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### We have received such a wonderful W

collection of material for our July August edition that it has been difficult to decide what to include and what to leave for later in the year. We hope that you enjoy hearing about the events which are being organised in both villages and enjoy our inspirational recipes and ideas for summer outings and games. We have pieces about two charities the church is supporting and Janine Dunnell has written about the Annual church meeting and about progress with appointing a new rector for the Benefice. We are very grateful to her for keeping us informed.

Enjoy the summer in Seer Green and Jordans!

Phil Moody, Sue Puttergill and Carol Wright

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### **Thought for the Month**



As I write this thought for the month I've taken myself to One Tree field to sit under the tree and watch the sunset. During the past 16 months I have found watching sunrise and sunset very therapeutic. Psalm 65 v 8b says "where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy." I can certainly relate to this verse as I find great joy watching these spectacular sights, especially when we are treated to the most stunning pink skies. During the first lockdown I walked up the footpath off Bottom Lane each day to stare out towards the Coleshill windmill and watch the sunset, marking the passing of what was hoped to be a short 21 days of restrictions. Little did we know! When things seemed out of control and alien to the



life we once knew I found comfort in the assurance that the sun will rise in the morning and set in the evening each and every day, nothing will stop this rhythm to our days. This got me thinking about the

rhythm of our lives. For so long many of the things we enjoy have been absent and no doubt now we are trying safely to return to those things we love and to seeing family and friends. This of course is great however I have increasing found my days filling up again and that thing called business has crept back in. The important thing is to get the right rhythm to our lives, to be able to carve out time for the people, places and things that bring us joy, time to be still and to feel a sense of peace and time to appreciate and be grateful for all that we are blessed with. That's the challenge!

Janna Holder - Holy Trinity Children and Families worker

### **Church Events | News**

### Holy Trinity Flower Guild – an appeal for volunteers!

As with many of the volunteer groups which keep Holy Trinity going, the average age is getting higher and higher. We would love some new and especially younger faces to join us.

Please do not think that if you volunteer you will be asked to arrange flowers every week. In fact, some people only arrange them perhaps 3 or 4 times a year, or maybe only when we have a church festival, and we are all in the church together doing the windowsills as well as pedestals etc. (in normal times!) If you felt you would like to join us, it would be your choice how often you were involved.

You don't have to be a professional flower arranger, or have City & Guilds, or equivalent, it is more a question of 'do you like messing about with flowers?' If the answer is yes, then maybe you would like to come and join us. If, of course, you are a professional flower arranger and/ or have City & Guilds or equivalent, **please** do join us. Your also do not need to be a member of the church, or feel you have to attend services (when we are allowed to, as life gets back to normal).

It occurred to me that some people may feel they would like some guidance, especially if they have never arranged flowers in oasis, for example, or if they have never attempted a pedestal. We would be happy to run one or two workshops, if enough people are interested. Please do contact me, if this is something you would like to participate in.

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### **Church news**

### Holy Trinity Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Holy Trinity will hold its Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 28 July. Since Holy Trinity is a registered charity, this annual meeting is for members of the church, who are those registered on the Electoral Roll, to be updated about the church's finances and activities. Aswehavenovicar, Lawrence Tebboth, the Lay Chair of the Amersham Deanery, will chair the meeting. He is the husband of Jenny, one of our Benefice Associate Ministers.

The meeting is publicised with an announcement on the church door at the beginning of July. The Electoral Roll is also posted within the church, to allow people to check they are included, but also to provide the opportunity for new qualifying members to register.

A number of reports are produced by the PCC for discussion at the annual meeting:

- The Vicar's summary of activities
- The audited financial statement
- Changes to the Electoral Roll
- Buildings report: annual maintenance of church buildings and work done
- An update on the Amersham Deanery Synod meetings
- The Children's, Youth and Family Work activities
- The Charity Committee
- Safeguarding
- Eco-Church

During this meeting, there are also elections or re-elections of people in key roles within our church, such as churchwardens, members of the PCC, representatives to the Deanery Synod, and the appointment of the independent auditor.

Janine Dunnell - churchwarden

### Summer Holidays Update

Normally in the summer edition of the parish magazine I would be telling you about all the exiting events and activities for families and children over the summer holidays and introducing our holiday club theme. Sadly at present the diary is pretty empty as we await the changes in restrictions and related guidance (which may have happened by the time you read this) but the normal pattern of activities and events will not be happening this year. This is with great sadness but we feel this is the right and responsible decision to make. We are however, going to do some outside family activities – Please contact me for more information. We hope that in the autumn we may be able to enjoy many of our community events and gather together once more.

### 'Out OWT' (Outside with Toddlers)

Since the middle of May I have been running 'Out OWT' for our preschoolers and their parents and carers on a Wednesday morning. Prior to this, for just over a year I have been doing Toddlers Songs and Stories on Zoom. It was great fun and certainly had its memorable moments, but it is great to be back in person, seeing the children and adults interact with each other and enjoy activities together again.

Whilst Toddlers at SGBC isn't happening indoor, and neither of the churches have suitable outdoor space we are very grateful to the King family for letting us use part of their land for this activity.

If you would like more information or to join in on the 7 or 14 July please contact me and I will send you the booking details.

Janna Holder – 07764490960 jannaholder@talktalk.net

### **Olwyn Oakley Davison - Chair of the PCC**



Many of the readers of this magazine will know me from my long association with the village of Seer Green and Holy Trinity Church.

In May 2020 I joined the Parochial Church Council (PCC) as their Safeguarding Officer. The PCC is the governing body for Holy Trinity and is responsible for the finances. buildings and assists the clergy in the management of the parish church. Safeguarding is an important aspect of any organisation, and especially one that involves working with children and potentially vulnerable adults. It is part of my role to ensure that all of the members of the PCC and any volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults go through adequate safeguarding processes and training so that everyone can prioritise the safeguarding of all within the parish.

When Cassa Messervy left in April, I accepted the invitation to chair the PCC until a new vicar is appointed. Being part of the PCC is a wonderful experience; everyone on the team is friendly, helpful and very keen to move the Church forward in the direction that makes what Holy Trinity offers a valuable Christian experience for everyone.

Since retiring from my role as Headteacher in the village school, I have been able to spend much more time with my own family, especially the ever-growing number of grandchildren. In addition, I spent 4 years as a governor in a local infant school in Chalfont St Peter which gave me an interesting insight into education from a different perspective, and I was able to travel extensively with my husband Ray.

I am currently a Parish Councillor in Seer Green and I help out as a volunteer in the Rennie Grove Shop in Chalfont St Peter as often as I can.

The saying that you hear from so many people who retire, 'I don't know how I ever had time to work' is very true – I have never been busier. I love every part of what I do now.

Olwyn Oakley Davison

### **Our charity for July - Wycombe Homeless Connection**



Over the past year, the pandemic has brought major changes in our society and at Wycombe Homeless Connection we have looked afresh at how we can best serve people in a housing crisis in our community. Although we were unable to run our night shelter for a second season, our frontline

homelessness team kept people safe and off the street, where they would have been at greater risk than ever before. For many of our guests, an extended period in emergency accommodation has allowed them to focus on the cause of their homelessness and make huge strides towards rebuilding their lives. Our homeless health project was 'never more needed' as we worked with the NHS to provide vaccination clinics for our clients.

We moved many of our services online, quickly expanding our homelessness prevention services across Buckinghamshire for the first time so that more people facing housing crises, including unfair and illegal evictions, could receive timely, expert help. In the last few months we've begun to welcome back volunteers and our community has continued to be generous financially and with material gifts. A team from Holy Trinity inspired us with their Big Sleepout 'at home' last December!

And while we grieve with those who grieve, we have much to be thankful for. We are expecting to be needed even more as the financial and social impact of the pandemic continues to grow. Research suggests upwards of 60,000 people in Bucks are worried about how they will keep their home.

If you would like to support us, please visit our website www.wyhoc.org.uk. By spreading the word of what we do so that anyone facing a housing crisis knows we are here for them, and supporting our work prayerfully, practically and financially, you make all the difference to people in our community in a housing crisis. Thank you.

**Heather Stanley** 

### **Church Calendar - July 2021**

### Sundays in July

| 4 July | 8am Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion Service, |
|--------|--|
|        | in person only                                     |
|        | 10am All Age Service, YouTube only                 |

11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom

- 11 July 10am Holy Communion Service, in person and on YouTube 11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
- 18 July 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only
  10am Morning Praise, in person and on YouTube
  11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
  12pm Baptism
- 25 July 10am Holy Communion, in person and on YouTube 11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom

There are also 8am BCP Communion Services at Chalfont St Giles on 11 and 25 July.

### Weekdays in July

- Tues 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- Thurs 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom 10.30-11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom 11am Study group on Zoom

21 July Wedding



### **Contact us**

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### **Church Calendar - August 2021**

### Sundays in August

| 1 Aug   | 8am Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Communion Service,<br>in person only |  |  |
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|   | 10am All Age Service, YouTube only                                   |  |  |
|   | 11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom                                       |  |  |
| 8 Aug   | 10am Holy Communion Service, in person and on YouTube                |  |  |
|   | 11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom                                       |  |  |
| 15 Aug  | 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only                            |  |  |
|   | 10am Morning Praise, in person and on YouTube                        |  |  |
|   | 11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom                                       |  |  |
| 22 Aug  | 10am Holy Communion, in person and on YouTube                        |  |  |
|   | 11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom                                       |  |  |
| 29 Aug  | 10am Holy Communion, in person and on YouTube                        |  |  |
|   | 11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom                                       |  |  |
| There are also 8am BCP Communion Services at Chalfont St Giles on |  |  |  |
| 8, 22 and 29 August.  |  |  |  |
| Weekdays in August  |  |  |  |
| Tues  | 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom   |  |  |

Thurs 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom 10.30-11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom 11am Study group on Zoom

Please contact Jane Spoerry if you would like to book a place at a service. Our 10am services will be streamed on our YouTube channel. www.youtube.com/c/holytrinitychurchseergreenandjordans

If you would like to come along to any of the events on Zoom, just ask Janine and Jane our churchwardens for the details or Janna our Children's and Families Minister. See inside front cover for contact details

For more information about Families Zoom activities contact Janna.

### Our charity for August - Albella Boys Home

The home started in the early 1950's with 5-10 boys when Tibetan refugees flooded across the border into India. We now have a capacity for 142 resident boys plus 45 day scholars in our Bonami primary school. We also support several boys through further education. We support 19 girls through day school education and family support.

#### Albella update

During the pandemic the home has been hit hard as the Indian government instructed all schools, colleges and homes like Albella to close. Earlier this year we were looking forward to the home being open again but resurgence in Covid-19 cases prolonged the closure of all schools.

The boys and girls all come from desperately poor families and mostly from one parent families who cannot afford to buy books, pens and uniform to send their children to school. The parents have jobs like housemaids or daily wage earners and receive less than a pound a day for their labours. During the pandemic there has been no work for the daily wage people so they have earned nothing and with no social security the families are in dire situations.

Heshron, our principal at Albella has made arrangements with local grocery stores that the boys, girls, day scholars and our teachers can get weekly essential rations to fend off starvation. We as a charity have funded this enterprise. We give thanks to our faithful supporters who have made this possible.



Anjali Sharma Kushi Rai

Anjal and Kushi are two of the girls sponsored through their schooling. The girls come from families of ex leprosy patients where their parents cannot find work. We step in and provide funds for the girls to go to school and we support the families as well.



Kalimpong is located in the North East of India close to the borders of Nepal, Bhutan and China (Tibet)

Alan Pickett

### **Village Events | News**

### Down at the allotments the Plots Thicken!

We've had a confusing Spring on the allotments, with some early casualties to frost, while weeds and grass have welcomed the rain. However, hopefully things are settling down and growing has commenced. Over lockdowns we have increased our greenhouse count whilst potting sheds, fruit cages and paths have undergone improvements. Last year's planting of the natural hedgerow has been successfully nurtured.



Some honey bees swarm but are soon safely housed in a new hive.

Meanwhile the robin is sitting on her second clutch at home in someone's greenhouse while buff tailed bumble bees take up residence for the summer in another's compost heap. Ladybirds, caterpillars, butterflies and tadpoles are all doing their wondrous metamorphic thing. Fruit is netted, brassicas protected, the honey bees are making the most of the flowers, some veg will be lost to slugs but overall it's coming along nicely.



A very hungry caterpillar.

As some old friends leave for pastures new we welcome some new allotmenteers. It's a double bubble of positivity as we benefit from the wonders of nature and the wellbeing that comes with getting your hands in the earth, seeing seedlings grow and eventual harvest, coupled with the good natured camaraderie of allotmenteers, always ready with helpful advice, gardening lore and gentle mickey-taking.

Who would want to be anywhere else?

**Charlotte Baggins.** 

### Seer Green School CE Leavers 2021

At the end of this academic year, we say a very fond farewell to our Year 6 class. Their primary school experience has been a difficult one, due to the disruptions of the Covid19 Pandemic, but they have remained positive and enthusiastic about their schoolwork throughout these challenging times. We are very proud of them and know that they will continue to be a credit to our school by continuing to demonstrate our core values of Thoughtfulness, Respect, Honesty, Responsibility and Perseverance wherever they go.

Mrs Roach - Year 6 Teacher



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### **Our Living Village – As Time Goes By**

We have a tendency to think of village history in terms of major events in the distant past – in Seer Green the construction of Holy Trinity Church in 1846 or the opening of the school in 1859; in Jordans the opening of the Meeting House in 1688 or the building of Jordans Village in 1919.

But in practice, of course, wrapped around these landmark events our history is a continuum of relatively mundane events which can have significant effects often our lives and our community, yet which often go totally unrecorded. So, what historic record do we have of the construction of pavements in Seer Green, which transformed our rural lanes into modern streets and turned a hamlet into a thriving village? Who recorded the loss of the Yew Tree pub, our local petrol station, or the Seer Green post office? And what about the devastating fires at the Seer Green Village Hall and the Jordans Meeting House, or the closure of the Princes Marina Centre?

And of course our history does not stop, we're all living though it day by day. Are we about to lose the Perkin Elmer site with its intriguing trail of history back through Kinlochs to WW2? What's to become of Dean Farm in Jordans or the historic Rawlings Farm, which is currently up for sale with planning approval for demolition? How will our landscape be changed by ash dieback, which is quietly sweeping though our villages with devastating effect? And how will history record our community's magnificent response to the current covid pandemic?

The aim of the Our Living Village project is to create a collective memory of such local events - both major and minor - which with the community's involvement will develop and endure over time. If you'd like to contribute to this initiative, or to see how it's progressing, please do join us at our two upcoming events on 25 September in Jordans and 2 October in Seer Green. You can book places at the Chiltern Society Heritage Festival website https:// chilternsociety.org.uk/heritagefestival/

Alan Kell - alan.kell@igsystems. co.uk



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### **Book Reviews**

### The Vanishing Half - Brit Bennett



Desiree and Stella are pale skinned twins, born in Mallard, US. This small town was originally populated by freed slaves, many of whom were offspring of the bosses, so it became a place where folk were neither white, nor dark. At the age of sixteen, the twins leave home, and we follow their lives as they both eventually have daughters and various relationships. After running away together, one twin runs again and they live separate lives, one as a black woman, her sister 'passing over' into life as a white woman. With all the racism in the world, this would sound like a perfect move, but it is a life of lies and charade and it is questionable whether she is happier than her sister.

There is so much content in this book. Not only does it discuss racism in its obvious sense, but it also covers other forms of living a fiction, everything expertly interwoven into a narrative that kept my attention throughout.

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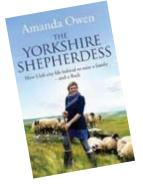
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### **The Yorkshire Shepherdess – Amanda Owen** Who's going to Yorkshire for their staycation?

Amanda Owen has been seen by millions on Our Yorkshire Farm, living a life that has almost gone in today's modern world, a life ruled by the seasons and her animals. She is a farmer's wife and shepherdess, living alongside her husband Clive and nine children at Ravenseat, a 2000-acre sheep hill farm at the head of Swaledale in North Yorkshire.

In this, the first part of her memoir, she describes how the rebellious girl from Huddersfield achieved her dreams. Full of amusing anecdotes and unforgettable characters, while showing us the often-brutal way of life, exhausting work and challenges, this book is a joy to read.

I am now able to identify some sheep breeds – not a skill I ever thought I'd need in Seer Green!

### **Summer Outdoor Games and Ideas for Families**

### Disc Golf - Berkshire

Use different weights or sizes of frisbees to pot into 'holes'. Make a 'hole' out of a washing basket on a wire garden frame!



Count how many throws it takes to get the frisbee into the hole (basket). www.londonpitchnputt.com Foot Golf - near Abingdon

A similar idea as above but with a football. **www.foot-golf-uk.com** 

### **Crazy Golf**

There is one at Odds Farm Park or design your own! https://tinyurl. com/czsrdwrx.

continued overleaf

### **Assault Course -** Baldock about an hour away

Make your own in the garden or in the woods. Alternatively this is all set up! www.fit4ocr.com.



### **French Cricket**

You need a tennis racquet (good for younger children) or cricket bat and a soft ball for this game.

The Rules

One player stands with his legs together, and holds the bat in front of him, protecting his legs.

Another player takes the ball and bowls it to the player, trying to hit his legs below the knees. All other players stand spaced around the batsman.

The batsman is out if the ball hits his legs below the knees, or if he is caught, or if he is caught with one hand after one bounce ("one hand one bounce").

The ball must be bowled from wherever it is stopped or lands. If the batsman hits the ball he can turn to face the next bowler. He cannot turn around if he does not hit the ball. The batsman scores a point for every ball hit.

### **Tin Can Alley**

Make your own - lots of ideas on YouTube.

Try plastic bottles or pots and water guns.

Number the pots with a pen to score when you knock them down.

Carol Wright



Attributed to topendsports.com



### Support Seer Green School's Cherry Pie Fair this summer!



Although restrictions are easing the village primary school in Seer Green has decided that its ever-popular Cherry Pie Fair will be going ahead, but in a primarily virtual format again this year – just to be on the safe side.

Building on the success of the its virtual Christmas Fair, money raised from which has funded a number of brilliant extra resources for the children, including lots of books, PE equipment and educational games, the school's PTA are planning a week of fun events running from 21 to 25 June, for children and families at the school.



The aim with The Cherry Pie Fair this year is to raise enough money for the school to buy 32 new iPads – enough for a whole class to use at any one time.

There will be a sponsored Olympics in school for each class, a virtual balloon race and the ever popular raffle, but in the meantime, for those who normally attend The Cherry Pie Fair and would like to support the school in raising money for the new iPads, donations can be made via the following link:

### www.givey.comspringterm fundraiser

...And don't forget to GIFTAID to add 25% at no extra cost to you...



### Thank you!

In addition there will be another **Bags2School** Drop at the Baptist Church on 2 July. Drop your good quality clothes, shoes etc. before 9am and raise money for your village primary school as well as reducing landfill! Checkout their website for full details of what is accepted: https:// bag2school.com/what-we-collect.

### Community stops criminals

On Sunday 6 June James Bateman was enjoying a relaxing afternoon when he noticed a blue van driving slowly up and down Wynnswick Road with the passenger using his phone to film houses they were passing.

Feeling instinctively suspicious he posted a warning on the Community WhatsApp group and only minutes later a resident spotted the occupants of the same van stealing an item from the Manor Farm Estate. This time the license plate number was



captured so the ongoing incident was reported to the police, with members of the community continuing to track and report their movements.

Thanks to the vigilance and quick thinking of the Seer Green community, the van was apprehended by the police at Three Households and stolen items were recovered.

"I was like a dog with a bone once I realised what was going on" said James. "Everyone was great communicating their sightings immediately so I could update the police and thankfully we had a successful outcome."

As this experience illustrates, nowhere is immune from crime, and theft and burglaries often happen in broad daylight, so please stay vigilant during the summer when warm weather encourages us to feel relaxed about opening windows and doors.

#### **Fliss Coombs**

### News from over the fields in Jordans

I wrote about **Open Gardens**, on Sunday 4 July from 2-5pm, in the last issue and I hope that many of you from both our villages have the date firmly down on your calendars. All proceeds are to support the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and tickets - £5 for adults, children free - are available on the day from **Spindrift**. The wonderful gardens that will be open are **Spindrift** and **Downfield** right down at the end of Puers Lane near Jordans School. **Comely Bank** at the end of the footpath leading down to Wilton Lane from Puers Lane and the first 2 gardens, and **Maxfield Cottage** and **Conifers** back up towards the Village Green in Crutches Lane. Have a great afternoon!

Now onto the 11 July and **Music On The Green.** This absolutely brilliant event was the brain child of villager John Rootes many years ago and began as Jazz on the Green for a few hours during the afternoon of the 2nd Sunday in July. How it has grown! It is the day when villagers turn out, some almost at the crack of dawn, with their tables and chairs, gazebos and sometimes, large umbrellas! The preferred spots around the Green are reserved, the now rather old but still extremely effective, village BBQs are lit, the band strikes up and the merriment begins. Music and dancing continues well into the evening and don't worry if you haven't bargained on staying so long - the village shop is open all day for extra provisions including cold beer and wine and of course sweets and ice creams for the kids - and the adults! What more can I say but 'Please Boris let this wonderful village event go ahead'. If by chance it is not to be then roll on next year!

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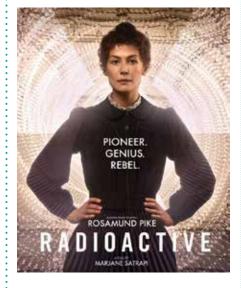
### **Jordans Picture House**

Jordans Picture House, one of Jordans' best loved community events will come to life again with a full house on September 10.

At the Annual General Meeting of Jordans Picture House held on 14 May, we announced the 14 films voted for by our Members for inclusion in our programme for the season September 2021 to May 2022. In order of popularity these were:-

#### 1. Radioactive (12A) 2019

The incredible true story of Marie Sklodowska-Curie and her Nobel Prize winning work that changed the world.



### 2. The Good Liar (15) 2019

Consummate con man Roy Courtnay has set his sights on his latest mark: the recently widowed Betty McLeish, worth millions. But this time, what should have been a simple swindle escalates into a cat-and-mouse game with the ultimate stakes.

### 3. Mrs Lowry & Son (PG) 2019

A portrait of the artist L.S.Lowry and the relationship with his mother, who tries to dissuade him from pursuing his passion.

### 4. Grow Your Own (PG) 2018

Wonderful evocation of the English Allotment scene, a community of individualists, all human life and experience is here!

### 5. Official Secrets (15) 2019

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

### 6. Maiden (15) 2018

The story of Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook on charter boats, who became the skipper of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989.

### 7. Blinded by the Light (12A) 2019

In England in 1987, a teenager from an Asian family learns to live his life, understand his family and find his own voice through the music of American rock star, Bruce Springsteen.

### 8. The Light Between Oceans (12A) 2016

A lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowing boat.

#### 9. The White Crow (12A) 2018

The story of Rudolph Nureyev's defection to the West.

#### 10. Little Women (15) 2018

Jo March reflects back and forth on her life, telling the beloved story of the March sisters - four young women, each determined to live life on her own terms.

### 11. Can you Ever Forgive Me (15) 2018

When Lee Israel falls out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to deception.

### 12. Eye in the Sky (15) 2018

Col. Katherine Powell, a military officer in command of an operation to capture terrorists in Kenya, sees her mission escalate when a girl enters the kill zone triggering an international dispute over the implications of modern warfare.

#### 13. Empire of the Sun (PG) 1987

A young English boy struggles to survive under Japanese occupation of China during World War II.

### 14. Revolutionary Road (15) 2008

A young couple living in a Connecticut suburb during the mid-1950s struggle to come to terms with their personal problems while trying to raise their two children.

Dates & timings to be advised. For further details of these films you may find it useful to look them up on either of these websites: www.imdb.com or www.rottentomatoes.com

At this stage, we believe that there is a very good chance that our first screening with a full audience should take place as planned. Should social distancing still be in force and our audience restricted, our programme will be further delayed. We sincerely hope this will not happen as we are all keen to revive one of Jordans' best loved community events.

### Jordans Picture House

**Committee** -Charlotte Baggins Lorraine Bristow Katy Brown Dee Pantlin Alan Sealy Chris Waymouth



### **Seer Green Gardeners**

It's been a busy few months for the SGG committee and we are delighted that all events during the continuing lockdown have been so successful and well supported by the whole community.

Two things we have learnt during the time of Covid: creative thinking is essential, and planning too far ahead is asking for trouble! With that in mind we have a host of exciting events in the pipeline for September onwards and meanwhile we wish you a happy and sunny summer with lots of fun and enjoyment in your beautiful gardens.

#### Jobs in the garden for summer

- Keep watering, feeding and deadheading to promote healthier, bigger plants with a longer flowering season.
- Don't feed any wildflower areas as they thrive best in poorer soils.
- Pick flowers such as sweet peas before they go to seed, the more you pick the more flowers you will get.
- Look out for pests such as lily beetles, snails, slugs, aphids and vine weevils, and remove them before they do too much harm.
- Cut back early perennials such as delphiniums and hardy geraniums and they should flower again before the season is out.
- Cuttings can be taken from lots of different plants and nurtured before planting out next year. Rosemary, lavender, penstemons and other shrubby perennials work well.
- · Continue to hoe off weeds on warm sunny days.
- Cut bunches of lavender for drying, hang them upside down indoors for a few weeks before using.

#### Seer Green Gardeners - www.seergreengardeners.org



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### A day out at Hughenden Manor

Best known as the home of the colourful Victorian statesman Benjamin Disraeli, Hughenden Manor near High Wycombe also played a vital role during World War II, a surprising fact that was kept a closely guarded secret for over 60 years.

Today the handsome house which stands acres of rolling Chiltern countryside, is looked after by the National Trust and offers a fascinating day out for all ages.

The main rooms in the house are displayed exactly as they were during the time of Disraeli, with personal belongings and memorabilia revealing his dynamic personality and his close relationship with Queen Victoria.

Hughenden's role on behalf of the Allies during the Second World War is told in a new exhibition uncovering the work of the hundred or so of people who were recruited to work as map makers under conditions of the utmost secrecy.

The formal gardens of Hughenden, full of vibrant colour, are set against the backdrop of the gentle Chiltern countryside, with many delightful walks through meadows, parkland, and beech woods.

There is an attractive café in The Stable Yard serving a range of refreshments, or you can enjoy your own picnic in the extensive grounds, and a team of knowledgeable volunteers are on hand to help you enjoy your visit. If you have never been to Hughenden before, or if you haven't been for a while, you will be in for a stimulating and enjoyable day out only half an hour from home.

### www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ hughenden

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### **Cherry Claufoutis**

Make this classic French dessert using our village's favourite fruit for a sublime finish to a summer's meal. It's a delightfully creamy tart without the guilt of the pastry and brings out the flavour of the cherry perfectly.

### Ingredients

- A little soft butter and one heaped tablespoon caster sugar to grease and prepare the dish.
- 450g pitted fresh cherries
- 30ml (2 Tbsp) kirsch (cherry liqueur) or cherry brandy
- · For the batter:
- 100g golden caster sugar
- 50g ground almonds
- 30g plain flour
- · A pinch of salt
- · 2 eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 300ml double cream
- · Icing sugar to dust

### Method

Preheat the oven to 175°C fan and use a small amount of butter to grease a 10" (25cm) ceramic dish, then sprinkle with one tablespoon caster sugar.

- Place the fruit in the dish and pour over the liqueur.
- In a large bowl add all the batter ingredients and whisk until smooth.
- Carefully pour the batter over the fruit.
- Bake in the oven for 25 minutes until golden and only just set.

Remove from the oven and cool. Serve at room temperature sprinkled with icing sugar before serving.



### Tweet of the month - July: Swift by name and by nature

What are the quintessential sounds of an English summer? Wimbledon and the Proms; cricket on the village green; lawn mowers droning; an ice cream van playing a nostalgic tune; gin and tonic fizzing as they're poured over ice?

What about the swift, whose scything wings and shrill screams bring a touch of wildness to our civilised season? The swift, Apus apus, is a creature wholly of the air: it eats, drinks, sleeps and mates on the wing, and comes to earth only to raise its young. Unrelated to swallows and martins, its closest relative is the hummingbird, and suitably for such an exotic, it winters 7,000 miles away in Africa, returning to its European birthplace in May.

At Chalfont St Giles, swifts flash past each other in great arcs high over the River Misbourne, then dive into the medieval church tower to nest. In summer 2019, the St Giles Consort performed there, and during the interval, as we drank prosecco in the churchvard, the resident swifts returned from the hunt. Not all insects caught are swallowed; some are kept in a sticky ball for the hungry nestlings. So during the second half of the concert the young swifts squeaking to be fed could be heard above, a weird but charming counterpoint to the music.

The swift is BTO UK amber- listed: populations have plummeted 57%

since 1995, in part because old buildings with nest sites have been altered. A cheap and elegant way to help is to replace a single brick with a 'swift brick' in new builds or renovations. Some councils encourage or require developers to use these, and the Duchy of Cornwall fits them in its properties. Bucks CC's Environment Minister has been asked about the council's policy - watch this space.

Facts: https://animaldiversity.org/ accounts/Apus\_apus/

**Conservation:** https://www.swiftconservation.org/

**'Swift bricks':** https://tinyurl.com/ yn64krjd

Calls: https://tinyurl.com/4v3uxhvj

### Nora Bennett



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### The Fourth Annual Chilterns Heritage Festival



A series of exciting events will be run across the region, which are designed to celebrate the diverse heritage of the Chilterns. This festival of experiences promises something for everyone to enjoy.

Events will include the following:

### September

| -  |                    |  |
|----|--------------------|--|
| 18 | Chilterns          | Ringing in the Chilterns Heritage Festival<br>2021. Ancient Chiltern bell towers ring out<br>to celebrate the Festival |
|    | Princes Risborough | Historic walk along The Ridgeway   |
|    | Odney              | Private Tour of John Lewis Partnerships<br>Odney Grounds   |
| 19 | Chilterns          | Ringing in the Chilterns Heritage Festival 2021  |
|    | Cookham            | Stanley Spencer Walk   |
|    | Watlington         | Watlington Hoard Replica   |
| 20 | Marlow-on-Thames   | Danesfield House & Garden Tour by Head Gardener, with afternoon tea  |
| 21 | Dorney             | Private Connoisseurs' Tour of Dorney Court   |
| 22 | Hemel Hempstead    | Frogmore Paper Mill Tour   |
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| 23 | Speen              | Private Viewing of the Horse Trust: History,<br>Horses & Cream Tea   |
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|    | Aston Clinton      | Author Talk – Dave Sivers: Chiltern Thrills –<br>Making Crime Pay    |
| 25 | Stokenchurch       | Ancient Woodland Walk – Bottom Wood                                  |
|    | Jordans            | Our Living Village   |
| 26 | Dunstable Downs NT | Guided walk on the Chalk   |
|    | Seer Green Station | Seer Green Guided Trail (10 Mile) Run                                |
|    | Chalfont St. Giles | Chiltern Open Air Museum Private Tour                                |
| 27 | Ringshall          | Ashridge History 5.5 mile Walk, Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre       |
|    | Tring              | Tring Brewery Tour – Historic Beer Styles                            |
| 28 | Hitchin            | British Schools Museum – Tour and<br>Victorian Lesson                |
|    | Chalfont St. Giles | Milton's Cottage Private Tour  |
| 29 | Amersham           | Private Tour of Amersham Museum & Walk of Inn and Pubs               |
|    | Hemel Hempstead    | Boxmoor Trust – Visit and Activities                                 |
| 30 | Stokenchurch       | Private & Exclusive Tour of Wormsley<br>Library and Cricket Pavilion |
|    | Beaconsfield       | Bekonscot Model Village – Exclusive After-<br>Hours Tour             |

### October

| 1 | Cookham          | Stanley Spencer Walk                             |
|---|------------------|--|
| 2 | Little Kingshill | Priestfield Arboretum – Private Tour             |
|   | Seer Green       | Our Living Village                               |
| 3 | TBC              | A Walk on the Chalk – Flaunden & the River Chess |

For more information see chilternsociety.org.uk



### Summer citrus fizz

This herbal twist on a homemade lemonade is a sophisticated soft drink to serve all summer. Fragrant rosemary combines with fresh oranges and lemons for a refreshing non-alcoholic spritz.

Serves 6

### Ingredients

- 45g caster sugar
- 3 rosemary sprigs, plus extra to garnish
- 5 lemons, 4 juiced, 1 sliced to serve
- 2 oranges, juiced
- 1ltr bottle soda water, to serve
- ice cubes

### Method

Put the sugar in a small pan with 150ml water and two rosemary sprigs. Bring to the boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 1-2 mins until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat; set aside to cool. Remove the rosemary.

In a large jug, mix the lemon and orange juices with the cooled sugar syrup. Divide between 6 tall glasses filled with ice. Top up with soda water. Serve with rosemary sprigs and lemon slice.

You can use basil instead of rosemary, prosecco instead of soda water or you can add gin or vodka if you wish!



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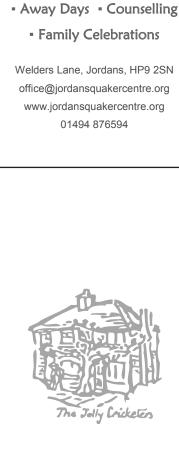
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