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## Jordans Village Community Newsletter



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### **The April Foreword**

Welcome to the April edition of your Community Newsletter! I write this piece minutes after returning home from a successful "Spring Trim" of Crutches Wood. It was great to see such an enthusiastic bunch of volunteers drag themselves out of bed early on a Sunday morning to lend a hand in keeping their local environment healthy and safe (the promise of a sausage sandwich made by Pat Holdsworth clearly did the trick). The aim was to make safe fallen/dead branches, to keep the holly off the ground, and trim back eye-level overhanging branches along the pathways; many hands made light work and we got through what we needed to get done by mid morning. A huge thanks to all involved (you know who you are!).

Don't forget that April kicks off our musical calendar with Esther Cavett & Ian Ritchie starring in a Village Concert on April 6th, and a new class in the Village Hall, Singability, starting on Wednesday April 13th! I am sure this new weekly fixture will prove to be very popular, as it's a great opportunity for those of you who have always wanted to develop your singing voice, in

a relaxed, nurturing atmosphere where your talents will be able to shine. The first one is totally free, so give it a try!

**Chris Jenkins**  
*Secretary & Estate Manager, Jordans Village Ltd*

*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.*



### News from our Village Store

Did you know that whenever you buy anything on-line - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Jordans Village Community Store? It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Jordans Village Community Store to say thank you for shopping with them. All you have to do is:

1. Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/jordanscomstore](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/jordanscomstore)
2. Sign up for free - the shop gets a referral donation of £1 for every new member, please invite a friend to join.
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Jordans Village Community Store. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Jordans Village Community Store will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.



### Village Event Diary

There are numerous events held in Jordans throughout the year. Coming up in the next two months are:

#### Village Concert

**Jordans Village Hall 8:00pm**  
Wednesday 6th April 2016  
**Bob Hall 01494 873186**

#### Singability!

**Jordans Village Hall**  
**Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:30pm**  
April 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th  
**Kat Hooper 07843 493583**  
[kat@singability.co.uk](mailto:kat@singability.co.uk)  
[www.singability.co.uk](http://www.singability.co.uk)

#### Bluebell Fair

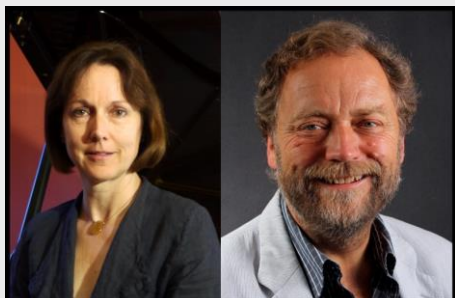
**Noon - 3pm, Saturday 23rd April 2016**  
**Jordans Village School**

#### The Jolly Quaker

**Jordans Village Hall 7pm - 11pm**  
Friday 6th May 2016  
Friday 3rd June 2016  
**Chris Waymouth 07831 309379**

#### Lunch Club

If you have any questions please contact  
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**1816 - Village Concert**  
**Wednesday 6th April 8:00pm**

What was so different about the year 1816 – two hundred years ago? Come to the next Jordans Village Concert and find out!

We will have songs and piano music by Beethoven and Schubert, performed by Ian Ritchie (baritone) and Esther Cavett (piano). It will take place in Jordans Village Hall (HP9 2SY) on Wednesday 6 April, starting at 8 pm.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the concert, and admission is free. There will be a box for donations to cover the costs of the concert and for contributions towards the new Jordans Village Hall. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening, so please do come and bring your friends!

If anyone would like more information about the event, please get in touch with Bob Hall, on 01494 873186.



**Singability is coming to Jordans!**  
When? Wednesday 13th April, 7.30pm to 9.30pm  
@ Jordans Village Hall

**Jordans Village Hall 1pm - 3:30pm**  
Thursday 14th April 2016  
Thursday 19th May 2016

**Yoga at the Village Hall**  
**Mondays @ 8pm / Fridays @ 2pm**  
April Mon: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
April Fri: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd 29th  
May Mon: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
May Fri: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th  
**Georgina Wright 01494 874552**

**Exercise Class at the Village Hall**  
**Every Thursday @ 7pm**  
April: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
May: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
**Samantha Pearce 07875 215372**  
[sam@getpersonalpt.com](mailto:sam@getpersonalpt.com)

**Police Commissioners Election**  
7am - 10pm Thursday 5th May 2016  
**Jordans Village Hall**

**Race Night**  
Saturday 7th May 2016  
**Jordans Village Hall**

**Chalfont St Giles Parish Council Meeting**  
7:30pm 26th May 2016  
Guest speakers & an opportunity to meet representatives from local groups as well as your Parish Councillors. Beer and wine will be served.  
**CSG Memorial Hall**

**Jordans & District Rotary Club Seniors Afternoon Tea**  
Wednesday 15th June 2016  
**Jordans Village Hall**  
**Jenny Owen 01494 677571**

**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.

Do you like to sing? Then come along for the open evening of our brand new class, completely free!

There will be snacks and drinks, lots of information about joining our class, and of course, a taster of what we do best!

We believe that singing should be all-inclusive, and that everyone should have an opportunity to find their voice!

Whether you are a complete beginner or have lots of experience, come down and find out what singing in a group can do for you!

If you would like more information, please email [kat@singability.co.uk](mailto:kat@singability.co.uk), or call 07843 493583.

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## Jordans on Film



### Mysterious Movies

#### Treasure Hunt

Second in our series of short and sweet movies featuring Jordans Village is this delightful film called Treasure Hunt. Click on the image above to watch the film.

Produced by the talented movie making team of Celine Rich and Julian Darley at [www.mysteriousmovies.com](http://www.mysteriousmovies.com).

Look out for another one next month!



### Jordans School Bluebell Fair

Please join us at the Bluebell Fair, previously known as the Frost Fair, on Saturday 23rd April 2016 from Noon until 3pm. It is Jordans School's annual fundraising event and this year we are raising money for outdoor equipment.

There will be many fun activities for all ages, including

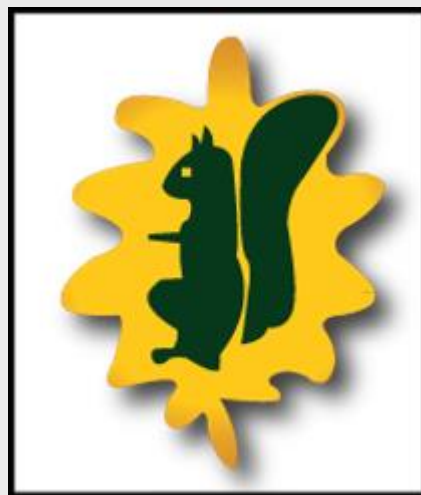
- Lucky 7s
- Nearly new toys / books
- Face painting
- Hair gel / tattoos
- Hook a duck
- Beat the buzzer
- Chocolate tombola
- Chocolate Fondue
- Bottle tombola
- Raffle
- Silent auction
- Cupcake decorating

Food and drinks will also be available.  
Location : Jordans School Puers Lane  
Jordans Bucks HP9 2TE



### **The Re-Opening of the Quaker Meeting House**

The Quaker Meeting House, which dates back to 1688, suffered a terrible fire in the early 2000s, and was re-opened in 2008 after considerable restoration work was carried out. This video documents the re-opening of this historic building at the heart of Jordans. Click the image above to watch the film.



### **Jordans School Headmistress**

Mrs Hannah Bancroft has been appointed as Headteacher of Jordans School, having carried out the role of Acting Headmistress for the past few months.

An outstanding professional, Mrs Bancroft always puts the children at the heart of all her decisions. The School and its Governors are extremely pleased to have her, and I am sure that you will all join them in congratulating on this wonderful news.



### **Autism - A Marathon Challenge by Lucinda Borer**

Last Mothering Sunday I ran past restaurants crammed with families and it got me thinking how training for a Marathon is easier than looking after a severely autistic child. I was reminded that not only was I running to help children like my son reach their potential by helping them get the right support and education. BUT I was running to give other MOTHERS a reason to carry on by giving them HOPE.

The majority of mums of complex autistic children are single mums\* who often cannot leave the house because of their children, let alone go into a restaurant, and will never experience an outing on Mother's Day or any of the stuff you take for granted. (\*It is estimated by NAS that 80% of partnerships will break down).

In case you didn't realise, and excuse me if you



### **Volunteers Needed for Rotary Club RNLI Lifeboat Collection**

do, looking after a severely, complex child with autism is no quirky 'Dog in the Night Time' stuff. Motherhood of a severely, complex autistic child is not only an achievement of sheer physical and mental strength, it is an achievement of the heart. Without heart a mum wouldn't do it and in many cases worn down over time, without help, no longer can. A daily struggle that has been officially compared to the same level of stress that combat soldiers experience on the battlefield (please Google it's there).

I feel to brush this under the carpet and to not talk about this openly does a tremendous disservice to all the mums struggling for support. Some of whom, confined to their homes with their children for years, wracked with desperation and lack of sleep (often autistic children don't sleep at night) have jumped off bridges and taken their poor children with them.

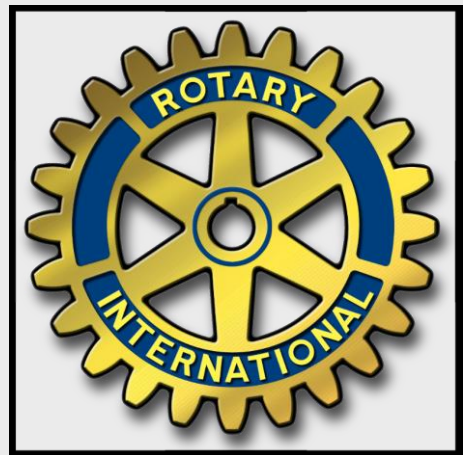
I have struggled and fought the authorities for the right support to look after my son for 16 years. A few years ago it had got to the stage where I wasn't actually able to leave the house to do anything because I couldn't keep him or his poor siblings safe out of it. My son was in a very bad place and his siblings and I were confined to the house for at least a year and a half. I spent all of my time trying to keep them alive.

Struggling to keep all of them alive might sound overly dramatic, but, to give you one small example If our strong 6ft 2 boy with the mind of a two year old, decided to run into the middle of the road and touch the white lines, he would do so and I couldn't stop him. If he decided he wanted to go the other way on the motorway he would climb through into the front and take the wheel whilst his siblings sat screaming on the back seat. Yes, that happened, and, even though the right people knew that was happening, I didn't actually get any help until an accident happened in our house and it catapulted us onto their radar. Luckily no-one died and as a result my son is at the most amazing residential school now.

When you have seen a child like mine, so unhappy and damaged by lack of support, it would make you run forever to help them or even run away – many parents can't stand it any more and if the right help and support doesn't get to

The time has come to collect for the RNLI Lifeboats, as the charity is now called. The week we have been allocated to collect countrywide is Sunday 17th - Saturday 23rd April 2016.

Please could I ask for some help in covering Jordans for this very worthy cause and ask you to contact me Jenny Owen on 01494 677571 (answering machine available) or 07707 386415 if you can cover an area for me.



### **Jordans and District Rotary Club Seniors Lunch**

Jordans and District Rotary Club will be holding an afternoon tea with entertainment on Wednesday 15th June 2016 in the Jordans Village Hall from 3pm till 5pm and should like to invite as many senior citizens over 70 as would like to come. Transport to and from the venue will be available. There is no cost for the attendees.

Please could they let Mrs Jenny Owen from Seer Green know of their interest on the following contact number 01494 677571 (an answering machine is available to take messages)



them in time often do. The majority of the complex children at my son's school have no parents any longer and are in Care.

The Fred Foundation was founded to help families fight on to get the right support and education their children sorely need and so give them HOPE . A LIFE WITHOUT HOPE CAN DRAIN THE STRONGEST SOUL.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fredfoundation>

If you want to know more about what the charity does to support families to fight on please go to [www.thefredfoundation.org](http://www.thefredfoundation.org) The section Faces of Autism and A Day in the Life diary will tell you everything.

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### Anna-Brita Snodin

Dear Friends,

For your information, if you do not know it already, Anna-Brita Snodin died on 15 March 2016.

Her funeral will be held at 10.45am on Wednesday 6th April 2016, in the Milton Chapel, Chiltern Crematorium, Whielden Lane, Amersham, HP7 0ND. It will be a Swedish Service.

At 12 Noon, refreshments will be offered in the Jordans Quaker Meeting House, Welders Lane, Jordans, Beaconsfield, HP9 2SN. To help with catering numbers, please let Alex Wildwood on 01494876594 know if you plan to attend.

In friendship, John Smithson

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### Nick Bell

The Village lost a true star in March when Nick Bell passed away. He is survived by wife Georgina and daughter Keely. Over 400 people attended his funeral, and packed out The Cricketers for his wake. Even in the short time I knew him, it was obvious that he was a very kind, talented, and fun loving gentleman, and of course a skilled musician most famous for his time on the road with Deep Purple. I know we will all miss him. *Chris Jenkins*



Day After Day Nick Bell tribute to Badfinger





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### 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](mailto:admin@jordansvillagehall.co.uk).

You can also enquire about bookings online: [www.jordansvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.jordansvillagehall.co.uk)



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[estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk](mailto:estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk) or on 01494 875177. 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 will be delighted to assist with text and images.

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