



JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August 2020

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Welcome to the August 2020 issue of our Village Newsletter!

This month I'd like to welcome some new residents to the village, Georgina Mowatt who is moving in to The Croft; Phillip & Jo Wardle who'll shortly be taking up residence at 12 The Green, Hattie Pegram, who has moved in to 5 Puers Field, and Madeline Fenton, who'll shortly be moving back to the village and in to 1 Chelsey Garden Cottages after a number of years away. Welcome to all!

Sadly, the end is not quite in sight for the pandemic which has caused the cancellation of our favourite annual events. However, the Horticultural Society is planning a Flower & Produce Show on Sunday 6th September which will go ahead respecting self-distancing guidelines. We hope that you will come along and see some of the amazing vegetables, fruit, and flowers that our green-fingered residents have managed to produce!

In the meantime we have a lot of video content to keep you entertained, with [Jordans Performs](#) sent in by Esther Cavett, and some amazing footage of the [nocturnal wildlife at Puers Field](#), shared by

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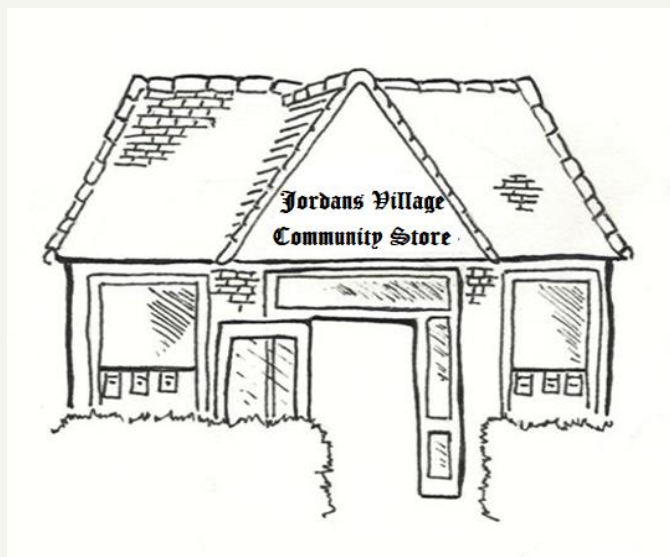
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Andrew Wilcockson.

Enjoy your summer break,
Chris Jenkins, Editor
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News from the Village Store

Jordans Village Community Store August Update

New Shop Only Monthly Email

From September the shop will have its own dedicated newsletter. A tailor-made newsletter will mean our updates are brief and are going directly to those who are interested in the shop.

We promise to keep our emails to a minimum, probably only a single screen of information and only once a month - unless we have urgent news that cannot wait!

We would love for as many of you as possible to hear our news about new products, opening times and events, so please follow the link to our website www.JordansVillageStore.co.uk and scroll to the bottom where you can enter your email address to subscribe. Or you could add your address to the sign-up sheet on the counter near the till next time you are in the shop.

Extended Shop Opening Hours

A new month sees further changes to our village shop as we move with the ever changing times. As our community becomes more confident about coming into the shop, we have made the decision to stop home deliveries. Instead, and in the light of a recent survey of our Advance Credit Account customers, we are pleased to be able now to use our wonderful team of volunteers to extend our weekend opening hours.

Therefore from Saturday 1st August onwards, we will be open as follows:

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Sat 9am - 5:30pm

Sun 9am - 1pm

We really hope that you will find these new opening times much more helpful.

Reacting To Our Survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in our survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable. As well as extending the shop opening hours, we have made a number of additional changes.

In addition to soya milk, we have extended the range of non-dairy milk to include coconut, almond and lactose-free milk and we are now stocking a non-dairy cheese. We are in the process of moving the card racks closer together to help make choosing the right card for the occasion a little easier. This will take a bit longer as it requires some furniture movement so please bear with us.

We will continue to address other comments over time.

Please do tell us if your favourite product is missing (we do try to maintain good stock levels but occasionally we are not aware that something has run out). And always let us know if you have any new product suggestions, we are always very happy to hear your ideas.

Sally Wilson

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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Flower & Produce Show

**SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
VILLAGE GREEN**

We're working hard to make sure the Flower and Produce Show can go ahead this year. Whether it does will depend on the latest Government social distancing guidelines and the weather!

Most of the usual categories will be included but unfortunately no 'Domestic' section this year. We're planning to hold the show on the Village Green instead of the Hall and there will be a new 'get involved in the judging' element because Anna, our RHS qualified judge, is shielding.

This event is not just for gardening experts - save the date, nurture your flowers and allotment produce, and get planning your Lego creations. Or just save the date and come along to judge

the entries!

A leaflet with the full list of categories will be available in the Village Shop. Look out for these and our posters around the Village towards the end of August for more information on this much loved event. Please note, because we can't accommodate large numbers of people due to social distancing, the event this year is only open to Jordans residents.



Bus Service to Jordans Under Threat

Bucks County Council, who employ Carousel Buses to provide the twice-weekly bus service from Jordans to Beaconsfield and back, are considering cutting this vital service due to

lack of use.

A letter from the Council dated 20th July was sent to the Parish Council clerk only a few days ago, which I only just received this morning (3rd August) giving us very little time to respond.

I have sent a response to the Council today on behalf of JVL, but please if you wish to appeal against this proposal too, do write to Sara Turnbull, the Service Director for Transport at Bucks County Council, by 5th August 2020 via passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

[Download a copy of the letter here](#)

**Chris Jenkins,
Estate Manager**



Paws for Thought

The Dangers with Grass Seeds

This month I have been prompted by a friend to write about the damage that grass seeds can cause if they become imbedded in the paws, ears, and other locations on the dog's body.

Harry, my friend's Norwich Terrier, had to be taken to the vet on two different occasions when his paw became inflamed after a grass seed burrowed its way into it. This eventually caused redness and swelling, which caused him a lot of pain.

According to practising veterinary surgeon and animal welfare campaigner, Marc Abraham, it can be a painful and expensive business. Abraham explained in an article posted on The Kennel Club website, that the problem occurs because grass seeds have sharp pointy ends like arrows. Breeds with longer coats and floppy ears like Springer and Cocker Spaniels, and Cockapoos are most at risk, especially if walked in meadows or woodlands. As with most seeds, once attached to the fur of a dog they are unable to fall off, becoming trapped in its coat. The seed will eventually burrow down into the skin of the victim's

body. The paws and ears are the most common site. The signs to look out for are paw licking, especially after a walk, lameness, and head shaking. If your dog is pawing at its head and ear, it could have a grass seed lodged in its ear canal. The dog may also tilt its head to one side in an attempt to shake the seed out. Seeds can also get stuck in a dog's nose, producing a bloody nasal discharge. Continuous sneezing, rubbing of the nose, and difficulty breathing can also be a sign. Seeds can also get trapped under the eye lid, and can be seen by pulling the lid up or down. In the worst case scenario an embedded seed can cause internal damage that can be lethal. Once a grass seed is embedded it can travel to any part of the body such as the lungs, spinal cord, brain and abdominal organs. The seeds may also carry bacteria that could cause an infection.

If you think your dog may have a grass seed lodged somewhere it is advisable to get your dog seen by a vet as soon as possible. This will increase the chances of avoiding any complications. It is difficult to find an embedded grass seed due to the fact that they are made of vegetable matter, this making them invisible on an X-ray. If the seed is visible the vet will try removing it with some specially designed tweezers known as 'crocodile forceps'. If a seed has become lodged in the ear the vet may use an otoscope to look down the ear canal. Sedation may be necessary prior to these procedures. Antibiotics will be prescribed if an infection has set in. On Petplan's 'Vet's Corner' they advise taking preventive action by keeping the fur around the dog's paws and ears short during the summer months. Checking for seeds on a regular basis after walking is also a worthwhile measure. If you are in tune with your dog you will help avoid problems such as these occurring. Abraham has a free iPhone App called 'MARC THE VET', which contains tips on how to keep your dog healthy. Images of what an infected paw and the different varieties of grass seeds might look like can be found online.

On a more cheerful note this month I'm including another poem by the Totnes based poet and lyricist Matt Harvey titled 'IN TUNE', about a Dalmadoodle, which is a Dalmatian and Poodle cross.

IN TUNE

I scratch her neck and tum like this
there's music in our grooming
she's a Bach-loving bitch with perfect pitch
who's never needed tuning

grunts and grumbles, creaks and whistles
yawning sighs, a drawn-out groan
she has such a lovely temperament
and a beautiful, beautiful tone

we nuzzle as we noodle
she's not for cuddles or for kisses
she's my dulcimer dalmadoodle
and I'm her maestro Mrs

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Jo Bell

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Chilterns Area

Friends' Corner

Jordans Meeting House

Jordans Meeting House will be reopening for 'in person' weekly meetings for worship on Sundays, starting on Sunday 2 August at 10:30. Entry will be only by the main doors of the annexe by the car park, except for wheelchair users who can access the 1688 Meeting Room by the double doors leading to the Burial Ground. There will be social distancing at two metres; the Meeting Room can accommodate about seventeen worshippers at one time. The Meeting House will be thoroughly cleaned before and after meeting for worship. No refreshments will be served after the meeting and the Library will not be available for browsing or borrowing. Further details can be obtained from Michael Phipps (michaeldhipps@aol.com) or Adrienne Midgley (adriennemidgley@hotmail.com)

Jordans Zoom meeting

Jordans Meeting has been holding Zoom meetings every Sunday at 10:30 since the lockdown. This will change on Sunday 2 August when the Meeting House will reopen for the traditional 10:30 meeting. However, in addition to the 10:30 'in person' meeting in the Meeting House, there will be a Zoom Meeting for Worship on Sunday evenings at 6:30 starting on the 2nd August.

An on-line survey carried out of Jordans Meeting members and attenders asked their views about holding Meeting for Worship at 10:30 on Sundays combining in-person meeting in the Meeting House with Zoom access available to others not able to attend the meeting. Eighty-seven percent were in favour of this 'blended' meeting concept; however this will require research and investment into appropriate audio-visual technology.

Children's Sunday School meeting

David Matthews writes: on Sundays when the weather is fine, we have been meeting outside at the wooden circle in Crutches Wood. The meeting starts at 10:30 with a short period of quiet time and reflection and lasts an hour. Recently we have been exploring the many dens in Crutches Wood. Next Sunday, the 2nd August, we will be searching for dragonflies in Bob and Mary-Anne Hall's garden at Copse End. Parents come with their children. If some more children wish to join us, their parents are welcome to contact me on 07779 251 107.

Jordans Meeting House Burial Ground

From 15th July the landscaping company Cool Gardens have been renovating and improving the paths from the front of the Meeting House to the Burial Ground and the access from the Westminster Gate to the Burial Ground. The Burial Ground Committee that manages the Burial Ground is aware that the paths are uneven and can make access for mourners difficult. The work should take two to three weeks and should be completed in early August. During this time it will not be possible to use the area for walking dogs or for going for a stroll.

For some visitors, especially Pennsylvanians, the Burial Ground is the resting place of William Penn and his family as well as other Quaker notables. But in its upper reaches there are headstones arranged in circles expressing the concentric layout of the Meeting. It's a lovely place to walk and also to see the headstones of relatives and friends who once lived in Jordans Village, Seer Green and areas close by. An alphabetic list by family name is maintained in the Meeting House library.

This raised the question in my mind as to who is eligible to be buried in the Burial Ground. So I asked Janet May-Bowles, the Advising Friend who makes

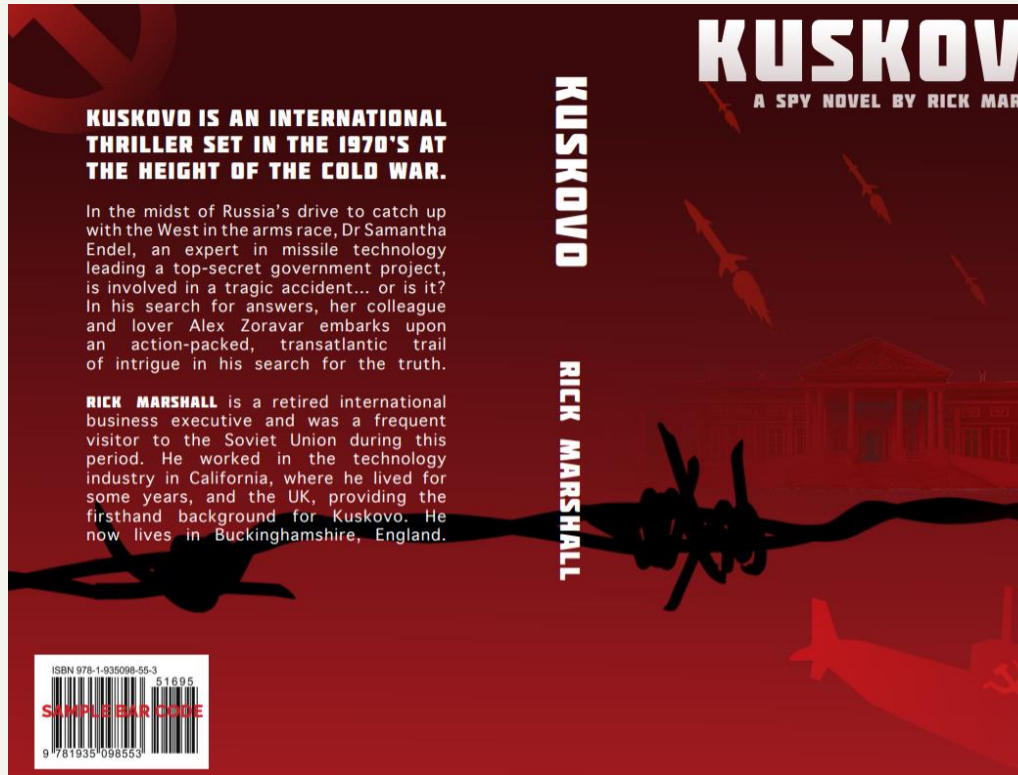
the arrangement for and attends all funerals in the Burial Ground. She said: *“You may not realise that the Burial Ground at Jordans is not owned by Jordans Meeting. It is the property of Friends Property Committee and is administered by the North West London and London West Area meetings. In about 1946 it was agreed that the Chilterns Area Quaker Meeting could make use of the Burial Ground and pay a contribution to its upkeep so Chilterns Area Meeting is now included in the administration and forms part of the Jordans Burial Ground Committee. Quakers from areas other than Jordans are buried here.”*

Occasionally permission may be granted for the burial, interment or scattering of ashes for people outside of the three Area Meetings. All requests must come through Janet who consults with the Burial Committee.

Thus the Burial Ground is primarily a Quaker Burial Ground serving Quakers from many areas; members and attenders of the Jordans Meeting can be buried here with headstones marking their graves. However, Janet added that should any members of the Jordans community who are not Quakers wish to scatter their loved one’s ashes in the Burial Ground, they should contact her. Although it is not possible to erect a headstone, a record is kept by the Jordans Meeting House of the date, first and family names of the person buried as well as date of death, date of scattering and the grid square of where the ashes are scattered. Currently a fee of £50 is charged.

Further details can be obtained from Janet May-Bowles on 01753 862428.

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



Kuskovo - The Story of a Novel

I can't remember why, but a few years ago Sue and I were having lunch at home with our son and his wife, when the conversation turned to writing. I mentioned that I had heard that 'everyone has a novel in them' and that I would love to try but was so uncreative I wouldn't know what to write about. My daughter-in-law piped up and said, "You've lived an interesting life; why not try writing about that?" "What?" I replied; "My memoirs? I don't think so!"

But the seed was sown and I slowly came round to the idea of just writing down all the strange and funny things that had happened to me in my globe-trotting life – as much as anything to see if I could write. It turned into a monster - unpublished and occupying a pile of A4 folders a foot high... of interest to no-one, except perhaps one day my children and grandchildren.

But I did discover I could write... and to my surprise, enjoyed it.

"What now?" I thought. "Maybe I could create a fictional story from some of this background?"

My favourite books have always been those of Jean Le Carré and Frederick Forsyth, and before them, Ian Fleming's Bond books, all portraying the world of international spying, intrigue and treachery. So I thought, "That's for me". I'm also into high-tech - I worked most of my life in it – so I thought, "I'll throw a bit of that in too... and a love angle."

And so Kuskovo was born, (although I originally entitled it Guidance as the technical core of the story was about nuclear missile guidance... until someone said 'people will think it's an instruction manual for a washing machine or something!'). I started by sketching an outline of a story – a skeleton, if you will – onto which I slowly added flesh and clothing. Some books in this genre start with several separate stories which gradually become entwined as the book develops. Others employ extensive use of flashbacks. I've always found these a bit confusing, so one other factor for me was to tell the story in a straightforward 'linear' way.

The writing turned out to be the easy part. What took more time, and this surprised me somewhat, was the detailed research I had to do into technical and political fields where I had only a passing knowledge - missile targeting, computing, secret services. Fortunately, the internet came to the rescue, saving me the task of visiting libraries and seeking out experts to interview... which for novelists in the past was the only way. As for the spying aspect, my frequent visits to Russia in the 1970s often generated the whispered question, "Are you a spy?"... which gave me the cue to return the whisper with the classic line, "Well, you may think so, but I couldn't possibly comment!".

I've not been disciplined in my writing... just pecking at it now and then when I felt like it. Some professional authors, I've heard, knock out several books a year. Not me; mine took a few years, but my typing got faster!

So what now? "Well, I'd better get a few friends to read it and let me know what they think". And so began the lengthy process of editing which transformed my scribbles, leaving enough material on the cutting room floor for another novel... almost. In the end, what started out as a thriller, became a love story.

In summary, I think I had spent 40% of the time researching, 40% editing and only 20% writing... and I found I was not done yet.

I proudly sent my masterpiece off to a dozen or more carefully selected publishing agents... to be rewarded with a resounding string of 'niets', which I learned was more or less the norm for an unknown writer. Rather than pursue this avenue further, an old friend of mine in New York in the publishing business suggested I try self-publishing. As I knew nothing about this, he offered his help, which together with a successful round-robin request to my friends to find someone in the book cover creation business, gave us the package. There were more decisions than I could have dreamed of in this process; type face, type size, page dimension (which together dictated the number of pages, further influenced by the fact that this had to be a multiple of eight!), and cover design as examples.

But it was done, and was published by Amazon Books in digital and paperback formats. I e-mailed all my friends and acquaintances with the good news and thought, “Great - just sit back and wait for the royalties to roll in”. But nothing much happened and I realised you have to do much more, especially as an unknown, to spread the word further.

That’s pretty much where I am. I’ve now had it professionally reviewed (which I’m relieved to say is positive) which will be published in the English-speaking world’s biggest book magazine, the US based ‘Publishers Weekly’, and others.

Another book? Maybe. I’ve started but have ‘writer’s block’ at the moment. We’ll see.

Rick Marshall



Jordans Performs

Readers of the Newsletter may recall an item some months back where Jordans resident Esther Cavett offered to put together an online celebration of Jordans creativity during lockdown. This was to be in the form of short performances of creative things ranging from narrations and music to demonstrations of craft. Slowly this has taken shape in the form of a website which can be accessed here, called Jordans Village Performs.

In order to share these performances with you, Esther’s website has to be public. Please don’t share the website link outside our community or copy material from it in any way! Contributors have been very generous in sharing some special moments and nobody performing has any desire to turn into an inadvertent overnight Instagram sensation :)

[Jordans Village Performs Website](#)

[Jordans Performs ... Music](#)

[Jordans Performs ... Crafts](#)

If you'd like to contribute some creative work of your own, please let Esther know (esther.cavett@gmail.com).

Wildlife at Puers Field

Andrew Wilcockson has kindly shared with us these amazing videos of the wildlife that is snaffling around in the gardens at Puers Field during the night, looking for some dinner. Click on the videos below to watch them - thanks Andrew



Andrew Wilcockson has captured this video of a badger exploring the gardens at Puers Field looking for food.



In this Video, Andrew found a fox and its cub rummaging around for their dinner...



With all these intruders, no wonder the cat is making sure they know whose garden it belongs to!!



Project to extend "Group F" Terrace nears completion

JVL's project to extend the 4 cottages in the "Rowntree Group F" terrace on Green East Road is nearing the point of practical completion, much to the relief of our tenants who have lived through the build and the lockdown, which caused the project to take longer than expected.

The end result showcases the design skills of our architect, Paul Swart, who has successfully managed to capture the design style with some extensions which look like they could have been penned by Fred Rowntree himself. The new extensions have transformed these cottages which out of all JVL's properties had the most compromised layouts.

We would like to thank the builder, Steve Cook and his team; Paul Swart of [Blackwood Architects](#); local brick supplier [HG Matthews](#); and of course our tenants for their patience and co-operation while this project was completed.

**Chris Jenkins,
Estate Manager**





Fish-and-Chips

Fish & Chips Van

Howe & Co's popular fish-and-chip van is now again serving Jordans every Wednesday evening. With resumption of service, the staff report large demand at their stopping points in Amersham which they visit before Jordans. This is affecting the ETA at Jordans. On 20 May the van arrived at 8.45pm. The time given on the old Howe & Co advert on the village notice board (7.00-7.30pm) is not correct. In winter the van aims for 7.45 pm but in summer it can be up to one hour later. Advice is to telephone direct 'Van 19' which serves Jordans: **07342 173 366** in the early evening to find out ETA. The van then proceeds to Chalfont St Giles village green, so if you miss it, there is a second opportunity to buy shortly after it has left Jordans.

Ed: This helpful update was sent in by Mark Sullivan



Fish & Chips

Wednesday Nights Every Week

The van stops in the layby near the cricket hut on the Village Green

Call: 07342 173 366 (direct line to van) to place your order and get the exact time of arrival in Jordans

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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