



JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the April 2020 issue of our Village Newsletter. I had hoped to be bringing you news of the opening of the Centenary Clearing and Time Capsule burial this month, as well as all the latest events like the Picture House and Jolly Quaker...but thanks to the virus everything is cancelled for the time being. As I write, we are all locked-down in our homes, restricted to going out once a day for exercise and occasionally to get essential food and drink supplies. Even the Prime Minister has caught the virus.

So let's look to the founders of our village for some inspiration. In our archive is the booklet [Proposal for the Establishment of a New Town](#), which Fred Hancock had sent to Arthur Pickstock in 1918, while Arthur was stationed in the trenches in France during World War I. This booklet gave Arthur so much hope - you can imagine how much he looked forward to helping build a model village to be run on Quaker principles when he returned home, and how that helped him endure the trauma

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For some modern day inspiration, I recently visited Bournville in Birmingham together with Ali Cork and Gordon Hamme, and we were extremely privileged to be given a tour of the Estate by Duncan Cadbury and Adrian Allen. You can read about our tour of Bournville below and how it inspired us.

Our Village was built on the hope for a better future. Let us also look forward to a better future, while we endure this virus which will soon pass.

Chris Jenkins, Editor

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News from the Village Store

Fruit and Vegetable orders

As of today a general supply of fruit and vegetables will come to the shop rather than individual orders. There should be plenty for everyone putting in orders so please feel free to continue to do so. It could be that we will need to substitute items for something similar. If this is not acceptable please put 'no substitutions' on your order.

Orders

All orders placed by e-mail - jordansvillagestore@gmail.com - or on the phone 01494 873279 between 1 pm - 3 pm on weekdays will be ready for collection or delivered the following day. Please collect after 11 am and deliveries will be made about 2 pm.

Shop opening hours on Sundays

As Rex bakery are temporarily not baking on Sundays and therefore will not be delivering to Jordans, the shop will be open from 9 am - 11 am only. Rex deliveries will be as normal on Saturdays.

The commitment of the shop manager Sally Wilson and the staff, both volunteer and paid and the delivery drivers to keeping our shop not just open but supplied with most of what our customers would like, is extraordinary. As a Committee we thank Sally for putting in an enormous number of hours to make this work.

Ali Cork

News Editor, Jordans Village Community Store Committee

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About the Village Store

Jordans Village Community Store, founded in 1922, is an independent community store, owned, operated and controlled by the Village. It is run by a combination of part-time staff and volunteers from the local community. www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk/

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Opening Hours at the Village Store

In the current uncertain climate, we are continually trying to adapt to changing (and challenging!) circumstances whilst continuing to serve the community. We are lucky to have a large number of local suppliers who have been incredible when larger companies have let us down. That said, they themselves are suffering and having to make changes in order to survive.

From Monday 30th March, we will be making a number of further changes to the way that the Store operates, so that we can continue to meet the needs of our community.

OPENING HOURS:

Monday - Saturday 9am - 1pm,

Sunday 9am-11am
(NB fresh bakery items no longer available)

Please note there is no Post Office for the foreseeable future and the Store will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday

ORDERING HOURS:

Monday - Friday 1pm - 3pm
by email: enquiries@jordansvillagestore.co.uk
or phone: 01494-873279

ORDERS FOR DELIVERY:

available Monday - Friday
to Jordans residents with Advance Credit accounts only
(Advance Credit accounts can be set up without leaving your home)

Orders containing fresh fruit and vegetables will be available as follows:

Placed by 3pm on	Available on
Monday	-> Wednesday
Tuesday	-> Thursday
Wednesday	-> Friday
Thursday/Friday	-> Tuesday

Orders not containing fresh fruit and vegetables will be available on the following working day.

Orders for collection should usually be available after 11 am.
Deliveries will be made mid-afternoon, usually shortly after 2 pm.

We are still learning about how this works for the best, so we ask that you bear with us and accept our mistakes with a smile (but let us know and we will try to sort them out as quickly as possible).

We are hugely conscious that being a focal point for the village means we are a point of congregation and whilst we do still want to encourage human interaction, we ask that you:

- * **OBSERVE THE 2 METRE DISTANCING GUIDELINES**
- * **REFRAIN FROM TOUCHING ANYTHING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE**
- * **RESPECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS AT ALL TIMES**
- * **TRY TO LIMIT YOUR TIME INSIDE THE SHOP**

In return, we will maintain high hygiene practices by sanitising points of contact, maintain the advised distance and ensure all our staff and volunteers wash their hands and wear gloves whilst handling your goods.

TOGETHER WE WILL TRY TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND WELL

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding during this challenging time.

Jordans Village Community Store

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Actions taken by JVL is response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Thanks to Volunteers

Members noted the wonderful efforts of volunteers and the Village Store to assist their neighbours & wish to express their thanks to everyone involved. There are too many to mention by name individually - you know who you are! - please accept the thanks of JVL for what you are doing so selflessly for others.

General Maintenance

JVL has a duty of care to its residents and contractors and has suspended non-essential work until further notice.

Rowntree Group F Terrace – Extensions

JVL has discussed the ongoing works at the Group F Terrace on Green East Road with the architect and contractor. The contractor has suspended works until it is safe to

recommence with the agreement of JVL.

Playground & Village Green

The playground area has been closed off in line with Government guidance.

Notices have been placed on the cricket hut and on benches opposite the Store to remind that self-distancing must be followed and no more than 2 persons may gather at any one time.

Basketball Hoop

The Chair has been in touch with Public Health England regarding use of the Basketball Hoop. Their representative agreed that a reasonable approach could be taken and concurred with the view that unlike playgrounds, those playing alone with their own ball can avoid sharing or touching the same equipment as others, and the risk of transferring the virus was extremely low.

Therefore, to follow this guidance, new rules for use of the Basketball Hoop are introduced with immediate effect. Recognising that residents are required to spend more time at home and in their gardens, play will be restricted to 9am-1pm to limit the impact on those living nearby.

Only 1 player may use the facility at a time, using their own soft ball. No spectators or other persons may gather in the Hall car park while play is in progress.

Business Continuity

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Society are working with the Secretary on a contingency plan in case the Secretary becomes ill.

Planning Applications

JVL has postponed all decisions on Planning Applications where a meeting to review detailed drawings and a site visit is required. This is because gatherings of more than two persons are not allowed, which prevents members meeting to review drawings and make site visits. JVL may use its discretion to process minor applications which can be assessed without the need for a site visit or detailed drawings.

Government Announcements

JVL is monitoring all Government announcements and keeping the situation under constant review.

Jordans Village Concerts

Our last village concert, on Saturday 1 February, was a great success. It started with four young performers, each playing the piano with great confidence, and Isis Nice-Rowe singing “Quiet” from “Matilda” beautifully. We also had some pieces by Beethoven, and to celebrate the 250th anniversary of his birth, performances of “Happy Birthday, dear Ludwig” and Dudley Moore’s parody of Beethoven’s piano sonatas.

The evening was topped off with three pieces by a wind quintet – and the audience left with “I got rhythm” by George Gershwin ringing in their ears. It was good to see Jordans Village Hall filled to capacity and so many people enjoying the wide range of music produced by local musicians.

Unfortunately our next concert, which was due to take place on Saturday 18 April, is cancelled because of the government restrictions on meetings. We hope we can restart with a new programme of Jordans Village Concerts in the autumn.

Thoughts from the Chair

It has been a privilege to serve on the JVL Management Committee for the past three years. I understand the Village much better, have met many wonderful people, and made some very good friends. I can recommend participation in the Tenant Members Committee and the JVL Management Committee to anybody who wants to become more involved with Village life. Please speak to me or others on the Committee or TMC. New blood is always welcome!

To now be elected to Chair the Management Committee is a great honour. We were all very disappointed that Nicki’s increasing commitments elsewhere left her unable to continue her role on the Management Committee. We fully respect her decision and wish her every success. Her contribution to JVL has been huge and she will be greatly missed. In replacing Nicki as Chair, I will continue her efforts to make the Management Committee more accessible and approachable. I will respond directly to any communication I receive.

The Village, country and world are facing challenges that will test us all. JVL’s Management Committee has taken actions to reduce the impact of the pandemic on the community, as reported elsewhere in this Newsletter. In particular, the Management Committee thanks Jordans Village Store and the individuals who have established a network to support every member of our community through these difficult times.

The Centenary of the Village last year reminded us of the Quaker values that were at the heart of the founding of the Village and which are apparent so widely in the Village today. The pandemic challenges us to dig deep within ourselves to draw on the spirit on which our Community is built. The small contribution we can each make as an individual seems so insignificant against a global virus, but if everybody contributes, the result will be so much greater than the sum of the individual parts. I love the quote: “Never think that what you have to offer is insignificant. There will always be someone out there that needs what you have to give.” If we can each help our immediate neighbours, we will cover the whole Community.

In dark times it is always good to look for a silver lining. Community spirit was becoming an outdated concept – but now, it is now to the fore. Let us hope that, when the pandemic finally recedes, the community spirit is not forgotten and new generations across the country will embrace the values that have been at the heart of Jordans for a hundred and one years, and counting...

I hope that you and your families will remain safe and well. Please adhere strictly to Government guidelines to help protect our Community from the worst impact of the pandemic.

Alan Evers,
Chair, Jordans Village Limited



**Our Living Village – The Buildings Of Seer
Green & Jordans**

One of the aims of the Our Living Village project is to capture the history of every important building in our two communities – from the churches and the pubs to the farms, homes and places of work that have provided us with prosperity, safety and security over many centuries.

One obvious place that we're starting is with our listed buildings such as Peaceful Cottage, Hall Place, and Colliers in Seer Green and the Mayflower Barn, Old Jordans and the Quaker Meeting House in Jordans, as well as the ancient farms – some still with us, some now long gone – such as Dean Farm, Manor Farm, Ponds, and Rawlings.

But we don't just want to include the "grand" buildings in our history. Equally important are the modest cottages and homes that form the backbone of our communities, as well as the commercial buildings supporting our lives – our places of work, shops, garages and post offices.

Then of course there are our important places of worship, education and entertainment, for which we're working hard to assemble information on every key historical event, supported whenever possible by documents, images and personal recollections. And we're definitely not forgetting the buildings that have disappeared, such as The Yew Tree Pub and the up-market Seer Green House finishing school in Longbottom Lane.

But which buildings do you think are the most interesting and should be most valued in our community? Do you have any memories, photos or family connections with these buildings that you'd like to see included in the Our Living Village project? If so, please do get in touch.

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COTTAGE AT JORDANS, BUCKS

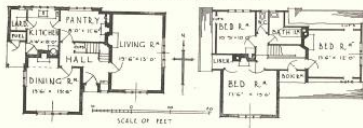
(FIGS. 57 AND 58)

Lanchester, Lucas and Lodge, Architects

THE exterior walls of this house are of cavity construction in multi-coloured brick, the gable ends being covered with rough elm-boarding, and the roof laid with hand-made sand-faced tiles with swept valleys. The bedrooms being



FIG. 57.—FROM THE SOUTH-EAST.

GROUND FLOOR PLAN. FIRST FLOOR PLAN.
FIG. 58.

formed mainly in the roof gives ample cupboard space on the first floor, and furthermore reduces the height and therefore the cube of the building. Not only is the living-room a large room in what is really a small house, but the dining-room and bedrooms are also of ample dimensions. An open-fire "Ideal" boiler in the working kitchen supplies domestic hot water and heats a radiator in the hall.

The house was completed in 1928 at a cost of £1,000.

HOUSE NEAR SEATON, DEVONSHIRE

(FIGS. 59 TO 62)

Miss Faith Brooke, Architect

PARTICULAR interest attaches to this house as being the work of a woman architect. It occupies a hilly site which lent itself to a truncated L-shaped plan, the majority of the windows facing south, to gain a charming glimpse of the sea, while the large bay window at the end of the living-room looks out over a magnificent valley.

The external walling is of 9½-inch cavity construction for the lower storey (hand-made bricks for facing, with 3-inch breeze blocks inside). The upper storey is of 4-inch stud framing, rendered or weatherboarded on the outside and lathed and plastered inside.

From the porch one enters what is virtually a very large living-room, its total length being 26 feet 6 inches, but which can be divided, by means of a folding partition, into two rooms—living-room and dining-hall. Its use as one large room is especially adapted to summer, or for entertainment. This room has beams and joists of English oak, and its open fireplace is carried out with 2-inch bricks and tiles. From one end of what may be called the hall portion, the staircase rises to the first floor.

To the left of the entry is a sitting-room, and adjoining it is the kitchen-scully, with sink and draining-boards set under a







Tour of Bournville with Duncan Cadbury & Adrian Allen

As part of our Centenary celebrations, last September descendants of the Cadbury, Rowntree and Dodd families were invited to visit the village for an Open Day, where we showed them around the Village, various buildings and the features their ancestors helped to create in our village.

Following on from that wonderful day, Ali Cork, Gordon Hamme and I were extremely

privileged to be invited to Bournville on 11th March by Duncan Cadbury who, together with Adrian Allen, gave us a most amazing personal guided tour of the Bournville Estate. Duncan is the current Chairman of Bournville Village Trust (BVT), and Adrian Allen, great grandson of George Cadbury, is also a current Trustee.

Our day started in the headquarters of Bournville Village Trust. Duncan gave us a fascinating potted history of the Cadbury business and of the Estate, from the early 19th Century when George and Richard Cadbury founded and expanded their highly successful chocolate business.

Brought up by Quaker parents, Richard and George were highly conscientious individuals from an early age. They were concerned at the living standards in central Birmingham, and having started their own business wanted better for their workers. In the late 19th Century, they acquired a country estate on the south side of Birmingham on which they built a factory town. Its name combines the river Bourn which runs through the Estate, and the French word for town "ville", hence Bournville. I shan't try to recite the history of [George](#) & [Richard](#) Cadbury but you can find lots more about them online.

What was clear to Ali, Gordon and me was Duncan & Adrian's dedication to the same cause that their ancestors started. As we toured the village, many local residents obviously knew Duncan and he stopped to talk to them about their personal lives. As we were driven around the Estate, Duncan and Adrian pointed out the plethora of facilities which they manage and maintain; housing, village halls, schools, parks & recreational facilities, baths, shops, hospitals, retirement & care homes...the list goes on.

It was inspiring to see how these "philanthropic businessmen" have continued to develop the Estate and how much effort and money is re-invested in their facilities. What is important to them is to develop their Community; to look far ahead, and put in place useful facilities that all residents can make use of for the long term. They often work in partnership with local authorities, the NHS, universities and charities, and look to supply land, buildings or investment to help put important facilities in place - so long as risks are well controlled and the projects are sustainable in the long term.

In terms of planning, the area around the Green is a Conservation Area, like our Village Green. BVT does allow development, and publishes [Design Guides for the Estate](#) and the [Conservation Area](#) defining the process for planning applications and information about what is and isn't allowed. The [award-winning Bourn View](#) care home and [Bournville Gardens retirement village](#) prove that they are still looking forward and adding modern facilities for residents which incorporate very thoughtful planning and design details. This helps residents to enjoy their retirement with

a vibrant social life, which has many positive knock-on effects including a significant reduction in loneliness and mental health issues, relieving pressure on local GPs and hospitals.

We learned so much, and were inspired by the philanthropic outlook of the Cadburys which had so clearly improved life for many generations. We felt an amazing sense of privilege to represent our Village and to strengthen the ties Jordans has with our "big brother" just over one hundred years after our Village was founded.

I hope seeing some of the pictures of our visit inspires you all too.

Chris Jenkins



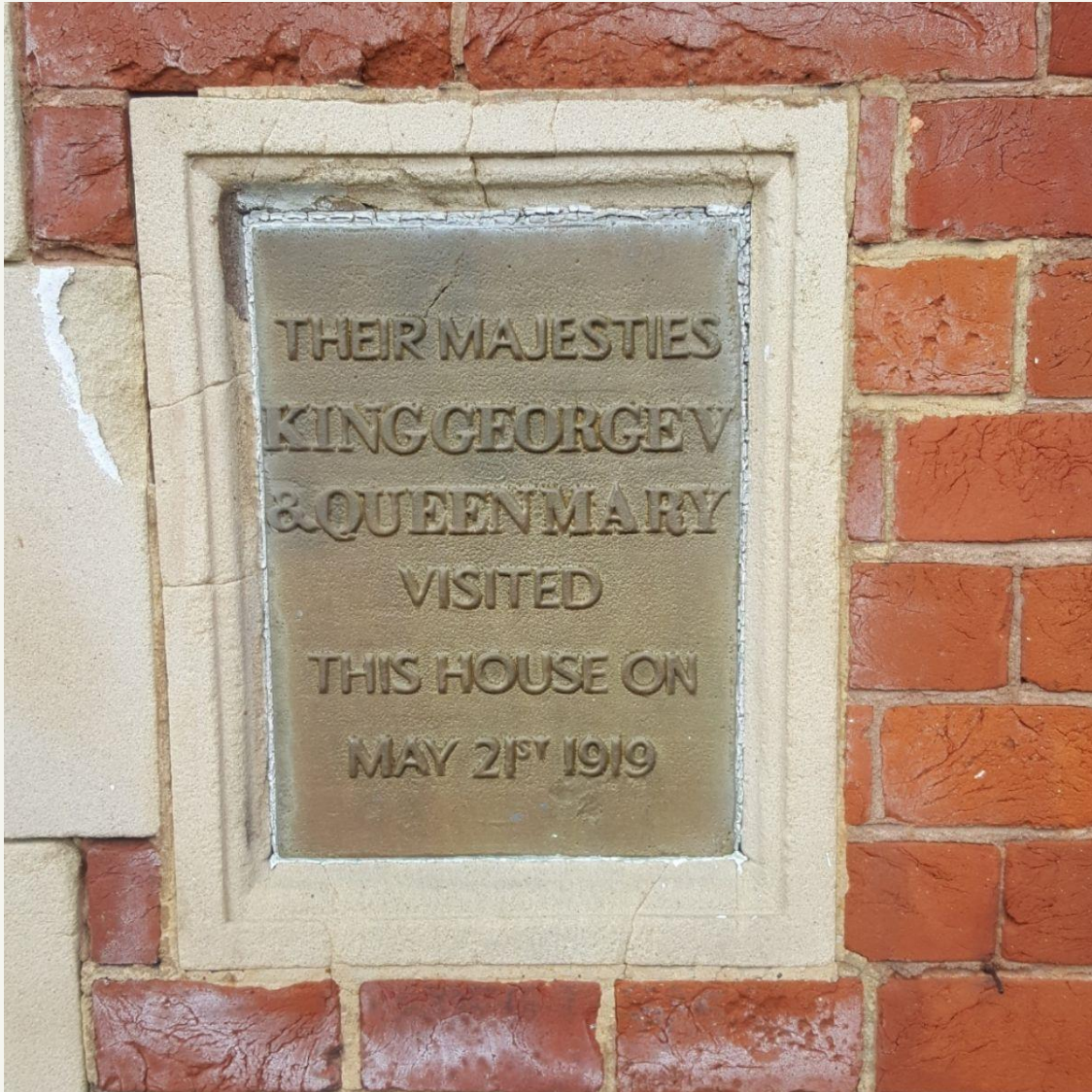
Bournville's Almshouses, also known as the Quadrangle, are open to all - not only those who worked for the Cadburys.



Inside [the quadrangle](#) are spacious, peaceful gardens and a central rest house.



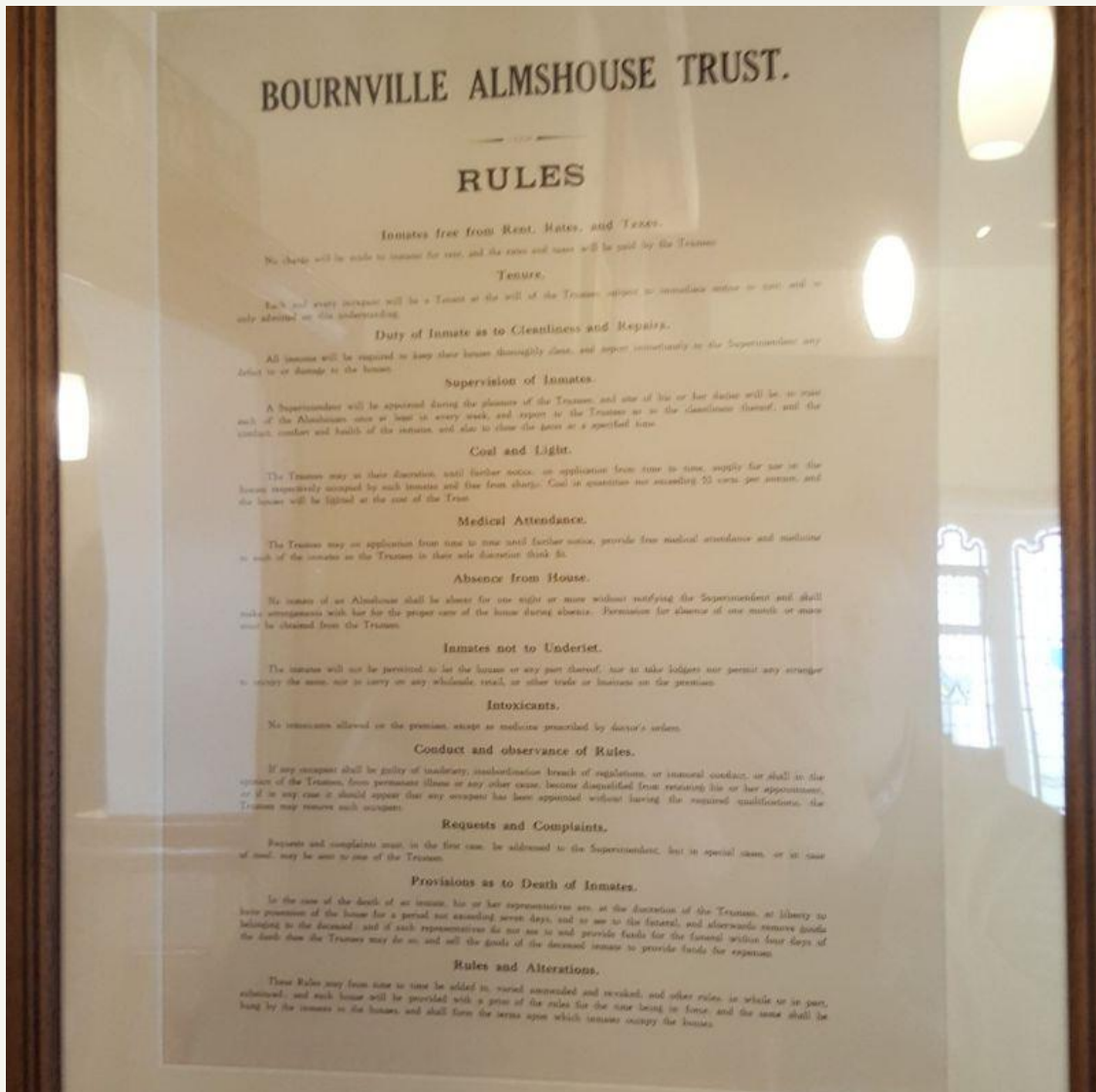
Inside the dining room of the Almshouses.



King George V and Queen Mary visited the oldest resident of the Almshouses on 21st May 1919



Another view of the inner quadrangle and Almshouses.



Rules for the "inmates" of the Almshouses!



Photos of Richard & Elizabeth Cadbury hang inside the entrance hall of the Almshouses. Richard is the forgotten brother, as he died at a much younger age than his brother George, but was just as important in the development of the Cadbury chocolate business.



Shenley Court Hall is one of the newest Village Halls on the Bournville Estate. They run a Lunch Club twice a week, are home to a nursery, and many other activities similar to those held in Jordans Village Hall.



It was a total surprise was to see the Serbian Orthodox church. During WWI and WWII, the Cadburys helped a total of around 10,000 Serbian refugees escape the conflict, and went on to build them their own church in 1968.



Next to the church is another village hall, featuring a Serbian-style tower which acts as a meeting room.



Inside the church is a typical Byzantine interior, and we were treated by the resident priest to a performance of singing.



Amazing Byzantine frescos adorn every surface of the interior. This is the inside of the main dome.



Bournville Village Trust's newest development is the award-winning retirement apartment complex at Bournville Gardens, consisting of 212 flats and other larger accommodation.



Architect's sketch view of Bournville Gardens



A view from the 4th floor looking down into the entrance atrium. Off each side of the atrium on the ground floor are a shop, hairdresser, nail bar, library, workshop, gym, lounge, restaurant & bar, theatre hall, and medical assessment rooms. One particularly thoughtful feature is a room for those with dementia, which is kitted out with 1950s and 1960s furniture and gramophones, which helps residents feel at home in familiar surroundings.



The communal gardens and greenhouses give residents a space to get outside and enjoy their gardens.



Each floor of the retirement village has special bathing facilities for those with mobility problems, but it feels more like a luxury holiday resort than a hospital.



This is Bourn View Care Home, set amongst landscaped gardens and right next to Bournville Gardens. Unfortunately we were not allowed inside due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



Weoley Hill Village Hall is used by badminton and tennis clubs, and was recently expanded.



[Minworth Greaves](#) is the oldest building on the Bournville Estate. It's a timber cruck framed, Grade II listed building, thought to date from the 14th-century or earlier, possibly as early as 1250. It was originally built in Minworth, near Sutton Coldfield to the north of Birmingham. After falling into extreme disrepair, it was purchased by George Cadbury and re-built by Laurence Cadbury in 1932 in the grounds of Selly Manor.



[Selly Manor](#) is located next to Minworth Greaves, and was moved to its current site in 1916 by George Cadbury. Together with the adjacent Minworth Greaves, it is operated as [Selly Manor Museum](#) by Bournville Village Trust as a heritage site, community museum and a place of learning attracting around 20,000 visitors a year. It's also used as a venue for functions including weddings. It houses the Laurence Cadbury furniture collection of early furniture and domestic objects which date from 1500 - 1900.



Some beautiful costumes allow children visiting from schools to dress up and immerse themselves in the history of the Manor.



Ali Cork talking with Duncan Cadbury inside Selly Manor.



Bournville shops, with the Cadbury factory visible in the background.



Another view of the shopping parade on Bournville Green.



The Rest House is the central feature of Bournville Village Green, and its shape forms the logo of Bournville Village Trust.



In the centre of Bournville Green is the [Rest House](#). This historic building became disused many years ago but is now home to the carillon shop and visitor centre. The Rest House on Bournville Village Green was erected to commemorate the Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Cadbury and given, as inscribed on the stone tablet: *"by the employees of Cadbury Bros. Ltd., at Bournville and in all parts of the world, as a lasting memorial of esteem and affection, as an expression of gratitude for the unceasing interest in their welfare, and in admiration of manifold social services to the world at large"*.



The amazing [Bournville Carillon](#), which houses 48 bells, is the largest of its type.



There's a wide range of architecture on the Bournville Estate, some quite elaborate, others quite plain, and many that resemble the architecture of Jordans.



One of the more modern developments on the Estate at Chestnut Croft.



Our tour ended at [Rowheath Pavilion](#), which has a hall, bar and cafe, and changing rooms servicing the many sports pitches across the road. Open spaces are a feature of the Estate.



Paws for Thought

La Dolce Vita

There are a lot of very happy dogs around at the moment! They have been taken by surprise as they are not 'home alone' any longer, due to the lock down. They have also been getting regular walks in this beautiful Spring weather.

In fact, walking the dog has been a life saver for dog owners. Getting out of the house and going for a walk helps relieve the tensions caused by the enforced isolation and distancing. Since all

dog grooming establishments are now closed, it is important to look after your dog's coat. If you have recently had an appointment you are at an advantage.

However, you may have had an appointment coming up which has been cancelled. In any event it is very important to give your dog a daily brush. Breeds such as Cockapoos can get very matted coats, and need regular attention. Long matted coats are very uncomfortable for dogs and can lead to further problems. Various products are available to help detangle fur, and combs specially designed for de matted can also be used. But even if your dog groomer has closed, you can always seek advice from them on how best to deal with your dog's grooming requirements.

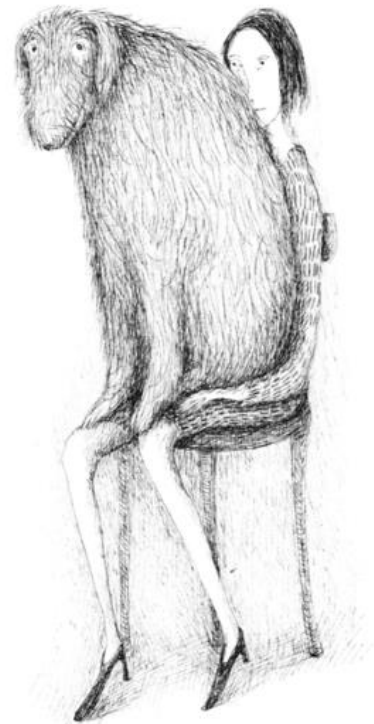
In an attempt to add a bit of humour to this month's article I am posting two poems by the humourist and performance poet Matt Harvey, with illustrations by Claudia Schmid. I hope they make you smile!

LAPDOG

A dog by any other name
Would weigh the same

But we don't judge
And he won't budge

We don't mind if you don't approve
He can't be arsed and I can't move



IN RECOGNITION

for poop you've scooped beyond the call of duty
for walks, for sticks you've thrown and sticks I've fetched
for putting up with smells the wrong side of fruity
for all those awkward visits to the vets

for tug-of-war and tummy tickles, for telling me I'm Good
for stern words crossly spoken that I've never understood

for services rendered, for tenderness tendered
for forgiving what I did to your car
being a fine hind-leg-standing example
of whatever-it-is-you-are

I award you the highest honour our breed bestows –
The Order of the Wet Nose

Here's licking at you, kid.



Jo Bell

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Update on fighting coronavirus in Buckinghamshire



Important information from Buckinghamshire Council about community support during the coronavirus pandemic

Dear Resident,

Each day I take huge pride in the immense community effort that we are seeing across the whole county. It is a time of crisis, but we are seeing in all of our towns and villages just how well people are pulling together, supporting each other and volunteering to help especially in looking after the people who need it the most.

My colleagues and I are truly humbled and inspired by the amazing work people are doing.

I'm delighted to be able to say that the council is now in the process - via a team of staff and wonderful volunteers - of getting food parcels out to the most vulnerable. Please read on for more

on what Buckinghamshire Council is doing and how we are helping to provide and coordinate community support.

Can I thank each and every one of you too for doing your bit by **staying home**, except where absolutely essential, to help stop the spread of the virus and to save lives. We have all made huge adjustments and I am thankful to everyone for the lengths you are all going to.

Food parcels



This week we received the food parcels from the Government for our most vulnerable residents and our teams are starting to send these out. Again, I am just so proud of how quickly our staff and volunteers have got this process up and running. This is an interim measure, as the aim is that the government will start sending these directly to vulnerable people using supermarket delivery services. But for now, we are helping to co-ordinate getting these out to the most vulnerable people who need them.

Local Support Hubs

I'm really pleased to be able to give you further detail about Buckinghamshire Council's **eight local support hubs** that are now set up for residents with severe medical conditions who might not have friends or family nearby.

The hubs will act as co-ordination and distribution points for the council's volunteer support network to help with the food parcels, fuel top-up cards and help with getting medicines and medical appointments.

They won't be open to the public but are there to co-ordinate the support for these most vulnerable residents.

Residents at high risk will get letters from the NHS or their GPs explaining how to register for support and we are making contact with vulnerable residents too. The Council's social care team has also identified 750 older and more vulnerable residents and is keeping in daily contact with them to make sure they are safe and that they have the support they need.

All residents can also see what wider help and support is available – and can offer to volunteer too – via Buckinghamshire Council's online Community Hub at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

Community focus

As I've already said, I'm just so inspired by the immense community effort we're seeing across the county. Just one example has been in High Wycombe, where local councillor Arif Hussain and his children raised money through the charity Five Pillars to buy food and care packages for elderly residents. Through a team of wonderful local volunteers, they then delivered the parcels to 68 flats of elderly local residents.



I know that this is just **one of many such stories** from across Bucks and I want to hear more. Please let us know what you are doing in your community and we'll share this on our website so people in your local area can find you.

We've had an amazing response to our call for volunteers, almost 800 so far! **If you would like to volunteer to help in your local community please visit our online community hub at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/community-hub**

You can also use the hub to find local support for yourself or if you have an elderly friend or relative in Buckinghamshire that you are worried about.

Our daily video update - #AskBucksCouncil

We're all enjoying staying in touch online more, and at Buckinghamshire Council we are no exception! We are producing a [daily video update](#) - our Vlog - and it's a brilliant way of getting the latest updates from the Council - plus I enjoy that it can be a more personal, face to face, form of communicating as well as emailing you all.

Please do check it out [via the Buckinghamshire Council website](#) and **most importantly – we want**

you to take part. We don't want this to be a one-way conversation. Please give us your stories, comments, questions via social media ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)) using the #AskBucksCouncil hashtag and we will do all we can to include your comments and respond to any questions.

Council tax

We know how difficult life is at the moment and also how peoples' circumstances vary tremendously. I know that many people are under financial strain and will find their council tax an added burden at a difficult time. The council's advice is that you continue to pay if you possibly can - council tax funds essential local services like rubbish collection, local fire and police services and helps pay for the care vulnerable adults and children need from us.

However, I want you to know that Buckinghamshire Council does recognise the financial impact of coronavirus and will be supporting working-age residents who already have Council Tax Reduction by initially reducing their council tax bill by up to £150.

We also know that other customers will have difficulty making payments, and we urge you to let us know so we can work through a solution together. For example, it might be easier for some households who pay in ten instalments to pay in twelve smaller instalments.

If you are facing financial hardship and need to talk to us about how to pay your council tax bill please go to www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/council-tax/help-council-tax-payments

Free school meal vouchers

Children eligible for free school meals will benefit from a national voucher scheme so they can still get meals while they stay at home during the school closure period. Schools can now provide, where needed, every eligible child with a weekly shopping voucher worth £15 to spend at supermarkets while schools are closed.

Some schools will continue to provide meals for collection or delivery themselves, but where this isn't possible, the scheme will allow schools to provide vouchers to families electronically, or as a gift card for those without internet access.

The voucher scheme means that families who usually benefit from free school meals still have access to healthy and nutritious meals while they are not attending school.

Where schools are issuing vouchers rather than continuing to provide meals, parents will receive the voucher directly from their child's school, which can then be redeemed online via a code or sent to their home as a gift card and used at supermarkets. Parents and carers should check with their school in the first instance to find out more about how this is being arranged.

Staying healthy while you stay home

I also want to take a moment to remind everyone that taking care of your mind is really important while staying at home. You may feel bored, frustrated or lonely. You might also be low, worried or anxious, or concerned about your finances, your health or those close to you.

It's important to remember that it is OK to feel this way and that everyone reacts differently. Remember, this situation is temporary and, for most of us, these difficult feelings will pass.

Staying at home may be difficult, but you are helping to protect yourself and others by doing it. Check out the tips and advice [that Every Mind Matters suggests](#).

There are things you can do to help you keep on top of your mental well-being and cope with how

you may feel while staying at home. Make sure you get further support if you feel you need it.

The new Buckinghamshire Council

And finally – an important reminder that from tomorrow the new Buckinghamshire Council comes into being. It replaces the county council and the four district councils of Buckinghamshire, which will no longer exist after today.

There has been a monumental effort from staff and councillors in all five councils to get us to where we are today. Thanks to the huge amount of work that has been done over the last 16 months, all five authorities are now working as one and this has meant we have been able to respond as one team to the coronavirus pandemic. This is a great testament to all of our teams and I am so proud of the hard work and dedication shown by all of our staff and councillors.

Because all elections have been postponed until next year, all 202 current Shadow Authority councillors will become Buckinghamshire Council councillors from tomorrow until May 2021.

The existing Shadow Executive members will form Buckinghamshire Council's new cabinet until the elections in May 2021.

I'm so proud that we are in such a strong position to move forward as one new single council under such challenging circumstances.

Stay well,

Martin Tett

Leader of the Shadow Executive

Your next email with news and information will come from the new Buckinghamshire Council and will look a little different. The new Council will continue to use the email address you have provided us with, and when you get your next email from Buckinghamshire Council there will be the option to unsubscribe if you no longer wish to receive email communications from Buckinghamshire Council.



How is Jordans Village coping?

As you come into Jordans Village, the road sign on the left says “Welcome to Jordans Historic Quaker Village”. How is the Village coping with the coronavirus crisis? Especially how are those of us who are 70 or over coping with self-isolation for twelve weeks? It's early days but the Village has come alive with a spirit of self-sacrifice and a

spirit of kindness that is strengthening our community.

The ninety-nine year old Jordans Village Community Store, registered as a Society for the Benefit of the Community, has been just that, a benefit to the community during this crisis. The Store has offered to deliver food and other goods to those of us who are 70 or over. The counter staff are operating as usual, exposing themselves willingly to the risk of catching the disease. So too the many volunteers who clean and fill the shelves, do audits as well as serve behind the counter on weekends. They are all self-sacrificing. There is little evidence of panic buying although rationing as started for some highly sought-after goods. People realise that we are a community and it is selfish to buy beyond our current needs. All of which helps foster the spirit of community.

There are also encouraging signs of community spirit in the numbers of people who offer to shop for or do other errands or even just phone us to keep us company. One day last week a complete stranger rang our door bell and gave us a slip of paper entitled “Hello! If you are self-isolating, I can help.” Her name and address and phone number were given as well as the offer to pick up shopping, post mail, get urgent supplies and last, but not least, make a friendly phone call. Our guardian angel turned out to be a Jordans resident who we had never met in the thirty-nine years we’ve lived in Jordans. How kind she was to call on us a how to meet her after all these years. The name of her organization is ViralKindness; how apt, for the coronavirus crisis has in many ways kindled kindness, made us feel our lives are valued and made our Jordans community stronger.

I venture that the Quaker founders of Jordans would feel very much at home as we meet the challenges of our present time.

Article shared from the Chilterns Area Quaker Newsletter - Issue 106

<http://caqm.org.uk/>



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[Scamming complaints on the rise as virus continues to spread](#)

Doorstep scammers are taking advantage of the coronavirus emergency to con elderly and vulnerable people.

There has been a rise in the number of scam complaints related to the coronavirus outbreak, according to Buckinghamshire and Surrey Trading Standards team, who are urging members of the public to be aware. Since the beginning of the month the total number of scam complaints has increased by 40%.

Latest complaints include reports of a South Buckinghamshire woman in her 80s who answered the door to a man who tried to demand £220 in cash to complete a health and safety check. Additionally, there have been widespread complaints of scammers trying to take people's bank details to cover payments for school meals whilst the schools are closed.

Residents are also being urged to be especially wary of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits – these are only offered by the NHS.
- Vaccines or miracle cures – there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Shopping or medication collection services that require payment upfront.
- Home cleaning services.
- Overpriced or counterfeit products.

Residents must also be wary of emails, texts, telephone calls and messages via social media from scammers offering refunds on taxes or bills, as these are highly prevalent. Trading Standards have provided some helpful tips to help prevent people from becoming victims of scams:

- Don't be pressurised into making a decision. If someone is trying to rush you or panic you, they are probably trying to scam you.
- Only purchase goods from trusted retailers.
- Be suspicious of requests for money upfront.
- Do not give your bank card or bank details to a stranger. Never write your PIN number down.
- Know who you're dealing with – if you don't know the person who's offering you help then ask to be introduced by someone that you know and trust.

Gareth Williams, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health, said: *"I am absolutely appalled that anyone would use a time of national emergency to target vulnerable and older people. This is as low as you can get. I'm heartened by the fantastic number of people locally who want to help others, and I'd encourage anyone looking out for their elderly and vulnerable neighbours to*

keep an eye and ear out for these types of scammers.”

If you have information or are worried about coronavirus related scams please contact Trading Standards. You can email

trading.standards@bucksandsurreytradingstandards.gov.uk or call on 01296 388788.

In the picture: [tips from Friends Against Scams and National Trading Standards on how to avoid becoming the victim of a scam.](#)



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:

Jordans & District Rotary Club Quiz Night

Newbarn Farm, Rawlings Lane, Seer Green Friday 24th April 7:00 pm

Bingo Fund-Raiser for Village Store

Jordans Village Hall, Saturday 25th April 4:00 pm

Plant Bring-and-Buy Sale

Jordans Village Green, Saturday 16th May time TBA

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 2019

Thursdays, 1pm in the Village Hall

16th April

14th May

18th June

16th July

17th September

15th October

19th November

17th December

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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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