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## Jordans Village Community Newsletter



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### **Christmas spirit arrives in Jordans!**

This month's newsletter is simply packed full of things to do over the festive period, all of which are arranged by residents, which is an absolutely massive tribute to the friendly, sharing nature of everyone who lives here.

The Village Store kicks things off, launching their *Christmas in the Store* celebrations by inviting you to join in a tasting of Christmas treats (including a warming glass of mulled wine!) *every Thursday from 5.30pm to 8pm, starting on the 1st December* and every Thursday right through until Christmas.

With the *Jolly Quaker* helping to get the spirit flowing this Friday 2nd, a fabulous traditional evening of entertainment follows with *Supper & Song* on the 3rd. We also have news that the *TMC will be switching on the Christmas Tree Lights* at 6 pm on Saturday 10th; *Jordans Picture House* is back on the 9th with a special Sunday Matinee on the 11th; *Lunch Club Christmas Special* on Thursday 15th; a *Ceramics Exhibition* put on by Jordans Pottery Guild on Saturday 17th; *Lorna Davies' 100th Birthday* on Friday 23rd; with *Carol singing on the Green* from 5 pm on Christmas Eve.

So much fun to join in with, but let's find time to remember our friends who won't be with us this year. Nick Bell, Hubert & Sylvia Douglass, Margaret Breedon, Ken Walker, Guy Lancaster you will all be sorely missed but forever with us all.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love & peace,

**Chris Jenkins**

Estate Manager

Jordans Village Ltd

*If there is a subject that you'd like to talk about in this regular column, please send your submission to the Editorial team, whose contact details you will find at the foot of this message.*

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### **Christmas in the Store from Thursday, 1st December!**

To launch our Christmas in the Store celebrations we are inviting you to come along and *join with us in a tasting of Christmas treats including a warming glass of mulled wine every Thursday late night opening, 5.30pm to 8pm from the 1st December until Christmas.*

To get you in the mood you will find the shop suitably tinselled and bedecked with jolly Christmas decorations and lit with festive lights. Inside Emma and her team have filled the shop with a wonderful selection of special foods and gifts.

To highlight just a few items not easily found elsewhere you will find handcrafted pewter tree decorations and a very special olive oil, exclusive to Jordans Community Store, direct to us from a small farm in Umbria, Italy; the perfect Christmas gift for a foodie friend! *(This Olive Oil is absolutely fantastic, the best I have tasted - Ed)*

### **Christmas Hampers**

Our hampers can be personalised to suit all tastes and are available to order from £25 only. The shop team are available to discuss with you the items you wish to include and local delivery can be arranged. ‘

### **About your Village Store**

Jordans Village Community Store is always packed with fresh local produce, and stocks zingingly fresh fish from Cornwall thanks to regular deliveries (twice monthly on Wednesdays). Please place your order in person, by telephone on 873279, or via the website

[www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk](http://www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk).

Keep up to date with news & offers via the new blackboards outside the store, or online through our Facebook page (and please do remember to "Like" our Facebook page!!)

Don't forget that thanks to our team of volunteers the Store is open right through to 8pm each Thursday, and until 1pm each Sunday.







### **Village Store - Survey Summary**

Using “SurveyMonkey”, a survey was circulated to the 430+ recipients of this Newsletter in September to gather opinion on various aspects of the village store.

Although the response rate was disappointingly low, we were very pleased to see that in general everyone is very satisfied with the service and products being provided and there were very few criticisms or significant suggestions for improvement. Nonetheless, where comments and ideas were put forward these are being reviewed by the Management Committee and will be actioned wherever practicable.

The main findings were as follows:

- 65% of respondents said that the shop is “very important” to them and 35% said “it’s nice to have”
- 34% of respondents use the shop 3+ times a week, 44% use it 1-2 times a week and 22% once a month or less
- There was a wide range of reasons for using the shop with the main one being convenience and the post office being popular too. Unsurprisingly, many people said that it is an important social hub and an invaluable place for catching up with neighbours and community news
- The product range was viewed as “excellent” or “good” by no less than 84%. Only 16% felt it was “average” and nobody said “poor”. There were 30 suggestions and comments for further improvement, all of which are being considered



- Opening hours – we were pleased to see that 93% felt the opening hours are “fine, no changes needed”
- Most people were aware of the late closing on Thursdays but there was a mix of replies with regard to usage. Those who do use it are very appreciative and we will therefore continue it and would like to encourage others to visit us up to 8pm on Thursday evenings
- The Advance Credit system is very popular with 74% of respondents using this
- The “Coffee Corner” facility is valued by 63% and there were many suggestions for how this could be expanded/improved. We hope very much to be able to implement some of these, subject to funding which would enable us to rearrange and refurbish the interior of the shop
- As always, we were very grateful to those who responded regarding volunteering in the shop and the several new offers were greatly appreciated
- Last but not least, we asked about proposals for refurbishment (which are at the planning stage) and whether there would be financial support for this. Significantly, 42% would support this through donations, 62% through fundraising and 29% through share purchase. Only 3% felt that there was no need for any changes. We were very heartened by this expression of support and hope to be able to give further news on this project in the coming months.

Once again, very many thanks to all who participated in the survey – your views, suggestions and support are really appreciated!



### **Turn your clutter and unwanted items into cash for our Community Store**

The Jordans Village Community Store is a vital asset to our community, but it needs all of our help to continue to stay in business.

We are therefore asking all local residents to support us in our new venture.

We are hoping that you will provide us with any unwanted items that could be sold on auction sites such as eBay. Nothing would be too big or too small.

This could turn your clutter and unwanted items into cash urgently needed to support the village store, and help you to gain some space. The necessary arrangements will be made for collection or to them drop off.

To begin with, we are looking for somebody who has a bit of time to help list and sell items on eBay or other auction sites. You do not need prior experience, only a reasonable familiarity with computers and the internet and of course a few hours of time. The great thing is that it can be done from your own home and in your own time and can be a really simple way for you to contribute to your community.

In the meantime, can you please start looking through your lofts, garages, sheds, etc for any items that you no longer need and wish to donate. We are hoping to start this venture in early 2017, so save those unwanted Christmas presents too!

Typical items we are looking for include:

Sports equipment – bicycles - household items – baby equipment - garden items – mobile phones – laptops – cars – office equipment - toys, but this is not an exclusive list. If you no longer need it, then we may well be able to help you find it a new home!

Please contact Stephen Salter on [email@gssalter.com](mailto:email@gssalter.com) 07766 730922 for further information.

With thanks in advance

Stephen Salter

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**Sylvia Douglass**

We are very sad to report that Sylvia passed away on Friday 11th November 2016. She moved to the village in 1951 with her husband Hubert who was our Estate Manager from 1964 to 1990, and will be very much missed.

A funeral will be held on Thursday 8th December at 2:15pm at Amersham Crematorium.

A wake will follow in Jordans Village Hall from around 3:30pm.



# Jordans Picture House

***“Hail, Caesar” (2016, PG-13)***

***Friday 13th January 2017***

**Doors Open 19:00, Feature starts 20:00**

**HAIL CAESAR** (2016, PG) Four-time Oscar – winning filmmakers Joel and Ethan Coen (No Country for Old Men, True Grit, Fargo) write and direct “Hail, Caesar” an all-star comedy set during the latter years of Hollywood’s Golden Age. Starring Josh Brolin, George Clooney, Alden Ehrenreich, Ralph Fiennes, Jonah Hill, Scarlett Johansson, “Hail Caesar” follows a single day in the life of a studio fixer, who is presented with plenty of problems to fix.

**Critics Consensus:** Packed with period detail and perfectly cast “Hail Caesar” finds the Coen brothers delivering an agreeably lightweight love letter to post-war Hollywood.

Source: Rotten Tomatoes

On arrival drinks, snacks and ice creams will be on sale.

## HOW TO BUY TICKETS

There are two methods of buying tickets for Jordans Picture House screenings. You can either:-

1. Email Alan Sealy at [alan@janetsealypartnership.com](mailto:alan@janetsealypartnership.com)
2. Telephone Alan Sealy on 01494 873205.

You can pay for tickets online with a direct payment from your own bank account to the JPH

Bank account. Details as follows:-

Bank: SANTANDER

Account Name: JPH

Sort Code: 09-01-29

Account Number: 04223049

Reference: [Your name]

***When paying online, it is extremely important to put your name in the reference so that we can identify who has purchased the tickets.***

**Please phone/email Alan Sealy first to check on availability of tickets.**

Details of ticket holders will be held at the door on the night of the screening.

Thank you for your support from all the Jordans Picture House Working Group:  
Lorraine Bristow; Julie Coldicott; Alan Sealy; Alan Sonnex; Chris Waymouth; David  
Wooster.



## **Jordans Picture House**

**AVAILABILITY OF TICKETS FOR DECEMBER SCREENINGS  
AS AT DECEMBER 1st 2016**

***“Florence Foster Jenkins” (PG)***

***Friday 9th December 2016***

**Doors Open 19:00, Feature starts 20:00**

**Whilst we are currently sold out there may be some cancellations.**

Please call Alan Sealy 01494 873205 or email [alan@janetsealypartnership.com](mailto:alan@janetsealypartnership.com) to check on  
latest availability.

***“Jungle Book 2016” (PG)***

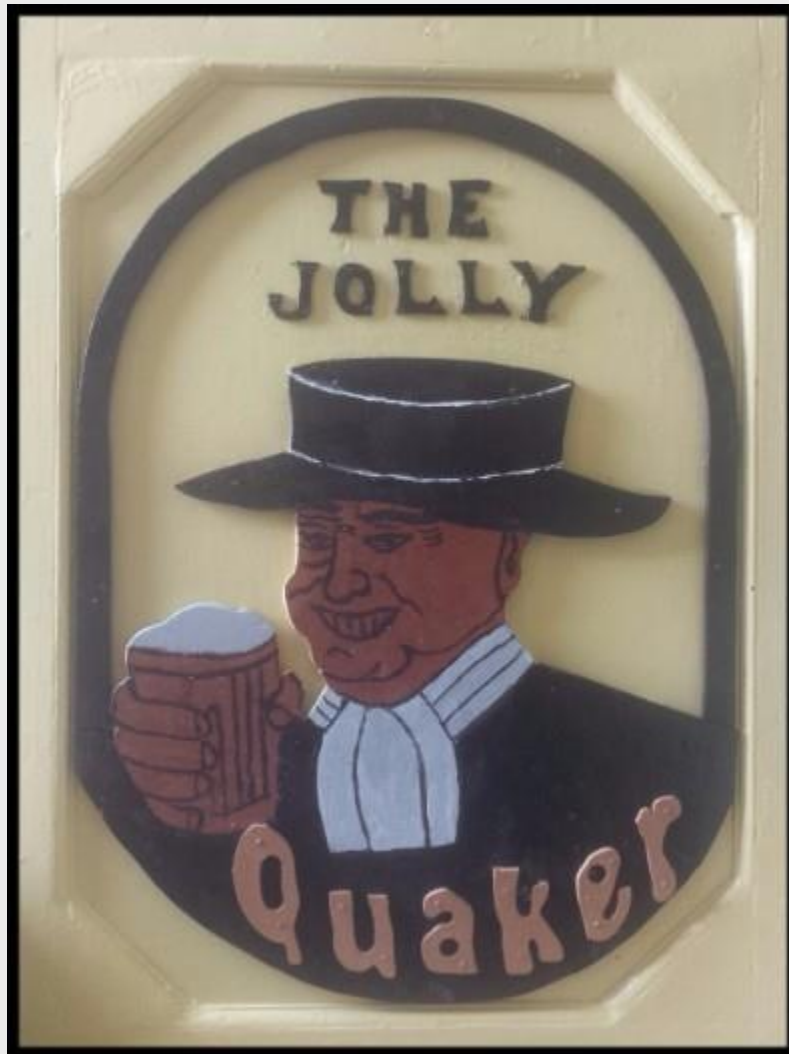
***Sunday 11th December 2016***

**Doors Open 15:00, Feature starts 16:00**

**There are about 20 tickets left.**

Please call Alan Sealy (01494 873205) or email [alan@janetsealypartnership.com](mailto:alan@janetsealypartnership.com) to check on  
current availability.

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**It's Pub Night on Friday!**

Come along on 2nd December and enjoy the buzz of the Jolly Quaker, catch up on news, the films at the Picture House, plans for Christmas, skiing holidays, whatever else is going on!

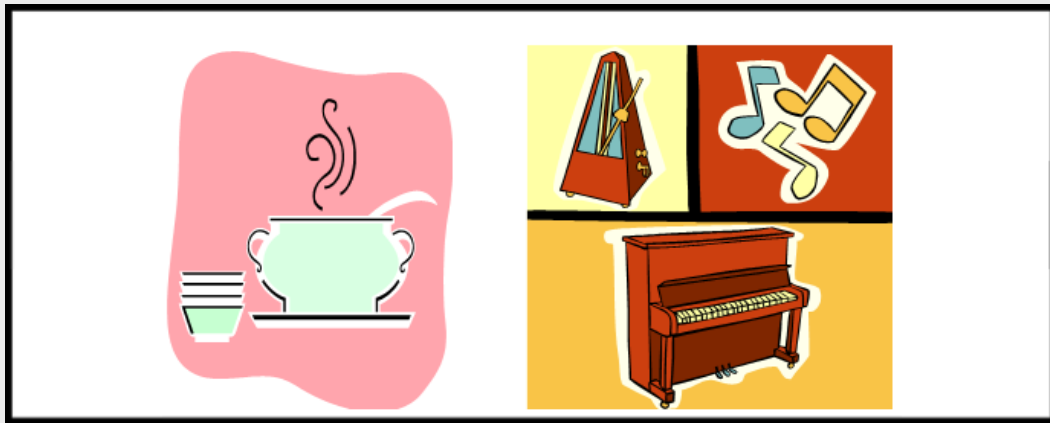
We'll be open from 7pm-11pm and hope to see you there!

**Do come and join us!**

*Chris Waymouth, Publican, The Jolly Quaker*

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**Supper and Song – Advance Notice**

**Saturday 3rd December**

*Arrive at 7 pm for a 7:30 pm start*

**\*\*\*Now Sold Out\*\*\***

An evening of homespun entertainment in the Village Hall with a hot meal.

**Tickets will be on sale from 12th November priced at £7.**

**Get your ticket from Evangeline Evans, on 873165**

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**Jordans Pottery Guild**  
**Ceramics Exhibition**  
**Saturday 17th December 2016**  
*5pm to 10pm in the Village Hall*

The first set of classes for Jordans Pottery Guild culminates in an historic exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th December, with a special display of John Lomas pottery work.

Led by Sophie Bruen the classes have been a huge success with the majority of the class signing up again to continue from 11th January 2017 for ten weeks.

Contact Sophie Bruen to sign up on 07796 877838 or through her Facebook page  
SophieBruenCeramics

Jordans Village past and present potters are welcome to submit work for display.

Please contact Gordon Hamme for details – 07956 865423



**Tenant Members' Committee**  
**Switching on the Christmas Tree Lights**  
**6pm on Saturday 10th December**

The Christmas Tree lights will be switched on by Father Christmas on  
Saturday 10th December 2016 at 6 o'clock.

A few carols will be sung, with mince pies and Dom's famous Mulled wine being served to

start the festive celebrations on behalf of Jordans TMC.

**Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565 / [p\\_holdsworth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:p_holdsworth@hotmail.co.uk)**



**Christmas Carols on the Green**

**from 5pm on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December**

Christmas Carols on the Green will be held at 5pm on Christmas Eve.

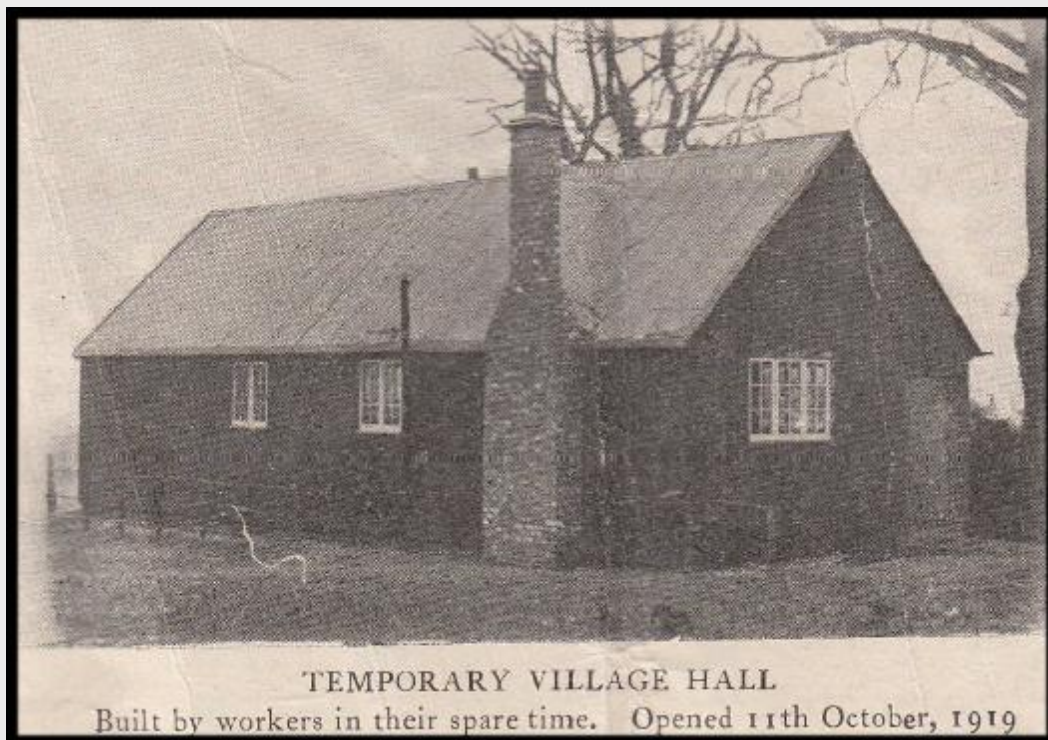
Wrap up warm, bring a torch and meet round the Christmas tree by the Estate Office.

Friends and family all welcome.

See you then!

**Sally Wilson**





### **Village Hall Appeal**

What a great response to the letter we sent round the village asking residents to join the Trust as members, and to consider donating to the Pioneer Appeal. We are delighted to have raised over £8,000, and we would welcome anyone else who would like to become a member or to donate so that we can reach the target of £10,000. If you still have the letter, please complete the form on the back and hand it into the Estate Office. If you would like another copy of the letter, please contact Bob Hall on 873186.

### **Jordans Village Concert**

After the great success of the concert on Sunday 20 November, our next Jordans Village Concert is an opportunity to enjoy the performances of our local musicians, with a variety of instruments and pieces. It will take place on Saturday 28 January in Jordans Village Hall, starting at 8 pm. Entry will be free, refreshments will be provided, and donations towards the costs of the evening welcomed. If you would like to play or sing during the evening, do get in touch with Bob Hall, tel 873186. If not, just come along and enjoy the entertainment!

Bob Hall

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**Lorna Davies' 100th Birthday!**

**Friday 23rd December 2016**

The village's oldest resident, Lorna Davies of Puers in Green West Road, turns 100 years old on 23rd December,

A party will be held in the Village Hall for her that day, so anyone who knows her is invited to come along and help her celebrate her centenary!

Sue Hayman

875633



**Jordans Picture House**

## *Bridge of Spies*

*“Excellent experience” “A great evening”*

“Bridge of Spies” was voted second favourite (after “Suffragette”) by the Village from the short list of films offered by the Working Group to the Village. Its popularity was such that often, even those who had already seen the film, were happy to see it a second time.

Tickets sold out quickly and in spite of returns and no shows Jordans Picture House appeared comfortably full. This particular screening was on Armistice Day, the day the guns fell silent on the Western Front. Coincidentally the Village Hall had opened on Saturday October 11th 1919, just a month before that first Armistice Day.

As the film was two hours 20 minutes in length, there was an intermission and the tradition – when films always had intermissions – was revisited and ice creams were offered. These were very popular.

Around 30 guests were first timers and Feedback forms were issued to them. In general, the feedback was positive and enthusiastic – “Wonderful addition to Village Life;” “Excellent idea, hope you carry on;” “Lovely atmosphere in Village Hall - cosy;” and scores against 11 different criteria, where 1 = Poor and 5=Excellent were all over 50.

*Alan Sealy*

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### **Lunch Club 2017**

One of the great monthly events in the Village is Lunch Club, and the dates for 2017 have been just been announced.

Open to all residents, Lunch Club is organised by Catherine Robinson, Therese Rogers, and Pat Holdsworth. Together with their teams of helpers they take it in turns to show off their fabulous home cooking skills by laying on a delicious 2 course lunch together with coffee, and chocolates all for the princely sum of a Fiver (or a tad more if you like some wine with your food!). In December there is of course a special Christmas lunch.

So if you are around on a Thursday lunchtime come along and join us, and put these dates in your diary. Call to book your place in advance, and pay on the door.

#### **2017 Lunch Club dates**

16th February - Catherine

16th March - Therese

13th April - Pat

18th May - Catherine

15th June - Therese



13th July - Pat

17th August - Catherine

14th September - Pat

12th October - Therese

16th November - Pat

14th December - Catherine

**Catherine - 01494 873193 | Therese - 01494 874171 | Pat - 01494 874565**



**Jordans Village Ltd**

**Your Village Needs You!**

**Archiving & Scanning Project**

JVL is looking to digitise many of its records and is looking for volunteers to help carry out this process. You will learn an incredible amount about the village's past, especially about its architecture, characters from our past, and the village's formation.

This project is ideal for anyone with an interest in local history, who also has digital imaging and computer skills, and can spare some time to assist us. Please contact me at the Estate Office, on 01494 875177 or via email at [estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk](mailto:estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk) - **Chris Jenkins**

**Road Sweeping 6th & 7th December**

Now that the trees have dropped most of their leaves we have arranged for the village roads to be swept on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December. We would appreciate it if you can move your cars off road, wherever possible. We have also arranged for various pot holes and road surface repairs to be carried out on 8th and 9th December.

**Dog Waste**

It has been noted that some inconsiderate dog walkers, having picked up their mess in a bag, have taken to leaving these bags hanging in bushes, especially around the junction of Wilton Lane and Seer Green Lane. I have also had reports from residents living next to footpaths near Jordans Lane that some dog walkers are throwing their bags of dog poo into their gardens. This is totally unacceptable and must stop immediately. If you see anyone doing this, please stop them, and if you allow your children to walk your dog by themselves, please ensure that they dispose of dog poo in the bins provided on the Village Green, or in the bin by Crutches Wood opposite Chalky Field.

### **Banish Condensation & Mould Problems This Winter**

How can you spot the early signs of condensation before mould spreads across your walls, windows and ceilings? The reason condensation appears in your property is due to a lack of adequate ventilation and heating. As people spend more time indoors and we make our properties more energy efficient, the build-up of moisture and humidity levels can increase. In fact, four people living in a 3 bedroom property can create up to 112 pints of moisture a week from just breathing, cooking, showering and boiling the kettle.

So what can you do to prevent condensation? Here are 11 tips to help reduce humidity levels in your house or flat:

1. If you have a washing machine or tumble dryer in your property, ensure that it is vented correctly. From just one load of washing two litres of water is emitted into the air.
2. If possible, dry clothes outdoors to prevent excess moisture escaping into your property. If you live in a flat this might not be possible so always open your doors or windows if you really need to dry clothes indoors.
3. When boiling a kettle, taking a shower or cooking, ensure that your kitchen and bathroom doors are kept closed to prevent steam going into colder rooms which will cause condensation.
4. Cover your pans with a lid when cooking to reduce moisture. Also ensure that you have opened a window or you are using an extractor fan if you have one fitted. Don't turn off the extractor fan or close the window as soon as you finish cooking - leave it open for 15-20 minutes afterwards to clear the air.
5. Similar to when cooking in the kitchen, when you are taking a shower or a bath ensure that you turn on an extractor fan or open a window to get rid of the steam that is created when running warm water in a cold environment. This will help reduce the

amount of condensation that appears on your bathroom windows but won't eliminate the problem.

6. Both pets and plants produce moisture. Make sure you cover fish tanks and if you are suffering from excess condensation look to move your plants outdoors.
7. If you don't have an extractor fan in your bathroom or kitchen then wipe down the surfaces in the bathroom and kitchen when you have been cooking or taking a shower. Excess moisture will quickly turn to mould which can be difficult to remove.
8. Do not overfill bedroom wardrobes and kitchen cupboards. Overfilled cupboards are a breeding ground for mould as the air is not able to circulate freely inside.
9. For the same reason as above, make sure that any furniture is at least 50mm away from the surrounding walls so that air can move around the property. Also try to put wardrobes against internal walls in bedrooms; this will be less cold than external walls.
10. Ensure an adequate amount of heating is available in your property to improve the internal temperature of surfaces and reduce the likelihood of condensation.
11. Breathing is a major cause of condensation so if you use a room on a regular basis, such as a living room, open a window slightly to improve the ventilation in the room.



### **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 - 1st Friday of each month*

Friday 2nd December 2016

**Chris Waymouth 07831 309379**

#### **Supper & Song**

*Jordans Village Hall*

7 pm Saturday 3rd December 2016

**Nigel Morgan 01494 672416**

**Alan Sonnex 01494 874536**

#### **Yoga at the Village Hall**

*Mondays @ 8pm*

December: 5th, 12th

January: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

**Georgina Wright 01494 874552**

#### **Jordans Picture House**

*Jordans Village Hall*

*2nd Friday of each month*

*"Florence Foster Jenkins"*

7 pm Friday 9th December

*"The Jungle Book 2016"*

3 pm Sunday 11th December

*"Hail, Caesar"*

7 pm Friday 13th January

*Limited Availability*

**Tickets from Alan Sealy 01494 873205**

#### **TMC Switching on the Christmas Lights**

*Village Green*

6 pm Saturday 10th December 2016

**Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565**

**Lunch Club**

*Jordans Village Hall*

Christmas Special

1 pm - 3:30 pm Thursday 15th December 2016

**Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565**

**Jordans Pottery Guild**

**Ceramics Exhibition**

*Jordans Village Hall*

5 pm - 10 pm Saturday 17th December 2016

**Sophie Bruen 07796 877838** | [sophie.bruen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sophie.bruen@hotmail.co.uk)

**Gordon Hamme 07956 865423**

**Lorna Davies' 100th Birthday Party**

*Jordans Village Hall*

Friday 23rd December 2016

**Sue Hayman 875633**

**Christmas Carols on the Green**

*Village Green*

5 pm Saturday 24th December 2016

**Sally Wilson 876864**

**Village Concert**

*Jordans Village Hall*

8 pm Saturday 28th January 2017

**Bob Hall 01494 873186**

**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 2 pm to 5 pm, and on Bank Holiday Mondays, from 1st March to 31st October, and at other times by prior appointment.

**Contact 01494 876594**

[office@jordansquakercentre.org](mailto:office@jordansquakercentre.org)

[www.jordansquakercentre.org](http://www.jordansquakercentre.org)





### **Useful Contacts**

#### **Jordans Village Estate Office**

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[www.jordansvillage.co.uk](http://www.jordansvillage.co.uk)

#### **Jordans Village Community Store**

01494 873279

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[www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk](http://www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk)

#### **Quaker Meeting House**

01494 876594

[www.jordansquakercentre.org](http://www.jordansquakercentre.org)

### **How to Book the Village Hall**

Jordans Village Hall is available for hire and holds regular events.

Bookings are taken by the Estate Manager,

on 01494 875177 or [admin@jordansvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@jordansvillagehall.co.uk).

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



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