



JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2023

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Welcome to the January issue of your community newsletter!

Jordans is full of people volunteering to do something that makes their community so wonderful. Be it Lunch Club, The Jolly Quaker, Jordans Picture House, Village Concerts, Supper & Song or the many TMC events throughout the year - they all take a huge amount of effort to put together, on a completely voluntary basis.

They give life to Jordans and create its unique character, so I am dedicating this column to thank everyone who organises and runs these events. We salute you all! Of course none of these events would work without those who attend them, so please support your favourites throughout 2023 by simply enjoying yourself with your friends!

I'd like to end with special congratulations to Jordans Picture House, whose Members have raised a fantastic sum for Wycombe Homeless Connection, at a time of the year when it's most needed - well done to all involved.

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Best wishes to all our readers for the New Year!

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Picture of the Month



Above: Chris Waymouth found this mob of deer in his back garden, helping with some winter pruning!



Lunch Club 2023

Lunch Club is a Village institution, and for several decades a team of dedicated volunteers have served their friends and neighbours a delicious hot lunch one Thursday a month in the Village Hall.

The dates for Lunch Club in 2023 have been confirmed as follows:

February 16th - Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

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October 19th - Therese Rogers 01494 874171

November 16th - Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

December 14th - All

Diners should arrive at 1pm and Lunch is served at 1:15pm. The cost is £8 per head. Please confirm your place with the hostess by the Monday preceding the Lunch, and give at least 3 days' notice if you wish to cancel. BYO Alcohol!!



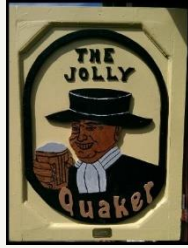
Children from Jordans Village School entertained diners at the Christmas Lunch Club



Christmas Tree Collection & Disposal

Seer Green Explorers are looking to raise funds for upcoming activities throughout the year and are offering to take away your Xmas tree this Saturday, in exchange for a donation.

For further details, contact Gavin Tadman via gavintad@gmail.com, to book your slot.



The Jolly Quaker

Come to the Jolly Quaker this Friday, 6th January from 7:30pm - We will have local beer and lovely wine, as usual, as well as non-alcoholic beverages for those of you who are taking a break this month.

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

Francesca Bagneris & Paul Wilson, Publicans

Jordans Players

Supper & Song report and free costume offer!

Supper & Song

Our Supper and Song event on 10th December was a sell-out and the audience all appeared to enjoy both the food and the entertainment. We had twelve items of songs, piano pieces, readings, a sketch, a violin duo and a piano/drum duo - what talent this little community can muster! But if these evenings are to continue we need help, particularly with organisation, and also fresh faces to perform! So, if you can sing (in tune or otherwise) play an instrument, recite a poem, juggle balls or otherwise interest an audience, or if you are willing to help with cooking, ticket sales or other preparations, please contact Nigel (672416) Alan (874536) or Heather (677573).

Costumes Give Away

Once upon a time Jordans Players was a thriving drama club that performed two and occasionally three full-length plays every year, in the Village Hall and sometimes in the Mayflower Barn. The legacy of those days is that we have two wardrobes full of costumes - male and female, period and (relatively) modern, such as dresses, hats, blazers, uniforms etc - which sadly will never be seen on stage again. They may, however, be useful for dressing up in party gear or whatever. So before disposing we are offering them, free of charge and on a first come first served basis, at the Village Hall from:

10.00am to 2.00pm on SATURDAY 21st JANUARY

Hope to see you there!

Alan Sonnex



Alec Penny on the piano and Paul Lones on drums at Supper & Song 2022.

Jordans Concerts

Jordans Village Concerts – latest news

Preparations for **the next village concert, on Saturday 21st January**, are now in full swing. We will have local musicians of all ages and standards performing music and words that they enjoy, and the evening is always popular and great fun. It starts at 7.30 pm in Jordans Village Hall, and we will provide refreshments. Entry is free, and we do ask for donations towards the costs of the event. We also ask if you wish to come, to book via Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jordans-village-community-music-annual-scratch-concert-21-jan-730pm-tickets-488948557297>

as this helps us to plan the event.

We have **a special concert planned for the evening of Friday 17th March**, when the English Piano Trio will perform music by Rutland Boughton, who was born in Aylesbury in 1878 and had a strong connection with Jordans through Des Newell, who lived in the village for many years. The trio has just recorded a CD of his music, and it will be “launched” at our concert.

See you on the 21st! And if you would like to perform then, there is still room so do get in touch with Bob Hall - Phone: 873186, Email: r@rkhall.com

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

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

Piano Pops for Ukraine

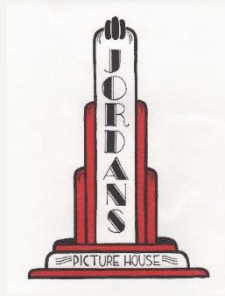
Jordans Village Hall, Sunday 22 January, 3:15pm

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



Jordans Picture House

OUR NEW YEAR 2023 STARTS
ON JANUARY 13th



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.

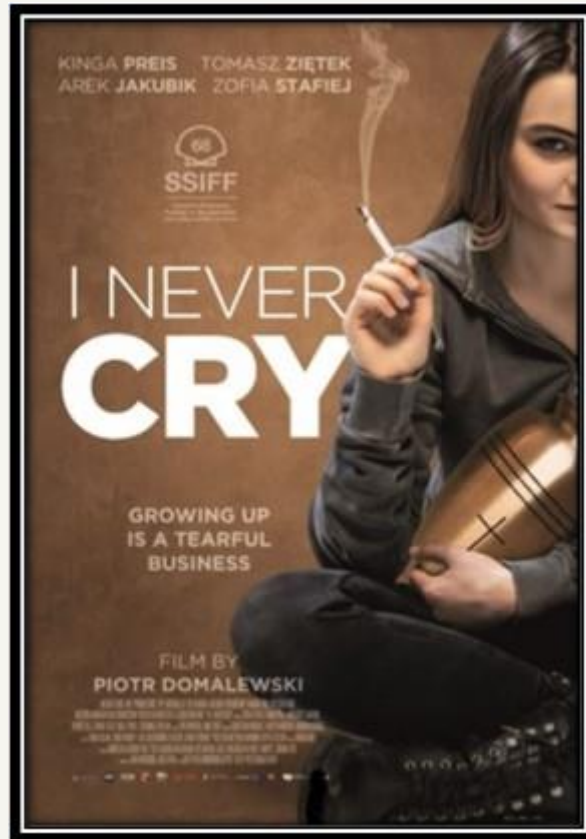
The Last Bus (12A) 2021 Awards: 1 win

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

DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO YOU



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

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.

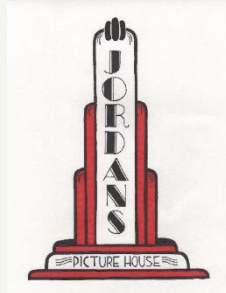
This offer includes all screenings in January through to Tuesday May 9th, the screening of "The Phantom of the Open" - 12 films.

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.

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

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



JORDANS PICTURE HOUSE RAISES OVER £600 FOR WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION

[\(Click here to read the letter of thanks\)](#)

Through donations generously given at our November and December screenings, we supported Wycombe Homeless Connection in their winter fundraising campaign and donated over £600.

Prior to our film on December 9th, Sheena Dykes, a co-founder of Wycombe Homeless Connection, gave a short presentation on their work and how people become homeless. The biggest single reason, she explained, is poverty.

“When people talk about homelessness they typically think of rough sleepers. Rough sleepers are the visible face of homelessness but in fact they are only the tip of the iceberg. It’s important to say that most homeless people are not on the street – they are in temporary accommodation or on a friend’s sofa. Right now, in England there are 130,000 children in temporary accommodation with their families and about 1 million sofa surfing.”

Councils “will help people get housing if they are in priority need – that is if they are young, old, ill, pregnant, have children or are otherwise vulnerable. But not if it’s a single person in fair health. And there are other conditions to fulfil as well. WHC works closely with the Council and helps the people the Council can’t help – over 600 a year.”

WHC is tackling homelessness in a number of ways:-

1. Trying to prevent people being evicted;
2. Defending the rights of people who are homeless or facing homelessness;

3. Helping people find accommodation;
4. Offsetting the harm of rough sleeping by giving out emergency bedding, clothing, food and the chance of a shower;
5. Helping people rebuild their lives

All this comes at a cost of around £600K per year for staff, rent and support of clients – all raised by voluntary contributions.

But is poverty really a major problem in Wycombe? Surely it can't be as bad as in other parts of the UK? In an article published in August 2021, High Wycombe was identified as the Home Counties food insecurity hotspot. The Sheffield University study identified "one in seven households went hungry during the last lockdown while one in three struggled to access food."

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation Cost of Living Tracker for winter 2022/23 titled "**Going Under and Without**" "highlights that low-income finances continue to buckle under the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis as 7.2M are going without the basics and 4.7M are behind with their bills. We find that it is households on the very lowest incomes who are struggling the most with three quarters of those in the bottom 20% of incomes going without food or other basic essentials like clothing or toiletries."

In Sheena's presentation she described the situation as follows:-

"I'd like you to imagine standing in a fast-flowing stream. It's hard to keep your balance, that's what life is like for many people in our country at the moment, who are just about managing to cope. Our economy creates powerful currents that can pull people into poverty, like low wages or increasing living costs as is happening at the moment."

If you are earning a good salary and have savings and financial reserves you can keep your head above water. But if your wages have not kept up with inflation for some considerable time and you are having to contend with significant cost increases for your accommodation – mortgage/rent, heating, petrol/diesel costs for your car and food, you will have little option but to make drastic economies – probably going without food, turning off heating - and visiting the local food bank.

In the words of the 50s hit song – "*Something's gotta give*".



Allotment Available Now

JVL has 8 allotments next to the tennis courts off of Green East Road, and one is now available.

If you feeling green fingered, and want to grow your own produce, then please contact me at the Estate Office for more information.

Chris Jenkins

JVL Estate Manager & Secretary

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estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk

Events Calendar

The Jolly Quaker

Friday 6th January 2023 from 7:30 pm

Jordans Village Hall

Jordans Picture House

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

Jordans Players Costume Give Away

Saturday 21st January 2023 - 10am - 2pm

Jordans Village Hall

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Friday 17th March 2023

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Piano Pops 4 Ukraine

Sunday 22nd January 2023 - 3:15pm

Jordans Village Hall

TMC Village Supper

Saturday 18th February 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

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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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