



JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Aha! After the snowy start to the year, Spring has finally sprung, and the Government has given us a glimmer of hope that life might return to normal in the Summer.

Following this encouraging news, we are pleased to keep you in the loop on an event which took place in February. Jordans Picture House was right back in the thick of it hosting an online Zoom audience with the highly acclaimed satirist Armando Iannucci. The Picture House showed his excellent film *The Death of Stalin* in the not-too-distant past, and over 60 people logged in to join the Q&A session to learn more about his work, while also helping to raise money for a very worthy cause.

We have also received some touching stories about residents past; feel free to send in some of yours and we can add them to our ever-growing archives.

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Pictures of the Month



Above: The snow has long gone but I couldn't resist including this cheeky chappy!

Thanks to Jo Bell for sending in this image

Below: A lovely shot of a golden morning Moonset

Thanks to Louise Lomas for sharing this image





Jordans Picture House



An Audience with Armando Iannucci

On Monday 22nd February, a year since our last screening, Jordans Picture House organised a ZOOM Question and Answer session with Armando Iannucci. Over 60 people participated and it was a highly enjoyable event, which also raised £560 for the Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Armando, an accomplished speaker, is the Director of “The Death of Stalin”(2017) (screened at JPH in April 2018) “The Thick of It” (TV Series 2005-2012) and “The Personal History of David Copperfield” (2019) as well as “Veep”(2012-2019) and “In the Loop” (2009). He was nominated for an Oscar and won 38 other awards and 63 nominations. He used to live in Chalfont St Giles.

[Please click here to access the full report on this event.](#)

Tennis Court Resurfacing



NOTIFICATION OF COURT RESURFACING Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th March

Jordans Tennis Club is resurfacing the tennis court and we have currently scheduled contractors to be on site from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th March. This is subject to suitable weather conditions so there may be a late change if it gets really cold, or wet. We have worked with the contractors to reduce disruption and have made JVL aware of the work. We have subsequently prepared this to communicate to potentially affected parties.

Monday 15th - Tuesday 16th March

Preparation work for laying the new surface will take place on first two days and the contractors will access the court from the area in front of the garages, removing the boundary netting to allow access. There may be some plant equipment in the area, but access to garages/footpath will be maintained. There may be construction noise from the work but this will be during normal hours.

Wednesday 17th March 07:00-14:00 approx (see sketch)

From approximately 7am we will be blocking the entrance to the garages/tennis courts from Green East Road to accommodate delivery of two loads of asphalt surfacing. The road will be protected from damage and a small dump truck used to transfer the asphalt to the court. During this period access along Green East Road and down the access road to the garages will be restricted, but possible on foot in consultation with the workforce. The real impact is on people having vehicles in the garages and needing access to them. Access to Green End Road from either end will not be affected.



We apologise for the possible inconvenience this work may cause and if you have any questions please contact:-

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New Bench on the Green

Every bench on the Village Green has a story behind it. The newest bench was provided by Ian Simmons in memory of his wife Maureen, who sadly passed away in March last year. The bench, beautifully made from teak, was installed close to the Cricket Hut and faces The Ark, for reasons which Ian explains in his touching letter:

"We had both been friends of the village for many years and I was introduced to your village by my wife when we first meet in 1956. Her circle of friends within the village included many of the village stalwarts, Margaret Mowatt and her husband Arthur, her family of seven boys, Keith England and his wife Hilda and their two girls.

Our own family including our three children spent many hours, walking round the area, especially with Keith England, an avid walker indeed and just enjoying the peace of the village green. It was indeed a haven of calm.

But to the point, like so many more my wife grew up in your village as a child in the Jordans "Ark" children's home. She had suffered badly at the hands of her brutal parents, especially after returning from her wartime evacuation when her mother made it obvious that she was no longer wanted. Injuries from the abuse caused her to spend a year recovering in hospital before coming to the "Ark" in 1946 at the age of seven. All she knew then, that everything was so lovely, she had found peace away from all the abuse she had suffered.

It was here that she learned what true love and care really meant, something that throughout her life she continued to practise. Caring, which is the true essence of love. We both knew the debt we owed to this once Quaker village that had saved her, to Mrs Ormerod, (Margaret Mowett's mother) and others who worked at the "Ark", wonderful

people.

My wife's dying wish was to show recognition of this with another bench seat situated on the Village Green bearing an inscription as follows:

***In Memory of Maureen Ann Simmons nee Chandler 2/1/1939-30/3/2020
One child saved by the Jordans "Ark"
Only love can make a memory, only love can make it last.***



Sheila Sparkes

We have been notified by Julian Sparkes that his mother Sheila Sparkes passed away peacefully on 7th January 2021. May she rest in peace.

Her mother Leila compiled the impressive scrapbooks held in the Jordans Village archive, and Sheila's father [Malcolm was a conscientious objector in World War 1.](#)

Valentine's Day Memorabilia

After my mother Kitty Jellinek died, I found amongst her possessions all the Valentine cards she had received from Paul Jellinek, my father. I have always been amazed at the effort Paul put into his homemade cards, which demonstrated his devotion to Kitty. It is not often these days that homemade cards are received, let alone ones containing poetic verse. So after much deliberation I have decided to share some of his cards in this months newsletter.

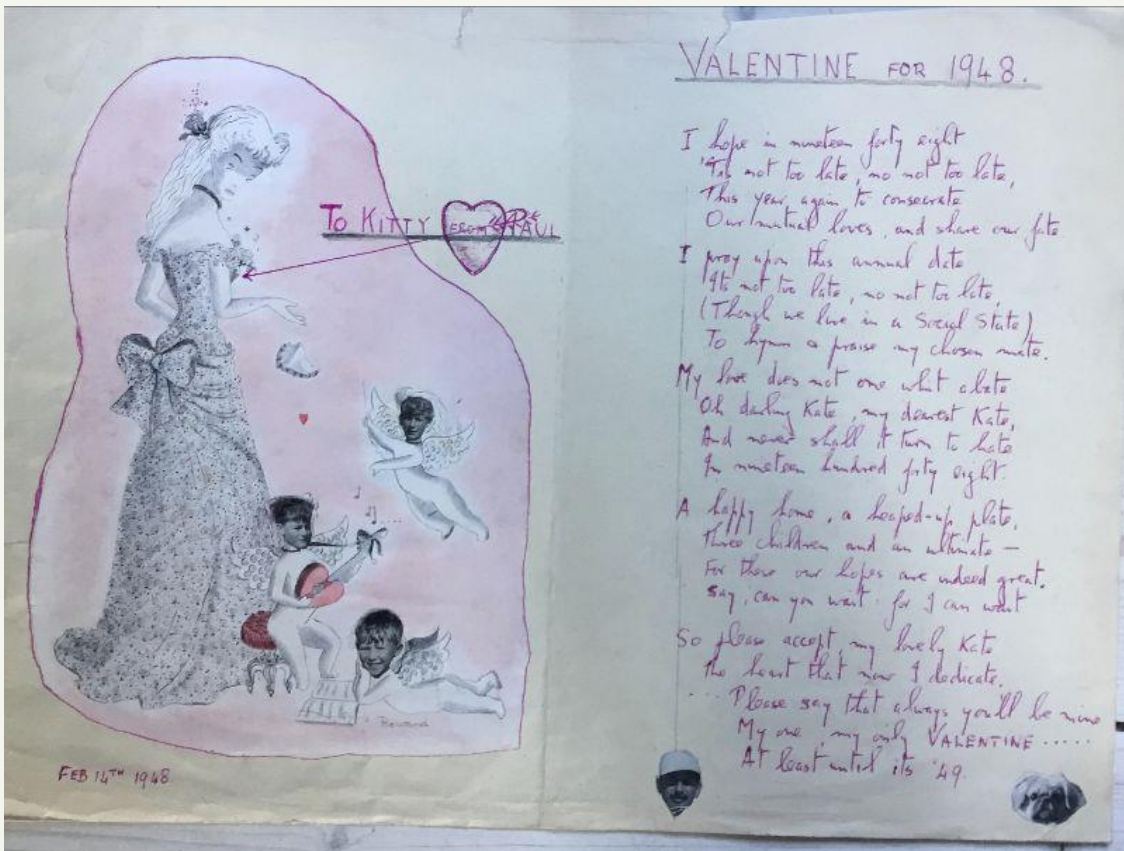
I find the content of the cards interesting, for example in his Valentine of 1940, he mentions the war and Goebbels, referring to Kitty as being his favourite ration. In his 1946

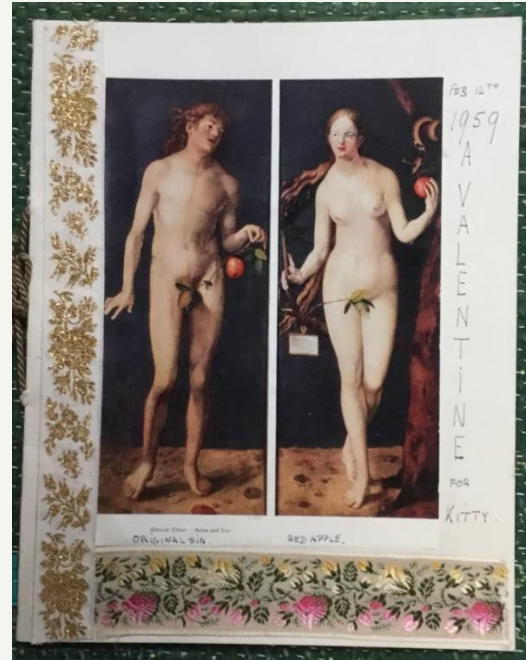
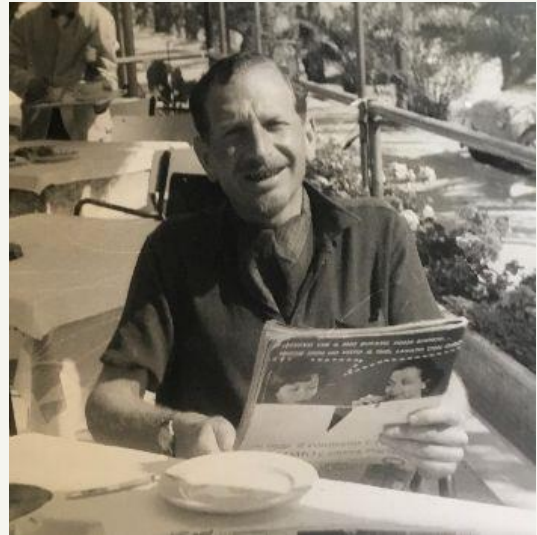
card 'Annus Mirabilis', he has listed all the things that happened between 1945 and 46, such as the defeat of Germany. In his 1948 Valentine he has stuck the faces of my three elder brothers onto cupids.

On August 19th 1962 Paul died suddenly aged 52 at our home in Beaconsfield, from a brain haemorrhage. It was reported in the deaths column of The Times 'Paul Jellinek, dear husband of Kitty and loving father of Tristram, Toby, Boonie, Jo and Dominic'.

We lived as a family in the 1950s at Middle Pegs, Jordans, now named Alwin. We moved back to Jordans for a brief period several years later living at No 5 Puers Lane. Kitty never remarried.

Jo Bell





Friends' Corner

by Bob Redpath

Jordans Meeting House

Zoom Meetings for Worship

There is a Zoom Meeting for Worship each Sunday commencing at 10:30am. If you are a newcomer and wish to attend the Zoom meeting, please contact Ann Floyd (ann@quakersintheworld.org or telephone 01494 874273).

Junior Jordans Sunday School

Junior Jordans (Quaker Sunday School) will continue to be suspended during the lockdown.

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 5th March 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 to be sent the Zoom link for this meeting.

Bristol Quakers Annual Peace Lecture (online)

Saturday 13th March at 11-12:30pm 'Can war be abolished? Britain's role in working for world peace'. Dialogue between Fabian Hamilton (Labour MP and Shadow Minister for Peace and Disarmament under both Jeremy Corbyn and Keir Starmer) and Paul Ingram (Quaker and former director of British American Security Information Council-BASIC). Subjects for discussion will be nuclear disarmament; Britain's role in the world; British-American relations; what Quakers can do to promote peace. Contact Julia Bush. Email address: redland.clerk@bristolquakers.org.uk

Walking in Nature

By Mary-Anne Hall

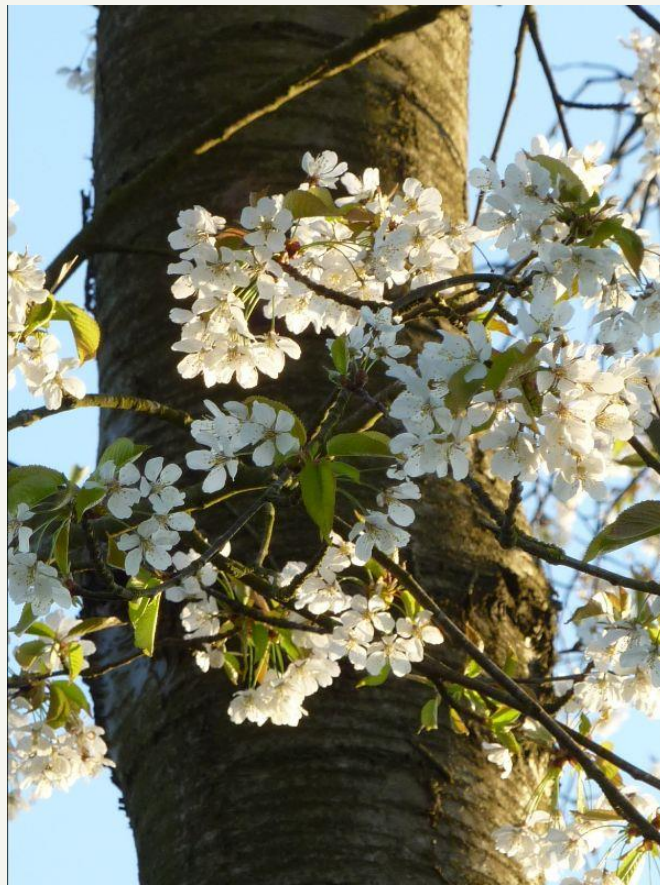
For many this winter has seemed long and we are asked to continue to stay at home, stay local, through March. The daily walk has become part of my routine as an attempt to keep physically fit but also to gain the wider perspective I find through being outside in natural surroundings. Whether wet walks along roads and round the Green or forays through Crutches Wood and Chalky Field to the Meeting House Burial Ground, walks in Jordans offer me opportunities to slow down and become aware of my surroundings. I enjoy the birdsong from the roadside hedges and treetops. The bold robin stays singing on the branch as I draw near to let me know that this is his territory. Leaf buds are swelling on trees; the carpet of snowdrops in the Burial Ground, primroses peeping out from undergrowth are a delight for me and the bees. The delicate flowers of early wild cherry lift my spirits and I recall one of my favourite passages from Quaker Faith and Practice, written by Howard Collier in 1943 during another difficult time in the midst of

war:

“About two years ago on an April morning I felt ill at ease and unhappy. Life was difficult and the burden of the war weighed upon me. I climbed the steep path at the entrance of one of our public parks and stood beneath some cherry trees that fringe the crest of the bank. A fresh wind blew dark clouds across the green-blue sky. The white blossom shone and glistened in the sunlight. As I stood relaxed and still, I had the illusion that I was enveloped in light. I had the feeling that the light and I were one. Time and space slipped from me. All awareness of details vanished. A sense of unity with the world entered into me. I was tranquillised and steadied by the beauty, the stability of Nature. I do not suppose that I learnt anything that was new to me during this experience. But I believe I was taught something and that something happened in me. I returned to my work tranquil and strengthened in faith and hope by my experience.” (<https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/passage/26-08>)

For readers who wish to know more about Quaker faith the website referred to above (qfp.quaker.org.uk) is the online version of Quaker Faith and Practice; the Book of Christian Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

Image below: Mary-Anne Hall





Paws for Thought

A Low-Slung Chum-The Dachshund

This month I have been inspired to write about Dachshunds as a breed. I was not that familiar with Dachshunds myself until a three month old Dachshund came into my care recently.

Short-legged dogs have been known since antiquity, but definitive evidence of the Dachshund as a breed was not found until the 16th Century, when reference was made to a 'low crooked legged' dog called a Little Burrow Dog, Badger Dog, or Dacksel.

The breed originated from Germany, Dachshund literally meaning 'Badger Dog'. The word 'hund' not having the same significance as our 'hound'. However, The Kennel Club lists these dogs as being part of the hound group since they possess keen powers of scent, pluckiness, and long ears and noses. They were used in Europe for 'beating', when the hunt was after a boar or deer, but their initial function was to flush out badgers. Each coat type being best suited for hunting in different terrains and climate conditions.

Queen Victoria first introduced the breed to England at the time of her marriage, but initially they were regarded as freaks and have never quite lived down their nickname of 'German sausage dog'. These little dogs had a hard time in the first world war, as ignorant boys would vent their patriotic spleen by throwing stones at them.

The breed was first exhibited in England in 1873 at the Birmingham Dog Show and were only of the smooth-haired variety. Later two other varieties, the long silky-haired and the wire-haired were introduced. The miniature Dachshund becoming popular in later years. A peculiarity of the breed, apart from its long body and strong crooked legs, is its extraordinarily prominent breastbone with the deep cavities on either side, and its innate almond shaped eyes.

Now Dachshunds come in a variety of colour combinations, solid red, sable, or cream: black and tan, chocolate and tan, wild boar and tan, grey and tan, or fawn and tan, single dapple and double dapple. Over the years these dogs have become increasingly popular as

they are good outdoor companions and clean and affectionate household pets.

In this February's Daily Telegraph they ran a feature titled 'The Battle of the Breeds' in which Caroline Donald explained why she is so 'daffy for Dachshunds'. The Dachshund she describes as being feisty, yet companionable, compact, funny and cute, with the soul, stamina and bark of a big dog, yet taking up less room on the sofa. As Donald points out, your low-slung chum cannot steal food from surfaces either, which is a great advantage!

This month I am including another poem by Matt Harvey entitled THREE OF A KIND simply because I thought the illustrations looked very Dachshund-like.

Jo Bell

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THREE OF A KIND

one little, two little, three fine examples
of a breed at once fragile, expensive and rare
the chap in the middle is Archibald Arnold
his chums either side are called Spares and Repair

Fish-and-Chips



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

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Tai Chi / Qi Gong

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

1st Friday Monthly (excluding August and January)

Contact Chris Waymouth

c.waymouth@btinternet.com | Tel: 07831 309379

Jordans Picture House

2nd Friday & some Tuesdays and Sundays Monthly (Autumn - Spring)

Contact Alan Sealy

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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

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