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From the Editors

Andrew Westlake has been editing the Parish Magazine since the beginning of the year and it has been delightful working with him. He has introduced some great ideas, like the Good Reads, and been wonderful at collecting local news. He is also calm, competent and very flexible, essential attributes through this strange time. I hope that he has enjoyed being involved.

Sadly for us, he and Philip are moving to Worcestershire in September so although he has said that he will

edit the magazine remotely for a while we have to say goodbye and a huge thank you to Andrew for all that he has done and wish him and Philip well for their new life in Worcestershire.

We hope that you enjoy the news of our church and villages this month and the suggestions of interesting things you can do at the moment like Fliss Coombes' Oxford expedition and boating at Clivedon.

**Sue Puttergill and
Andrew Westlake**

Next Month's Magazine

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

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Thought for the Month



How different the world looks to a year ago when no-one had heard of Covid-19. The last six months have been ones of rapid change and adjustment and we have no idea how things will look in another six months' time.

Since March many have faced the agony of losing loved ones, whether from the virus or other causes, and not being able to say goodbye in the way they wanted. Others have lost their jobs and we have all had to face not being able to meet family and friends face to face for long periods of time.

But not everything has been bad. The pace of life has slowed down for many, meaning more time to do the things we never quite get round to normally, including contacting people who we are in danger of losing contact with. And there has been a renewed sense of community and neighbourliness.

Most of us don't like lots of changes in a short space of time, especially when they are imposed on us without any option to say 'no'. It is in times like these that we really do need to look to the one absolute constant – God in Jesus.

Whatever changes and uncertainties we have to face, we can be sure that Jesus is there understanding whatever we are feeling and the fears we may have, and just waiting to put his arm round us and comfort us – he is not constrained by social distancing.

Psalms 121 tells us that God neither slumbers nor sleeps. Jesus' parting words to his disciples before he ascended to heaven were 'I am with you always, to the very end of the age' (Matthew 28 v.20). With these assurances, we can go forward knowing we are not alone.

Linda West



Church Events | News

Church News

Winter Preparedness Planning

We are hoping and praying that things will continue to get better. However, we think that it is prudent to make some plans to prepare for the winter and a possible second wave of coronavirus.

One aspect of this planning is to offer support with technology to ensure that everyone can access online activities like Zoom coffee mornings, talks and church services to prevent isolation and ensure connectedness in the winter months. So many people have 'upskilled' themselves but further support may still be needed. Please contact Lois (lois.henleyking@gmail.com) if you would like help or can offer help.

Another aspect of our planning is working with other community groups as we have done during the lockdown to offer pastoral care and practical support in our two communities and those struggling further afield.

We are looking at the provision of seasonal services like Harvest, Remembrance, Remembering our Departed Loved Ones (All Souls) and all the Christmas services.

Gift Month

We will be holding a gift month in October and inviting our wonderfully generous community to consider supporting their church in upgrading our church building for online service streaming.



We need to put wifi in the building and buy software and equipment like cameras and microphones. This will be a considerable investment but we feel it is worth it to ensure that people can still access services from home over the autumn and particularly the Christmas period. It is unlikely that we will be able to welcome people into the church building as we have done in the past. Next month's magazine will give further details but please contact our treasurer Audrey Hardy with any questions 01494 672592.

Harvest

Harvest Festival will be **Sunday 4 October**. This is a wonderful time to give thanks for blessings in the midst of acknowledging the difficulties we face. We are not sure how we will be

able to celebrate at the moment but we will send out invitations nearer the time.

More Tea Vicar?

One of the things we have missed most is being able to see people 'face to face'. So it has been wonderful over the weeks in the summer to welcome people to tea with the vicar, physically distanced but socially close!

Reverend Cassa Messervy



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Church Calendar - September 2020

Sundays in September

6 Sept 10am All-Age Communion Service, on Facebook and available on Holy Trinity YouTube channel shortly afterwards. The service is followed by 11-12pm Coffee and a Chat on Zoom.

5pm Service in Holy Trinity. Please book your place if you would like to come along as places are limited.

13 Sept 10am 'Church at Home', Service from the Diocese of Oxford, www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream followed by 11-12pm Coffee and a Chat on Zoom.

5pm Service in Holy Trinity. Please book your place if you would like to come along as places are limited.

20 Sept 10am Morning Service, on Facebook and available on Holy Trinity YouTube channel shortly afterwards. The service is followed by 11-12pm Coffee and a Chat on Zoom.

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27 Sept 10am 'Church at Home', Service from the Diocese of Oxford, www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream followed by 11-12pm Coffee and a Chat on Zoom.

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Weekdays in September

Morning Prayer, 9am Tuesday and Thursday, Facebook.

'5 Minutes Peace', short meditation, 9am Wednesday, Facebook.

Midweek Communion/Agape Service, 12.30pm Wednesday, Facebook.

Coffee and a Chat, 10.30-11am, Thursday, Zoom.

Study Group, 11-12pm, Thursday, Zoom.

Private Prayer, 9am-4pm, Saturday. The church is open for you to use for your private prayers. Please follow the notices in church about social distancing.



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You do not need a Facebook account to watch the service

Holy Trinity YouTube channel can be found at [www.youtube.com/channel/
UCBCQBbOIFypBNofFpjqkizA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBCQBbOIFypBNofFpjqkizA)

To book a place at a 5pm service:

Contact Jane Spoerry, spoerry.jane@gmail.com
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Cassa is on study leave 1-30 September

Cassa will be writing her dissertation for her LLM in Canon Law throughout September. In her absence please contact the following:

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Everyone has the right to be safe

That doesn't seem too much to ask, but for many people life doesn't work that way. Some find themselves trapped by violence and fear, with little hope for a better life. Calls to the National Domestic Abuse Helpline increased by 49% the week before lockdown, and traffic to the Domestic Abuse Helpline website increased by 700%.

At Holy Trinity we want to support those in need of help, where living through Covid-19 may have put extra pressure on relationships.

Abusive relationships can happen to anyone - young or old, married or in partnerships - and damage everyone in those households, particularly children.

Abusive behaviour can be:

- Physical, sexual or psychological e.g. slapping, pushing, kicking, punching, stabbing, rape, verbal abuse and humiliation
- Financial or emotional deprivation eg withholding money, not allowing contact or phone calls with friends
- The threat of legal sanctions eg custody of the children, deportation
- Denial of rights eg medical care, physical freedom

Some potential warning signs are:

- Isolating you from friends and family, or extreme jealousy and anger when you visit them
- Trying to control your life – eg how you dress, monitoring calls and emails, demanding to know where you are and that you reply immediately to them
- Pressuring you to send them sexual texts or images of yourself
- Being verbally abusive, humiliating or putting you down
- Threatening to harm you or to harm themselves if you leave them
- Explosive anger, using force during an argument, threatening behaviour towards others
- Excessive drinking of alcohol or drug use

It is your right to live in safety - if you are suffering abuse in any form, get help and advice to live without violence. A number of organisations offer free help - you will be taken seriously and not judged.



Thinkuknow offers advice to young people on sex, relationships and the internet. www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Respect phonenumber offers support to any young person who recognises that they are behaving abusively within their relationship. www.respectphonenumber.org.uk or 0808 802 4040

Rape Crisis offers a range of services for women and girls who may have been raped or who have experienced another form of sexual violence. www.rapecrisis.org.uk or contact the National Sexual Violence Helpline on 0808 802 9999

The Men's Advice Line has been set up for male victims in mixed and same sex abusive relationships. www.mensadvice.org.uk or 0808 801 0327

The Hideout provides information for young people up to the age of 21. www.thehideout.org.uk

Brook works to enable young people to enjoy their sexuality without harm, by providing free and confidential sexual health services for young people under the age of 25. www.brook.org.uk

Olwyn Davison-Oakley -
Safeguarding Officer, Holy Trinity Church

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Charity for September - Kisiizi, Uganda

Our Charity for September- Kisiizi continues to be an extraordinary place in rural south-west Uganda serving a very poor community with healthcare, hydroelectricity, primary school education and a community health insurance scheme. It was established 55 years ago and since then has developed a School of Nursing, built networks both local and international while providing care for the most vulnerable including the mentally ill, children with disabilities and premature babies. Its core aim remains to share "Life in all its fullness" with its patients, staff, community and visitors.



The July update from Kisiizi paints a picture of how life there has been affected by the global pandemic. 'We used to admit 120-140 patients per month, but due to the current global coronavirus pandemic and the Uganda government's measures to curb its spread, patient numbers have substantially reduced. This has led to patients delaying seeking care and presenting to hospital very late.'

They go on to explain 'the collateral damage from the lockdowns and closures has been unprecedented. Thankfully we have just been able to restart ante-natal, immunisation and mental health outreach clinics in our community but sadly as we had anticipated there have been some patients who have relapsed or deteriorated due to problems accessing services. We heard about a lady who had been bitten by a dog and had received her first anti-rabies vaccine from Kisiizi but then lockdown came and she was unable to return for further doses and tragically we have heard that she subsequently developed rabies which once established is incurable.'

Kisiizi also faces other threats. 'We are so glad that prayers have been answered and the threat of Ebola from just over the border with Democratic Republic of Congo has passed.'

To find out more about their work, read recent updates and how to donate or become a 'Kisiizi partner' go to www.kisiizihospital.org.ug



Village Events | News

What a loss - Andrew Westlake and Philp Newton head for Worcestershire



When I heard that Andrew and Philip are leaving Seer Green, I wanted to acknowledge their contribution to village life in the Parish Magazine. I asked around and what a response I got!

Karen Norton wrote that Philip re-energised the Gardening Society, redesigning the website and putting the society online. He turned it around to make it more inclusive – appealing to a much wider range of people – gardeners and non-gardeners alike. He introduced the ever popular "Spud in a bucket". Philip developed the "Village Supper" to become a 'must attend' popular fundraising event.

Philip introduced "Open Gardens" – a very enjoyable and successful village event which raised money for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Sally Ash said that over £10,000

in donations to the Air Ambulance and village causes came from Seer Green Gardeners during Philip's tenure. Philip encouraged planting in the village – planters at each entrance, crocus bulbs on green verges in conjunction with Seer Green and Jordans Rotary, replacing the roses on the memorial arch to Jubilee Walk in memory of Nigel Bingle and most recently the new wildflower meadow in partnership with Jordans Environment trust and the Parish Council.

Philip was a personal trainer and ran evening fitness classes in the Jubilee Hall which many enjoyed despite the sweat and tears! He advised the Parish Council on the installation of the fitness equipment on the Rec. During lockdown Philip stepped up to deliver a lockdown quiz to keep us all entertained and connected.

He won the Seer Green Parish Council Annual Community Award in 2016 and Liz Bates loved the nomination which said, 'his sense of community and willingness to get involved and put the work in encapsulates what is good about village life'.

Andrew has also played an active part in village life. He has been a Parish Councillor and chaired the

Jubilee Hall committee. He has worked very hard on improvements to the hall, including the installation of a new audio-visual system, and has responded to Covid-19 preparing the necessary risk inspection and guidance for re-opening the hall. Andrew has been editing the Parish Magazine. He has taken an interest in the allotments where he has enjoyed keeping bees. Last year he donated

honey to Seer Green School which was sold to raise £160 for the PTA's SG160 appeal.

Both Andrew and Philip are active members of Seer Green Singers.

Their kindness and generosity of spirit will be so missed in the village.

Sue Puttergill, Sally Ash, Karen Norton and Liz Bates

One Can Trust needs your veg!



Janet Stewart has been doing an amazing job collecting for the One Can Trust throughout the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who has donated. The Trust is now asking for fresh fruit and vegetables as well.

So if you have any produce going spare, please drop it off at Janet's at 5 Coat Wicks, or there is a drop off box at Best One.

Janet delivers the donations on a Friday morning, so if you have anything to donate that is fresh, please try and drop it off on a Thursday.

Janet Stewart

Our Living Village Project

Progress on the project has understandably been slowed by the current pandemic, but information has continued to flow in on local families and events. Good progress has been made on several of the community research strands and on computerising our local maps.

We'll be providing a comprehensive project update as part of the Chiltern Heritage Festival, on the afternoons

of **19 September** in Jordans and **3 October** in Seer Green.

For more details and to book see www.chilternsociety.org.uk/heritage-festival. These may be physical or on-line meetings, depending upon the prevailing circumstances.

Alan Kell - Our Living Village Project Manager

Local artist - Sue Nowlan



strong impression and the local surroundings and the natural world continue to inspire her work.

Of the coronavirus situation she probably sums up the feelings of many of us when she says: "I have had more time to paint during lockdown but I have found the uncertainty and instability of these times a bit difficult and disorienting.... so it's been more of a rich time of questioning and reflection for me, hopefully leading to greater depth of creativity in the future."

Fliss Coombs

Mixed media artist Sue Nowlan has lived in Seer Green for 34 years. She regularly exhibits her work during Bucks Arts Weeks through which she supports charities such as Wellfound and Glassesonspec which provides glasses for children in Africa.

Sue loves experimenting with different media and materials in her work, including oil paint, acrylic, mixed media and print, and she also makes quirky bird sculptures.

She and her husband were initially attracted to Seer Green as it seemed a very friendly village with lots going on for families, thriving baby groups, nursery and school. The lovely green environment also made a



News from Jordans

Well our normally 'crazy' months of July and August haven't been that way at all and the most dramatic venture was the opening of the play area on the Green on 4 July which was extraordinarily exciting. The children - and their parents - just love having it back and as never before it has become a real community gathering place for young and old alike.

The tidied up ground under the swings has been much appreciated and as for the amazingly comfortable - and bright - seats on the see saw they are perfect for passing away a relaxing hour providing there is someone of similar weight at the other end!

Now to September and the excellent news is that the Village Flower and Produce Show is to take place! It will be held - weather permitting - on the Village Green on **Sunday 6 September**. This is our villagers' opportunity to show off all the amazing fruits and vegetables that 'lock down' gave them the opportunity to grow. So many of us who haven't grown vegetables for years - if ever - rushed to the Village Green in May for the Great Plant Giveaway and staggered home laden with flower pots of seedlings. Raised beds were built and amazingly are



now sporting an array of fantastic produce. I only hope the dramatic growth spurt slows down so that there are some prize specimens for display on the Village Green. For further details just head for the Village Shop or watch for the posters going up around the village. We all hope that this will just be the start of late summer and autumn events in our village. How lucky we are to have our wonderful Village Green.

Ali Cork

Flower & Produce Show

Sunday 6 September Village Green

We're working hard to make sure the Flower and Produce Show can go ahead this year. Whether it does will depend on the latest Government social distancing guidelines and the weather!

Most of the usual categories will be included but unfortunately no 'Domestic' section this year. We're planning to hold the show on the Village Green instead of in the Hall and there will be a new 'get involved in the judging' element because Anna, our RHS qualified judge, is shielding.

This event is not just for gardening experts - save the date, nurture your flowers and allotment produce, and get planning your Lego creations. Or just save the date and come along to judge the entries!

A leaflet with the full list of categories will be available in the Village Shop. Look out for these and our posters around the Village for more information on this much loved event. Please note, because we can't accommodate large numbers of people due to social distancing, the event this year is only open to Jordans residents.



Friends' Corner

Jordans Meeting House

Jordans Meeting House reopened for 'in person' weekly meetings for worship on Sunday 2 August at 10.30am. Entry is only by the main doors of the annexe by the car park, except for wheelchair users who can access the 1688 Meeting Room by the double doors leading to the Burial Ground. There will be social distancing at two metres; the Meeting Room can accommodate about seventeen worshippers at one time.

The Meeting House will be thoroughly cleaned before and after meeting for worship. No refreshments will be served after the meeting and the Library will not be available for browsing or borrowing.

Further details can be obtained from Michael Phipps (michaeldhipps@aol.com) or Adrienne Midgley (adriennemidgley@hotmail.com)

Seer Green Allotment Association

It seems that courgettes are winners this year! The crops from our allotments have been, dare I say it, almost over abundant: they must like this strange weather we have been experiencing. So much so that when the wonderful One Can organisers invited us to donate our extra produce which we are happy to do, the ratio was 90% courgettes and 10% the rest! But the reports are that any freshly grown produce is more than welcome, so we will continue to provide as much as 'we can' to "One Can".

A couple of the allotmenters, Jon and Keyvan, have used their spare time to construct a greenhouse and refurbish beautifully a new shed, so a small socially distanced christening took place on the allotments to celebrate their prowess.



Our allotments, being with nature and in space, seem to give us inspiration for not only do we have creative builders but we discovered we had a secret artist in our midst. Gina was inspired by verbascum and foxglove spires on this allotment (where vegetables are also present!) and painted a very beautiful picture which was presented during our celebrations.

So for now, we continue to water and happily harvest.

Bronwen Collins



Boating at Clivedon

One Saturday in August we booked to go rowing at Clivedon. After a lovely walk through the grounds, past the house and down to the river we boarded our boats. We had rented two rowing boats for half an hour and had a wonderful time. Friends have done this with children and that was a great success too. Clivedon Reach is renowned as one of the prettiest spots on the Thames and it was glorious.



The National Trust website says, "We are pleased to present 'Boating at Clivedon', offering a boating service for our visitors, from 18 June until

October 2020. To reduce pollution, the fleet is fully-electric with skippered cruises and self-hire vessels including; electric motor boats, Canadian canoes, rowing boats and a pedal boat."

Boating on the Thames was a late Victorian and Edwardian craze in most social classes. Sitting on one of the prettiest stretches of the river, Clivedon Reach had the heaviest traffic of any up-river lock, and on one single day in 1894, a record 129 launches and nearly 1000 smaller craft passed through it. By 1939, the river-loving Astors owned a varied collection of river craft including skiffs, canoes, (both rowing and Canadian) punts, whiffs, a dinghy and an electric canoe.

In 1908 the river was brought to life in Kenneth Grahame's well-loved children's classic, *The Wind in the Willows*. A regular visitor to Clivedon, it is believed Grahame was inspired to write the book by spending time on Clivedon Reach. Why not 'mess about in boats' like Ratty and Mole on your own boating adventure?

Book on the internet Boating at Clivedon or ring 07792 400870

Sue Puttergill

Opera with a twist!



The Vache Baroque Festival in Chalfont St Giles is opening for small outdoor concerts on **Friday 4 and Sunday 6 September**. Here is a chance to be in a wonderful venue with fabulous music. Purcell's opera Dido & Aeneas will be directed by Thomas Guthrie, musically directed by Jonathan Darbourne and choreographed by Ukweli Roach, with dancers from his hip hop creative company Bird Gang. The organisers are really excited to have such a fantastic creative team on board.

The grounds will be open from 4pm for picnicking, drinks, walking around, and pre-show entertainment. Dido & Aeneas will begin promptly at 7.15pm and the performance will end at 8.30pm.

For more information see www.vachebaroquefestival.com



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Traditional Sunday Roast 12-1pm both can be ordered online for collection.

We have a new outdoor Pavillion Bar too. Please come and have a look.

Amanda Lillitou

A day out post-lockdown

Back in late July, my husband and I were feeling distinctly lacklustre and in desperate need of a change of scene.

We normally avoid busy places but for once, we were craving an urban landscape. By 10am the next day we were parking our car in the middle of Oxford, having driven from Seer Green in 45 minutes.

First stop was coffee at the Randolph Hotel, opposite the Ashmolean Museum which was due to re-open on 10 August. I worked on all the early series of Inspector Morse and I was touched to see a plaque and tribute to John Thaw in the hotel.

Oxford can be a baffling and difficult place to understand and navigate in one day. Luckily for us, we spotted a sign for a Guided Walking Tour which was just about to begin.

Our guide walked us briskly around the main sights of the old town, giving us a dazzling and vivid account of

the history, culture and influence of one of the world's greatest centres of learning. Fascinating facts and quirky anecdotes kept us hanging on his every word and brought the place to life in a way that no guide book or app could have done.

The tour ended next to a rather uninviting alleyway which our guide assured us would lead to one of the oldest pubs in Oxford, The Turf. Despite its ancient twists and turns, the staff had a well-oiled system of social distancing and fish and chips in the courtyard area never tasted better.

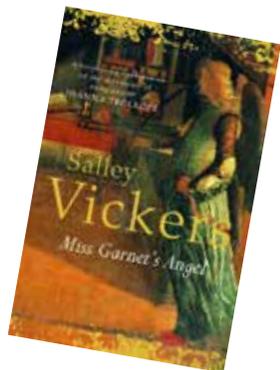
Our day ended with a leisurely walk along the River Cherwell with stunning views across meadows to Merton and Christchurch Colleges. The final treat of the day was arriving home again in less than an hour. We will certainly return.

www.oxfordwalkingtours.com

Fliss Coombs

Book recommendations for your summer staycation!

This month, as our normal summer travelling is somewhat curtailed, I thought I'd suggest some books with which we can vicariously experience a different landscape.



Miss Garnet's Angel – Sally Vickers

I read this book a long time ago, but it has stayed with me.

Julia Garnet is a recently retired spinster teacher who takes a long lease on an apartment in Venice. Its beauty, treasures and secret corners beguile her as she discovers a church being restored. She learns the ancient tale of Tobias whose story unfolds alongside Julia's contemporary journey. The two stories interweave with a variety of colourful characters. The Venetian atmosphere and allure is charming; when visiting Venice after reading this, I spent time tracking down the church and surroundings. A well written, beautifully evocative novel. If you're yearning for Venice, this is for you.

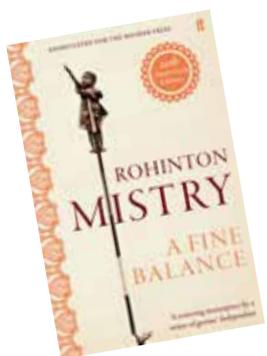
A Fine Balance – Rohinton Mistry

This book is in my Top Ten of books I've ever read. I've never been to India but I've recommended the book to people who have travelled there as it's atmospheric, beautifully written, funny in places. Not for the faint hearted, it's an epic tale of humanity.

Set in an Indian city in the 1970's amidst political turmoil, the lives of four unlikely strangers collide.

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At times an uneasy read, the descriptions of the teeming city, injustices, hope and relationships carry you through.



The author is a masterful story teller who opens up a whole new world. The title? Decide for yourself, is it between hope and despair, survival or non-existence....

This is a challenging read, but so rewarding and memorable.

Miss Benson's Beetle – Rachel Joyce

The author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, introduces us to a wonderful character in Miss Benson.

She embarks on an expedition to New Caledonia in the 1950's, to track down an elusive golden beetle, with an unlikely companion in Enid Pretty.

What a wonderful charming read this is, I defy you not to become completely engrossed and engaged.

It's funny, life-enhancing and perceptive which encapsulates many themes, but it's the special bond of friendship and being true to yourself which shine through. Stunning imagery of a land far away, this book is a quirky, off-beat, charming read. The perfect escapism for these times.



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of our customers. We still have two new additions soon to be built in the garden, so keep your eyes peeled for updates.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Russell, Ellie & The Team



Chilterns Heritage Festival - Announcement

We are delighted to announce that the Chilterns Heritage Festival 2020 will be taking place between: **Saturday 19 September and Sunday 4 October**.

This will be the third year of the Chilterns Heritage Festival and over the first two years we went from strength to strength with increased attendance and interest from both Chiltern Society members and non-members.

The planning of the festival this year has needed to be constantly revised and adjusted to reflect

what may and may not be possible given the Covid-19 controls and constraints that are in place. At this current time the direction of travel is towards increased lifting of lockdown constraints and we are optimistic that circumstances will be less challenging over the coming months. If they do change however, we will of course remain totally compliant with all legislation and best practice standards.

Please see Chiltern Society website for further details.

Seer Green Gardeners

Wildflowers

We're delighted with the display of wildflowers on the corner of Bottom Lane and Longbottom Lane, as are our partners, Jordans Environment Trust and Seer Green Parish Council.

The long spell of dry weather meant that the seeds weren't able to germinate straight away, but they have now established and are looking lovely. We hope you agree.

Scarecrows

The Scarecrow Trail is planned for the **1-12 September**. Full details of all the scarecrows are available online, and also on the village noticeboards. Thank you to everyone who has taken part. We will publish the results on Saturday 12 September.

Seer Green Gardeners Events

Like most things, our events have been severely disrupted by the pandemic. We have had to make some difficult decisions regarding each event.

Children's Geranium Competition

This will now be a Virtual Display of the geraniums that the children in the village have been carefully cultivating over the spring and summer. The display will be available online from Saturday 12 September.

Spud in a Bucket

This will also become a Virtual Competition. Again, the display will be available online from 12 September.

Autumn Flower and Produce Show

It is with regret that we are cancelling the Autumn Show. This is not a decision we have taken lightly, but the practicalities of holding the show – even virtually – have meant that it is not possible this year. We hope you can understand our decision, and that you will enjoy the Geranium and Spud Virtual Displays.

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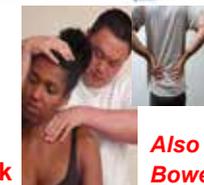
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