



JORDANS VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Bob Redpath was fascinated to learn of the recent long term loan of the [Malcolm Sparkes Collection](#) to the Village Archives, and over the past month has spent some time looking through it to see what we have. Malcolm was a central figure in the development of Jordans Village. An intellectual with a good sense of humour, he was also a Conscientious Objector. We're most grateful to Julian Sparkes for the long-term loan of the collection and will publish more from it in future issues of the newsletter.

Due to data protection rules, JVL is looking for a volunteer to help gather consent from residents for their data to be included in a new edition of the [Village Directory](#). Can you help? Modest compensation will be provided to a willing volunteer.

You may not know that Nowell Stebbing, a former resident of Jordans Way who passed away suddenly last December, was a renowned microbiologist. Thankfully he'd managed to record some of the knowledge he'd acquired in his book *Evolution* before he passed away and his son Ben has managed to compile his notes into a book, more on which you can read about below.

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November sees the long-awaited return of [Lunch Club](#), who cook hearty lunches for their fellow village residents - join them on Thursday 4th November.



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You can find out about the artistic work of Georgina and Carys Wright in the [Open Studio events on 13th and 14th November](#).

Tree-planting memorial events will be held in early November for two very-much-missed members of our community - [Robin Allen](#) and [Willum Lomas](#).

Finally, for some liquid refreshment and great company, don't forget that **The Jolly Quaker** opens its doors at **7:30pm this coming Friday 5th November** in the Village Hall!

Cheers,

Chris Jenkins, Editor

estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk

Pictures of the Month

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



Click on the images to enlarge

Above: Helena Haywood recently sent in this picture she had found. How many Jordanites can you recognise in this image?

Below: The woodland tunnel in Crutches Woods, by David Wooster



The rainbow that appeared on 25th October. image by Chris Jenkins



The late Malcolm Sparkes.

The Malcolm Sparkes Collection

Recently the Estate Office was loaned a collection of Malcom Sparkes writings, given by his grandson, Julian Sparkes.

Malcolm and Leila Sparkes were not only prominent Quakers who played an important role in re-opening the Jordans Meeting House for worship in 1910 after over one hundred years of disuse, but Malcolm was also a member of the very first recorded meeting of the Committee of Management on 9 March 1916 which considered building a village that eventually became Jordans. Readers may remember that there was an article in the October 2017 issue of this newsletter about the Leila Sparkes Collection: three amazing scrapbooks of Jordans History on long-term loan from the Jordans Meeting House. Now there is the Malcolm Sparkes Collection which the Sparkes family has loaned to the Estate Office archive.

The Malcolm Sparkes Collection includes the following:

- Leila's account of Malcolm's internment from 1917 to 1919 because of his stand as a conscientious objector;
- Malcolm's letters from jail;
- Malcolm's book *Modern Industry – The Christian Line of Development*;
- debates in the House of Commons about the treatment of conscientious objectors;
- a scrapbook of Malcolm's watercolours of landscapes on Bude and Tintagel;
- The Book of the Sparkes Family, compiled by Elizabeth (Leila) Sparkes, vols. 1 & 2;
- the Funny Works Book containing Malcolm's cartoons of various ingenious and improbable designs of things such as dental machinery for filling and removing teeth and inserting false teeth, possibly inspired by Heath Robinson who was popular before, during and after WWI. (see below)

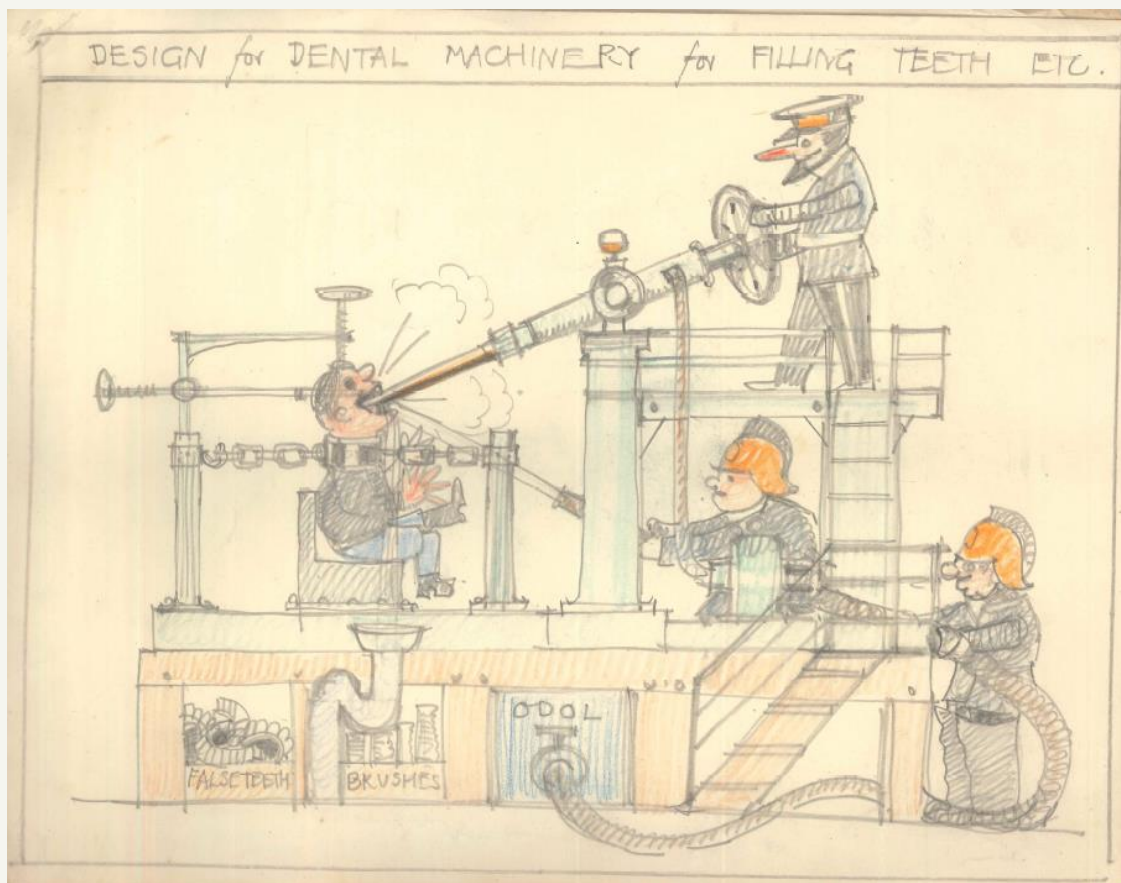
Leila Sparkes entitled her account of Malcolm's life *Malcolm Sparkes 1881-1933 Constructive Pacifist*; she very much stressed his constructive activity while in prison: "I should like to show our children how their father was led on from his war time activity in prison and elsewhere to work out in practice the theory of the National Guildsmen, and finally the conclusion to which his experiences forced him."

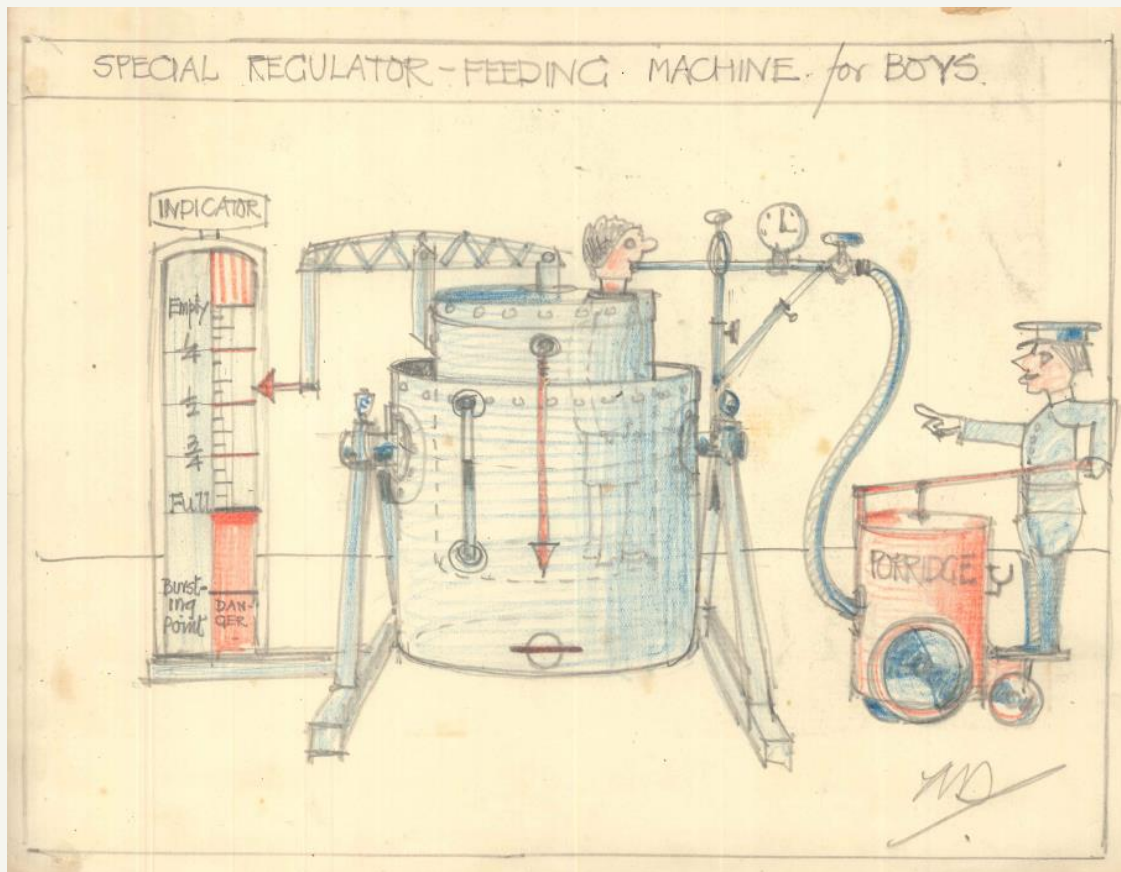
Prior to his imprisonment, Malcolm, the owner of a building firm, was a key figure in developing schemes for industrial democracy, especially the National Guilds in the building industry. He was very involved in the development of Whitley Councils even while he was in prison. In fact, there were attempts to release him to carry on this important national work, but he resisted any release from prison on medical grounds and he did not want 'jam pot justice that singled him out from other prisoners and also refused to have anything to do with the war effort. He was a 'reluctant absolutist' in the words of Bert den Boggende. ("Reluctant Absolutist: Malcolm Sparkes' Conscientious Objections to World War I" Quaker Studies Volume 10 Issue 1 Article 5).

Bob Redpath

This review will continue in future issues of the Jordans Community Newsletter.

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Here and there

Join us as we open the studio door



GEORGINA WRIGHT
CARYS WRIGHT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13TH • 12 - 5PM
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th • 10 - 4PM

Brodawel, Green North Road, Jordans, Bucks, HP9 2SX

Open Studio

12pm - 5pm on Saturday 13th and 10 am - 4pm on Sunday 14th November 2021

Brodawel, Green North Road, Jordans HP9 2SX

Georgina Wright and Carys Wright would like to share paintings made during the period of Covid which celebrate both landscape and city life and things close to home or in the moment when allowed to travel.

We will be donating 10% of all sales to www.safepassage.org.uk to support refugees.

Georgina & Carys Wright

Jordans Tennis Club Supper Evening

Location: Jordans Village Hall

Date: Saturday November 13th

Time: 19:00 - 24:00 hrs

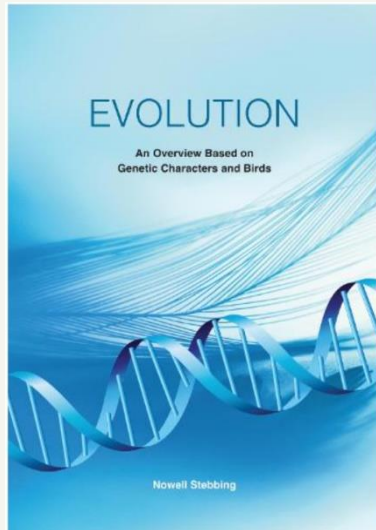
Cost: £15/member with limited number of guests at the same rate

The 2021 end of season Tennis Club Supper will be held as usual in Jordans Village Hall on 13th November starting at 19:00 hrs for drinks, food will be served around 19:30.

For your £15/head you get a main course, and a sweet, plus wine/beer/soft drinks also included. A non-meat option is usually available but in your reservation please note any dietary requirements that we should try and accommodate

All club members are invited, and a limited number of guests can be accommodated. Numbers will be limited to approx. 40/45 and reservations are required by 6th November
Reservations: Please email jim.newport@btinternet.com no later than 6th November.

The Committee look forward to meeting, and enjoying an end of season celebration with you.



Evolution by Nowell Stebbing

My father, Nowell Stebbing, was a resident of Jordans until he passed away last December. During his last years he was writing a book, combining his great professional expertise in genetic science and his personal passion for birds and bird watching. He left behind a well-edited first draft and lots of manuscripts and notes for the final version, which I am proud to say have been lovingly combined and manipulated into the magnificent printed book, available now. Evolution is a tour-de-force by a man who was absolutely a master of his subject. It allows the reader to understand the process and causes of Evolution, from the basic science of genetics and generation, and uses the magnificent variance of bird life to exemplify the process. At nearly 450 pages its is not for the faint hearted, but for the interested reader I promise that it will be thoroughly rewarding.

<https://www.pemberleybooks.com/Author.asp?AID=45295>

Ben Stebbing

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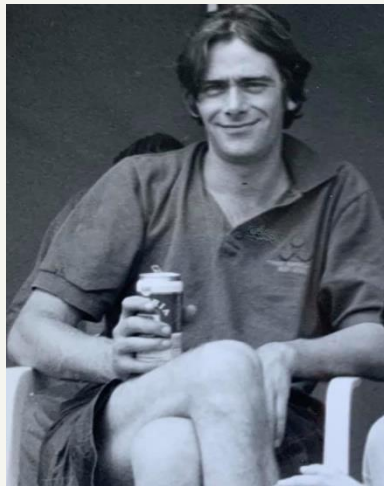
Memorial Tree for Robin "Hoody" Allen

Saturday 6th November 2021 @ 1pm
Village Hall

Jordans Village will be planting a cherry tree at Cherry Tree Corner on the 6th November in memory of our Dad, who served as chairman of the village for 24 years.

Following the planting of the tree, our family would like to invite anyone who knew our Dad to join us at the Village Hall, from 1pm, for a cup of tea or a glass of wine and to share stories and memories of Dad.

Jenny, Jo, Dave, Liz, Pete and Andy



Memorial Tree for Willum Lomas

Saturday 13th November 2021 @ 11am
Village Green

Our dear brother Willum Lomas sadly left us just over two years ago. At the time, we were blessed and most grateful for the kind and generous donations of friends, family, and colleagues to purchase a tree in memory of him. As a keen cricketer, we are very thankful that Jordans Village agreed that we could plant a weeping willow as a memorial tree on the north side of the Village Green.

We have been greatly delayed by the pandemic but are pleased to confirm that we will be unveiling the tree with a memorial plaque on Saturday 13th November at 11am. All friends and colleagues are very welcome to join us and raise a glass of fizz to him.

Kind Regards,

Martin, Tina and Sam Lomas

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Lunch Club returns!

After almost 2 years of not having our once-a-month lunch club, we are happy to say that the delicious smell of a hearty Thursday lunch is returning to the Village Hall on **Thursday 4th November!** The next lunch will be on **Thursday 9th December.**

To book your place at the table please call Pat Holdsworth on 01494 874565.

Please help us keep Lunch Club going. We've very reluctantly had to put the price up to £8 per head as things have gone up so much in the last years or so.

Residents love to come and enjoy a home-made 3 course meal, have some company, with occasional entertainment from Alec on the piano and from the children attending our Village School. It is such a wonderful afternoon to be a part of the chit-chat of those enjoying lunch with their neighbours and friends - it's so worthwhile and rewarding, a real feel-good moment.

Pat Holdsworth - 01494 874565

Therese Rogers

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Supper & Song Postponed

With regret, due to the rising and predicted Covid infections this winter, and the restriction on numbers and need for ventilation that safety would require, we have decided to POSTPONE the event that was scheduled for 4th December.

A provisional date has been booked for Saturday 9th April; please make a diary note!

Alan Sonnex

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**TODDLERS
IN THE WOODS**

For all pre-school children
accompanied by a responsible adult

We don't go outside, we are outside

Hosted by Holy Trinity Church
Seer Green and Jordans

Every Friday during term
9.15 am - 10.15 am

Venue:
The Centenary Clearing,
Crutches Wood,
Jordans

Cost £2.50
per session

For more information contact Ali Cork
☎ 07803 139079 ✉ alicork686@gmail.com

Toddlers in the Woods

Run by Holy Trinity Church, Jordans and Seer Green

It is with great pleasure that I announce that TODDLERS IN THE WOODS will be up and running again from this coming Friday - November 5th. Bridget, Emma, Nora and I will be at The Centenary Clearing at 9.15 am to greet all pre school children accompanied by a parent, relative, adult friend or child minder and we have some exciting activities planned during this wonderful autumn, turning into winter, season.

Simply turn up in appropriate clothing for you and the children and after a welcome song off we will go, to explore what is right there in the woods. For those preferring to stay put in the Clearing there will be lots to do and as for the craft activities planned when the 'explorers' return ! Well all I can say is be prepared to get mucky!

Simply come ready for a fun hour in the woods - fun for the children and the adults too. How I apologise for the unexpected break and how I look forward to seeing all who would like to join us on Friday.

Ali Cork

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Jordans Picture House

Programme for November 2021

Jordans Picture House offers THREE films in November

On Friday November 12th we shall be screening “Empire of the Sun.” Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 8:00 p.m. This classic film directed by Stephen Spielberg from the novel by J.G. Ballard with the screen play by Tom Stoppard was released in 1987 and was nominated for 6 Oscars with 13 wins and 17 nominations total. It focuses on a different theatre of war to that which is normally shown at this time of year.



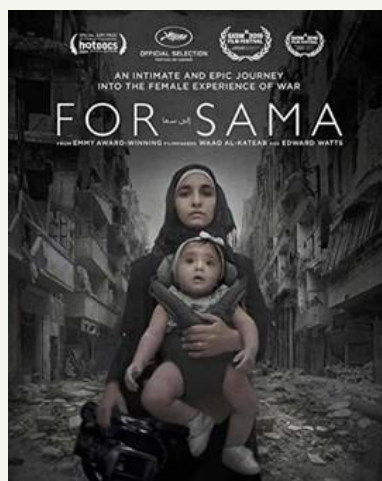
Empire of the Sun (PG) 1987

Cast: Christian Bale; John Malkovitch; Miranda Richardson. Director: Steven Spielberg. A young English boy struggles to survive under Japanese occupation of China during World War II.



Click the image above to watch the trailer

On Sunday November 14th we shall be screening “For Sama.” Doors open at 3:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 4:00 p.m. As it is a foreign language film (Arabic) with subtitles the capacity will be limited to just 30. This film is a documentary set in Aleppo, Syria and follows the experiences of a young mother and her daughter through 5 years of the uprising in Syria. This film is the first feature documentary by Waad al-Kateab and Edward Watts. It was nominated for an Oscar and has had 71 wins and 50 nominations. It is an extraordinary film and like “Empire of the Sun” focuses on a different angle while we remember our own experiences as a nation through two World Wars.



For Sama (18) 2019

Director: Waad Al-Kateab, Edward Watts. Cast: Waad Al-Kateab, Hamza Al-Khateab, Sama Al-Khateab

FOR SAMA is both an intimate and epic journey into the female experience of war.



Click the image above to watch the trailer

On Tuesday November 23rd we shall be screening “Little Women.” Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 8:00 p.m. This film released in 2019 won an Oscar and had 28 wins and 225 nominations total. A quote from the film which still echoes today for many single women:
“I’m just a woman. And as a woman I have no way to make money, not enough to earn a living and support my family. Even if I had my own money, which I don’t, it would belong to my husband the minute we were married. If we had children they would belong to him, not me. They would be his property. So don’t sit there and tell me that marriage isn’t an economic proposition, because it is. It may not be for you but it most certainly is for me.”



Little Women (15) 2018

Cast: Saoirse Ronan; Emma Watson; Florence Pugh. Director: Greta Gerwig.

Jo March reflects back and forth on her life, telling the beloved story of the March sisters - four young women, each determined to live life on her own terms.



Click the image above to watch the trailer

A DATE FOR THE FAMILY IN JANUARY 2022

Looking ahead, we have now selected our special Family Film. It will be the latest offering from Disney/Pixar, the highly entertaining “**Luca**” which was released only very recently (July 2021).

It will be screened as a matinee **on Sunday 16th January – Doors open at 3:15 p.m. and the Programme starts at 4:00 p.m.**



Luca (U) 2021

Cast: Jacob Tremblay (voice); Jack Dylan Grazer (voice) Emma Berman (Voice).

Director: Enrico Casarosa

Set in a beautiful seaside town on the Italian Riviera, Disney and Pixar's original feature film "Luca" is a coming-of-age story about one young boy experiencing an unforgettable summer filled with gelato, pasta and endless scooter rides. Luca shares these adventures with his newfound best friend, Alberto, but all the fun is threatened by a deeply-held secret: they are sea monsters from another world just below the water's surface.



JPH Screenings December 2021 to January 2022

Our future programme will be as follows:-

Mrs Lowry & Son (PG) 2019	10/12/2021	Friday	7:15 PM	8:00 PM
Official Secrets (15) 2019	14/01/2022	Friday	7:15 PM	8:00 PM
Luca (U) 2021	16/01/2022	Sunday	3:15 PM	4:00 PM
Can you Ever Forgive Me (15) 2018	25/01/2022	Tuesday	7:15 PM	8:00 PM

You may find it useful to look them up on either of these websites:

www.imdb.com or www.rottentomatoes.com

HOW TO BUY TICKETS (cost £8, under 15s £5)

Visit us online at www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk (no booking fee!)

Or Email or call:

Jordans Box Office: Alan Sealy alan@janetsealypartnership.com 01494 873205

Seer Green Box Office: Gill Pettman gillyp4@btinternet.com 01494 678050

In order to help us through this challenging period we are asking supporters to donate an additional £2 on top of the £8 ticket price. This is a temporary measure. Once the Covid situation calms down and we are able to return audience levels to normal, we should no

longer need this additional financial support.

In addition, in order to allow Jordans Picture House to continue to exist and grow and become a permanent fixture in the Jordans Community, we are looking to create a support network of Patrons. If you would like to discuss the possibility of becoming a Patron of Jordans Picture House, please contact Alan Sealy – Telephone 01494 873205/email alan@janetsealypartnership.com

NB. Please note that we will be “cashless” both at the door for ticket payments and at the bar. We will be taking card payments only.

We all look forward to welcoming you to our ongoing programme of films.

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



Village Security

After reporting on problems with theft in the Village in the last newsletter, we are sad to report break-ins to JVL's row of garages in October.

As a community we should be a little more vigilant, not only with our own security but in spotting suspicious behaviour. Anne Smith has set up a village WhatsApp group where we can inform each other on Village security matters. If you are not already a member then contact Anne on 07768 707241 and she will add you to the group.

If someone is the victim of theft, please inform the police. Whilst initially we may not get a great deal of support from them, if they see that this area has a problem with crime then they will have to do something about it.

Not many crimes are carefully planned. Most are opportunist and committed on the spur of the moment. This can be possessions left on display in a car, doorway, or a window to a house left open. You can reduce this risk by locking your car, not leaving house doors unlocked or windows open when you go out, even for a few minutes.

Let's keep our community safe and secure.

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Village Directory 2022

Paid Temporary Job for JVL

We are looking for someone to help us with the village directory. This booklet contains contact details on every village household, in addition to other useful information. It is a valuable community asset and there hasn't been one since 2016.

Due to GDPR rules we need to ask the permission of all residents to be included in the directory. The job involves contacting every village household and getting their written consent that they are happy to be in the directory, whilst also compiling a list of contact details. You will need good email and spreadsheet skills. You may also have to follow up by phone or visit some properties.

We see this as being carried out part time over a couple of weeks. The fee for the project would be £400.

Please contact Chris at the Estate Office if you are interested.

01494 875177 | estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk



Stress Free Dog Walking

Getting out for a walk and being in the fresh air, is one of the great benefits of dog ownership. Dogs will want their walks whatever the weather. In addition to this, since the pandemic, going for a walk is one of the activities that mental health experts state as being beneficial for one's mental health.

However, walking the dog doesn't come without its hazards. With so many reports of dogs being attacked on commons or places where a lot of people walk their dogs, it can be a stressful business. When one sees a breed of dog known for being aggressive, off the lead and heading towards one, it's hard to know what the outcome might be, or how responsible

the owner is.

If you are nervous about walking your dog in certain locations, there are now walking fields available where you can walk your dog in complete safety. Local to Jordans there is the Terrific Bark Park in Stoke Poges. One can book their 1.8-acre field solely for your own use, or with a friend, thus sharing the fee (£15 an hour). There is dog agility equipment on site along with a shelter. Entry is timed so that no overlap can occur. Conversely if you have a dog that is unpredictable around other dogs, you can walk it off the lead without the fear of it getting into any trouble. Other dog walking fields in the area can be found by Googling 'dog walking fields.'

<https://boundr.co.uk/field/terrific-bark-park/>

Terrific Bark Park, Rickmans Lane, Stoke Poges, SL2 4AF

Jo Bell

Get fit with HiiT!



From WEDNESDAY 1st September

Get Fit With HiiT

All abilities and fitness levels welcomed.
"Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude, and your mood."

WHERE: Jordans Village Hall

WHEN: Wednesday evenings 7pm-8pm

HOW MUCH: £8 per class

You do not need to pay a term up front, however please let me know 2 days in advance if you cannot attend.

Contact me:
07732041754
amyzad@hotmail.com

Level 3 Personal Trainer
Level 2 Gym Instructor



@amypt1990



Friends' Corner

By Bob Redpath

An alternative word for 'Quaker' is 'Friend'. 'Friends' Corner' lists forthcoming Quaker events at the Jordans Meeting House, to which newcomers are very welcome. The Meeting House is located at the junction of Jordans Lane and Welders Lane. Jordans Quaker Centre is attached to the Meeting House; private meetings can be booked. Nina Liebenberg, JQC manager, can be contacted if there are queries about access to the Meeting House or to book meetings in the Jordans Quaker Centre. (tel no. 01494 876594; email office@jordansquakercentre.org)

Quaker Events and News in November

Jordans Meetings for Worship

Meetings for Worship at Jordans Meeting House

The Jordans Meeting House is open for in-person meetings during November. The meeting starts at 10:30am, lasts one hour and is followed by a 'bridge' of about ten minutes when people who wish to do so can comment on the issues raised during the meeting. If you are planning to attend in person for the first time, please contact Adrienne Midgley as there is limited space due to social distancing. Please bring your mask. Adrienne's contact details are: tel.no.01753 889581 or adriennemidgley@hotmail.com.

Zoom Meetings for Worship

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

telephone 01494 874273.

Junior Jordans (Quaker Sunday School)

David Matthews writes: Junior Jordans, the children's meeting, is now meeting every Sunday at 10:30am in the Penn Room of the Jordans Quaker Centre. We enjoy some times of quiet and reflection during the Junior Jordans meeting and also cover some fun activities, including art and music. We join the main meeting in the Meeting House towards the end of that meeting. We are ready to welcome new visitors, especially from Jordans. Please call me (outside of work hours) for further details (07779 251 107)

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. The meeting will be held on Friday 5th November at 10:30am for about 40 minutes with fellowship afterwards. (Meetings are usually held on the first Friday of a month.) If you want to join us you would be most welcome. Please contact Douglas by email douglasbutterfield13@gmail.com in order to be sent the Zoom link for this meeting.

Backdoor Parole-Journeyman Theatre performance

On Saturday 6th November at 4pm, at Amersham Meeting House, the Journeyman Theatre will be giving a performance of their play, Backdoor Parole, which deals with the issues relating to our ageing prison population and particularly that of men dying of old age whilst in prison. To attend in person please email or phone Ann Noel Clark chipkoclarks@gmail.com or 01494 488398. The play will also be livestreamed. You can request a link for that from Ann Noel or from Penny Holmes pennyaholmes@gmail.com.

Events Calendar

At last! The events calendar is back!

The Jolly Quaker

Friday 5th November from 7:30pm

Village Hall

Jordans Picture House

Friday 12th, Sunday 14th, and Tuesday 23rd November

Village Hall

Supper & Song

Saturday 9th April 2022

Village Hall

Concert

Saturday 22nd January 2022, 7.30 pm

Village Hall

Contact Esther Cavett - Esther.cavett@gmail.com or Bob Hall - r@rkhall.com

Concert

Sunday 3rd April 2022, 4.00 pm

Village Hall

Cressida Jenkins (soprano), Esther Cavett (piano) and others, with a theme of climate change

Regular Events in the Jordans Village Hall

High Intensity Interval Training (HiIT)

Wednesdays Weekly from 7 pm - 8 pm

Contact Amy Butterworth

amyzad@hotmail.com | 07732 041754 | [@amypt1990](https://www.instagram.com/amypt1990)

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 from 7:30pm (excluding August and January)

Paul or Francesca on 07929 731423

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

Thursdays, 1pm in the Village Hall

Thursday 4th November; Thursday 9th December

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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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