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What's on in  
Seer Green  
& Jordans

October 2018



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Green Vineyard**

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## From the Editors

October is definitely the beginning of autumn and in this magazine we have lovely photos of the Village flower and produce shows to remind us of the fruitfulness of the summer months. We have details of the church Harvest Festival and the 'Bring and Share' lunch and some new church ventures for the autumn too. The programme for Jordans Picture House is here if you feel you need cheering up as the days draw in.

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**Sue Puttergill and Fliss Coombs**

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## Thoughts for the Month



I recently started reading books on my i-pad and have returned to my childhood practice of having a book with me wherever I go. My current read is; 'Lessons in Leadership' by Jonathan Sacks (Chief Rabbi 'till 2013) which is opening my eyes to what we call the Old Testament.

Of all the ancient civilizations recorded in the bible, only the Jews survive to this day. Jonathan Sacks puts this down to a profound insight of Moses as he led the people out of Egypt towards their new life. Moses inspired the people by instructing them to educate their children in the story of how their nation was born.

'Tell your children, it was with a mighty hand that the Lord brought us out from Egypt, the house of bondage.' (Exodus 13:14) Three times he urges them to answer their children's questions, to explain to them 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free from Egypt'. He writes 'The Jews became the only people in history to predicate their very survival on education'; not on buildings or empire, things which come and go.

A report from the Children's Society tells us that the well-being of our children is as low as it was 20 years ago. Pressure to fit in with society's expectations is making children unhappy and alarming numbers of them are self-harming.

Moses' insight reminds us that giving time and attention to children and young people is a sacred trust; teaching them importance of justice, kindness, righteousness and compassion, empowering them to ask questions and to know the value of selfrestraint and embedding in them the knowledge that as God's children they truly matter. This is the way we change the world.

**Jenny Tebboth** - A member of the Holy Trinity church team



## Church Calendar - October 2018

*Holy Trinity has some regular services, which are the same every week and some services which are different each week or special services and events. Our aim is to provide variety in our service styles.*

**Every Sunday 8-8.40am: Book of Common Prayer Communion Service.** This is a traditional language service which is quiet and reflective. Suits the early risers.

**Every Wednesday at the new time of 12.30-1.00pm: Midweek Communion.** This is a contemporary language midweek service which has a prayerful focus.

### Every Sunday 10-10.45/11am in October

**7 Oct** *All-Age Harvest Service;* Harvest gifts will be donated to One Can Hope if they perishable. Long life goods will be donated to One Can Trust. Financial donations will go to One Can Hope. A 'bring and share' harvest lunch will start at 12pm in the Jubilee Hall.

**14 Oct** *Holy Communion;* suitable for adults and older children. There are toys and books at the back of church for young children to use.

**21 Oct** *All-Age Praise Service;* suitable for all ages. Toys and books for young children are available at the back of the church.

**28 Oct** *Holy Communion;* suitable for adults and older children. There are toys and books at the back of church for young children to use.

### Monthly

*New for families:* 3.30pm Sunday 28 October Engage-pop-up church in Jordans village hall.

*Evening Service:* 6pm Sunday 7 October

*Taize Service:* 6pm Sunday 14 October - A quiet contemplative service that includes prayer, meditation and simple chants.

## Church Events | News

### Traditional events and some new ones too

#### Remembrance

Our annual act of remembrance this year will be on Sunday the 11 November at 10am, beginning in the Jubilee Hall. This year will be particularly poignant as we mark the centenary of the end of the 1st World War. Do come and join the whole community for this special service.

#### Harvest Festival and community lunch

We are very much looking forward to our special Harvest Festival service on Sunday 7 October at 10am in church. Please think about a friend or neighbour, particularly older members of our community who might like to come to the Bring and Share lunch in the Jubilee Hall from 12pm.

#### You are invited to 'Rethink'

Do you have questions about life and faith to which you would like a well thought out answer? Well, why not come to Rethink, an evening being put on by Churches Together on Thursday 22 November at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church with a guest speaker and special question and answer session. Drinks and nibbles will be served from 7.15pm.

If you would like further information please go to [www.rethink-southbucks.org](http://www.rethink-southbucks.org) or ring Cassa on 01494 672496.



### Special Services/Events

**Tuesdays and Thursdays in October** - 9am Prayer in the morning in Church

**Thursday 4 October 9-11am** - Community Coffee Morning in Church

**Thursday 25 October 2.15-3.30pm** - History talk about the church

**Tuesdays 2, 16, 30 October** - Living Well in the Golden Years, a series of talks covering health, spirituality, relationships, wills and decision making. The final session is 13 November Jordans Village Hall.

## Baptisms, weddings and funerals

### Baptisms

5 August Edie Olivia Millward and Felix Oscar Millward  
19th August Daisy Rose Lacey  
19th August Nicholas James Tiger Cavil

### Funeral

3rd September Joan Brisbourne



*Baptism of Daisy and Nicholas*

## To make you smile

We found this in another Parish magazine.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

## Contact us

Holy Trinity website [www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org](http://www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org)  
Cassa Messervy - vicar [cassamesservy@gmail.com](mailto:cassamesservy@gmail.com) or 01494 672496

## Our Charity for October - One Can Hope



Your fresh food and financial donations this Harvest will support the work of One Can Hope, the Wycombe-based organization working to build communities where fresh food surplus is not wasted, but made available to families in need, promoting health, self-esteem and self-sufficiency.

Established in 2015, One Can Hope - in partnership with Action4Children Centres & Health Visitor Teams - welcomes families who are in long-term need to join the Fresh Hope Food Club. Members are given access to a weekly collection of surplus (waste) food, invited to the community vegetable garden and to get involved in surplus food cookery lessons. A second project - Community Hope - offers the service of Befrienders who work with members of the food club to address some of the underlying issues of food poverty.

Thank you for your contributions of fresh food at our Harvest Celebrations, in Holy Trinity Church porch, and for your financial donations. One Can Hope is always keen to hear from prospective volunteer drivers who are available one evening a week to collect surplus food from a local partnering supermarket.

For more information please call 07731 789313 or contact us online via [www.onecanhope.org.uk](http://www.onecanhope.org.uk).

### Eli Merchant



## Dates for Your Diary

### October 2018

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| Thursday 4  | 8 o'clock club Helen Fry will give an illustrated talk: 'Spymaster - The Secret Life of Colonel Thomas Kendrick' |
| Friday 5    | Jolly Quaker pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall, from 7pm  |
| Sunday 7    | Harvest festival and lunch   |
| Thursday 11 | Seer Green and Jordans WI, Speaker Arthur Evans "Most teachers are human" Seer Green Baptist Church              |
| Friday 12   | Jordans Picture House, The Greatest Showman  |
| Saturday 13 | The Greatest Auction, Jordans Village Hall, from 7pm   |
| Tuesday 16  | Seer Green Lunch club hostesses Carol and Sian   |
| Saturday 20 | Jordans Village concert  |

### November 2018

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| Friday 2    | Jolly Quaker pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall, from 7pm |
| Thursday 8  | Seer Green and Jordans WI AGM                           |
| Sunday 11   | Remembrance service                                     |
| Tuesday 20  | Seer Green Lunch club hostesses Catherine and Jane      |
| Thursday 22 | Rethink speaker in Holy Trinity church                  |

## Village Events | News

### All about Seer Green Vineyard

Did you know Seer Green had its own vineyard which won its first medal at the prestigious International Wine Committee awards in 2017?

There was no master plan by its owners to end up at this point. In fact, the vineyard was acquired by accident in 2007 when the Press family (Matt, Zoe, Ollie and Harry) moved from one side of Seer Green to the other and ended up, by chance, with a house with 400 vines.

Matt says: "We had no idea if we should even keep the vines but we consulted experts who told us they were good quality vines and the three different grapes (Pinot Noir, Auxerrois Blanc de Laquenexy and Seyval Blanc) had been planted as a sparkling wine blend."

At this point Matt's younger brother Ben was roped in and he has worked alongside Matt on the vines over the last 11 years. Ben said: "I had no idea what I was agreeing to at the time and it has certainly been an interesting journey. I even had my wedding party next to the vines with everyone drinking bubbly from those same vines."

It has not always been a smooth path as Matt and Ben have had to learn the complex ropes of wine production and the vagaries of the

English weather inevitably has a major impact.

Having won the prestigious IWC award Matt said: "We entered the wine because we wanted to show everyone involved that all their hard work and support is having an effect. This hard work is highlighted at harvest time in October when friends and family come to form a team of pickers ranging from 89 year old great grandparents to a toddler."

The vineyard now produces about a 1,000 bottles of sparkling wine per year and it is sold through Beaconsfield Farmers Market (the fourth Saturday of every month) and the Jordans Village store.

### Fliss Coombs



Ollie and Harry in amongst the vines

## A walk for a toilet - or 7

We would like to say a great big Thank You to all the walkers who turned out to support our Seer Green Community walk in August to raise money for Toilet Twinning. Toilet Twinning build toilets in countries where there are no sanitation or toilet facilities. Two to three billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet and nearly 1000 children die every day from preventable diseases linked to dirty water and unsafe toilets. Have a look at their website [Toilettwinning.org](http://Toilettwinning.org).

The weather was kind to us and it was a great sight to see everyone chatting away as we meandered over the field to the Seer Green Tree; into the woods; around the lane; over the recreation ground and finally ending up in the Jolly Cricketers!

We were initially hoping to raise enough money to "twin" three toilets but our walkers were so generous that we finally raised enough money to sponsor and "twin" 7 toilets – certainly that will go a small way to making a few people's lives a little better.

This is a popular Seer Green and Jordans charity as Holy Trinity church has twinned their toilet with two others too.

**Kathy Campbell and Sue Nowlan**



## What's going on near the A355?

Plans to improve the A355 have started and you can see the new road being developed to the east of Beaconsfield. It is due to be completed in summer 2019. There are plans to release green belt all around the new road and along the A40 toward Gerrards Cross. This will make a huge difference to Seer Green and Jordans as well as to Beaconsfield. Look up 'Green Belt development options appraisal Chiltern District Council'. This outlines the development plan for 2014-2036.

So far there have been 246 objections which focus on greenbelt release, infrastructure, transport, education, GPs and hospitals, traffic and listed

buildings on the site. There are open meetings to discuss the plan and The Beaconsfield society have arranged a petition to object to the development on Green Belt land [www.beaconsfieldsociety.org.uk](http://www.beaconsfieldsociety.org.uk)

It is a major change to the area we live, so do have a look at the plans and proposals and make sure that you have your say - whatever you think.

**Sue Puttergill**



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## Quieter gardens please!

At 8am when the contract gardeners start work, our peaceful villages can sound more like a Formula 1 race track. If there is just one leaf-blower you are lucky. You may also have the noise from a couple of hedge cutters and a lawn mower too. For those of us who are at home all day - and there are quite few of us - the noise can assault our ears from 8am to 4 or 5pm.

Cordless battery driven machines are the route to dramatic noise reductions. The battery life on household versions sold be DIY chains is inadequate. However the major manufacturers produce ranges of garden tools for professional gardeners in noise sensitive environments, such as hospitals, schools, cemeteries and public parks.

These are only available from specialist suppliers for the trade (professional gardeners/ground

maintenance specialists). The nearest to Jordans/Seer Green is George Browns in Chesham. [www.georgebrowns.co.uk](http://www.georgebrowns.co.uk).

Professionals in increasing numbers are now starting to buy the Stihl AP300 battery at £187 and the Stihl charger AL500 which costs another £108 but will do a full charge in 25 minutes. This battery is interchangeable between tools so the cost is spread. The cost of the battery can be recouped very easily as the price of battery-driven tools are half the price of their petrol-driven equivalents.

For your own comfort and out of consideration for your neighbours please use battery driven tools yourself and persuade your contract gardener to switch if he/she is not using them already.

**Alan Sealey**

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Holy Sites - Sacred Spaces

A talk by Adrian Incedon - Webber

Adrian is a former Vice President of the British Society of Dowzers. He is well known for his talks, workshops and courses on dowsing related subjects. He is an author and film maker, his DVD 'Intuition' and his book 'Heal Your Home', been described as the bible of geopathic stress will be available on the evening as will his new co-authored book 'Spirit and Earth'.

Members £5; non members £10

Venue: Jordans Quaker Centre; Welders Lane, HP9 2SN

For further information about our events and to reserve your place please see our website [www.thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk](http://www.thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk) or phone Sue Scott Powell 01494 813 214

**Susan Scott Powell**



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

## Jordans Village Concerts - back again!

**Saturday 20 October: Jordans Village Hall 7.30pm**

Michael Bochmann (violin) returns to Jordans to play more delightful music, which will include pieces by Handel and Schubert, accompanied by Esther Cavett and our local youngsters Raphael Darley and Isis Nice-Rowe.

Entry is free, there will be refreshments available after the concert and donations towards the cost of the concerts will be welcome. Please put the date in your diary and

we look forward to seeing you there for evening of enjoyable music and good company!

More concerts will follow in the New Year.

For information contact Bob Hall 01494 873186.



## Jordans Picture House

**All set to go for our third amazing season**

This is our programme of screenings in Jordans' own pop-up cinema for the rest of the year. If you haven't been before, you're in for a treat. We have professional screening equipment, a large screen, proper comfy seats and a bar.

Date	Film Title	Doors open	Programme starts
Oct 12	"The Greatest Showman" (pg)	7.15pm	8.00pm
Nov 9	"Journey's End" (12a)	7.15pm	8.00pm
Nov 11	"War Horse" (12a)	3.15pm	4.00pm
Dec 14	"Finding Your Feet" (12a)	7.15pm	8.00pm

You can find out more, including how to book tickets online or by phone on our dedicated website:

[www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk](http://www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk) or call Alan Sealy on 01494 873205.

## Jordans Fruit and Produce show Cup winners



*Jordans flower and produce show*



- The Little Green Fingers Cup** (I Grew It) Ben George
- The Paul Woodham Memorial Trophy** (Best Lego Model) Thomas Bowerman
- The Chairman's Choice** (best exhibit) Jim & Denise Newport
- The Spindrift Cup** (most points / domestic) Paul Wilson
- The Keith England Trophy** (best vegetable) Gill Scriven
- The Elaine Howell Davis Cup** (best specimen rose) Cassandra Bowerman
- President's Plate** (best squash or pumpkin) Jim Newport
- The Bart Taylor Award** (best tomato) Tony Brauer

## Jordans' greatest auction

Our forefathers a hundred years ago left us a legacy. They created not a group of houses but a community and for this we are eternally thankful. To acknowledge our gratitude we wish to celebrate and to host events on our Village Green.

These events by their very nature will be costly. Marquees (however basic), hog roasts, alcohol et al don't come cheaply. Rather than charge high and very un-Jordans like prices, we have opted to raise funds to subsidise the events.

How are we doing this? Simply by asking **all** in the village to support **The Greatest Auction** whether by offering an enticing declaration of intent - emphasis on fun! - they don't all have to be big money spinners.

As the saying goes pennies make pounds. Or/and by coming to **The Greatest Auction on 13 October 2018**. With all your support it will be the most brilliant night! Ring 01494 874152 or email [corkswd@btinternet.com](mailto:corkswd@btinternet.com) for information and offers to auction.

**Ali Cork**

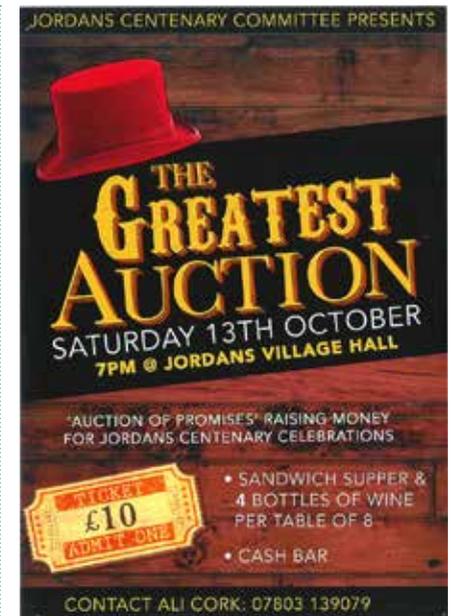
## Beaconsfield Library Events - October

Wednesday 10 Celebrating National Libraries Week 7pm - 8pm

Building a world with Terry Pratchett - A talk on mapping Discworld by Terry's friend & collaborator Stephen Briggs.

Tickets £10 (to include soft drinks and nibbles) available from Beaconsfield Library.

For information about more activities and weekly events like simply walk, story-time and computer basics please see [www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries)



## Scarecrows, Sunflowers, Spuds and a Great Show



### Scarecrows

The theme for 2018 was Children's Television, and it certainly got the creative juices flowing. Entries ranged from 'Bill and Ben the flowerpot men' to the latest Netflix cartoon, Spirit Riding Free. The winner was 'Bill and Ben' by Andrew Westlake, making good use of spare flowerpots. Second Place was awarded to 'Spongebob Squarepants' by Alison Lawrence and the children she childminds.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and helped make the village a jollier place this August.



### Sunflower Competition

The children of Seer Green battled against the heatwave and grew some amazing sunflowers this year. The winner was once again, Stanley Spicer at a very impressive 330 cm. What's your secret Stan?!

### Spud in a Bucket

For the fourth year running, residents of Seer Green took to growing potatoes in buckets.

You enter in February/ March and we supply a seed potato and bucket (both kindly donated by Yalden DIY & Garden). You then grow the potato in the bucket and we all meet in early September in the garden of the Jolly Cricketers (thank you Amanda and Chris) to see who has grown the most by weight.

We used a different variety of potato again this year, so we didn't know how much people would grow. Judith Martin was leading most of the afternoon with 1.9kg, but was pipped at the post by last year's winner, Josephine Rutherford, with an incredible 3.2kg. Josephine won the trophy, as well as a bottle of champagne kindly donated by Amanda and Chris.

The less said about the chairman of the society the better, as he came second to bottom...



### Autumn Show

What an impressive show of produce was on display at the Seer Green Gardeners Autumn Flower and Produce Show. The hall buzzed with people all morning positioning their exhibits, and then was full all afternoon with people visiting to see what the village had produced. A big attraction was the gallery of children's artwork.

Best in Show - flowers was awarded to Liz Perks

Best in Show - fruit and vegetables to Sally Ash

Best in Show - domestic to Julie Kersey

And the People's Choice award for best floral exhibit was by Liz Perks

Winners of the children's cups were Isla French, Megan Piggott, Caitlin Messervey and Amy Baddeley. The most prestigious award is the Banksian Medal, from the RHS, awarded to the person with most points in the fruit and vegetable sections. This was awarded to Sally Ash.

### Get involved and shape the future of the society.

We're always looking for new people to join the committee. And now is the perfect time. It's not too onerous and is great fun. If you are interested, please get in touch at [seergreengardeners@gmail.com](mailto:seergreengardeners@gmail.com) or call Philip Newton on 0794 121 5433.

The most prestigious award is the Banksian Medal, from the RHS, awarded to the person with most points in the fruit and vegetable sections. This was awarded to Sally Ash.

Full details of all the award winners and lots of pictures from the show are on the website - [www.seergreengardeners.org.uk](http://www.seergreengardeners.org.uk)



### Eight O'Clock Club go exploring



### Layer Marney Tower

There was a sense of expectation as we travelled through twisty lanes deep in the flat landscaping of the Essex countryside on our way to Layer Marney Tower which was built by Lord Marney in the 1520s; it is a Tudor Palace built as a statement house. It says a lot about the man who built it - rich, important and 'in with the King'. With no local stone buff terracotta decorations were used to look like stone, so his friends would think how rich he was to import stone for his house. The tower is the tallest Tudor Gatehouse in the country; it appears to have eight floors, but double windows were built into the tower to make it appear to have more

floors than it really does; it was the only part of the palace actually built. The views are similar to those once seen by Henry VIII, when he visited.

Our enthusiastic and knowledgeable hostess was Sheila Carrington whose family have lived in the Tower since 1959; it was bought by Sheila's in - laws 'for a song'. This grade one listed building is truly a labour of love with resident jackdaws knocking tiles off the roof at great expense. It is quite remarkable that the Tower survived being at the heart of Britain's most damaging earthquake of the last 400 years.

A great day was had by all.

### Elizabeth Lee

The next meeting is on Thursday October 4, 8.00pm in Seer Green Baptist Church. Helen Fry, (Historian, Biographer & Scriptwriter), will give an illustrated talk: 'Spymaster - The Secret Life of Colonel Thomas Kendrick'.

Everyone welcome: cost £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

## Allotment News

This is the time of year for harvesting, planting winter crops and tidying and setting the compost up.

Even with the growing activity slowing, there is little rest for allotmenters. Autumn requires a careful eye on fungus and moulds and of course, the ever present slugs damaging the winter brassica's.

On the subject of slugs, there was an interesting article in the Sunday Times a few weeks ago, by the very charming celebrity gardener, James Wong. An organic and readily available solution for repelling and indeed killing, slugs and snails. Garlic! A bulb of garlic in a litre of water, blitzed in the food processor, left to stand for ten minutes infuses the compound Allicin into the water which can then be sprayed over plants in the early evening. Repeat after rain. Not harmful to other animals!

So if the allotments smell like salad dressing you will know why.

On a brighter note - the late summer crops are really coming along - rainbow chard is delightful, as well as cavolo nero. Both of these will keep delivering well into early winter and there are lots of beautiful apples ripening rapidly.

This picture is especially lovely, I think, and the apples are red all the way through!



Compost. Now even if you are not an allotmenteer, compost is an essential element of a healthy growing area and every household has the potential for a good compost heap, bin or two. Two bins or heaps are best so that as one is working to make beautiful compost for the garden, the second can be filling up.

Finally, bees! This is the first full year we have had bees at the back of the allotments. We are sure they are helping to grow and mature our fruit, vegetables and flowers and hopefully they will be flying further afield and visiting the gardens of Seer Green.

**Maggie Pearson**

## Seer Green and Jordans WI



hall of Seer Green Baptist Church. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a very amusing afternoon.

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**Meg Sheppee**



It was a beautiful summer day when a chattering group descended on Wyevale Gardening Centre. After a brief talk about growing herbs and using them in various recipes, we enjoyed a lavish cream tea. After our summer outing we now look forward to our winter programme.

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