



## JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the June 2020 issue of our Village Newsletter!

This month we have started looking forward to "life after lockdown" as certain activities have slowly been allowed to re-start by the Government. The Village Nursery reopens on 1st June, and the Village School on 2nd June, albeit both in a rather limited capacity.

The notable efforts made by residents to help each other through the lockdown were never better represented than by the way they helped Richard Stephenson safely celebrate his centennial earlier in May. The Community spirit that makes Jordans so special was further reflected by the presentation of not one but two Community Awards to our residents, which are given each year by the District Council. One winner was Pat Holdsworth, Chair of the Tenant Members' Committee and a Member of JVL's Management Committee; the other award was won by Jordans Picture House and presented to Alan Sealy and Chris Waymouth who have been

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instrumental in its founding and subsequent success. I think everyone will agree that these awards are thoroughly deserved!

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**\*\*Stop Press:** Residents will be very sad to hear that Evangeline Evans passed away last week. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Chris Jenkins, Editor

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## News from the Village Store

### **Time for Change!**

Yes lockdown created the need for an enormous change in the way our village shop operated and thanks to our amazing team of managers, staff, volunteers and you our customers all has gone really well. The appreciation you have all shown over the last 10 weeks has been so encouraging and undoubtedly we are, dare I say it, a rather remarkable Village Shop but supported by some equally remarkable customers.

Should you have missed out on phase 1 of our ways to keep within the government guidelines why not join us for phase 2 starting today, Monday 1st June.

Now with guidance from our friendly staff you can go into the shop and browse, something that many have missed.

How some of the stock has 'moved on' and for example we now have even more enticing healthy snacks to accompany ice cold drinks from the chiller, local products abound and how vital to buy these as small businesses have become so vulnerable during the last 10 weeks. If you haven't already tried our Chiltern ice cream - a small enterprise started a few years ago, selling from a restored gypsy caravan - do it right now! This most delicious ice cream is prevalent in farm shops, artisan cafes as well as selected village stores. Our beef is from a local herd, our pork sausages from Stockings Farm in Botterells Lane and moving on the shop's support for local businesses is a priority. How good it would be to be a contributory factor in the endeavour for their survival. With your help we can be just that.

The great variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, as during phase 1, will continue to arrive on Tuesdays and Fridays. Yes they might be more expensive than the pre-packed offerings in the supermarkets but the taste is as if they have just been brought from the growers which with some they have. Keep them in the fridge and see how long they last!

So come along to our welcoming shop - enjoy having a look around and maybe a cup of coffee on the Green with friends - even if sitting 2m apart!

Last but far from least our 'Create your own rainbow' competition. We invited one of our volunteers to judge the young artists' enterprising contributions and a big 'well done' to Florence and Elvie Hayler the joint winners. A big thank you to all the children who took part.

### **Ali Cork**

News Editor, Jordans Village Community Store Committee

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### **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/)

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## Puers Field in Bloom

May is the most colourful month, and Andrew Wilcockson sent in these images of the superb floral varieties in the communal gardens at Puers Field flats. The gardens are a credit to the residents, who have put so much time and effort in making their environment so beautifully colourful.

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## Pat Holdsworth Wins Community Award

As the official ceremony (originally planned for March) was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Members of the Local Council visited Pat Holdsworth at her home last week to present her with Buckinghamshire County Council's 2020 "Older & Bolder" Award.

The award is given to an individual over the age of 65 years who has made a significant and beneficial contribution to their community in the Chiltern District. I think we all know just how much effort Pat puts into making our community more enjoyable for everyone, and this award is thoroughly deserved. Well done Pat!

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## JPH Wins Community Award

### ***Another award for Jordans Picture House!***

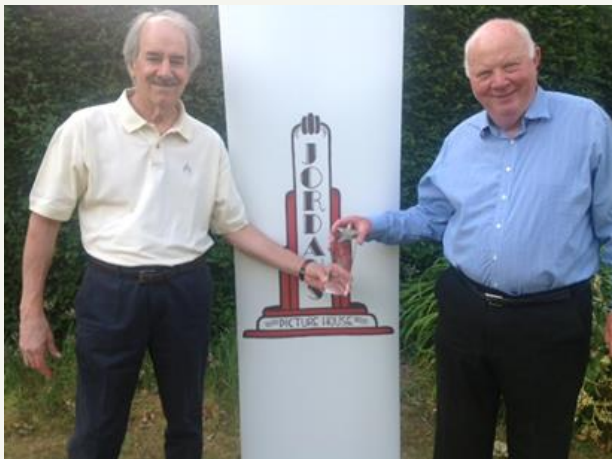
Early this year Chiltern District Council invited nominations for various Community Awards, one category being for “a group that deserves recognition for their commitment to enhancing and enriching the lives of others in the Chiltern community”.

A submission was put forward for Jordans Picture House and in due course we were invited to an awards ceremony in March which was a pretty good indication that we were in the running.

Very sadly this event became a victim of the lockdown and we heard no more until last Tuesday when we were informed that Councillor Isobel Darby (Leader of Chiltern District Council until its absorption into Bucks County Council) would be delivering the award trophy to us on Wednesday afternoon!

Needless to say, although this had to be a low-key event in the garden with limited attendance and social distancing, it was another very proud moment for JPH and we are delighted to have been recognised in this way.

Our grateful thanks go to all our supporters and the team of helpers who assist us with our screenings. We hope very much that we will be able to resume our activities in the not too distant future.



## ***JPH Annual Report***

As we were unable to hold our AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> May as planned, our Annual Report and Accounts were circulated by email to Members. Members and any others who may find it of interest can [click here to download the Report](#).

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## Welcome Back to Jordans School

Dear Village Friends,

Thank you for all your kindness and support as our school has been navigating its way through these tricky times. It is always lovely to see your smiles and waves as the staff team and I go through the village.

As you will have heard, through government announcements, all schools have been asked to begin preparations for a wider opening from 1st June. Here, in a nutshell, are our plans:

- Our school has been open for small groups of key worker children on different days
- Following the government guidance - in addition to key worker children, we are making preparations to open the school up for our Reception Year and Year 1 from next week.
- The children will begin a phased return in small groups from 2nd June:

Reception = 6 children per day

Year 1 = 6 children per day

Key worker children =6 children per day

-The school provision has been altered to accommodate a number of items in our risk assessment, making the opening as safe as it can be at this point.

-As per government guidance, no parents will be allowed on the school site, without a prior appointment. They will drop their children off and collect at the wide gate, at staggered times:

Reception                8:45am - 2:45pm  
Year 1                    8:55am - 2:55pm  
Key Worker Children 9:05am - 3:05pm

Parents will be asked to socially distance while waiting to drop/ collect their children. We will be mindful of residents and driveways.

As you can imagine, returning to school in these unusual circumstances will be very daunting for our children and parents. They will be in need of your smiles and waves more than ever.

Thank you for embracing us as part of your wonderful community.

Warmest Regards,

**Mrs Swain and the Jordans School Team**



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## Thoughts from the Chair

Well, summer certainly seems to have arrived in Jordans. It is just not much like any summer we have known. Of course, it is very good news that the rate of spread of the pandemic has been brought under some sort of control. Death rates are falling, but hundreds of victims are still losing their lives every day. In normal times this would be shocking and, even in these extraordinary times, we must continue to recognise how distressing it really is. It is clearly not time to relax and return to “normal” and will not be for quite a while yet.

So, what can we expect for the summer here in Jordans?

It was a delight to see Village life return to the Green in the form of the Horticultural Society’s “Bring and Take” event, whilst recognising the need to maintain rigorous adherence to social distancing. No money changed hands to minimise risk of virus transmission - “takers” were requested to make charitable donations to their own preferred charities. Drop-off and collection were at different times, minimising the risk of over-crowding. It was, however, great



to see a dozen or so people at any time able to come together sharing a common interest and just getting out. And further relief, with the slight relaxation in lockdown restrictions, to see the tapes removed from the benches allowing a single person (or more, from the same household) to sit to rest or just enjoy the view.

For me, one cause of great sadness in the recent glorious weather has been the absence of the Village Nursery and School children from the Green. Whilst Nursery has been closed completely, our School has remained open offering childcare to children of key workers - my thanks to Holly Swain and everyone there for their contribution in such difficult times. Both the Nursery and the School are looking forward to welcoming the return of a limited number of children from next week. They are facing an enormous workload to ensure compliance with national and local authority regulations, but are determined to provide the best possible service to as many children as possible. Of course, ongoing lockdown restrictions means that this won't see a return to crowds of children around the play area or football goals, but hopefully we will see households taking advantage of the open areas to enjoy some downtime.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for the TMC and others to organise our usual array of summer events. The absence of the Village Fair, Big Camp and Music on the Green from our June-July social calendars will surely whet our appetites for their return in 2021. The TMC is aware of the desire for Villagers to have some form of celebration together as soon as this becomes possible and continues to consider what may be possible, and when. Plans will be communicated as soon as restrictions allow.

Finally, as reported elsewhere in the Newsletter, the Village Shop will be changing its arrangements. They have supported us with an incredible service during these challenging times and it is incumbent on us all to return this support. Even if you are in the fortunate position of not being reliant on the services of the Shop, please remember our many friends and neighbours who are. Every year it is a great financial challenge for the Shop to continue operation and current circumstances will clearly have exacerbated these challenges. The importance of protecting this huge asset to the Village has never been more apparent. Please consider any way in which you can support their work.

As lockdown restrictions are gradually relaxed we may be tempted to stretch the limits of the guidance. The only prospect of further relaxation of restrictions is that people continue to comply with those currently in place. We must also recognise that our Village community has a higher than average proportion of more vulnerable people. Please continue to respect all guidelines and help to keep Jordans safe.

**Alan Evers,**  
**Chair, Jordans Village Limited**

*Image below by Emma Pegram*



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## Update on the Local Plan

As you'll know from our last email, the Planning Inspectors' initial findings on the Local Plan found that there was a "strong likelihood" that Chiltern & South Bucks (CSB) would have no option but to withdraw the Plan in its entirety due to the failure of their "Duty to Co-operate" (DtC) with Slough.

CSB have now responded, rebutting the Inspectors' position in needlessly rude language. Their response has been widely derided in planning and legal circles as "petulant" and foolhardy. In short, CSB are refusing to withdraw the Plan, and are insisting on a hearing on the DtC point. This will cost more taxpayers' money. Moreover, CSB want a "physical" not a

virtual hearing, which is unlikely to be possible for several months.

The Inspectors have agreed to this request. However it is our experts' view that this is only delaying the inevitable and that the Plan will fail. Even IF the Inspectors should decide that the Duty to Co-operate has been satisfied, the Plan would need to pass through another two hearing stages in order to test its "soundness" - a test, which our experts advise, it would also be likely to fail. This means there are potentially three rounds of hearings ahead of us:

1. Duty to Co-operate with Slough
2. Overall plan 'soundness'
3. Detailed policies, such as the Beaconsfield Green Belt development

BUT if the Inspectors fail the Plan at the DtC hearing, the Plan must be withdrawn at that point.

### **So why is 'co-operation' with Slough so important?**

Slough, like most local authorities, has an un-met housing need; like CSB, it simply does not have the space to build enough houses to meet government housebuilding targets. In CSB, the councils' solution was partly to export its own 'un-met need' to Aylesbury Vale, and partly to build over Green Belt. The largest single development would have been in Beaconsfield, increasing the size of the town by about 35% without increasing the supporting infrastructure.

The fact that CSB's plan is based on false housing calculations would be proven at the Inspectors 'Soundness' and 'Policy' hearings, if they happen.

Clearly it would have been difficult for CSB to have accommodated additional housing needs from Slough, and there is **no** requirement for the two councils to agree. However there is a statutory duty to engage 'constructively and actively'. If CSB can be shown not to have met this duty, the whole Plan must fail.

CSB's appalling plan would release Green Belt to construct housing that the local population does not need - 54% more, to be exact. This shattering of Green Belt protection would open the way for even more housing to be built around our town, including overflow housing from Slough. Just as CSB use indefensible logic to say all the extra housing would have a 'beneficial' effect on the environment, their reasoning that their Plan would protect South Bucks from Slough expansion would mean the direct opposite in practical terms. It is gross stupidity on a monumental scale.

## **So where now?**

We must wait for the hearings. If the Plan is withdrawn, as seems likely, Bucks Council cannot simply re-hash this Plan since the evidence base is now redundant. The new Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority are required to come up with a new Plan by 2025, taking a properly strategic county view which requires a new evidence base. Let's hope they have learned their lesson and protect our Green Belt.

If you are appalled by how this has been handled by CSB, do think about making a difference - Town and Bucks Council elections take place in May 2021; use your vote and why not consider standing?

Thank you for your support.

The Save Our Green Belt Team

**The Beaconsfield Society**

### ***Background documents:***

The Planning Inspectors' initial findings:

[Inspectors' Initial Findings on the Duty to Co-operate \[159.61KB\]](#)

CSB's insulting response:

[Council's Initial Response to EXAM 34 \[476.53KB\]](#)

The Planning Inspectors' reply:

[Inspectors' Response to Council's Hearing Request \[88.98KB\]](#)

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## **Jordans and the Local Plan**

It had been my intention to share these thoughts at the AGM as a topic for discussion but sadly, it couldn't happen and then, having read the March community newsletter and the inspiring work of the Cadbury Trust, I thought it worth putting pen to paper.

Much of the March newsletter article talks of development, particularly in regard to community and property and I am told by those who visited that the Cadbury family plan ahead for up to 50 years. I am of the strong belief that we too should be looking forward as a village not sitting back with the "*we've always done it this way*" or "*that's not how we do it in Jordans*" outlook. We should be planning a future for our village that meets modern day living requirements, develops the community and at the same time retains the village life that

we all love.

The Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Local Plan has raised some controversy, proposing to take Jordans Village out of green belt but I believe that the ill-considered development of 1600 homes on the east side of Beaconsfield old town will have a much greater impact on our and future residents' lives with the lack of infrastructure, traffic congestion, etc. than a few additional houses in our village. In fact, I believe a few additional properties in our village would be beneficial to us.

It should be understood that the proposal for Jordans being considered by the Planning Inspectors as one of many policies within the Local Plan is to remove the green belt designation with those areas classified as GB4 & GB5 (shown dark green on the map) most of which sits within the management scheme triangle (shown in yellow) and not the fields surrounding us. The Village Green is a protected open space, as is Crutches Wood and even the small parcel of land in front of Cherry Tree Corner. Around the Green is a Conservation Area. I can't see a lot of change taking place in Dean Wood Road nor Jordans Way and we retain control within the area covered by the Management Scheme.



The latest news on the Local Plan is that the Inspectors consider it "likely" that the plan will have to be withdrawn following their initial findings but this could just delay matters. The problem has not gone away. **More detail is available on The Beaconsfield Society**

**website** <http://www.beaconsfieldnow.org.uk/about/latest-news/planning-inspectors-publish-initial-findings-on-the-local-plan.php>

To achieve some of the objectives of our own Neighbourhood Plan, we need to bring additional younger families into Jordans and we therefore need to build more property of a suitable nature and to help us in that direction, we would be better off out of the apron strings of the green belt. I recall the constraints placed upon us by Chiltern DC with the construction of Chelsey Garden Cottages and without those constraints, the outcome would have been accommodation much more suitable for our needs.

I'd like to see a forward thinking strategy, which includes bringing the JVL asset base of property up to a standard that goes somewhere toward mirroring what Cadbury are doing. I am told the Rowntree Group 'F' extensions have gone a long way in achieving that goal but there is a lot more to be done and we should make the plans and produce the financial strategy to do it.

So, if we want to make the village more attractive to younger families, we need to be proactively looking at locations within the village boundary where suitable property could be constructed and I know that will not be possible whilst we remain within Green Belt. Jordans is a great place to live, it would be good to share it with more residents who will contribute to village life and our thriving community.

I encourage everyone to read the Cadbury visit report in the March newsletter as it is so inspiring. The centennial was a great landmark, the celebrations were so well put together and now is the time to be open minded and creative in planning a future for our community.

## **Iain Duncan**

*Ed: The article is Mr Duncan's personal opinion. The Newsletter does not seek to censor residents' opinions and for that reason I felt it was appropriate to include it. It should be noted that Mr Duncan successfully applied to Chiltern District Council for permission to split his plot and erect a new dwelling on what is currently his garden in 2018. [Details of that application can be found by clicking here](#). To date he has not applied to JVL to request their permission for these plans which, under the terms of the Management Scheme, he is required to do before any construction can legitimately take place.*

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## Paws for Thought

### **Is your Dog fit to Run?**

Taking your dog out jogging, running or cycling with you can be a lot of fun for your dog. However, there are certain steps that should be taken to ensure that both you and your dog won't come to any harm. Although some dog owners may not see the necessity, it is advisable to get the all clear from your vet before embarking on these activities. For example, in a cottage on the village green I sometimes see dogs running with their owners. Some are obviously enjoying the experience and keeping up, but others looking like they could take a drink and a rest! Recently I witnessed a child cycling with a dog on a lead attached to a collar. This is not advisable for the safety of both the dog and rider (more on this below).

If participating in any of these activities during the summer months, it is best to go out during the coolest part of the day, and go for shorter distances. Your dog should set the pace and you should take some water and at least two poo bags with you. The average speed for a bicycle should be no more than that of jogging. As with humans, it is a good idea to warm up before you start to avoid any injury to muscles. Start with a few minutes of walking or slow jogging before you reach full speed.

Age and weight are a consideration as the fitness levels of an older dog are obviously different to that of a young dog. Puppies should not be taken out jogging because exertion can damage developing joints and ligaments. Depending on the breed, the epiphyses at the end of its bones will not be fully closed for one to two years. Running or jogging can therefore cause the dog an injury if done before the cartilage hardens and becomes solid. These activities are only recommended for healthy dogs weighing more than 30 lbs, and over a year old. However it is best to seek advice on this before participating.

The American veterinary specialist and toxicologist, Dr Justine Lee DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine), lists the three dangers that one needs to be aware of as being **heatstroke, pad abrasion and soreness**. Roads and pavements can get very hot

the summer months and can burn your dog's paw pads, so should be avoided.

Attempting to cycle with your dog has its obvious dangers. You can easily be pulled bike causing yourself an injury, and it is not an activity that suits all dogs. If you are with your dog, it should wear an appropriate harness. The lead should always be attached to the D ring of the harness, which should be located on the dog's back. An alternative to holding the lead in your hand is to attach the lead to a human waist belt, with a bung fitted to the required length. Attaching the lead to the collar is definitely not advisable because it will place too much pressure on the dog's neck. It can also cause you to lose your balance and fall off. The lead can also get caught up in the spokes of the wheel. There are plenty of videos on YouTube that demonstrate the best way to approach this activity, a good one by the American canine behavioural specialist Robert Cabral, which was published in August 2016.

Certain breeds are more likely to enjoy and be suited to these activities than others. Brachycephalic breeds, which have short noses, such as Pugs, Bull Dogs and Shih Tzus are not suited because they overheat very quickly, and have more difficulty breathing. Dogs of extreme proportions, such as the Dachshund and Welsh Corgi, which have very short legs are also not suited.

Breeds that are suited are Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers, who can tolerate both short runs or long slow runs. The Weimaraner can also cope with long steady runs and is good at running on trails. Labradoodles make good running partners, and can run moderate distances maintaining a decent pace. Cockapoos love to run and have tremendous stamina. Some small dogs from the Terrier group, such as the Parson Russell, make good running companions because they carry less weight, therefore place less strain on their joints. So it is advisable to educate yourself on the pros and cons of these activities before you participate.

This month, with snub nosed breeds in mind, I am including a poem by Stevie Smith (1913-1971) titled 'O Pug!'. Smith was awarded the Cholmondeley Award for poets in 1966 and won the Queen's Gold Medal for poetry in 1969.

Pugs were brought over to England from the Netherlands in Stuart times, but it was the Dutch King, William the Third (1650 -1702), who later on made the Pug the fashion, during the Victorian era, when it lost its popularity. However, over the last few decades Pugs have become one of the most popular dog breeds in the UK.



## O Pug!

*To the Brownes' pug dog, on my lap, in their car,  
coming home from Norfolk*

O Pug, some people do not like you,  
But I like you,  
Some people say you do not breathe, you snore,  
I don't mind,  
One person says he is always conscious of your behind,  
Is that your fault?

Your own people love you,  
All the people in the family that owns you  
Love you: Good pug, they cry, Happy pug,  
Pug-come-for-a-walk.

You are an old dog now  
And in all your life  
You have never had cause for a moment's anxiety,  
Yet,  
In those great eyes of yours,  
Those liquid and protuberant orbs,  
Lies the shadow of immense insecurity. There  
Panic walks.

Yes, yes, I know,  
When your mistress is with you,  
When your master  
Takes you upon his lap,  
Just then, for a moment,  
Almost you are not frightened.

But at heart you are frightened, you always have been.

O Pug, obstinate old nervous break  
In the midst of so much love,  
And such comfort,  
Still to feel unsafe and be afraid,

How one's heart goes out to you!

STEVIE SMITH (1903-1971)



**Jo Bell**

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## Richard Stephenson - 100 not out!

On 11th May, Richard Stephenson of Jordans Way celebrated his 100th birthday. As this milestone was reached under the lockdown, many local residents gave him a surprise to remember by taking their daily exercise walking past his house - at a safe distance, of course - to wish him a happy birthday. This message of thanks was received from his nephew, Guy:

*Hello Chris*

*I just wanted to thank you personally on behalf of my Uncle, Richard Stephenson, for helping to arrange the surprise yesterday in his road – it was truly fantastic and very moving, he was delighted.*

*You can imagine how he felt, the prospect of a 100th birthday under lockdown, so that really lifted his spirits.*

*I've taken a couple of nice pictures of him and will get one of the Queen's card too and drop these off at the shop or email them to you, so you can share them with anyone who would like to see them.*

*Once again, a huge thank you to you and everyone who helped from the family.*

*Kind regards*

*Guy Stephenson*



**Chilterns Area**

## Friends' Corner

The Jordans Meeting House is closed for Meetings for Worship; however, alternative 'virtual' Meetings for Worship are held **every Sunday at 10:30am** (join from 10am) using the Zoom video conferencing platform. The

meeting lasts an hour. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us, even if you have never been to a Quaker meeting before. Please contact Ann Floyd ([annfloyd@btinternet.com](mailto:annfloyd@btinternet.com)) if you wish to join us so that she can send you an invitation to the meeting.

The Jordans Quaker Centre which adjoins the Meeting House is also closed. Enquiries can be made to Nina Liebenberg ([office@jordansquakercentre.org](mailto:office@jordansquakercentre.org))

***Tuesday 2 June Poetry that Pleases: 11am.*** We have been having ‘virtual’ meetings using Zoom. The topic this time is “Stars and/or Astronomy”. You are invited to choose poems that you like on the topic and share them with everyone. Lasts about an hour and twenty minutes. Please contact Jane Edmunds for further details. ([Jedmonds7@gmail.com](mailto:Jedmonds7@gmail.com))

### ***Invited luncheon and supper cancellation***

(Based on an article that appeared in Chilterns Area Quaker News, June/July 2020 Number 108)

#### **Mary Rosso writes:**

Friends may remember that in Jordans over the past year, and following on from the Centenary Year of the founding of Jordans Village by Friends in 1919, we have been continuing with the idea of drawing people from the village down to the Meeting House and reminding them of the historical connections and acquainting them with the work currently done by Friends, both locally and worldwide.

Last year several small personal ‘Invited Lunches’ were held and were much appreciated by those who came and it was hoped to continue the idea this spring by inviting a selection of those relatively new to the village. Two dates were fixed upon and invitations were sent out for a choice of either a Saturday lunch in March or a Friday evening supper in May. An evening supper in order to cater for a slightly younger age group, many of whom were either both working and had young children as well or were working professional couples with demanding jobs for whom Saturday lunch-times were not the best option! Sadly of course both of these events had to be cancelled because of the ‘lock-down’-but we won’t be giving up! We hope to re-schedule both of these luncheon opportunities in the autumn, as is happening with so many other social events. Watch this space, Friends!

### ***Cancellation of Maundy Gifts Ceremony***

(Based on an article by Douglas Butterfield which appeared in Chilterns Area Quaker News April/May 2020, Number 107).

Even the Queen's events have been cancelled because of the threat of COVID-19 virus. In early April Douglas Butterfield, a member of the Jordans meeting, received a letter from Her Majesty the Queen enclosing a Maundy Gift which she regretted she was not able to distribute to him personally at the scheduled Royal Maundy Service in St George's Chapel on the 9th April because of the threat of the COVID-19 virus.

The Queen's letter said that this ancient Christian ceremony, which reflects Jesus' instruction to his Disciples to love one another, is a call to the service of others, something she wrote had been at the centre of her life. Her letter referred to Douglas' invaluable contribution within the community. Although not mentioned specifically, Douglas has been active for years representing Jordans Quaker meeting in Churches Together in Beaconsfield, an organization that facilitates communication between the Christian churches in Beaconsfield.

Each year a representative number of men and women from across the British Isles who have led a life of service to their church and community receive 'Maundy Money'. The number of recipients equates to the age of the Monarch; the Queen is ninety-four this year; therefore ninety-four men and ninety-four women have received Maundy Gifts. The total value of the tiny specially-minted Maundy coins also equates to the Queen's current age: Douglas received nine 1p, nine 2p, nine 3p and ten 4p coins with a total value of 94p.

Also included in the two vellum pouches were a 50 pence coin portraying Team Great Britain for the (now postponed) Tokyo Olympics and a £5 coin commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Wordsworth.

### ***News from Swarthmore Care Home***

(article which appeared in Chiltern Area Quaker News June/July 2020 Number 108)

#### **Bob Redpath writes:**

There has been such grim news about the deaths of elderly people in care homes that it was a relief to talk with Claire Allsopp, manager of Swarthmore Care Home. Claire said: "We are very fortunate that we are virus-free although there

was a scare a few weeks ago when we tested two residents and one staff member but fortunately found them clear.” On Friday 21 May all the staff and residents were tested for COVID-19 with negative results for everyone. Claire thinks that the early shutdown of Swarthmore on 12 March contributed. Swarthmore has been closed to non-essential visitors ever since. Staff have worn PPE, social distancing has been enforced and entrance to Swarthmore is restricted to essential visitors. What an admirable example of high care home standards Swarthmore is at this time!

However, these strict control measures have been difficult for some residents in terms of contact with the outside world. As reported in the March/April newsletter, Claire brought the outside world to Swarthmore when she posted a message on Facebook inviting all and sundry to write to the residents of Swarthmore. Since then there have been more than three thousand messages to Swarthmore residents from all over the world!

There is more good news for Quakers in Swarthmore. On Sunday 24th May Claire Allsop, the manager of Swarthmore Care Home, came in on her Sunday off to link Aileen Davis, Chris Davies and Elaine Miles to the Jordans Zoom meeting for the first time. This was a great success and all three expressed their appreciation of Claire’s efforts. In future she will link with the Jordans Meeting fortnightly. It was reassuring to catch a glimpse of Claire completely kitted out in PPE and totally unrecognizable—only her glasses were visible. Thank you, Claire, for keeping all Swarthmore residents safe and for making an historic link to the Jordans Meeting.

<http://caqm.org.uk/>

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## Stephanie "Stevie" Edwards

Stevie was born in London in 1930, the youngest of 5 children. She used to tell us stories of going into the Underground stations during the Blitz and how her block of flats took a direct hit, but the bomb failed to go off. Later, she was evacuated to a house in Lytham St. Annes where she had a lovely time. She was allowed to convert the garage into a small theatre and would put on plays for the neighbours.

After the war, she would take part in plays and productions in London and had a full time job as a window dresser at the Army & Navy store in Regent Street. After a while she became a

window dresser for Woolworths which is where she met John. They were married in 1955 after John's National Service, and lived for a while in a caravan in Norfolk. John's work took them all over England and they moved house many times.

Eventually, they moved to Jordans where they stayed for over 25 years. She immersed herself in village life and was a member of various committees and charities. She was a tireless fundraiser for an orphanage in Zambia.

Stevie took up golf and played matches all over the country with her club and had great times with the other ladies from her club. Whilst she was doing all this, she and John were also raising two children, Laura & Simon. They did a good job. The Kids turned out OK!

After John passed away, she lived in Seer Green where she joined the village ladies choir. They performed many concerts in the UK and Europe. Stevie's great personality and sense of humour always made her good company and she absolutely loved being part of the choir.

While she wasn't singing, Stevie was an intrepid traveller. She would often go abroad with her golfing buddies. She also travelled to New Zealand to visit her brother, crossed Canada on a train and went on safari in South Africa.

Stevie welcomed her first granddaughter Bronwyn into the world in 2000, followed by Morgan in 2002. She spoiled them rotten and loved them to bits. She was the best Grandma ever.

After a while, she moved back to Jordans, living in a small cottage for a number of years. She could be seen walking her little white dog, Fleur around the woods & Chalky Field most days. She would help out in the village shop too when she could.

As she got older, her health deteriorated and she had to have major surgery. She recovered well, but was very frail. She moved to a care home in Beaconsfield where she stayed for two years before passing away on the 28th April.

Stevie was an elegant lady, witty, artistic, kind and generous. She was a terrific Mother, role model, friend and a great cook. She was a sweet, loving grandmother, but most of all she was the devoted beloved wife to her husband John.

She was one of a kind and will always be remembered for her warm smile and love.

**Written by Simon Edwards**

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## Jordans and Seafarers - an unusual connection

In the summer of 2019, by chance, a book came to me which had originally been given as a gift from my father, Richard Ryder, to his sister Mary. It has the unusual title of “*In Cabin'd Ships at Sea*” (named for the eponymous Walt Whitman poem) and is by Ronald Hope, who was Director of the Seafarers’ Education Service and College of the Sea. It tells the story of the SES which was founded in 1919 by Albert Mansbridge, a committed educationalist who had already, in 1903 founded the precursor to the Workers Educational Association.

My father worked for the SES all his life, from 1935 to 1978 (only interrupted by his war service) and was Secretary from 1947 until his retirement. Inside the book I found a cutting from the “*Borough News*” (from our home town, Kingston upon Thames) dated January 1970, with an article about the book, my father, and our family. In it my father reports: “*It is rather a coincidence that Katherine is engaged to a young man who lives in Jordans, the birthplace of the Seafarers’ Education Service*”.

Albert Mansbridge had, in 1918, also founded the World Association for Adult Education (a precursor to UNESCO) and dreamed of an educational association for Merchant Seaman on their long voyages. Along with Lawrence Holt (of Blue Funnel Line and Ocean Steamship companies) he convened a meeting in December 1919 in Old Jordans Hostel to establish an organising body for the SES. He was said to have considered it propitious that the Mayflower Barn was adjacent, noting that it contained timbers from the Mayflower: “*the ship that had*



*taken the Pilgrim Fathers to America in search of liberty and freedom of thought”.*

One hundred years on, the Service is still going strong, now incorporated into “Seafarers UK”. Is it not a strange coincidence that I should have re-discovered these links in 2019, Jordans Centenary year?

**Katherine Bradnock**

<https://www.seafarers.uk/about-us/who-we-are/our-history/>

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## Update on Fish-and-Chips, & Recycling

### **Fish & Chips Van**

1. Howe & Co's popular fish-and-chip van is now again serving Jordans every Wednesday evening. With resumption of service, the staff report large demand at their stopping points in Amersham which they visit before Jordans. This is affecting the ETA at Jordans. On 20 May the van arrived at 8.45pm. The time given on the old Howe & Co advert on the village notice board (7.00-7.30pm) is not correct. In winter the van aims for 7.45 pm but in summer it can be up to one hour later. Advice is to telephone direct 'Van 19' which serves Jordans: **07342 173 366** in the early evening to find out ETA. The van then proceeds to Chalfont St Giles village green, so if you miss it, there is a second opportunity to buy shortly after it has left Jordans.

### **Recycling Centres**

2. The two local recycling centres are now open - on the A40 at Beaconsfield, and on the A413 between Chalfont St Giles and Amersham. Separation means limited numbers of cars are allowed to unload at the same time and there is queueing to enter at times, notably on the A40. The staff at the depots cannot help unload, so take help if you have a heavy item (though the request is one person per vehicle if possible). Please take a utility bill, to prove your address if asked. Bucks Council wants the restricted level of service to be available for Bucks residents (and council-tax payers) rather than people from West London !

See sites listed and hours of opening (9am-6pm 7 days a week in summer)

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/>

Full details of arrangements under the Covid-19 restrictions:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/covid-19-guidance-for-waste-services/>

***Ed: This helpful update was sent in by Mark Sullivan***



## Fish & Chips

### Wednesday Nights Every Week

The van stops in the layby near the cricket hut on the Village Green

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

## Events Calendar

Unfortunately all regular events are suspended until further notice.

Please contact the organiser for information about them.

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

### **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 2020**

***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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