



JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

May 2023

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Welcome to the May edition of your community newsletter! The range of articles in this month's issue quite uncannily manage to reflect Jordans and the things that interest its community the most. Socialising; supporting good causes; horticulture; music; and history.

On Sunday 7th May, patriotic residents will gather on the Green for an afternoon of celebrations, as [King Charles III is crowned](#) (surely enough time to have recovered from an evening at the [Jolly Quaker](#) on Friday 5th!). The main social event of the year - the Summer Fair - is now just over a month away. If you can spare some time to help with the Fair, the TMC would love to hear from you as they really need a few more volunteers to keep this wonderful day running smoothly.

The [Grand Auction in aid of the Village Store](#) was a complete success - well done to everyone involved.

[Jordans Horticultural Society's](#) annual [plant sale](#) is coming up on Sunday 14th May, so you can swap plants with others or just buy something you need, and add to the rich environment that we enjoy. Their [No Mow May](#) initiative is really important for giving pollinating insects the vital food they need to survive.

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JVL is joining in and leaving grassy areas at Cherry Tree Corner and verges uncut, to give wildflowers the chance to grow and insects the chance to feed. Please think about joining in; the grass won't be too hard to cut after just one month but it will make a [big difference to wildlife](#).

[Jordans Music Club](#) has announced details of its 80th Summer Festival, and the award-winning [Jordans Picture House](#) is holding its AGM during which it'll announce details of films to look forward to during the Autumn season.

All of these things we are planning for the future and doing now will eventually make up the Village's history. [Our Living Village](#)'s website records the past and present in an innovative and engaging way, and they're working on a new project to collect and store residents' memories. Why not share some of yours?

Read on, and enjoy.

Chris Jenkins, Editor

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Picture of the Month



Above: Nigel Morgan captured the Spring bluebells blooming in Crutches Wood on 29th April



King Charles III Coronation

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Jordans Village Green

Sunday 7th May from 1pm

As with the Jubilee last year we plan to celebrate over the weekend of the Coronation. A true 'Jordans style' celebration out on on Village Green with the BBQs lit, picnics, music and bunting, fun and laughter.

FANCY DRESS PARADE

THEME - KINGS, QUEENS AND CROWNS!

Ali Cork



TMC News

Summer Fair

Saturday 10th June 2023

Volunteers urgently needed!

We are rather short-handed to set up and run this major event in the Village's calendar. We urgently need volunteers to come forward, for as little as an hour or as much as for the whole day. Help is

needed with various tasks - setting up, manning stalls, managing parking, and clearing up after the event. Volunteers are asked to contact Pat Holdsworth as soon as possible.

Tel 01494 874565 Mobile 07930 648485 Email p_holdsworth@hotmail.co.uk

Any raffle prizes or bottles for the tombola would be gratefully received.

Thanks!

Jordans Village - Tenant Members' Committee

Jordans Horticultural Society News



Plant Sale - Sunday 14th May

The Plant Sale will be on Sunday 14th May on the Village Green. Cash and card payments.

9am – 10.30am Please bring along donated plants. Everything welcome – indoor and outdoor, annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetables, herbs...

11am – 1pm Plant Sale – come along and pick up some great bargains!



Get ready for NO MOW MAY

Once again, we are supporting Plantlife's No Mow May annual campaign not to mow our lawns in May to benefit wildlife. The UK has lost nearly 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1970s and with them vital food, habitats and nurseries of pollinators like bees and butterflies, have also disappeared. Four fifths of the UK's butterfly species have declined either in numbers or geographical spread, or both, since the late 1970s. Richard Fox, lead scientist on the recent State of UK Butterflies report stated, "the only reason they don't live on our lawns is because we go out and mow them every week. In doing so, we literally chop up the caterpillars." https://apple.news/AsUBPftJR72_dauQw4hKg

How can we garden in a more wildlife friendly way? Mow your lawn once before May to cut back the vigorous grasses which will out compete other plants in your lawn (although if you are lucky enough to have Spring flowers in your lawn, mow around those). You can choose not to mow some or all of your green space. Then leave it for a month and smaller plants will have a chance to flower. If you can continue to mow less throughout the summer – even better!

Find out more at <https://plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>



The Soiled Underpants Challenge

What is the easiest way to tell if you have healthy, fertile soil that is good for growing plants? Bury a pair of cotton pants 5cm deep in the soil, leave them for at least 8 weeks, then dig them up and see how much is left!

Bring your soiled pants to the Flower and Produce Show on 10th September and we will hang them on the Soiled Pants Line and judge whose pants have the most holes. Remember to label them with your name, where you buried them and how long they were buried for.

Find out what makes your soil healthy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtk1aORqPYc>
Or visit the Plant Sale on the Village Green on 14th May for more information.

Jordans Horticultural Society



Find out what makes your soil healthy by watching this video

Jordans Village Community Store News

THE GRAND AUCTION

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A SMART LONGER COUNTER AND A MUCH NEEDED FREEZER

It gives me the most enormous pleasure to let you know that including ticket sales, generous donations, the bar - so ably run by The Jolly Quaker - and the fantastic amount raised at THE GRAND AUCTION on the night, the total raised is significantly in excess of **£5,000!**

How the village shop managers and committee thank all of you who contributed in any way for your enthusiasm for, and generosity to this event.

It shows without a doubt just how much our villagers value the presence of our shop - JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY STORE - in our village.

Again THANK YOU ALL for this amazing result and also for making the evening one full of fun and laughter - it was an evening to remember!

Ali Cork

JVCS Committee Member





The Jolly Quaker

The May 5th Jolly Quaker is coming up! This month, we'll be enjoying Cinco de Mayo (5th of May), a celebration of Mexican culture observed in America as well as Mexico.

Gabi Burke, our very own Texan/Mexican import to Jordans, will be offering margaritas, homemade salsa and guacamole from 7.30 pm until it runs out!

Local beer, fine wine and soft drinks will be available as usual, so join us on Friday, 5th May at the Jolly Quaker!

Francesca Bagneris & Paul Wilson, Publicans



Jordans Tennis Club

Free Tennis Coaching for Juniors



Free tennis coaching for Juniors



Yes, it's back! Starting from **Saturday 10th June** for six weeks, our club coach, Nick Wood will be running FREE coaching sessions for our junior members, and if numbers allow, other children from the village too.

The format will be the same as previous years.

1400 -1500 Children under 8 years old
1500- 1600 Children over 8 years
Saturday June 10th, 17th, 24th and July 1st, 8th & 15th
The exact grouping will depend upon the numbers applying, and ability.

If you would like to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, then please contact David Wooster at david@worldmarkfilms.co.uk (07802770291)



Jordans Music Club 80th Summer Festival 2023

The Jordans Music Club is delighted to announce four live concerts this summer in our usual venue of the Jubilee Hall, Seer Green, HP9 2QJ at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy a glass of wine and some fine music from musicians of international calibre without high prices or the need to travel into London. Season tickets covering all four concerts are available at a discounted price.

SUNDAY 4th JUNE - HEATH QUARTET (strings) and GARFIELD JACKSON (viola)



Haydn
Fanny Mendelssohn
Mozart

Quartet in F minor, Op. 20 No. 5
String Quartet in E flat major
String Quintet No. 4 in G minor, K.516

We start the 2023 season with the return of the charismatic and award-winning **Heath Quartet**. Formed in 2002 at the Royal Northern College of Music they have performed at prestigious venues throughout Europe and elsewhere. The **Heath Quartet** are joined in the finale by **Garfield**

Jackson, a violist and member of the Endellion String Quartet since 1979.

SUNDAY 18th JUNE - TIMOTHY RIDOUT (viola) and JONATHAN WARE (piano)



Clara Schumann
César Franck
Wilhelm Killmayer
Robert Schumann
Robert Schumann

Romances
Violin Sonata in A major
Die Schönheit des Morgens
Marchesbilder
Fantasiestücke Op. 73

Timothy Ridout, a BBC New Generation Artist and Borletti-Buitoni Trust fellow, is one of the most sought-after violists of his generation. This season he appears as a soloist with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Tokyo Metropolitan and San Jose symphony orchestra.

Tickets: Adult £25, student £12.50, Season Ticket £85 (booking fee applies)

ONLINE BOOKING at www.ticketsource.co.uk/jordansmusicclub

TELEPHONE BOOKING at Ticketsource: 0333 666 3366

and at the door, if available. No booking fee for sales at the door.

Full details at www.JordansMusicClub.org.uk

Jordans Music Performs

Concert in Jordans Village Hall

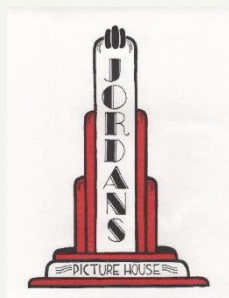
Friday 23rd June at 7:30 pm

Here is a quick notification of our next concert: Classical meets Irish Folk music in an evening of two halves, please book soon since we expect a full house! For full details of the event and to reserve your

seat, please visit this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/classical-meets-irish-folk-music-an-evening-of-two-halves-tickets-598760427557>

See you there!

Esther Cavett



Jordans Picture House

AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING

ON TUESDAY MAY 9th

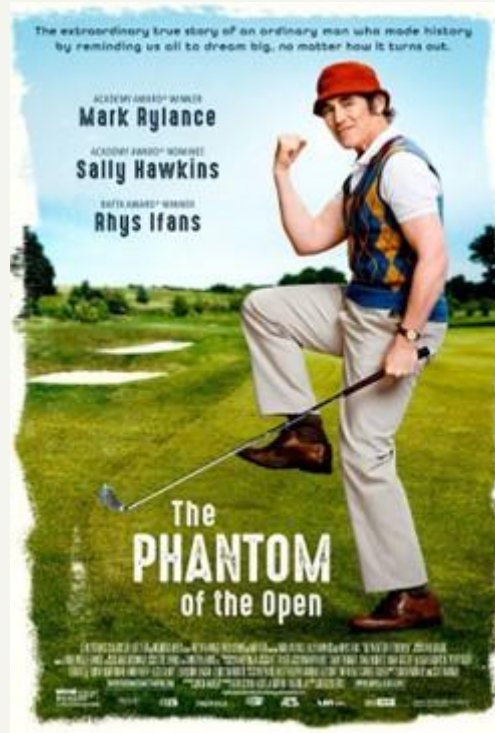
WE SHALL ANNOUNCE THE FILMS

SELECTED FOR NEXT SEASON

FOLLOWED BY

“THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN” (12A)

FREE FOR MEMBERS!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFOQMuVobQU>

On Tuesday May 9th we shall screen “The Phantom of the Open” (12A), preceded by our Annual General Meeting. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m., followed by the film.

The Phantom of the Open (12A) 2021 Awards: 2 Nominations. Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score 89%

Cast: Mark Rylance; Ian Porter; Tommy Fallon. Director: Craig Roberts.

The true story of Maurice Flitcroft, a dreamer and unrelenting optimist, who managed to gain entry to the 1976 Open Golf Championship qualification round despite being a complete novice. **“Led by a stellar performance from Mark Rylance, The Phantom of the Open turns a stranger-than-fiction true story into crowd-pleasing entertainment”.** (Rotten Tomatoes)

DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO YOU

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

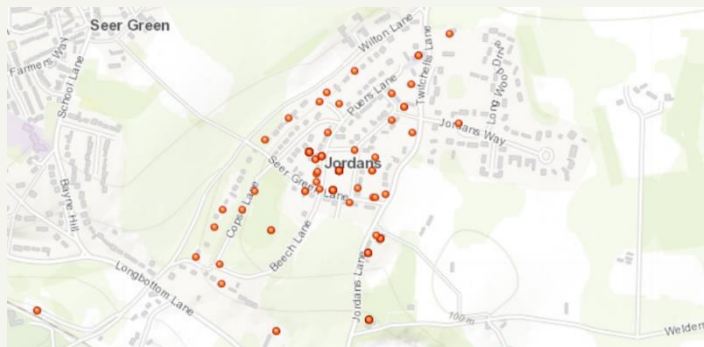
If you are a Member of Jordans Picture House, you can claim a free ticket for yourself if you introduce a friend or neighbour who has never been to a screening before and they will get the first ticket free as well.

This offer includes our final screening on Tuesday May 9th, “The Phantom of the Open.”

How it operates: you should buy your ticket from the website in the normal way and then claim your refund when you check in for the film.

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

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



Our Living Village

www.ourlivingvillage.org

Our Living Village – Ah Yes, I Remember it Well

Few things are more evocative than the first-hand memories of the older residents of our villages. As part of the Our Living Village project we’re collecting such memories, ready to post them on the community website www.ourlivingvillage.org.

Several residents have already contacted us from far and wide. Here are just a few examples.

Judith Taylor, in her wonderful memoir “Growing Up in Jordans”, has written amusingly about the relationship between our two villages: *“Growing up in Jordans we were allowed a remarkable degree of freedom. I used to be allowed to cycle, with the older ones, to Burnham Beeches and Cookham. There was a big outdoor swimming pool among the trees at Burnham Beeches, with little changing cubicles all around the edge, as well as the old hollow trees to climb. At Cookham*

we would be out all day, hiring punts and seeing how near to the weir we could get. Then we would find a quiet spot to tie up, have a picnic and swim. We would also go up onto Hodgemoor, beyond Seer Green. Seer Green itself was avoided because of the fearsome reputation of the Seer Green boys! They would occasionally send possies and come rushing down into Crutches wood-word would be passed around that they had been spotted. I think I kept well away and I don't know if there were actually any 'battles'."

Michael Rabiger was an evacuee who lived at The Poplars, 42 Chalfont Road from 1943 to 1952 (aged 4 – 13). He's now a world-famous documentary maker living in Chicago. He writes: *"I grew up around people called Boddy, Bowler, Cyster, Child, and Payne; my teacher in the village hall kindergarten was Miss Fanny Worley. I saw a V1 fly over the church during WW2 and participated in the VE day victory celebration. I learned to ride my bike in the Cherry Orchard near the 1940s post office, and have many memories of growing up in the village."*

Dr Digby L James, publisher of old books and minister of the Quinta Independent Evangelical Church, Weston Rhyn, Shropshire has written: *"I was born in the upstairs main bedroom at 14 Orchard Road in 1952 and lived there until 1966. The privet hedge was planted by my father and, I guess, other neighbours. The long rear garden went down to a barbed wire fence bordering a Manor Farm field/cherry orchard. Going under the barbed wire once I caught my cheek on a barb and still have the scar - though now covered by my beard!"*

And **Peter Martin** wrote:

"My family moved out from Acton, W.3 in October 1950 when I was three and bought a bungalow, built in 1924 (since demolished) and replaced at 38 Highlands Road. At that time Highlands Road was unmade as were Howard Road/Crescent and Gurnells Road. The latter was particularly prone to large puddles and mud - great fun as a child playing with friends!"

If you've got any village memories that you'd like recorded, please do share them with us at ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com

Alan Kell, Seer Green & Jordans Society

Events Calendar

- **The Jolly Quaker**
 - **Friday 5th May 2023 from 7:30 pm**
 - Jordans Village Hall
- **Jordans Picture House**
 - **Tuesday 9th May 2023 from 7:15pm**
 - Jordans Village Hall
- **Plant Sale**
 - **Sunday 14th May 2023**

- Jordans Village Green
- **Summer Fair**
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 - **Friday 23rd June 2023 at 7:30pm**
 - Jordans Village Hall
- **Music on the Green**
 - **Sunday 9th July 2023**
 - Jordans Village Green
- **Cricket Match**
 - **Sunday 30th July 2023**
 - Jordans Village Green
- **Sports Day**
 - **Saturday 9th September 2023**
 - Jordans Village Green
- **Children's Christmas Party & Christmas Tree Lights**
 - **Saturday 2nd December 2023**
 - Jordans Village Hall & Green

Regular Events in Jordans

Jordans Meeting House

Welders Lane HP9 2SN

In Person Meetings - Sundays Weekly 10:30 am

Contact Adrienne Midgley

adriennemidgley@hotmail.com | 01753 889581

Junior Jordans Sunday School 10:30 am in the Penn Room

Contact David Matthews

07779 251107

General Enquiries & Reservations

Nina Liebenberg, Manager

office@jordansquakercentre.org | 01753 889581 | www.jordansquakercentre.org

Tai Chi / Qi Gong

Village Hall

Thursdays Weekly 6 pm & 7 pm classes

Contact Keith Fensom

keith.fensom@gmail.com | 07787 224823 | www.yangshengtaichi.com

The Jolly Quaker pop-up Pub

Village Hall

1st Friday Monthly from 7:30pm

Paul or Francesca on 07929 731423

Jordans Picture House

Village Hall

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

Contact Alan Sealy

alan@janetsealypartnership.com | 01494 873205 | www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk

Toddlers in the Woods

Crutches Wood

Fridays weekly from 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Contact Ali Cork

alicork686@gmail.com | 07803 139079

Lunch Club

Thursdays Monthly in the Village Hall

Arrive at 1pm for Lunch at 1:15pm. Cost £8

May 18th - Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

June 15th - Therese Rogers 01494 874171

July 20th - Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

September 14th - Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

October 26th - Therese Rogers 01494 874171

November 16th - Pat Holdsworth 01494 874565

December 14th - All

Please confirm your place with the hostess by the Monday preceding the Lunch.

Please give 3 days' notice if you wish to cancel. BYO Alcohol

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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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