

JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Village Newsletter!

It's going to be a strange Christmas this year with so many restrictions still in place. But now that the Christmas tree lights have been switched on, you can already feel the festive atmosphere building which makes the 4 o'clock darkness a little more bearable!

2020 has been notable for its lack of social excitement but for me the highlight was renewing Jordans' connection with the Cadbury family, 100 years after the Village's birth. Seeing how Village residents came together to help each other through the lockdown was particularly heartwarming too.

There is not much else worth remembering about 2020 other than our friends who have departed. I'm looking forward to a much more positive New Year, and putting this "annus horribilis" behind us!

Seasons greetings to you all! Chris Jenkins, Editor estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk

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<u>Christmas Greetings from Jordans Village</u> <u>Community Store</u>

FIRSTLY to let you all know that with sadness on our part, Clare Golding has resigned from sharing the role of Shop Manager with Sally Wilson.

Clare, on taking up the role brought a air of sophistication to our shop. Off went the jumble of notices that covered the windows to be replaced by seasonal line drawings which look so good. Local products grew and neat labels, with the Love Local product logo, guided customers to them. Wine bottles were decked with smart cardboard collars and many other areas followed suit giving the shop a great look.

However, although moving on Clare is leaving all the fantastic ideas that she put in place for our shop to enjoy and build on. This is just what we will do with the arrival of our new shop manager Paula Goodwin whom by chance Sally knows from years ago. Paula lives in Chalfont St Giles and is the mother of 4 and the grandmother of 1 so certainly knows what a busy role is all about. Her professional background includes finance and dealing with people, surely two ideal qualifications for taking on the role of a manager of a village community store! Paula will take over from Clare on the 1st December so do come along and introduce yourselves to her.

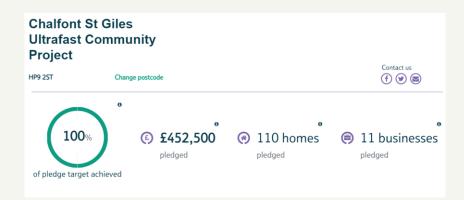
SECONDLY we are equally sad to announce the retirement of Jackie Allen who will be leaving us at the end of the year. Jackie has been working at the shop for an amazing 11 years and her practicality and great sense of order have helped to keep the shop extremely organised ever since. As with all our staff, she has gone above and beyond for the shop and for that we will be forever grateful.

There will be a card and collection envelope available in the shop office from 1st Dec for those wishing to contribute to a leaving present for her.

FINALLY the managers, the staff, and the village store committee would like to thank you, our customers and our volunteers, for your amazing brand of support during this year. Times have been tricky and occasionally life in the shop has been a bit of a juggling act but you have stuck with us through thick and thin and for this we thank you.

This is a brief update but for more shop specific news, please sign up to the new monthly email via our website: <u>JordansVillageStore.co.uk</u>. We would all like to wish you a very happy, if rather different from the norm, festive season: Happy Christmas everyone!

Ali Cork on behalf of JVCS Committee



Super Fast Fibre Broadband for Jordans

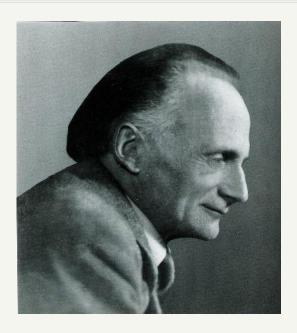
UPGRADING JORDANS TO FASTER MORE RELIABLE BROADBAND

Just to let you know we've reached 100% and the scheme will now be built out! Thank you for your support getting it publicised, all very exciting and hopefully a real benefit to everyone in the village.

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Help required for Rutland Boughton recording project

I am related to the English composer Rutland Boughton (1878-1960), famous for his opera "The Immortal Hour" and for directing the famous classical music festivals at Glastonbury from 1914 to 1926, the latter of which was supported by the Clark quaker family based in Street.

Rutland's third partner, Kathleen, (my grandmother) and her friend and musician Desiree (Amis) Newell lived in Jordans for many years and were part of the musical scene. Desiree's daughter and son-in-law, Emma and Gresham Dodd, were also residents in Jordans, the latter being a fine cellist.

My reason for writing is that my grandfather, Rutland, wrote a Violin Sonata which he dedicated to Desiree as well as a 'Cello Sonata which he dedicated to my grandmother and I am trying to commit these works, plus other chamber music, to a commercial recording. I am aware that the current Covid climate has made life very difficult for many people, none more so than the many musicians who are unable to give public performances, and this includes the trio who will be involved in my recording project.

The cost of producing a recording of the above pieces (as well as other chamber works to be included) will exceed £6k and whilst major sponsorship is being sought, I should like to know whether the Jordans Village Community would like to assist? It is possible that when (if) the recording is completed the musicians will attempt a performance in Jordans.

Please get in touch with me via email if you feel able to help. Many thanks,

Ian Boughton

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Below left: Desiree Newell. Below right: Kathleen Boughton.







<u>The TMC has switched on the Christmas tree lights!</u>
Doesn't the tree look great!!

Light Up Jordans for Christmas!

This Christmas when we are inevitably thinking about all that we are unable to do let's also think about all that we can do.

One which will lighten us all up - as well as our village - is to have lots of lights outside our houses, entwined through the trees in our gardens and anywhere where it is safe to have them.

Wouldn't it be amazing to come into the village when dark and be greeted with twinkling lights all round the Green - to drive along any of our roads and see lights glowing.

Yaldens has the most amazing selection of outdoor lights both battery and mains operated and you don't need to buy the longest string or the most expensive to make a difference.

To encourage you all, my contribution to this year's shop raffle is a string of 'SUPABRIGHTS' the brightest lights out! (There are many other prizes too including an amazing beautifully decorated home made Christmas Cake. Not made by me!) Tickets on sale in the shop.

Let's make Jordans the best lit village. Yes villagers go for it and LIGHT UP JORDANS! Ali Cork



JORDANS SCHOOL



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

Autumn Term

We are well and truly in the swing of the school year and cannot believe that there are only three weeks left before we break up for Christmas. The staff team have been amazing, making covid safe adjustments to the school day so we can give the children the best school experience possible, making everything feel as relaxed and normal as we can so they can enjoy their learning. Our parents have been so supportive, reading endless risk assessments and government guidance that we have sent out and helping us to keep the school in class bubbles, safe and open.

We feel very fortunate to have our school in the beautiful location of Jordans with such kind neighbours and village friends. Thank you for accommodating our staggered starts and longer parking times... we have even heard that the new drop off routines are helping with parking- do let us know your thoughts, it helps us to formulate future plans and stay working in partnership together.

Below is a little look into our Autumn Term at Jordans School this year:

CHILDREN IN NEED

Lots of fun was had, dressing up for Children in Need and taking part in activities throughout the school day. Our

parents generously donated to our Jordans School Children in Need Just Giving webpage and raised 6302 Not bad for a school of only 78 pupils!



Jordans School Virtual Tour

As we were not able to have Open Days this year, we created a virtual tour of the school. Have a look at our school websile, under the Parents drop down menu:

https://jordan-school.secure-primarysite.net/prospective -parent-open-mornings/

THE WIZARD OF OZ

We were amazed at how the travelling theatre company, M&M productions, were still able to put on a pantomime this year, amid all the covid restrictions. They ingeniously pre-recorded scenes from The Wizard of Oz story and beamed this to a giant screen. The visiting actor then took on the part of storyteller and led the interactive elements, ensuring all the children had lots of fun. He performed his part three times across the day as each class bubble attended separately. We are very grateful to our Jordans School Association (JSA) for funding the treat, enhancing our school arts curriculum.





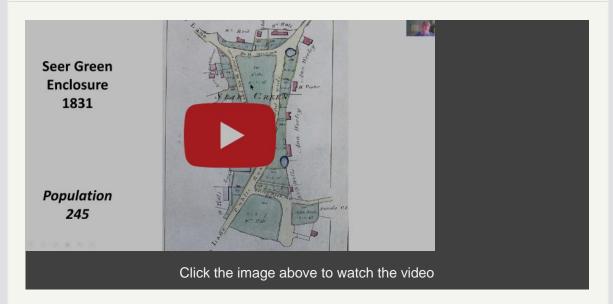
CHRISTMAS WEEK

The last week of term will be a wonderful week of Christmas activities: Christmas Mufti outfits; Christmas Lunch; Christmas Art, Crafts and Cooking; Design & Technology Projects; Christmas Songs, Music and Nativity Scenes; and even a Christmas trail around the village where the children will be looking to count Christmas trees, wreaths and lightst

We wish you, our dear village friends, a very Merry Christmas.

Jordans School Christmas News

Click here or click the image above for a virtual tour!



Our Living Village

Want something to cheer you up during these long, dark nights? How about a light-hearted talk on A Short History of Seer Green which was originally delivered by Alan Kell to the local Amersham & High Wycombe Branch of the Parkinson's Society of which Mary his wife is a member.

A recording of this session is now available to view on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= axfn1zbVGc or by clicking the image above.

This talk forms part of the ongoing Our Living Village project for Seer Green and Jordans that we're undertaking in partnership with the Chiltern Society. If you'd like to watch a comprehensive update on this project, which was delivered by the project's technical team as part of the recent Chiltern Society's Heritage Festival, you can also watch this on YouTube at https://youtu.be/58RjANXNkoY

If you've got any family or local knowledge that you think should be included in this project, or you'd like to get involved in the project in any way, please do feel free to contact me on alan.kell@igsystems.co.uk

Alan Kell



British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. The Village Shop raised £197.16 and the children and teachers in our Village School



John & Sue Owen's Memorial Bench

The sharp-eyed amongst you may already have noticed a new bench on the village green dedicated to the memory of my parents, Sue and John Owen. They both lived in Jordans for most of their lives playing an active part in village life for many years.

My mother moved to Jordans in 1933 before her first birthday, living at Cranford with her parents Eric and Helen Shearer, both active members of Jordans players. A few years later she was joined by her sister, Jenny, who still lives in the village and later by twin sisters Kate and Margaret. Apart from a few brief years away at secondary school in Kent, language school in Switzerland and at Birmingham University she spent her whole life in Jordans and never wanted to live anywhere else. Following in her parents footsteps she too was active in Jordans Players both on the stage and designing and making costumes. She also sat on both the Management Committee and TMC and helped at lunch club even into her 80s.

She was always very creative, making pottery and basketry, painting and drawing and, in her younger days, designing and making her own clothes. Tending the large garden at The Croft was also a particular passion. Once her three children were old enough she trained as a teacher and spent 27 years at St Mary's primary school in Beaconsfield where she inspired generations of children both with her teaching and with annual school trips she ran to France. Rarely did she go into Beaconsfield without some ex-pupil coming up to her to thank her for what she had done for them.

My father was born in Walmley near Sutton Coldfield in 1924. He was the son of a local headmaster and keen photographer, and although his father died when he was 8, these influences were strong in his life. When war broke out he joined the Home Guard and aged 15 patrolled Sutton Park on horseback before volunteering at 17 to join the RAF. After the war he spent several years posted to India and also travelled on the Queen Mary to New York. Here his lifelong love of jazz blossomed as he was able to see all his heroes, the likes

of Duke Ellington, Sidney Bechet and Louis Armstrong, playing live in clubs and bars. After leaving the RAF he went to Birmingham University to study languages and having helped found the University drama club he met my mother whilst painting a set for a play.

After a brief spell working in insurance he became a teacher, of English and foreign languages, and later a college lecturer in Psychology and Education at Newlands Park teacher training college.

When they moved to Jordans in 1953 they lived at Puers Field flats where my sister Caroline, brother Jo and I were born. Then they lived briefly at Rowan before spending over 50 years at The Croft. Dad soon became involved in Jordans Players both acting and directing and immersed himself in all aspects of village life. As a keen photographer he was rarely without his camera and over the years took many lovely pictures of Jordans and its residents. His collection of books was second to none and his thirst for knowledge never dimmed. He was able to hold his own on almost any subject and was conversant in several languages. When he died in 2018 he was studying Italian just for the fun of it!

My parents' lives were tinged with tragedy, firstly losing my lovely sister Caroline in 1982 and more recently in 2014 my brother Jo. But Jordans always gave them the love and support they needed through good times and bad and they were truly happy here. If you choose to sit on their bench take comfort in remembering them all and the happy times they spent in this village.

Mike Owen







<u>Friends' Corner</u>

Jordans Meeting House

Meetings for Worship

We are planning to hold 'blended' (in person and Zoom) meetings on Sundays at 10:30am during December and January 2021; however, this depends on government policy which can change. Please contact Adrienne Midgley for any queries; her telephone number is 01753 889581.

Christmas Day Meeting for Worship

There will be a planned blended meeting on Friday 25th December at 10:30am. There will be readings and recorded music, with silences in between. The meeting will last about three quarters of an hour. Families can sit together but everyone else will be socially distanced. Therefore numbers are limited. So if you wish to attend the Meeting House on Christmas Day, please contact Adrienne beforehand (see tel. no above).

Remember to bring your face mask and enter by the car park entrance. Sadly there will be no coffee and mince pies this year. Afterwards please leave by the doors exiting onto the burial ground. If you gather with others, please limit the numbers to six.

If you wish to attend by Zoom please contact Ann Floyd (ann@quakersintheworld.org) or telephone number 01494 874273.

Children's Meetings

David Matthews writes: we have kept some form of children's meeting going most Sundays since lockdown. More recently, this has focused on going for a gentle nature walk with the children and then we join the adults by Zoom for the last 5 minutes of the online meeting. The children do benefit from this time as they appreciate the silence found within nature and within the meeting. Please contact David Matthews for further information (tel 07779 257107).



Swarthmore Care Home

Thanks to a government grant from the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund, Swarthmore Care Home has had a POD constructed in its carpark which has been used and enthusiastically welcomed by family and friends of residents. A lot of effort by Claire Allsopp and her team has gone into making this possible and Mary-Anne Hall has been moved to write the following:

Assisted Dying

Recently there has been a webinar and also a documentary about the subject of Assisted Dying. "Concern for Compassionate Assistance to Die", conducted by Dr Stephanie Green, President of the Canadian Association for Assisted Dying Assessors and Practitioners, can be viewed online on the following

link: youtube.com/watch?v=NICDqSelP4M.

David and Jill George, documentary makers based on the Isle of Wight, have released their independent film 'Love and Dying' which asks if there should be a change in the current law relating to assisted dying. The Newport Quaker meeting on the Isle of Wight is facilitating a series of free online screenings, followed by a Q&A over the next few months. The next screening is on the 12th December. Ticket reservations are available by following this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/love-dying-a-film-which-asks-if-there-should-be-a-change-in-uk-law-tickets-130253877855.

http://caqm.org.uk/



Councillor Tim Butcher helps tackle refuse collection problems

Following a letter I sent to the Council highlighting the problems residents are experiencing with refuse collections lately, we received this helpful reply from Councillor Tim Butcher. He has kindly allowed me to reproduce it here - Ed.

"Dear Chris,

I am aware of the problems in Jordans Village following the change of contract from Serco to Veolia, as I have been contacted by residents.

I am also aware that the online reporting system does not seem to work very well as I also had a missed bin myself and reporting same was an issue.

I have also had several roads in Chalfont St Giles where sometimes an entire road has been missed. I have eventually managed to resolve these issues but not without a great deal of time being expended.

I would ask that residents contact me as soon as bins are missed if I receive the complaint a few days later it is virtually impossible to get a rectification as the officers advise that the time has passed.

The issue as I see it is as follows. The Serco contract ended at the end of August and the performance towards the end of the contract was poor. The vehicles were old and in need of repair and replacement. The new contractor should have received new vehicles which include several vehicles which are smaller (part of the new contract) which will be more suitable for the narrow lanes in Jordans and elsewhere in the area. Unfortunately, the pandemic has delayed the delivery of the new equipment until early March, fingers crossed. In the meantime, it has been established that the existing rounds collecting some 1,400 properties per day will be reduced to on average 900, this has yet to take place as more vehicles are required.

The issue at present is that the existing vehicles break down during the round and if this occurs towards the end of the week, it is too late to complete the round hence the missed bins and roads.

Veolia have brought in some temporary vehicles, but the problem still exists.

I know this is far from satisfactory but if you contact me as soon as you are aware that bins have been missed, I will do my best to get them collected.

Regarding Puers Lane and the timing of collections I will make the officers aware of your issue regarding the school and parked cars. As it is not a long lane, I would have thought that the operatives would walk up the lane and collect the bins, but clearly that is not

happening.

Kind Regards

Councillor Timothy R Butcher

timothy.butcher@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Buckinghamshire Council

Chalfont St Giles including Jordans, Seer Green, Goldhill & Coleshill



Paws for Thought

Christmas Dangers/Dog Health

With Christmas approaching, to ensure that you and your dog have no mishaps during the festive period, I am suggesting a few precautions.

Many festive foods have the potential to make your dog ill. It is therefore sensible to make sure they are unable to get hold of certain foods by storing them out of their reach. Below is some information on potentially dangerous foods that your dog might get hold of.

Chocolate

Chocolate contains Theobromine, a chemical that is toxic for dogs. It can cause agitation, tremors and heart problems. The darker the chocolate the more toxic, cooking chocolate being the most dangerous. White chocolate does not contain enough to be toxic, but it will still make your dog sick. It is therefore sensible to make sure that none of the presents under your Christmas tree contain chocolates, and to keep cooking chocolate well out of reach.

Currents, sultanas, raisins and grapes

Dried fruits, which are present in Christmas puddings, cakes and mince pies, are toxic for dogs and have the potential to cause kidney failure.

Garlic, leeks, shallots, onions and chives

These can cause toxicity both cooked and raw and are to be avoided. It is advisable not to leave these foods where your dog might be able to access them, for example in a basket or vegetable rack placed on the ground.

Alcohol

It is not uncommon for dogs to help themselves to any alcohol left lying around in glasses. This has the potential to cause low body temperature and low blood sugar and possible coma, so ensure any alcohol is out of their reach.

Macadamia nuts

If consumed these nuts can cause tremor, lameness and stiffness.

Artificial sweeteners

Xylitol which is found in sweets, baked goods and peanut butter, can cause liver damage and low blood sugar, as it induces the release of insulin.

Plants

Poinsettia, mistletoe, holly and pine needles if consumed by your dog can cause irritation to the mouth and stomach. Pine needles can cause internal damage if sharp.

Below is a list of some of the traditional Christmas leftovers you can safely offer your dog.

- Skinless Turkey with no bones.
- Brussel sprouts
- Parsnips
- Swede
- Potatoes
- Green beans
- Carrots
- Peas
- Sweet potatoes
- Salmon (unsmoked) bones removed.

Further information on this topic can be found on the following websites.

www.bluecross.org.uk

www.kennelclub.org.uk

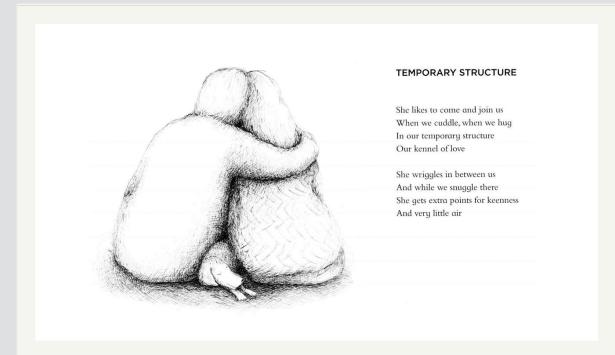
www.which.co.uk

This month I am including a poem by Matt Harvey entitled TEMPORARY STRUCTURE.

Wishing you and your canine friends a safe and Happy Christmas.

Jo Bell

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Wycombe Homeless Connection

Due to lockdown restrictions THE CHURCHYARD GIRLS SLEEPOUT had to be postponed till this coming Friday - December 4th.

The weather looks very grim but we will be out there for two reasons.

- 1) To raise awareness that very near to Jordans there are men and women sleeping out on the streets of High Wycombe every night.
- 2) To raise funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection to be able to find them temporary accommodation, a place to sleep to put down their belongings, somewhere to call home. But WHC does far more than that. This charity helps sort out why homelessness occurs, tackles illegal evictions, initiates benefit claims until employment is found and more. All this costs money.

Many of you have already dug deep into your pockets and sponsored us and for this I thank you so much.

We have raised just over £4000 but our aim is £5000. I know with your help we can get there.

Thank you! https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TheChurchyardGirls1

Ali Cork

Team Leader, The Churchyard Girls

Fish-and-Chips

Fish & Chips Van

The Howe & Co fish-and-chip van schedule has been changed as it was running too late in the evening to serve Jordans well. The new timing is that the van is at the village green (north side) every Wednesday at 4.30 pm. It leaves at 4.45 pm.

The service at Jordans is by Howe & Co's **Van 19. The driver Rich's** mobile phone number is **07392 732774**. You can ring it to confirm arrival time; there are two staff per van so one will answer en-route.

The menu is here: https://howeandcofishandchips.co.uk/menu/. Vegetarian cheese and veg cake is offered. Prices not shown on the menu; the cod (excellent) is £5.00 and basic one-person chips is £2.00. Mushy peas are £1.00.

Ed: This helpful update was sent in by Mark Sullivan



Events Calendar

Unfortunately all regular events are suspended until further notice. Please contact the organiser for information about them.

There is so much to do in Jordans, see below for a list of regular events and activities:

Regular Events in the Jordans Village Hall *Yoga*

Mondays Weekly 8 pm - 9:30 pm

Contact Georgina Wright

georginaw29@icloud.com | 01494 874552 or 07946 382570

Ceramics Classes

10 week course every Wednesday Weekly 7 pm - 9 pm

Contact Sophie Bruen

sophie.bruen@hotmail.co.uk | 07555 802535 | www.facebook.com/SophieBruenCeramics

Tai Chi / Qi Gong

Thursdays Weekly 6 pm & 7 pm classes

Contact Keith Fensom

keith.fensom@gmail.com | 07787 224823 | www.yangshengtaichi.com

The Jolly Quaker pop-up Pub

1st Friday Monthly (excluding August and January)

Contact Chris Waymouth

c.waymouth@btinternet.com | Tel: 07831 309379

Jordans Picture House

2nd Friday & some Tuesdays and Sundays Monthly (Autumn - Spring)

Contact Alan Sealy

alan@janetsealypartnership.com | 01494 873205 | www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk

Lunch Club 2020

Thursdays, 1pm in the Village Hall

Dates TBC

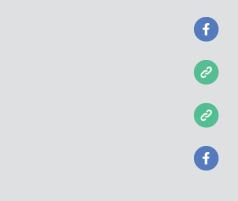
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If there is a subject you'd like to talk about, an event in Jordans you'd like to publicise, or have some other news relating to the Village, please contact Chris Jenkins, the newsletter Editor, on 01494 875177 or via email estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk

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