



## JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2020

Sponsored by Jordans Village Community Store | [www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk](http://www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk)

Welcome to the January 2020 issue - the first issue of a new decade!

To follow on from our Centenary year, and build on the many memories and pictures already gifted to our Village archive, David Wooster is coordinating an effort to discover as many memories and images of the Village as possible and collect them all in a book. Please do send in any of yours no matter how insignificant you might think they are - they are priceless for our descendants.

I ended the introduction to our December newsletter by thinking about those Friends who departed us in 2019. Sadly, and just after we published that issue, three more residents left us in December. Sue Owen - who had lived in the Village for over 70 years, longer than anyone else; Ken Chant; and Margaret Dexter. I'll start this year thinking of them.

Happy New Year to you all,

### IN THIS ISSUE

- [News from the Village Store](#)
- [Village Supper 15th February 2020](#)
- [Time Capsule](#)
- [Village Concert](#)
- [Open Afternoon](#)
- [Carol Singers Raise Money for SHOC](#)
- [Jordans Picture House](#)
- [Writing Your Will](#)
- [Paws for Thought](#)
- [Thames Valley Dowzers](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)



FOLLOW JORDANS VILLAGE on FACEBOOK



FOLLOW JORDANS VILLAGE on TWITTER

Chris Jenkins, Editor

[estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk](mailto:estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk)



FOLLOW VILLAGE STORE on FACEBOOK



## News from the Village Store

A very happy New Year from all of us on the Jordans Village Community Store Committee and our 2 amazing Managers Sally and Clare. Thanks to them for selecting such good items and all of you for buying them, our village shop has had a very successful Christmas. A big thank you to all our wonderful supporters.

How lucky we are in Jordans to have a shop but also to have an active centre of our community - somewhere that we can go at any time to sit down and have a cup of coffee from the brilliant coffee machine that Joan Buck so kindly bought for us last year sitting at the lovely wooden tables made for the shop by Chris Waymouth. To both we say a great big thank you.

The shop is also where we find friendship where it is always warm and welcoming. It is the centre of our community and we would be poorer without it. The fresh vegetables and fruit arriving first thing on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays, the bread baked in Strattons in Chalfont St Giles every day, the sourdough loaves and croissants from Rex the artisan baker baked for us on Saturdays and Sundays, the brilliant range of local products from mince to wine - all clearly signed with our 'local products' logo, the Post Office 3 times a week and easy parking. What more could we ask for!

Thank you again villagers for your support and if you are a villager missing out on the Village

Shop experience you can put it right as early as tomorrow!

With thanks,

**Ali Cork**

News Editor, Jordans Village Community Store Committee

Email [corkswd@btinternet.com](mailto:corkswd@btinternet.com) | Mobile 07803 139079

Store 01494 873279 | [www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk](http://www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk)

### **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/](http://www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk/)

[Back to top](#)

---



## **Village Supper - Save The Date**

This year's **Village Supper** will be held on **Saturday 15th February** - so save the date in your diaries! More information will follow in the next newsletter - look out for posters around the Village too.

---



## Jordans Village – Memories for Time Capsule

We plan to bury a time capsule in the new clearing in Crutches Wood, as one of the final acts of the village centenary activities. Within this capsule we'll include written memories of the people who have lived in the village over the past 100 years. We want to give future generations a sense of this wonderful village both in terms of what it is like to live in and what it means to its inhabitants.

This is a request to everyone, young and old, to write something about living in the village. Tell us about particular memories, experiences that stand out to you or anything else that comes to mind. It can be any length, there are no rules, we just want your memories in writing.

Please send them to **David Wooster** at [david@worldmarkfilms.co.uk](mailto:david@worldmarkfilms.co.uk) or **drop them off to Chris at the Estate Office.**

---



## Jordans Village Concert

**Saturday 1st February 2020, starting at 7.30 pm**

After the success of the last Jordans Village Concert at the beginning of November, we are planning the next concert, which is the annual opportunity for local musicians to perform their favourite music. It is always a relaxed and enjoyable experience, with a warm and supportive audience. We invite anyone, young and old, who would like to perform to get in touch with Bob Hall (873186), and we can include you in the programme!

[Back to top](#)

---



## Come to the Jordans Open Afternoon!

**Sunday 26 January 3 - 5 pm, Jordans Village Hall**

New Year, new opportunities, new activities? Jordans Open Afternoon is an opportunity for everyone living in Jordans to find out about what you can do in the village today.

The people who organise the many activities that take place in Jordans will be there – did you know there are yoga, Qi Gong and pottery classes; the monthly pub and film evenings; tennis club and concerts ... and of course, the school, nursery and the Village Store.

The afternoon will be an opportunity to hear about these (and the other) activities, to find out more about them, and to join in. We will also have information about Jordans Village – its unique history and the work that Jordans Village Ltd and the Tenant Members Committee do to maintain the village and its community.

And there will be tea and cakes! Everyone is welcome and entry is free. It's taking place on Sunday 26 January between 3 pm and 5 pm in Jordans Village Hall. Do drop in at any time, and bring your friends and relatives!

**Contacts for further information:**

**Pat Holdsworth - 874565**

**Bob Hall – 873186**

[Back to top](#)



## Carol Singers Raise Money for SHOC

The Christmas carols on Christmas Eve this year were a great success. Those who attended had a collection which raised £35 for SHOC ([Slough Homeless Our Concern](#)). Their kind donations will be put to work straight away and will allow the SHOC day centre to continue its invaluable work with homeless and socially excluded people in the Slough area.

SHOC aims to tackle homelessness and social exclusion within a safe and friendly environment. A one-stop shop, SHOC provide crisis care of food and clothing, help to find accommodation and skills training. The aim is to enable guests to regain self-esteem and reintegrate into society through work.

Thanks to Liz Tagg Wooster and Kate McHugh for organising the carols and donating to such a worthy cause!

---



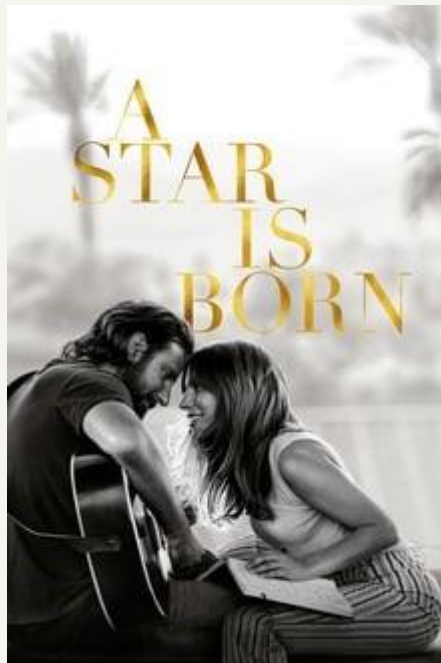
**Jordans Picture House**

## Jordans Picture House

**Our season continues with THREE SCREENINGS in January  
PLUS  
we now have the list of all our screenings through till May  
2020**

**On Friday January 10th  
Doors Open 7:15 P.M. Programme Starts 8:00 P.M.**

### **A Star is Born (15) 2018**



**Cast:** Lady Gaga; Bradley Cooper; Sam Elliott.  
**Director:** Bradley Cooper.



A musician helps a young singer find fame as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAht08yu5fM>

**On Sunday January 12th**

**Doors Open 3:15 P.M. Programme Starts 4:00 P.M.**

## **Paddington 2 (PG) 2017**



**Cast:** Ben Whishaw; Hugh Grant; Hugh Bonneville.

**Director:** Paul King.

Paddington, now happily settled with the Browns and popular with the local community, buys the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52x5HJ9H8DM>

**Tickets for children (up to and including age 14) at £5  
for this film!**

**On Tuesday January 21st**

**Doors Open 7:15 P.M. Programme Starts 8:00 P.M.**

## The Favourite (15) 2018



**Cast:** Olivia Colman; Emma Stone; Rachel Weisz.

**Director:** Yorgos Lanthimos.

In early 18th century England, a frail Queen Anne occupies the throne and her close friend, Lady Sarah, governs in her stead. When a new servant, Abigail arrives, her charm endears her to Sarah.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYb-wkehT1g>

## Jordans Picture House Programme – February to May 2020

Date	Film Title	Doors Open	Prog Star
FRIDAY February 14th	Edie (12A)	7:15 P.M.	8:00
<b>SUNDAY February 16th</b>	<b>The Lunch Box (PG) Refer Note</b>	<b>3:15 P.M.</b>	<b>4:00</b>
TUESDAY February 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Wife (15)	7:15 P.M.	8:00
FRIDAY March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Rocketman</u> (15)	7:15 P.M.	8:00
SATURDAY March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Down to Earth (U)	7:15 P.M.	8:00
<b>SUNDAY March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wadjda (PG) Refer Note</b>	<b>3:15 P.M.</b>	<b>4:00</b>
TUESDAY March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Official Secrets (15)	7:15 P.M.	8:00
FRIDAY April 17th	Can You Ever Forgive Me? (15)	7:15 P.M.	8:00
<b>SUNDAY April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trash (15) Refer Note</b>	<b>3:15 P.M.</b>	<b>4:00</b>
TUESDAY April 21 <sup>st</sup>	McQueen (15)	7:15 P.M.	8:00
FRIDAY May 15th	AGM + Grow Your Own (PG)	7:15 P.M.	8:00

**Note:** These three are foreign films with sub-titles. In order to ensure that everyone can understand the titles we are restricting the audience to 30.

### **HOW TO BUY TICKETS (cost £8)**

Online: at [www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk](http://www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk) with no booking fee!

#### ***Jordans Box Office:***

Alan Sealy [alan@janetsealypartnership.com](mailto:alan@janetsealypartnership.com) 01494 873205

#### ***Seer Green Box Office:***

Charlotte Baggins [pearlofwapping@btinternet.com](mailto:pearlofwapping@btinternet.com) 01494 689904

[Back to top](#)



Click the image above to watch the trailer for A Star Is Born



Click the image above to watch the trailer for Paddington 2



Click the image above to watch the trailer for The Favourite

---



## From beyond the grave...

Writing a Will is one of the most important things you will ever do to take care of your family. Forget organic food, piano lessons and taking turns with household chores – this is a biggie. In 2019, a London law firm carried out a survey into attitudes and barriers to Will-making. Worryingly, it found that 73% of 35 - 44 year olds and 54% of 45 - 50 year olds do not have Wills. The study's findings very much accord with my personal, anecdotal experience – when I'm chatting to someone and tell them what I do for a living, it's much more common for them to look a bit guilty and confess that they don't have a Will than it is for them to confidently tell me that they have everything in order!

What puts people off making a Will? The most common reasons people gave in the survey for delaying were (1) "I assume everything will be left to my husband/wife" and (2) "I don't have the time to set one up". Let's look at those two points more closely:

### **(1) "My husband/wife would get everything if I died without a Will"**

Many people think that if they do not make a Will, their husband/wife would get everything if they died. If you have reasonably substantial assets, this is not the case. If you died without a Will leaving a spouse and children, your spouse would receive your personal possessions, the first £250,000 and one half of the remainder. The other half would go to your children, aged 18. This means that if you are married and you live in the lovely village of Jordans in HP9, where the average house price according to Zoopla is over £1m, and you own your house outright as tenants in common, on your death around £375,000 would pass to your children

outright at age 18, subject to inheritance tax. That's just the house; it could be a lot more. We haven't even touched on your savings and investments, business interests, impressive car/stamp/jewellery collection, life assurance, death in service benefit, pensions etc. The children inheriting part of your estate on the first death is not what most people have in mind; it could potentially leave your spouse short of money or force them to sell the house, and most clients feel that age 18 is far too young to inherit substantial sums anyway. Only by writing a Will can you (i) ensure that your spouse gets everything on the first death, and (ii) delay your children inheriting beyond age 18.

## **(2) “I don't have the time to set up a Will.”**

The good news is that a one-hour meeting with your legal adviser should do the trick. Making a Will sounds a bit off-putting, but it's basically a chat with someone over a nice cup of tea, not to mention the opportunity to talk about yourself at length to an interested audience. What's not to love, really? Once you've given your instructions, you won't need to give the Will another thought until the draft arrives for you to read through, and then everything can be signed up.

Here are 10 good reasons to make your Will without delay:-

### **1. To choose who will inherit your assets**

To state the obvious, the main reason to make a Will is to ensure that your assets will go to those of your choice, after your death. This is absolutely critical if you have dependants who are relying on you financially, but even if you haven't, we all tend to have strong views about who should receive what. If you don't make a Will, the state will effectively make one for you via the laws of intestacy, and it is unlikely to say exactly what you would have liked.

### **2. Executors**

In your Will, you can choose trusted people to act as your executors. They will be in charge of obtaining a grant of Probate and winding up your estate. Often, clients appoint the surviving spouse and one or two other relatives or close friends to perform this role.

### **3. Guardians**

Very importantly, if you have children under the age of 18, in your Will you can appoint guardians of your choice to bring up your children, if both parents had died. If you fail to appoint guardians, your children could end up being looked after by someone who would not have been your choice. For parents of young children, understandably, this often seems to be the main driver behind making a Will, rather than the financial aspects.

### **4. To prevent your children inheriting large sums at age 18.**

Without a Will, your children can inherit from you at age 18, under the laws of intestacy. I spent almost a decade in private practice as a solicitor before establishing my own business, and I can't recall ever meeting a parent who thought that children inheriting substantial amounts of money at age 18 was a good idea. Not one. This is in no way the 18 year olds' fault, of course - emerging neuroscience suggests that the brain hasn't finished developing fully until age 25, and at 18 the prefrontal cortex, which helps us to inhibit impulses and to plan and organize our behaviour to reach a goal is not yet fully developed.

In your Will, you can delay your children's inheritance until they are older and more mature by setting up either an '18-25 trust' or a life interest trust for them, usually along with a letter of wishes setting out under what circumstances you would like the trustees to consider advancing income and capital.

#### **5. Second marriages**

If you have married for a second time, a well-drafted Will will allow you carefully to balance the financial needs of your second spouse with those of the children from your first and second marriages. This is usually done by means of a life interest trust for the benefit of the spouse, which gives them the right to live in the house and receive the income for life, with capital ultimately divided between the children.

#### **6. To provide for an unmarried partner**

Contrary to popular belief, there is no such thing as a 'common law spouse' in English law. If you do not make a Will and you and your partner are not married, your partner may get nothing on your death. This could put him/her in a very difficult position, so if you are an unmarried couple, it is essential that you make Wills.

#### **7. To disinherit someone**

You may wish to make a Will in order to disinherit someone who would otherwise benefit from your estate on intestacy. It is also prudent to leave a letter alongside your Will explaining the surrounding circumstances and why you have made the decision, as this would be good supporting evidence in case the Will was ever challenged by a disappointed beneficiary.

#### **8. To establish a trust to provide for a vulnerable or disabled beneficiary.**

If you have a disabled or otherwise vulnerable beneficiary to provide for ('vulnerable' in this context can cover all sorts of issues, ranging from drug or alcohol addiction to mental health difficulties), you may wish to consider setting up a trust for their benefit in your Will, to safeguard the funds for their benefit. This is usually done either by means of a discretionary trust, or alternatively using a trust for a vulnerable beneficiary, in certain specific

circumstances.

## **9. Funeral Instructions**

In your Will, you can set out any wishes you may have concerning your funeral, such as whether you would prefer burial or cremation. This type of guidance can be a great help to your family, and it reduces the number of decisions which need to be made at a difficult time.

## **10. Avoid extra cost and delay**

If you die without a Will, it will cause delay in winding up your estate, and there will be additional costs involved. Your family members will have to apply to court to be appointed as your executors, before they can apply for a grant of probate.

Lastly, if there's one thing for certain, it's that family circumstances change over time, with births, marriages and deaths taking place. You should review your Will at least every 3-5 years, to check that it still accurately reflects your wishes.

May I suggest an easily achievable, tangible New Year's Resolution for anyone without a Will, or whose Will is out of date? It will be much easier and less painful than 'exercise more' or 'eat more healthily'. Why not make an appointment, and finally get around to sorting out your Will?



### **Rebecca D'Arcy**

Will Writer, non-practising Solicitor

07544 091039

[rebecca.darcy@chilternwills.com](mailto:rebecca.darcy@chilternwills.com)

[www.chilternwills.com](http://www.chilternwills.com)

[Back to top](#)

---





## Paws for Thought

### **Festive Foods and Dogs**

Although the festive season is now over and it is now 2020, I still thought it worth mentioning about the dangers of some foods that may still be lurking in your kitchen that are toxic for dogs. It's very tempting at times to throw some leftovers into your dog's bowl, and dogs have a knack of looking as adorable as they can if they are after something on your plate. They tend to sit steadfastly by the table and stare at you with great intensity hoping you'll get the message! However, some of the foods around at Christmas could make your dog ill. Mince pies and Christmas cake contain incredibly toxic ingredients, such as nuts, grapes, raisins, currants and sultanas. If your dog consumes these ingredients it could possibly end up with kidney failure.

Most people have some chocolate around the house after Christmas and as most dog owners are aware of by now, chocolate is very toxic for dogs. If consumed in small or large amounts it can bring on convulsions, tremors, agitation and hyper excitability and possible heart problems (I know the feeling!). So keep all chocolates out of reach and advise your children not to be tempted to give your dog any chocolate.

Onions, leeks, garlic, shallots and chives, which belong to the Allium species of plants can cause toxicity, even when cooked. However, the symptoms, such as vomiting and diarrhoea, can take between two to four days to appear.

Dairy products are hard for dogs to digest so butter, cheese and milk are to be avoided, as they can also cause stomach upset and vomiting.

Alcohol poses a great danger to dogs. Dogs that have been exposed to alcohol can exhibit severe central nervous system symptoms, hypothermia, vomiting, coma and diarrhoea. A life threatening condition called Metabolic Acidosis could also be triggered if your dog drinks

something alcoholic.

However, it's not all bad news as there are some left overs that are safe for dogs. Turkey or chicken meat is safe, but make sure it is off the bone, has no fatty skin on it, and is gravy free. Salmon, lamb, and scrambled eggs, are also safe foods. Leftover sprouts, parsnips, carrots, potatoes, swedes and peas pose no threat.

So here's wishing all dogs and doggie owners a very *Happy New Year!*

**Jo Bell**

[Back to top](#)

---

[Thames Valley Dowsers - Events at the Meeting House January-March 2020](#)



Thames Valley Dowzers

[www.thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk](http://www.thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk)

2020

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

**The Rollright Stones; A talk on :Their History and Spirit of Presence:** by **Ron Dudley-Smith**, who is one of the a current “Guardians” of this Neolithic Ancient Stone Circle in the Cotswolds. We will be focussing on the history, the spiritual aspects and the energies within the stone circle.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**The Albion Dreamtime- Re-enchanting the Isle of Dragons:\*** by **Peter Knight and Sue Wallace**, talking about the subject of their latest book and aiming to re connect us with sacred landscapes again. ( \* the word “dragons” is geomancy speak for earth energy or ley lines!).

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March **Highlight!** **Healing with Vocal Sound:** A workshop with **James D’Angelo:** international Presenter and author. No singing voice necessary.

No dowsing skills are required for any of the above three talks.

Talks take place in the **Penn Room** at the **Jordans Quaker Centre** in Welders Lane, Jordans

starting at

2.15pm until about 4.30 p.m. Entrance £10 to non members: £5 to members of TVD including refreshments.

**Please book your place** with our Chair, Sue Scott Powell on [chair@thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk](mailto:chair@thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk)

or phone 01494 813 214. More details of these and other events on our website

[www.thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk](http://www.thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk)

**We look forward to welcoming you.**



## Fish & Chips

### Wednesday Nights Every Week

The van stops in the layby near the cricket hut on the Green between 7pm and 7:30pm

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

---

## Events Calendar

There is so much to do in Jordans, see below for a list of regular events and activities:

### ***Jordans Village Open Day***

***Village Hall, Saturday 26th January 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm***

### ***Village Concert***

***Village Hall, Saturday 1st February 7:30 pm***

## **Regular Events in the Jordans Village Hall**

### ***Yoga***

***Mondays Weekly 8 pm - 9:30 pm***

Contact Georgina Wright

[georginaw29@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto:sophie.bruen@hotmail.co.uk) | 07555 802535 | [www.facebook.com/SophieBruenCeramics](http://www.facebook.com/SophieBruenCeramics)

### ***Tai Chi / Qi Gong***

***Thursdays Weekly 6 pm & 7 pm classes***

Contact Keith Fensom

[keith.fensom@gmail.com](mailto:keith.fensom@gmail.com) | 07787 224823 | [www.yangshengtaichi.com](http://www.yangshengtaichi.com)

### ***The Jolly Quaker pop-up Pub***

***1st Friday Monthly (excluding August and January)***

Contact Chris Waymouth

[c.waymouth@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:alan@janetsealypartnership.com) | 01494 873205 | [www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk](http://www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk)

### **Lunch Club 2019**

***Thursdays, 1pm in the Village Hall***

20th February

19th March

16th April

14th May

18th June

16th July

17th September

15th October

19th November

17th December

[Back to top](#)

---

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](mailto:estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk)

The Jordans Village Community Newsletter is published on the 1st of each month.  
Deadline for copy is 28th of each month.

