



JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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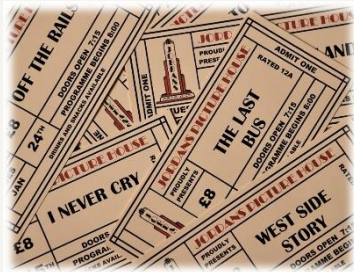
Welcome to the festive December issue of your community newsletter!

This month, we open with a special message from Jordans Picture House.

Seasons Greetings,

Chris Jenkins, Editor

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Our Christmas Present To You

If you have never been to a screening at Jordans Picture House, we are offering the first ticket free.

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If you are a Member of Jordans Picture House, you can claim a free ticket for yourself if you introduce a friend or neighbour who has never been to a screening before and they will get the first ticket free as well.

This offer covers all screenings from Friday December 9th – the screening of “West Side Story” - to Tuesday May 9th, the screening of “The Phantom of the Open.” This comprises a total of 13 films.

How it operates: you should buy your ticket from the website in the normal way and then claim your refund when you check in for the film.

We hope to see some new faces enjoying the relaxed and happy community ambience of our screenings.

Happy Christmas from the Jordans Picture House Committee!

Picture of the Month

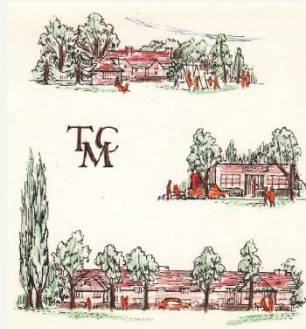




Above: November was a rather damp month, with some outbreaks of sunshine, as illustrated by these two images taken on 22nd and 23rd November by the Editor.

Below: Andrew Wilcockson captured this image of the *fatsia japonica* in bloom, more commonly known as the Castor Oil plant





TMC News

Children's Christmas Party & Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Saturday 3rd December 2022

Christmas starts this weekend with the Children's Christmas Party in the Village Hall followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree, with the great switch on at 5:15pm by one of our heralded villagers. Please come and join us for mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.

**CHRISTMAS EVENING
IN
JORDANS**

**Children's Party
4PM
Village Hall**

**Light Switch
On 5PM
Village Green**

SATURDAY 3RD OF DECEMBER

Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies

OTHER NEWS

Largely due to the funds raised at the Village Fair this year, we have replaced the ageing tables that have been used for events in the Village Hall with some nice new ones. Their first outing is likely to be at Supper & Song, and then at the Village Supper in February.

Jordans Christmas Tree

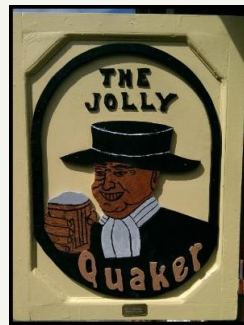
by Dave Mcinnes

Out on the green a new tree stands
Placed there by the TMC's caring hands
It's a short-term measure to see us by
As we look for reindeer in the sky

The old tree served us well for years
Christmases filled with laughter and tears
Shining lights and a beckoning star
Bringing families together from afar

This is a time when we come together
Building memories that will last forever
Friends and loved ones young and old
I'm certain many a story will be told!

Once planted, next year's tree will start to grow
Its new lights and star yet wait to glow
In years to come, it will grow up strong
Right here in Jordans, where we all belong.



The Jolly Quaker

Come to the Jolly Quaker on Friday, 2nd. December - we'll have our wonderful piano players Richard and Alec and Richard will be giving a special Music Quiz! You can play in teams or individually - it's £1 per answer sheet and the winner gets £15 on credit at the JQ bar.

We're open as usual from 7.30 - 11 pm and the Christmas Music Quiz will take place at approx. 8.30 pm

A reminder: in addition to a jolly evening close to home, we offer excellent value on a cheerful and family-friendly night out - especially when you think that the price of a pint is approaching the £7 mark in London - and even at some pubs here in Bucks!

We look forward to seeing everyone for a cosy winter evening!

Thank you!

Francesca Bagneris & Paul Wilson, Publicans

Village Concert

Next village concert – book the date!

Our Jordans “scratch” concerts – when local musicians of all ages and standards get together and perform the music they enjoy - have always been popular and great fun. The next one will take place in Jordans Village Hall on Saturday 21 January, starting at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be provided, entry will be free (with donations on the door) and booking will be available via Eventbrite (more details in next month’s newsletter). Please put the date in your diary and come to it!

If you would like to perform at the concert – music, words or something imaginative – you will be very welcome, whether you are a beginner or a professional! Please get in touch with Bob Hall if you would like to be on the programme for the evening:

Phone: 873186

Email: r@rkhall.com



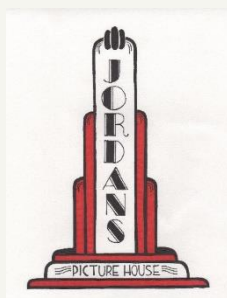
All Together Community Warm Space

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council are pleased to announce that they have given funding to All Together Community to provide a ‘Warm Space’ for the community during the colder winter months.

The Reading Rooms on the High Street will be open between 11am and 2.45pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the winter.

All are invited to come along, have a cup of tea, meet with friends. Most importantly you can utilise this space and keep warm without having to put your heating on at home.

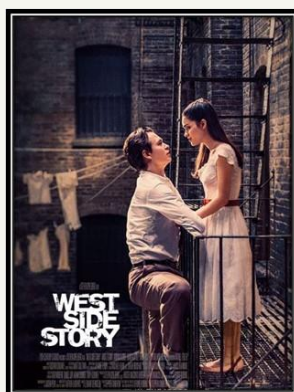
If you would like more information about this please contact info@alltogethercic.co.uk



Jordans Picture House

OUR SEASON CONTINUES

ON DECEMBER 9th



On Friday December 9th we shall screen “West Side Story”. Doors open at 7:15 p.m.
and the Programme starts at 8:00 p.m.

**West Side Story (12A) 2021 Awards : 1 Oscar, 67 Wins. Nominations: 276. Rotten Tomatoes
Audience Score 94%**

Cast: Ansel Elgort; Rachel Zegler; Ariana DeBose. Director: Steven Spielberg.

A film adaptation of the 1957 musical, West Side Story explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds.

Source: IMDB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5GJLwWiYSg>

Let us show our support for Wycombe Homeless Connection!

You may be aware, Wycombe Homeless Connection (“WHC”) is one of the good causes to which Jordans Picture House has given donations in the past.

During winter temperatures, being homeless is life threatening.

We will be fundraising for WHC at this screening and all donations given by credit card or in cash will then be passed to WHC in full.

Alternatively, if you prefer to donate via bank transfer, please use the following details:

Account name: Jordans Picture House

Sort code: 40-09-29

ount no: 01450212
erence: WHC

ir support, however great or small, will be greatly appreciated!



On Friday January 13th we shall screen “The Last Bus”. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 8:00 p.m.

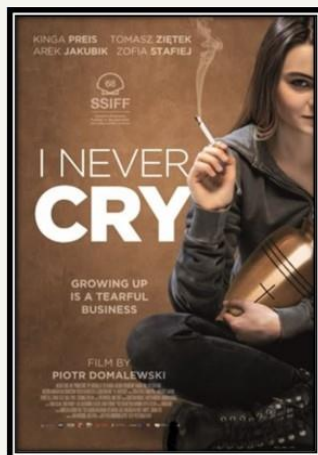
The Last Bus (12A) 2021 Awards: 1 win

Cast: Timothy Spall; Phyllis Logan; Natalie Mitson. Director: Gillies MacKinnon.

Timothy Spall gives an unforgettable performance in a fascinating travelogue and mini social commentary of the UK. IMDB’s own summary is a bit understated:- “An old man crosses the country just using local buses”.

“The film is really beautiful, and portrays a plethora of deep emotions effectively” – IMDB reviewer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43037dKDMuQ>



On Sunday January 15th we shall screen “I Never Cry”. Doors open at 3:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 4:00 p.m.

I Never Cry (15) 2020 Awards: 12 Wins, 13 Nominations. Rotten Tomatoes Tomatometer Score 100%

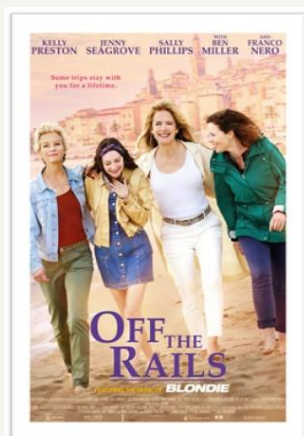
Cast: Zofia Stafiej, Kinga Preis, Arkadiusz Jakubik. Director: Piotr Domalewski

An unforgettable comedy/drama.

Ola, a seventeen year old Polish girl, sets off to a foreign country - Ireland - on her own. It turns out to be a trip of a lifetime, where she tries to reconnect with her estranged father, comes to know a different world and changes her approach to life.

Source: IMDB (Polish and Romanian language with English subtitles)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIuouvN8tWc>



On Tuesday January 24th we shall screen “Off The Rails”. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 8:00 p.m.

Off the Rails (15) 2021 Awards: 1, Nominations: 1. Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score 67%

Cast: Jenny Seagrove; Sally Phillips; Ismael Calvillo Millan, Director: Jules Williamson

Three 50-something women set out to repeat the inter-railing adventures of their youth, after their close friend passes away and leaves them rail tickets and a final request to take her teenage daughter with them.

Source: IMDB

With the music of Blondie

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZWOhA1Q_p8

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





Our Living Village - Future Developments & Answers to Quiz 1

Our Living Village – Quiz No. 1

The Our Living Project has made tremendous progress this year with the active support of many of the residents of Seer Green and Jordans. We're currently finalising a number of interesting new themes, ready to be uploaded to the website www.ourlivingvillage.org in the New Year.

We're still collecting inputs on several historical themes including "Quakerism in Our Two Communities", "Commerce, Trade & Industry" and "Schools & Education", as well as seeking leadership on themes including "The Natural Environment", "War & Peace" and "Village Sports & Leisure". Please do get in touch if you'd like to get involved in any way.

And here as promised are the answers to Quiz No. 1 in last month's magazine.

Our Village Pubs

1. How many pubs were there in Seer Green in 1900? Which one was the oldest?

A1. There were three pubs in Seer Green in 1900 – The Yew Trees, The Jolly Cricketers and The Three Horseshoes. The Horseshoes was the oldest.

2. Which family ran The Jolly Cricketers for 160 years?

A2. The Cyster family ran The Cricketers for 160 years.

3. Where and when can you finally get a drink in Jordans?

A3. You can get a drink in Jordans at The Jolly Quaker on the first Friday of most months.

The Manor of Seer Green

4. Seer Green is not explicitly mentioned in the Domesday Book, probably because it formed part of which Manor?

A4. Seer Green formed part of the Manor of Farnham Royal.

5. In what year was the hamlet of Seer Green first recorded as La Sere in a Close Roll of Henry III?

A5. The hamlet of Seer Green was recorded as la Sere in a Close Roll of Henry III in the year

1232.

6. The first distinct mention of La Sere as a manor comes in the Calendar of Close Rolls produced in 1284. For which king?

A6. The first distinct mention of La Sere as a manor comes in the Calendar of Close Rolls produced in 1284 for Edward 1st.

Origins

7. Between 2.5 million and 10,000 years ago, as the glaciers retreated to the north which river deposited the surface gravels which exist across much of our area?

A7. The 'ancestral' River Thames, flowing north of the Chilterns in the direction of The Wash, deposited the surface gravels which exist across much of our area.

8. Where does the recently discovered Roman road run through Seer Green, and how was it discovered?

A8. Seer Green's recently discovered Roman road runs through Hodgemoor Wood. Its route was discovered using data from the recent Lidar survey by the Chilterns Conservation Board.

9. Who was the wonderful 1753 estate map of Seer Green produced for? Which feature in the map is called Coat Wicks?

A9. The 1753 map of Seer Green was produced for Francis Godolphin. On this map, Coat Wicks is the ancient woodland now known as Green Wood.

And finally...

10. Which organisation partnered with the Seer Green & Jordans Society to deliver the Our Living Village project?

A10. The Chiltern Society partnered with the Seer Green & Jordans Society to develop the Our Living Village project.

Alan Kell, Seer Green & Jordans Society

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How feasible is solar power in Jordans?

Dear All

We are fortunate to be living in a comparatively stable country, albeit things are bit dodgy at the moment !

However, the world is not stable. The enemy is climate change.

It could be argued we are too protected in our little village – ‘someone will sort it out some time’ type of attitude.

When we get off the M40, left up the hill on Potkilm, breathe the fresh air, relax, we are home and safe.

Are we safe though – certainly not from the effects of climate change!

Are we sure we do not have to do anything now?

Our country has developed several sources of energy including solar. The best thing about solar, or PV (Photo voltaic) energy is its simplicity and the opportunity to not only save our planet but also get free energy and/or earn money.

I would like to establish a small team of technically minded people from the village to produce a feasibility study of developing solar energy from two sites in the village.

Factors to be valued are:

- Cost to purchase equipment and labour
- Visual sacrifice
- Time to install
- Source of finance
- Distribution of ownership
- Amount free or low cost energy

I think we should at least investigate the feasibility of installing a solar solution . The follow on stage of the study would be to advise the real benefits together with losses for the village to approve.

This project will not happen overnight, it may upset some residents' view of the countryside and it will cost money.

We cannot ignore our situation for ever – action is required.

Join with me in producing a feasibility study.

Barry Bristow at Ledburn tel 07747 610176

Manor Farm Fields - Public Meeting

Monday 5th December 2023 @ 8pm in the Village Hall

Following the recent Consultation on the use of Manor Farm Fields, a Public Meeting will be held at 8pm in Jordans Village Hall, where residents may share their views on the proposal put to JVL by a group of residents to increase biodiversity in the fields.

JVL has extended the deadline for comments in response to the consultation, which you can find on [our website](#). Please ensure that any written comments are sent to the Estate Office by 5pm on Monday 5th December.

Robert Hall, Chair, Jordans Village Limited

Brian Wilcockson

18 June 1931 – 6 December 2021

Brian was born in Barlow Derbyshire but moved to ‘Tyrone’ Bottrells Lane Chalfont St Giles in his youth with his parents Charles, Doris & older brother Peter. (The black & white photo below was taken in Brighton in 1950 and shows from left to right Peter, Brian, Doris & Charles, who have all now passed on).

During his National Service he joined the RAF Regiment and coming to the end of his service was asked to stay on which he politely turned down. He met his wife Janet on a coach tour to the south coast and they were married in March 1957. They had three children, Andrew, Tim & Heather.

Brian worked in the building trade for most of his life and was a carpenter when he worked on some of the houses built in Jordans. He bought a share in Jordans Village and many years later was offered the tenancy of Orchard Cottage.

Brian played cricket for both Chalfont St Giles & Jordans for a number of years, it was a game he loved. Brian in past years could be seen delivering his excess of runner beans & courgettes, the occasional marrow, during the summer months to villagers.

Brian died in December 2021 after a short illness at the age of 90. His ashes were scattered at the Meeting House.

Janet, Andrew, Tim & Heather Wilcockson



Piano Pops for Ukraine

Jordans Village Hall, Sunday 22 January, 3:15pm

Come and enjoy some of the most well-known and accessible piano pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Fauré, Liszt, Mozart and Saint-Saëns often heard on the Classic FM radio station. Hear popular lighter salon pieces by Elgar, Levitzki and Paderewski which at one time all pianists expected to play, but are now out of fashion. Local professional pianist David Meacock will also perform his unique virtuosic versions of The Onedin Line and Deer Hunter themes, as well as Gershwin and Scott Joplin classics.

David says the recital - to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees in the UK, who have and continue to go through unimaginable turmoil in their lives – “is the musical equivalent of skipping main

course and just having puddings for Dinner, followed by several bars and boxes of chocolate!” It has been timed to enable youngsters to attend - and be inspired to learn to play the piano or an orchestral instrument – as well as to steer clear of popular evening family TV shows!

Early booking is advised as it is hoped that this popular concert will sell out quickly – see www.ticketsource.co.uk/pp4Ukraine website.

David Meacock



Piano Pops

4 Ukraine

Concerts for all your family (ages 5+)
in aid of war refugees in the UK, consisting of
famous encores & spectacular transcriptions, played by

David Meacock

Concerts dates and venues:

	Jordans Village Hall Sunday 22 January '23 3:15 pm		Ickenham URC Sunday 29 January '23 3:15 pm
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Tickets: now to 7 days before Adult £10 & U21 £7
then £12 & £9 via www.ticketsource.co.uk/pp4ukraine

Tickets at the door, if available, £15



Paws for Thought **Ooh Poo Pah Doo**

On Saturday 26th of November (page 7) the Daily Telegraph published a short article by India McTaggart about the proposed Stop and Search policy by Hammersmith and Fulham Council. They are considering fining people £100 if they are found not to be carrying bags to pick up after their dogs when out walking.

They are also suggesting that the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) limit the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to 4. It may also enforce the use of leads in public spaces such as cemeteries. In addition to this if a dog is seen to be acting in an aggressive manner its owner could be fined. London has apparently become overpopulated with dogs since the start of the pandemic and there has also been a noticeable increase in dog ownership throughout the country.

So how does one get the message across to dog walkers that they must do the responsible thing and pick up? Firstly, walkers must be vigilant, always keeping an eye on one's dog as it's easy to miss the event! Carrying enough bags is also essential, doubling up on the number of dogs you're walking, ie: 2 dogs 4 bags. Here in Jordans we are lucky enough to have two council bins for dog waste. Therefore, one would hope that both residents and visitors to Jordans, who walk their dogs in our woods and fields are acting responsibly and picking up after their dogs.

However, this is evidently not the case as someone who walks dogs in our village most days, I have observed large and small deposits in Chalky Field, Crutches Wood, the village green and the verges. So let us as a community continue to pick up, and those that find the task too revolting for words, please get over your revulsion and pick up from now on out of respect for others and our environment.

I do hope I haven't put you off your mince pies! Have a dog safe Christmas and remember keep all chocolate, such as coins on a tree or boxes wrapped under a tree, mince pies, Christmas pudding and cake, stuffing mixes with onion, macadamia nuts and blue cheeses out of the reach of your dog! See The Kennel Club website for further advice.

Jo Bell

Events Calendar

The Jolly Quaker

Friday 2nd December 2022 from 7:30 pm

Jordans Village Hall

Jordans Picture House

Friday 9th December 2022 from 7:15 pm

Friday 13th January 2023 from 7:15pm

Sunday 15th January 2023 from 3:15 pm

Tuesday 24th January 2023 from 7:15 pm

Jordans Village Hall

Children's Christmas Party & Christmas Tree Lights

Saturday 3rd December 2022

Jordans Village Hall & Village Green

Supper & Song

Saturday 10th December 2022

Sold out!

Village Concert

Saturday 21st January 2023

Jordans Village Hall

Piano Pops 4 Ukraine

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Jordans Village Hall

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 Keith Fensom

keith.fensom@gmail.com | 07787 224823 | 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

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

15th 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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