new scalloped edge intermediate habitat from future grazing (the scalloped edge will be planted in the Winter - watch this space for a future volunteer event)
- We have been disappointed that the field hasn't been grazed in early Summer this year but the funding allows us to do a hay cut. This is needed to reduce the height of the grasses so that other plants can compete and also removes the grasses' biomass which would further



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add fertility to the soil if they fall over and rot. (We need to reduce the fertility of the soil to favour naturally occurring plants rather than the crop of vigorous grasses that makes up much of the field currently).

- We've had mixed success with the wildflower seed sown last Autumn - perhaps when the grass is cut you may get a glimpse of corncockle, yellow rattle and the odd poppy!
- Our butterfly surveys to date have recorded very few species: Peacocks in April; an Orange Tip, Small Heath and some whites in May. It's a stark reminder why landscape restoration is so important to create the habitats that enable local biodiversity to flourish.

Save the date Jordans Biodiversity day Saturday 3 August

We're planning a day of events to celebrate the biodiversity of our village and for you to get hands on with the conservation work on Manor Farm Field. More details to follow.

Save the date Volunteer Event Saturday 10 August 10am - 1pm

We have a range of tasks that need doing to prepare for the Autumn on Manor Farm Field and will be looking for volunteers to help. Once again there will be lots of fresh air, good chat, community fun and plenty of cake, as well as physical work! More details to follow.

For more information contact us on jordansbiodiversity@gmail.com

Follow us on Instagram: [jordans_biodiversity_project](https://www.instagram.com/jordans_biodiversity_project)



Jordans Picture House

Three important decisions were taken at the Jordans Picture House AGM held on May 10.

1. Screenings in future will be on the second and fourth Fridays of the month and screenings on Tuesdays and Sundays will be discontinued.
2. Screenings will in future start at 7.30pm with Doors and Bar Open at 6.45pm.
3. Regrettably, foreign language films/films with sub-titles will no longer feature in future programmes due to an evident lack of interest and poor ticket sales.

The film titles chosen by our Members were announced and the dates for our 2024-25 programme are as follows:-

Date	Time	Film
Fri Sept 13	6:45 for 7:30pm	A man called Otto (15)
Fri Sept 27	6:45 for 7:30pm	Jojo Rabbit (12A)
Fri Oct 11	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Great Escaper (12A)
Fri Oct 25	6:45 for 7:30pm	Cabaret (X)
Fri Nov 8	6:45 for 7:30pm	One Life (12A)
Fri Nov 22	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Miracle Club (12A)
Fri Dec 13	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Holdovers (R)
Fri Jan 10	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Boys in the Boat (12A)
Fri Jan 24	6:45 for 7:30pm	A Haunting in Venice (12A)
Fri Feb 14	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Old Oak (15)
Fri Feb 28	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Colour Purple (12A)
Fri Mar 14	6:45 for 7:30pm	Aftersun (12A)
Fri Mar 28	6:45 for 7:30pm	Inception (12A)
Fri Apr 11	6:45 for 7:30pm	Book Club - The Next Chapter (12A)
Fri Apr 25	6:45 for 7:30pm	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A)
Fri May 9	6:45 for 7:30pm	AGM + Blind Ambition (12A)

How to buy tickets

(Adults £8.00, U15s £5)

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

Jordans Box Office: Alan Sealy
alan@janetsealypartnership.com 01494 873205

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 4 July 8pm

8 O'Clock Club Alexander Litvinenko.
The Spy who solved his own Murder by
Paul Barwick – Retired Met. Detective

Sunday 14 July

Jordans Music on the Green

Sunday 14 July 7.30pm

Jordans Music Club Freddy Kempf (piano)

Saturday 20 July 10am-12 noon
& 2-4pm

Our Living Village Heritage Walk around
Seer Green

Sunday 21 July 10am-1pm
& 2-5pm

Our Living Village Heritage Walk around
Hodgemoor Woods

Wednesday 24 July

Seer Green Gardeners RHS Wisley
coach trip

9.30am-4.30pm

Saturday 27 July 10am-12.30pm
2pm-4.30pm

Our Living Village Heritage Walk
around Jordans

Saturday 3 August

Jordans Biodiversity Group
Biodiversity Day

Saturday 10 August 10am-1pm

Jordans Biodiversity Group
Volunteer Event

Thursday 5 September 8pm

8 O'Clock Club Art Deco & Pearls –
Frances Carlaw

Sunday 8 September 4pm

Seer Green Gardeners
Spud-in-the-bucket weigh-in

Friday 13 September
6.45 for 7.30pm

JPH A Man called Otto

13-14 September

Seer Green Beer & Music Festival

Saturday 14 September 2.30pm

Seer Green Gardeners Autumn Show

Friday 27 September
6.45 for 7.30pm

JPH Jojo Rabbit

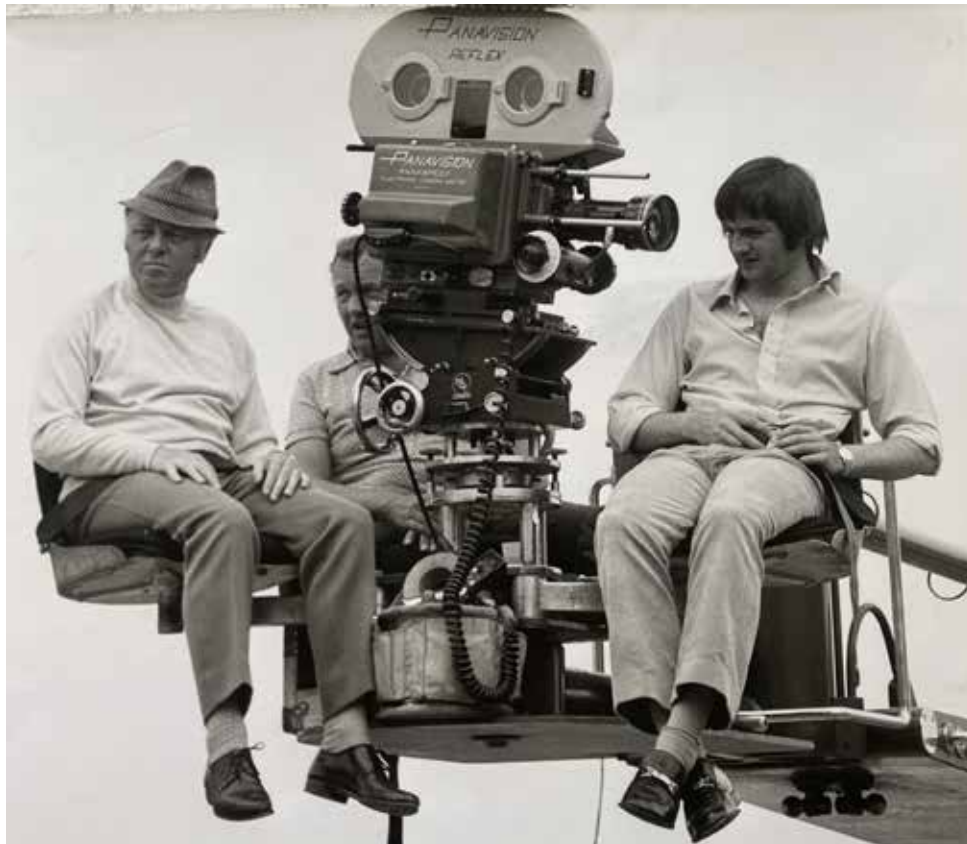
More dangers of the film industry

The vintage steam train was travelling through the Welsh countryside. A camera platform was attached to its side. On the camera platform was our director, Richard Attenborough, the cameraman and me (the assistant cameraman).

It was 1972, the film *Young Winston*, about the early life of Winston Churchill. The Welsh hills replicated South Africa during the Boer war. The scenes we were filming was when a British military train was attacked by the Boers leading to the subsequent capture of Winston Churchill.

It was long before mobile phones, so communication between our assistant director and the engine driver was by walkie talkies.

Usually with these types of shots we would run the train slowly down the track to check for any impediments to our platform. But it was late in the day and there was an urgency to get the shot in the can before the light went.



The train got up to the desired speed and filming started. Suddenly there was an almighty bang and our camera platform just collapsed but miraculously still somehow remained attached to the train. The director and cameraman were thrown towards the carriage and were hauled to safety. Whereas the camera and tripod had fallen on top of me pinning me to the floor of the platform. My head was less than a foot away from the ground and beneath me it was rushing by. The underside of the platform had hit a huge steel beam protruding about 3 feet above the ground.

"Stop the train", I yelled. "Stop the train". Expletives deleted. All the crew on board the carriage joined the chorus. The assistant director was screaming into his walkie talkie to stop the train.

I thought I was seconds away from serious injury or worse.

Eventually the train started to slow down and came to a stop. However as luck would have it, it had stopped right above a river. Looking down, I saw a 40 foot drop to a shallow river below strewn with huge rocks.

"Start the train!" I cried. "Start the train!" More expletives deleted. Once again the rest of the crew joined the chorus.

All screaming at the top of our voices.

Fortunately all ended well and in hindsight a funny story. But it proves the film industry isn't always dark glasses and cocktail parties, only occasionally.

Eddie Collins

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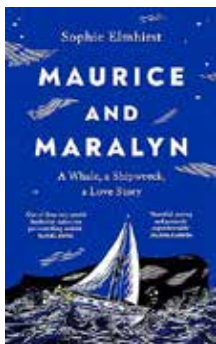
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Janet's good reads

Janet Stewart used to be involved with Gerrards Cross bookshop and is an avid reader. She writes these reviews for us which are often used by book clubs in the area to inspire their reading. These are Janet's recommendations for the summer:

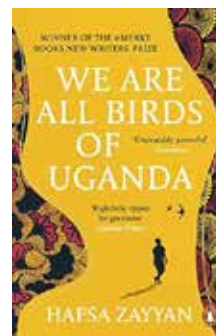


Maurice and Maralyn – Sophie Elmhirst

What begins as an eccentric English love story turns into one of the most dramatic adventures ever recorded...

Maurice and Maralyn couldn't be more different. He is as cautious and awkward as she is charismatic and forceful. It seems an unlikely romance, but it works.

Bored of 1970s suburban life, Maralyn has an idea: sell the house, build a boat, leave England -- and its oil crisis, industrial strikes and inflation -- forever. It is hard work, turning dreams into reality, but finally they set sail for New Zealand. Then, halfway there, their beloved boat is struck by a whale. It sinks within an hour, and the pair are cast adrift in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.



On their tiny raft, over the course of days, then months, their love is put to the test. When Maurice begins to withdraw into himself, it falls upon Maralyn to keep them both alive. Their pet turtle helps, as does devising menus for fantasy dinners and dreaming of their next voyage.

Filled with danger, spirit and tenderness, this is a book about human connection and the human condition; about how we survive -- not just at sea, but in life.

We are all Birds of Uganda – Hafsa Zayyan

Sameer is a high-flying corporate lawyer in London, but he encounters racism at work as he strives to fit in, while also suffering disappointment from his family at home in Leicester where he is expected to return to help run the family businesses.

His best friend is almost killed in a street attack and, after a visit from a distant relative, on a whim, he visits Uganda, home to his ancestral family until they were expelled by Idi Amin.

Sameer's story is interwoven with that of his deceased grandfather, Hasan, who writes letters to his dead wife Amira telling her what is happening in his life in Uganda. Gradually the two stories interweave as Sameer discovers more about his family and also realises what is important to him.

This is a family saga, a love story, as well as a political history. It reminded me of "Half of a Yellow Sun" in that it taught me a part of history I was aware of, but not in any great detail. A thoroughly good read, lots of discussion points for book groups too.

Janet Stewart

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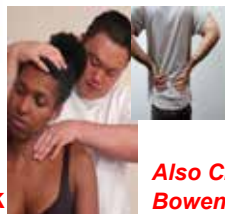
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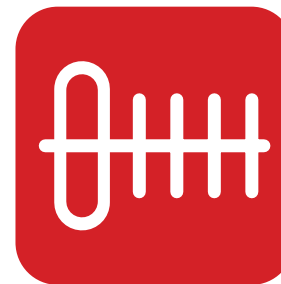
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