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Seer Green
& Jordans

October 2021



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and One Can
Food Bank**

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From the Editors

The process of finding a new rector continues apace, and we welcome a new Baptist minister. With the relaxation of lockdown rules we're finally seeing the return of societies and events, such as the Eight O'Clock Club, the Jolly Quaker, Jordans

Picture House and live theatre in Beaconsfield and Hall Barn. And please take the advice of Trading Standards and avoid scams!

Phil Moody, Sue Puttergill and Carol Wright

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Thought for the Month



I recently enjoyed a lovely holiday with friends in Devon. During this holiday, we went to Overbecks, a National Trust property which overlooks the Salcombe estuary and boasts sub-tropical gardens and unusual plants from all round the globe. As I visited with a 6 and 2-year-old, we enjoyed doing their children's activity pack as we wandered round. At the end of our visit the boys were given a prize for taking part in the activities: a packet of seeds. The National Trust volunteer said that they were palm seeds, which she said, "can take up to 12 months to start to grow!"

I don't know about you, but I'm not sure my patience is that good. I struggle keeping my 'spud in a bucket' alive for 7 months, and at least I can see it growing - but to invest in keeping something alive for a year, without seeing any evidence of its growth, seemed rather challenging for me as an adult, let alone expecting a 6-year-old to manage it. However, that said, the children excitedly took the seeds and will plant them at home. I'll wait patiently to see if anything starts to grow by next summer.

Patience is often written about in the Bible, with Paul writing about clothing yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These all sound like good things to me!

As we reach the month traditionally associated with harvest, we remember the patience, care, and attention that farmers put into their fields in order to produce their crops each year. We give thanks for the food that we can enjoy, but also remember those who don't have enough to eat. Find inside this magazine how you can get involved with our One Can Harvest Appeal this year.

Janna Holder



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Church news



September started off with lots of tea parties. On Saturday 4, Mares Farm invited members of Holy Trinity to come and see what they do, and for afternoon tea. This was to show their appreciation for the support they receive as one of our charities.

On Sunday 5, Paul and Alison Bosson were commissioned for their work in Uganda. The 'Fab Four' of Louise Gilbertson, Cassa Messervy, Andrew McCausland and Steve Gaukroger led the wonderful joint service of the Baptist Church and Holy Trinity to commission them for their work, and to pray for them. It was a lovely summer day so the two congregations and family and friends of Paul and Alison could enjoy tea and cakes in the car park.



Alison and Paul Bosson (centre) at their commissioning service.

And then on Sunday 12, there was an afternoon tea for Cassa, Myles, Mia, Roisin and Caitlyn to say a 'proper' in-person farewell to them, but also for the Holy Trinity church family to come together. It was relaxed and happy occasion for all including the youngest - who was only 5 days old!



On Monday 6, Jane and Janine were formally confirmed by the Associate Archdeacon, Chris Bull, as church wardens at a service at St James, Gerrards Cross, with church wardens from other local churches.

The advertisement for the new rector for the Benefice (a permanent Church appointment with accommodation and income) of Chalfont St Giles and Seer Green & Jordans closed at the end of September, and the candidates have been short-listed. They will be interviewed on 13 October by representatives from both parishes, and representatives from the Amersham Deanery and the Oxford Diocese. The candidates will each give a short sermon in Chalfont St Giles Church and lead a class assembly in the Seer Green Church of England School.

On **Sunday 3 October at 3pm**, we will have an All-Age Harvest Celebration, followed by tea and cake. All are welcome to this service, which will be led by Janna.

Jane Spoerry and Janine Dunnell – Church wardens

Greetings from the new Baptist Minister



Louise Gilbertson: new Minister at Seer Green Baptist Church

Hello. My name is Louise Gilbertson and I'm the new Minister at Seer Green Baptist Church. I arrived in the village at the beginning of August, along with Alasdair my husband and

our two grown up daughters. Since then, we've been unpacking boxes, exploring the village and meeting lots of new people.

We've moved from Chichester on the South Coast where I was a Minister in Training at Chichester Baptist Church and Spurgeon's Theological College in London, so I've only recently been ordained as a minister after a long career working in the NHS as an occupational therapist and life is now quite different.

I'm really excited to have joined the Baptist Church and I'm looking forward to becoming involved in the wider village community. If you see me around, do say hello, I'd love to meet you.

Rev. Louise Gilbertson

Our charities for October - One Can and UNHCR

This October, we have chosen two charities for Holy Trinity's Charity of the Month. As October traditionally includes our Harvest Festival, celebrated this year on **Sunday 3 October**, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods for One Can, one of Seer Green's favourite and well supported charities. One Can is a local food bank which provides food parcels to those in crisis in South Buckinghamshire.

Over the pandemic, food banks have been in more need than ever, and every donation helps.

We continue to have 4 drop off points in the village: **At the back of 5 Coat Wicks, Best One, 46 Orchard Rd and Walton House, Manor Crescent.**

Please contact Janet Stewart on 07740 857451 if you would like the up-to-date list of most required items.



Holy Trinity's Harvest Festival is on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd October 2021

Any tins, packets or fresh produce are welcome to be donated to One Can.

Please drop off during the week to 5 Coat Wicks, 46 Orchard Road, Walton House, Manor Crescent Best One or

at Holy Trinity on Saturday between 9am & 5pm or Sunday between 9am and 1pm

Harvest Festival Celebrations 3pm on Sunday 3rd October.

Further details will be released by Sunday 26th September. Please check our Facebook page or the church website for more information.

Our other charity is the UNHCR, The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. There are currently 14 countries that the UNHCR are working in, with Afghanistan being one of those experiencing a major humanitarian crisis.

Over half a million people have been displaced this year alone, with the majority being women and children.



Together with partners, UNHCR is committed to staying and delivering amidst the deteriorating situation and growing displacement. The initial emergency response is to protect the most vulnerable and assist newly displaced Afghans with life-saving shelter, food, water, and core relief items, both within Afghanistan and in neighbouring countries.

We hope you will join us in supporting these two charities which need our help now.

The online giving page for UNHCR is at: <https://tinyurl.com/4zryw2sn>.

Jane Spoerry

Holy Trinity Services and Events in October 2021

Sundays in October

- 3 Oct 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only
3pm Harvest Service (Please check Facebook & website for more information)
- 10 Oct 10am Holy Communion Service, in person and on YouTube
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
- 17 Oct 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only.
10am Morning Praise, in person and on YouTube.
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
- 24 Oct 10am Holy Communion, in person and on YouTube.
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
12.30 Baptism
- 31 Oct Holy Communion for All Saints Day
3pm All Souls Remembering Service (Please check Facebook and website for more information)

There are also 8am BCP Communion Services at Chalfont St Giles on 10, 24 & 31 October.

Weekdays in October

- Tues 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- Thurs 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom
11am Discussion group
- 30 Oct Light a candle to remember your loved one. The church will be open for anyone to light a candle to remember a loved one or put their names on the Remembering Tree.

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

www.youtube.com/c/holytrinitychurchseergreenandjords

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.

The church is open for private prayer on Tuesday, Thursday 9am-4pm and Sunday afternoon.



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Get ready for Autumn Fest

15 to 17 October

Falling leaves, misty mornings, hedgerows laden with berries ... it's autumn and the indomitable Seer Green Gardeners have created a special celebration of this most magical of seasons.

The Autumn Fest programme launches with another highly entertaining online talk from renowned botanist Timothy Walker and an optional autumn cocktail with our own Janet Stewart.

Live events include autumn bird watching with local expert Richard Tomlin, foraging in the woods with a professional forager and a Floristry Workshop with Rachel Gibson in aid of Cure Parkinsons Trust.

The main community event is the Autumn Bring and Buy Produce Fair

when you are invited to contribute home-grown or home-made produce, and then come along to browse and buy.

Autumn Fest was conceived by popular demand following the huge success of Spring Fest in April when so many people benefitted from being part of such a thriving creative community.

Once again we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy and we look forward to your continuing enthusiasm and support for Autumn Fest.

For full details of details of all events and how to book:

www.seergreengardeners.org

Fliss Coombs - Seer Green Gardeners



Spud in a Bucket breaks the record

The first post-Covid live event from the Seer Green Gardeners attracted a large crowd to the garden of the Jolly Cricketers for the climax of the annual Spud in a Bucket competition.

A hard-working team of bucket checkers lifted and sifted over 30 entries for weighing and Jill Moody's potatoes nearly broke the scales with an extraordinary weight of 4138 grams. Jill had been so disappointed by her results in the past that she took part in a Spring Fest tutorial from previous winner Josephine Rutherford-Lawson, who this year was beaten into second place by her own pupil!



Chair of Seer Green Gardeners Jane Smith said "We were especially delighted to see so many young potato growers taking part and to see the genuine excitement and joy that growing your own produce can inspire."

Seer Green Gardeners -
Seergreengardeners.org



Seer Green Gardeners

With weather patterns changing, we often get blue skies and plenty of sunshine well into October, so let's hope that happens this year after a warm but rather grey summer.

Autumn is always a busy time with lots of cutting back, clearing out and tidying up to prepare your garden for winter, as well as planting bulbs to enjoy next spring.

We have already been busy planning an exciting programme for Seer Green's first ever Autumn Fest from **15 to 17 October**. There should be something for everyone to enjoy: full details are on the website and we look forward to seeing you either in real life or online at one of the events.

- Jobs in the garden for October.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Cut back perennials that have died back.
- Lift or mulch dahlias before first frosts.
- Collect fallen leaves for composting.
- Cut back potted geraniums and fuchsias and put indoors or in the greenhouse.
- Divide mature rhubarb crowns to create new plants.



- Plant shallots, onions and garlic now for bigger bulbs next year.
- Cut raspberry canes down to the ground when they finish fruiting.
- Harvest quashes, pumpkins and tomatoes before first frosts.

Seer Green Gardeners - www.seergreengardeners.org

Lunch Club

Hurrah! Lunch Club is back.

September saw the happy return of Village Lunch Club, suspended in March 2020 due to the pandemic this long running village event has been sorely missed.

Open to all on the third Tuesday of the month lunch club takes place at the Baptist Hall in Wood Pond

Close. A delicious, freshly cooked meal comprising main course and pudding followed by tea or coffee is yours for just £6. Come at noon with your money, for lunch at 12.30. Both food and company are good and you don't have to wash up!

To join this happy band please book in for **Tuesday October 19** by phoning Gill Roberts on 677281 or email gill-roberts@live.co.uk so the worthy cooks know how much food to prepare.



Seer Green Allotment Association

Crop till we drop

It's the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, dew covered spiders' webs greeting the morning. While on our plots much activity, clearing out spent summer crops from the greenhouse, making sure we harvest the squash & pumpkins before the first frosts happen, cutting down foliage and mulching plants that lie dormant over winter. Meanwhile wildlife of all sorts finds spaces to bed down for the winter.

As we clear beds and build up compost heaps, we can recommence working parties after an eighteen month gap, where we work together on communal areas and it's a good opportunity for new allotmenters to meet old hands.

We had our AGM late this year, but it's a welcome change to meet together for real and award the winners of the best allotment tankard to Gina & Miklos Komscak; with "Commended" awarded to Celine Rich-Darley. With the autumn show cancelled for the second year running due to the pandemic it is good to be able to recognise their achievements and congratulate them heartily whilst we acknowledge the importance our allotment site has held for us all during this difficult time.

Charlotte Baggins



Jordans Picture House

Jordans Picture House is BACK!

Our Programme for October. BOOK NOW!

Jordans Picture House offers **three** films in October 2021.

On **Friday October 8** we shall be screening "Radioactive." Doors open at 7.15pm. This film came top in the Members voting and we are anticipating strong support.

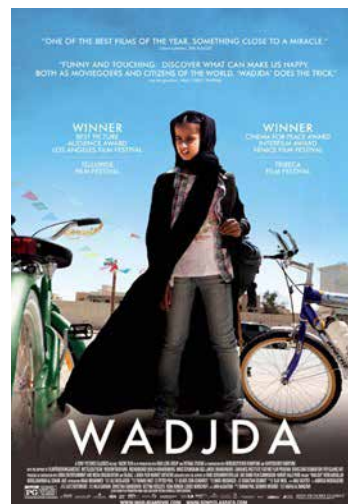
Radioactive (12A) 2019

Director: Marjane Satrapi

Cast: Rosamund Pike; Yvette Feuer; Mirjak Novak.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/fwr7u9j2>



On **Sunday afternoon October 10** we shall be screening "Wadja." Doors open at 3.15pm. The film has won 22 awards and has 34 nominations. It is an absolutely charming film and is highly recommended.

Wadja (PG) 2012

Director: Haifaa Al-Mansour.

Cast: Waad Mohammed, Reem Abdullah, Abdullrahman Al Gohani

An enterprising Saudi girl signs on for her school's Koran recitation competition as a way of raising the remaining funds she needs in order to buy the green bicycle that has captured her interest.

<https://tinyurl.com/t9dhynvp>



On **Tuesday October 19** we shall be screening "The Light Between Oceans." Doors open at 7.15pm. It is a deeply affecting movie with stand-out performances from the lead characters.

The Light Between Oceans (12A) 2016

Director: Derek Cianfrance.

Cast: Michael Fassbender; Alicia Vikander; Rachel Weisz.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/frfdfu2v>

How to buy tickets (cost £8)

Visit us online:

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

Email or call:

Jordans Box Office:

Alan Sealy - 01494 873205
alan@janetsealypartnership.com

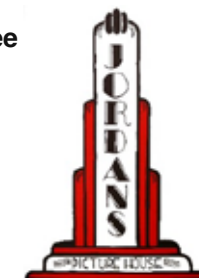
Seer Green Box Office:

Gill Pettman - 01494 678050
gillyp4@btinternet.com

NB. Please note that in order to speed up payments, we will be "cashless" both at the door for ticket payments and at the bar. We will be taking card payments only.

Jordans Picture House Committee

Lorraine Bristow;
Katy Brown;
Gill Pettman;
Alan Sealy;
Chris Waymouth



News from over the fields in Jordans

What a lot is now going on in our village, it is almost as if a 'jack in a box' has burst open and spilled its contents out into almost every aspect of village life.

The Plant and Produce Show held on the first Sunday of September gave our gardeners in the village the opportunity to show off their skills. The 'show' also gave the young children a chance to see what they could create using what they - or their mums and dads! - have grown and a variety of amazing creatures were to be seen!

The brand-new venture for the children of Seer Green and Jordans is 'Toddlers in the Woods'. At the outset of my teaching career I was told that all I had to do was keep

the children inside the classroom with the door shut. How alien is that now we appreciate the many benefits to children's development of being outside. Yes we will need to dress ourselves, and the children, appropriately when the cold weather sets in but that is not a hardship and the uplifting feeling having spent an hour in the open air is indescribable. Young children are innately curious about all in the natural world and the joy of seeing them explore and create using all that can be found right there in the woods is wonderful. Friendships can be formed while transfixed by a worm or a beetle and caring for living creatures, however small, can be learnt. TODDLERS IN THE WOODS is for all preschool children accompanied by a responsible adult.



It is hosted by Holy Trinity Church, Seer Green and Jordans, from 9.15 to 10.15 am every Friday during term, at the Centenary Clearing, Crutches Wood, Jordans, at a cost of £2.50 per session. You can contact Ali Cork on 07803 139079 or alicork686@gmail.com. Come along and join us!



The Jolly Quaker opened with a bang on the 3 September and how good it was to be back in the hall with

friends, drink in hand enjoying the relaxed atmosphere as well as the low prices. Thank you Francesca for taking over the landlord's role from Chris Waymouth, who after setting up the Jolly Quaker, served behind the bar for 6 years. Thank you Chris and thank you to Francesca. The Jolly Quaker will next be open for business on **Friday 1 October 7.30 – 11pm**.

The Village Sports Day and the first in a series of concerts in the Village Hall will have been and gone by the time you read this. Jordans Picture House will have reopened its doors too. What an abundance of life from this 'jack in a box' and how lucky we are in Jordans to have villagers prepared to invest time and effort into making our village an active community and not just a collection of houses.

Ali Cork

Films at Little Chalfont Library

There is no formal charge for attendance but a donation is requested.

Book in advance by ringing the library 01494 764602 during its open hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00am to 5.00pm; Thursday and Friday 10.00am to 1.00pm; Saturday 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Films and Dates

Military Wives

4 October Monday 2.30pm
6 October Wednesday 7.30pm
14 October Thursday 7.30pm

Ammonite

18 October Monday 2.30pm
19 October Tuesday 7.30pm
20 October Wednesday 7.30pm

Monica Sado

Janet's book reviews



Janet Stewart used to manage Gerrards Cross Book shop and is a keen reader. We are very grateful to her for these reviews.

Everything I Never Told You – Celeste Ng

When Lydia's body is pulled from the lake, the family shatters.

It's not easy being brought up in Ohio in 1970's with a Chinese father and blonde 'all American girl' mother with all their hopes and dreams depending on you.

Each sibling has their story to tell, Nathan, the older brother desperate to get away to college and Hannah, the youngest daughter, ignored by her parents but watchful of everything and then of course, Lydia struggling to be everything to everyone, but most of all, to fit in.

The first novel by the author of Little Fires Everywhere, is crafted perfectly, covering issues with a sense of sensitivity, calm and insight rather than hysteria and shock tactics.

Issues of racial tension are at the forefront, but the parents' high expectations and overwhelming love for their children show a careless cruelty.

This is a wonderfully perceptive, beautifully written novel.

Believe Me – JP Delaney

Wow – this is a great psychological thriller! Packed full of twists and turns, you genuinely don't know who to trust.

All Claire has ever wanted is to be an actor. A British girl in New York, unable to get a green card, she gets work entrapping straying husbands, using her acting skills to reel them in.



Her life changes when she meets Patrick, an academic, obsessed with the work of the sadomasochistic French poet Baudelaire, whilst employed by his wife. Claire fails to entrap Patrick and reports back, however the next day, his wife is found brutally murdered.

Claire is initially suspected, but then becomes involved with the police in attempting to prove that Patrick is the perpetrator or does she.....?

This is an absorbing, page turning thriller which will keep you guessing until the very end.

Warning: There are some sexually explicit scenes in keeping with the Baudelaire work "The Flowers of Evil".

Janet Stewart

Live theatre is back!

Beaconsfield Musical And Operatic Society are delighted to present FLASH, BANG, WALLOP! at 7.45pm on **Saturday 9 October** at the Curzon Centre, Maxwell Road, Beaconsfield. An evening of old favourites and new discoveries from the stage.

Tickets are available on the BMOS website at £10 per person or if you book a table of 8 it includes a bottle of wine!

Chiltern Shakespeare Company are delighted to announce that, after 2 years absence, they will be performing ROMEO AND JULIET next summer in the beautiful grounds of Hall Barn in Old Beaconsfield.

Performances will be at 8pm from **Wednesday 6 July to Saturday 9 July** and **Wednesday 13 to Saturday 16 July** with matinees at 2pm on the Saturdays.

The grounds will be open for 2 hours before each performance with the usual facilities available. More details nearer the time.

Please do come and support your local theatre.

Ann Wyllie - 01494 675023



Seer Green Eight O'Clock Club

I am pleased to announce that our meetings will re-commence from October as follows:

Thursday 7 October 8.00pm

'No Job For a Woman' - Recollections of the North West's First Immigration Officer

A return visit by Denise Beddows who is a well-known local author who writes under her maiden name DJ Kelly

This is a very interesting and well-presented talk.

Denise will have some of her books available for sale at the meeting

Thursday 4 November 8.00pm

'The Really Great Escape'

This is an account of the most successful war time escape which is not widely known about.

It has no connection to the film 'The Great Escape'

The speaker, Bernard Foot, discovered an interest in history due to his mother's Austrian heritage.

Meetings are held in Seer Green Baptist Church, Wood Pond Close, HP9 2XG

Each session costs £3

Please wear a mask. Windows in the Church will be open to increase ventilation, so please come prepared.

Thursday 25 November 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Christmas Meal

This will be a 2 course meal to be held at Beaconsfield Golf Club. Cost £27.50

For further details please contact Monica Sado - monica100seer@gmail.com or 01494 677851

We look forward to seeing you at meetings.

Monica Sado

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Tweet of the month - A bustle of Redwings

As summer mellows into autumn, and the rowans outside my house blaze with berries, I wait impatiently for the Redwings to arrive.

From Scandinavia and Russia, they fly 500 miles across the North Sea, a risky journey in rough weather or fog. Watchers on the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire coasts may see thousands of birds come at a time: some fall at their feet, too weary to be afraid. Birders with audio kit then listen for the 'seep seep' calls of huge flocks passing overhead at night, dispersing south. Others come from Iceland to winter in Ireland and Scotland.

The Redwing, *Turdus iliacus*, is like a smaller song thrush, but look for the pale eye stripe, which stands out even when its red-flushed flank is hidden. It sometimes flocks with the larger Fieldfare, handsome with grey head, black tail and chestnut back.

If you hear a bustle in a berry-laden hedgerow this month, it won't be Led Zeppelin's 'spring clean for the May Queen' - but it could be feasting Redwings. They are shy and subtle, vocalising softly, shuffling and flitting within and between hedgerow trees. You might hear a snatch of 'sub-song', a short murmur of notes, but the full song is saved for the breeding grounds of the north.



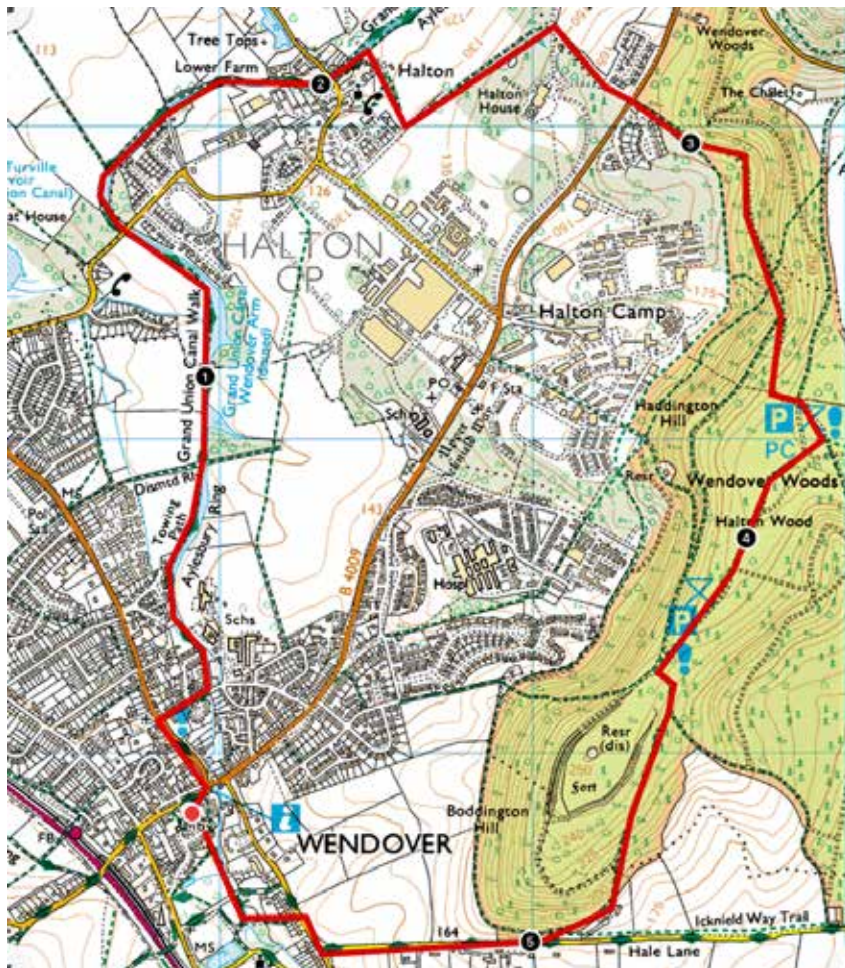
Last winter the Redwings didn't discover my rowans until December, but in November I was delighted to find them on the hollies in Green Wood. Later in the year, after they've had all the berries, they will scour the fallow fields for earthworms. I saw them last autumn south of Amersham near the HS2 works; in company with Fieldfares between Beaconsfield and Coleshill; and all winter in the fields and hedgerow trees between Seer Green and Jordans.

Redwing songs and calls:
<https://tinyurl.com/4ek7echc>

Nora Bennett



Wendover – canal and woods



A beautiful walk along a little known disused canal and through stunning woodland

Length: 6 miles

Start point: Wendover

Difficulty: Moderate

David Tryon has given us this description of a walk to enjoy in the autumn sunshine.

A bit further afield this month, but this is a varied and beautiful walk with just one longish hill up to the top of Wendover Woods. Start from the car park near the library in the centre of Wendover and head down the High Street and along the Aylesbury Road, taking the first road right through the houses. Just before a bridge turn left on a footpath which takes you down to a disused canal. This was built in the 1790s as the Wendover extension of the Grand Union but has not been used for about a century due to leakage of the water. However, it has now become a pretty nature reserve under the management of the Wendover Canal Trust, and it is possible to see many varieties of birds including Herons and Kingfishers.

Follow the canal for 1½ miles to Halton, where the towpath changes sides via a road bridge. Continue on the other bank for 100 metres to a bridge, then head right, away from the canal, into the grounds of RAF Halton. Turn left on the driveway and then right on a footpath and continue to the entrance at the main road. Cross the road and go up the hill into Wendover Woods, taking the left fork angling away from the boundary of the woods. You will eventually reach the Visitor Centre at the top of the hill, where there is a café if a short stop is desired. Afterwards, pass through the car parks and follow the paths marked on the map as you head generally south and downhill for a mile or so until you reach Hale Lane.

Turn right on the lane, and right again at a T junction at the bottom of the hill. After 50 metres, take a path to the left and then right on another path back to the library and the car park with several pubs available nearby in Wendover.

David Tryon

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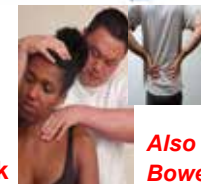
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