



JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August 2023

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Welcome to the August edition of your community newsletter! The lovely sunshine we enjoyed in June didn't continue throughout the whole of July and the annual village cricket match scheduled for last Sunday was rained off. The match has been rescheduled for Sunday 20th August, so if you'd like to play, please [get in touch](#) as soon as possible to put your name down. Thanks to Francesca and the JQ team for running the bar through the drizzle, and thanks also to Colin Brown for coming all the way from Wales to umpire albeit in vain!! (And get well soon Chris Waymouth - we missed you).

However, all that rain was great for our gardens and the [Horticultural Society](#) has been busy fettling their flora in preparation for the [Flower & Produce Show](#) in September. They've been helping Bob Hall with management of Manor Farm Fields too, and are appealing for volunteers to help with a conservation day in August. Read on to see how you can help.

The [Jolly Quaker](#) is taking a well-deserved month

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off in August, but will be tempting you back on 1st September with a delicious Valencian paella night! There's news from the [Jordans Picture House](#) and the local [Rotary Club](#) about more events that are planned for September.

This month's issue is tinged with sadness, as I've included obituaries about two much-loved characters whose sudden passing was equally shocking and unexpected. I never met [Chris Castles](#), but have only heard good things said about him. I did get to know [Sam Lomas](#) quite well, he was always kind to me and easy to deal with, and was really looking forward to the solar installation that came just too late. You won't be forgotten mate.

Chris Jenkins, Editor


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Pictures of the Month



Above: Briar Cottage was the first of JVL's cottages to receive a Solar PV installation, as well as battery storage - a step forward in reducing the Village's carbon footprint.

Below: Long Redding was the second cottage to receive a solar PV installation in July.



Above: The Village Hall's floor was restored in July



Manor Farm Field Biodiversity Project

Manor Farm Fields Event - Creating Seed Beds and Fence Fixing

Come and get involved!

Saturday 12th August 10am - 1pm

We're delighted to announce our first conservation event in MFF. Please share your skills and time to help create seed beds - in the autumn we will be sowing these with wildflower mixes to help kickstart the variety of plants in the field. We will also be fixing the fence on the western boundary to make sure it is stock proof for when the cows come back in.

This event includes heavy work scraping the ground with mattocks and driving in fence posts but there are lighter tasks too. Because of the equipment being used, children must be supervised by their accompanying adults at all times. No dogs in the field please. Please wear long trousers, sturdy footwear and work/gardening gloves.

Please meet at the top of Dangerous Descent at 10am or drop in to Manor Farm Field later. Refreshments provided, please bring your own mug.

To give us an idea of numbers please can you let us know that you will be attending, or be in touch if you have any questions:

jordansbiodiversity@gmail.com

Emma 07940 816710

There are a number of butterfly species making the most of the bramble flowers in the hedges around MFF. We've spotted Speckled Woods, Meadow Browns, Green-veined Whites,

Marbled Whites, Commas, Skippers, Small Coppers and others. Changes to the plant biodiversity of the field will mean more habitats and food sources for these butterflies and other less common species so we would hope to see more of them in future years (plus more of the animals that feed on them too).

Bob Hall & Jordans Biodiversity volunteer group



Jordans Cricket Match

Jordans Village Cricket Match

MATCH DATE SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2023
RESCHEDULED DUE TO RAIN!!

Sunday 20th August @ 2pm

JORDANS ESTATE OFFICE vs. JORDANS VILLAGE
The Ted & Hubert Cup – awarded to the winning team
The Colin Brown Cup – awarded to player of the match
Catch of the Match – in memory of Willem Lomas
Warm up from Midday onwards...first ball at 2pm

If you are interested in playing for either team, and you are 11 years or older, Male or Female please contact **Chris Jenkins** at the Estate Office on 01494 875177 or estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk

Refreshments provided by The Jolly Quaker

Jordans Horticultural Society News

Flower & Produce Show Sunday 10th September **V o l u n t e e r s n e e d e d**

We hope you've got this date in your diary and are looking forward to this friendly competition as much as we are. The leaflet that lists all the categories will be available from the Village Shop from mid August. Pick up a copy there or contact us. There are categories for flowers, fruit, vegetables, jellies and jams, bread, cakes as well as the children's garden on a plate, lego model and vegetable animal model. And not forgetting new this year - the Soiled Pants Challenge!

We welcome entries from those new to gardening as well as those more experienced. Or if you don't want to enter, come and judge the entries while catching up with friends over tea and homemade cake.

We're looking for a couple of people to help on the day to set up, support the judging or serve teas. If you're able to spare an hour or so, or can help all day, please call Liz Apedaile on 07763 475997.

Happy gardening!

Jordans Horticultural Society





The Jolly Quaker

The Jolly Quaker is taking a break in August!

We'll be back on Friday, 1st September with cold beer, wine and drinks from the Jordans Village Shop and the musical stylings of Richard Cornish - AND - we will also have authentic Valencian paella from the amazing [Valencia Supper Club](#)! Individual servings and big pans of chicken and seafood paella available to order on the night or ahead. Vegan option is available for pre-order only.

So save the date, and see you there!

Francesca Bagneris & Paul Wilson, Publicans

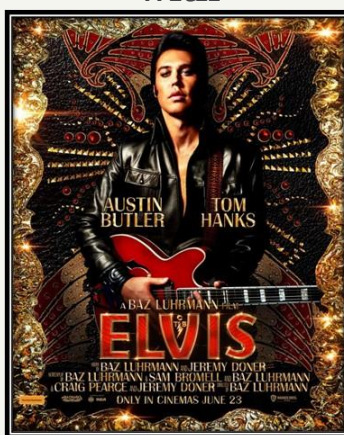




Jordans Picture House

WELCOME BACK!

**OUR PROGRAMME WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 8th
with**



On Friday September 10th we shall screen “Elvis”. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 8:00 p.m. There will be 45 minutes of Elvis’s greatest hits during this period – come and enjoy!

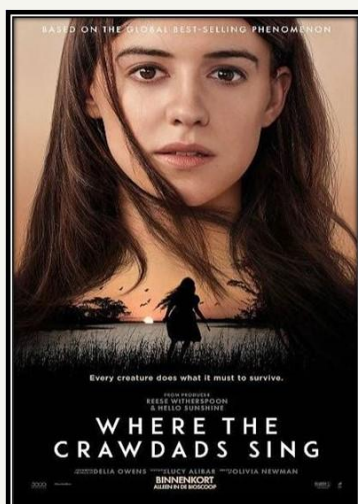
Elvis (12A) 2022. Awards: 8 Oscars. 70 Wins, 214 Nominations. Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 94%
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Cast: Tom Hanks; Austin Butler; Olivia De Jonge. Director: Baz Luhrman
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The life of American music icon Elvis Presley, from his childhood to becoming a rock & movie star in the 1950s, while maintaining a complex relationship with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker.
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“Baz Luhrmann’s operatic, chaotic anti-biopic... the central plot casts Elvis (Austin Butler) as the victim of a powerful and devious bloodsucking fiend. That would be Col. Tom Parker, who supplies voice-over narration and is played by Tom Hanks with a mountain of prosthetic goo, a bizarre accent and a yes-it’s-really-me twinkle in his eyes. Parker was Presley’s manager for most of his career, and Hanks portrays him as part small-time grifter, part full-blown Mephistopheles.

New York Times



On **Tuesday September 19th** we shall screen “Where the Crawdads Sing”. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 8:00 p.m.

Where the Crawdads Sing (15) 2022. Awards: 9 Nominations. Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 96%

Cast: Daisy Edgar-Jones; Taylor John Smith; Harris Dickinson. Director: Olivia Newman.

A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the Deep South becomes a suspect in the murder of a man with whom she was once involved.

“A particular treat for viewers who love the book, “Where the Crawdads Sing” offers a faithfully told, well-acted story in a rich, beautifully filmed setting.”

Rotten Tomatoes – Audience Review

Our website and booking system are now ready to take your bookings, so we look forward to your support. In recent times there has been a trend towards late – or even last-minute! – bookings which can make things a little tricky for us in terms of predicting seating and bar requirements, so we would really appreciate hearing from you sooner rather than later! Thank you!

HOW TO BUY TICKETS (Adults £8.00, U15s £5)

Online:	Go to www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk See “Programme & Buying Tickets”
Jordans Box Office: (Alan Sealy)	Email: alan@janetsealypartnership.com Phone: 01494 873205
Seer Green Box Office: (Gill Pettman)	Email: gillyp4@btinternet.com Phone: 01494 678050



Rotary Club Quiz Night



ROTARY CLUB OF JORDANS AND DISTRICT

QUIZ NIGHT

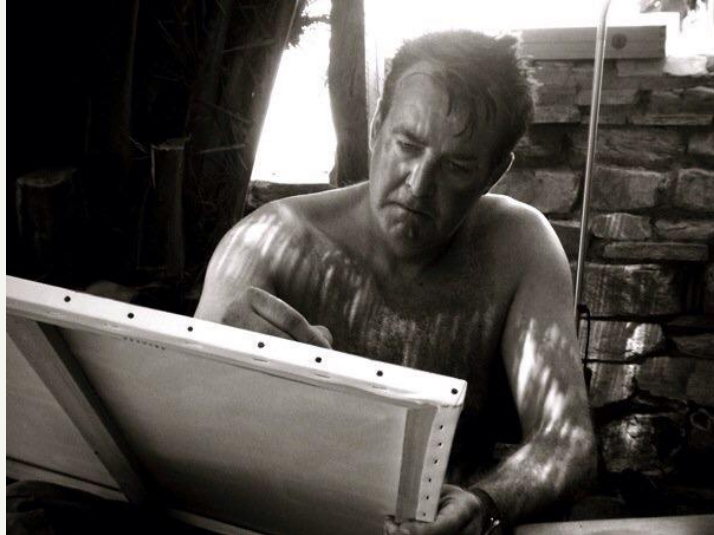
Friday 22nd September
Jordans Village Hall at 7.00 for 7.30

Cost £15 ph including Fish/Chicken and
Chips.

Teams of up to 8

Tickets from: Jenny Owen 07707 386415
or Alan Sonnex 01494 874536

All proceeds to Charities supported by Rotary



Sam Lomas

5th February 1964 - 4th June 2023

Sam Lomas was born at 12 The Green, 3rd of 4 children to John and Tessa Lomas. Although he was born and died in Jordans, Sam had also lived in Australia, Cyprus and Athens. Sam often told me stories of his childhood, roaming the woods and surrounding countryside with his band of “brothers” all around the same age and all of whom have remained important in each others’ lives.

Sam’s extraordinary talent as an artist was evident from a young age and he went on to develop a unique style without the benefit of a fine art training. It wasn’t until he was in his thirties, married with two young children, that Sam went to college, where he studied Design and Advertising, imbuing his work with his sharp, life-on-the-edge sense of humour. In 2011, Sam decided to devote his time to his art, building a studio in the garden of Long Redding a couple of years later - a far cry from his “studio” in the loft at 16 Puers Field flats.

Sam was a great observer, absorbing information, colour, line, form, style from any and every source. He would sit for hours, seemingly lost in contemplation of the view, watching documentaries, listening to music, making notes, surfing the ‘net. All of this showed up in his paintings, as he learnt his craft from such greats as Schiele, Klimt, Picasso, Mondrian and Kandinsky as well as from African art and his memories of scuba-diving in the Solomon Islands. Every visit to a gallery all over the world, every holiday he took, resulted in a development in his painting.

Sam was an explorer, a listener, a dancer, a wit and a loyal friend.

He loved and was loved.

Louise Lomas

Sam Lomas Memorial Ceremony 11:30 am Sunday 3rd September

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of our brother, Sam, who died suddenly on 4th June at the age of 59.

He was a talented artist, but also he was a beautiful, gentle, warm, kind, and generous man.

We will be holding a ceremony on the Village Green on Sunday 3rd September at 11.30am, to install a plaque in honour of his memory, made by Michael Johnson at The Copper Works in Newlyn. This will wrap around the existing brass plaque in memory of our parents, John and Tessa Lomas, on one of the round tables outside the Village Store.

We welcome friends to join us in celebration of Sam's life, and to follow on to The Jolly Cricketers in Seer Green afterwards.

Martin and Tina Lomas





Christopher John Castles

November 9th 1949 to March 11th 2023

Chris was the only child of Alfred and Marjorie Castles. When Chris was a young child he moved from Kent to Jordans to live at the Youth Hostel where his mother was warden. Chris attended the primary school in Jordans.

He was very interested in engineering and trained to be a tool maker. He emigrated to British Columbia as a young man and worked as a technician in the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

He had many interests including competitive motorcycling. He was in both the British and Canadian Enduro racing teams and picked up a number of broken bones while riding. Chris was a keen flyer and owned a small plane. He was also an accomplished guitar player.

When he retired he moved to Vernon BC but spent a number of years back in Jordans at Puers Field where he cared for his very infirm mother. Following her death Chris returned permanently to Vernon where he spent much time during winter and spring skiing on the local slopes.

Chris was skiing in March this year when he suffered a fatal heart attack. Chris had never married and had no children.

R.I.P. Chris

Gwyneth Simpson

(Chris's cousin)

I've just heard about the sad passing of a former Puers Field resident Chris Castles. Chris' parents Marjorie & Cas Castles were also Puers Field residence after retiring from being wardens of Jordans Youth Hostel, when myself, Rich & our parents moved to the village in the late seventies & both families remained friends.

Chris Castles spent time between Jordans & Vernon, Canada where he retired to some years ago but had kept in touch with a number of past friends in the UK.

I remember fondly our chats about snowboarding & skiing in the Canadian Rockies & also Chris' love of vintage motocross & bikes. A lovely man, neighbour & family friend. I know that Rich & my parents Kath & Trevor echo my thoughts.

RIP Chris Castles.

Pete Key

Links to online obituaries:

<https://www.ehovita.com/ca/obituaries/bc/vernon/christopher-john-castles-16469947> .

[https://www.castanet.net/obituaries/CASTLES%2C Christopher John/28576/print](https://www.castanet.net/obituaries/CASTLES%2C%20Christopher%20John/28576/print) .



Events Calendar

- **Jordans Biodiversity Group**
 - **Saturday 12th August 2023 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**
 - Meet at top of Dangerous Descent at 10am
 - Manor Farm Field (North) between 10am and 1pm
- **Cricket Match**
 - **Sunday 20th August 2023 from 1:30pm (rescheduled due to rain!)**
 - Jordans Village Green
- **The Jolly Quaker**
 - **Friday 1st September 2023 from 7:30 pm**
 - Jordans Village Hall
- **Sports Day**
 - **Saturday 9th September 2023**
 - Jordans Village Green
- **Flower & Produce Show**
 - **Sunday 10th September 2023**
 - Jordans Village Green
- **Rotary Club Quiz Night**
 - **Friday 22nd September 2023**
 - Jordans Village Hall
- **Children's Christmas Party & Christmas Tree Lights**
 - **Saturday 2nd December 2023**
 - Jordans Village Hall & Green

Regular Events in Jordans

Jordans Meeting House

Welders Lane HP9 2SN

In Person Meetings - Sundays Weekly 10:30 am

Contact Adrienne Midgley

adriennemidgley@hotmail.com | 01753 889581

Junior Jordans Sunday School 10:30 am in the Penn Room

Contact David Matthews

07779 251107

General Enquiries & Reservations

Nina Liebenberg, Manager

office@jordansquakercentre.org | 01753 889581 | www.jordansquakercentre.org

Tai Chi / Qi Gong

Village Hall

Thursdays Weekly 6 pm & 7 pm classes

Contact Ruth Stephenson

ruth@resms.co.uk | 07899 861814 | www.yangshengtaichi.com

The Jolly Quaker pop-up Pub

Village Hall

1st Friday Monthly from 7:30pm

Paul or Francesca on 07929 731423

Jordans Picture House

Village Hall

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

Contact Alan Sealy

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

Toddlers in the Woods

Crutches Wood

Fridays weekly from 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Contact Ali Cork

alicork686@gmail.com | 07803 139079

Lunch Club

Thursdays Monthly in the Village Hall

Arrive at 1pm for Lunch at 1:15pm. Cost £8

September 7th - Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

October 26th - Therese Rogers 01494 874171

November 16th - Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

December 14th - All

Please confirm your place with the hostess by the Monday preceding the Lunch.

Please give 3 days' notice if you wish to cancel. BYO Alcohol

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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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