

Jordans Village Community Newsletter



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The Jordans Way Special Edition

In this months edition of the newsletter, we are delighted to publish a special feature by Nowell Stebbing, who has kindly shared with us his article "A Brief History of Jordans Way" a much-edited version of which is shown below. [The full article is available to download by clicking here](#), or via the Jordans Village website. If anyone has any old pictures of Jordans Way, we'd love to see them. Over to you Nowell! - Chris Jenkins, JVL Estate Office.

On becoming chairman of Jordans Way Residents Association, I undertook a review of the history of the road, primarily using deeds and titles from various of its properties. The objective was to make sure that the practices of JWRA Ltd were consistent with its charter and to correct

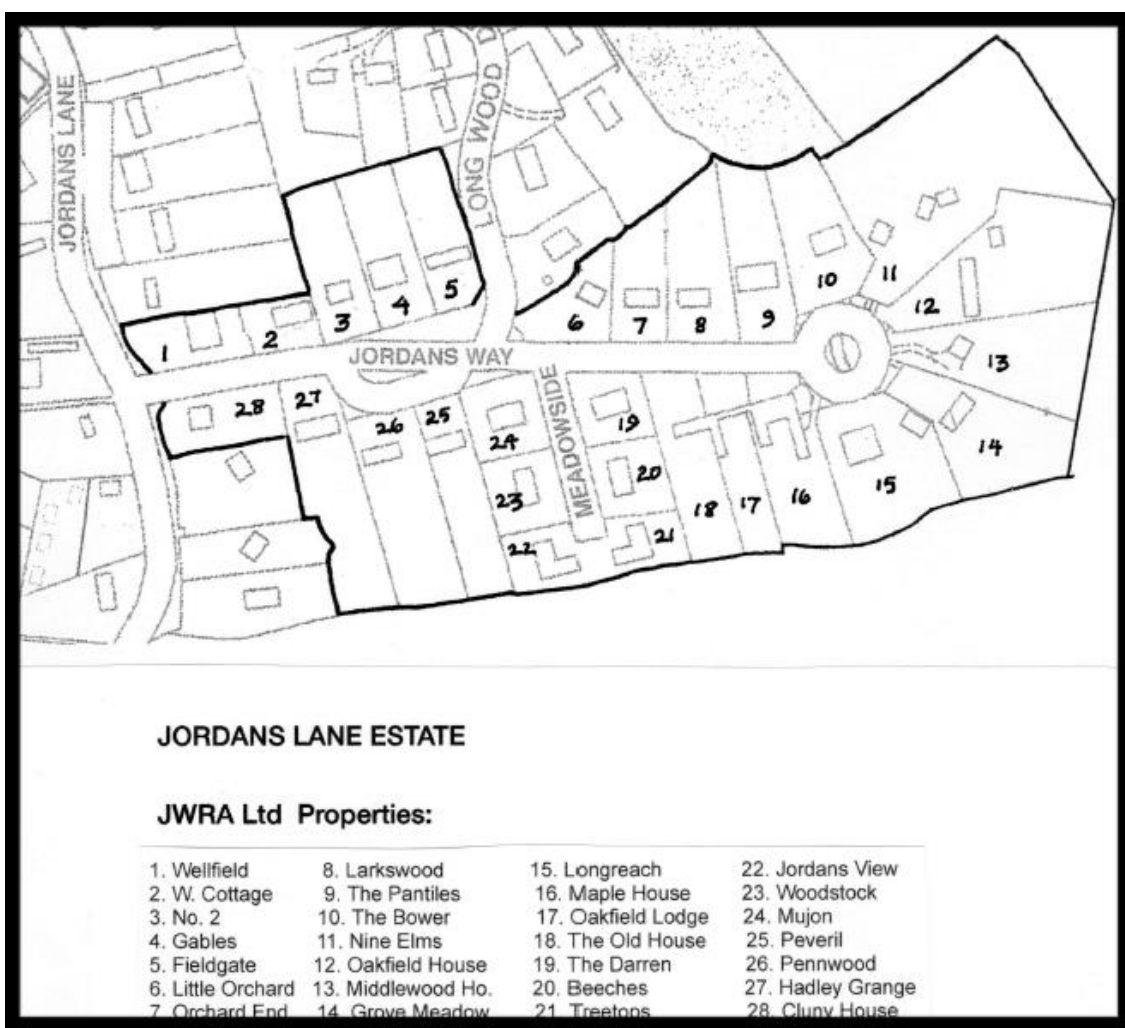
any misunderstandings that may have arisen amongst Members. The result is the Brief History of Jordans Way, which was written for Members rather than a wider readership.

Jordans Way is quite recent but it struck me how quickly history can be lost if not captured by those with direct knowledge. Members pointed me towards relevant sources of information. Then Chris Jenkins suggested offering the Brief History to the JV Newsletter with the hope that it would stimulate additional contributions, perhaps even some photographs of developments in the road, as they occurred.

Nowell Stebbing,
Chairman, Jordans Way Residents Association Ltd

Image: Aerial view looking down at Long Wood Drive and Jordans Way, towards the Quaker Meeting House. Jordans Lane is just visible in the top right corner.

If there is a subject that you'd like to talk about in this regular column, please send your submission to the Editorial team, whose contact details you will find at the foot of this message.



An excerpt from *The History of Jordans Way & Long Wood Drive* by Nowell Stebbing

The Jordans Way and Long Wood Drive developments were affected predominantly by the affairs of the Sinclairs, who moved into what would become known as The Old House [originally 'Oakfield'] in 1949. Mary Gwladys Sinclair came from a wealthy family and lived off a Trust which, over the years, provided the money for the acquisition of land and the development of Jordans Way, Meadowside, and Long Wood Drive now amounting to 44 properties. There were several legal disputes between members of the family and others. In addition to the deeds of properties sold by the Sinclairs, the Proceedings, Statements and Judgements from these cases provides information relevant to the history of Jordans Way.

Jordans Way Residents Association [JWRA Ltd]

The properties on Jordans Way, Meadowside and Long Wood Drive are relatively recent and most arose from the block of land acquired by Mary Gwladys Sinclair in 1953. The original purchase is shown in red on the plan (see image below), Jordans Lane Estate is now fully developed and the plan of current properties below shows the current names of the 28 that are members of JWRA Ltd.

The Estate represents a significant section of the village of Jordans, albeit on the opposite (east) side of Jordans Lane from the village centre. The block of land acquired by Mary Gwladys originally formed part of the Grove Estate and in 1924 already had six houses on it. Using the current house names, and going clockwise from Jordans Lane, they were: No.2, Little Orchard, Nine Elms, Grove Meadow, 'Oakfield', and Pennwood. The Sinclairs set up two companies to manage the developments: Jordans Lane Estate (Constructors) Ltd and Jordans Lane Management Co Ltd, both now dissolved. Developments, in terms of selling off lots, proceeded rapidly from 1953 to 1957. In some cases two or more lots were sold to developers. Each lot was restricted to one house, and there were quite a number of restrictions placed on the householders, such as no streetlights, no access from one property to another, as well as restrictions on the roads and verges, in particular, no parking of vehicles or leaving any building or other materials thereon, set out in Mary Gwladys' "Title" document.

The biggest development on the Estate was Long Wood Drive, for which the entire block of land (plots and road) was sold in 1964 to T & R Properties Ltd by Jordans Lane Estate (Constructors) Ltd. The original intentions for Long Wood Drive were for access to be directly from Jordans Lane and the road (Long Wood Drive) to be adopted by the Council. Neither of these things happened: it seems that the Council or Highways refused (hence the current access along Jordans Way) and the road was not adopted. Unlike Jordans Way, the Long Wood Drive properties were not encumbered by any of the strange property ownership deals between the Sinclairs. Curiously, the strip of land intended as access for Long Wood Drive from Jordans Lane is clearly seen on Mary Gwladys Sinclair's Title plan. A part of it, at the Jordans Lane end, is still evident, but overgrown.

The first plots developed on Mary Gwladys' land were those nearest to Jordans Lane: Gables and Fieldgate. Thereafter the properties around the pond were developed, one of which was "Greenacre". This was the house later re-named "Oakfield House" by Christopher Sinclair, perhaps because he had originally grown up at "Oakfield". His parents' house had been sold and renamed The Old House. Two additional properties, Hadley Grange and Wellfield Cottages, were built in the gardens of Cluny House and Wellfield respectively. Some of the houses have undergone significant expansion and in the case of Nine Elms and Grove Meadow they are now set further back on their sites than the original houses (as shown on the Council plan from 1924). Two properties, Orchard End and Larkswood, were both developed in 1978; the last developments were on Meadowside.

JWRA Ltd manages the upkeep of the road and verges of Jordans Way and Meadowside for the 28 houses that now have access onto these roads. We work with Long Wood Drive Management Ltd in regard to the section of Jordans Way that they also use. The remit of JWRA Ltd is very broadly defined in the Articles and Memorandum of Association but JWRA Ltd limits its activities to maintenance of the road and it transfers responsibility for upkeep of the verges to each dwelling house. This has been the case since a Residents Association was formed. Several residents recall that in the early days, the Sinclairs would exert their rights over the verges by growing peas and suchlike crops along the road and then plough them in at the end of the growing season. [Click Here to download the full article including images](#)





Early 1960's: Snow Slows Bungalow Development in Jordans Way



Village Store News

Jordans Village Store wishes to thank everyone for their amazing support which helped make this Xmas such a great one! The hampers were a huge success and will be offered again this year. The store is open as usual now, with plenty of offers to tempt you so do drop in and see us.



Village Store Race Night!

Jordans Village Store is organising an evening of fun for all the family at the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Saturday 27th February.

Tickets are available from the Village Store, and are priced at £2 for Adults - while Children get in for Free! Bring your own Drinks and Nibbles!!



Village Store Annual Members Meeting

The Jordans Village Community Store Ltd. Annual Members Meeting (formerly known as the AGM) will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 8pm in the Village Hall. All members are welcome (member shares are available from the shop for minimum donation of £1 each). [Please click here to download the official notice containing more details about the agenda for the meeting.](#)



Chiltern District Council & South Bucks Council Local Plan

Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council are preparing a new (emerging) joint Local Plan. Previously both Councils were preparing separate local plans for their respective Districts, but have agreed to prepare a single joint Local Plan covering both Districts.

The Local Plan will set out policies used to determine planning applications by each Council, site allocations, propose new development (e.g. housing or employment) and include broader land use designations (e.g. Green Belt areas). The Green Belt is proposed to be reviewed as part of the Local Plan.

When adopted, the emerging joint Local Plan will replace the respective adopted Core Strategies, saved Local Plans and Policies Maps for both Districts covering the period 2014 to 2036. The Local Plan will also be accompanied by a joint Infrastructure Delivery Schedule.

Public Consultation

An Initial, or 'Regulation 18', Consultation incorporating Issues and Options on the emerging joint Local Plan is taking place from 19th January 2016 to 5pm on 14th March 2016. This will give local residents, businesses and other interested stakeholders the opportunity to comment on what they think the plan should contain, the issues to be addressed, level of development to be planned for and potential options for testing to best meet development needs. The consultation document and response forms can be found on the Council's website:

www.chiltern.gov.uk/planning/localplan2014-2036

Hard copies of the consultation document can be viewed in both Council Offices and libraries serving the Districts,

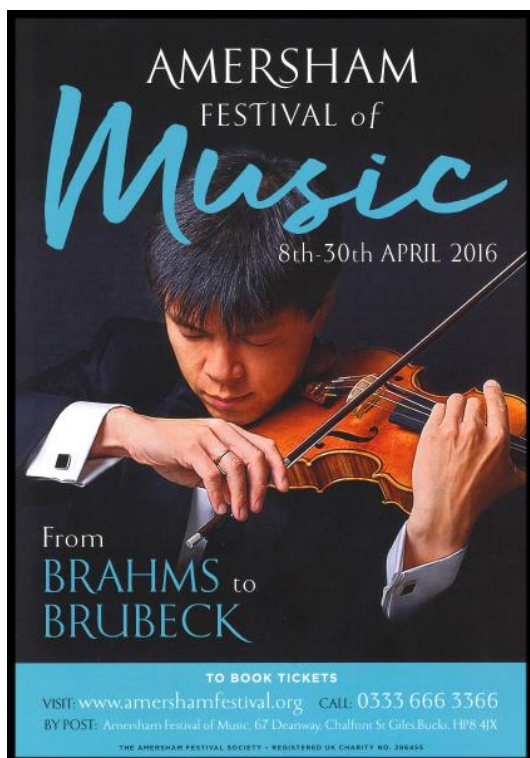
[Click here for library opening times.](#)

Responses to the consultation need to be made in writing and can be sent via email to planningpolicy@chiltern.gov.uk or sent by post to: Planning Policy Team, Chiltern District Council Offices, King George V Road, King George V House, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5AW.

Please note: If you made representations to either Chiltern District Council or South Bucks District Council last year on their respective separate Local Plans (no longer being prepared) then these representations will not be able to be considered as part of the new joint Local Plan as this is the start of a new Local Plan. This is important as views may have changed or other matters of consideration may be raised in the context of a joint Local Plan. If you want your earlier representations to be considered as part of the joint Local Plan then you will need to resubmit them as part of this consultation. Site nominations submitted previously, such as during the 'Call for Sites', do not need to be submitted again and will be taken into account. If you are looking to promote a further site for consideration then this can be made through a consultation response form.

If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact a member of the Planning Policy Team on 01494 586 678 or 01895 837 210 or email the Team at the email addresses provided above.

Graham Winwright
Planning Policy Manager
Chiltern District Council & South Bucks District Council



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Festival Diary 2016
CELEBRATING OUR 34TH YEAR
OF SPRING CONCERTS

Friday 8th April 8.00pm LELAND CHEN (VIOLIN) with Amersham Festival Chamber Orchestra and Iain Ledingham (conductor) ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, OLD AMERSHAM, HP7 0DB	Thursday 21st April 7.30pm FLUTE MASTERCLASS with Jennifer Stinton DR CHALLONER'S HIGH SCHOOL, COKE LANE, LT CHALFONT, HP7 9GB
Tuesday 12th April 11.30-4.00pm MUSIC AND MEMORIES FROM THE BBC with Peter Dorling CHURCH HALL, CHURCH LANE, CHALFONT ST PETER, SL9 9RJ	Saturday 23rd April Doors open 7.15 pm DARIUS BRUBECK QUARTET Darius Brubeck: Piano Matt Ridley: Bass Wesley Gibbons: Drums Dave O'Higgins: Tenor Saxophone DR CHALLONER'S HIGH SCHOOL, COKE LANE, LT CHALFONT, HP7 9GB
Wednesday 13th April 8.00pm AN EVENING OF ROMANTIC SONG performed by Emily Forrest (soprano) Hannah Bennett (mezzo-soprano), Aaron Godfrey-Mayes (tenor), William Diggle (bass), Iain Ledingham and Gabija Butkute (piano/piano duet) ST JAMES' CHURCH, OXFORD ROAD, GERRARDS CROSS, SL9 7DJ	Tuesday 26th April 7.00 for 7.45pm DINNER AT CHENIES MANOR MUSIC FOR CELLO AND HARP Rosanna Rolton (harp) Alexander Rolton (cello) CHENIES MANOR HOUSE AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHENIES, WD3 6ER
Friday 15th April 8.00pm WINE TASTING WITH MUSIC WHITE AND RED WINES FROM AUSTRIA presented by Mark Hughes (Director of the Real Wine Company) THE KING'S CHAPEL, OLD AMERSHAM, HP7 0DJ	Thursday 28th April 8.00pm MASTERCLASS FOR OPERA SINGERS With JOHN COPLEY DR CHALLONER'S HIGH SCHOOL, COKE LANE, LT CHALFONT, HP7 9GB
Sunday 17th April 3.00pm YOUNG ARTISTS' CONCERT WITH WATFORD YOUTH SINFONIA Conductor - Daniel Hogan ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, OLD AMERSHAM, HP7 0DB	Saturday 30th April 7.30pm BRAHMS' REQUIEM SOUTH BUCKS CHORAL SOCIETY Soloists - Alice Privett, Alys Roberts (sopranos), Richard Walshe (bass-baritone) THE GREAT HALL, ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, RICKMANSWORTH, WD3 4HF



Village Event Diary

There are numerous events held in Jordans throughout the year.

Coming up in the next two months are:

The Jolly Quaker

Jordans Village Hall 7pm - 11pm

Friday 5th February 2016

Friday 4th March 2016

Chris Waymouth 07831 309379

Village Supper

Jordans Village Hall 7pm - 11pm

Saturday 13th February 2016

Lunch Club

Jordans Village Hall 1pm - 3:30pm

Thursday 18th February 2016

Thursday 17th March 2016

Race Night

Jordans Village Hall 7:30pm - 11pm

Saturday 27th February 2016

Yoga at the Village Hall

Mondays @ 8pm / Fridays @ 2pm

February Mon: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

February Fri: 5th, 19th, 26th

March Mon: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

March Fri: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Georgina Wright 01494 874552

Exercise Class at the Village Hall

Every Thursday @ 7pm

February: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

March: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Samantha Pearce 07875 215372

sam@getpersonalpt.com

Jordans Quaker Meeting House

This historic building at the heart of Jordans contains a fascinating exhibition and library, and is open to visitors from Tuesday to Sunday 2pm to 5pm, and on Bank Holiday Mondays, from 1st March to 31st October, and at other times by prior appointment.

Contact 01494 876594

office@jordansquakercentre.org

www.jordansquakercentre.org



Village Supper

This year we will celebrate the 97th Anniversary of the Village (founded on 15th February 1919), and the traditional Village Supper to commemorate this historic event is held on the nearest Saturday to the date of the anniversary. Organised by the TMC, this year's event will begin at 7pm; please contact Pat Holdsworth to reserve your place as soon as possible! Pat can be contacted on 01494 874565 or p_holdsworth@hotmail.co.uk



Jordans Village Directory 2016

Look out for your copy of the newly updated Village Directory, which is being published in February!



Colour Photocopying, Printing, & Scanning

The Estate Office has acquired a new combined Photocopier Printer Scanner, capable of producing A4 and A3 physical and digital copies in full colour, and the machine is available for all villagers to use. Thanks to our business maintenance contract we've managed to keep the price for Black & White paper copies down at the same rate as our old photocopier, with Colour copies only a fraction more so it is far cheaper than printing at home!



Useful Contacts

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Quaker Meeting House

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www.jordansquakercentre.org

How to Book the Village Hall

Jordans Village Hall is available for hire and holds regular events.

Bookings are taken by the Estate Manager, on 01494 875177 or admin@jordansvillagehall.co.uk.

You can also enquire about bookings online: www.jordansvillagehall.co.uk



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Alternatively, if you do not have access to a computer, or need help to compile an article, drop in to the Estate Office where Chris Jenkins, our Estate Manager and Contributing Editor will be delighted to assist with text and images. Chris can be contacted at estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk or on 01494 875177.

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