



## JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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As I write, the government is expecting to move to Step 4 of the "roadmap out of lockdown" on 19th July - a little later than we had all hoped. Thankfully, it shouldn't affect plans in Jordans too much. After a thorough check of the rules, and with confirmation from the local council, the TMC has found that it is legally and safely possible to go ahead with Music on the Green on Sunday 11th July! It'll be the first major village event for about 18 months, and not a moment too soon. There will be some social distancing rules in place, and it will require a little co-operation to allow the event to go ahead safely but it shouldn't take away from the fun.

In the meantime, you can enjoy some of the wonderful gardens in the village, with the Open Garden event scheduled for 4th July. For those of you who have been watching Wimbledon, there is no better excuse for getting out to play on the newly resurfaced and beautifully repainted tennis court. There's a Tennis Summer Camp for children to learn how to play too - read on for details of that. If you are not already a Member, find out how to join and how to book a court on the [Jordans Tennis Club website - click here to](#)

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## Pictures of the Month

*Here we publish the best images of Jordans or by Jordans residents that we've received in the past month*



Above: Last month, David Wooster sent me a number of beautiful images of the village - too many to publish in one go! Here is a shot of an amazing sunset over the Village Hall.



Above: Jo Bell sent in this playful image of two dogs sniffing each other out



Above: Another shot by Jo Bell, this time of an amazingly beautiful rose





Above: A grass snake snapped by Helena Haywood in her back garden!

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## A few words from the TMC

We've been working away behind the scenes and as things start to open up, we'd like to let you know a bit about what's happening with the TMC each month.

### First and foremost - Music on the Green!

We are really pleased to announce that by popular demand Music on the Green is back! This year, in the current climate, it will be a socially distanced event where people will need to remain in groups of no more than thirty people. However, after reviewing government guidance and putting extra measures in place, it is felt that this is a perfect way of bringing the village together after a long and difficult year. It will take place on Sunday July 11th at 1pm. Such an event costs a lot to put on. We will be collecting on the day so please give generously so that we are able to continue to run such events. The TMC look forward to seeing you there! *Don't forget that the Village Store will be open all day until late on Sunday 11th - and they have ordered in plenty of disposable BBQs, beer and ice cream especially for the event!!! - Ed*

### Sports Day

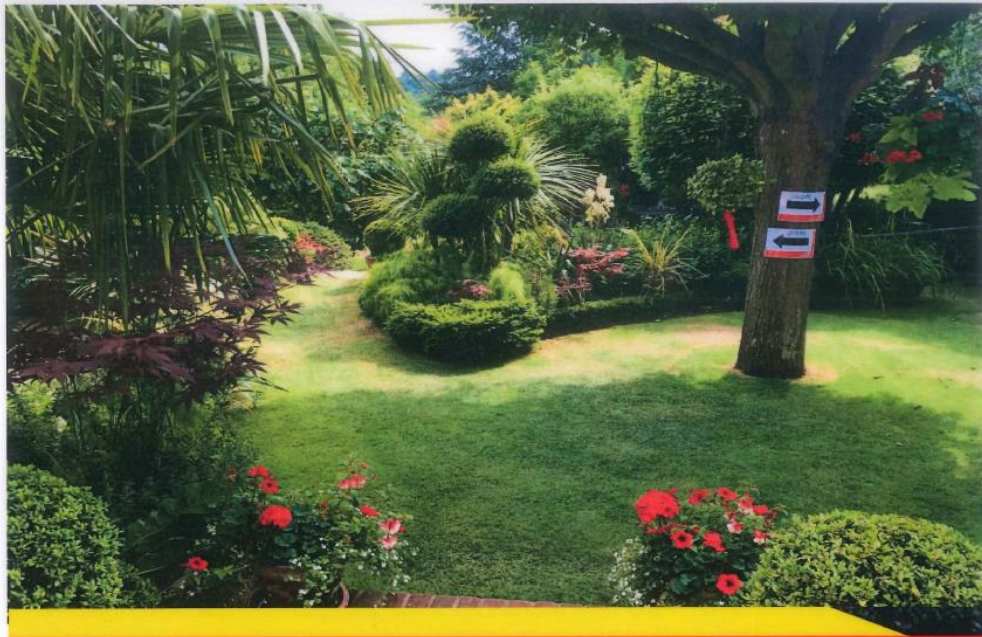
We are also planning Sports Day for Saturday September 4th. More news will follow but for now, **please could you return any winners' cups you have from the last sports day in 2019.** It would be lovely if you could engrave these cups. Please could you bring them to the village shop and we can gather them so that they're ready for this year.

## **Volunteer**

Finally, we are always looking to get to know more of you in the village. If you'd like to come and join us, we often meet informally for various projects around the village (e.g. taking the logs to the village school last month), and we'd love more volunteers. If you're interested please contact us on 07774037117 or [marchenri.bagneris@free.fr](mailto:marchenri.bagneris@free.fr)

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# JORDANS OPEN GARDEN

SUNDAY 4 JULY | 2PM – 5PM

Starting Gardens: Spindrifft, Puers Lane, Jordans HP9 2TE

5 gardens in this picturesque village, featuring bright summer colour, a landscaped dell, two of the original Fred Rowntree houses and a surprise round every corner

**£5 ADULTS**  
(CHILDREN & DOGS FREE)

PROUDLY SUPPORTING  
**THAMES VALLEY**  
**AIR AMBULANCE**



## Open Gardens

There are 5 gardens in Jordans opening in aid of Air Ambulance on Sunday, 4th July from 2.00 - 5.00 pm. Spindrifft, Comely Bank, Downfield, Maxfield Cottage and Conifers.

Tickets are available on the day from Spindrifft.

Entry fee on the day

Adults – £5

Children and dogs – Free

**Spindrift, Puers Lane, HP9 2TE**

A exciting garden on different levels with a surprise round every corner! Fine hedges and trees, large collection of shrubs, herbaceous borders, a landscaped dell with pond, fruits, vegetables and greenhouses with vines.

**Downfield, Jordans Lane, HP9 2SW**

A garden of approximately one acre, on two levels. There is a formal front and back lawn on a shallow slope with a wild patch set above a landscape dell designed to resemble a dry river bed.

**Comely Bank, Wilton Lane, HP9 2RG**

This garden has been re-designed and landscaped over the last 7 years. Benefiting from established trees surrounding the grounds, it now enjoys woodland gardens, combined with informal cottage planting. Separately the garden has a pond area to attract natural wildlife. A springtime joy with great displays of daffodils and tulips, followed by bright summer colours throughout all the beds and borders complemented with majestic tree ferns.

**Maxfield Cottage, Crutches Lane, HP9 2TG**

Over a period of 30 years Jim and Denise have created, cared for and loved this garden. The garden wraps around the house creating different areas some broad and open, others more peaceful and intimate. Tucked behind a pergola they have created raised beds for growing vegetables, fruit and cut flowers. To the front of the house is a fairly large lawn with fruit trees at one end and surrounded by flower borders. To the side of the house there is a smaller lawn with a rockery and to the rear a further lawn with borders of flowers and shrubs.

**Conifers, Crutches Lane, HP9 2TG**

NEW THIS YEAR! A medium size garden containing a greenhouse, summer house, and pagoda. The garden consists of lawn, raised beds, small veg plot, flower beds and pond, there are several rhododendrons, hydrangeas perennials and spring flowers to be seen.

**Directions**

Upon arrival at Jordans Village, drive past the Jordans Village Estate Office on the Village Green, and turn right into Green West Rd.

Go past the Village Store and continue straight all the way to the end of the road where you will find Spindrift, tucked away on the left of the entrance to the Village School – please pay here before making your way to the remaining gardens.

Further information is available on the Air Ambulance website.

<https://www.tvairambulance.org.uk/support-us/events/jordans-open-garden/>

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## Jordans Tennis Summer Camp

26th - 30th July and 9th - 13th August



10 - 11 am session for 4 - 6 years old     £7 per session - £32 for the week

11 - 1 pm session for 7 years old +     £14 per session - £63 for the week



There will be a maximum of 8 children in each group!!

The camp is hosted by club coach Nick Wood and most sessions start by working on agility, balance and co-ordination skills which are essential for most sports. Your children will be taught the basic technique of the forehand, backhand, volleys and serve. They will practice rallying using these shots and will also practice these newly acquired skills in lots of fun and enjoyable games.

To book onto any group please telephone Nick on 07841 018855  
or email: [njwood14@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:njwood14@yahoo.co.uk)

## Jordans Tennis Club

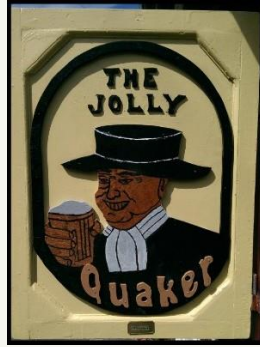
The resurfacing work has been completed with the court being painted this month. We now have a shiny new court for our members to enjoy.



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## The Jolly Quaker will be back!

### **Reopening of the Jolly Quaker postponed until 3rd September (provisionally)**

Regrettably, due to the continuing Covid safety restrictions, it will not be viable for our little team to run a Jolly Quaker session in July, dealing with table service, cleaning requirements and so forth.

Historically we do not hold an event in August as many people are away on holiday, so our plan now is to reopen on Friday 3rd September (still subject of course to the current restrictions being lifted). So that's the new date for your diaries and we look forward to a bumper evening!

Cheers

**Chris Waymouth**

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## Picture House re-opens in September

### **Jordans Picture House, one of Jordans' best loved community events will come to life again with a full house on September 10th.**

Although the Covid restrictions have not been lifted in full yet, we remain hopeful. We listed most of the chosen films in last month's newsletter and have subsequently added a few more and we are now working on the programme and acquiring the discs and licences. The screening dates will be announced in the August newsletter, at which time our website and box office will open for bookings.

**Jordans Picture House Committee: Lorraine Bristow; Katy Brown; Alan Sealy; Chris Waymouth.**



## Jordans Village WhatsApp Group

Anne Smith has set up a new "WhatsApp" group for residents of Jordans:

*"I'm a member of the SG community WhatsApp and find it really useful. I wonder if residents would like to join the Jordans WhatsApp group that I have started?"*

*I will only add anyone who sends me their numbers, and therefore gives their consent. So please send me your name and mobile phone number if you wish to join the Group.*

*The group may evolve depending on what people put on there, but its purpose is to inform villagers of news and events in the village, lost dog and cat information, and any other news. People are free to join and leave or mute the chat."*

**Anne Smith**

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## Friends' Corner

*by Bob Redpath*

An alternative word for 'Quaker' is 'Friend'. 'Friends' Corner' lists forthcoming Quaker events at the Jordans Meeting House, to which newcomers are very welcome. The Meeting House is located at the junction of Jordans Lane and Welders Lane. Nina Liebenberg can be contacted if there are queries about access to the Meeting House.



(Tel. 01494 876594; Email [office@jordansquakercentre.org](mailto:office@jordansquakercentre.org))

## **Quaker Events and News in July**

### **Meetings for Worship at Jordans Meeting House**

The Jordans Meeting House is open for in-person meetings during July. The meeting starts at 10:30am, lasts one hour and is followed by a 'bridge' of about ten minutes when people who wish to do so can comment on the issues raised during the meeting. If you are planning to attend in person for the first time, please contact Adrienne Midgley as there is limited space due to social distancing. Please bring your mask. Adrienne's contact details are: Tel. 01753 889581 or [adriennemidgley@hotmail.com](mailto:adriennemidgley@hotmail.com))

### **Zoom Meetings for Worship**

During July there will be Zoom Meetings for Worship concurrent with the in-person meetings in the Meeting House. Invitations to attend will have been sent to everyone on the Jordans Meeting email list. If you are a newcomer and wish to attend the Zoom meeting for the first time, please contact Ann Floyd ([ann@quakersintheworld.org](mailto:ann@quakersintheworld.org) or Tel. 01494 874273).

### **Junior Jordans Sunday School**

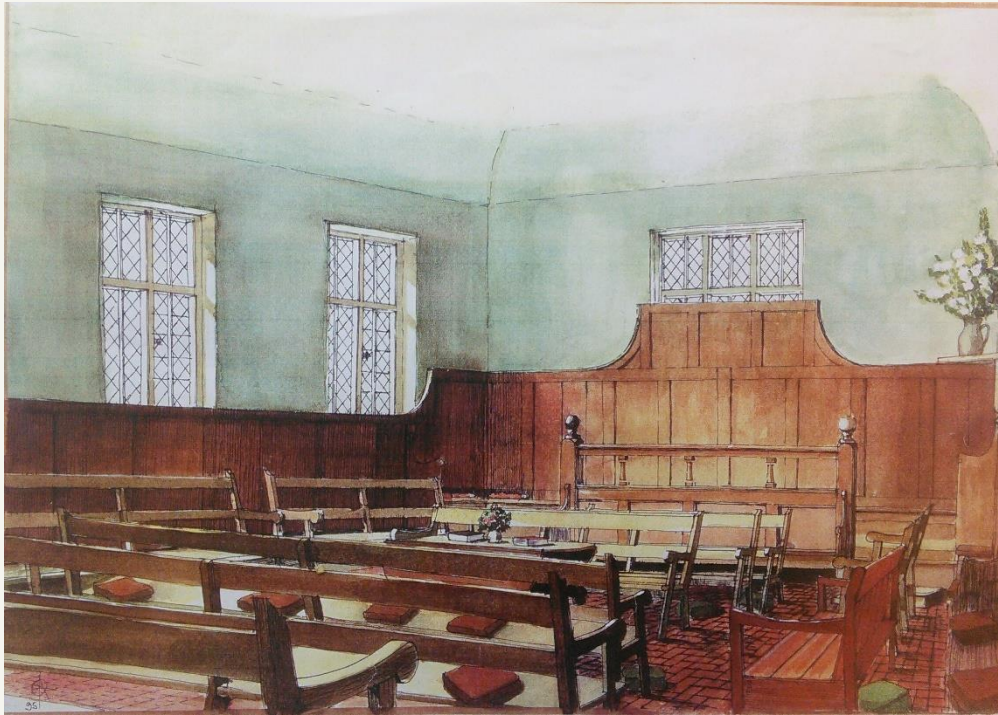
David and Jo Matthews will be conducting Sunday School in the Penn Room of the Jordans Meeting House. Newcomers are very welcome, but please call Jo if you are intending to bring your child for the first time or for any other queries about the Sunday School. (Tel. 07766 391722; Email address: [josephinebrennan@me.com](mailto:josephinebrennan@me.com))

### **Douglas and Jenny Butterfield Zoom Meeting for Worship**

Douglas and Jenny Butterfield would like to invite you to a virtual Meeting for Worship at their house, which is on Zoom during lockdown. The meeting will be held on Friday 2nd July at 10:30am for about 40 minutes with fellowship afterwards. If you want to join us you would be most welcome. Please contact Douglas by email [douglasbutterfield13@gmail.com](mailto:douglasbutterfield13@gmail.com) to be sent the Zoom link for this meeting.

### **Back Door Parole**

Back Door Parole is a live performance by the Journeymen Theatre, in association with London Quakers, to be held at Friends House on the Euston Road, London on Wednesday 7th July at 2pm. 'Back Door Parole' is a prison term for those inmates who will never be released from incarceration. The play, commissioned by Positive Justice Gloucestershire, explores the hidden plight of the elderly and infirm inside the UK's jails. Please contact [lynnmorris32@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lynnmorris32@yahoo.co.uk) or mobile number 07791210687 for tickets and further details.



### **Watercolour by Paul Garland**

Paul Garland's watercolour of the interior of the Jordans Meeting House was first included in Friends' Corner in May. Readers who were interested in obtaining a copy were encouraged to contact Paul. Paul is now recuperating from a heart attack and we wish him speedy recovery. Since then I have found that it is possible to produce a very beautiful copy of the picture, entirely suitable for framing, by printing on Kodak photographic paper. If anyone would like a copy of the watercolour, free of charge, please contact me. (Tel. 01494 874102: email [randc@sheldon59.com](mailto:randc@sheldon59.com)). I will, of course, let Paul know of any interest in what is a very faithful rendering of the Meeting House.

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Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency

## DfT News: Standard petrol is changing to E10



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# STANDARD PETROL IS CHANGING TO E10



**E10** CONTAINS UP TO  
10% BIOETHANOL

When safe, check your vehicle at [gov.uk/E10checker](https://gov.uk/E10checker)

### Standard Petrol is changing to E10 - is your car compatible?

This summer the standard petrol grade in the UK will become E10. Currently, UK petrol is E5, meaning it contains up to 5% bioethanol. E10 petrol will see the amount of bioethanol increase to 10%.

Petrol cars manufactured after 2011 and most modern motorcycles are E10 compatible. However, around 5% of petrol vehicles made before 2011 will need to continue to use E5 petrol which will remain available as the super grade petrol option at the pumps.

Using E10 fuel in an incompatible petrol vehicle will not cause immediate harm but continued use could damage your engine's parts. If in doubt about the compatibility of your vehicle, you can use the online E10 vehicle checker or seek further advice from the vehicle manufacturer or garage.

[Click here to check if your vehicle can run on E10 petrol](#)

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## The Despairing Lover

This month I feel compelled to share a poem that always gives me pause for thought, and never fails to make me smile. It's by William Walsh 1662 to 1708. Walsh came from Worcestershire and was an English poet, critic and Whig Politician. Walsh is also remembered for his friendship and correspondence with Alexander Pope.

Jo Bell



*The despairing Lover*

**D**ISTRACTED with care,  
For Phillis the fair;  
Since nothing could move her,  
Poor Damon, her lover,  
Resolves in despair  
No longer to languish,  
Nor bear so much anguish;  
But, mad with his love,  
To a precipice goes;  
Where, a leap from above  
Would soon finish his woes.

When in rage he came there,  
Beholding how steep  
The sides did appear,  
And the bottom how deep;  
His torments projecting,  
And sadly reflecting,  
That a lover forsaken  
A new love may get;  
But a neck, when once broken,  
Can never be set:  
And, that he could die  
Whenever he would;  
But, that he could live  
But as long as he could;  
How grievous soever  
The torment might grow,  
He scorn'd to endeavour  
To finish it so.

THE DESPAIRING LOVER

But bold, unconcern'd  
At thoughts of the pain,  
He calmly return'd  
To his cottage again.

WILLIAM WALSH.

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## Paws for Thought

### **Grass Seeds**

This month due to the long grasses that are currently present in Chalky Field and other locations, I am submitting an adaptation of an article I posted in 2020 explaining how grass seeds can cause problems for dogs.

According to practising veterinary surgeon and animal welfare campaigner, Marc Abraham, it can be a painful and expensive business. Abraham explained in an article posted on The Kennel Club website, that the problem occurs because grass seeds have sharp pointy ends like arrows. Breeds with longer coats and floppy ears like Springer and Cocker Spaniels, and Cockapoos are most at risk, especially if walked in meadows or woodlands. As with most seeds, once attached to the fur of a dog they are unable to fall off, becoming trapped in its coat. The seed will eventually burrow down into the skin of the victim's body. The paws and ears are the most common site. The signs to look out for are paw licking, especially after a walk, lameness, and head shaking. If your dog is pawing at its head and ear, it could have a grass seed lodged in its ear canal. The dog may also tilt its head to one side in an attempt to shake the seed out. Seeds can also get stuck in a dog's nose, producing a bloody nasal discharge. Continuous sneezing, rubbing of the nose, and difficulty breathing can also be a sign. Seeds can also get trapped under the eyelid, and can be seen by pulling the lid up or down. In the worst case scenario an imbedded seed can cause internal damage that can be lethal. Once a grass seed is embedded it can travel to any part of the body such as the lungs, spinal cord, brain and abdominal organs. The seeds may also carry bacteria that could cause an infection.

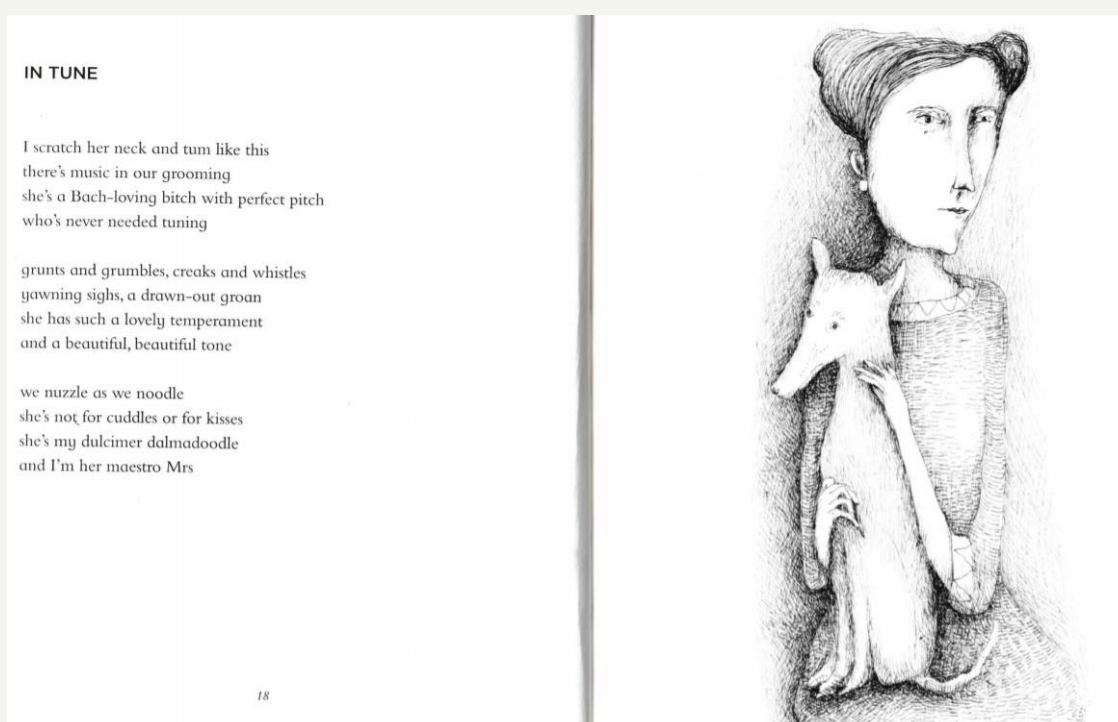
If you think your dog may have a grass seed lodged somewhere it is advisable to get your dog seen by a vet as soon as possible. This will increase the chances of avoiding any complications. It is difficult to find an imbedded grass seed due to the fact that they are made of vegetable matter, this making them invisible on an X-ray. If the seed is visible the vet will try removing it with some specially designed tweezers known as 'crocodile forceps'. If a seed has become lodged in the ear the vet may use an otoscope to look down the ear canal. Sedation may be necessary prior to these procedures. Antibiotics will be prescribed if an infection has set in. On Petplan's, 'Vet's Corner', they advise taking

preventive action by keeping the fur around the dog's paws and ears short during the summer months. Checking for seeds on a regular basis after walking is also a worthwhile measure. If you are in tune with your dog you will help avoid problems such as these occurring. Abraham has a free iPhone App called 'MARC THE VET', which contains tips on how to keep your dog healthy. Images of what an infected paw and the different varieties of grass seeds might look like can be found online.

On a more cheerful note this month I'm including another poem by the Totnes based poet and lyricist Matt Harvey titled 'IN TUNE', about a Dalmadoodle, which is a Dalmatian and Poodle cross.

**Jo Bell**

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## Events Calendar

*At last! The events calendar is back!*

### **Open Gardens**

**Sunday 4th July**

Spindrift, Comely Bank, Downfield, Maxfield Cottage, and Conifers

### **Music on the Green**

**Sunday 11th July**

Village Green



**(Subject to lockdown rules allowing this event to go ahead)**

***Flower & Produce Show***

***Sunday 5th September***

Village Hall

**Regular Events in the Jordans Village Hall**

We expect regular events and activities to re-start after the Lockdown is lifted.

***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**

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

Dates TBC

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

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