

# Your Parish MAGAZINE

What's on in  
Seer Green  
& Jordans  
September 2021



**Holy Trinity  
wins bronze**

**A new group -  
Toddlers in  
the woods**

**Autumn Fest**

**Relive the  
Battle of Britain**



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## From the Editors

September always brings a sense of new beginnings and this year we definitely have that. Activities are beginning to start up again and we have articles about new ventures too, Toddlers in the woods, Autumn Fest and the Community fridge.

We hope that you will enjoy Fliss Coombs' suggestion for a day out reliving the Battle of Britain and the news of Holy Trinity's bronze award and the wildlife survey.

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

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## Thought for the Month



September – the start of the academic year. For many children and young people it will mean returning to familiar schools or universities, but for others it will be the new experience of beginning school, going on to a new school or starting university. For all of them, there will be lots of new things to learn – some of them interesting, some challenging and some rather difficult. Whatever they learn, it will be of value for later life, both for gaining employment and for sparking interests which reach well beyond earning a living.

Many of us long since out of the formal education system, with the approach of the long winter months, may decide to take up a new learning challenge. This might be an evening or U3A class, learning a new hobby, learning more about an existing hobby, or perhaps just picking up all those books we've meant to read for years which will undoubtedly teach us something.

As a Christian, I find the most important continuing education is to learn a little more about Jesus every day. At home, I do this by reading my Bible. But the most satisfying way of learning more about God and the faith I believe in, is to join with others and to find out more together, both by listening to them and discussing our faith together. If you do not do so already, I invite you to join with us at Holy Trinity in our services and study groups to find out more about Jesus, whether in church or on-line. There's so much to learn and it's great to do it together.

Whatever you choose to study in 2021-2, may God bless your learning and give you the excitement of young children as you find out more.

**Linda West** - a member of the Holy Trinity team



## Church Events | News

### Holy Trinity Wins Bronze!



No, not an Olympic medal... Holy Trinity won the Bronze Eco Church award from A Rocha, in June 2021.

A Rocha ("The Rock") is a Christian organization engaging communities in nature conservation, founded in Portugal and established in countries around the world.

To win our award, Holy Trinity had to achieve points in five key areas:

1. Worship and teaching
2. Management of church buildings
3. Management of church land
4. Community and global engagement
5. Lifestyle

The process began with a Church of England - sponsored energy audit in 2019.

Since then we've:

- draft-proofed the church doors
- installed LED lights with more to come
- committed to using only eco-friendly cleaning products
- aimed to buy locally, e.g. the Jordans Community Store
- managed our churchyard to help wildlife by leaving some areas to grow naturally
- carried out a churchyard wildlife survey
- changed our energy contract to a 'green' supplier
- audited our utility bills and reduced unnecessary heating
- minimised printing and recycled all our paper
- celebrated our stewardship of God's Earth in our worship

The Bronze award puts Holy Trinity on the Eco Church map, along with more than 1,000 other UK churches, including our own benefice partner, Chalfont St Giles, also a Bronze winner.

We aren't resting on our laurels: we'll look for more ways to meet the challenge of climate change and biodiversity loss. In August we held a Climate Sunday service as part

of the national 'Churches Together' initiative; and we also signed the 'Time is Now' declaration which unites the Church of England, other faith groups, and UK charities in the 'Climate Coalition', calling for our government to lead the world in tackling climate change.

A Rocha: <https://arocha.org.uk/>

Climate Coalition 'The Time is Now': <https://tinyurl.com/yupmk244>

Climate Sunday: <https://www.climatesunday.org/>

Nora Bennett

### Church news

During the summer we were delighted to have two weddings and the first baptism since Covid lockdown in March 2020. The first wedding and the baptism were held under Covid restrictions, the second wedding with limited social distancing restrictions. Both weddings, each with nearly 60 guests, were live-streamed for those unable to travel or attend in person.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was on Zoom on 28 July and was chaired by the Deanery Lay chair, Laurence Tebbott. Jane and Janine have been re-elected as church wardens, one member of the PCC was re-elected, and one person stood down. We also appointed a new independent auditor; Karen Key has stepped down after supporting us for many years. We are truly grateful for all her professional support and guidance over the years.

As activities resume in and around the church, we need more volunteers to help support them. Could you help with opening and closing the church, leading prayers on a Sunday, or

managing the audio-visual equipment to live-stream Sunday services, weddings and baptisms, training will be given, and no experience is necessary. Please contact Jane or Janine if you would like to learn more about these opportunities or would like to help with something else entirely!

The advertisement for the vacancy of Rector of the Benefice of Chalfont St Giles, Seer Green and Jordans was placed at the end of August, and we eagerly wait to see who will be called to come and serve in our villages.

On **5 September at 3pm**, there will be a special joint service of Holy Trinity and the Baptist Church, in the Baptist Church. Cassa Messervy will be commissioning Paul and Alison Bosson for their work in Uganda for a period of 5 years. Steve Gaukroger will be preaching, and Andrew McCausland is also participating in the service. All are welcome to attend.

**Jane Spoerry and Janine Dunnell**  
- Church Wardens



## Church Calendar - September 2021

### Sundays in September

- 5 Sept 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only.  
There is no 10am service.  
3pm Joint Service at Seer Green Baptist Church
- 12 Sept 10am Holy Communion Service, in person and on YouTube.  
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
- 19 Sept 8am BCP Communion Service, in person only.  
10am Morning Praise, in person and on YouTube.  
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom
- 26 Sept 10am Holy Communion, in person and on YouTube.  
11am Coffee and a Chat on Zoom

*There are also 8am BCP Communion Services at Chalfont St Giles on 12 & 26 September.*

### Weekdays in September

- Tues 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- Thurs 9am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
11am Discussion group



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.*

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

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## Toddlers in the woods



Holy Trinity is supporting this toddler group which is to be held in The Centenary Clearing in Crutches Wood. Jordans Young children have a natural curiosity about the natural world and sadly it is our hurried lives that stop the development of this and propel our young into the indoor world of bought toys. Discovering the wonders of the natural world leads to so much including acquiring a responsibility for the world that we live in. In the group young children's need for physical activity will be encouraged and there will be activities to develop their balance and confidence. Of course there will also be areas simply to play in with

twigs, leaves and even, dare I say, heavy duty plastic dumper trucks and trailers to fill. Bug hunting will not be left out - a firm favourite for toddlers. We have all got used to being outside in inclement weather during the pandemic and as the cooler temperatures approach us we will all dress to keep warm and dry.

Toddlers in the Woods is open to everyone - there is no need to sign up. There will be a small charge of £2.50 per walking child payable in cash each week at The Clearing to cover incidental expenses. Toddlers in the Woods will take place every Friday morning during term time starting **Friday 10 September**. Each session will run from 9.15 - 10.15am. but you are welcome to come early or stay on in the woods afterwards. The start of each session will be signalled with a welcome song.

For more information contact  
Ali Cork 07803139079.

## Baptisms, weddings and funerals

### Weddings

- 26 June Karina Sidenius and Elliot Dobie  
21 July Caroline Copley and Jeremy King

### Baptism

- 18 July Leo Quiney

## Seer Green church couple off to Uganda



After nearly 18 months of waiting, we are set to start our work in Uganda in late September. At the end of July, President Museveni announced an easing of the lockdown that had been in place since the middle of June to stem another Covid wave. The new rules mean that travel is now possible in Kampala so that we will be able to get around the city by car.

We will be going to Uganda with Clarion Trust International, the charity run by Revd Stephen Gaukroger who has given talks in Seer Green. They will second us to various Christian charities. Both of us will be attached to a charity called CRANE which organises care for poor and vulnerable children where Alison will be the Medical Advisor and Paul the Business Advisor. Alison will also work as a GP and counsellor, having recently completed a certificate in Christian counselling, at the AIM Tumaini clinic which serves

missionaries and people working with NGOs on the “frontline” including those working in the refugee camps in Northern Uganda.

Paul hopes to teach at a Christian university in Kampala which trains bright, young Ugandans to develop and run technology businesses, as well as teaching at a theological college where he will be able to deploy his recent theological studies. He will also be working with the Bible Society of Uganda having recently been a trustee of the British Bible Society.

We have found an apartment in the centre of Kampala which we will use as our base. We have some experience of living in Africa, having worked in rural Zambia in 1990. However, living in a busy city and learning a new culture and getting to know people will take our time and energy initially. We pray that we will be able to use our experience and skills to support the various organisations we will be working with.

Our commissioning service is at 3.00pm on 5 September at Seer Green Baptist Church and we would love you to join us as we commit our time and service in Uganda to God. We look forward to seeing you then.

**Paul & Alison Bosson**

## Our charity for September - Kisiizi Hospital

Our Charity of the Month for September is Kisiizi Hospital and School of Nursing, Uganda. Situated in a beautiful but remote valley in the south-west corner of the country, Kisiizi Hospital was founded in 1958 by Dr John and Mrs Doreen Sharpe under the aegis of the Church of Uganda. It serves a wide area of hand-to-mouth subsistence farming, providing a full range of medical services for typically over 8,000 admissions a year and twice that number of out-patients. Graduates from its School of Nursing serve throughout Uganda and elsewhere.

Fees are charged where possible, often financed by its own local insurance scheme, but in this very poor area no one is ever turned away for lack of funds. Otherwise the work is largely dependent on charitable donations, in the UK organised through Kisiizi Partners, based in Reading, who in normal times run an annual Kisiizi Friends' Day.

These are not normal times. Uganda is only now experiencing the full flood of Covid cases for which Kisiizi, like our own NHS, has had to make expensive provision while tourism – a major source of its finance – is at a standstill. This follows a devastating flood a year ago which temporarily interrupted the electricity supplied by its generator under the famous Kisiizi Falls. All staff have accepted a temporary 25% cut in pay.

Further information, requests for regular up-dates and details for giving on line may be found at <http://www.kisiizipartners.org.uk/> Cash or cheques (payable to Seer Green PCC) may be taken or sent to our treasurer, Mrs Audrey Hardy, 58 Chalfont Road, marking your envelope 'Kisiizi'.



In the words of the Kisiizi Management Committee, “Thank you for standing with us through these challenges so that we can continue to share Life in all its Fullness with our patients, attendants, staff and community.”

**Geoffrey Brand**



## Wildlife detectives spot over 100 suspects

What do Pale Yellow-Eyed Grass, Fox & Cubs, Knapweed, the Garden Snail and the Sailor Beetle have in common?

**Answer:** Along with 98 other plant and animal species, they were discovered hiding out in Holy Trinity churchyard.

Readers may have noticed that this summer, our churchyard got a little wilder than usual, with flowers blossoming and meadow grasses billowing. This gave us the chance to take part in 'Churches Count on Nature', a special 'citizen science' partnership between the Church of England, the Church of Wales, A Rocha and Caring for God's Acre, a Christian charity focusing on churchyard heritage.



*Fox & cubs (Pilosella aurantiaca)*

Until 1848 when Holy Trinity church was built, the land surrounding it was the village green. It has probably never been cultivated, though it may once have been grazed; so it, like other churchyards, can act as a valuable sanctuary for native wildlife. In recognition of this, churches across the UK were encouraged to survey their burial grounds during the week of 5-13 June 2021.

In Seer Green we had a head start in the form of botanical surveys carried out in the 1980s; our 'wildlife detectives' used this checklist to see how many of the species seen then still survived, and also looked to identify new arrivals and to add animals and birds to the tally.



*Garden snail (Cornu aspersum)*

*Knapweed (Centaurea, possibly montana)*



Some ten keen amateur naturalists took part in the survey, including both adults and children – many thanks to all! We identified 61 of the 93 original



*Sailor beetle (Cantharis rustica)*

plant and tree species still growing in the churchyard, plus 42 new plant, bird, invertebrate and tree species.

Caring for God's Acre now has our data and will make it available to the National Biodiversity Network, advancing the understanding of nature in UK churchyards.

**Nora Bennett**

## Children's and Family Work News

In partnership with Chalfont St Giles we are hosting a parenting course, called Parentalk by Care for the Family, in the autumn term, led by two experienced trainers. It will run for 6 Thursday evenings, starting on 23/9, with a break for half term. Focusing on the primary school years, R-6, it will cover topics such as Communication, Belonging, boundaries & battles and many more useful topics to aid you in your parenting journey. There will be a charge to cover the course resources and materials. If you are interested

or would like more info please get in touch with Janna – 07764490960, jannaholder@talktalk.net.

Baby Group on Monday Mornings at Seer Green Baptist Church and Out OWT (Outside with Toddlers) on Wednesday Mornings are starting back on the **6 and 8 September**.

Advance date for your diary – **Sunday 3rd October 3pm**, All Age Harvest Celebrations, followed by Tea and Cake – All welcome.

**Janna Holder** - Children and Families worker

## Village Events | News

### Autumn Fest

#### 15 to 17 October

Following the huge success of the Seer Green Spring Fest in April, when over 150 people joined in a range of activities to celebrate the arrival of spring, we are delighted to announce Autumn Fest - which we hope will be equally popular and well-supported.

Spring Fest was created in place of the usual Spring Show due to the pandemic and, with the Covid situation still very difficult to predict, we have decided to replace this year's Autumn Show with a similar programme of exciting seasonal events.

There will be online and live activities with something for everyone, including cooking and cocktails, talks and walks, demonstrations and many more creative ways to celebrate our community and our gardens in Mother Nature's most bountiful season.

The full programme will be published nearer the time but, meanwhile, keep 15 to 17 October free, and we look forward to seeing you at Autumn Fest!

#### Seer Green Gardeners



### Seer Green Gardeners

September is a truly magical and bountiful time in the garden, as late summer softens into early autumn. There should be plenty to enjoy as you reap the rewards of all your hard work throughout spring and summer, and plenty to keep you busy too!

We hope you have been keeping an eye on your Spuds in Buckets and that you will be joining us for the high drama of the annual Weigh-In at the Jolly Cricketers on **Sunday 12 September**.



*preparing for a weigh-in*

#### Jobs in the garden for September

- Collect seeds from perennials and hardy annuals, store them in labelled envelopes for sowing next spring.
- Sow hardy annual seeds such as cornflowers, nigella and poppies in September, this should result in stronger, earlier flowers next year.
- Divide and replant large clumps of perennials once they finish flowering.
- Continue to propagate plants by taking cuttings. Penstemons, fuchsias, salvias and pelargoniums are ideal but they will need protecting from frost.
- Continue to deadhead and feed container displays — some may keep going until the first frosts. Continue to deadhead all garden flowers too.
- Keep camellias well-watered, as buds will be forming now for next year.
- Plant daffodil bulbs for spring displays next year.
- Rake out the thatch from your lawn, aerate the ground with a garden fork and re-seed any bare patches. Temperatures in September should still be warm enough for the seed to germinate really quickly but keep it well watered if it's dry.

#### Seer Green Gardeners



## Community Fridge

### All Together Now...!

The All Together Community is delighted to share that it is opening a Community Fridge.

A Community Fridge collects surplus food from supermarkets and businesses, which it then distributes to the community via the Community Fridge, the main aim being to reduce food waste. It is open for anyone to use.

The Community Fridge will be based in Blizzards Yard Car Park (behind the Coop in the High Street, Chalfont St Giles).

We will be holding a grand opening of the Community Fridge on **Saturday 11 September** at 2.00 to 4.00pm:

from 2.00 until 2.45pm in the car park, and then from 2.45 until 4.00pm on the village green for drinks and the official opening. Please come and support us!

From 15 September, the Community Fridge will be open every Wednesday and Saturday between 10.00am and 12.00 noon.

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering with us – then please contact Louise Chamberlain.

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## Seer Green Allotment Association



"Summertime, and the living is easy, fish are jumping and the cotton is high".

Well, here on the allotments, the slugs are munching, and the sweetcorn is high! We are definitely seeing the fruits of our labours, and if we could have a bit more sunshine through August then the tomatoes will ripen, and the squashes will swell. The bees are drunk on nectar from the variety of flowers: dahlias, sweet peas, feverfew, lilies, echinacea and hollyhocks; the nasturtiums make great ground cover and weed control whilst blazing with many colours, butterflies dance throughout the day and, at night, the evening primrose invites the attention of moths.

Whilst some of us are familiar with the concoction of elderflower cordial

or its fizzier cousin champagne, and sloe collectors are a common sight on the Recreation Ground come Autumn in preparation of the Christmas sloe gin, we have recently discovered some lesser burdock growing in our hedgerow - so we may well be exploring the delights of dandelion and burdock before too long.

Meanwhile, we add raspberries and tayberries into our breakfast muesli, dust off our courgette recipes, make up a salad or two, dig up some potatoes for supper, slice a home-grown cucumber into our gin and tonic and reflect on the glories to come.

**Charlotte Baggins** - Seer Green Allotment Association

## Jordans Picture House

While we cannot eliminate all risks when we restart screenings on **September 10**, we can all take steps to minimise risk. Given the current profile of our audiences we believe that by September 10 all of our audience will have had both vaccinations, which reduces the chances of cross infection and serious illness and by then, with double injections you will not have to self-isolate if you are pinged by NHS Track and Trace. As further safeguards, some of you attending our screenings may wish to wear masks and there will be hand sanitisers available and we will do our best to optimise ventilation. You might consider having such a test before attending to check that you are not contagious and to help stop the spread of the virus. If we take these measures we will have done everything we can to minimise risk.

We will also limit the audience to 50. All this is of course subject to any future Government restrictions.

*Please also note that we will now be "cashless" at our bar and for ticket payments at the door – we will be taking card payments only.*

**On Friday September 10 we shall be screening "Nomadland."**

The film also was a winner at the BAFTAs for Best Film, Best Actress and Best Director. In total it picked up 233 wins and 136 nominations.



**On Friday September 17 we shall be screening "One Chance."**

Doors open at 7.15pm and the Programme will start at 8.00pm. Starring "local lad" James Corden, this film was recommended by one of



our Members and it immediately grabbed our attention as a feel-good movie and a natural for the Picture House audience.

**How to buy tickets** (cost £8)

Visit us online:

[www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk](http://www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk)

(no booking fee!) or

Email or call:

**Jordans Box Office:**

Alan Sealy - 01494 873205

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**Seer Green Box Office:**

Gill Pettman - 01494 678050

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Payment at the door (by card only).

We all look forward to welcoming you to our new season of films.

**Jordans  
Picture House  
Committee**

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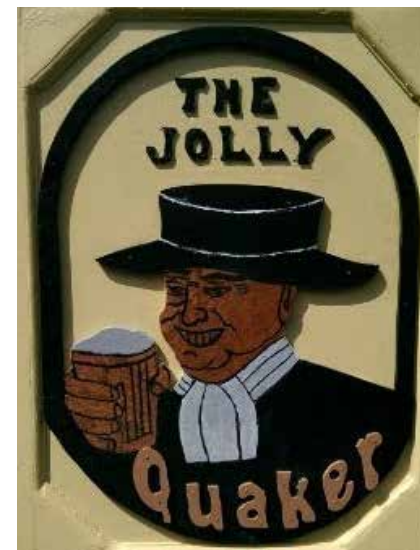
Gill Pettman;

Alan Sealy;

Chris Waymouth



## News from Jordans



In July the village held its first social event for 18 months, Music on the Green. The weather was fine and a wonderful collection of gazebos,

tables, chairs and picnic rugs were scattered around the green, with everyone enjoying the music and the chance to be sociable again. It was a huge success and many thanks to the Tenant members committee who organised it.

The Jolly Quaker opens again in the village hall on **September 3**, the Jordans Flower and Produce show gives everyone a chance to show off their produce on **September 5** and Jordans Picture House opens with Nomadland on **September 10**. Ali Cork and Holy Trinity church start Toddlers in the Woods too. There is lots to look forward to.

**Sue Puttergill**



## Our Living Village – Roll Up, Roll Up for the Great Reveal

After two years of effort by many residents across our two communities we're finally in a position to demonstrate the achievements of the Our Living Village project, giving you the opportunity to review this collective memory of Seer Green and Jordans and to learn how you can access and add to it in the future.

We're organising two public meetings as part of the Chiltern Society's Heritage Festival, as follows:

**Saturday 25 September** at the Jordans Village Hall starting at 2.00pm

**Saturday 2 October** at the Seer Green Baptist Church starting at 2.00pm

We appreciate that many people will not have participated in a public event for well over a year so we're doing everything necessary to ensure that you feel safe and Covid secure at these meetings.

We'll be covering the following topics at these meetings:

- The nature and the aims of the Our Living Village project.
- A review of the many community themes that have been researched by the project, including the development of religion, education, pubs, local trade and industry, music literature and art, and

important historical buildings. All of these themes will be illustrated against an extensive collection of local maps that we've collected and digitised as part of this initiative.

- Instruction on how you can consult and contribute to this community history online.

Discussion over tea, followed by an optional walk around the village to view a few of the important local sites.

Each of the events will cover the history of both of our two communities, so if you can't get to the one taking place in your village then please do come to the other one.

You can book places for these events at the Chiltern Society Heritage Festival website <https://chilternsociety.org.uk/heritage-festival/> or, if you don't have online access, please contact me and I'll order the tickets on your behalf.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Alan Kell**

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## Re-live the Battle of Britain

Less than half an hour's drive from Seer Green on the outskirts of Uxbridge you can now visit one of the most remarkable and pivotal locations from the Second World War.

Seventy-six steps below ground, the original bunker and control room which was responsible for the air defence of London and the south of England during World War II, is still in place exactly as it was in 1940 at the height of the Battle of Britain, when the future of this country was hanging by a slender thread.

Guided tours of this extraordinary secret place offer a dramatic and inspiring insight into the ingenuity, courage and tenacity of the men and women who worked here under the most intense and pressurised conditions.

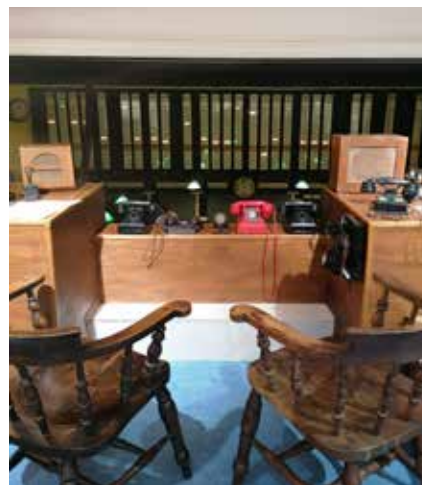


Above ground a new state-of-the-art visitor centre with interactive displays and original artefacts chronicles the development of our air defence system between the two World Wars and you can listen to first-hand accounts from many of those who were involved in what came to be known as this country's finest hour. There is also a virtual tour of the bunker for those who can't manage the steps (which are staggered and not too daunting).

A visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker is a fascinating, moving and extremely humbling experience, and with a pleasant on-site café and shop, makes a very rewarding outing. Bunker tours should be pre-booked via the website.

[www.battleofbritainbunker.co.uk](http://www.battleofbritainbunker.co.uk)

**Fliss Coombs**





## Janet's book reviews

*Janet Stewart was a manager at Gerrards Cross bookshop until her retirement and an avid reader!*

### Miss Benson's Beetle – Rachel Joyce

In 1950, Margery Benson leaves her job and advertises for a companion to accompany her on the adventure of a lifetime, to find the elusive golden beetle in New Caledonia. The unlikely successful candidate is Enid Pretty, a blonde bombshell with her own reasons for wanting to escape. The author, Rachel Joyce, writes wonderful characters and this book is no exception. The relationship between the two women during their daring expedition grows into a close, warm friendship. The book is at times emotional and moving, a wonderful insight into colonial life, independent women and friendship. This completely delightful book is a treat to savour.

### Shuggie Bain – Douglas Stuart

The 2020 Booker Winner is a heart-wrenching read. We follow the life of young Shuggie in 1980's Glasgow. The love he has for his mother Agnes is unconditional, despite her addiction to alcohol. The reader is totally immersed in life in the tough area of Pithead where families are all struggling on the breadline. Agnes is a complicated character who despite her problems, tries not to let her standards drop both in her appearance and housekeeping.

As the story unfolds, Shuggie's voice emerges powerfully with startling precision and love (in the unique Glasgow patter that brings a certain dry humour). It's an incredible story of a mother and son relationship fighting to survive against the odds but embedded within Shuggie's narrative is that teenage voyage of discovery. A tough read, but well worth it.



### V for Victory – Lissa Evans

WWII seems to be dragging on for ever, in 1944 people seem to be just getting on with things (sounds familiar!) Set in London, this story covers the last weeks of the war. Teenager Noel is quite accepting of his lot, living with his aunt Vee in a boarding house near Hampstead Heath, he cheerfully does the cooking trying ingenious ways to make the rationed food more interesting. He builds a friendship with Winnie an ARP warden whose work really sets the scene of wartime London. Relationships, secrets and wonderful characters make this a charming, relatable read. This is the 3rd in a series featuring the same characters, but can be read as a stand alone, although the other two, Old Baggage and Crooked Heart are also well worth a read.

Janet Stewart

## Jordans and District Rotary Club in action

The All Together Community Charity was formed to support local families through the pandemic who found it hard to make ends meet. Seer Green and Jordans were very fortunate not to have families in this situation at that time and the focus became Chalfont St Giles. The Rotary Club had wanted to help a local project so we have been supporting the All Together Community Charity by supplying volunteers and food.

At Christmas we gave them £500 of Christmas goodies all to support the 40 children from 30 families who needed help. We repeated this at Easter and have been supplying the Charity with fresh vegetables most weeks since Christmas along with cash sums to buy what was needed. They also help the seniors in the village with food parcels.

### Future Event

We will be having a Seer Green Santas Fun Run on Sunday 5 December 2021 for people to save the date, and more info will be available in the next October issue.

Jenny Owen

## Gerrards Cross and Chorleywood bookshops Autumn Literary Festival

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## Village activities

In pre - covid times, there were many regular activities in village, including:

**Jubilee Hall:** Seer Green Singers\*, yoga, gymnastics, bridge, ballroom dancing, fitness class and Seer Green skippers.

**Baptist Church:** Church groups for babies\*, toddlers\*, youth clubs, and Fresh Horizons (for over 60s); and also lessons for pilates, taekwondo\*, dance\* (ballet, tap and modern) plus the 8 o'clock club.

**Recreation Ground:** football\* for adult and children.

**Scout Hut:** martial arts, yoga and Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

Those with an asterisk (\*) have restarted, and over the months we will keep you up to date with all of these, and let you know plans which the others have for re-starting.

### Phil Moody

## Lavender Shortbread Hearts

Perfect for wedding favours or simply served alongside strawberries and cream.

### Ingredients

- 50g caster sugar
- 100g butter, softened
- 125g plain flour
- 25g cornflour
- 1 tsp dried edible lavender flower heads
- Fresh lavender sprigs (optional)
- Extra caster sugar

### Method

- Preheat oven to 145c (fan).
- Place all the ingredients except the lavender sprigs into a food processor and whizz until combined to form a dough.

- Roll out the dough to 5mm thick, then using a heart shaped biscuit cutter, cut out shapes and place on a baking paper lined tray.
- Press a sprig of lavender in each shape (if desired) and sprinkle with a light coating of extra caster sugar.
- Bake for 25-30 minutes or until lightly golden.
- Cool on a cooling rack and store in an airtight container.

Makes 12-15 biscuits depending on the size of biscuit cutter.



## Improvements to the recreation ground

As you are aware the Parish Council maintains the Recreation Ground and look for ways to improve the facilities it offers. Following many requests the Parish Council are planning to apply for grant funding for two extra benches (with backs!) at the Rec and we have been offered funding for a football goal for residents to use.

The benches will be situated by the fence near the car park and on the far side halfway up the Recreation ground as you walk towards Chalfont St Giles.

The Football Team have had to remove the adult goals as the goal mouths and penalty spot have been heavily used this last year and need to be repaired before the next football season commences. As there are many young people who want to

play football Seer Green United and the Adult football team have offered to pay for the majority of the goal. The goal will be situated in line with the front of the cricket nets towards the corner where footpath 16 leads towards the centre of the village but far enough away from the path and tree line so as not to cause any issues as shown by Cllr Anderson and Cllr Holder in the photo below.

We hope this will be enjoyed by all those who want to play football and that it will stop any further damage to the cricket nets which have been used recently.

If there are ever any issues please call me.

**Liz Bates** - 01494 874233 Clerk to the Parish Council



## One Can Food Bank

I can't quite believe that I have been collecting for the One Can Food Bank since April last year. Unfortunately the need has not gone away and in fact as I'm sure many of you will have seen in the press, High Wycombe is THE most needy area in the whole of the country.

The statistics show that 1 in 7 homes struggled to access food during the last lockdown.

The proposed cutting of Universal Credit by £20 pounds a week and furlough due to stop in the Autumn, are going to have huge implications on the community.

One Can will be stretched more than ever.

Are you able to help?

I get the message out for the most urgently needed things on a weekly basis on the village community WhatsApp group. If you don't have access to this, then please message me directly and I will send it to you.

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.

Your donations are consolidated, I take them to the warehouse on a Friday morning.

Here is a list of the current most urgently needed items.

***Tinned ham, corned beef, meat pies  
Olive Oil 500ml  
Condiments eg mayonnaise, ketchup  
Pasta sauce  
Tinned fruit/mixed vegetables  
Biscuits***

***Healthy cereals  
Granulated sugar  
Washing up liquid  
Shampoo & shower gel  
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Thank you for all your support over the last year. Let's keep Seer Green at the top of the donors list. Please contact me on 07740 857451 if you would like the up-to-date list of most required items

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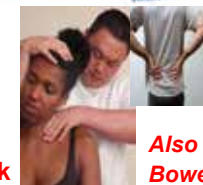
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