

# **Your Parish MAGAZINE**

**What's on in  
Seer Green  
& Jordans**

**May 2021**



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Messervy family**

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walk**

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## From the Editors

May is such a gorgeous month in our two villages and with the spring blossom we already have signs of things returning slowly to normal. The pubs are opening and we hear that music on the green in Jordans may return this year. Do let us know if you have any events planned, as we would love to advertise them.

This edition has lots about Cassa and her family leaving Seer Green and Jordans. We wish them well

in Haddenham and look forward to seeing them for a real celebration of their time here in August. We also have information about Holy Trinity's plans for the months ahead, a wonderful walk in the Chilterns, an intriguing piece on rooks and an article on another local artist for you to enjoy.

**Phil Moody, Sue Puttergill and Carol Wright**

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## Thought for the Month



Things are changing. Around us we see the early blossom and spring flowers fading as they give way to the May and elder blossom, early summer flowers and the first vegetables coming through.

Our lives are beginning to change as we go from full lockdown to the gradual easing of restrictions, with the hope of a more 'normal' life later in the year, provided the great 'roadmap' does not need to be changed.

In our church life, we see change as our lovely Vicar Cassa has moved on to a new post and Rector Ian has retired. But don't worry – we have our own 'roadmap' to ensure that services are led, pastoral needs taken care of, and people to conduct baptisms, weddings and funerals when they are needed (all within Covid restrictions, of course).

Change can be worrying, but during May the church thinks especially of the weeks between Christ's resurrection and his ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Biblical account shows how he kept reassuring his disciples they had nothing to worry about with these changes. He would be with them always. He is with each of us always, and he understands every change of direction in life we have to face. Whether we are fearful or excited about the future, he is there alongside us guiding us through, holding his hand out ready.

My favourite verse in the Bible is Philippians 4.13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me - and over the years I have been given mugs, plaques and cards to remind me of it in case I forget. Why not join me in making that verse your mantra for the coming months?

**Linda West**





## Church Events | News

### A Heartfelt Thank You From Cassa

Dear All,

Thank you so very much for your wonderful messages of farewell and appreciation. Myles and I were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and incredibly generous gifts, we are so grateful. The beautiful new 'party' stole (the colour that I wear for celebrations, e.g. weddings and Christmas) which picks up the pattern of the church's green altar frontal with the some of my favourite words from the Bible, 'God is love' (1 John 4:16) made by the amazingly talented Muriel Ward will help me remember all the lovely celebrations I have been part of during my time at Holy Trinity. Myles and I have poured over the

wonderful photo and message book which contains so many fantastic pictures of many events like fetes, Harvest celebrations, baptisms and even lockdown church. Finally, the lavish cheque is such a blessing and will be spent on a Cherry Tree and other plants for our new garden (which has no plants in it at all), some things we need for the house and hopefully a holiday in Somerset in the summer. We hope to see as many of you as possible when we come back for a proper goodbye party in August and please come and visit us in Haddenham.

With love and best wishes,

**Cassa**



*Cassa with the photobook celebrating her time here at Holy Trinity.*



*Cassa and her family.*



*Cassa with Linda West, Jenny Tebboth and Janna Holder, (socially distanced).*

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## Church news

### Mission and ministry continue at Holy Trinity.....

We bid a fond farewell to Cassa and her family in April, but her departure does not mean that life and worship stops. We have a wonderful team around to lead our services and support our community - Rev Jenny Tebboth, Rev Paul Henderson, Linda West our retired Licensed Lay Minister, Janna Holder our Children's and Families minister. They are supported by Peter Miles and Garry Walton both of whom hold a Bishops License to Preach. We are also delighted to have support from Paul Bosson too. We will also benefit from time to time from 'visiting' members of clergy who are keen to support us.

Please see the calendar of services for May to see what is going on this month.

Please note there will be an 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion service (the traditional service), in person, twice a month at Holy Trinity. Please contact Jane Spoerry to book your place. The other Sundays in the month Chalfont St Giles will host an 8am BCP service which you are very welcome to join.

Our 10am services will be on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/holytrinitychurchseergreenandjordans](https://www.youtube.com/c/holytrinitychurchseergreenandjordans)

Please come along.

### Jane Spoerry

#### Congratulations to Janna!

We were delighted last month that Bishop of Buckingham was finally able to license Janna as a 'licensed lay worker' with the title of 'Children and Families Minister'. The licensing ceremony took place on zoom and we were delighted to show it at a Sunday morning service. Congratulations Janna!



*Janna Holder top left, Janine Dunnell top right, Cassa Messervy bottom left, The Bishop of Buckingham bottom right.*

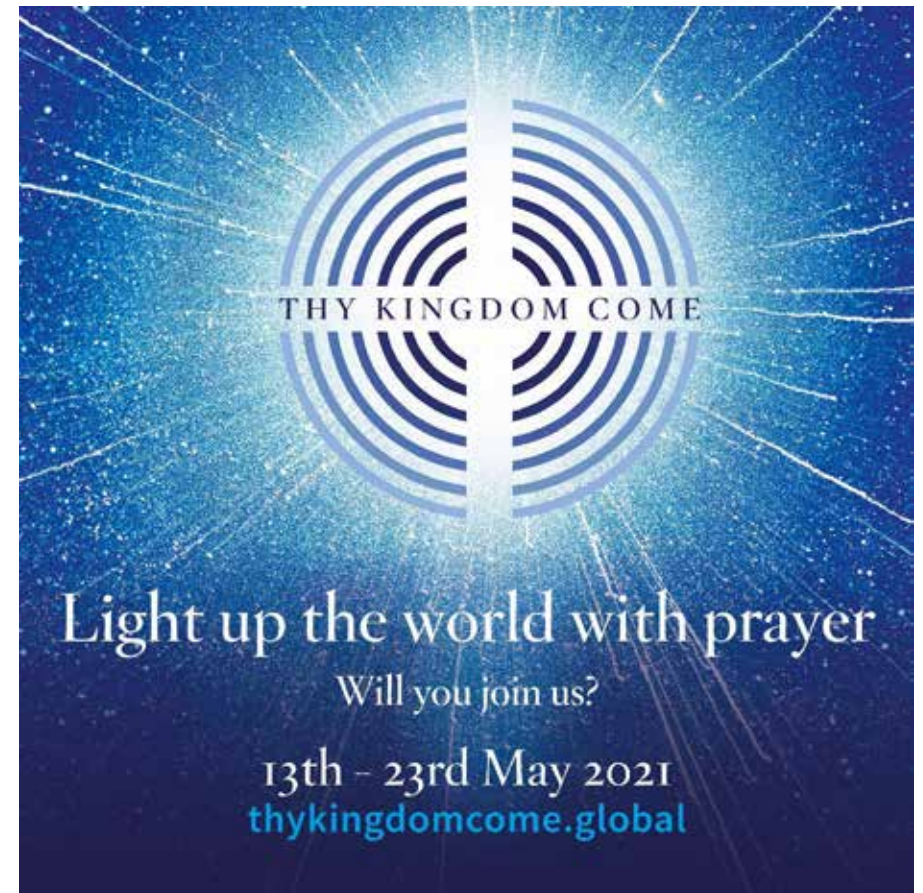
### Thy Kingdom Come.

10 days of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost, 13-23 May.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Think about 5 people you would like to pray for this year.

This year, prayer journals and family activities will be available from early May and there will be more information on our Facebook page.





## Donations to Holy Trinity

During lockdown it has been more difficult to contribute to the church's work as we have not been in church. However, if you would like to make a donation to the work and upkeep of Holy Trinity Church, there are many quick and easy ways to do so.

Go to our website:

**[www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org](http://www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org)** and scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.

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## Church Calendar - May 2021

### Sundays in May

- 2 May 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only.  
10am All Age Service. YouTube only.
- 9 May 10am Holy Communion Service, in person and on YouTube.  
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
- 16 May 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only.  
10am Morning Praise. In person and on YouTube.  
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
- 23 May 10am Holy Communion for Pentecost, in person and on YouTube.  
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
- 30 May 10am Holy Communion, in person and on YouTube.  
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom

### Weekdays in May

- Thurs 13 6pm Ascension Day Service. YouTube
- 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



To attend any service in person you must book a place as spaces are limited. Please contact Jane Sperry.

Our 10am services will be streamed on our YouTube channel.

**[www.youtube.com/c/holytrinitychurchseergreenandjordans](https://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. For more information about Families Zoom activities contact Janna.*

## Charity of the month-Christian Aid



'Climate chaos is one of the greatest injustices we face. Together we STOP this climate crisis.'

This month our charity for the month is Christian Aid, this year their campaign for Christian aid Week (10-16 May) is focusing on the great difficulties climate change is causing many people around the world. 'Droughts are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis.... millions of people in Kenya, are struggling to get enough food and water.'

Here is Florence's story. 'She is full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her.

She's courageous, kind and a survivor. A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. She had to walk for hours on a dangerous journey to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us.

Florence could easily have been defeated. But Florence is a fighter, and she shows the women in her farming group that they can be fighters too. Next to her farm, Florence is proud to show us something remarkable - a dam, full of fresh water.

With this dam, Florence can grow tomatoes, onions, papayas and chillies on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables. It's her source of life and joy.

Florence also uses the water from the dam to keep honey bees. She sells the rich, golden honey for cash at the market. Now, Florence is reaping a good life for herself and her family.

The dam gives Florence strength to withstand even the most unpredictable weather. It's a reliable water source, whether she faces long drought or relentless rainstorms.

Florence is generous, and she knows other people are struggling to cope without a reliable water source. 'There is a village nearby - they don't have an earth dam. They travel for a long way to come to this water point. They are suffering.'

Read more about the wide-ranging work undertaken by Christian Aid- <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

To make a donation visit - <https://tinyurl.com/5f6ebwse>

**Jane Sperry**

## Introducing Benefice Assistant Priest Rev Jenny Tebboth



'I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert'. Isaiah 43:19

It's hard to believe I have been involved in Chalfont St Giles and Seer Green since July 2015! July 4 2021 will be the 6th anniversary of my ordination. It has been a privilege to be under the tutelage of both Ian and Cassa during that time, to grow in confidence as I have become part of the rich pattern of life, gifts and relationships within our two congregations and villages. However, nothing stays the same

as we know all too well and the kaleidoscope has turned once again shuffling all those different coloured pieces into a new pattern.

Being shaken up and re-arranged is not entirely comfortable especially losing, not only two much-loved leaders but two full time members of staff. However, this vacancy can be for all of us an opportunity for growth both as separate congregations and as a Benefice together, serving in our own communities. I will become even more familiar with Chalfont Road, Newbarn Lane, Three households and the St Giles High Street in the coming year. I look forward to working more closely with the church and village of Seer Green and am confident that our two teams will rise to challenges ahead and grow stronger as we face them - especially as we face them together.

Like the pattern in the kaleidoscope, we are always being made new.

**Jenny Tebboth** - Benefice Assistant Reverend





## Village Events I News

### Seer Green Gardeners

A highlight of last summer's lockdown was the Bring and Take A Plant event, when many plants changed hands for free with generous donations going to Thames Air Ambulance.

We will be organising a similar event this year, as well as a conventional plant sale.



Look out for dates and details on our website and village noticeboards.

Frosts can come as late as May, so do protect tender plants at night with fleece or a cloche and harden off home-grown tender plants before planting outside.

You can still sow annual flowers such as sunflowers, California poppies, calendula, and zinnias in May, but please avoid cutting hedges where birds may be nesting; and provide water for the birds as the days get warmer.

#### May in the garden

- Tie in new shoots of climbing plants.
- Plant up hanging baskets and patio pots and feed them well.
- Check lilies for scarlet lily beetles and their larvae.
- Pinch out tips of bedding plants and young annuals, to encourage bushier growth.
- Open doors and vents on greenhouses on warm days.
- Regularly hoe off weeds, as they'll grow rapidly in May.

**Seer Green Gardeners - [www.seergreengardeners.org](http://www.seergreengardeners.org)**

### One of Our Local Artists - Ollie Tuck

Born in 1992, Ollie attended Seer Green C of E school before studying fine art foundation at Chelsea School of Art and History of Art at the University of Nottingham. She continued to practice oil painting throughout her studies before pursuing a career as an artist after graduation.

Her paintings are a response to the beauty of colour and light she finds in everyday subjects. Her recent works combine traditional still life subjects with a contemporary use of colour

and pattern in highly decorative, joyful compositions.

Ollie has exhibited with the Chelsea Art Society and the Royal Society of Marine Artists at the Mall Galleries. Her work has been sold to private collections around the world but can also be found at her family home in Seer Green and even hanging at the beloved Jolly Cricketers Pub.

For commissions and to view more of Ollie's work please visit **[www.ollietuckart.com](http://www.ollietuckart.com)** or follow her on Instagram **@ollietuckart**.





## Seer Green Allotments

The community spirit over at our allotments takes a lot of beating and has gone from strength to strength over the past year, including much appreciated help with putting together greenhouses and cups of warming tea as shown in the following photos.

Combine this with the pleasure of being out in the Nature whilst attending to one's plot and imagining the produce to come throughout the advancing season, has given

great solace to us all during the dark months. Seedlings are starting to sprout, and the beehives are starting to become much more active with the lengthening days.

We very much hope we will be able to start resuming some of our normal social activities such as the plant sale in the coming months, so watch this space for news of this!

**Bronwen Collins**



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## Our Living Village – Ask and It Will be Given ...

In previous Parish Magazines, I asked if anyone had a copy of the second part of the article: "On the Street Where You Live", and also for information about the treasure trove of local information collected by Brian Simms - and we now have both! Many thanks to Dru Turney and Geoffrey Sawyer for the article, and to Gary Simms for his father's research library.

The article tells us Jacob Howard lived in Ponds Farm during the late 19th century, with the field where Howard Road and Howard Crescent are now located becoming known as "Jacob Howard's Field". When this land was sold, it became allotments and a recreation ground with access via cart tracks from Chalfont Road and Orchard Road. Although some building took place in Howard Road in the late twenties and early thirties, it was not until the 1950s that real development of the land began. The allotments gradually fell vacant and

became building plots. The adjoining fields also began "growing" houses and bungalows, forming Howard Crescent.

Seer Mead owes its name to two of its first residents, who counter-proposed a proposition by the Parish Council that the road be known as "Bayne Hill Road".

Lakes Yard (the area near Hall Place) perhaps took its name from another well-known local personality: in the mid-1800s, Mrs. Lake is said to have run a small school in one of the cottages, charging 1½d (less than 1p) per week per pupil!

But where was Greys Cottage, where another educational establishment is said to have been run around 1844? Can anyone help locate Prospect Place, The Laurels, Ivy Cottage, or Park View which appear in the 1911 Seer Green census, or Dainshaw House from the 1851 census?

Alan Kell - [alan.kell@igsystems.co.uk](mailto:alan.kell@igsystems.co.uk)

## Chalfont St Giles and Jordans Literary festival

This time a 'virtual' festival taking place 13-16 May 2021.

We hope our varied programme, which includes a musical event, a gardening expert and a Milton workshop, will tempt you to enjoy a few hours of culture, relaxation and interest.

All events are accessed via Zoom Webinar and tickets cost £5 per event.

**[www.chalfontstgilesliteraryfestival.org.uk](http://www.chalfontstgilesliteraryfestival.org.uk)**

## News from Jordans

### Easter Egg Hunt

Well Easter Day was a surprise! The wonderful Great Easter Egg Hunt organised single-handedly by the remarkable Janna moved from Seer Green over to Jordans, and everyone who took part in the glorious sunshine just loved it.

### Easter Raffle

This followed on from our very own Easter Raffle draw, and I am delighted to say that this raised more than £350 for the shop. How appreciative the staff and committee are, and a great big thank you to all who bought tickets. The outright winner - walking off with the giant chocolate egg created by local chocolatier Auberge du Chocolat - was villager Stephen Salter, and others were thrilled to scoop up the smaller, beautifully made and decorated chocolate eggs that had been donated.



*The children of Jamie Davison who grew up in Jordans*

So Easter was the start of something special happening in our village, and there is more to come!

### Plant and Produce Sale

On May 15, from 11am until 1pm, the Horticultural Society will host the annual Plant and Produce Sale. Enthusiastic gardeners will bring to the Green the plants they have grown and will sell them to would-be gardeners (and those who would like to grow more than they can produce from seed) to raise funds for the Society. Naturally, social distancing measures will be in place, so please come along and enjoy this lovely community occasion.

### Music on the green

Looking ahead, we very much hope we can enjoy Music on the Green on Sunday 11 July. This wonderful event, inspired by proactive villager John

Rootes in the late '80s, has survived all conditions over the years, but sadly not Covid in 2020. We will welcome it back with open arms this July - or whenever government guidelines allow such an event to take place.

### The Village

We don't need a special event to enjoy our village. The Green is looking wonderful, while Crutches Wood the best it has since its terrible demise in 1990. Enjoy the easy walking down the paths, well-trodden during lockdown, the Centenary Clearing and perhaps pause for a moment at Paul's monument to give thanks for his short life and for the regeneration of the woods that we are all able to enjoy.

## Jordans Picture House Film Reviews



our greatest playwright set in his later years, whilst Stratford grapples between the strictures of Puritanism and the more relaxed approach favoured by others.

**'When we were Kings'** 1996 - Director Leon Gast.

Documentary found on BBC iPlayer under the Storyville cannon. Using historical footage intercut with new interviews this charts the 1974 World Heavyweight Title fight between champion George Foreman and Muhammad Ali, held in Kinshasa, Zaire: The Rumble in the Jungle. But more than that it describes the relationship between the white American establishment and Ali, the Black Power Movement and Africa, and gloriously reminds us of the amazing life force that was Mohammed Ali. For anyone who doesn't know, he was The Greatest.

**Charlotte Baggins**

**'All is True'** 2018 - Director Kenneth Branagh.

Can be found on Netflix It is 1613 and the Globe Theatre burns down causing Will Shakespeare to return to Stratford and his neglected family. Can Will (Branagh) and Ann (Dench) find common ground, companionship? Can their father bring peace to his surviving daughters while the ghost of Hamnet haunts his days? Will the visit of the aged roué the Earl of Southampton (McKellan) further upset the apple cart? A splendid cast navigate this imagined tale of



## Jordans School



Welcome to  
**JORDANS SCHOOL**

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



Dear Community Friends,

What a unique spring term we have had! After setting up the school for more social distancing and extra safety measures in January, we then went into lockdown. Our school remained open for children of key worker parents and to challenge us further, we had a water leak causing extensive damage to one of the classrooms. Fortunately, our amazing staff team rallied round and within a day we were up and running with a new classroom set up in the hall and remote learning online for all of our pupils at home.

Our parent community has really been tested, juggling their work and family commitments and home learning for their children and we are in awe of how dedicated they have been, supporting their children's learning at home. At Jordans School, we are really proud of 'All learning together'- our staff team keep up to date with the latest educational research and we celebrate with the children how we are all 'growing our brains' learning something new each day. Setting up an online learning

platform and delivering live and recorded lessons was a very steep learning curve but one we soon got into the groove of with many funny moments along the way. Our Friday discos with the children at school and at home all dancing together via our Google Classroom were a great way to feel part of a school community together. We are so lucky at Jordans to have such passionate and creative teachers who created engaging and imaginative lessons and videos online whilst running their key worker classes too. Our very caring support staff team stepped up, leading group sessions and offering their help where needed.

Now all our children have returned, happy and smiling, delighted to be back spending time with their friends again and enjoying the routine of school life. We continue to follow the Covid safety measures but although we take it all in our stride, we cannot wait to get back to more whole school and community working again.

Warmest Regards,

**Mrs Holly Swain - Headteacher**

## Tweet of the month: Rook – politician or parson?

Walkers around Seer Green and Jordans are sure to encounter the corvid family – crows and jackdaws in gardens and fields; jays in the woods; magpies everywhere. Their cousins the rooks, *Corvus frugilegus*, can be harder to spot.

According to a friend's West Oxfordshire grandfather: 'if you see a rook on its own, it be a crow; if you see a lot of crows, they be rooks.' Rooks are intensely sociable, roosting together at night, and building their twig nests in crowded colonies – hence the Victorian term for a slum: a rookery.

Its call is a harsh croak, sometimes like its name, 'rooooghk', not as powerful as the crow's 'Caw! Caw! Caw!' It also produces squawks, clicks and growls, and the cacophony at rookeries may explain the term 'a parliament of rooks'.



Image: credited to Wald1siedel

Black and crow-sized, the rook has a steep forehead and long belly feathers like baggy trousers. With an upright posture, it struts along, probing for invertebrates with its long narrow bill, surrounded in the adult by chalky bare skin. Its sober appearance, like an old-fashioned clergyman, gave it the nickname 'church parson'; Dickens refers to it as 'that sedate and clerical bird, the rook', and it officiates at Cock Robin's funeral in the nursery rhyme.

Rooks mate for life, returning to the same nest each spring; though in the last century, Dutch elm disease forced thousands to relocate from their beloved elm trees into poplar, ash, oak or Scots pine.

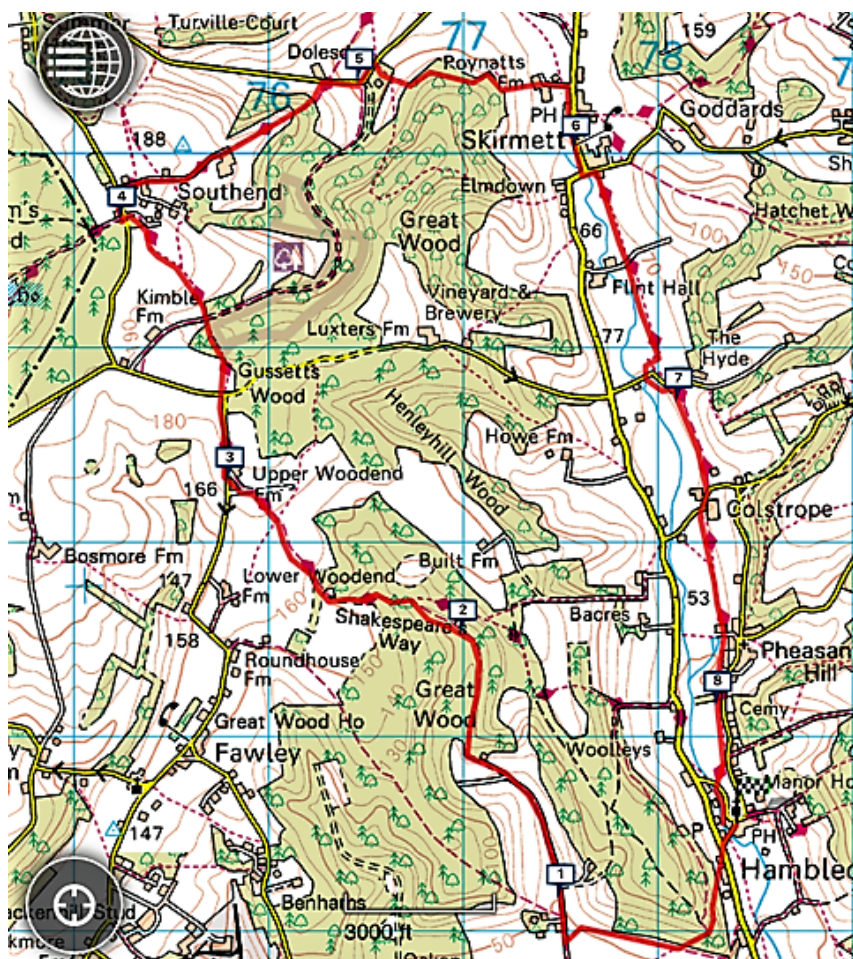
Sometimes they occupy less conventional properties: near Grove End Farm, beyond Jordans, two trees hold 13 rooks' nests, and in the adjoining field, a pylon appears to hold six more – one at the end of each arm. A pylon near Widmer Farm on Bottom Lane appears to have three nests. I've watched birds entering the twiggy bits but can't yet tell if there are any young.

Rook vocalisations and behaviour, with sound clip:

<https://bit.ly/3m4XYhS>

**Nora Bennett**

## Hambleden Round



A slightly longer walk through lovely woods and along a beautiful valley but with a great pub en route!

**Length:** 8 1/4 miles

**Start point:** Hambleden Church

**Difficulty:** Moderate

The starting point for this walk is Hambleden between Marlow and Henley at the lovely church made famous by the opening credits to The Vicar of Dibley! Head south on the road over the little bridge and just after meeting the main road turn right on a footpath that skirts upwards round the hill. Where the woods become fields, turn right until you meet a track and then turn right again and follow the track until it reaches another wood. Continue on the path and follow it all the way through the woods, joining another major path which comes from the right, and thereafter through fields to Upper Woodend Farm. The woodland section can be muddy – especially after forestry work.

At the Farm turn right along the road and then shortly, at a T junction, go straight ahead following the Shakespeare's Way path to Southend. Turn briefly right onto a road then right again on a path (Chiltern Way) and follow that down the hill until another road is reached. Turn right and where a path crosses the road turn right again then fork left slightly uphill and skirt round the hill inside the woods. That path will eventually take you downhill to Poynatts Farm and on to the road through Skirmett with the welcoming Frog at Skirmett pub about 100 yards on your right.

After leaving the pub, continue south along the road for a couple of hundred yards then, when the main road turns sharp right, turn left on a smaller road and almost immediately right onto a path. Follow this down the valley, with a couple of instances where you temporarily join local roads for a few yards, and keep going in the same direction all the way back to Hambleden. There are often herds of deer on the hillsides, kites flying above you, and a vineyard on your left nearer to Hambleden and it really is a delightful (and flat!) finale to the walk!

**David Tryon**

## News from the Jolly Cricketers

The pub is re-opening this Spring, seven days a week, with the addition of an outdoor kitchen and outdoor dining marquee, which is bookable online. The garden terrace is for walk-ins for dining (weather dependent). There are picnic benches for dog walkers and drinkers, which are on a walk-in basis, with no need to book. We are open from 10am each day for Monmouth Coffee, Lawn Teas and a short Breakfast Menu. Free WIFI is available outside.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Chris and Amanda**



## Fun Dates in May

- 1 **May Day** - Ancient spring festival with Maypole Dancing, when people used to go 'a-Maying' - collecting flowers and greenery to decorate the Maypole and 'Jack in the Green' - a jester.
- 3 - 9 **Screen Free Week** - There's a challenge! For ideas and resources go to [www.screenfree.org](http://www.screenfree.org)
- 3 **World Laughter Day** - Ha ha - really! Created by Dr Madan Katoria founder of the Laughter Yoga movement. More information and events at [www.worldlaughterday.co.uk](http://www.worldlaughterday.co.uk)
- 4 **Star Wars Day** - May the 'fourth' be with you - find ways to celebrate at: [www.starwars.com/star-wars-day](http://www.starwars.com/star-wars-day)
- 5 **National Bike to School Day** - Dust off your bikes and ride to school instead of driving. [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org)
- 12 **International Nurses Day** - Held on Florence Nightingale's birthday - marks Nurses' contributions to society! See the Florence Nightingale Museum [www.florence-nightingale.co.uk](http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk).
- 16 **National Children's Day** - This highlights the importance of health and well-being of children. [www.nationalchildrensdayuk.com](http://www.nationalchildrensdayuk.com)
- 17 - 21 **Walk to School Week** - Walk to school for a week, rather than driving. Organised by Living Streets.
- 19 **National Numeracy Day** - Annual celebration of the importance of numbers in everyday life: try the National Numeracy Challenge at [www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk](http://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk)
- 20 **World Bee Day** - Raises awareness of the importance of pollinators and how to plant a bee-friendly garden. [www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day)
- 22 **International Day for Biological Diversity** - Biodiversity loss is a loss for humanity - linked to World Bee Day [www.un.org/en/observances/biological-diversity-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/biological-diversity-day)
- 25 **'Towel Day'** - In memory of the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy author Douglas Adams.
- 29 **Oak-Apple Day** - When Charles II was restored to the throne in 1660 after Oliver Cromwell died (he hid from the Roundheads, in an Oak tree).
- 29 **Elmer Day** - Celebration of reading, elephants and accepting yourself and others, like Elmer the Patchwork Elephant by David McKee. An important day!

## News from ONE CAN



Isn't it wonderful that we're slowly resuming a more normal life?

Unfortunately, this isn't the case for many people who have been hit so badly during this pandemic.

One Can's numbers rise weekly which is extremely concerning, so, a year on, I am continuing to collect donations and deliver them to the warehouse every Friday.

If you would like to help with some donations, this is the most up to date list of urgent items

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Many thanks.

**Janet Stewart**

## Janet's Book Review

**Beekeeper of Aleppo** – Christy Lefteri

'Where there are bees, there are flowers and where there are flowers there is new life and hope'

A wonderful, heart breaking but important book we should all read. After leaving their beloved home in Syria, Nuri and Afra make the perilous journey to relative safety in England. Yes, the book is understandably shocking in places, but there is hope and light throughout. Strong characters are drawn for the reader

and a wonderful friendship between Nuri and Mustafa, another beekeeper, gives a positivity to cling on to. The author wrote the book having volunteered at refugee camps in Athens giving her beautifully written novel credence.

This book will make you look at the plight of asylum seekers and how they are treated. It will also makes us all thankful for what we have.

**Janet Stewart**

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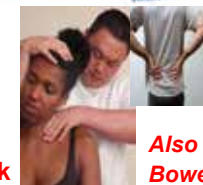
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