

Your Parish MAGAZINE

What's on in
Seer Green
& Jordans
April 2022



**Easter services
and an egg hunt**

**New benches
and the Lofty
family**

**Jordans store
celebrates 100
years**

**A new Bucking-
hamshire walk**

**Make a sock
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From the Editors

April is a wonderful month in Seer Green and Jordans, with trees bursting into life and blossoms appearing everywhere. We are delighted to have our first Thought for the Month from the new Rector of the benefice Dan Beesley and information about Easter events at Holy Trinity.

We also have a fascinating piece about the Lofty family in Seer Green, a new walk by David Tryon, news of Jordans shop celebrating 100 years and much more. We hope that you enjoy this edition of your Parish magazine

Sue Puttergill, Carol Wright and Phil Moody

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Thought for the Month



Friends,

It is really great to be able to write my first 'Thought of the Month' for the parish magazine and what a fantastic month to have to write about with Easter in it. Firstly, let me introduce myself for those who don't know me yet, my name is Dan Beesley and I was licenced as Rector of the benefice of Chalfont St Giles, Seer Green and Jordans in January. I am married to Paula and we have two amazing children and are all looking forward to getting to know you over the coming years.

This month we celebrate Easter after a long period of Lent. Easter in the Church is like it being winter one day and then summer the next day, from utter despair to absolute joy. This is the hope that Easter brings us, it reminds us that everything has changed with His birth, death and resurrection.

We are living in an unprecedented time with the pandemic, the war in Ukraine and the soaring prices of petrol and food. The devastation that all of these have and will continue to cause will never be truly known and it very much feels like we are in the depths of winter and a lot of people will speak that things will change and it will get better and it probably will be 'summer' again.

Easter changes all of this. Easter takes away that thought and longing of better days to come. Easter states that it has changed. Hope is now and it isn't something that we have to wait for but something that we can accept in an instant. That hope is Jesus Christ and His promise that everything has been restored through Him. With Him even if it is winter we have His hope of summer.

Rev Dan



Church Events | News

New LED Lights at Holy Trinity

As part of achieving the A Rocha Bronze Eco Church award last year, Holy Trinity committed to replace the inefficient older lights in the church with carbon saving LEDs, as it becomes possible. In December we retained local electricians M&R Podbury to replace five lamps in the church ceiling with new LED units, pictured here. This required completely replacing three of the fittings, and took the better part of a day for the electrician and his mate, up a very tall ladder borrowed from St James in Gerrards Cross.

The new LEDs will lower our carbon emissions and reduce our electricity bills, and we hope their longer lifespan will stop anyone having to go up a tall ladder again for quite a while. You may notice that one ceiling lamp, near the door to the vestry, is not functioning. Its old wiring has deteriorated and replacing this is complicated; we are investigating our options.

Nora Bennett



Holy Trinity Services in April

- 3 Apr 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only.
10am All-age Service with baptism, in person and YouTube
- 9 Apr Wedding
- 10 Apr 10am Holy Communion Service for **Palm Sunday**, in person and YouTube
- 15 Apr **Good Friday**
10am Joint HT & SGBC Good Friday Service at Holy Trinity
11am Walk of Witness to Baptist Church
2pm An Hour by the Cross
- 17 Apr **Easter Day**
8am BCP Communion Service, in person only and YouTube
10am Easter Day All-age Communion Service, in person and YouTube
- 24 Apr 10am Morning Service, in person and YouTube

Events

- 14 Apr **Maundy Thursday** Evening Meal
- 16 Apr **Easter Saturday**, Seer Green Easter Egg Hunt

Our streamed service will be on our YouTube channel:
<https://tinyurl.com/yc6nj52p>

For more information about families' activities and the Maundy Thursday meal contact Janna Holder on 07764490960

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

Baptisms, weddings and funerals

Baptism

13 March Grace Rooney

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www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org

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The Great Seer Green Easter Egg Hunt 2022

Head to the Baptist Church to join in the fun anytime between 10am - 3pm on Easter Saturday. Have fun searching round the village following the clues, finding eggs, answering questions, scanning QR codes and

spotting the cheeky chicks. It will take 1- 2 hours to complete. Fun for all the family discovering more about Easter. For more information please contact Janna Holder Children and Families minister on 07764490960



Church news

This Easter we are delighted to have a full range of services and events, starting on Maundy Thursday evening with a shared meal in the Three Horseshoes. This is a new venture, do come along, everyone is welcome, just sign up with Janna by 6 April.

On Good Friday we are once again able to hold our joint service with Seer Green Baptist Church which starts at Holy Trinity and then progresses with a Walk of Witness to finish at the Baptist Church with refreshments. Come along for all or part of this. 'An hour by the Cross' in the afternoon

is a quite reflective service which usually features readings and music.

Easter Saturday brings the ever 'eggsciting' Great Seer Green Easter Egg Hunt, which is always fun whatever the weather and whatever your age. Come along for an egg shaped, outdoor adventure.

Come along on Easter morning at 8am or 10am to celebrate Easter Day in church, it will be lovely to see you in person, we have missed you. Our services continue to be streamed for those who prefer.

As you read this article, I hope that applicants for the post of part-time vicar for Seer Green and Jordans will be reading our advertisements and

be feeling excited about the thought of living and working in our parish and will be applying to join us in our lovely villages. We hope that we will be able to carry out interviews in May!

Save the date! On Trinity **Sunday, 12 June** we plan to celebrate our 175th birthday. Would you like to be involved; do you have any great ideas about how best to mark this special date? Please contact the church wardens or ministry team if you would like to help.

Contact details are on Page 4



Donations to Holy Trinity

If you would like to donate to the work and upkeep of Holy Trinity Church, there are many quick and easy ways:

- Go to our website: **www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org** and scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.
- Go to In support of Holy Trinity Church, Seer Green and Jordans - Give A Little. **https://tinyurl.com/5adwwx4e**
- You can activate our Online Giving page by using the QR code opposite.

Donations in cash/cheque may be delivered to our treasurer at 58 Chalfont Road. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please add your name and address.

If you would like to join our planned giving scheme, please speak to our treasurer Audrey Hardy on 01494 672592.



April charity of the month

Children at Risk Action Network – Safe Spaces Project

Children at Risk Action Network (“CRANE”) works to alleviate suffering among the poorest and most vulnerable children in Kampala, Uganda. We have been working with CRANE over the last 6 months with Alison acting as Medical Advisor and Paul as Business Advisor. We have seen the wonderful work that CRANE does and are delighted that it features as one of Holy Trinity’s monthly charities.



One of CRANE’s initiatives is “Safe Spaces” which provides safe and secure accommodation for children rescued from the streets of Kampala and also for children being questioned

as part of the judicial system, ensuring that the questioning is done in a child-friendly environment. Prior to the Safe Spaces initiative, prosecutors (of child abusers) faced numerous challenges when preparing children for court because some of the children would get timid, shut down or simply keep quiet when asked to narrate their ordeals in open spaces with adults, making it very difficult to get any evidence from child witnesses resulting in many cases being lost in court as a result.

Since the start of Safe Spaces, it has become clear that children who are prepared for court in this kind of environment tend to give better evidence in court thus reducing the number of cases lost due to the failure of children to testify.

Please would you give generously to this simple, but far-reaching initiative. Your financial support will pave the way to open up more Safe Spaces and enable the CRANE dedicated team to provide emotional and practical support to the vulnerable children of Kampala. Thank you. Donations can be made in the charity envelopes in church and marked CRANE.

Paul & Alison Bosson - members of Holy Trinity church working in Uganda

Village Events | News

The Queen’s Jubilee – Nominate Your Special Tree

To mark her Jubilee year in 2022, HM The Queen has launched a unique tree planting initiative called The Queen’s Green Canopy which invites people from across the United Kingdom to “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee”.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, The Queen’s Green Canopy will dedicate a network of seventy Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify seventy Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty’s seventy years of service.



Photo: Sally Dinning

As part of these celebrations, Buckinghamshire Council is looking for the best-loved trees and woodlands in the county and is inviting residents to nominate their favourites. They are aiming to compile a list of the seventy most-loved trees and woodlands in Buckinghamshire.

Seer Green & Jordans Society will be nominating some of the trees identified in our Your Special Trees competition back in 2010, but we would be delighted to receive any further suggestions. Alternatively, if you’d like to take part directly then take a photo of your chosen tree or woodland, identify where it is and send it via social media to **@BucksCouncil** or **70trees@buckinghamshire.gov.uk**. The trees or woodland must not be on private land that is not accessible to members of the public.

Nominations close at midnight on 1 May 2022.

Alan Kell - Seer Green and Jordans Society
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New Benches in Seer Green



The Parish Council have been extremely grateful for the generosity offered for the funding of three new village benches in the village. They will have back and arm rests as requested by residents.

There are two new benches for the Recreation Ground, the one on the footpath route through to Jordans has been funded by Jordans Environment Trust (a local charity supporting projects to enhance Seer Green and Jordans), and the bench near the car park funded by the Buckinghamshire Council Community Board.

A new bench outside the Shops has

been donated by Mr Melvyn Lofty with the following inscription:

"In loving memory of Ernie & Margaret Lofty & the Lofty family bakers and grocers in the village 1904-1992"

Mr Chris Lofty has provided us with a wonderful history of their life in the village as bakers. The full article and photographs can be seen on the History and Photographs page of the Seer Green Parish Council website.

Liz Bates - Parish Clerk

The Lofty family of Seer Green 1904-1992

Milton Cromwell Lofty was born and raised in Chalfont St Giles, and founded Cromwell Bakery in Seer Green in 1904, later becoming Lofty and Sons Ltd. He started his bakery

apprenticeship in Whitechapel around 1900, where he met his wife, Martha Berle, who was the daughter of German immigrants who were also Bakers.

In 1904, Milton, Martha and their first child, Berle, relocated to Seer Green and opened the Bakery and shop at the top of Wynnswick Road. They probably chose this location because of the fresh water from the village well opposite.

Milton and Martha lived over the premises and had four more children: Milton Zachariah, Elizabeth, Justina, Ivy and Ernest Cromwell - Milton, Ernie and Ivy would later join the business.

Milton was quite the entrepreneur, the business flourished and expanded over the years and took on more staff for bakery, and to deliver bread and confectionery to the ever-expanding

catchment area, including Jordans, Chalfonts and Gerrards Cross. He also provided housing for some employees.

An additional shop was opened in Chalfont St Giles, managed by Ivy. Milton had his own Cherry orchards, the fruit being used to create the famous Seer Green Cherry Pies.

The coal-fired bread ovens were used by villagers: they left their Sunday joints in the ovens on the way to Chapel and collected them on the way home.

In 1957, Milton Cromwell Lofty passed away and left the business to Milton and Ernest. Milton was eventually bought out of the business, and in the early 60s the advent of mass-produced sliced bread meant the bakery became hard to sustain. Eventually, he sold it and moved to a new shop in Orchard Road where he started a Grocery/Deli. His sons Barry and Chris joined him, opening another shop in Windsor. The business ran successfully until Ernie's death in 1992, when it was sold.

Ernie Lofty was very skilled at his job and his cake icing was a work of art, so he often iced and decorated cakes for village special occasions and created the Harvest Festival Wheatsheaf.

The Lofty family



Seer Green Gardeners



At the time of writing, we are relieved to be planning for the return of the Spring Show after missing two years. We do hope you came and enjoyed it. Maybe you even entered something you'd grown or made - if so, well done!

Next up are:

- **23 April and 1 May**, Bird Song Walks in Hodgemoor Wood with Richard Tomlin
- **14 May**, Plant sale at the Baptist Church - bring and take plus the chance to buy new commercially grown plants from a local grower.
- Spud in a bucket competition

Check www.seergreengardeners.org or email seergreengardeners@gmail.com for details.

April jobs in the garden

- Sow wildflowers, especially clover, to provide nectar to sustain vital insect pollinators
- Scientists confirm that Spring is arriving ever earlier, but beware late cold spells like we had in 2021 when April frosts were the winter's most savage.

Don't be tempted by early warm spells to buy and put tender plants out (leave the experts in the nursery or garden centre to cosset them for you, so they are in top condition for their transplant).

- *If, however, you're looking to plant new trees, shrubs or hardy perennials, don't delay! The sooner you get them bedded in, the stronger they will be by the time summer droughts arrive.*
- *Planting technique and watering of new plants can determine whether it thrives. To make sure money isn't wasted, read how to get it right at: <https://tinyurl.com/437nsh6k>*

For answers to your gardening questions all year round, and to exchange ideas etc. with fellow novice or experienced gardeners, sign up for our new SG Gardening Chat WhatsApp group by texting 07710 175448. Don't forget to include your name.

Sally Ash



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Seer Green Allotment Association

"In early April, especially this cold spring, the hedgerows look misleadingly lifeless, the skeletons of the trees and bushes still without leaves. But much is happening or has happened already." (Excerpt from "A Countrywoman's notes" by Rosemary Verey).

We didn't get through February's storms entirely unscathed here on the allotment site, but no trees came down and hens and bees were thankfully unharmed. So, March will have witnessed repairs, restructuring, cleaning, and tidying up. The full moon in March is called the Worm Moon, heralding the ending of winter as worms come to the surface after wintering underground, doing their wonderful bit in turning and aerating the soil.

Seed potatoes that have been chitting on windowsills or under the bed will be planted into the bottom of trenches already dug. After leaves appear, the stems are earthed up, allowing for potatoes to grow in the dark to be revealed at a later date. Traditionally, potatoes go in on Good Friday, as late frosts can damage or even kill early growth, but rhubarb leaves make a great overnight cover if frosts are forecast and are readily available on the plot at this time!

Greenhouses and propagators will be filling up with seed trays, and we look forward to the first Spring Show for two years on 26 March, a celebration in spring flowers, art, craft and cooking - the village is back!

Charlotte Baggins



Toddlers in the woods

These two gorgeous photos of toddlers in woods were sent to us last month but too late for us to include. Here they are for our April magazine.

Sue Puttergill



Jordans Village Community Store
1922 - 2022

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at the heart of the community

PLEASE JOIN US!
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SUNDAY 3RD APRIL • 3.30PM
TEA PARTY ON THE GREEN
WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL • 7.30PM
VOLUNTEERS PARTY

News from over the fields in Jordans

What very justified excitement in our village for the month of April! This year we are celebrating the 100th birthday of our village shop - Jordans Village Community Store and as you can see from the poster we are doing it in style! We are 'kicking' the celebrations off with a very special night on **Friday 1 April** at our village pub The Jolly Quaker. The Rocket oven will be on site giving us the chance to sample their delicious fare, Rebellion beer (usual low price) will be flowing and the village hall will look fantastic with balloons rising from all the tables.

An occasion for ALL, regardless of whether living in Jordans/ Seer Green or elsewhere, not to be missed!

On **Sunday 3 April** the JVCS committee are hosting a tea party on the Green for ALL villagers and then on **Wednesday 6 April** we are saying an enormous thank you to all volunteers past and present at a party in the Village Hall. And wait for it - there will be other celebratory events during the year including a great walk over the Chiltern Hills in October. (Start your fitness regime now!)

A great big well done to **Jordans Village Community Store** for achieving something that many village shops have sadly failed to - celebrating 100 YEARS at the heart of the community.



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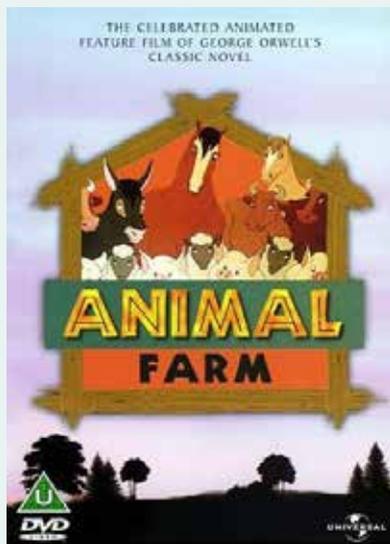
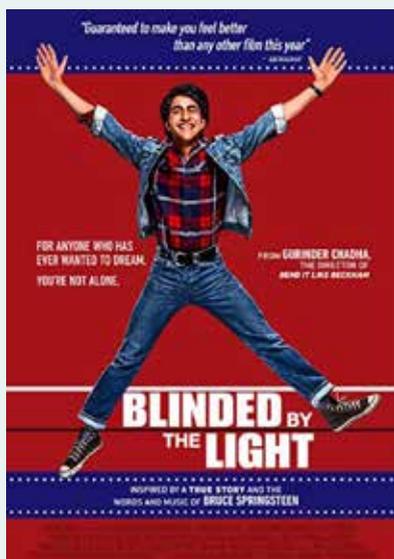
Jordans Picture House

Our Films in April

Two more films in April and then the AGM with a free screening for Members in May.

On **Friday April 8** we shall be screening “**Blinded by the Light**” Doors open at 7.15pm and the Programme starts at 8.00pm.

“Blinded by the Light is just brilliant! It’s so heart-warming, heart-breaking and funny all at the same time! I laughed, cried and really tried hard to not sing along!a feel-good movie that will literally have you smiling from ear to ear!”



On **Sunday April 10** we shall be screening “**Animal Farm**”. Doors open at 3.15pm and the Programme starts at 4.00pm.

The first full-length animated film to be made in Britain, it was a satire of Stalinist Russia, based on George Orwell’s classic novel.

You may find it useful to look up these films here:

www.rottentomatoes.com
www.imdb.com

How to buy tickets (cost £8)

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We all look forward to welcoming you to our screenings.

**Jordans Picture House
Committee**



Jordans plant sale

Plants needed for the Jordans plant sale **Saturday 14 May** (on the Green)!

If you are sowing seeds or dividing plants this Spring, please keep some aside to donate to the sale.

Everything welcome – indoor and outdoor, annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetables, herbs...

Liz Apedaile, Faith Key, Shan Liu and Emma Pegram

World book day



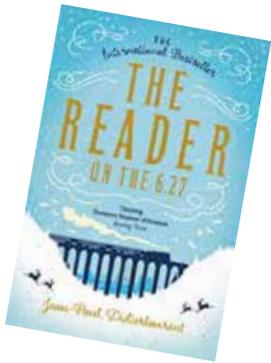
JORDANS SCHOOL

A Small School with a Big Heart, guiding our children to becoming kind and courageous citizens.

The children and staff at Jordans’ School celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book characters. Where’s Wally, The Mr Men, different animals and wizards and witches all appeared at school. The children had lots of fun sharing stories from books and writing their own character descriptions, which they shared with each other in a special assembly.

Jordans School

Janet's book reviews



The Reader on the 6.27 – Jean-Paul Didierlaurent

This was this month's bookclub book and was a totally unexpected read.

Translated from French, it has that lovely magical, almost fable like quality which I've noticed a lot with French books.

Guylain Vignolles dreads the journey to work every day. Working at a book pulping plant it breaks his heart to destroy the books that arrive by the lorry load. Each day on his way to the plant he reads aloud pages that he has saved from the machine. His fellow passengers have come to eagerly await Guylain's latest discoveries. One day he finds the diaries of Julie. As he reads these he finds himself falling for the mysterious Julie. But can he find the woman behind the words?...

This book celebrates the magic of words and of story-telling. It's a beautiful tale about the love of books and how they can open up new avenues and adventures for readers.

Language of Food – Annabel Abbs

This novel is based on fact and tells the story of Eliza Acton and her assistant Ann Kirby who collaborate to produce one of the greatest cookery books of all time, so great in fact that some recipes are plagiarised by Mrs Beeton! The story is told alternately by Eliza and Ann who come from very different backgrounds. Despite their social differences, they are both passionate women who are determined to break out of the mould that society demands of them.

Eliza wants to be a published poet but is told by a publisher that this is not a job for a woman,



and that a cookery book would be far more suitable. Discouraged, Eliza looks through existing examples and realises that the way they are written could be much improved. She and Ann devise the modern recipe while on the way tantalising us with the aromas of the kitchen and dishes of the period

A lovely historical "faction" well researched and evocative, a joyful read.

Janet Stewart

Little Hampden and Cadsden



A beautiful undulating walk through woods and along the Chiltern escarpment

Length: 6 miles

Start point: Little Hampden

Difficulty: Moderate

The start point for this walk is the parking area opposite what until 2010 used to be the Rising Sun at Little Hampden Common. From there walk to the end of the road and straight on into the woods. At a road on the left carry straight on and then gradually downhill to a path junction where you join the Ridgeway long distance path by turning left. After another 200 metres down the hill, cross over the road and then through the grounds of Chequers. The house and the estate were gifted to the state by Sir Arthur Lee in 1921 and it is now the country residence of the incumbent Prime Minister.

Follow the path across the grounds and then gently uphill to the edge of the woods where you will bear initially right along the edge of the wood with lovely views over the estate. Shortly after reaching woodland on the right, bear left up the hill across open ground and, ignoring paths to the left and right, stay on the Ridgeway. A short diversion to the right at Chequers Knap takes you to a fine viewpoint then head back to the Ridgeway and follow it down to Lower Cadsden where you turn left onto a road. Take a break at The Plough if desired where David Cameron famously left his daughter behind and also where he entertained President Xi of China! Turn right up the side of the pub and follow the Ridgeway signs uphill to the top of Whiteleaf and its magnificent views out to Oxfordshire and The Cotswolds.

Continue on the level path past the hill top and then turn left along the side of a field on your right. At the end of the field turn left down the hill then right at the path junction. Follow that past Solinger House and at a path crossroads turn left down the hill and then right and cross the main road. The path now runs uphill, skirting Dirtywood Farm, across fields and some woodland eventually arriving back at a path T-junction where you turn right back to the initial parking area.

David Tryon



Photo - Phil Moody

Eight O'Clock Club

"What a Load of Rubbish" was the title of Jez Elkins' talk - indeed it is, with 26.5 million tonnes of household waste collected in the UK each year by Local Authorities.

Jez is Awareness and Education Manager for FCC and knows his refuse from his recycling! The High Heavens Transfer Station at High Wycombe and the Energy from Waste Plant (EfW) at Greatmoor are managed by FCC for Buckinghamshire Council.

Jez introduced us to the Waste Hierarchy as a way of helping us think about what we need, what we have, and how we dispose of it when we've finished with it: reduce, re-use, recycle and compost, recover (i.e. create energy) and disposal. At the first step, "reduce", Jez challenged us to ask from the get-go: do we really need to purchase this item, and what will happen to it once we've used it?

A short video highlighted how technology advances have enabled very sophisticated Material Recovery Facilities to mechanically sort the glass bottles and jars from cans and foil in blue recycling bins. Envelopes with windows need not have the windows removed before placing them in the paper box and you needn't take labels off bottles, tubs and trays before putting them in the recycling bin. If you are unsure about disposal, use the Waste Wizard at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8aepbf>.

The EfW returns to the Council 75% of the electricity income it generates, re-circulates 90% of the water it boils, and treats the flue gases it produces. Kerbside food collections feed the Electricity and Gas grids and provide fertilizer for farmers. Landfill is almost history.

Next meeting – Geologist/Archaeologist Jill Eyers will tell us why Seer Green gardens are full of stones: **7 April**, 8pm; £3 including tea/coffee.

Jill will have books for sale, so bring cash or a cheque book.

Elizabeth Lee



Jordans
Quaker Centre

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Easter Craft

Sock Bunny

You Will Need:

- A sock (that odd one hanging around!), from about size 12 to adult
- 3 Elastic Bands
- Ribbon
- Felt pen or permanent pen
- Stick on eyes (or use above)
- About a mug (200/250ml) of rice, lentils etc (small grains)
- Small Craft pompom (optional)
- Scissors

1. Fill the sock to about half way with the rice. You can stand it in a glass or plastic beaker to do this with young children.



2. Use an elastic band to tie above where the rice line is.



3. Use another elastic band to tie below this one, making a head.



4. You can also do this for a tail or stick a small craft pompom on.



5. Spread out the sock left above the head and cut off across the heel then down the middle of the sock to the top of the head to create 2 ears. You can trim these to look like floppy ears.



6. Use the pen to draw eyes and nose or use 'stick on' eyes.



7. Tie a ribbon of your choice around the neck.

You can sew on a nose and stitch the ears up if you are doing this with older children.

Have Fun!

Carol Wright



Tweet of the Month for April

Bucks Council Helping the Endangered Swift.

Last year I profiled a beloved summer migrant, the swift, *Apus apus*. Sadly, in December 2021, the swift moved to Red on the British Trust for Ornithology's UK Birds of Conservation Concern list. One way we can help is to provide nest boxes, as the tumbledown old buildings swifts prefer are now in short supply. I wrote to Bucks County Council asking about their policy on including swift nest bricks in new construction; here is the reply from the Bucks CC Historic and Built Environment Manager:

"Buckinghamshire Council don't have a 'policy' specific to swifts or swift boxes. However, if it is appropriate to recommend swift boxes are included on a building, then this will often be dealt with by a planning condition recommended by the Ecology team. We generally refer to RSPB guidance. Swift boxes are usually integrated into the building



Photo courtesy of Swifts Local Network

on a northerly aspect/orientation. The boxes should be located high within the gable wall, ideally above 5m high, below the overhang of the verge and barge board.

Our recommendations are usually reactive in relation to an understanding of swifts in the area, either relating to findings in an ecology report, existing environmental records or local knowledge. A more proactive approach to biodiversity in general is becoming established for biodiversity net gain but this does not necessarily deal with individual species. Individual species are still dealt with on a case by case basis.

Swift bricks work well for individual sites, but also at scale, for example, at the Kingsbrooke development on the edge of Aylesbury we are striving for 25% of houses to have swift bricks installed.

For information, there is a British Standard soon to be published. It will be: 'BS42021 Design and installation of integral bird nest boxes – specification' and will follow the concept of the 'universal swift brick'

BS42021 is still in the consultation process; for detailed information about the 'universal swift brick', see <https://tinyurl.com/2p9bru4c>

BTO Red List: <https://tinyurl.com/yyt9t3wk>

Nora Bennett

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Marjorie Bott was a District Nurse, living and working in Chalfont St Giles, from 1948 until her untimely death in 1961. She was a very caring person and much loved in the village. After her death, friends thought it appropriate that a Fund was formed in her memory. The purpose of the Fund was to allow the local doctors and nurses to supply instant help to local families in need, the elderly and the lonely.

Who benefits?

Working through the Village Schools, the local surgery, the Parish Church and the All Together Community Group the Fund has distributed over £16,000 to needy families and individuals over the last two years. The fund did get a COVID-19 related grant of £7,500 from the National Lottery Fund but the rest has come from reserves.

Sadly, there are still many local people who are in need of financial support for various reasons but with COVID issues being significant.

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