



JORDANS VILLAGE
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to the November 2020 issue of our Village Newsletter!

I've made some changes to the [Jordans Village website](#) this month, which make it easier to find information about us and our Village. All the information about JVL can now be found on the "[About](#)" page, including documents you can download such as the Rules of the Society; a copy of the Management Scheme; various JVL Policies; and a Membership Application Form.

The most exciting addition is on the "[Downloads](#)" page, where you can now find a PDF copy of the amazing [timeline](#) which we put together for our Centenary celebrations last year. It's full of fascinating facts and images about the history of Jordans Village, covering the period from 1652 right through to 2019. You can also find and download many other historic documents &

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newsletters, and information about the Village and the Conservation Area - plenty to read on a wet November evening!

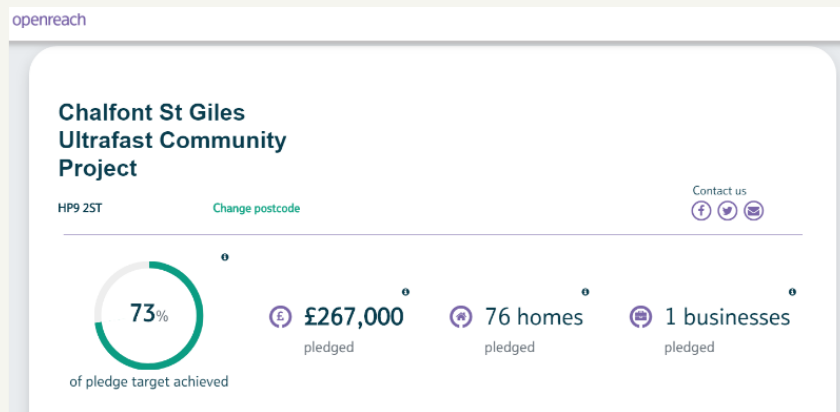
I hope you enjoy this issue,
Chris Jenkins, Editor

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Super Fast Fibre Broadband for Jordans

UPGRADING JORDANS TO FASTER MORE RELIABLE BROADBAND

A scheme has been put together by William Ritchie of Puers Lane, Jordans working with Openreach and the Council to upgrade Jordans' dated copper broadband to the country's fastest fibre network – with speeds up to 900 Mbps.

We need the community's support to get this project complete so if you're interested please support this scheme too by visiting www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity and signing up.

For more details, [click here to download Openreach's information document](#), or contact me on the details below. As of 29th October, we have already reached 73% of our target!

William Ritchie

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Our Living Village Goes Zoom

On 3 October the Our Living Village team took to Zoom to deliver a comprehensive demonstration and discussion on this in-depth community history project which is being developed by the villages of Seer Green and Jordans in partnership with the Chiltern Society.

Following an introduction by Simon Kearney, the team members presented the project aims and population and family research (Alan Kell), the community research strands of Religion in Our Two Communities (David Horncastle) and Music, Literature & Art (Nigel Morgan), the Jordans Centenary Timeline Database (Chris Jenkins), and the use of Geographical Information System (GIS) software to integrate historical maps and village data into a dynamic, on-line community history (Nigel Rothwell).

More than forty delegates participated in this Heritage Festival session and the feedback has been universally positive – fascinating, informative and enjoyable being typical observations.

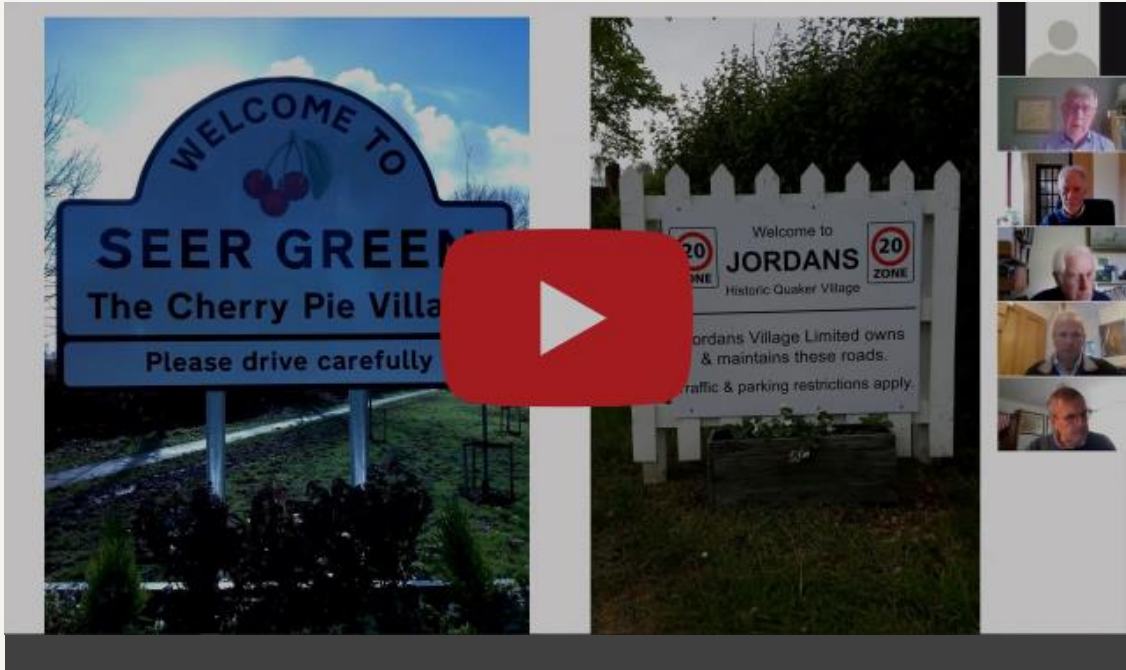
The team's challenge now is to maintain project momentum during the Covid-19 pandemic, with the aim of delivering a fully functioning on-line history for Seer Green and Jordans which can be used as a prototype for other communities throughout the Chilterns.

A full recording of this session is available on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/58RjANXNkoY> (or click the image below to watch it - Ed). If you're interested in learning more, or getting involved in any way, please contact Alan Kell at alan.kell@igsystems.co.uk.

Alan Kell

20th October 2020



Jordans Village Hall - Project Update

We have reached a milestone in the progress of the New Build Village Hall Project.

In addition to the £22,000 received from the George Cadbury Fund, we have in July and August been working to find and appoint an architect. We went through a rigorous process that involved identifying architects with the appropriate credentials.

Seven firms were identified and we short listed three, who produced detailed bids and then made presentations to the committee and all three were impressive. Then through a democratic evaluation matrix process the committee unanimously made a decision.

We are very pleased to appoint Acanthas Clews, who will not only bring creativity to the project but also their experience and enthusiasm to help us deliver a wonderful new village hall for Jordans.

JVL fully support the appointment and this is an important and pivotal step forward for the project.

David Wooster, Trustee
Jordans Village Hall Trust



British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

This year, due to COVID-19, the British Legion has decided against door to door collections but there will be a tray of Poppies in the Village shop from Saturday 24th October until Sunday 8th November.

In the past the village has been very generous in it's support of this charity and I hope we can continue during these difficult times.

Jill Scriven



Friends' Corner

Jordans Meeting House

Meetings for Worship

A blended ('in person' and Zoom) Meeting for Worship will be held each Sunday at 10:30am at the Jordans Meeting House and also for those worshipping by Zoom. If you wish to attend by Zoom for the first time, please contact Ann Floyd (tel 01494 874273) and she will send you the link. If you wish to attend the Meeting House in person,

please wear a mask and enter by the car park entrance.

Children's Meetings

There are no meetings planned so far for November, but please contact David Matthews for further information (Telephone 07779 257107).

Blended Meetings for Worship

There is no doubt that there have been 'running in' problems which have been encountered in the experimental blended ('in person' and Zoom) Meetings during October. However, there is determination to make Zoom work, not least because of the benefits that have come our way because of Zoom.

There were twenty-nine people attending the blended meeting on Saturday 25th October: eleven attending in the Meeting House and eighteen attending on Zoom. This was a good turnout, with a higher proportion attending by Zoom.

Coming home to Jordans Meeting

Where the blended approach has been an undeniable success is where Zoom has enabled the Meeting to reach out to people who can not easily get to Jordans on Sundays. Christopher Braun, Julie Fulton and Ruth Padday grew up in Jordans and feel they are 'coming home' when they attend Meeting by Zoom.

Christopher Braun, London

Christopher writes: "Our family moved to Jordans when my parents, Konrad and Hildburg Braun, retired from the Woodbrooke staff in 1961...The Meeting was a central part of my life at Jordans and from the welcome we received on our arrival, it has been a community to which I have felt I belong...joining the Meeting was rather like coming home.

Of course virtual Meetings are not entirely satisfactory and I cannot say that by attending via Zoom I greatly contribute to the community. But I do feel its warmth and Jordans is the corner of Quakerdom where I belong."

Julie Fulton, Cleve Prior, Worcs.

Julie writes: "My mother, Rose Fulton (nee Brewer) lived at Jordans Meeting House during the second half of the 1940s. Her parents, Bertram and Alice Brewer, were the wardens there from 1944 until Bertram's untimely death at the end of 1949.

Moving away after the death of her father I know it was always her wish to return to

Jordans one day. This she did in the summer of 1969, moving into Green Meadow alongside the village green with her husband Rod and me, aged 4. Whilst living in Jordans I attended Meeting most Sundays with my mother and have many fond memories of this time.

I was married in the Meeting House in 1990. Moving away after my marriage I managed to return and attend Jordans Meeting on occasion, but recently discovering I could join Jordans Friends regularly via Zoom was amazing... It was lovely to see familiar faces at the initial full Zoom meetings, but the more recent blended Meetings have added that something extra. It is so special to feel a part of the beautiful building that is Jordans Meeting House and to sense the presence of everyone there.

With both my maternal grandparents and my mother buried in the graveyard outside the Meeting House it really feels like coming home each Sunday.”

Ruth Padday, Southampton

Ruth writes: “My childhood was spent in Jordans where my parents had moved shortly before my birth. I had a wonderful childhood both in regards to the Quaker meeting and within the village itself. There were several families with many kids attending Children’s Meeting, some of which also went to the local primary school. Laurie (my husband of 37 years) and I married at Jordans Meeting House in 1983..

Ruth has a severely disabled daughter, Tashi. Going forwards, Zoom participation in Meeting is clearly a good thing for those who need to continue to ‘shield’ for medical reasons and support from seeing familiar people at a regular slot on Sunday and just stopping and sharing calmness.

So you might ask what about a meeting more local to yourself? At the start of COVID I think it would have been harder and less fulfilling to partake in a meeting where less of the faces are familiar. The background of a long history of association with Jordans was for me the overriding factor.”

Down Memory Lane (continued)

Mary Rosso continues to do research about Quakers living in Jordans from 1937 onwards for the book which Bob Bradnock intends writing. She has been trying to trace Quakers who lived in Jordans during that period.

Mary writes: *“I have been enjoying a trip down Memory Lane and thought that one or two others with long memories would like to hear about it! I wonder who will*

remember the Polge family who lived in Innisfree in Twitchells Lane. (Innisfree is now demolished alongside Harmony, the home of David Wright). I have recently traced and had a lovely conversation with Rosalind Polge, the youngest of the four Polge children (now 82!). Rosalind lives with her husband in Dorchester and gave me news of her sister Jenny living in America, now aged 91; though sadly their older sister Lois and brother Christopher have both died.

The other Friend with whom I have successfully made contact is Tess Miller. The Miller family lived in the village and were very active Friends, contributing much to the life of the Meeting in the 40s and 50s. They were also very musical - Tess's mother Nan gave me my first piano lesson! And Tess went on to become a very successful oboe player. Tess currently lives in London, but is suffering a great deal with arthritis and is currently seeking to move and buy a shared house in London with her son.

If anyone is interested to know more about either of these Friends, I would be happy to share more."

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



Help us track down ex-residents

JVL is trying to track down the following people and ask whether anyone knows of their current whereabouts. If you have any information about them or any contact details, please contact the Estate Office on 01494 875177 or by email estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk.

- Jeremy Ramon Adams
- P E G Owen
- Miss Joan Barbara Fox
- Mrs Ann Tothill

Many thanks,

Chris Jenkins, Secretary,

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Special General Meeting - Confidentiality

I wish to reassure Members about how their votes in the forthcoming SGM will be kept secure and confidential, by providing some details about the process of receiving and counting the votes. As Secretary, I am responsible for the impartial administration of the Society.

The process for carrying out the ballot was agreed by JVL and those who proposed the motions. The process has been reviewed in conjunction with the Rules of the Society and prevailing Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (which has changed arrangements for Annual and Special General Meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic), and has been approved by JVL's solicitor.

The Proxy Forms which were sent to each Member should be completed and returned to the Estate Office in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of "The Scrutineers". Members are asked to provide their names, addresses and signatures on the Proxy Form to prevent a member returning multiple/invalid forms. Upon receipt, the sealed envelopes are placed inside the metal ballot box which is kept under lock and key. Only myself and the Chair of JVL have keys to the Estate Office until after the SGM itself; the Chair may need access in the case of emergencies. Only I have a key to the ballot box.

The two appointed Scrutineers are not Members of JVL nor are they directly related to the village; they do not stand to benefit from the result in any way. On the day of the count, scheduled for Sunday 22nd November 2020, the Scrutineers will open the envelopes and count the votes.

The Scrutineers will inform me of the name on each ballot paper, so that I can ensure that each Member only votes once as required by Rule 39. The Scrutineers will not disclose how the Member has voted. I will not see the ballot paper, and therefore I will not know how each Member has voted - only The Scrutineers will see this information.

Once the ballot count is completed, the Scrutineers will sign the Ballot Count Sheet, which only shows the total number of votes for and against each motion by nominated proxy, and whether each motion is carried or not. The Ballot Count Sheet includes a disclaimer noting that the Scrutineers promise to keep the details of the vote strictly private & confidential.

A scanned copy of the Ballot Count Sheet will then be sent to the Chair of the Society. The Chair, members of the Management Committee and the proposers of the motions will

not know who has voted or how they have voted, only the result.

The result will be announced at the SGM on Tuesday 24th November 2020.

The ballot papers and Ballot Count Sheet will be wrapped in plastic, and the bundle secured using tie wraps. The secured package will be kept under lock and key for up to 3 months and will be disposed of along with the other secure waste which is sent for shredding and recycling.

I trust that you will see that the process has been designed to ensure a fair and secret ballot, which keeps the votes of each Member confidential.

Please be reminded of the deadline for votes to be returned: Saturday 21st November 2020.

Many thanks,

Chris Jenkins, Secretary,

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Paws for Thought

The Alarming Rise in Dognapping

This month I have been prompted to write on the distressing subject of dognapping, which has been on the rise since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. With many people now working from home, the companionship of a dog has become an attractive prospect. As a result of this there has been a high demand for both puppies and dogs, and prices have rocketed.

Alarmingly dogs are not only being stolen from front and back gardens, but also from

professionally run kennels. In September 2020 thieves scaled a 10ft fence and broke down the fire door of a kennels in Bedfordshire, stealing many valuable dogs. This sort of theft is on the increase up and down the country.

Locally to Jordans clients have warned me about suspicious-looking people hanging around the fields at the end of Ledborough Lane, and in the woods and fields at the back of Sandelswood End, Beaconsfield.

Warnings have also been issued by various organisations about white chalk marks and red markings being left outside homes by thieves. These indicate that there is a dog worth stealing on the premises.

Breeds that run the greatest risk of being stolen are:

Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Crossbreeds, Springer and Cocker Spaniels, Pomeranians, Chihuahuas, Yorkshire Terriers, Jack Russells, Border Collies, Bulldogs, and French Bull Dogs.

If you want to register a lost dog you can do so via www.doglost.co.uk, who have issued the following preventative measures.

- Never leave your dog tied up outside shops, schools or other public places.
- Do not leave your dog unattended in your car. Theft from cars is common.
- Keep an eye on your dog when it is in your garden, as secure gardens are no longer a deterrent.
- Use an extending lead when out walking if your dog has poor recall. If off the lead do not let it out of your sight.
- Vary the time and location of your walks.
- Consider getting a GPS tracker collar. These can provide vital location information, but they can be easily removed by thieves.
- Ensure your dog is micro-chipped.
- Ensure your dog's identity tag contains your name, post code and telephone number, but NOT the name of the dog, as giving the name of your dog will make it easier for a thief to sell it on.
- Never give out information about your dog to strangers.

In addition to this installing an HD camera will provide you with a video stream to your house, letting you know what is going on in your garden. Pet friendly home security systems, which will not be triggered by your dog, are now advisable if not essential. If you have a large dog it is best to seek professional advice as to the type of system installed.

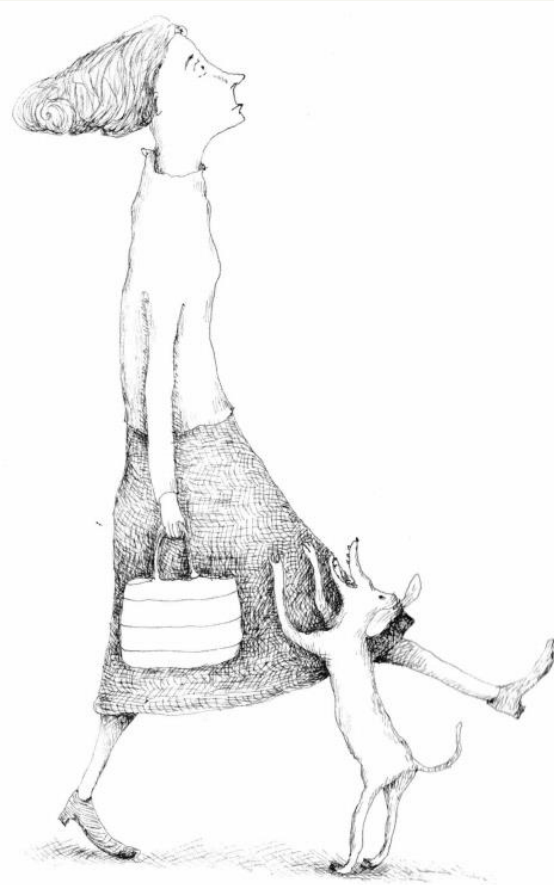
If your dog has been stolen you should report it to the Microchip Data Bases such as Petlog,

PETtrac and identibase. They will notify you if your dog is found. You should also report your loss to the Police, obtaining a crime reference number. Checking with your local council is advisable as your dog may have been found and taken into the care of the local dog warden. Registering a lost dog on the dedicated website www.animalsearchuk.co.uk/ is also advisable. Posting on social media and any local community groups is also worthwhile, as is putting up posters in your local area if your dog went missing on a walk.

On a different subject please take into consideration your neighbours and their pets when letting off fireworks, giving them advance warning. Dog owners should take their dogs on their last walk before any fireworks start going off. To keep the noise levels down make sure all windows are closed and leave a TV or radio on if you go out. If you can leave your dog in the middle of the house this will help to shield it from the noise. However, it is best not to leave a nervous dog home alone. On a lighter note I am including a poem by Matt Harvey rather aptly titled NOT MY DOG.

Jo Bell

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NOT MY DOG

You're not my dog

But I could be. I would be, if you'd have me.
I'd be your very good boy
I would, I would, I would!

You're not my dog

We could do such things together
We could we could we could though,
Couldn't we?

I'm not even a dog person.

Amazing. That's my favourite. Nor am I!
I'm a people puppy. A really good boy!
Am I good boy? I am! I am! I am!
And I'm yours.

You're not my dog!

O love the way you say that, it's so funny!
It's the best fun ever being your dog.

YOU'RE NOT MY DOG

Love it!
You're the best owner I've ever had.
Ever.



Wycombe Homeless Connection

Well here we are - 6 crazy 'girls' (some of us stretching that!) all in some way connected to our church right in the middle of the village of Seer Green.

We are sleeping out in the Churchyard on Friday 20th November a very cold and even soaking wet winter night on the ground in cardboard boxes, open to the elements - not a tent in sight!

Why are we doing it? Firstly to raise awareness that a very short distance away there are many who don't have warm beds to sleep in or even roofs over their heads to live under and put their belongings. Secondly, which is where you come in, to endeavour to put this appalling situation right.

The aim of The Churchyard Girls is to raise £5000 to enable the prevention of unfair evictions, to ensure that an emergency homelessness hotline can exist and of course primarily to make sure that no one at all has to resort to sleeping on the streets of High Wycombe and beyond.

It would be wonderful if you can dig deep into your pockets and sponsor us generously. Thank you.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TheChurchyardGirls1>

Ali Cork

Fish-and-Chips

Fish & Chips Van

The Howe & Co fish-and-chip van schedule has been changed as it was running too late in

the evening to serve Jordans well. The new timing is that the van is at the village green (north side) every Wednesday at 4.30 pm. It leaves at 4.45 pm.

The service at Jordans is by Howe & Co's **Van 19** which has a mobile phone number **07342 173366**. You can ring it to confirm arrival time; there are two staff per van so one will answer en-route.

The menu is here: <https://howeandcofishandchips.co.uk/menu/>. Vegetarian cheese and veg cake is offered. Prices not shown on the menu; the cod (excellent) is £5.00 and basic one-person chips is £2.00. Mushy peas are £1.00.

Ed: This helpful update was sent in by Mark Sullivan



Howe & Co
Quality Fish & Chips

Fish & Chips

Wednesday Nights Every Week

The van stops in the layby near the cricket hut on the Village Green between 4:30pm – 4:45pm

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

Menu: <https://howeandcofishandchips.co.uk/menu/>

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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 | 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 | 07555 802535 | www.facebook.com/SophieBruenCeramics

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

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

Lunch Club 2020

Thursdays, 1pm in the Village Hall

Dates TBC

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