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From the Editors

The poet Emily Dickinson characterised March as 'the month of expectation', a welcome visitor bringing joy after the dark days of winter. This is the month when signs of Spring are evident all around us in the sound of birdsong, buds on trees and early flowers. And there is a strong environmental theme to this issue with articles on Eco Week. building a bug hotel, gardening competitions to enter and an update on the Our Living Village project.

The issue also includes an article on Will writing, the first of a short series on legal issues, plus details of a mini festival of four films and the grand opening of the Scout Hall.

And if amongst all the busyness of life vou crave some time for reflection. you might like to try the 5 minutes guided meditation on Fridays.

Sue Puttergill and **Andrew Westlake**

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **April** issue to:

editorseergreen@gmail.com by 7 March. Diary dates for the next two or three months would be very welcome.

Articles should be 300 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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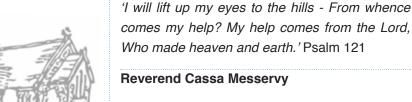
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Thought for the Month



The great hymn Jerusalem based on a poem by William Blake, 'and did those feet in ancient times walk upon England's mountains green', evokes an idea that a visit from Jesus would bring heaven to the pastures and hills of England. Blake was concerned about the effect of the early Industrial Revolution which had brought huge changes to the lives and landscape of the English people. Those 'dark satanic mills' worried him and he felt that people should be in an active 'fight' to create 'Jerusalem' or 'heaven' in England's 'green and pleasant land'. Over two hundred years since the poem was published I wonder what William Blake would make of the landscape of England today?

During the season of Lent, the Church of England is encouraging everyone to act on 'caring for God's creation' through a 40-day challenge; #LiveLent Love Creation. Each week focuses on different aspects of our landscape: light, water, plants, creatures etc. There are Bible passages to read, a reflection and then activities that will hopefully have an impact locally and nationally. Anyone can join in, just go to www.churchofengland.org/livelent or pop into church and pick up a booklet.





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Church Calendar - March 2020

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 March

1 Mar	Family Service: This month we will be celebrating Baptism. Suitable
	for all ages. There are toys and books for young children available
	at the back of the church.

- 8 Mar Holy Communion: Suitable for adults and older children. There are toys and books for young children available at the back of the church.
- Morning Service: Suitable for all ages. There are toys and books for 15 Mar young children available at the back of the church.
- 22 Mar All- Age Communion: Mothering Sunday Suitable for adults and older children. There are toys and books for young children available at the back of the church.
- Holy Communion: Suitable for adults and older children. There are 29 Mar toys and books for young children available at the back of the church.

Regular and continuing events:

Evening Prayer, Sunday 1 March, 6pm Community Coffee Morning, Thursday 5 March, 9-11am Engage pop-up Church, Sunday 22 March, 3.30pm, Jordans Village Hall Morning Prayer, most Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am Christianity Explored course continues on Tuesday evenings Pilgrim course continues on Thursday evenings

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Charity for March 2020

One Can Foodbank and Trust

One Can Trust has operated a foodbank based in High Wycombe since 2011, serving the town and South Buckinghamshire. It was started as a response to a growing crisis of food poverty and now collects over £200,000 worth of food every vear from all over the community. This is sorted by volunteers at their store into approx. 400 parcels a month. One Can food parcels have fed well over 30,000 adults and children.

One Can give food parcels to anyone who finds themselves in a crisis situation and cannot provide food for themselves and they will support them for as long as they are referred to them by the partner organisations. They never 'stop supporting' anyone who is referred to them.

One Can partners include health visitors, the probation service and the police, the YMCA, refuge centres, the job centre, bereavement groups, young people's charities and many more.

Food parcels contain enough nonperishable ingredients to prepare three meals a day for a week. Sometimes they can include other

items such as household items (loo roll, washing up liquid, and laundry powder), toiletries, nappies and baby milk formula. They provide recipe cards so recipients can make balanced, nutritious meals.

One Can relies on donations of money from churches, schools and individuals on a regular basis in order to provide administration and cover the overheads that go with running the foodbank project. They receive no statutory funding and are a volunteer-led organisation.

You can support One Can trust by financial donation or volunteering vour time. Donations of food and other items requested on the website can be left at one of their many collection points, there is one in Holy Trinity Church porch. Check the website onecantrust.org.uk to see what One Can really need or follow them on twitter and Facebook.

Jane Spoerry



Electoral Roll

If your name is not on the electoral roll and you worship at Holy Trinity Church then please complete an application form that will be in the church from the 28 March until the 17 April. The application form explains the criteria for inclusion on the roll. One of the advantages is that you will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Council Meeting to be held on 20 May.

Any queries please contact Heather Rowe, 01494 677573

Baptisms Weddings and Funerals

Blessing of a marriage

2 February Rebecca and Nick Seaton

Funerals

11 February Anthony Elliott

Margaret Good 12 February



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New Path

The path across the churchyard was in need of repair and resurfacing. This is one of three projects that our Parish Church Council (the trustees of the church) have planned to maintain and improve the church and churchyard. We are very grateful that a legacy and money from the church fête have enabled us to complete this project.



Confirmation Service Sunday 31 May

We are delighted that Bishop Alan Wilson will be coming to our Benefice on Sunday 31 May, Pentecost Sunday, for a confirmation service. This will be a joint service hosted by

Chalfont St. Giles Church at 10am. If you are interested in confirmation, please speak to Cassa.

5 Minutes Peace

Every Friday at 9am in term time the restaurant room of The Jolly Cricketers becomes an oasis of calm for '5-minutes peace'. This is a five minute guided meditation aimed at helping people enjoy stillness and find peace. Why not give it a try?

Pilgrim/Christianity Explored Courses

This year we have offered two courses to introduce the Christian faith and provide a friendly space to ask questions. We have had excellent feedback from these courses; those who have attended have really enjoyed them and found them so helpful. One person said about the Pilgrim course, "I have learnt so much about Christianity and the course has helped clear up some misconceptions." Do look out for future courses or speak to Cassa if you would like to do a course.

Reverend Cassa Messervy

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Seer Green Pre-School fights climate change





As we plough full swing into 2020, and with Spring just around the corner, the Seer Green Pre-School is encouraging its children to get outdoors and experience everything nature has to offer.

The children are taking full advantage of the outdoor Mud Kitchen and honing their motor skills creating delicious mud pies and stews!! This is a great preparation for our older children, who each year take part in Forest School in the summer term.

In support of getting the children involved in our wider environment, the Pre-School will be holding their first 'Just One Tree' day on **13 March**.



JUST ONE TREE is a non-profit organisation supporting reforestation projects around the world. They combat Global Warming by planting trees, and in the process help provide education, training and sustainable incomes in poverty stricken areas, while simultaneously improving livelihoods and tackling our climate crisis.

During this day our children will be creating leaves to hang on a tree in exchange for a pound donation to this very worthy charity. Each pound then plants a tree in an area of the world where it will have the greatest impact on reducing carbon emissions and deforestation.

These activities, alongside our outdoor attitude at the Pre-School, supports all the children to get more involved in our environment – and we encourage parents, grandparents and carers to take the children out and get involved too!

Natasha Yorath

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The Jolly Cricketers

The Cricketers celebrate 13 years with a gift for our readers.

Chris and I celebrate 13 years at The Jolly Cricketers on 10 March. We would like to thank the community of Seer Green and Jordans for your continued loyal support. The business has continued to go from strength to strength. As a small Thank You we would like to offer the readers of the Parish Magazine a 10% Discount in the Month of March when dining with us Monday to Thursday. Just bring in the magazine to redeem the offer.

We are launching our Pop Up 'Fish and Chip Shop' in March offering take away Fish and Chips from 12-2.30pm and 6-9pm every Tuesday. Pre Orders Welcome Tel:01494 676308

Amanda Lillitou



Seer Green School Quiz Night

Who wants to be a Winner?

All Welcome at Seer Green CE School's Quiz Night.

Seer Green Church of England Primary School's PTA is hosting another of its popular Quiz Nights on **Friday 6 March**, in the Jubilee Hall.

Kicking off at 7pm, it's £5 a ticket, and each team can have up to 8 players.

There will be a well-stocked bar on the night offering drinks throughout to keep those brain cells well-oiled, and it's 'BYO food' (but not drinks, please), so quests are invited to come armed with plenty of nibbles, or even to order a takeaway to be delivered directly to the Jubilee Hall!

It promises to be a really fun night and all for a great cause as proceeds from ticket sales and the bar will go towards the village school.

Everyone is welcome, so if you're interested in entering a team, please email smreadings@gmail.com for ticket information.

Claire Jenkin - PTA Chair

Seer Green Village Amenities Survey

The Parish Council thanks everyone who contributed to the recent village amenities survey. There were many helpful comments which will now be considered as the Council plans for future enhancements to our village. Several residents mentioned the condition of local roads and pavements. Buckinghamshire County Council has responsibility for road maintenance and repair, and the Parish Council regularly passes on concerns about the state of our roads to County Council. Nonetheless, it is vital that residents continue to report

issues direct to the County Council via Fix My Street www.fixmystreet. buckscc.gov.uk. Potholes requiring urgent attention should be reported by calling 01296 382416.

Andrew Westlake



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Dates for your diary

March	
Thursday 5	Eight 0'Clock Club at the Baptist Church
Friday 6	PTA Quiz Night at the Jubilee Hall
Thursday 12	2 O'Clock Club at the Baptist Church
Friday 13	Just One Tree Day – Seer Green Pre-School Rocketman at Jordans Picture House
Saturday 14	Guided Meditation Workshop at Jordans Quaker Centre 01494 876594
	Grand Opening of the Seer Green Scout Hall Down to Earth at Jordans Picture House
Sunday 15	Wadjda at Jordans Picture House
Saturday 21	Plant a Hedgerow at the Allotments
Sunday 22	Engage Pop-Up Church at Jordans Village Hall
Tuesday 24	Green Up Your Life at the Baptist Church Official Secrets at Jordans Picture House
Thursday 26	Swishing (Clothes Swap) at the Baptist Church
Thur 26 - Sat 28	Hamlet - Beaconsfield Young Theatre Group
Saturday 28	Repair Café and Toy & Book Swap at the Baptist Church
Future dates	
Saturday 4 April	Spring Flower and Produce Show at the Baptist Church
Sunday 11 April	Easter Egg Hunt around Seer Green
Saturday 2 May	Plant Sale at the Baptist Church
Sunday 31 May	Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity Church
Sunday 28 June	Open Gardens around the Seer Green and teas at the Baptist Church

Seer Green Eco Week



It's nearly time for our first Seer Green Eco Week! Three village mums are organising a series of events to help people live a more sustainable life.

For full details of times, locations and tickets please refer to our poster on page 17.

Eco Talk - Tuesday 24 March

Hosted by Ellie Good of The Shift and featuring top notch guest speakers to motivate and encourage (not preach!) how you can help the planet.

Swishing - Thursday 26 March

We all love fabulous new clothes but not the unfortunate side effects (on our bank balance and the environment). Do you have any nice and clean clothes, bags or accessories that are lurking unloved in your wardrobe? Come along to swap them for something you will actually wear!

Repair Café - Saturday 28 March

Do you have a pile of things which are

broken which need mending? Bring them along and we'll team you up with a lovely volunteer who can help teach you to repair your item. We hope to help with repairing clothes, electrical objects, bicycles, toys etc. Alongside there will be a café with drinks and delicious homemade cakes.

Toy & Book Swap - Saturday 28 March

Is your house full of toys that don't get played with or books that won't be read again? Drop them off and we will provide you with a token in exchange (max 5 items per person). Join us on the day to exchange your token/s for a different item/s and visit our café.

If you would like to be involved, especially if you have a skill for repairing items, or would like some more information or to purchase tickets please drop us an email eaf.ecoweek@gmail.com

Ellie, Emma & Hannah

Our Living Village - Bringing History to Life



The Our Living Village project in now well underway, with teams of villagers from Seer Green and Jordans working hard to collect material which illustrates and illuminates our shared past. There's still plenty of time to get involved if you want to record the history of your family or home, or your personal knowledge of our local schools, churches or social and business activities.

One of the great joys of this project comes from creating connections with our distant past through ancient maps, historical censuses, and the amazing Lidar data which has already identified our Roman Road and a medieval moated site close to Seer Green.

More recent history is being brought to life through local families, including Chris Lofty and Colin Boddy, who are providing wonderful historical material on their families. One very special connection is with the Princess Marina Centre, where local architects have provided us with beautiful watercolours illustrating the work carried out in 1959 (see picture). We're looking for a permanent home for these pictures so if you'd like to have them, or want to get involved in this exciting project in any way, please contact alan.kell@igsystems. co.uk.

Alan Kell



Join Eco Action Families Beaconsfield (formerly Parents for Future Beaconsfield) for a week of events around the village. Let's work together to make sustainable change in and around Seer Green!

SAVE THE DATES

PLANT A HEDGEROW

SAT 21 MARCH, 9.30am-12.30pm at the allotments Come along for a cuppa and see the new habitat being created - or sign up to help with planting by emailing pollywoodfine@yahoo.co.uk

GREEN UP YOUR LIFE TUES 24 MARCH, 7.30-10pm at Seer Green Baptist Church Our experts help you tackle climate change at home with small changes that make a big difference. £1 charity tickets via Facebook/email (see below)

SWISHING (CLOTHES SWAP) THURS 26 MARCH, 8-8.30pm: Browsing / 8.30-10pm: Swishing! At Seer Green Baptist Church Come along for a fun evening of fashion! Exchange 1 item for 1 token. CLEAN & WELL KEPT clothes and accessories only. Bring items to SG School between 8.30-9am or 35 Howard Rd, Seer Green before 3pm on the day. £1 charity tickets via Facebook/email (see below)

REPAIR CAFE SAT 28 MARCH, 2-4pm at Seer Green Baptist Church Bring your broken bits and let the experts help you fix them with you. There will be tea and cake! No appointments necessary.

TOY & BOOK SWAP

SAT 28 MARCH, 2-4pm at Seer Green Baptist Church Get the whole family caring and sharing! Exchange 1 item for 1 token. CLEAN & WELL KEPT toys and books only. Bring a MAX OF 5 ITEMS to SG School on Friday between 8.30-9am or to 25 Barrards Way, Seer Green between 8am-12pm on the day. All books welcome (not just childrens).

FOR MORE INFO & TICKETS FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT @ECOACTIONFAMILIESBEACONSFIELD OR EMAIL EAF.ECOWEEK@GMAIL.COM



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Why make a Will?

Writing a Will is one of the most important things you will ever do to provide for your family's future. It enables you to pass your assets down the generations tax-efficiently and in accordance with your wishes. If you have children, you can also appoint guardians of your choice, who will bring up your children if you both die. Otherwise, a court would have to choose your children's quardians for you.

If you have been married before, a Will allows you to balance the financial needs of your second husband or wife with those of your children. This is usually done using a life interest trust. If you are unmarried you can make provision for your partner, who would otherwise receive nothing. He/she may be able to make a claim against your estate, but this is an uncertain and expensive process.

When you make your Will you choose executors who will be in charge of winding up your estate. You may want to delay your children receiving their inheritance beyond age 18. By making a Will, you can delay this to age 21, 25 or even later, when they are likely to be more mature and responsible. If you have a vulnerable beneficiary, you can establish a discretionary trust to provide for the individual in a controlled manner.

This may be appropriate for someone who is disabled, has mental health difficulties or an addiction problem.

You may even want to disinherit a relative, in which case you should leave a letter of wishes setting out your reasons, and also record why you have included your other beneficiaries instead. This would be useful evidence if your Will was ever challenged in court.

Making a Will also avoids the additional cost and delay associated with dying without a Will (intestate).

Rebecca D'Arcy - Chiltern Wills 07544 01039 rebecca.darcy@chilternwills.com www.chilternwills.com



Build a Bug Hotel

A bug or insect hotel is a safe hideaway for wildlife. It can shelter anything from solitary bees to ladybirds, bumblebees to woodlice. Increasingly, safe places can be hard to find for wildlife.



Many of your garden's pollinators are solitary insects like butterflies, moths, ladybirds and solitary bees. These insects do not live in colonies and must find a warm, dry space to build their nests and hibernate over the winter. The decline in bee populations has been in the news for the last few years. With their numbers dropping around the world, these insects are our garden's next best friends.

Because they are so important, Seer Green Gardeners have decided to encourage you to make a bug or insect hotel by creating a new category in the Spring Show.

Make a bug box for insects and give nature a helping hand in your garden. Using easy-to-find scraps of timber, bamboo canes and old branches it should cost you very little and will provide the perfect habitat for beneficial insects such as spiders, ladybirds and lacewings.

You can find ways to make a bug box or a bee tube at www. seergreengardeners.org.uk/how-to-make-a-bug-hotel. We look forward to receiving your entries for the Spring Show.

Greetings from over the fields in Jordans

The walk over the fields from Jordans to Seer Green is getting shorter! No not as new houses have been built on the village perimeters but simply as Spring is here and there is a skip in our stride. The daffodils are out, the light hours are longer and a walk

between the two villages seems an attractive proposition rather than an expedition. What can I say but do it!

Coming over to Jordans is a positive joy... enjoying coffee and one of Sally's ('Cakes about U') delicious

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cakes, sitting on the Green or in the shop's coffee corner. Sally bakes on Mondays so come early in the week for the best choice and please admire our great new wooden tables made by villager Chris Waymouth. The opportunity to look around and see all that is locally sourced is a bonus. It is wonderful to see

that so much can come from, as it were, 'down the road' and not from countries far away when it is subjected to days if not weeks of transportation time. Direct contact with the farmers is encouraged and you can have just what you would like on any day.

That combined with a friendly place to meet and enjoy a time to talk with friends, or simply to make contact with a 'real' person, is motivation enough to walk over and how much better you will feel for it.

See you soon!

Ali Cork

Active Living

Promoting Active and Healthy Living

When do we meet?

10.30am-1.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month

Where do we meet?

Seer Green Baptist Church

What happens?

A programme of activities including games, quizzes, brain teasers, talks, presentations, Zumba exercise (suitable for all activities), craft and discussions, as well as a homemade 2 course lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

How much does it cost?

£10.00 per person

For more information please contact Andrew MacCausland 07969 969664 / andrew@maccausland.org.uk or Gill Roberts 01494 677281 / gill-roberts@live.co.uk

Jordans Film Festival

Our season continues with **Four Films** in March with further screenings through till May 2020.

Fri March 13 Rocketman (15)

Programme Starts 8.00pm

A musical extravaganza about the fantastic human story of Elton John's breakthrough years.



Sat March 14 Down to Earth (U)

Programme Starts 8.00pm

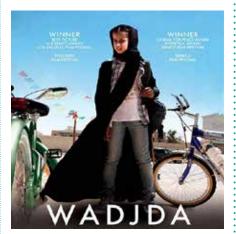
Breaking away from convention, this family went on a five year journey to find a new perspective on life.

Sun March 15 Wadjda (PG)

Programme Starts 4.00pm

This is a foreign film with sub-titles. In order to ensure full visibility of the sub-titles we are restricting the audience to 30.

In a country where cinemas are banned and women cannot drive or vote, writer - director Haifaa Al Mansour has broken many barriers with her new film.



Tues March 24 Official Secrets (15)

Programme Starts 8.00pm

The true story of a British whistleblower who leaked information to the press about an illegal US spy operation designed to push the UN Security Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

How to buy tickets (cost £8)

Visit us online:

www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk (no booking fee!)

Jordans Box Office:

Alan Sealy alan@janetsealypartnership.com 01494 873205

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Seer Green Gardeners

Get Crafty this Spring!

I can't believe March is upon us already. Spring is just around the corner, which means it's time for us to prepare our gardens, pots and allotments for the start of the new season. It's also when activities begin for the Gardeners Society. And it's time to register for our annual Spring Flower and Produce Show.

Spring Show 4 April

Our Spring Show will be held on Saturday 4 April at the Baptist Church. If you wish to enter something, please see our website www.seergreengardeners. org.uk The online entry form is available now.

The Spring Show always has a wonderful display of flowers and produce and I'm sure 2020 will not disappoint. In addition, there will be an array of domestic produce – marmalade, Bakewell tarts and onion bhajis.

The popular craft section of the show will also showcase the skills of crafters in the village. The categories for 2020 are:

- · A decorative cushion in any medium
- · "Patterns in nature" in any medium
- A useful container e.g. a bag, bottle, bowl, box etc.
- A bug hotel see the article on page 19
- With all these to choose from, I'm sure there's something you can enter.
 Go on get crafty this Spring!

Philip Newton - seergreengardeners@gmail.com - 07941215433

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Gardeners Competitions

Seer Green Gardeners have launched their annual growing competitions. For 2020 these are a children's geranium competition, the return of the ever-popular spud-in-a-bucket competition plus a new begonia-in-a-pot competition.

Children's Geranium Competition

The children of the village are becoming very adept at their gardening. We have seen Super Sunflowers grown for a few years and in 2019 they rose to a new challenge and grew Marvellous Marrows.

This year the challenge is to grow the Greatest Geranium. This isn't the largest plant, but the best looking one. The competition is open to anyone up to and including School Year 6.

We will give you a plug plant during April which you will grow on during the year - don't forget to deadhead the flowers!

At the end of the summer you will bring your geranium to the Autumn Flower and Produce Show and see how it compares with the other entries. To sign up for the competition, please see below.

Spud-in-a-bucket Competition

This costs just £2 to enter for which you receive a seed potato and a bucket. Grow the potato in the bucket and then we all gather on Sunday 6 September at The Jolly Cricketers to empty out the buckets and see who has the heaviest crop of potatoes. The Sunday weigh-in is a fun afternoon and always draws the crowds. Last year's winner Alan Perks says he was amazed to win. "I didn't do anything differently, just planted the potato and crossed my fingers!"

Begonia-in-a-pot Competition

This costs £1 to enter for which you will receive a begonia plug plant. You grow the begonia and then enter it into the Autumn Show on 12 September. This will contribute to the wonderful display of flowers in the Jubilee Hall for the Show.

Full details for these competitions can be found at www.seergreengardeners. org.uk or contact Philip Newton directly on 07941215433.

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Seer Green Allotment Association

A much-appreciated group of allotmenteers has carried out great preparation works through the darkest month of January for new tree and hedge planting on our boundaries.



This is part of the Woodlands Trust community tree planting project and is scheduled to take place on **Saturday 21 March** just before the start of the Village Eco week (see page 15)

At the time of writing this, I am trying to keep cool in South Africa - and gasping at the beauty, not only of the country's landscape, but the veggies I have seen growing:





Eat your hearts out fellow allotmenteers......though I'm unable to decide whether wellington boots and waterproofs are easier than sun hats and sandals and melting in the veggie plot! Or, whether our pests are more troublesome than theirs.....?!



If, like me, you need useful tips for us 'up north', check out www.allotment-garden.org. The website has much of interest.

With hope that our Spring is on its way.

Bronwen Collins

Eight O'Clock Club

Heard the Voice! - No, not the TV programme, but the distinctive voice of Patrick Lunt; Voice-over artist, MC, and Voice-Trainer.

It is unlikely that many of us would visually recognise Patrick from his ten years announcing to the Nation; "The Six O'Clock News from the BBC", - and "The Nine O'Clock..." "The Ten O'Clock...", but I expect we would know his voice.

Taking any job he could at the BBC, Patrick started his career as a clerk in the Gramophone Library, re-filing records for the Tony Blackburn Breakfast Show. An internal application rejection for a job as a radio announcer saw Patrick move onto a training scheme for the British Forces Broadcasting Service. After numerous inoculations, and dreams of an exotic posting to the Far East, he was assigned to Germany. The week after his arrival, he found himself hosting the station's own Breakfast Show. Two years later, he

was a qualified radio broadcaster, and five years after that he landed his dream job as an announcer on Radios 1 and 2.

Patrick has voiced the "Pride of Britain", and "Laurence Olivier" Awards. He has read the football results and shipping forecast. He has been the voice of Rally FM; a station dedicated to the TT Races, and for those who could not sleep during the Seoul Olympics, (broadcast to the UK at some nocturnal hour), you'll have heard his voice!

At 8.00pm on **Thursday 5 March**, our meeting takes us to the Silver Screen, and Movies from their 1880's arrival; presented by Tony Earle a retired scientist, Kodak Research Laboratories. £3 including refreshments at Seer Green Baptist Church.

Elizabeth Lee

Local Theatre

Beaconsfield Young Theatre Group will be performing HAMLET at 7.30pm from **26 - 28 March** with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday afternoon, at The Curzon Centre, Maxwell Road, Beaconsfield. Information and tickets from www.youngtheatre.org.uk.

Please support your local theatre.

Ann Wyllie

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The new 2 O'Clock Club

The first meeting of the 2 O'Clock Club was a great success. There were a number of us - some old friends, some new friends and it gave us a wonderful opportunity to catch up on old times and on village news.

Do come and join us and enjoy a cup of tea, a piece of cake and lots of chatter and laughter.

We meet in the lounge of the Baptist Church on the second Thursday of each month from 2 - 4pm. We do have to ask for a small donation of £3 to cover the costs. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 12 March at 2pm.

Meg Sheppee

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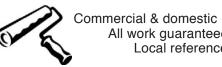




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