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Thought for the Month

In April, A Rocha, who are world leaders in Christian creation care, visited Holy Trinity. Through political advocacy, scientific research and education they help communities steward the natural world, and I want to reflect on their work with you.

There is a reawakening among Christians of creation care as core to human identity and calling. This helps combat two perceptions that put people off Christianity: that it is scientifically implausible, and experientially irrelevant:

Historically, science was built on the assumption that the world is not accidental but designed and valued; many seminal scientists (Copernicus, Kepler, Newton,

Bacon, Faraday etc) have been Christians. Francis Collins (one of our most important current scientists) recognised that his initial dismissal of Christianity lacked the scientific rigour he applied to the rest of his life: "I had arrived at an answer to the most important issue we humans ever deal with — Is there a God? — without ever really looking at the evidence. And I was supposed to be a scientist!" His subsequent study of the natural world was key to his becoming a Christian. Christian engagement in the natural sciences helps combat the common dismissal of faith as incompatible with science.

Similarly, the perceived irrelevance of Christianity is in part due to the Church's own emphasis (especially over the last century) on the next life over this one. "Pie in the sky when you die." Christians can be implicated in many environmentally damaging policies — why bother protecting a broken world when there's another one coming? In fact, living as a Christian is about restoring the relationships for which we were made: with God, nature, each other and ourselves. While these relationships are all fractured in our rejection of God, all are mended in Christ. The Christian calling is to foreshadow, in this life, these restorations which he will complete when he returns.

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Maundy Thursday Supper

Holy Trinity Church held a wonderful Maundy Thursday supper as part of the events marking Eastertide. The supper was held in the church itself, at the suggestion of Sarah Allen, who orchestrated the event brilliantly.

The setting was stunning; gazebos were hung with a white paper canopy inscribed with bible texts and draped in foliage and fairy lights, whilst underneath stood beautifully laid tables with tealights, pots of hellebores and vases of flowering rosemary. This transformed the back of the church into an atmospheric seating area with definite Middle Eastern vibes.

The rituals of the 'Seder' supper with blessings, prayers and stories, brought alive the memory of the Last Supper and reminded us of the 'Pesach' or Passover story of the ten Plagues, the Jews being freed from slavery, and Moses leading the Exodus from Egypt. Although the traditional ceremonial elements of the Seder supper represent the liberation of the Hebrews, they also have significance for Christians, anticipating the death of Jesus on the cross and his resurrection to come – providing our redemption from the bondage of sin.

Over forty guests attended, covering all age groups, which was an incredible turnout. Under the direction of Rev Jez who led us through the recitations and explained the symbolism, and with

a beautiful performance on acoustic guitar by Miriam Jones, it was an extraordinary, powerful ceremonial evening.

At the end of the night, all the lights and candles were extinguished aside from a single candle left lit on the altar. As the storm outside raged and the wind whistled around the church, the congregated guests filed silently out of the church in quiet reflection.

Many thanks go to Sarah and her team of helpers (including the Teen Spirit group), for making such a memorable event possible. The proceeds from the evening will be donated to Young Minds, Holy Trinity's charity of the month for March.

Pam Pennefather



New look for the monthly newsletter for Holy Trinity



The bright, attractive newsletter has a new logo and a new clearer layout.

Rev Jez says 'please bear with us as we get used to using this new format, but the hope is that it will allow us to communicate key notices much more clearly, while also allowing you access to all the information you need.'

Alongside this, we have also started a new WhatsApp group called Holy Trinity News. It will be a weekly digest with details of services and other events around the church. It will be limited to about one message a week and won't have a chat facility.'

If you would like to join the group please use the QR code below.

If you have any questions about the newsletter or the WhatsApp group, feel free to email Janelle at janelle_stevenson@yahoo.com



How to subscribe to Community News

Did you spot the local picture on the front cover? It was taken on the green in Jordans by Chris Waymouth. Thank you Chris.

Seer Green and Jordans are going to be busy places to live in May and we are delighted to have so many exciting and interesting events to publicise in the May magazine. We have some new contributors this month and we hope that you enjoy reading their contributions too.

Seer Green and Jordans Parish magazine.

The cost of each copy is £2 but £1.50 a copy (£15 a year) if you subscribe. Please email editorseergreen@gmail.com and just ask to subscribe. We will sort the rest.

With best wishes Sue Puttergill, Carol Wright and Jill Moody

The Editors

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **June** issue to: editorseergreen@gmail.com by **7 May 2024**. Diary dates for the next two or three months would be very welcome.

Articles should be **300 words max** and in WORD (.doc or .docx format) and photos should be jpeg format, preferably 300 dpi.

Please note any items submitted may be edited for space, content or style.

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Holy Trinity Services in May

- 5 May 10am Traditional Holy Communion Service with organ
- 9 May **Ascension Day**
10.30am Midweek Communion
- 12 May **Pentecost**
8am BCP Communion Service
10am Morning Praise
- 19 May 10am Holy Communion Service
Families @ 3:30pm
- 26 May 8am BCP Communion Service
10am Traditional Morning Praise with organ

For information about activities for children and families, please contact Janna Holder on 07764 490960.

The Easter Egg hunt

On Easter Saturday families were hopping and skipping (or the younger ones were) all around the village collecting eggs. Janna Holder, Holy Trinity Children and Families worker, had organised the most wonderful Easter egg hunt. Thanks Janna.

This is one of Dominique Collins' photos of her children enjoying the Easter Egg hunt.



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seergreenandjordanscofe.org and scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.

Or go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/4hx7cyzx>

Or 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 07342 652707 or chardyseergreen@aol.com





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Campaigning for change

Responding to humanitarian emergencies

Helping people claim the services and rights



Did you contribute a pew?

You may have seen the pictures of the Maundy Thursday Supper held in the church just before Easter. To create the space for the event, required wholesale moving of all the pews taking considerable effort and time. To allow much more flexibility to host such events, we have applied to remove 8 Pews permanently, leaving some 12 in place. The current pews have been in the church since the 90's and each has a plaque to note the contribution of people in the village when they were replaced. We are therefore asking if anyone would like any pew related to their family to be one of those retained. To make a request, please email janelle_stevenson@yahoo.com with your name and we will make sure your family pew is kept. For all the pews to be removed, we do intend to remove the plaques and place them on a purpose made wooden panel so as not to lose the memory.

There are wider plans to improve the church interior to make it more flexible and replace ageing elements such as the heating and possibly the roof. As these plans begin to take shape, we will ensure the details are communicated.

Tom Allen - Deputy Church Warden

Contact us

Holy Trinity website www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org

Church Wardens and General Enquiries Janine Dunnell 07525 322955

Memory Partners Tai chi café

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For more information contact Kia

07709 201316 goodwin.kpr@gmail.com



Memory Partners

Also at

Totteridge Community Centre High Wycombe HP13 6UG

Thurs. 10.50 – 11.50

Further details from Sue

01494 532088

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Research shows that everyone can benefit from doing tai chi. There are many health benefits: physical, emotional, social and cognitive. Memory Partners is a charity which aims to spread these benefits widely to older adults. Donations are used to train more instructors. We especially welcome people with long-term health conditions to the café. Everyone breathes. Tai chi promotes health and wellbeing by helping you to breathe better.

Jordans Music Club

81st Summer Festival 2024

Jubilee Hall, Seer Green, HP9 2QJ
near Beaconsfield at 7.30pm

We are delighted to announce four live concerts this summer in our usual venue of the Jubilee Hall. Come and enjoy a glass of wine along with some fine music from musicians of international calibre without high prices or the need to travel into London.



Sunday 2 June – Chiaroscuro Quartet (strings)

Formed in 2005 and dubbed 'a trailblazer for the authentic performance of high classical music' in Gramophone, this international ensemble performs music of the Classical and early Romantic periods on gut strings and with historical bows.

Haydn - Quartet in C major, Op. 33 No. 3 'The Bird'

Beethoven - Quartet in E minor, Op.59 No.2 'Razumovsky'

Mozart - Divertimento in F major, K.138

Beethoven - Quartet in C major, Op. 59 No.3 'Razumovsky'



Sunday 16 June – Ensemble 360 (wind and strings)

For our second concert we welcome back Ensemble 360, a versatile and unique group of musicians, equally at home in the classics of chamber music as in more diverse and eclectic programming.

Stanford - Fantasy No 1 for Clarinet and String Quartet

Ireland - Sextet for Clarinet, Horn and String Quartet

Clarke - Two Pieces for Viola and Cello

Brahms - Clarinet Quintet in B Minor, Op. 115

Toddlers In The Woods

Toddlers In The Woods thrives! Getting outside in the wonderful Crutches Wood in Jordans first thing on a Friday morning is a truly uplifting and energising experience whatever the weather. A wonderful way for young families to connect, a wonderful setting for young children to play.

How we benefit from the amazing woodland dens that we have built under the amazing guidance and



Tickets: Adult £25, Under 18s go free, Season Ticket £85 (booking fee applies)

Online booking

www.ticketsource.co.uk/jordansmusicclub

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Ticketsource: 0333 666 3366

help of villagers over the past years. One a brilliant home to our mud kitchen, the other a cosy space to gather in and enjoy playing with our assorted furry woodland animals and toys.

The exceptional wind and rain during this winter has sadly taken its toll and our 2 dens are in urgent need of refurbishment.

I INVITE YOU to join us in the Centenary Clearing, Crutches Wood, Jordans on the May Bank Holiday, Monday 6 May at 4pm for food and fun - and help with den refurbishment too!

Craft activities for the children and lots of equipment out to encourage woodland play.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Ali Cork

Please bring cash as well as cards



FAIRY TALE Fête

11th May, 11am - 1.30pm
Jubilee Hall, Seer Green

What's on :

- Meet and pet Shetland 'unicorns' from The Pony Planet
- Woodland crafts in Enchanted Forest School
- Singalong stories with Mummy Bear and Goldilocks
- Hair braiding, hair tinsel and face glitter
- Stalls, crafts and games including ruby slipper wanging
- Free 'magic' Rapunzel flower seeds to take home
- Fairy tale-themed fancy dress competition (for children of all ages)
- Bouncy castle

Mr Wolf's BBQ Shack :

- Pulled pork rolls and sweet treats
- Kids' lunch boxes
- Artisan coffee and tea
- Tinkerbellinis, beer and soft drinks

Timings :

- 11am - Doors
- 1pm - Unicorn hobby horse racing
- 1.15pm - Fancy dress parade and judging
- 1.30pm - Closing performance by the children of Seer Green Pre-School

£2 donation on the door, under-12s free

Email chair.seer.green.preschool@gmail.com to find out more

All proceeds go to Seer Green Pre-School, Registered Charity No. 1026054

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From the Allotments

SATURDAY 11 MAY 10-12 ALLOTMENT PLANT SALE with cake, tea and coffee - mostly £1, so please bring easy cash.

Free advice from the motley crew of the Seer Green Allotment Association.



Mayday Mayday Mayday

Not a distress call - that comes from the french M'aidez, help me. May Day, the first of May (old calendar 12-14!) represents the beginning of summer, a time of fruitfulness. One of the few pagan festivals not subsumed into the Christian calendar, the Celts called it Beltane.

A rare day off for workers on the land and given over to much celebration. It was later taken over by workers of the world campaigning for better hours and conditions at work.

Whether you celebrate Mayday by dancing round a maypole, quaffing ale, marching under a trade union banner, working your plot or resting at home, it heralds the beginning of much activity of a horticultural nature. Here on the allotment site we hope to have finished planting the planned and prepared hawthorn hedge section of the perimeter along the rec as pictured. Good work by all those involved. A secure boundary in the making and somewhere for birds and other wildlife to shelter. Hedges make great boundaries folks!

Sow your cucumbers in March

You will need neither bag nor sack

Sow them in April, you will have a few

I will sow mine in May,

And I will have more than you! (Old Guernseyman saying)

Charlotte Baggins from the allotments.

The New Jordans Village Hall

By the time you read this, the trustees Jordans Village Hall Trust (JVHT) and Clews Architects will have delivered the plans for the NEW JORDANS VILLAGE HALL to the Village and all with a close connection to/involvement with our village of Jordans.

The future of the Village Hall, a replacement for the present hall built as a temporary structure way back in 1919 during the start of the building programme for the village of Jordans, is little but exciting.

A community asset beyond compare, the home to Jordans Village Nursery School and offering an additional community space that can be used at all times during the day as well as evening. The up-to-date construction will enable all the numerous activities happening in the Village Hall run with ease, a lot less expense and a great deal more enjoyment too!

The appearance will be stunning with a glass frontage facing south allowing the building to be bathed in natural light. A state-of-the-art kitchen, more than adequate facilities and storage too. A hall with great acoustics enhancing musical events with the sound of the splendid Yamaha grand piano (gifted through the Mel Nash endowment fund in 2019) heard at its best.

A legacy for the future of our Nursery School and all the events that now, and those destined to appear in the future, will undoubtedly benefit from. An exciting venture indeed!

Photographs of the NEW JORDANS VILLAGE HALL will be posted in the June issue of 'Community News.' Watch this space!

Ali Cork - Chair JVHT

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Our Living Village: Love Exploring - now in Seer Green and Jordans

In July 2023 Buckinghamshire Council Public Health announced their partnership with the Love Exploring mobile App, launching an initiative to get residents more active by encouraging the exploration of their local area. Ourlivingvillage.org have now also joined this initiative, making our ever-popular heritage themed walks available through this user-friendly platform.

The app is completely free and is available for anyone to download and use. It puts the power of exploration into your hands by providing a range of discovery games and self-guided tours that are fun and free, turning a pleasant stroll into an interesting and informative walk. The range of activities are suitable for all ages, and by taking part you are increasing activity levels without even realising it.

If you have enjoyed reading one of our walks on ourlivingvillage.org but found there is too much information, or if you haven't yet got around to following the trail because you want a more accessible format, then this might just be for you! Initially, we have uploaded versions of the Seer Green Heritage Trail and the new Jordans Heritage Trail. Coming soon will be a trail exploring the history

and heritage of Hodgemoor Woods, and in the longer-term we hope to make treasure hunt quizzes and games available.

So, if you like being outdoors, or are looking for free stuff to entertain children, then with the weather improving and days lengthening, what are you waiting for? Download the app and get exploring – you know you want to!

Meanwhile, if you want to get involved with understanding and documenting our heritage, or have ideas to share, please contact us.

Nigel Rothwell - ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com www.ourlivingvillage.org

Download the Love Exploring app from wherever you usually source your apps.



Image © Bucks Council

Seer Green Gardeners

Hopefully you enjoyed the floral, edible and crafty exhibits at the April Spring Show. Next up is a busy weekend **11-12 May**:

Bring and Buy plant sales

If you've been lifting and dividing plants or raising seedlings over recent weeks, perhaps you have a few spare plants? Sharing these helps others to increase diversity in their gardens and save some cash.

Saturday 11 Jordans Village Green

Plant donations from 9am; sale starts at 11am and sells out fast!

Sunday 12 Baptist Church car park

Bring plant donations from 1.30pm. Sale starts at 2pm. Tea and cakes in the Baptist Hall. 2-5pm



Open Gardens in Seer Green and Jordans

Details and map on the website

Big thanks to Seer Green Scouts for delivering our 2024 brochure to all Seer Green addresses. Please keep it for reference through the year or contact us if you'd like another.

Surplus tools for a good cause

We've recently refreshed our contact with the lovely Workaid charity in Chesham. They refurbish donated tools which they pass on to training centres and self-help organisations working to develop skills and knowledge needed by young people to find gainful employment or start their own business. If you have spare garden or DIY tools that you'd like to find a good home for, please contact Sally on 07710 175448

Ideas for helping wildlife

- Grow flowers to provide nectar and pollen for endangered bumble and solitary bees.
- Leave patches of earth in sunny spots to help ground-nesting bees

- Froglets emerge this month; saved from the lawn mower, they help reduce the slug population!
- Other May-time gardening hints
- Plant runner beans, tomatoes, herbs, beetroot etc. amongst your flowers.
- If shopping for plants, shop locally. Davies Bros in Burnham and The Plant Specialist in Great Missenden raise some or all of the plants that they sell. And on our doorsteps, Rowan in Gorelands Lane and Yaldens at Three Households cover other needs with minimal CO2 emissions.

Sally Ash - seergreengardeners@gmail.com
www.seergreengardeners.org

Chalfont St Giles and Jordans Literary festival 7-19 May

Have a look at the programme online at www.chalfontstgilesliteraryfestival.org.uk and on paper in the library and shops in the villages. Clive Myrie 'Everything is Everything', Her Honour Wendy Joseph KC talking about Unlawful killings and Dr Pat Morris 'The secret lives of hedgehogs' are just a few of the events on offer.



Coffee Shop

A meeting place for the community



Monday Mornings
10.30am to 12.00noon
Seer Green Baptist Church

8 O'Clock Club

Whilst a significant amount has been unearthed as regards the male role in clandestine Intelligence operations, much less has been imparted as to the role women played in this sphere of work.



Photo: Edith Cavell

Researcher Helen Fry decided to investigate further. What she found was a significant number of exceptionally brave women operating within the Armed Services and across civilian life, very often behind enemy Lines. Helen's research has led her to prove beyond doubt that Edith Cavell was a Spy Master run by MI5, recruiting and establishing Agents independent of her Nursing profession. Operating in WWI, it was her legacy that inspired women in WWII.

Whilst the roles for women as secretaries, typists, clerks, in the Armed Services provided innocuous cover, their actual roles were often very different. Similarly, civilian women in occupied countries didn't arouse suspicion as they went about their daily business buying

provisions to feed their families, but they would have done had the enemy known about the titbits of intelligence information hidden amongst the bread and potatoes.

Women's Intelligence roles were vital; from those in Belgium who sat and knitted coded Troop movement information into seemingly ordinary scarves and jumpers for analysis in France by British Intelligence, to MI9 running the first female Naval Intelligence interrogators out of Buckinghamshire's Latimer House and Wilton Park.

In her twenties WAAF Babington Smith was heading-up a Section analysing photographic

air-reconnaissance material at Danesfield House, Medmenham.

The importance of SOE operative Mary Miske, can only be imagined. She was the only woman known to have been swapped as a Spy during WWII.

"Women in Intelligence: the Hidden History of Two World Wars":

May 9 (note 2nd Thursday) 'Animal Architecture' by John Tyler - a look at the ingenious and often bizarre structures which animals build for themselves.

Cost £4 (cash) with tea/coffee included. All welcome.

Elizabeth Lee

Rotary donations

On Friday 22 March the President of Jordans and District Rotary Club presented a cheque of £300 to the Seer Green Scout Group from the street collection made by Father Christmas in December and also from the money raised at the Seer Green Santa Dash. The money will be used to pay for the new scarves designed by the scout group for all the members of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The colours represent the old gold scarves and the red of the cherries in the history of Seer Green.

There will be a further presentation of £300 to the Seer Green School PTA next term, from the same collections, and this has been

earmarked to renovate the school pond.

At our dinner meeting in May we have a speaker Beth Rogers who will be speaking on The John Hampden Society. Should anybody like to come to hear her talk you would be very welcome please contact Jenny Owen 07707386415.

The dinner is at Beaconsfield Golf Club on Monday **13 May** 7pm for 7.30pm.

Jenny Owen

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See behind the scenes of local art

Artists of HP9 Art Trail, **18 - 19 May**, 10am - 5pm

Artists often work behind closed doors and can struggle to get their work seen, and organising an event like this is a great opportunity to show off the results of their hard work and meet interested people from near and far. Local sculptor, Sarah Allen (@sculptureintheround) one of the founder organisers of this new group, will be opening her studio and The Jolly Cricketers has offered sponsorship to help this fledgeling event get off the ground. Nic Weavers (@absolutelyhanging) is joining with an exhibition of her contemporary artwork in the Three Horsehoes. We hope you'll visit us and take the opportunity to find the other participating local artists in Beaconsfield offering a wonderful array of abstract and contemporary art, jewellery and ceramics.

The Art Trail map is available online (leaflets should start showing up in the village from the start of May) there will be a warm welcome at each venue and a Prize Draw for those who attend and get stamped at at least 7 venues.

The Artists of HP9 plan a pop-up exhibition together in September and hope both events will become an annual part of the Art Calendar locally.

Follow us on instagram [@hp9artists](https://www.instagram.com/hp9artists). For details of the Art Trail and more please see www.artistsofhp9.co.uk or email hp9artists@gmail.com.

Sarah Allen



Magnolias by Nicola Weavers



The swimmer by Sarah Allen

Jordans Picture House

Our season finishes on Friday **May 10** with our annual general meeting at which we will be announcing the results of YOUR vote for the films to be selected for the new season starting in September 2024.

Doors open at 7.15pm and the AGM starts at 8.00pm.

Followed by a screening of "A Bunch of Amateurs".

A Bunch of Amateurs (Documentary)

Cast: Colin Eggelstone; Harry Nicholls; Joe Ogden. Director: Kim Hopkin

Bradford Moviemakers is one of the oldest film-making clubs in the world. Once a thriving community, these days the membership is dwindling and the group struggles to keep the wolf from the door.



How to buy tickets

(Adults £8.00, U15s £5)

Online: Go to www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk

See "Programme and Buying Tickets"

Jordans Box Office: Alan Sealy

alan@janetsealypartnership.com 01494 873205

Seer Green Box Office: Gill Pettman

gillyp4@btinternet.com 01494 678050

Jordans Picture House Committee



John Hegley at Milton's Cottage



National treasure **John Hegley** - poet, comedian and musician – is performing live at **Milton's Cottage** in Chalfont St Giles on Thursday 16 May.

The very intimate show is brought to you by Paul Waters and Stevyn Colgan of the award-winning **We'd Like A Word** podcast. Like a good deed in a naughty world, the scandalously talented, Edinburgh Fringe and BBC Radio 4 favourite, John Hegley, will perform for your pleasure and answer questions from a select audience – with musical support on keyboard from Clare Elstow.

Drinks (included) at 7pm. Show starts 7.30pm. The event will be recorded for later broadcast

on We'd Like A Word (available wherever you get your podcasts).

Each ticket sold will raise money to support Milton's Cottage Museum, where John Milton wrote his epic poem, Paradise Lost.

Limited parking available via the lane beside the cottage. Milton's Cottage is a wonderful Grade 1 listed building dating from the 1500s, so accessibility is not ideal. Tickets £20 via Eventbrite – just search John Hegley and Chalfont St Giles – or via the What's On page on the Milton's Cottage website.

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Monica Sado



Photo by Neal Smith - West Green House garden

A dangerous career in films

Eddie Collins lives in Seer Green and wrote this piece for Community News.

The director and I were sitting on top of a huge boulder in the Arizona desert. Two feet in front of us was a coiled rattlesnake dozing in the heat. The script called for an extreme close up of a rattlesnake, angry and spitting venom.



Below us, surrounding the boulder were the rest of the crew as well as a specialist animal wrangler from Hollywood who had brought the rattlesnake with him for the television commercial we were shooting. The animal wrangler was holding a 3 metre long

bamboo stick. Tied at the end was a thin piece of leather. The director said 'OK, make it angry'. The wrangler gave the snake a little crack of his whip and the snake stirred. 'Angrier! Angrier!' The director shouted. Two more cracks of the whip and the snake reared its head high. 'More! More!' The director screamed. More cracks of the whip followed. The snake was now getting very annoyed. Its tail came up and started to waggle and I knew then why it's called a rattlesnake. Its wagging tail was creating a rattling sound.

I switched on the camera and we started filming. I should mention now that this was in the mid 1980's. Long before health and safety concerns for animals and people were introduced. Just prior to shooting this scene, the wrangler told me that he had no anti snake serum with him and if the snake bit, you had about 3 hours to get to a hospital. We were in the middle of nowhere. He also told me that the snake could strike about half his length. It was 3 feet long and the camera and I were now 21 inches away. Because of the heat I was dressed in flip flops, shorts and a T-shirt. I don't mind admitting, I was very, very scared.

Now the snake's eyes were focused on the camera. His fangs were bared and his forked tongue was spitting at me. I was getting the shot. The director screamed again, "More, I want more." The wrangler duly complied with another couple of cracks of his whip. It was at this point that the snake decided he'd had enough.

It suddenly sprang into the air. There was a frozen moment when the snake was in mid-air, the crew were looking up at this snake and then suddenly realised it was going to land amongst them. Panic! They rushed to get into the nearest vehicle. The snake landed on the stony, sandy soil and slithered away. The director told the wrangler to go and find the snake because he 'wasn't finished filming yet'.

Fortunately, the wrangler never found the snake. The light was going and we wrapped up for the day.

This was one of several hazardous, bizarre situations I found myself in after a career spanning fifty years in the film industry. I'd worked on almost a hundred movies and hundreds of tv commercials .

You can still view the tv commercial on Youtube, link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVTARPOrIU0>

Incidentally the close up of the snake never made it into the final edit of the tv commercial.

Eddie Collins



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Dates for your diary

7-19 May	Chalfont St Giles & Jordans Literary Festival
Thursday 9 May 8pm	8 O’Clock Club - Animal Architecture by John Tyler
Friday 10 May 7.15pm for 8pm	Jordans Picture House AGM & A Bunch of Amateurs film
Saturday 11 May 10am-12noon	Allotments Plant Sale
Saturday 11 May 11am-1pm	Jordans Horticultural Society Plant Sale
Saturday 11 May 11am-1.30pm	Pre-School Fairy Tale Fete
Sunday 12 May 2pm-6pm	Seer Green/Jordans Open Gardens
Sunday 12 May 2pm-5pm	Seer Green Gardeners Plant Sale
Saturday 18 May 12pm-3pm	Jordans School 80th Birthday Bluebell Fair
Sunday 2 June 19.30	Jordans Music Club Chiaroscuro Quartet (strings)
5-8 June 7.45pm	Chiltern Shakespeare Company/Fourways The Comedy of Errors
Thursday 6 June 8pm	8 O’Clock Club - My Life in Broadcasting’ by Paul Barwick – Retired Met. Detective
Saturday 8 June 1.45pm	Chiltern Shakespeare Company/Fourways The Comedy of Errors
12-15 June 7.45pm	Chiltern Shakespeare Company/Fourways The Comedy of Errors
Saturday 15 June 1.45pm	Chiltern Shakespeare Company/Fourways The Comedy of Errors
Sunday 16 June 19.30	Jordans Music Club Ensemble 360 (wind and strings)

Janet’s good reads



Janet Stewart used to be involved with Gerrards Cross bookshop and is an avid reader. She writes these reviews for us which are often used by book clubs in the area to inspire their reading. This is Janet’s recommendation for May

The Lost Bookshop – Evie Woods

There is a new (to me) genre of fiction, magical realism, which is becoming hugely popular, and this book is one of the most read examples of it.

This is not my normal genre of choice, and I wasn’t sure when I approached it that it was for me.

Obviously the bookshop element was perfect to pique my interest , throw in a mystery and some history – why not?

The book starts in the 1920’s with a wonderful woman called Opaline Carlisle being instilled with a love of books by her father, rejecting the traditional path of marriage and escaping to become a book dealer. Jump to the present day and meet Martha, escaping an abusive marriage, who meets Henry a Phd student looking for a lost manuscript. The storyline moves smoothly between the stories of Martha and Opaline, with mysterious parallels occurring that suggest the lives of our heroines may be connected. There is also an unusual mystery involving a disappearing bookshop, magical tattoos and a tree with a life of its own.

Lots of literary references from the Brontes to Sally Rooney are also cleverly used.

So...in conclusion...a good, easy read which if you get into the magical/fantasy element is a great escapist tale. I’m still not convinced that the genre is for me, but I can definitely see that it is a growing one. Why not give it a go and see if it’s for you?

Janet Stewart

Jordans residents teach English to Ukrainian refugees

In March 2022 a Ukrainian family consisting of mother, daughter and son moved into our village of Jordans having escaped the Russian onslaught from just over the border. Although the daughter's English was very good, the mother needed a lot of help to master conversational English. I volunteered to help them twice a week.

The Hub in Chalfont St Peter was doing a fantastic job using the TEFL system (Teach English as a Foreign Language) with more than 70 Ukrainian students. Through this network I offered additional conversational lessons.

Nowadays, a team of five of us teach almost every day in cafes in Chalfont St. Peter and Gerrards Cross, on Zoom and 1-1.

For the most part the Ukrainians we teach are professional people, lawyers, accountants and engineers. They would love to practise their professions but often their English is not good enough. They work extremely hard to improve their language skills practising several hours each day using on-line teaching, classes and YouTube.

The families are sadly split up still with the husbands having to remain in Ukraine the wives and children here. The stories of death and destruction



Photo: A recent day trip to Brighton. Gordon Hamme with Tatiana, Varya, Nadia and Olesya.

are heart breaking. These folk are desperate to go home, once it is safe, but the missiles arrive daily. Several of our students are planning to stay in the UK and are considering their next steps. But they must reach higher levels of English skills. They find they improve their pronunciation and vocabulary best with 1-1 conversations with English people.

We provide relevant articles and 'Headway' teaching literature to our students. But they are most hungry for conversational practice. If you would like to join our team please contact me, Gordon Hamme: gordon@hamme.co.uk or 07956 865423

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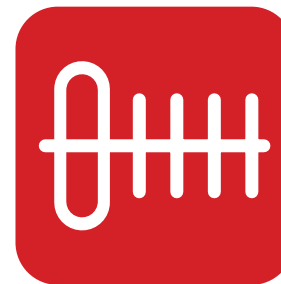
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