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What's on in
Seer Green
& Jordans
February 2019



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From the Editors

The lovely photos of our villages in February last year were taken by local photographers and we would welcome more local, seasonal photos like these. Jim Newport's is on the front cover and his photo of a frost-covered plant and Peter Jones's photo of the church in snow are on page 20, reminding us of last year's "Beast from the East".

This February we are promised some 'flurries of snow' but the magazine shows we have lots to look forward to. The Outdoor Gym

and the details of walking groups in our area encourage us to venture out and to get fit too. The Local Vocals concert will be an inspiring event at the Wycombe Swan Theatre, and there is news of local cinema, theatre and a piano concert too. The church's Holy Habits series of sermons will give us all something to contemplate and consider.

We hope you enjoy February whatever the weather brings!

Sue Puttergill and Floss Coombs

Next Month's Magazine

The next edition of the magazine will be our March issue. Please send all contributions to: editorseergreen@gmail.com by **7 February**. Diary dates for the next two or three months would be very welcome.

Articles should be **350 words** max and photos should be jpeg format, preferable 300 dpi.

Please note any items submitted may be edited for space, content or style.

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Thoughts for the Month



Who do you appreciate? The month of February is a month when I am going to suggest that we show our appreciation for those whom we love. Saint Valentine was a widely recognised 3rd-century Roman saint and since the High Middle Ages is associated with a tradition of courtly love. All that is reliably known of the saint commemorated on 14 February is his name and that he was martyred and buried at a cemetery on the Via Flaminia close to the Ponte Milvio to the north of Rome on that day.

Over the years St Valentine has come incorrectly to be associated with finding love. He is in fact the patron saint for those who have already found their soulmate. The story is that Saint Valentine passed a note to his jailer's daughter, whose sight he is thought to have cured. The note had no romantic content, but it's from this story that the tradition of sending notes of appreciation has come from.

So who do you appreciate? Saint Paul, in one of his letters, says 'I thank my God every time I remember you (Philippians 1:3)'. I wonder who you give thanks for? It may be your partner or spouse and this month is a good time to articulate that love and thanks. It may also be another family member, a friend, mentor or colleague. How could we all show each other gratefulness for the love, care, support and neighbourliness we receive? Maybe a card, gift, phone call, email, text, Facebook message or a hug would be a great way to show our appreciation and maybe we could also give thanks to God for the blessing of these people in our lives.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cassa Messervy, Vicar



Church Calendar - February 2019

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 12.30-1.00pm: Midweek Communion. This is a contemporary language midweek service which has a prayerful focus.

Sundays at 10am in February

- 3 Feb *All-age Praise Service:* Suitable for all ages. There are toys and books for young children available at the back of the church.
- 10 Feb *Holy Communion:* Continuing with 'Holy Habits' sermon series. Suitable for adults and older children. There are toys and books at the back of church for young children to use.
- 17 Feb *All-age Praise Service:* Toys and books for young children are available at the back of the church.
- 24 Feb *Holy Communion.* Suitable for adults and older children. There are toys and books at the back of church for young children to use.

This Month

Evening Prayer, Sunday 3 February, 6pm

Engage pop-up church, Sunday 24 February, 3.30pm. Jordans Village Hall

Regular and continuing events:

Thursday 7 February 9-11am - Community Coffee Morning in Church

Thursday 28 February 2.15-3.30pm - T Club in Church

Contact us

Holy Trinity website www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org
Cassa Messervy - vicar cassamesservy@gmail.com or 01494 672496

Church Events | News

Our charity for February - Emmaus



Emmaus is a UK charity for those without a home. Their unique focus is not only about providing a bed for their 'Companions', the name given to those who live in the supportive Emmaus communities. Emmaus also provide initiatives to help Companions deal with individual issues, improve their self-esteem, find meaningful work opportunities through social enterprise and they encourage peer support.

Each community has between 20 - 40 places and there are 29 communities across the UK, supporting more than 780 formerly homeless people. The charity is currently raising funds for four new communities, hoping that they will be able to help more than 1000 Companions by 2020.

Work is an integral part of the Emmaus Community life. Initiatives including repairing and improving donated furniture, gardening projects, charity shops and Emmaus cafes give Emmaus Companions the opportunity to gain new skills. They also generate income that helps the communities work towards being self-sustaining. Emmaus doesn't just make a difference to people's lives, it helps save the environment through recycling and reusing things that people have donated to them

Please see the Emmaus website www.emmaus.org.uk for further details.

Rachel Gibson



Your generosity

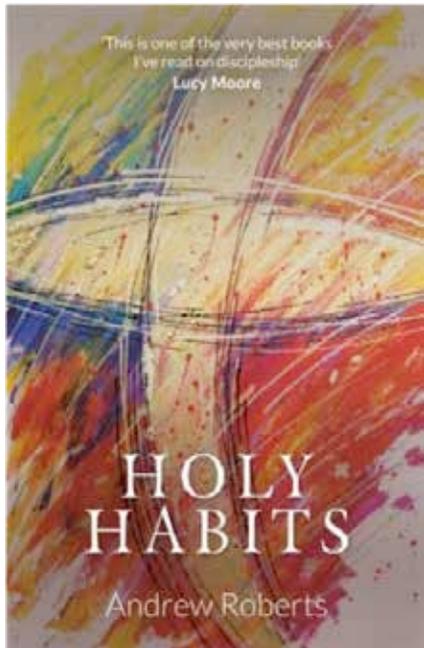
Gifts at the Christingle Service raised £350.89 for the Children's Society and at the Christmas and other December Services £771.79 each for Padstones (the local charity

for homeless youngsters) and the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Thank you so very much on their behalf.

Geoffrey Brand

Holy Habits



'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and generous hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.' **Acts 2: 42-47**

Becoming the Church we want to be...

Starting from January and each month following, our churches in Seer Green and St. Giles will look at an aspect of life in the early church as described in Acts 4:42-47 and try to apply it within our own church family.

There will be ten sermons in the series, each accompanied by suggestions for practical application during the month.

The aim of the series is to remind us of what a Christ-like church really looks like and help us become that church all together.

On Saturday 22 June we plan a joint church family day away in Ballinger Hall to consolidate what we have learned so far and just enjoy some time together. This will be a great day for all age groups but especially children with Victoria and Janna combining forces to devise an action packed day for them.

Please do reserve this date in your diaries - Saturday 22 June 2019

Cassa Messervy



Church News

A seasonal 'Thank You'

It may seem a little while since Christmas but we wanted to say a huge Thank You to everyone in our community who came to support the Church at Christmas, it was lovely to see so many people and we are extremely grateful for everyone's generous support of our Church charity and our Christmas charities.

Lent starts in March

As Easter is later than usual this year, Lent does not begin until Wednesday 6 March. There will be a special service for Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent at 12.30pm at Holy Trinity and then at 8pm at Chalfont St. Giles Church, please come and join us if you can.

We will also have our joint Lent groups again this year, which will be thinking about the theme of unity. Dates are:

Tuesdays 8pm

5, 19 March and 2 April (hosted at 7 Seer Mead)

Thursdays 11am

14, 28 March (hosted at Holy Trinity) and 11 April (hosted at Seer Green Baptist Church)

Save the Date - Village Service

Please save Sunday 28 April 10am for our next Village Service, held at the Jubilee Hall in Seer Green. This will be a great event with the fabulous Village Voices ladies' choir singing and a brilliant guest speaker.

Cassa Messervy

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At this time every year we ask church members to check the church electoral roll to see that it is accurate. This year current members need to renew their forms to stay on the roll. This is also the time for new members to join the electoral roll. You are eligible to join if you are baptised, over the age of 16 years and are a member of the Church of England or an associated church. If you live in the parish and have regularly attended church services during the past six months you can

also join. Forms will be available for completion at the back of the church to renew your application or join for the first time

Putting your name on the electoral roll entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which is to be held on 30 April 2019

If you need more information do give me a ring on 01494 677573 or email heather.rowe@talktalk.net

Heather Rowe - Electoral Roll Officer

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Funerals

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18 December Jeanne Hurst
19 December Michael Kennedy
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Local Vocals



Seer Green is the proud home of three thriving choirs. Two of them, Village Voices for ladies and Seer Green Singers for men, are led by the inspirational musical director Jane Smith, Seer Green resident and teacher at SGCE School for many years.

2019 sees the 15th anniversary of Village Voices and will also see Jane retiring from teaching at the school, so to mark these landmark moments, Jane is producing a unique concert at Wycombe Swan Theatre on Sunday 17 March at 5pm.

This concert is unique, not only because it's the first time either choir will have performed in a full-scale theatre, but also because the adult choirs will be sharing the stage with a choir of children from Seer Green School.

The programme will be an uplifting and eclectic mix of musical styles showcasing the ambitious nature of all three choirs and the joy that singing in a choir brings, to choir members and audiences alike.

Tickets for Local Vocals - A Celebration of Song are on sale via the Wycombe Swan website. Please come along to show your support for all three choirs on what promises to be a very special night for Seer Green.

www.wycombeswan.co.uk

Fliss Coombs



Dates for Your Diary

February 2019

- Friday 1 The Jolly Quaker, pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall
- Sunday 3 AGM, Seer Green Allotments Society, 2.30pm, Baptist Church
- Thursday 7 Community Coffee Morning in Church, 9 to 11am
- Eight O'Clock Club, Local historian
Dennise Beddows: Bulstrode - Magnificence & Scandal on our Doorstep 8pm, Baptist Church
- Friday 8 Jordans Picture House, Victoria and Abdul (see page 19)
- Thursday 28 Afternoon T-Club in Church, 2-15 to 3.30pm

March 2019

- Friday 1 The Jolly Quaker pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall
- Friday 8 Seer Green Gardening Society, Village Supper
- Sunday 17 Local Vocals, Wycombe Swan Theatre (see page 11)

April 2019

- Friday 5 The Jolly Quaker pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall
- Saturday 6 Spring Flower and Produce Show
- Sunday 28 Village Service with Village Voices choir, 10am

May 2019

- Saturday 11 Spring Plant Sale, Baptist Church

Seer Green School reflections

What do we remember about our time at Seer Green school?

As the Year 6 pupils come closer to the end of their primary school education, some of them have been reflecting upon their experiences. This is what they wrote -

Last year we had a French day: we ate a breakfast of pain au chocolat, croissant and crepes and learned about the French Revolution.

When we were in Year 3 we went to the Living Rainforest near Newbury and saw lots of different species of plants and animals. It was very hot and humid.

We have been fortunate enough to experience exciting music lessons and over the years have learned to play recorders, Brass instruments, Djembe drums and keyboards.

Twice a year each class goes to a sports festival at a local Secondary school; we play different types of

sports like tag rugby, cricket and netball against other local primary schools.

During this academic year, we have enjoyed learning about World War 2. We visited RAF Uxbridge to learn about the Battle of Britain and later invited our parents to a tea party; we dressed as evacuees and performed a jive.

This term, two members of Year 6 led an assembly about a charity in South Africa called Where Rainbows Meet. The charity helps children and adults from the Townships to have a better life. The whole school have collected donations of toys, pencils and other equipment for the charity.

We look forward to the rest of the year as we prepare for our residential trip and our new secondary schools.

Amy Baddeley, Jim Breeze, Mason Dupree, Pravanya Nallola, Hannah Smeeton, Jemima Thomas and Wolf Williams (aged 10 and 11).



Dressed as evacuees

The Rotary Club of Jordans & District



Are holding a

Valentine Quiz

Friday 15th February 2019

at

Jubilee Hall Seer Green Beaconsfield HP9 2 QJ

Start 7 for 7.30 pm

£15.00 per person (tables of 8)

Tickets:- Ken 07889 323623+ Jenny 01494 677571

Bring your own Glasses and Nibbles for a Cash Bar

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Outdoor gym in Seer Green

For some people joining a gym just doesn't appeal, for others it's simply not an option. It might be too expensive, too restrictive, too unsociable and basically, too indoors!

How lucky then are we in Seer Green to have new, easy-to-use gym equipment installed on the Recreation Ground, which can be used at any time and it's completely free.



The initiative has been led by Seer Green Parish Council and supported by the Seer Green and Jordans Community Trust which was set up by David and Jane Smith for the village Jubilee Music Festival a few years ago, as well as the Seer Green Gardeners Society. Philip Newton and Jane Smith carried out extensive research before selecting a range of equipment from Fresh Air Fitness.

The equipment which was installed in January, is suitable for youths and adults of all ages. Each individual item has instructions on how to use, and information is also available on how to use them all as an entire fitness circuit.



"We chose a mix of equipment to provide a full body work-out which should also be fun to use," says Philip Newton. "We'd like to thank everyone who has supported this venture and hope it will be used and enjoyed by many different people."



Save Beaconsfield Town

South Bucks District Council, with a minority of Beaconsfield Councillors, is soon to approve a new plan that would build 1,700 homes, further extending the Wilton Park site, plus offices, warehouses, travellers' site and shops on Greenbelt land.

With no more roads, bridges, schools, main sewers or GP surgeries but 35% more residents, this will create severe congestion in the area, traffic jams and pollution, harming the local quality of life and property values.

SBDC Councillors from other areas may approve this to save their own areas from targets, some have already taken legal advice.

To find out how you can help to oppose these plans, please see:

www.beaconsfieldsociety.org.uk



Local theatre productions

Beaconsfield Theatre Group will be performing "Rabbit Hole" by David Lindsay-Abaire, a Pulitzer-Prize winning play - a rich story about a family overcoming the death of their son.

Beacon Centre, Holtspur, at 8pm from Thursday 28 February to Saturday 2 March. Tickets from £12 for concessions, available from the btg-org website or on 07572 657535.

Beaconsfield Musical and Operatic Society will be performing Kiss Me Kate, the wonderful musical based on The Taming of the Shrew,

at the Curzon Centre, Maxwell Road, Beaconsfield at 7.45pm from Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 March.

Tickets from the bmos.org.uk website or on 01494 813518.

Chiltern Shakespeare Company will be performing a traditional Midsummer Night's Dream in the open-air theatre at Hall Barn in Old Beaconsfield at 8pm from 12 - 15 and 19 - 22 June, with matinees at 2pm on Saturdays. More information nearer the time, but please put the dates in your diary!

Ann Wylie

News from The Jolly Cricketers

Our regular Monday evening offer is now Ham, Egg and Chips for £10, Fish & Chips £10 on Tuesdays. Booking advisable!

Our Christmas Raffle raised £260 for The Nurse Bott Charity administered by Dr Jo Brody from Chalfont St Giles doctors surgery. The fund is for the local elderly and vulnerable. They spend the money on someone they feel needs it in Seer Green or Jordans each year.

We are now serving our bar menu from 12-9pm on Saturdays. This will be great for folks out walking in the village and for families with young children looking for a delicious early supper.

We thank you for your support over the past year look forward to welcoming you again in 2019.

Amanda Lillitou

Have your say on Heathrow expansion

Changes to Heathrow and its flight paths are currently being redesigned and these changes are likely to affect our area.

During February you can find out more and have your say as part of a public consultation, There is lots of information on the dedicated website, including lists of public meetings,

opportunities to respond to the proposals and a postcode checker so that you can how we might be affected by future flight paths.

The consultation period ends on 4 March. Please see the website for further information:

www.heathrowconsultation.com

What's on at Beaconsfield Library

Tuesday 19 - Saturday 23 February

Geek Week Returns celebrating all things scientific and technical.

For more information about special and regular events for all ages see the website.

www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries

Telephone: 01296 382415

News from Jordans



Jordans Village Centenary 1919-2019

The first brick for the first cottage in our village was put in position one hundred years ago on 15 February 2019. So this year is Jordans Centenary and we plan to celebrate in style!

Why, you may ask? Because those amazing men and women of 100 years ago strove not simply to build a collection of houses near the Quaker Meeting House where they worshipped, but a community where neighbourliness and enthusiasm for the common good would be paramount.



The theme of the celebrations is gratitude - gratitude to those who built our village and also to all those during the past century who have worked so hard to maintain the ethos of our community.



There will be various activities throughout the year, but our main celebration will be the Big Centenary Event for everyone who has, or has ever had, any connection with Jordans, on Saturday 22 June, on the Village Green. Please put this in your diary now!

Ali Cork

Jordans Picture House



Tickets can be booked online, see our dedicated website for details of how to book and further information about each film.

www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk

Our very popular pop-up cinema in Jordans Village Hall has another season of great films that you can enjoy in comfortable surroundings with a large screen and top class screening equipment, and a bar.

Friday 8 February 8pm

Victoria and Abdul

Friday 8 March 8pm

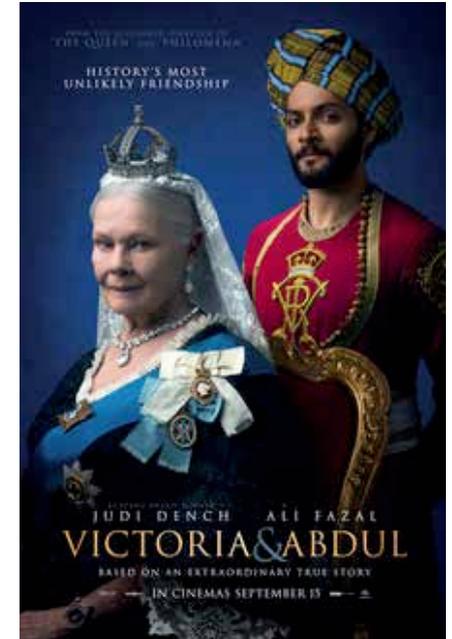
Film stars Don't Die in Liverpool

Sunday 10 March 4pm

Molly's Game

Friday 12 April 8pm

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri



Jordans Village Concert

The next Jordans Village Concert will be on Saturday 23 March at 7.30pm, when Dr Graham Griffiths will perform piano music by Schubert and talk about "Franz Schubert - the piano and the power of friendship".

There will be a collection in aid of Quaker Homeless Action.

Bob Hall - 01494 873186

Local photos

Jim Newport and Peter Jones took these photos in February last year, and Peter also provided the photo for this month's cover. Thank you to both of them, they are lovely. If you have local and seasonal photos that you could share with us, do send them in to editorseergreen@gmail.com. Please tell us where they were taken just in case we don't recognise them. Thank you.

Sue Puttergill



Photo - Peter Jones
Parish church under snow



Photo - Jim Newport

Part-time Store Manager required

Jordans Village Community Store is an integral part of Jordans village life, providing a focal point for the community, offering a coffee corner, part-time Post Office, grocery store and much more. The Store is owned by the village and run by a team of part-time staff and volunteers.

An opportunity has arisen for a part-time Store Manager, 4 hours per day Monday to Friday. Duties include stock ordering and control, managing staff, cashing up and banking.

We are looking for someone who is numerate with basic Microsoft Excel skills and ideally retail and EPOS experience - although this is not essential, and full training will be given.

Please apply to manager@jordansvillagestore.co.uk for further details.

Walk this way...

More and more evidence is emerging about the benefits of walking, not just for fitness but for improving mental health and your general sense of well-being.

Walking in a group brings other benefits too; it makes walking a social occasion, introducing you to people that you might not otherwise meet, and inspiring you to discover new walks and places you may never have been to before.

In this area there are lots of opportunities to walk in a group and plenty of information available online about walks suitable for every level of fitness, ability and interest.

Walking for Health

This scheme lists numerous organised walks that are specifically chosen for people who wish to improve their health. Their easy-to-use website lists around 20 regular walks taking place within 5 miles of Seer Green, most are well under 3 miles.

Website: walkingforhealth.org.uk



Simply Walk

This scheme organises around 80 walks around Buckinghamshire every week. Each walk is led by a volunteer leader who will make sure that newcomers feel welcome and can walk at their own pace.

There are different levels of walks to suit every level of fitness.

Website: buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk



Ramblers

Previously known as the Ramblers Association, this is a membership organisation but you are welcome to try any of their walks before joining. Our nearest group is based in Amersham.

Website: ramblers.org.uk

Chilterns Weekend Walkers (CWW)

This walking group, affiliated to the Ramblers, has a strong emphasis on the sociable side of walking so if you're already reasonably fit and active and you're keen to meet new people, this could be the one for you.

Website: chilternswalkers.co.uk

Fliss Coombs

Seer Green Gardeners

Hello and welcome to another great year of gardening and special events from the Seer Green Gardeners' Society.

If you live in Seer Green, you are automatically a member of SGG and the society exists to benefit the village and encourage all local residents to get involved in gardening-related events and pursuits, so we hope you will find something that you'd like to attend or take part in this year's programme.

Village Supper - Friday 8 March

Spring Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 6 April

Geranium Competition (replaces fuchsia) - March to 14 September

Spud in a Bucket Competition - March to 8 September

Marvellous Marrows Competition (replaces sunflowers) - For anyone up to Year 6. April to 14 September

Plant Sale - Saturday 11 May

Scarecrow Competition - entries in by 24 August

Autumn Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 14 September

We also welcome the new committee for the society:

Chairman - Philip Newton

Secretary - Sally Ash

Treasurer - Jane Smith

Show Secretary - Karen Norton

Committee Members - Jill Moody, Clare Newton, Catherine Tilley and Jan Payne.



Full details of our activities are on our new website: seergreengardeners.org.uk
Email: seergreengardeners@gmail.com or call me on 07941 215433.

Philip Newton - Chairman

Jordans and District Rotary Club News

On Monday 10 December the Rotary Club of Jordans and District had their Christmas celebration dinner in the splendid hall upstairs in the Beaconsfield Golf Club. The 92 attendees not only had a superb meal but were entertained by the excellent Seer Green Singers men's choir, with songs and Christmas carols to which we joined in to really fill ourselves with Christmas spirit!

It has been a very busy year for us supporting our chosen charities which have included The 1st Seer Green Scout Group and Medical

Detection Dogs as well as being part of the mammoth collection day on behalf of Children in Need at all the Heathrow terminals in November.

There were 329 volunteers between 6am and 8pm and we collected over £30,000 that day. Our club has also been able to apply for and been accepted for a small top-up grant from our Rotary District towards our funds raised for the rebuilding of the Scout Venture Hall.

Jenny Owen



Eight O'Clock Club

The Eight O'Clock Club completed its 2018 programme with about forty people enjoying a very tasty Christmas meal at Beaconsfield Golf Club.



Our first meeting for 2019 will be on Thursday 7 February when local historian Dennise Beddows will give an illustrated talk:- Bulstrode - Magnificence & Scandal on our Doorstep.

Just off the A40 near Gerrards Cross, Bulstrode House was sold a few months ago - maybe we will learn of its future?

The meeting will be followed by our AGM Everyone is welcome; cost £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Monica Sado

The Jolly Cricketers at Seer Green

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Head Chef Matt Lyons

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Seer Green Allotment Association

At the time of writing, there stands a Mount Everest of steaming and well rotted manure ready for the allotmenters to use in order to boost the growth of their coming year's crops. What delicious vegetables to plant and how to rotate and place them will be thoughts occupying our heads.

Whilst mid-winter is not perhaps the most encouraging time for the allotments, work continues nevertheless. Boundaries are being rejuvenated and a new allotment space that has been created has been promptly taken up.

Even now there are some early signs of life. Garlic and broad beans planted in November have already started to show. Rhubarb is making its presence known with its jewel-like pink buds. Soon it will be time to sow onions and early salad leaves under glass and outdoors, depending on the weather, as well as certain cultivars of garlic, Brussels sprouts, carrots and peas which, with luck, will escape the clutches of the eager mice. For those with winter brassicas which survived late caterpillar and pigeon attacks, there are now some useful pickings.

Despite the weeds, which overwinter almost better than anything else, we eagerly await the coming season which is just around the corner!

Finally, our first social event of the year will be the AGM which is being held at 2.30pm on Sunday 3 February at the Baptist Church.

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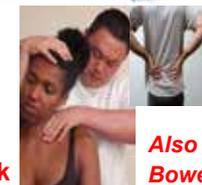
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