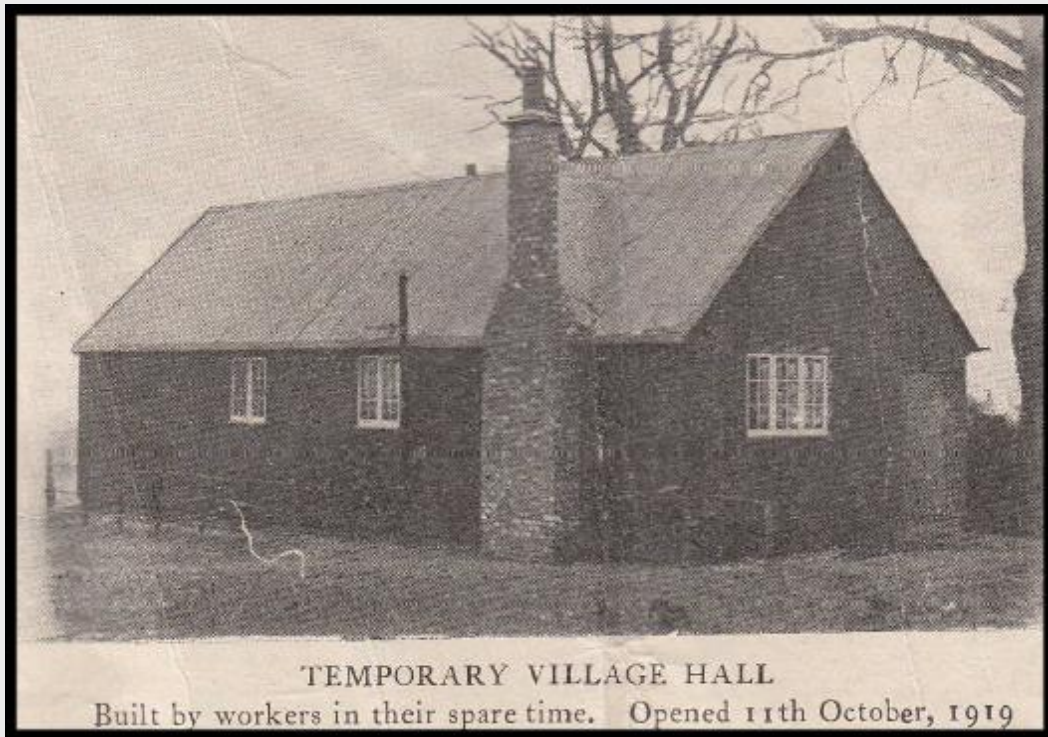


Jordans Village Community Newsletter



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Speaker's Corner

After the presentation on the Future of the Village Hall on 6th October, we received a huge response to the survey from our residents. Nearly two thirds of those who responded were in support of building a new Village Hall (64%), more than double the amount in support of renovation (29%). 6% were undecided, and 1% were in favour of keeping the hall as it is.

We didn't ask only for your opinion on which direction we should take, but we also received

a huge amount of very constructive comments and feedback about the design, for which we are extremely grateful. We also asked you for your ideas for events, facilities, and activities that you'd like to see at our Village Hall. Every single response has been read, reviewed, and collated; the results are presented below.

The overwhelming message about the design concept we presented (no matter which option was supported) was that it was too big. Based on this feedback, the JVL Management Committee has instructed the Village Hall Sub-Commto revise the design and to prepare a Strategic Plan for the construction of a new Village Hall, including the next steps we need to take, and how the village should be involved and how it should be consulted in the decision making process.

The response to the Survey generated many offers of skills and assistance with the project, some of which will be of use at the beginning of the project, others towards the end. In order to formulate the strategic plan the Village Hall Committee will expand with additional members to handle the formidable, but eminently achievable task ahead. We will reach out to those who have so generously offered their skills in the specific areas that will be of immediate use to the committee as it takes its next steps.

Thanks again to everyone for taking part, and may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Chris Jenkins,
Secretary, 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.



Village Store News

Jordans Village Store will be open as usual for last minute Xmas shopping on Xmas Eve, but will be closed on the following days:

- Friday 25th December**
Xmas Day
- Saturday 26th December**
Boxing Day
- Monday 28th December**

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Village Event Diary

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

The Jolly Quaker
Jordans Village Hall 7pm - 11pm

Boxing Day Bank Holiday
Friday 1st January 2016
New Years Day

The Store will be open as usual on 29th,
30th and 31st December.



Bespoke Xmas Hampers

A perfect gift for friends and relatives at Xmas, the Village Store can make up bespoke hampers containing a selection of your favourite products from around the Store. Priced from £20 upwards, order yours now as they are in limited supply! Contact the Village Store for further details on 01494 873279.



The Jolly Quaker Xmas Edition!

Get into the Xmas spirit at the Jolly Quaker this Friday 4th December from

Friday 4th December 2015
Friday 1st January 2016
Chris Waymouth 07831 309379

Wilton Park Public Consultation *Beaconsfield Town Hall*

Friday 4th December 2pm - 8pm
Saturday 5th December 11am - 4pm

Switching on the Xmas Tree Lights *Jordans Village Green*

Saturday 5th December @ 5:45pm

Xmas Lunch Club *Jordans Village Hall*

Thursday 17th December @ 1pm

Yoga at the Village Hall

Mondays @ 8pm / Fridays @ 2pm
December: Mon 7th, Fri 11th, Mon
14th, Fri 18th

Georgina Wright 01494 874552

Exercise Class at the Village Hall *Every Thursday @ 7pm*

December 2015: 3rd, 10th, 17th
January 2016: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Samantha Pearce 07875 215372

sam@getpersonalpt.com

"Boot Camp" Exercise Class at the Village Hall

Tuesdays from 8-9pm
December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
January 5th 2016

Julianne Li 01494 265544

julianneji@me.com

Jordans Quaker Meeting House

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

Contact 01494 876594

www.jordansquakercentre.org

7pm to 11pm at the Village Hall. The usual superb range of Marlow Beers will be on offer, as well as wine and snacks. There may even be a little tinkling of the ivories if we are lucky! Chris Waymouth, our resident volunteer publican will be happy to greet you.



Jordans Concert 15th November

Review by Nigel Morgan

We are lucky here in so many ways, not least in the depth of musical talent, and the well-attended concert in the village hall on Sunday afternoon 15 November presented by Bob Hall reflected this. Space precludes me from mentioning everyone who took part, so my main focus will unashamedly be on the Jordans residents!

Andy Nice has a fine repertoire of new and exciting cello pieces, and his performance of "Broadway" by the American composer Aaron Minsky was no exception. I note that Minsky's "celtar" style (which combines cello and guitar technique) has entered both the



Lunch Club 2016

Jordans Village Hall

The wonderful Thursday Lunch Club is a monthly event organised by our residents for our residents, and after a well earned break, will return in February 2016. Dates for the whole of 2016 are shown below; please book your place with the hostess by the Monday before the lunch. Please arrive at 1pm for 1:10 Lunch, cost is £5 (an absolute bargain!!)

Feb 18th / Catherine Robinson 873193
Mar 17th / Therese Rogers 874171
Apr 14th / Pat Holdsworth 874565
May 19th / Catherine Robinson 873193
Jun 16th / Therese Rogers 874171
Jul 14th / Pat Holdsworth 874565
Aug 18th / Pat Holdsworth 874565
Sep 15th / Catherine Robinson 873193
Oct 13th / Therese Rogers 874171
Nov 17th / Pat Holdsworth 874565
Dec 15th / Catherine Robinson 873193



Wilton Park Public Consultation

Inland Homes would like to invite you to a public consultation on the redevelopment of Wilton Park, which

popular and classical worlds- and Andy clearly enjoyed playing it.

Esther Cavett and Eleanor Bartlett on piano and violin respectively then gave us the first movement of the Dvorak Sonatina. He wrote this fresh and joyful work for his clearly talented children. Esther followed this with the first three Beethoven Bagatelles Op 119; these are intriguing to watch as well as to hear, as the second in particular required her dextrously to cross her hands on the keyboard.

Eleanor returned to the platform to join Esther in the first movement of the Brahms Sonata in D minor; the third of its genre, it is a work of extreme concision and drama, contrasting starkly with the other two sonatas.

Bob Hall, the piano and Beethoven run together in local music circles, and this concert was no exception. He gave us the Adagio for the composer's Piano Sonata no 3, Op 2. Bob mentioned that the middle section contains numerous examples of Romanticism, and is considered a prelude to the master's later sonatas. However, it is a wonderful piece in itself.

Seer Green was ably represented by that talented father and son duo Julian and Raphael Darley (10) who gave a spirited performance of the Violin Duo in G by Jacques Fereol Mazas, which Raphael introduced.

The Dvorak Slavonic Dances no 7 and 8 finished the afternoon's music, played with formidable gusto and spirit by Bob Hall and Graham Hine. The latter piece in particular highlighted the composer's innate gift of melody, surely rivalled only by Schubert.

This happy event was completed with

gives you the chance to meet the development team and view and comment on our proposals. It will be held at Beaconsfield Town Hall on Friday 4th December (2pm-8pm) and Saturday 5th December (11am-4pm).

In 2013, we asked the local community to give us their thoughts on future development at Wilton Park. This feedback informed a Development Brief, which provides clear guidelines for any development at Wilton Park and was formally adopted by South Bucks District Council in March 2015.

The next stage is to prepare an outline application, which will provide more detail on the development and the contribution it will make to the local community.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact by calling 0800 170 7270 or emailing [Georgina Garland](mailto:ggarland@hardhat.co.uk) ggarland@hardhat.co.uk

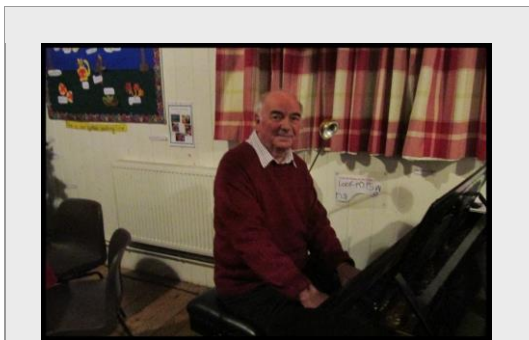


Jordans Quaker Centre Retreat Days 2015 – 2016

The Jordans Vision

"... nurturing ideas and actions that interpret and manifest Quaker values for the 21st century, in harmony with kindred spirits from wherever they come..."

tea and cakes, and donations went towards the cost of the concert and the village hall re-build fund.



Background

Jordans Quaker Meeting House, built in 1688, is one of the earliest purpose-built Quaker Meeting Houses in England. Meeting for Worship had been held here for more than 300 years until a serious fire in March 2005 caused extensive damage.

The Meeting House reopened in August 2008. After the fire, Chilterns Area Meeting Friends conceived of, and raised funds for, a new, larger extension behind the restored Meeting House which offers a range of rooms available for hire and to house exhibitions and non-residential events of all kinds.

Retreat Days...

We would like to invite you to experience for yourself the peace and tranquillity of this historic Meeting House and our new purpose-built facilities. We are making the Meeting House and conference rooms available for quiet days via the Retreat Association Annual Guide.

In addition, we are running our own retreat programme. Retreats are held bi-monthly on a Friday. Why Friday? Because we feel that having a break from the pressures of work and daily life on a Friday leaves participants better able to relax into the weekend that follows.

Programme 2015 - 2016

Friday 13th November 2015

Mindfulness

On this day Reinhard will introduce the popular meditation practices that are proving to be beneficial for physical and emotional wellbeing. Participants will be encouraged to develop a regular home practice.

Reinhard Kowalski is a Consultant

Supper & Song

Review by Alan Sonnex

On Saturday 28th November, in the Village Hall, 63 of us enjoyed an informal evening of entertainment and food at "Supper and Song".

For a modest £7 we were treated to a delicious home-cooked Hungarian Goulash, followed by mince pies and coffee, and songs, sketches, readings and music.

Performers included Alec Penny on the piano, Judy Umney (Guitar) Nigel Morgan, Ann Wyllie, Katherine Gordon, Sara Lones, Emma Holdsworth, Graham Hine, and Carys and Gwyn Wright together with six of their talented drama school friends.

Congratulations and thanks to all involved - and offers of new talent for next year welcome!



Clinical Psychologist, Psychotherapist and Mindfulness Teacher in the NHS and in private practice.

Friday 15th January 2016

Change

(limit 12 participants)

A day for you to understand what you need to let go of in order to allow the new to emerge in your life. Using presence, dialogue and visualising tools from Theory U.

Caroline Pakel has been a creative facilitator, trainer and coach for the last 10 years, bringing understanding and facilitating positive change in individuals and groups. She now lives and works in a spirit of service to others.

Friday 11th March 2016

Unknowing

Accepting that there is much that we do not know and cannot control frees us to walk the path of faith. We will use this day to explore alone and together how we can be more open to the guidance of the Spirit.

Jennifer Kavanagh is an associate tutor at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, and has published six books on the spiritual life. Her latest is 'A Little Book of Unknowing'.

Friday 13th May

Spirituality: awareness, intention, action

Today many people describe themselves as 'spiritual but not religious' – but what do we mean by 'spiritual'? This is a chance to reflect on our personal experience of Presence and 'the call of Life within us'. Participants will be guided through a gentle process of self-examination and invited to look at what helps and hinders us in living more authentic, joyous, and compassionate lives.



Jordans Village Estate Office

Festive Season Opening Hours

The Estate Office will be closed on Friday 18th December 2015 and will re-open on Monday 4th January 2016 by which time the Estate Manager will have eaten far too many mince pies.

In the event of an emergency, please contact the following members of the Management Committee during this period:

Dave Allen 873730

Richard Cornish 870899

Clare Golding 874101

Judy Umney 873106

Jackie Lomas 874130

Please find below some other important dates for your diary in 2016:

Management Committee Meetings

(Last Friday Monthly except August and December)

29th January

26th February

25th March

29th April

27th May

24th June

29th July

30th September

28th October

25th November

Jordans Village Ltd AGM

23rd March 2016

Alex Wildwood is a Quaker author and educator who has been guiding groups for over two decades. He is committed to exploring and articulating the spiritual diversity of British Friends.

Friday 8th July 2016

A contemplative day

Would you like to 'set aside a time of quiet for openness to the Spirit, to deepen your awareness of the divine and find the inward source of your strength'? (Advices & queries 3) Grounded in silence and stillness, there will be a gentle rhythm throughout the day of encounters with different contemplative practices, time for sharing and time alone. We will eat part of our midday meal in silence. Come and spend a little time resting in the Light!

Ginny Wall is a retreat leader and writer who is passionate about prayer, spiritual friendship and everyday contemplative living.

Friday 9th September

Thin Places

The metaphor of 'thin places' comes from Celtic spirituality. Thin places are geographical locations, music, people, periods of time where our hearts have been opened and we have sensed the Divine very close. We will reflect on the thin places of our lives and explore how these might be further cultivated.

Julia Ryberg, an American-born Swedish Friend, works for the organisation that links Friends around the world as well as offering various teaching and retreat ministries.

Friday 11th November 2016

Forgiveness

Is forgiveness an obligation or a gift of grace? Rare and difficult, or something happening every day? Must people needing it first repent? The answers

Bank and Public Holidays 2016:

New Year's Day Friday 1st January
Good Friday 25th March
Easter Monday 28th March
Early May bank hol Monday 2nd May
Spring bank hol Monday 30th May
Summer bank hol Monday 29th August
Boxing Day Monday 26th December
Christmas Day Tuesday 27th December
(substitute bank holiday due to Xmas day falling on a weekend)



Christmas in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire County Council together with the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Salvation Army, and local Churches have arranged events and services for people who may be alone over Christmas and would benefit from some company or a free gift of food at Christmas.

Aylesbury Vale

*St Marys Church, Town Centre,
Aylesbury HP20 2JJ*

12noon - 3pm

Lunch, entertainment & games. Call 01296 437641 to book a place and/or arrange transport.

*Haddenham Baptist Church Stockwell,
Haddenham HP17 8AX*

12:30pm - 2:45pm

Full Christmas Dinner, entertainment, & games. Donations welcome. Booking

come by listening to our experiences and those of others.

John and Diana Lampen run a small training and consultancy agency, The Hope Project, which works for peace in partnership with local organizations in Britain, Belarus, Bosnia, Croatia, Uganda and Ukraine.

Practicalities

Retreat days run from 10am to 4pm with refreshments available from 9.30. Please bring lunch to share.

Cost

£35 (or what you can afford) per retreat.

Booking

Places may be booked in advance via Alex Wildwood using the contact details shown below.

Numbers will be limited to 18.

Jordans Quaker Meeting House
Welders Lane

Jordans

Beaconsfield

HP9 2SN

Phone: 01494 876594

office@jordansquakercentre.org

www.jordansquakercentre.org

Charity No: 1130332

[Download a brochure by clicking here](#)



is essential, call Marjorie Johnston on 01844 290060.

North Buckinghamshire

Buckingham Churches, Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow Buckingham MK18 1RP

12:30pm - 3pm

Christmas Day Lunch & Entertainment.

Transport can be arranged in within 8 miles of Buckingham.

Contact Erik Undritz on 01280 817560

or wellstreetoffice@gmail.com

Chiltern

Great Missenden/Prestwood Churches, Baptist Church Hall, Great Missenden

12:30pm - 3:30pm

Event organised for those who might otherwise spend Xmas Day on their own. Offers of help welcome, and local transport can be arranged. Contact Mary Spooner on 01494 862431 or maryspooner127@hotmail.com or call Carol Hulme on 01494 866143

High Wycombe

St Andrews Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NJ

Please telephone 01494 529668 in advance to advise of dietary & travel requirements.

South Buckinghamshire

Salvation Army, 16b Cowley Road, Uxbridge UB8 2LT

Lunch, games, and entertainment.

Limited transport available to be booked in advance. Please call 01895 234088 to reserve a place.

If you know a person who might benefit from these generous offers, or from social activities and transportation throughout the year in the local area please contact Judith Walker at the Bucks CC In Touch team on 01296 387730.

Useful Contacts

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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 estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk.



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