

Jordans Village Community Newsletter



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Hubert Douglass

9th October 1925 - 30th May 2016

Hubert grew up in Bishop Auckland, County Durham and was married in 1949 to Sylvia. He first became associated with Jordans Village in 1951 when he moved down south with Sylvia and baby Marjorie to take up the position of warden at the meeting house; I was born shortly after in 1953. He then lived in the garden cottage at Old Jordans for a few years before moving to Monard in Green West Road (now known as Cherry Tree Cottage).

In 1964 following the death of his brother Arthur, the Jordans Estate Manager, Hubert took over the position from Arthur and remained so until his retirement in 1990. During this time he lived at Wardens Cottage, where his brother had lived since Puers Field flats were built in 1952. Upon retirement Hubert & Sylvia moved to Long Redding in Copse Lane, before taking up residence at Langdale in Seer Green Lane.

A very active member of the village cricket team, Hubert was captain for many years, and was also a member of Jordans Players. He was also a keen and talented woodworker. Up until just a few months before his passing he still held a great interest in village matters and will be sorely missed by all his family and friends.

Stewart Douglass

The Jordans Village Management Committee has agreed to mount a plaque on the Estate Office in tribute to Hubert's dedicated work on behalf of the community of Jordans for the 26 years that he was Estate Manager. Once the plaque has been inscribed we will hold an unveiling ceremony in Hubert's honour.

Chris Jenkins

Estate Manager

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.





News from our 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 and don't forget to keep up to date with news & offers via the Store's Facebook page. And please do remember to "Like" our Facebook page!!

Auction of Promises - 15th October

This is our most important and successful fundraising event. It was originally conceived by John Rootes on 13th October 2012 and has been run every two years for the last four years. It's also a whole load of fun and everyone can contribute in almost any way they wish. People 'promise' holiday homes; a day on a yacht; a ride in a supercar; but also a half-dozen new laid eggs; a 'vintage afternoon tea'; an afternoon's weeding of a garden; babysitting service; whatever service someone can offer, someone is going to bid for it.

The proceedings run at breakneck pace under the control of a professional auctioneer who, while talking up the

2016 Calendar			
JANUARY 2016	FEBRUARY 2016	MARCH 2016	APRIL 2016
MAY 2016	JUNE 2016	JULY 2016	AUGUST 2016
SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016

Village Event Diary

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

Music on the Green

Sunday 10th July 2016

Arrive at 1pm

Music from 2pm to 6pm

Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

Visitor Information Launch

10am - 5pm Saturday 16th July 2016

Quaker Meeting House

Alex Wildwood 01494 876594

Singability!

Jordans Village Hall

No class on Wednesday 6th July due to CSG Parish Council meeting

Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Kat Hooper 07843 493583

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www.singability.co.uk

The Jolly Quaker

Jordans Village Hall 7pm - 11pm

Friday 5th August 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

Chris Wymouth 07831 309379

Lunch Club

Jordans Village Hall 1pm - 3:30pm

bids, keeps everyone amused while we keep everyone fed and 'watered' with a bar and fish n' chips for supper.

A great night out in Jordans!

We need your promises!!

If you can donate a "Promise" [please click here to download the form](#), then fill it in and send it back; or click the email link below to send your promise directly by September 15th:

chairman@jordansvillagestore.co.uk

New Freezer Unit

We have a new freezer cabinet in store (thanks for collection to Chris Waymouth, Kevin Murray, John Rogers, and Barry Bristow) which means we can offer a much wider choice of frozen goods: ready meals, bags of ice, snacks, vegetables, vegetarian meals, and even frozen cocktails!

Extended Opening Hours!

We are very pleased to announce 'Extended Opening times to 8pm on Thursdays from July 7th'. Our trusty volunteers, beginning with Angela Hamme, are going to be opening the Store until late on Thursday evenings, so please come in and support their efforts to keep our Store running to serve all of us.

Art Exhibitions in Store and at Rycroft

Featuring Georgina Wright, Heather & Anna Rootes, Jane Sandeman-Allen and Jenny Collyer. Thank you to our artists

Thursday 14th July 2016

Thursday 18th August 2016

Yoga at the Village Hall
Mondays @ 8pm / Fridays @ 2pm

Mon: 4th & Fri 8th

Georgina Wright 01494 874552

Jordans Quaker Meeting House

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

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Music on the Green

July is a month packed with village events and MotG is one of the most popular. This year our resident band are very local - "The Derivatives" from Seer Green.

So come along with your gazebos; afterwards we will have 2 Communal BBQ's in the middle of the Village Green.

The Band will play on and off

and thank you to all of you who came along to support our artists on the evening on Friday 24th June. Our 'in Store' art exhibition featuring the work of Georgina Wright continues for the next few weeks and so if you haven't seen her work yet, do make the effort. Georgina is a highly successful textile designer with a worldwide portfolio of clients. Her paintings reference her passion for colour and passion for nature with a subtle 'Scandi' influence.



The Jolly Quaker unveils their new pub sign!

At the Jolly Quaker pub night last Friday the usual refreshment and merriment was enhanced by a table of delicious Pimm's served up by Charles Mitchell and family – thank you Charles! And we were treated to a long session on the piano by Alec Penny –this does so much for the atmosphere – thanks, Alec!

But undoubtedly the high spot of the evening was the unveiling of the new sign, which will be mounted on the corner of the Hall on pub nights.

throughout the afternoon between 2 o'clock and 6 o'clock so arrive before 2pm to get settled on the green for another TMC Family Fun afternoon.

The Village Store will be OPEN ALL DAY for wine, beer, soft drinks, ice creams, and also stock an assortment of outdoor games: afterwards Cricket, Badminton, water pistols...water bombs....hula hoops. The fridges will be fully stocked up with sausages, bacon etc..... plus all the condiments required for a tasty BBQ!

While MotG is a free event, we will be coming round with our bucket for donations towards this and other events held for our community so remember to bring some cash to show your appreciation of all the work that is put in for these events that you and your family friends enjoy....

Pat Holdsworth, Chairman
Jordans Tenant Members' Committee
(TMC)

A competition for the design was held and this was won by Tatiana Suarez (Ben Haywood's wife) and then the sign was crafted by Tris Darby who at the age of 91 has lost none of his superb woodworking skills. We're very glad that he was able to join us for the evening.

Both Tatiana and Tris were rewarded for their efforts and the presentations and unveiling were met with huge applause.



Jordans Village Fair

Saturday 11th June 2016

Jordans Summer Fair was another great success this year, with hundreds of people enjoying the event, despite the typically British downpour. Visitors were entertained by a dog show, the petting farm, many stalls and attractions, a display of classic motor cars and bikes, and various fun and games around the Green.

Huge thanks go out to the TMC and all the residents who volunteered to make this event such an enjoyable one!

Bric-A-Brac

Graham Short would like to thank everyone who helped make the bric-a-



Launch of the Jordans Meeting House Exhibition

Saturday July 16th 10-5pm

Come and explore the new permanent exhibition at Jordans which a group of us have been working on with a professional designer since last October.

18 panels recount the history of the building: why it was built here when it was, its link to Jordans Village as 'a Quaker social experiment', a series of panels on Quaker work and witness in the world today, a panel on Quakers and the United Nations and two panels for the children's meeting about Meeting for Worship. Two outdoor lecterns describe the history of the burial ground and the relationship to Old Jordans Farm (designed to link in with the Jordans Heritage Trail currently being created.)

As well as the static panels there is also a short introductory film and a new, dedicated monitor for accessing the 'Quakers in the World' web portal. Finally, come and explore the InfoPoint Wi-Fi hotspot system which enables you

brac stall a great success, which raised £934 for Jordans Village Community Store.



to access further information – to include films and audio clips in future - on your mobile digital devices.

The exhibition aims to convey both the essence of the Quaker Way and the range of Quaker work worldwide – showing something of the diversity of Friends in different parts of the world.

All welcome. Drop in any time between 10am and 5pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Alex Wildwood on behalf of the 'Jordans Visitor Experience Group'



Flying Start Tuition opens new venue in Jordans

Award-winning tuition company Flying Start Tuition, which boosts children's maths and literacy skills and helps prepare them for key exams such as the Eleven Plus and GCSEs, will open a new venue in Jordans this September.

The company, which already boasts a main tuition centre in Chesham and two satellite centres in Little Chalfont and Aylesbury, will offer courses in Jordans Village Hall.

Sian Goodspeed, founder of Flying Start Tuition, said:
"We continue to see a rise in demand for quality tuition. Our philosophy is to build pupils' confidence to help them realise what they're capable of achieving. We don't just focus on exams,



JVL Estate Office News

Do you pay a waste water surcharge to your water utility supplier?

Many of the properties in Jordans Village were built at a time when the normal way to deal with rainwater was to direct it from gutters into "soakaways", which as the name suggests, directs rainwater via a drain pipe to soak away into the ground.

Nowadays, many new houses have their rain water diverted into a sewer, and as such, utility companies will charge you

but on the development of the child. Our ethos resonates with parents, children enjoy learning with us and we achieve great results.”

The company was established by Ms Goodspeed, a former teacher, in 2008 and has grown into a highly successful business. She won the West Herts Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2011 and was a finalist in the Best Business Women in Awards 2015.

To find out more about the courses in Jordans or to book a space on a Flying Start Tuition Eleven Plus holiday course, visit their website: www.flyingstarttuition.co.uk or contact them on hello@flyingstarttuition.co.uk or 01494 772 898



Singability Jordans!

Singability is a regular weekly event held every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Jordans Village Hall. However this month, due to the annual Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 6th July, **the next Singability class will take place on Wednesday 13th June.**

If you like to sing, then come along for all-inclusive classes aimed at helping you nurture your singing voice in a friendly, pressure free atmosphere.

for providing the service of taking away your "waste water" by default.

If you look carefully on your bill you might find this charge, although being a small amount, it is often overlooked, and not well publicised by the utility companies.

If your property uses a soakaway, then your utility company are clearly not providing you with any waste water service, and as such should not be charging you. This fact was recently brought to our attention by Liz Butterworth of Cranford in Green West Road, who having recently had a water meter installed diligently analysed her bill and found that she had been charged for waste water services when none had been provided, and her attention was rewarded when Affinity Water gave her a refund cheque for over £100 as they had been wrongly charging her since 2011!

JVL Estate Office recommends that all residents check their water bills carefully, and contact us if they have any queries about what to do.

Noise on the Green

The Village Green is a wonderful asset and in regular use by residents and walkers alike throughout the year. If you or members of your family have a late night out, are using the play equipment in the middle of the night, or walking your dog early in the morning, please remember that those people sleeping

Whether you are a complete beginner or have lots of experience, come down and find out what singing in a group can do for you!

If you would like more information, please email kat@singability.co.uk, or call 07843 493583.

www.singability.co.uk



only a few yards away will be most grateful to those who keep their voices down.



24x7 Buckinghamshire

24x7 Bucks is a leading provider of specialist education transport for children and young people particularly those with special educational needs.

Their mission is to offer a safe and efficient service that is reliable and flexible, that schools and clients can rely on. They achieve this by providing a fleet of modern, energy efficient vehicles and employing a team of handpicked dedicated staff who are confident, competent, and well trained and deliver a first class service ensuring that the clients arrive in a safe, well controlled and happy environment, giving them the best possible opportunity to start and end the day on a positive note.

24x7 Bucks Ltd is always on the lookout for paid part time drivers and would welcome applications from members of the community of Jordans, but equally would be delighted to offer their services



World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) a celebration of reading.

Now in its 19th year children of all ages came together in March and dressed up as characters from their favourite books. Suki & Indy Bell dressed up as Mad Hatters, and were featured in a recent issue of *Tatler* magazine.



Jordans Past

Some wonderful early pictures of Jordans

Huge thanks go to Sylvia Douglass who so kindly donated these images to the Estate Office to form part of the

to those who would benefit from it.

Drop them a line on 01753 480031 or visit their website at www.24x7bucks.co.uk or alternatively why not join them at their annual drivers BBQ from 12pm - 7pm on Sunday 14th August at Jordans Village Hall.



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How to Book the Village Hall

Jordans Village Hall is available for hire and holds regular events. Bookings are taken by the Estate Manager, on 01494 875177 or admin@jordansvillagehall.co.uk.

collection of historic architectural drawings and pictures of Jordans.

You can also enquire about bookings online: www.jordansvillagehall.co.uk



Rowntree Cottages Group A: The Homestead to Cranford was the first block built. The Chestnut tree on the corner was a little smaller then!!



Rowntree Cottages Group B: The second block to be built were Puers to Cherry Tree Cottage. Just visible to the left is Stoke Cottage bungalow, since replaced by Monkey and Bramble Cottages.



An amazing view of Jordans taken from Manor Farm Fields before there were any hedges! Woodhatch (bottom right) has yet to receive its windows, and just visible in the middle background are Group A with St Damians just in front of it. In the top left of shot, the rear of Rowntree Group B can be seen with Woning to the fore...a white shed seems to occupy the land where Summerleas is now, and Griord, Nether Crutches, and all the properties in Wilton Lane are yet to be dreamed of...



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