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Jordans Village Community Newsletter



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**Jordans earns Certificate of Merit
in the 2016 Buckinghamshire
Best Kept Village Competition**

We are very pleased to open this issue by announcing that Jordans was awarded a Certificate of Merit in the Morris Cup for villages of between 500-1000 people, with a commendation

for a high score only a few points behind this years winner, Tingewick in North Bucks. This compounded the superb achievement of Chalfont St Giles, who won the Pushman Cup for villages over 3,000 people.

As we do not have a Bus Stop or a War Memorial, we are unable to score any points in those two categories, but next year we will note Crutches Wood for judging in the Nature/Conservation Areas category, to boost our score and perhaps stand a better chance of winning the Morris Cup.

Thanks to all the residents as your efforts to keep the village looking so beautiful are also noted by the judges, and a special thanks to Sebastian Bunce who works so hard for all of us.

Chris Jenkins
Estate Manager & Company Secretary, Jordans Village Ltd

If there is a subject that you'd like to talk about in this regular column, please send your submission to the Editorial team, whose contact details you will find at the foot of this message.



News from our Village Store

Jordans Village Community Store is always packed with fresh local produce, and stocks zingingly fresh fish from Cornwall thanks to regular deliveries (twice monthly on Wednesdays). Please place your order in person, by telephone on 873279, or via the website www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk and don't forget to keep up to date with



Village Event Diary

There are numerous events held in Jordans throughout the year. Coming up in the next two months are:

The Jolly Quaker

Jordans Village Hall 7pm - 11pm

Friday 2nd September 2016

Friday 7th October 2016

news & offers via the new blackboards outside the store, or online through our Facebook page (and please do remember to "Like" our Facebook page!!)

Auction of Promises - 15th October

This is our most important and successful fundraising event. It was originally conceived by John Rootes on 13th October 2012 and has been run every two years for the last four years. It's also a whole load of fun and everyone can contribute in almost any way they wish. People 'promise' holiday homes; a day on a yacht; a ride in a supercar; but also a half-dozen new laid eggs; a 'vintage afternoon tea'; an afternoon's weeding of a garden; babysitting service; whatever service someone can offer, someone is going to bid for it.

The proceedings run at breakneck pace under the control of a professional auctioneer who, while talking up the bids, keeps everyone amused while we keep everyone fed and 'watered' with a bar and fish n' chips for supper.

A great night out in Jordans!

We need your promises!!

If you can donate a "Promise" [please click here to download the form](#), then fill it in and send it back; or click the email link below to send your promise directly by September 15th:

Chris Waymouth 07831 309379

TMC Family Sports Day

Jordans Village Green

Saturday 10th September

Including Tug-o-War

If you were awarded a trophy last year,
please return it ASAP!

Pat Holdsworth 874565

Lunch Club

Jordans Village Hall 1pm - 3:30pm

Thursday 15th September 2016

Thursday 13th October 2016

Yoga at the Village Hall

Mondays @ 8pm / Fridays @ 2pm

Monday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Friday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Georgina Wright 01494 874552

Sophie Bruen Ceramics Class

Jordans Village Hall

Every Wednesday @ 7pm

28th September to 30th November

Limited availability

Sophie Bruen 07796 877838

sophie.bruen@hotmail.co.uk

Jordans Picture House

Jordans Village Hall

2nd Friday of each month

Opening Night:

Friday 14th October

Matinee:

Sunday 16th October

"Suffragette"

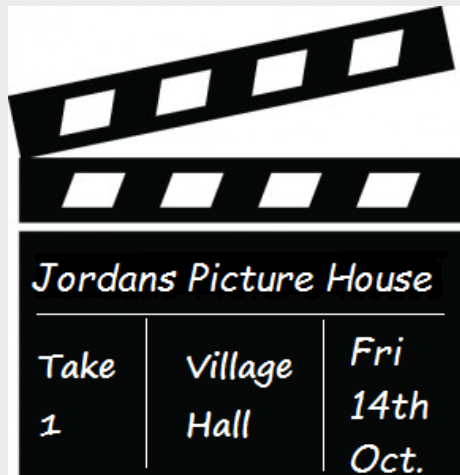
chairman@jordansvillagestore.co.uk

New Freezer Unit

We're now stocking a range of frozen pizzas in our new freezer unit, as well as ready meals, bags of ice, snacks, vegetables, vegetarian meals, and even frozen cocktails!

Thursday - Late Opening Hours until 8pm!

We are very pleased to announce extended opening hours through to 8pm, thanks to our trusty team of volunteers, keeping the Store open until late on Thursday evenings, so please come in and support their efforts to keep our Store running to serve all of us.



Jordans Picture House

**“Suffragette” is the Film selected
for the opening night
Friday October 14th**

Limited Availability

Tickets from Jordans Village Store

Charity Cycle Ride 2016

Starting from Jordans Village Hall

Sunday 16th October 2016

Ali Cork 01494 874152

Mobile 07803 139079

corkswd@btinternet.com

Supper & Song

Jordans Village Hall

Saturday 3rd December 2016

Nigel Morgan 01494 672416

Jordans Quaker Meeting House

This historic building at the heart of Jordans contains a fascinating exhibition and library, and is open to visitors from Tuesday to Sunday 2pm to 5pm, and on Bank Holiday Mondays, from 1st March to 31st October, and at other times by prior appointment.

Contact 01494 876594

office@jordansquakercentre.org

www.jordansquakercentre.org

All 45 tickets for the opening night of Jordans Picture House were sold over the week-end of August 20th/21st. The film to be shown will be "Suffragette".

In order to meet the high level of demand, the Working Group has organised a **second screening on Sunday 16th at 16:00 (Doors Open at 15:30).**

Souvenir Tickets for the opening night (Friday October 14th) can be collected from the Village Shop on Thursday September 1st. Please go to the Shop with your raffle ticket receipt to collect.

Two tickets for the Sunday Matinee will be offered to the Auction Of Promises for the Village Shop. Souvenir Tickets for the Sunday Matinee (Sunday October 16th) will be on sale in the Village Shop from Thursday September 1st. They will be sold on a first come first served basis – cash, cheque or even debit your Advanced Credit Account. Capacity of the Village Hall with cabaret style seating (comfortable chairs and small tables) is 45.

The Working Group of Jordans Picture House was both surprised and delighted by the response to the voting request in the August Community newsletter. The final result was as follows:-

20 Suffragette



Anna & Sophie's Charity Car Wash

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fund raising and brought their cars over. Sophie and I never expected to raise as much as £180 and we are really pleased with the result. It's going to be really satisfying to see the money we raised being put to use when we are building our school in Tanzania. I look forward to sending you pictures of Tanzania and hopefully a brand new school.

The money raised will go directly to the [Livingstone Tanzania Trust \(Reg. Charity no 1119512\)](#), who are a fantastic charity based in local communities in Tanzania with a focus on sustainability and community. The charity puts an emphasis on education as the tool for development, both for the communities in Tanzania and for privileged students from the UK such as myself. In Tanzania, using the money we have raised, we are hoping to help to renovate classrooms in a local community school,

18 Bridge of Spies
15 Florence Foster Jenkins
15 Truth
10 Force Majeure
10 The Man Who Knew Infinity
8 Joy
7 Our Brand Is Crisis
5 In the Heart of the Sea
5 The Big Short

113 Votes cast in total

We are expecting delivery of the new chairs, sourced by a member of the Working Group and free of charge in September. We are confident that we will be able to run a cash bar for alcoholic drinks on the First Night, as by that time the Village Hall should be licensed.

Both the First Night and the Sunday Matinee promise to be memorable occasions for the Village.

N.B. The November Film Night will be on Friday November 11th.

The choice of film will be announced at the October screenings and tickets will be on sale in the Shop from Saturday October 22nd.

The December Film Night will be on Friday December 9th.

Thank you for your support, from all the Jordans Picture House Working Group:-

to improve the learning environment and maximise the educational potential.

Anna Bagneris & Sophie Rowe



**A Job Opportunity Not To Be Missed
Jordans Quaker Centre - Manager**

The Jordans Quaker Centre is looking for a local person to welcome visitors to the historic Jordans Meeting House, to manage the hiring out of rooms and to advertise and help put on events.

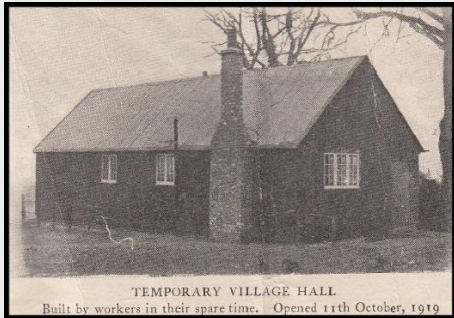
Applicants must be able to be flexible with their hours; they will need to be in sympathy with Quaker values and able to work closely with members of the local Meeting.

Please see below for:

- (a) Job Description
- (b) Person Specification and
- (c) Terms and Conditions.

If you would like an informal discussion about the job please call Jane Edmonds on 01494 672459 and, if she is not available, do leave a message with your contact details.

Lorraine Bristow; Julie Coldicott; Helen Deninson; Michael Johns; Alan Sealy; Alan Sonnex; Chris Waymouth; David Wooster.



Jordans Village Hall Trust
Treasurer Required

Jordans Village Hall Trust is looking for someone to become its Treasurer. If you have some accounting experience and would like to get involved in the exciting project to rebuild Jordans Village Hall, please get in touch with Gordan Hamme (875090) or Bob Hall (873186)

Donations to the Village Hall fund can be made directly to the Trust's bank account at HSBC Beaconsfield branch:
Sort code: 40-09-29
Account #: 21420674
Account Name: Jordans Village Hall Trust
Reference: Your Name

Jordans Village Hall Trust
Registered Charity Number 1168253

If you would like to apply, please send the information listed below by email to office@jordansquakercentre.org

- i. A covering letter outlining why you are applying, which of the tasks you feel you could fulfil and something about your flexibility regarding hours
- ii. An up-to-date CV;
- iii. Your contact details – email, telephone, postal address;
- iv. The names and contact details of two referees you are willing for us to approach (references will only be taken up if you are shortlisted).

The closing date for applications is Friday 23rd September 2016. Long-listed candidates will be interviewed on Wednesday 5th October 2016.

A meeting of selected candidates with members of Jordans Quaker Meeting will be held on the afternoon of Monday 10th October 2016.

If you would have a problem with any of these dates, please mention this in your covering letter.

Jane Edmonds

Clerk of Jordans Local Quaker Meeting

For the full job description, click this link:

<http://www.jordansquakercentre.org/event-informa.../4592686619>



Jordans Village Hall gets Connected

In preparation for the new tuition classes being run by Flying Start, we have installed WiFi in our Village Hall.

The service will of course be available for anyone else to use when hiring or using the hall.



What became of the Mayflower

by Paul Harvey

Thanks to Angela van den Berghe for sending in the link!



Seer Green Beer & Music Festival

Raising funds for the

Seer Green Scouts Venture Hall

The Venture Hall in Park Place in Seer Green is the focal point for all Scouting activities in the village as well as a well-served community hall.

It has been the HQ for Seer Green Scouts for over 40 years. Built in the 1970s it now requires an essential renovation to replace the leaking roof and update the toilets and kitchen facilities amongst other things. Please help support our generations of Scouts now and in the future and provide Seer

Sophie Bruen's Ceramics Course
10 Week course from 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 28th September to
Wednesday 30th November

This new evening course, being held in Jordans Village Hall, introduces all aspects of hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques through practical demonstration and guidance in a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

These classes are friendly and social, and aimed at mixed groups of beginners and intermediates. Be prepared for lots of fun and to produce some amazing pieces of work!

This 10 week evening ceramics course costs £250 of which a £50 deposit is required to secure your place. Course fees include all materials including clay, glazes etc, tuition, and firing costs.

Sophie Bruen is an accomplished full time ceramicist and experienced teacher with her own studio in Buckinghamshire.

Please contact Sophie on 07796 877838 or through her Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SophieBruenCeramics>

to book your place on this exciting new course. Evening and weekend workshops are available with 1 to 1 tuition.

Green village with an important community hall by donating and/or attending our upcoming Beer & Music Festival, which will be held on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-uk-virginmoneygiving-com/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=SeerGreenVentureHallFund>

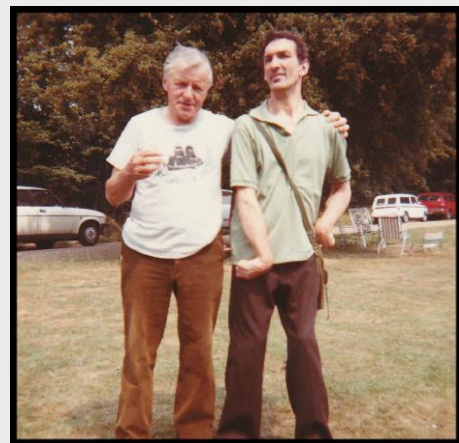
Beer & Music Festival Information

enquiries@seergreenbeerfest.com

Twitter @SeerGreenBeer

Facebook

www.facebook.com/seergreenbeerfestival



Memories of Hubert Douglass
and Jordans Village
by Bill Smith

Hello everybody!

Many people in Jordans today may



Hubert Douglass remembered forever

On Wednesday 17th August, Sylvia Douglass unveiled a plaque affixed to the front of the Estate Office in memory of her late husband Hubert.

Hubert was our Estate Manager from 1964 to 1990, and passed away earlier this year.

As she unveiled the plaque from behind a gorgeous little curtain made by Yoriko Brauer, Sylvia said *'If Hubert was still here he'd be saying "About Bloody Time"!*' And for a moment, we could all imagine Hubert's voice clearly saying those words.



Quite a crowd gathered in the early evening sunshine to witness the unveiling of the plaque

wonder who I am. I was very sorry to hear the other day that Hubert had passed away. I had quite a long friendship and working association with Hubert. Not long after I came to the Princess Marina Centre in 1958, I met Hubert through some friends in Jordans and in 1968, on the 18th May, I began to work for Hubert as a casual labourer. The first job he gave me was weeding around Puers Field flats that had not long been planted. It was about three feet high with weeds and somehow while weeding it at the front I fell backwards in front of a tree and my weight almost snapped it in half. I'm glad to see when I visited the Village recently that it stands in good health. I worked most days of the week, cycling up and down from the Princess Marina Centre or Ponds where I lived for 34 years. I soon got to know Hubert during that 20 years. A friend who worked at Ponds asked me one day if I would like to work in Jordans as a part time job. It soon became full time and on occasions never ending. I kept the grass verges clear of leaves and the late autumn was about the busiest time.

People may be interested to know that Hubert took over from his brother Arthur who died in 1963 and, if memory serves me right, there is a picture in the estate office of Hubert & Arthur delivering morning papers (your memory is correct Bill – Ed). Sadly he



Many thanks to Yoriko Brauer who made the curtain from behind which the plaque was revealed!



Ray Evans inspects the beautiful brass and oak plaque on the Estate Office wall

passed away a few months ago at the ripe old age of 90.

I arrived in the village shortly after the war. There was a smallholding and fruit farm in the Spring where I used to go and have tea. I walked up towards where I was always greeted by Joan and Ernest who lived there. One afternoon I got talking and Joan told me how Arthur came to the village; he knocked on their door shortly after the war and said “Can I have a job”. In 1951 he became Estate Manager of Jordans Village Ltd which is quite a responsibility, maintaining the cottages that were built in 1919 by the village men. Jordans soon became well known around the area, with its large village green. Crutches Wood is mostly Beech trees that stand very high but in 1987 and again in 1988 when we had a tremendous hurricane many of the trees fell like matchsticks. Everybody was devastated but it was soon cleared and new trees planted. I worked in the wood one afternoon to try and clear the ivy but it became too much for me. I was soon back in the centre of the village keeping it tidy.

Working in Jordans nearly every day I got to know almost everybody in the village where they invited me for tea. At weekends, often on a Sunday, I returned to watch cricket on the green and saw Hubert. I was surprised to see in the newsletter the other month that he was



Flying Start Tuition

Free Parent Information Talk

Award-winning tuition company Flying Start Tuition, which boosts children's maths and literacy skills and helps prepare them for key exams such as the Eleven Plus and GCSEs, will open a new venue in Jordans this September, and is holding a free Parent Information Talk on Thursday 8th September at 7pm.

The company, which already boasts a main tuition centre in Chesham and two satellite centres in Little Chalfont and Aylesbury, will offer courses in Jordans Village Hall.

11+ Parent Information Session

Is your child due to sit the Buckinghamshire 11+ tests in the next few years?

Would you like to know more about the content of the tests and how to support your child at home?

To book your place at the Parent Information Talk, or to find out more about the courses in Jordans, visit their website: www.flyingstarttuition.co.uk or better still contact them directly on hello@flyingstarttuition.co.uk or 01494 772 898.

captain for a while. Even Hubert was fearful about playing on the green because the ball flew in all directions.

Almost every year before Christmas Hubert used to ask me to go down to the burial ground and rake the leaves up. One night he forgot to collect me in his van and there I was working in the semi-darkness.

At lunch times they used to let me keep my packed lunch in their living room. They would unpack it for me and put it on a plate and give me tea for which I paid and make the lunch box up for me. Being able to go in the Warden's house made me feel part of the family. I got to know his son Stewart quite well. I remember one day after school I would volunteer to keep many a footpath clear of leaves, and on occasion made a hole in the path and in the evening it poured down and Hubert had to go and fix it.

Now I've reached 75 I can honestly say they were the best years of my life. Hubert at times could be hard on me but he taught me a tremendous amount and I feel privileged to have been a part of that peaceful place. Strolling across the green at times not a person could be seen and it made you feel very special and real and that's how I shall always remember it. I had many friends in Jordans; thank you one and all for being part of my life and for the great understanding and positive attitude you



The 2nd Chilterns Bicycle Ride

This year's bicycle ride is on Sunday 16th October with cyclists setting off from the Village Hall car park any time from 10am.

There is a choice of 2 routes; one route of about 10 miles is more suitable for families and those who are comparatively new to cycling, and another longer route of about 25 miles out towards Chipperfield. Both are very doable.

On arrival you will be given route sheets and plied with energy giving snacks to eat before you set off. On return there will be tea and yummy cakes in the Farthings kitchen - entrance through the gate at the back of the Village Hall car park.

The cost is £12 for adults and £6 for those under 16. All proceeds will go to the Village Shop. It will be a lot of fun so dig those bikes out and come bicycling !

For catering purposes it would handy to

had towards me.

Love and Best wishes, William Smith



know if you are coming so please get in contact either by phoning me (Ali Cork) on 874152, via text to 07803 139079 or e-mail. corkswd@btinternet.com. With thanks and I look forward to seeing you on the 16th October!

Ali Cork



**London to Brighton (and back!)
Charity Cycle Challenge
in support of Breast Cancer Research**
*because Breast Cancer
can and must be beaten*

London to Brighton - There & Back
(120 miles, 25th September 2016)

Justgiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Elizabeth-Foot>

This is my first charity event so I welcome your support. Having lost my mother to breast cancer, and knowing friends who have also suffered, I thought it time I challenged myself to support the vital research that will one day lead to beating cancer. 120 miles



**Thames Valley Dowsters
Forthcoming Events**

Sunday 11th September

We will be at the Amersham Heritage Day, teaching and demonstrating Dowsing – come and see us and learn a new skill for free! From 10 a.m.

Sunday 23rd October

Talk: “ Stolen Images- Pagan Symbolism in Christianity by Peter Knight
www.stoneseeker.net/AboutUs

Peter is a celebrated tour guide of sacred places and has written many books on the subject.

Start 2.30 pm until about 5 p.m. (doors open at 2 pm). Open to Non- members of

will be the longest I have ridden in one day so the ride will most definitely be a challenge for me.

If you are able to donate even a small amount that would be extremely appreciated.

Thank you.

Elizabeth

Justgiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Elizabeth-Foot>

<http://breastcancernow.org/>



Not that many people can be proclaimed to be famous for driving both touring cars and in the mightiest era of GT racing at the top level. Jordans resident Steve

TVD £10 per person. Members £5

Friday 25th November

Talk: "Tales from a Dowser's case-book – case histories from 20 years of Practice in the field" by Dr. Patrick Macmanaway visiting us from the US
<http://patrickmacmanaway.com/subtle-energy-enhancement-farm-field/>

We are very privileged to have a past President of the British Society of Dowzers, Patrick is returning to share stories and case history details to examine, illustrate and explore practical issues when working with a wide variety of dowsing jobs around the world. Patrick was born in Scotland and qualified as a medical doctor before pursuing his career as a dowser and geobiologist. He now lives in Vermont and is particularly involved with harmonising energies in the landscape to increase yields on farms all over the world whether this be related to crops, animals (including alligators!) or underground streams.

Evening: 7.30pm - 10 pm (doors open at 7 p.m.)

Open to non-members of TVD £15; Members £10.

Tickets by pre-booking only. Seating limited to 50 places.

All Talks and Workshops take place at the Jordans Quaker Centre, Welders Lane, Jordans HP9 2SN.

Soper is one man who can, and journalist Rob Widdows caught up with him at the Good wood Festival of Speed to chat about his amazing career and his relationship with BMW.

Booking essential please via our website
www.thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk.

Or phone Sue Scott Powell (Chair) on
01494 813 214



**Raymond Blanc Gastropub comes to
Chalfont St Peter
by Tom Herbert - first published by
Get Bucks**

Raymond Blanc is adding to his chain of high-end gastropubs having acquired the lease of the old village hall on Gold Hill West. The detached, two-storey public house can seat up to 110 customers internally with room for 150 more in the external terrace and beer garden.

Located on the edge of Gold Hill Common, the property has operated as an independent pub for more than 10 years and will now undergo an extensive refurbishment under the new ownership.

The White Brasserie Company currently has 11 venues in Greater London, Surrey, Hertfordshire and Cheshire, with each offering a combination of



Dog Poo

Having just been awarded a Certificate of Merit in this year's Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Village Competition, I was most disappointed to receive this message from Carole Hughes, of Seer Green Parish Council.

It is totally unacceptable for those walking dogs to leave your dog's poo where it falls or to throw bags of it into bushes when we have provided bins for its safe disposal, and pay for their regular collection. The bins are bright red - you can't miss them - and can be found at the entrance to Crutches Wood on Beech Lane, and on the Village Green. Please always pick up after your pet, and keep our Village in clean and safe condition for others.

Chris Jenkins, Estate Manager

traditional English pub and French Brasserie.

Chairman of the parish council Linda Smith said: "I understand this will be one of Raymond Blanc's gastro chain of pubs and I believe will be good for our village.

"What a fantastic view diners will have over Goldhill Common.

"I only wish they could have reverted to its former historic name of The Jolly Farmer, famed in the past for its huge list of sandwiches.

"This new enterprise, coupled with the Co-op investing in Chalfont St Peter, hopefully will lead others to have the confidence to fill our empty premises with good retail shops in the heart of our village."

Chris Bickle, licensed leisure director at Savills, said: "We are pleased to have secured the sale of The Village Hall, which offers a sought after location in the Chalfonts and a customer base well-aligned with The White Brasserie Company.

"The licensed leisure market has seen increased activity in the regions around London and the M25, and we expect this trend to continue."

Mark Derry, chief executive of Brasserie

"I often come up to Jordans with my son's dog and use the Dogwaste bin opposite Chalky Field and then enjoy a walk in the Field. I am always surprised to see Dogwaste which has not been cleared up by the dog walker (not necessarily the owner) in the Field. We have similar issues in Seer Green with this anti-social behaviour even though we do provide Dogwaste bins.

I have also seen bags of dog poo just left on paths or thrown into hedges in Jordans. The junction of the Wilton Lane bridleway and the path leading up to Crutches Wood is also a black spot with poobags discarded there. I have picked up bags of dumped poo along the Lane and disposed of as I find it so annoying that people are so irresponsible." Carole Hughes, Seer Green Parish Councillor.



Useful Contacts

Jordans Village Estate Office

01494 875177

Bar Co, the group behind The White Brasserie Company and Brasserie Blanc, said: “We were delighted to find a pub with such potential in such a perfect setting.

“Each pub we open has its own special character and ambiance and we are excited to revitalise this site and make it a much loved venue for locals and visitors.”

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Jordans Village Community Store

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manager@jordansvillagestore.co.uk
www.jordansvillagestore.co.uk

Quaker Meeting House

01494 876594

www.jordansquakercentre.org

How to Book the Village Hall

Jordans Village Hall is available for hire and holds regular events. Bookings are taken by the Estate Manager, on 01494 875177 or admin@jordansvillagehall.co.uk.

You can also enquire about bookings online: www.jordansvillagehall.co.uk



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Submit Your News!

If you have news, photos, or video from events in and around Jordans, or involving people from Jordans, we would love to include it in the newsletter! Please submit your news to the newsletter Editor, Chris Jenkins at estateoffice@jordansvillage.co.uk or on 01494 875177. Alternatively, if you do not have access to a computer, or need help to compile an article, drop in to the Estate Office where Chris will be delighted to assist with text and images.

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