

# **Your Parish MAGAZINE**

What's on in  
Seer Green  
& Jordans

June 2022



**Holy Trinity  
Celebrates  
175 years**

**The Cherry Pie  
fair Returns**

**Jordans Music  
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## From the Editors

Holy Trinity Church has its 175th anniversary this month and is celebrating with an afternoon tea. It seems only yesterday that we celebrated the 150th anniversary with an enormous cake in the shape of the church. Then it was such a hot week that the cake had to be put in the local Butcher's fridge for the night, to stop it collapsing!

We are so pleased and excited to see the return of the Cherry Pie Fair too this year and of course all of June is about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! What an exciting month!

**Sue Puttergill, Carol Wright and Phil Moody**

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Please send all contributions for the **July/August** double issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 June**. Diary dates for the next two or three months would be very welcome.

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## Thought for the Month



This month, we celebrate the 70-year reign of Her Majesty the Queen. I cannot quite remember the death of her father and her accession, but I do remember the excitement of going round to my grandmother's house to listen to the Coronation on 2 June 1953 with my parents, sister, uncles and aunts, and cousins, realising that it was a momentous occasion.

Over the past 70 years, I have been proud to serve the Queen as a citizen, brownie and girl guide, civil servant and, latterly, as a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church of England, of which she is head.

Whenever we sing our national anthem, we ask God to save our gracious and noble Queen, and for Him to pour His choicest gifts on her. Our Queen is not only defender of the faith, but a lady of great faith herself. She sets us all a fine example as she uses the choicest gifts God has been pleased to pour on her in the exercise of her duties.

These choicest gifts, we know as the fruits of the Spirit, described by St Paul (Galatians 5.22) as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we follow our Queen's example in exercising these gifts, we will not only be good citizens of Great Britain, but also good citizens of the Kingdom of God.

Congratulations, Your Majesty, on your long and faithful reign. We are truly grateful for the stability you have brought to our country and for your unstinting service to it and to us. May God continue to bless you and your family in the months and years to come.

As we celebrate your Jubilee, we are proud to say: 'God save the Queen.'

**Linda West**





## Holy Trinity Services in June

- 5 June 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only  
10am All-age Service for Pentecost with Baptism, in person and YouTube
- 12 June 10am Holy Communion Service for Trinity Sunday and Holy Trinity 175th anniversary, in person and YouTube
- 18 June 12.30 Baptism
- 19 June 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only  
10am Morning Service, in person and YouTube
- 25 June 3.00pm Wedding
- 26 June 10am Holy Communion Service, in person and YouTube

### Events

- 26 May Thy Kingdom Come, 10 days of prayer across the world from - 5 Jun Ascension Day to Pentecost
- 12 June 2.30 - 5.00pm Celebration of Holy Trinity 175th anniversary, teas in the churchyard

Our streamed service will be on our YouTube channel:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6nj52p>

*For more information about families' activities and contact Janna*

*Services may be changed if circumstances dictate. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page or website for more information.*

## Baptisms, weddings and funerals

### Wedding

9 April Hannah Mollitor and Oliver Young

### Funeral

29 April Dorothy Child

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## Church Events | News

### Church News

On 12 June from 2.30 to 5.00pm, you are all invited to attend an afternoon tea in the churchyard of Holy Trinity to celebrate our 175th birthday. We're hoping for sunshine so that everyone can enjoy their time together, with delicious cakes, biscuits and scones with jam. If it does rain, we will have to postpone the celebration. The Flower Guild will decorate the church with their wonderful and colourful flower arrangements, and we will have displays to show both the history of the church and our current activities.

A few pieces of information on our history.

Holy Trinity was built in 1846 on the Seer Green village green, which belonged to the Rector of Farnham Royal.

It cost £1200 to build. We have had 18 vicars, four of whom were women, and we are eagerly waiting for our 19th vicar.

The only changes to the church building took place in the 1950's when the east stained-glass window was installed, a new altar and reredos (the ornamental screen behind the altar) were donated, and the vestry was built onto the side of the church. Coal fired central heating was not installed until 1947.

In 1986 Jordans became part of the parish with Seer Green, and in 2015 the parish became part of a Benefice with Chalfont St Giles.



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## Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care team are available to provide support for you with any issues or illness in your life. Their support ranges from providing a listening ear to the practicalities of finding organisations and charities that can provide expert help. All information is treated as strictly confidential. If you would like to talk to one of them, please ring the coordinator Heather Rowe on 01494 677573.

## Seer Green Community Chat WhatsApp Group

As many people will know, we have a Seer Green Community Chat "WhatsApp" Group. This helps to share local village news, events, activities, lost and found and recommendations.

Sadly, WhatsApp has a maximum of 257 people who can be in a group. As demand outweighs the number able to be in the group, we have set up another group, called Community Broadcast. Here, the main news from Community Chat is shared. As it is a broadcast group, there is no facility to reply to the whole group but contact

details of the admins and relevant contacts for messages are shared for those requiring further information.

If you would like to be added to this group, please contact me on 07764 490960.

**Janna Ruth Holder**



## Coffee Shop

A meeting place for the community



Monday Mornings  
10.30am to 12.00noon  
Seer Green Baptist Church

## Baptist Church Wildlife Refuge

If you go down to Seer Green Baptist Church today, you may be in for a big surprise -- not a teddy bear's picnic, but a beautiful mini wildlife refuge.

In 2021, Seer Green Baptist Church gained the A Rocha Eco Church Bronze Award, and as part of their environmental mission, the church has installed a range of wildlife-friendly features.

The area behind the church now includes bird feeders, a nest box, and a birdbath; twigs and brush to provide shelter for insects and hedgehogs; a water butt; and a wildlife pond (safely netted) just waiting for frogs to move in. Marion Cox, the Church's Eco Church champion, points out that both water-butt and pond were second hand – reducing plastic waste.

A range of grasses, flowering plants and a berry bush cater for birds and pollinators; and Marion is getting the after-school club to help grow and plant lavender and lobelia.

The Church is also building a rockery and would be interested in donations of large stones and natural timber. Come by and have a look!

**Nora Bennett**





## 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 of doing so; or you can activate our Online Giving page by using the QR code.

You can:

- Use the new card reader which is on the bookstall during services.
- Go to our website:
- **www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org** scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.
- Use an orange envelope and leave it in the green collections box.

- 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, then please speak to our treasurer - Audrey Hardy - on 01494 672592.





**Holy Trinity Church is**

**175**

**years old**




**Sunday 12th June 2.30-5pm**

**Come and join us at Holy Trinity to celebrate!**

**Afternoon Tea & Raffle,**

**plus flowers and displays inside church**

## June charity of the month

### St Andrew's Church: Family Support Group

This month's charity is St Andrew's Church Family Support Group, a group which supports vulnerable families with pre-school children in High Wycombe. Based in a very mixed area of Wycombe with a lot of social housing and minimal incomes, not all families in the group are on benefits, but those in employment have such low incomes that regular food parcels from the food bank are needed to help feed their families and most families are living with mental health and learning difficulties challenges within the family.

The group meets once a week during term time, and the sessions offer support for the mothers on life skills - parenting, money management, emotional issues, and practical sessions such as planting hanging baskets and making a Christmas table decoration - as well as a chance for some respite, as a creche and lunch are provided. The group helps mothers gain confidence and improve the quality of their own and their children's lives and builds a much-needed support network for these often isolated mothers.

In previous years, the June donation from Holy Trinity has funded a summer holiday trip for the families

- a rare treat, as many people cannot afford holidays, so the school holidays can seem endless. The plan this summer is to provide the families with a family day out at Beale Wildlife Park near Reading, including transport so that the whole family can enjoy a day out without the worry of how this will impact their weekly budget. Hopefully, this helps you see why this is a worthy cause for your donations this month!

A huge thank you to those who have given in the past to this charity and letters of thanks from the families can be seen in Holy Trinity.

Claire Jenkin



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## Seer Green CE School

### 18th June 12.00-2.30pm



**Cherry Pie Fair**  
 Seer Green CE School, School Lane, HP9 2QJ  
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Come join the village community in a Jubilee celebration!

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## Village Events | News

### The Cherry Pie Fair is back!

The Seer Green School PTA are extremely excited to be able to run the Cherry Pie Fair again in person after a 2-year break forced by COVID.

The theme this year is Jubilee and to celebrate we will be having a Royal Red, White and Blue themed fancy dress parade to open the fair. The children have also handwritten invites to the elderly and vulnerable in the village inviting them to a free cream tea at 1pm - if you know of anyone who would like to attend but has not received an invite please contact Claire Jenkin at PTA@sgceschool.co.uk.

In addition, we have invited all the village societies to have a stall at the fair as we are really keen to make

the Cherry Pie Fair a full village event again. Please come along and join us on **Saturday 18** from 12-2.30pm and enjoy some BBQ, cakes, Pimms, local wine, ice cream and entertainment supplied by the children of Seer Green School and the Strictly Shine dance studio. There is plenty of entertainment for all ages with a bouncy castle, fairground rides, fair games and the ever-popular raffle, tombola and hampers auction. All kindly sponsored by local businesses Concierge Property Maintenance, Bovingtons, The Orthodontic Specialist and MDW Solicitors. We hope to see you there!

**Claire Jenkin**





## Seer Green Gardeners

Once again the Seer Green Gardeners have been busy preparing wild flower patches around the village so that everyone can enjoy a riot of colour at the height of summer, a big "Thank You" to everyone who has helped.

Many hands make light work, so if you would like to lend an occasional hand with any of our activities or events, please get in touch via the website. There is absolutely no obligation, just the chance to join in with us once in a while. Happy gardening!



### Garden suggestions for June

- *Frosts are over so it's time to plant out tender annuals and veg, like beans, tomatoes and courgettes.*
- *When you need to water, a good drench once a week is much better than regular sprinkling. For maximum benefit water directly onto the soil around the plant's roots.*
- *Slugs are out and about - if you use pellets, please make sure they don't contain metaldehyde which is dangerous to all wildlife. Beer traps and hand-picking (add to compost) are excellent alternatives.*
- *To make flowering broad beans less attractive to blackfly, pinch out the tops. If you get to them before the ants do, they're delicious in salad or steamed briefly like spinach.*
- *Remove tomato side shoots to get a good air flow through the plant. Limiting the number of flower trusses encourages earlier ripening.*
- *Add lawn cuttings to the compost bin and mix them in well. You need a balance of soft green and woodier brown material - worms love wood chips and cardboard which both work wonders.*
- *Read Dave Goulson, biology professor and gardener, for advice and inspiration about the benefits of banishing chemicals from your garden shed.*

[www.seergreengardeners.org](http://www.seergreengardeners.org)

## June 2 - 3 1953 - Coronation Memories

In the afternoon of June 2, 1953, my parents and I left home with sleeping bags and refreshments to catch the London underground to Trafalgar Square.

My father had studied the route of the Coronation procession and had decided that near Trafalgar Square was the best place to be as it was part of the processional route on the way to Westminster Abbey.

We waited for hours all night for the big event; there was great excitement in the air and whenever anything passed by - regardless of what or who it was, a big cheer went up.

In the early hours of the morning of 3 June we heard the news that Edmund Hillary and his sherpa Tenzing Norgay had been the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest on May 29 - that brought a huge cheer (news took much longer to reach us in 1953).

I always recall that sometime later there was a great cry of 'Oh No!!' from a lady standing near me - a pigeon had just anointed her!!

Eventually the time came for the procession and it was raining quite heavily. A cheer went up for every carriage as it passed; all the carriages had closed tops until Queen Salote of Tonga came in an open topped carriage - a huge cheer went up for her and she waved to the crowd with great enthusiasm.

Finally came Her Majesty the Queen looking radiant in her golden coach.

Once all the procession had passed my parents and I caught the underground home where we arrived before the Queen reached Westminster Abbey.

Our television was turned on to watch the Coronation Ceremony, but I was so tired I could not stay awake!!!

**Monica Sado**





## Seer Green Allotment Association

### All For One and One for All - The Allotmenters!

We welcomed some new allotmenters in May and we wish them much joy in their enterprise. The full moon of May is called the flower moon for the blooms of spring but also referred to as the Hare moon, which conjures up a splendid vision.

We had some theft and vandalism on the site at Easter, which left a pond destroyed and its resident frog dead, but with help and support from fellow allotmenters the pond was back within a week. The resident frog was given a decent burial and hours after some donated oxygenating weeds were put in another frog had set up home, only to be joined a few days later by a garden frog displaced by necessary work. Although a small pond it is a thriving part of the

natural landscape with constant visits from thirsty bees and many other insects. Birds and other animals water there and within the pond myriad small creatures live. Although the overwintering tadpoles (yes that can happen!) did not survive the vandalism it is hoped some tadpoles will be gifted to the pond so that the extraordinary life cycle of the frog can once again thrill us all.

Alongside the happy restoration of the pond, we have the joy that natural bluebells bring, hidden for years under the chaos at the edge of the site, now they are gloriously visible amongst the thriving hedgerow, the result of much endeavour and now a delight to us allotmenters.

**Charlotte Baggins** - for SG  
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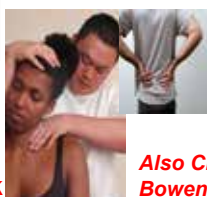


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## A Big Walk but will she sing as she goes?

Jane Smith, the conductor of Village Voices and Seer Green Singers, sent us this lovely piece about her plan to walk from Lands End to John o' Groats.

When I retired from teaching at Seer Green CE School in July 2019, I planned to celebrate my increased free time by doing a big challenge. I was going to walk from John O'Groats to Lands End over 4 months as a solo trek, giving myself time to experience the landscape and the great places on the route. Planning and training took the best part of 6 months, and I was all set to get started when the pandemic had other ideas. Two years on, and I am now ready to start all over again, this time travelling from South to North. I set off from Lands End on Monday 6 June, so at the time of writing I have a month to go before I embark.



I'm not going to win any prizes for speed, aiming to walk around 14 miles a day. I've planned a route taking in many of the National Trails. I'm doing the more luxurious option in that I'm not camping, but I will be carrying everything in my rucksack, so this has necessitated a lot of training. You might have seen me incongruously tramping around Seer Green in full kit, I've certainly drawn some somewhat puzzled looks!

People have kindly asked if they can sponsor me. And although the point of this challenge was never to raise money, it seemed perverse not to take the opportunity to do some good for a charity. I have chosen the wonderful Thames Valley Air Ambulance as the one I am going to support. If you felt like making a contribution, then my JustGiving page is here:

**<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-smith123>**

On the page are also the details of my blog, where if you're interested you can follow how I'm getting on.

**Jane Smith**



## News from over the fields in Jordans

Wow - what a difference 2 years makes: from no activities in our village last June to a month totally rammed with exciting and unmissable events. Please come 'over the fields' and join us!



### Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Jordans Village Green, on **Friday 3 June** from 12pm until everyone heads to the Village Hall for an evening at the Jolly Quaker!

Come out onto the Green with celebratory paraphernalia and join us in celebrating the extraordinary achievement of our Queen. Bring bunting, flags, tables, chairs, and gazebos with you and enjoy cooking on our massive village BBQs on the Green – or simply bring your own. Play football, cricket and rounders or relax in a deck chair with a glass of Prosecco among family and friends – it's up to you. An afternoon of merriment awaits and how welcome you all are!

### Jordans Village Fair

Jordans Village Green, on **Saturday 11 June** from 2-5pm.

This spectacular event will cover the Village Green with exciting stalls and activities: another 'not to be missed' event, whether you are after a beer and burger or a traditional tea, a look at our villagers' gleaming classic cars or a clamber around on a Bucks County Council fire engine, a delve into our sea of amazing bric-a-brac or a chance to wander amongst farm animals - all will be there to enjoy. And don't miss the opportunity to bounce on a fantastic castle or bid for some fun of your dreams in the silent auction!



### Let's go camping – Jordans Big Camp is Back!

Jordans Village Green, on **Saturday 18 June** from 12pm Sat to 12pm Sun.

Come and camp with families and friends on our Village Green and feel as if you are away on holiday! Just the best experience out, with the village BBQs available to cook on (or bring your own), games and activities for children, and Rebellion beer and wines from the village shop, which is

open until 5.30pm on Saturdays and reopens at 9am on Sundays selling fresh croissants (order in advance), bacon, eggs and milk for breakfast!

To book a pitch (two-man tent - £20, family tent - £30) email: [faithkey81@gmail.com](mailto:faithkey81@gmail.com). All proceeds go to 'All Together Community Fridge'.

June is set to be exciting!

**Ali Cork**

## Toddlers in the woods

Toddlers in the woods returned to the Centenary Clearing in Crutches Wood in Jordans after the Easter break to a sea of green. What a difference from when we were last there!

The beech trees dominate the area, and the sunshine coming through their bright green leaves created a beautiful space for us all to enjoy our 'explore', creating our own bluebells and singing our hearts out. How we all look forward to the summer Fridays ahead!

A reminder of our term dates.

Half term

**Friday 3 June**

End of term

**Friday 15 July**

During this term, the sessions will run from 9.15 - 10.15am



All pre-school children accompanied by a responsible adult are welcome to join us and discover what having fun outside in the woods is all about.

Suggested contribution to cover expenses: £2.50.

**Ali Cork**



## Jordans Music Club concerts at the Jubilee Hall

As I write this, we are preparing for our concerts in June 2022 as Jordans Music Club returns to Seer Green's Jubilee Hall for the first time since 2019. By the time you read this, two concerts will be about to take place - Adrian Brendel (cello) and Simon Crawford-Philips (piano) on **5 June**, and the Sacconi String Quartet on **19 June**.

On **3 July** eight members of the Pleyel Ensemble will be playing Mozart's hugely popular Clarinet Quintet followed by Schubert's sublime Octet – an unmissable programme.



Our final concert this year will be given by Scottish pianist Steven Osborne, a veteran of Wigmore Hall, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, and New York's Lincoln Centre. He will play a number of Etudes by Claude Debussy, finishing with the wonderful Schubert Piano Sonata in Bb.

Come and enjoy a glass of wine and some fine music from musicians of international calibre without high prices or the need to travel into London. And if you are reading this before the start of the season, season tickets covering



Steven Osborne. Photo credit Benjamin Ealovega

all four concerts are available at a discounted price. Given the calibre of the musicians and the popularity of their programmes, tickets are selling well – don't leave it too late!

All concerts are at 7.30pm on Sunday evenings. Full details and booking information can be found at [www.JordansMusicClub.org.uk](http://www.JordansMusicClub.org.uk).

**Derek Lake**



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## Jordans Picture House

*Stop press: a special screening of "Mr Jones" at the National Film and Television School Beaconsfield.*

*All proceeds to: Better Connected Beaconsfield (BCB) - with responsibility for the care of the growing number of Ukrainian refugees currently hosted in the Beaconsfield area.*

### Saturday June 18

Doors open at 7.15pm and the programme will start at 8.00pm.

#### Mr. Jones (15) 2019

Awards: 4 Wins and 13 Nominations

Cast: James Norton; Vanessa Kirby; Peter Sarsgaard

Director: Agnieszka Holland

Writer/Screenplay: Andrea Chalupa

*Based on real events in 1932/33, the dramatic thriller "Mr Jones" chronicles a British investigative journalist, Gareth Jones, as he travels into Ukraine and discovers a country wide famine which caused the death of between 3.3 to 5.5 million. It is referred to as the Holodomor. The Russian government took great care to erase all population records created during the period and is in continued and repeated denial. Jones life or death journey inspired George Orwell's "Animal Farm."*

Watch trailer here: <https://tinyurl.com/3u6bjah7>

*Better Connected Beaconsfield is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity Number: 1185885)*



#### How to reserve/buy tickets

Online at website:  
[www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk](http://www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk)

Or email or call:

#### Jordans Box Office:

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#### Seer Green Box Office:

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We all look forward to welcoming you to our screenings.

**Jordans Picture House Committee**

## Tweet of the Month for June

### It's a bird ... it's a plane ... it's ???

Identifying birds by their songs and calls is fun but not always easy; sometimes I nail it, and sometimes it's more like 'What IS that incessant peeping?' One night this year in early May, snug at home, I heard a mystifying call: a rhythmic hooting, more rapid than a muntjac bark; a bit like a Little Owl's squawk, but deeper and on the ground. I popped my head out the window but it was too dark to see, and it stopped before I could record it.

Rather than a bird, it may have been a red fox, *Vulpes vulpes*. Foxes have some 20 different calls; this one wasn't the blood-curdling 'vixen's scream' heard in winter, more like the 'bird-like wow wow wow contact call' and 'wow wow wow (cub/kit)' at the YouTube links below.

<https://tinyurl.com/27n8xtvb>

<https://tinyurl.com/4kueacna>

Unlike so many countryside species whose numbers diminish yearly, the intelligent, omnivorous fox has adapted to human society. It's abundant throughout mainland UK, and across the northern hemisphere from North America to Asia, and its cheeky survival skills make it a star of world literature, from Native

American tales, to the magic nine-tailed fox of Chinese legend, to Chaucer's Reynard and Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox.

Last autumn a fox often visited the green outside my house; could my mysterious May visitor be one of its young? Fox cubs are born in March, in litters of 3-7, begin to leave the den in April, and gradually learn to hunt and forage under the tutelage of their parents. By July, the adults stop feeding them, and many cubs struggle, starving or falling prey to motor traffic. But by late winter, the 20-30% that survive are ready to find a mate of their own and start the process anew.

More fox calls: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxsm5bs>

The fox's year: <https://tinyurl.com/nsyxfjxz>

Nora Bennett



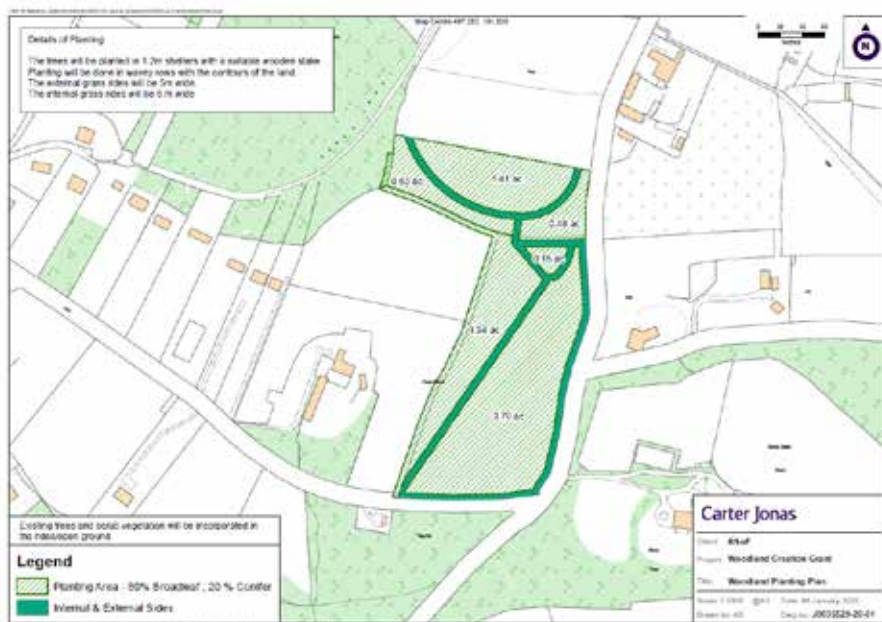
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## New Plantation at junction of Long Bottom Lane and Potkiln Lane

A few years ago, following a series of serious accidents, a large tree was felled in Chalky Field to improve the line of sight when turning right out of Long Bottom Lane onto Potkiln Lane. This field has now been planted with new trees.

The Society of Friends Yearly Meeting, which owns Chalky Field and Wall Field below it, has explained the situation with woodland planting in these fields (just across the road from the Meeting House), where they have planted major broadleaf trees (Pendunculate Oak, Wild Cherry, Small-leaved Lime, Hornbeam, and Sycamore) and conifers (Douglas, Fir, and Corsican Pine).



The Managing Agent explains that the Chalky Field planting is not a commercial project, and that if it was, these trees would take at least 25 years to be ready for felling, which is a considerable amount of time and, as the new woodland extends ancient woodland, therefore this would not even be possible. The woodland is for the community to enjoy and is registered with the woodland carbon code as a carbon offset for the Religious Society of Friends.

The Religious Society of Friends are looking at this work at a considerable cost for the benefit of the community, as planting and managing woodland is a costly process.

The Local Quaker Meeting has asked the Religious Society of Friends whether they would consider installing a new pedestrian gate on Jordans Lane opposite the Westminster gate into the burial ground, and another gate in the south-western corner of Wall Field. A quote has been obtained and is currently under consideration by the Yearly Meeting before a decision is taken.

See the March edition on the Jordans Village Community newsletter at: <https://tinyurl.com/54wj3vy8>.

## Local heroes



ground. These have been a trip hazard for some time as you can easily miss them. My husband and I have stumbled on them on numerous occasions and so had many other people. We were pleased to see them go and are very grateful to Richard and Veronica!

I took this photo of Veronica and Richard at work.

Joanne Dowse



I was on my dog walk a few weeks ago and came across my neighbours, Veronica and Richard Johnson digging out the protruding tree stumps on the pathway that heads towards Jordans from the recreation



## Janet's book reviews

I have chosen 3 titles from the Women's Prize for Fiction 2022 shortlist this month – only 3 more to read!

Will the winner be one of these?

### Great Circle - Maggie Shipstead

Great Circle is an epic tale of adventure, bravery and living life to the extreme. It tells the story of Marian Graves, fictional pilot who vanished in 1950 during a mission to fly around the world, north to south, her twin brother Jamie who becomes a war artist, and to complete the circle, it also tells Hadley's story, an actress self-destructing - whose redemption comes when she gets the part playing Marian in a film about her life.

This is a long novel, which flits between Marian's, Jamie's and Hadley's lives, but it is engaging and beautifully written. The characters draw you in, and it's easy to become invested in them.

I felt it was worth the effort and had a very satisfying ending to boot!

### Sorrow and Bliss - Meg Mason

Sorrow and Bliss follows the ups and frequent downs of Martha Friel, her combustible marriages, family gatherings and her upbringing in a rather bohemian, eccentric home and how this has affected and is affected by her bouts of depression. The author deals with mental health issues with a lightness of touch and humour which is not disrespectful of people who live with these difficulties, but shows how confusing and troubling it can be for the person and their family and at the same time I found myself laughing ruefully along with Martha and her family. Sometimes all you can do is to find the humour at the thin line between sorrow and bliss.



The author has a razor-sharp ability to write candidly astute observations of human nature and family dynamics which is completely spellbinding.

### The Bread the Devil Knead – Lisa Allen-Agostini

There are always challenging divisive reads on the shortlist, and this is definitely one of them. Are you up for the challenge?

What the Women's Prize say about it

"Alethea Lopez is about to turn 40. Fashionable, feisty and fiercely independent, she manages a downtown boutique, but behind closed doors she's covering up bruises from her abusive partner and seeking solace in an affair with her boss. When she witnesses a woman murdered by a jealous lover, the reality of her own future comes a little too close to home. Bringing us her truth in an arresting, unsparing Trinidadian voice, Alethea unravels memories repressed since childhood and begins to understand the person she has become. Her next step is to decide the woman she wants to be"

This is a difficult book to read – relationship rape, family child abuse, violent death all feature repeatedly, but a powerful one and worthy of its place on the list.

I know I'm not really selling it, but amongst the horror, there is hope, some humour and a real sense of friendship and love.

Janet Stewart





## Foraging around Seer Green and Jordans

In May and June *Alliaria petiolata* also known as Hedge Garlic, Jack by the Hedge, Garlic Mustard, Poor Man's Mustard and Penny Hedge lines the hedgerows and roads in both villages. It is very common and in the picture is growing beside Jordans tennis court



I know it as Jack by the hedge and it has tall erect stems, serrated heart shaped leaves, small four petalled white flowers and the smell of garlic when you crush it. It is very distinctive.

The young first years leaves or smaller leaves from the top of the plant in its second year are best and along with the flowers and flower buds help make an attractive and tasty salad.

The seeds can be used as mustard.

The roots at the end of the second years growth taste like mild horse-radish.

Jack by the hedge is said to be used as a tonic to help asthma, rheumatism and gout. It also has diuretic properties.

**Sue Puttergill**

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## Elderflower Cordial

You know the month of June has finally arrived when you smell the strong, sweet fragrance of elderflower. Go out and gather blooms, ideally on an early sunny evening when they are fully pungent. Be sure to know exactly what an elderflower looks like before you pick.

### Ingredients

- 30 whole elderflower bloom heads
- 1.25 litres of water
- 1.6kg granulated sugar
- 3 lemons, quartered
- 50g citric acid (available in granular form from chemists and supermarkets)

### Method

Gently rinse the elderflower blooms to remove any bugs.

Place the sugar and water in a large saucepan and heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Then bring to the boil for 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in the quartered lemons, citric acid and elderflower blooms. Cover and leave overnight.

Next day, drain through a fine sieve lined with a paper filter (alternatively use kitchen paper). Then pour into sterilised bottles and store in the fridge.

### To serve

Add ice to a jug and pour over enough elderflower cordial to your taste and top up with either cold flat or cold fizzy water and add a few slices of lemon.

**Helen Lindsey-Clark**





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### Weekly Activities

<b>Tuesday's</b>	10.30am – 11.00am	Storytime
	11.00 – 12.30pm	Talking café
<b>Wednesday's</b>	10.30am – 12.30pm	Knit and Natter - Wednesday Club
<b>Thursday's</b>	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Scrabble for adults
<b>Friday's</b>	10.00am – 10.30 am	Bounce and Rhyme
	11.00 – 12.00 noon	Українська громадська група Ukrainian Community Group
<b>Saturday's</b>	2.00 – 3.30pm	Chess / шахи

### Monthly Activities

<b>Saturday's</b>	10.30am – 12.30pm	Beaconsfield Conservative Councillors' surgery (1st Saturday of each month)
	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Childrens' craft (1st Saturday of each month)
	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Lego club (2nd Saturday of each month)
	10.00 am – 11.30am	Reading Groups for adults (3rd Saturday of each month)

### Special events

Beaconsfield Library will be celebrating The Queen's Jubilee  
Join us for craft activities  
See an exhibition of local interest from the Historical Society  
View a visual arts project Jayantee in association with Alfriston School together  
with a talk about the Queen, India and the Commonwealth at 1.30pm on the  
7 June  
Please look out for more details on our website, facebook page and in the  
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