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What's on in  
Seer Green  
& Jordans  
June 2018



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## From the Editors

June is here! Roses blooming, strawberries ripening, barbecues smoking, long light evenings and calendars full of dates for summer fetes and fairs. Our villages are no different, take a look inside to see a host of summer social occasions right on your doorstep.

We're delighted to be publishing our first pub review written by one of our readers Sam Sandeman Allen. If

you would like to review a local pub please let us know.

We're so lucky to have two excellent village pubs - and one monthly pop-up - but it's always great to hear about other places to visit when we're out and about. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Fliss Coombs and Sue Puttergill**

## Next Month's Magazine

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## Thoughts for the Month



'Thank you': two small words which can make such a difference to our lives, when we thank others and give thanks for life's joys and the good things we receive.

If we have 'an attitude of gratitude' we are more likely to focus on the everyday good things in our lives, rather than the negative. It means making it a habit to express thankfulness and appreciation in all parts of our lives, on a regular basis, for both the big and small things alike.

Paul in the New Testament sends a letter to the people in Colosse, a town in what is modern day Turkey. Thanksgiving runs throughout the letter, remarkable given that Paul wrote the letter in prison, facing a violent death. At the time the Colossian Church was facing sporadic persecution like many Christians in Syria, Iraq and Egypt today.

Paul says:

"And be thankful...whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him".

Our lives are above all about giving thanks for what we have been given, about hearts overflowing with the riches we have received in creation, in redemption, in community. 'Be thankful' is Paul's message of encouragement to the people of Colosse.

Giving thanks can be hard when we are going through difficult times but I have walked with people through some of the worst times in their lives and those who bear up the best are those who are grateful for the support of family and friends and who focus on the high points not on the low points.

Shall we all try this month to work on being more thankful?

**Cassa Messervy - Vicar**



## Church Calendar - June 2018

### Every Sunday 8-8.40am: Book of Common Prayer Communion Service.

This is a traditional language service which is quiet and reflective. Suits the early risers.

**Every Wednesday 9.30am: Midweek Communion/Morning Prayer.** This is a contemporary language communion service with a short reflection and a prayerful focus.

### Every Sunday 10am in June

**3 June** All-Age Civic Service for our Villages; suitable for all ages. This is a contemporary service, which is interactive and based on a theme. The Big Lunch follows at Seer Green School.

**10 June** Holy Communion with children's groups; suitable for adults and older children, with younger children invited to special groups.

**17 June** Morning Praise with children's groups; suitable for adults and older children, with younger children invited to special groups.

**24 June** Holy Communion with children's groups; suitable for adults and older children, with younger children invited to special groups.

### Evening Services in June

**3 June 6pm** – Evening Prayer

**24 June 6pm** – Taizé Service

### Special Services/Events:

**Tuesdays in June 9am** - Prayer in the morning in Church

**Thursday 7 June 9-11am** - Coffee Morning

**Sunday 17 June 5pm** - Youth Group

**Thursday 28 June 2.15pm** - T-Club

**Saturday 30 June** - Wedding



## Church Events | News

### June Church Events/News

#### Friends of Holy Trinity Church Fete

Plans are hotting up for our second Summer Fete which is on Sunday 1 July, from 12 to 3pm. The money raised from this event goes to support the maintenance of the church building so that it is in good repair and can be used for many church and community activities. Our first ever fete last year was a huge success and we look forward to welcoming even more people this year, both in the churchyard and in the orchard on the main road.

#### Thy Kingdom Come and Try Praying

In May we joined with hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world praying 'Thy Kingdom Come', from the Lord's Prayer. We also launched our Try Praying initiative, which we will continue in June, where people are invited to take a free booklet which helps them with prayer ideas so they can 'try praying' for a week. Do pop into the church and pick up a booklet and give it a try.

#### Next T-club

Our monthly afternoon tea club for the elderly and frailer members of our community, is becoming very popular. Our next one is on Thursday

28 June at 2.15pm. Do let us know if you know of anyone who would like to come along who might need help to get here.

#### Support our children and young people

As a church, we continue to support our two local schools with weekly or monthly collective worship or assemblies. We were delighted last month to welcome Year 1 from Jordans School for a visit to learn about the church, they had so many brilliant questions and really seemed to enjoy their time with me and Janna Holder, our Children and Families worker.

Preparations are underway for a huge range of activities for children, young people and their families over the summer holidays from Family Fun Days to Get Creative workshops culminating in our holiday club in August.

These are great ways to support our community and we love to welcome new helpers, please let me or Janna know if you would like to help. Contact details are on page 4.

#### Cassa Messervy

## Charity for June

### St Andrew's Church, High Wycombe: Family Support Group

This family support group runs weekly sessions in term time to support mothers with pre-school children, who have a variety of problems. The church is in a very mixed area of Wycombe where many are on minimal incomes, relying on the food bank to help them feed their families.

The sessions include life skills, parenting, money management, help with emotional issues, planting hanging baskets and making a Christmas table decoration. The children play in a creche and lunch is provided.

These families cannot afford holidays or trips out, so the summer holidays seem endless. The summer day trip organised by St Andrew's is really looked forward to and enjoyed hugely. Holy Trinity has raised almost enough for a large coach for the last four years; you may have seen some of the drawings and 'thank you notes' posted in church.

Three Holy Trinity church members help with the group and find it so

rewarding to see the progress the mothers make and how the group benefits them. It helps to build continuing friendships, regardless of religion and ethnicity and it increases confidence. Some have joined the church, others help with other church groups and are able to get jobs.

The helpers would like to say a huge thank you for all Holy Trinity's previous generosity and hope that you can help again this year as the group is struggling financially. They say that "the group is dear to our hearts; we think all children and their parents need regular fun, laughter and care."

**Jen Lomas & Jill Moody** - two of the Holy Trinity helpers



## Contact us

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## Village Events | News

### Seer Green opens its gardens - Sunday 10 June



For the third time Seer Green is hosting its very own open gardens day. In previous alternate years visitors have come from far and wide so don't miss this chance to visit many lovely gardens on your own doorstep.

Fifteen of our loveliest and most interesting gardens will be open showcasing everything the village has to offer in terms of gardening, including a small courtyard garden packed full of interest, a dazzlingly pretty cottage garden, an impressive landscaped garden, the SGCE school garden, the Seer Green vineyard, allotments and many more besides.

All profits go to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. We have raised £6,000 in total from the previous two events for this extremely worthwhile charity, and we hope to make a significant donation this year as well.

We have the largest number of gardens in the TVAA open gardens scheme and they are extremely grateful for our contribution.

Teas, coffees and a mouth-watering selection of home-baked cakes will be on sale in the Baptist Church Hall, where you can also buy your tickets from 1.30pm.

Tickets are £5 per person, free for under-16s. The day is likely to be very busy, and so we ask that you walk if possible.

If you would like to help out, we are always looking for volunteers. If you could spare 45 mins to serve teas, or make a cake, then please get in touch with [philip@philipnewton.co.uk](mailto:philip@philipnewton.co.uk) or 07941 215433

More information about tickets and which gardens are open is on the Seer Green Gardening Society website: [seergreengardeners.org.uk](http://seergreengardeners.org.uk)

## Dates for Your Diary

### June 2018

Friday 1	The Jolly Quaker, pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall, from 7pm
Sunday 3	The Big Lunch (see page 14) Jordans Music Club Summer Festival, Jubilee Hall, 7 for 7.30pm (see page 12)
Saturday 9	Jordans Village Fair, starts 2pm
Saturday 9 to 24	Bucks Arts Weeks (Open Studios)
Sunday 10	Seer Green Open Gardens Day, 2 to 5pm
13 to 16 and 20 to 23	Chiltern Shakespeare Company perform Richard III at Hall Barn.
Sunday 17	Jordans Music Club Summer Festival, Jubilee Hall, 7 for 7.30pm
Saturday 23	Cherry Pie Fair, SGCE School, 12 to 3pm

### July 2018

Sunday 1	Holy Trinity Church and Community summer fete Jordans Music Club, Jubilee Hall Summer Festival, 7 for 7.30pm
Friday 6	The Jolly Quaker, pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall, from 7pm
Sunday 8	Music on the Green, Jordans
Sunday 15	Jordans Music Club Summer Festival, Jubilee Hall, 7 for 7.30pm (see page 12)

### August 2018

Tues 21 to 23	Golden Tickets Holiday Club
Saturday 25	Start of Scarecrow Competition

## It's time for the Cherry Pie Fair

### Saturday 23 June, 12 to 3pm

One of the seasonal highlights of life in Seer Green is the annual Cherry Pie Fair at Seer Green CE School.

This event is a great opportunity to support our village school. This year it features many favourites, including the bottle tombola, jazzy jars, chocolate raffle, bouncy castle and many different games.

You could come for lunch and enjoy the BBQ or a Domino pizza, as well as a drink from the bar or coffee from Flying Bean, and the day would not be complete without a cherry pie or a treat from the home-made cake stall.

The popular tea-cup ride is back, along with a new attraction for 2018, The Sweeper. Suitable for all ages and abilities, this inflatable funfest is hilarious and highly competitive!



There will also be a raffle with great prizes plus lots to bid for in our silent auction including some very handsome themed hampers.

All funds will support the purchase of a new iPad suite and associated technology for the children to use in school. Please do come along.

**Janna Holder**

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## Chamber Music in the Chilterns

### Jordans Music Club Summer Festival 2018 - Jubilee Hall

The festival promotes chamber music of the highest quality in the local area and is now in its 75th year.

Our 2018 season of Sunday evening concerts opens on 3 June and runs fortnightly until 15 July:

**Sunday 3 June** - the Vertavo Quartet

**Sunday 17 June** - Sheku Kanneh-Mason (cello) and Isata Kanneh-Mason (piano)

**Sunday 1 July** - Freddy Kempf (piano)

**Sunday, 15 July** - Nash Ensemble

All concerts start at 7.30pm and doors open at 7pm. Tickets £20 available from the Box Office 01923 282943. Details on website [www.jordansmusicclub.org.uk](http://www.jordansmusicclub.org.uk)

## Baptist Church anniversary



*The 1899 Baptist Chapel in Chalfont Road*

**In 2018 Seer Green Baptist Church is 175 years old, and we will be celebrating this anniversary throughout June.**

In the 1820s Baptists would meet in their own houses around Seer Green. The Parish Church Hall in Chalfont Road was built in 1829 as a lace-making school. A group of Baptists started to meet there in 1843, and the anniversary is counted from this date. The church raised enough money to purchase the building in 1857.

In 1893 the Baptists launched a fund for a new building. We have several documents relating to this period including a conveyance deed from 1898 for the purchase of the land on the opposite side of Chalfont Road which was to be the site of the

new Baptist Chapel. The price was £130, and amongst the signatories from the church are some very well known local names: Worley, Boddy, Loveday, Childs, Lidgely and Saunders.

Moving forward many years, in 1970 Michael Herbert became minister. At that time plans were being made for a great expansion of Seer Green. The Manor Farm estate was to be created on the cherry orchards and farmland. The vision was that the new church would be at the centre of this new estate, and the present building was opened in November 1980.

Barry Cheesman was minister from 1985 to 1993. He was followed by Paul Jeffries, then by Richard Palmer, then by Daniel Joy. In September 2016 the present minister, Andrew McCausland joined.

Our history is important. Our church is here through God's grace, but the faith of our ancestors has shaped the way we are, and so we celebrate our 175 years here in Seer Green.

Each Sunday in June will be a special service. Daniel Joy will be joining us on 3 June at 10.30am. Michael Herbert on 10 June at 10am. Barry Cheesman on 17 June at 10.30am, and finally a big celebration led by Andrew on 24 June at 10am. Please join us.

You can read a fuller version of our history on our website: [www.lifeinseergreen.org/our-history](http://www.lifeinseergreen.org/our-history)

**David Horncastle**



*The current church building in July 1980*

## Thank you to our lovely local businesses

The Holy Trinity Summer Fete is fast approaching and lots of planning has been going on behind the scenes, planning stalls, organising raffle prizes etc.

One of the truly lovely things about living in our villages is that we have so many great businesses on our doorstep. We are grateful for the generosity of all these local tradespeople in their support of the fete:

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Temptations  
The Jolly Cricketers



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THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

Sunday 3 June

Seer Green is once again taking part in the popular national Big Lunch event. On Sunday 3 June from 12 noon until 3pm, we are holding a Village Picnic in the grounds of Seer Green CE School and everyone is invited to come along.

Bring your own drinks, picnic food, blanket and join us in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.



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## Discover Seer Green's artists

### 9 to 24 June

Bucks Art Weeks is an annual event where hundreds of artists and makers open their studios across Buckinghamshire. In the past year Seer Green's artistic community has grown from one venue with two artists last year to three venues and six artists.



By Josephine Rutherford

At **7 Howard Road**, two artists and a jeweller will be exhibiting in the house and studio in the enclosed garden. Josephine Rutherford is exhibiting work often inspired by her own life and surroundings with media including papercuts, drawings and printmaking. She is joined by Andrea Archer, a multi-media artist, showing paintings and book art, and Dana Kidson, with her contemporary jewellery that references both antique and modern ideas.

From Howard Road, it's a short walk to **41 Gurnells Road** where Sue Nowlan will be exhibiting contemporary landscapes and roosters!



By Sue Nowlan

You can then stroll down Orchard Road to **27 Chalfont Road** to the working studio and lovely garden of sculptor, Sarah Allen who is exhibiting with painter, Linda Horncastle. Sarah's sculpture for the garden and home captures the movement of animal and human form in wood, water, wire, metal and clay. Linda is showing and selling her landscapes and portraits. Both take private commissions.

We are having a late-night studio opening (2pm to 8pm) on Friday 22 June to allow you to combine the walk with a relaxing drink in our lovely village pubs. The Jolly Cricketers



By Linda Horncastle

and Three Horseshoes have very kindly agreed to support our village Arts Trail with a special offer when you dine at their pub if you visit all three venues and collect a stamped voucher. Contact the pubs directly for further information.

Entry to all venues is free and everyone is welcome to visit the studios and talk to the artists about their work. Full opening times can

be found in the brochure available in libraries, cafes, shops and pubs in Beaconsfield and Seer Green or: [www.bucksartweeks.org.uk](http://www.bucksartweeks.org.uk)



By Dana Kidson



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## News from Jordans

The weather has been glorious recently, perfect for planning the Jordans Village Fair, taking place on **Saturday 9 June from 2pm**.

With a display of beautiful vintage cars, first class bric-a-brac, delicious home-made cakes, farmyard animals and a timed Go Kart track, the Village Fair a fun-packed friendly event, worth the short walk from Seer Green.

We now have a defibrillator outside the Village Hall, generously funded by the Jordans Tennis Club. A demonstration by the ambulance service will be arranged soon.

Looking ahead, the annual and extremely popular Music on The Green takes place on **Sunday 8 July**. A fantastic live band will be entertaining everyone with an afternoon of soul, pop, Motown, jazz and blues from all the decades.

Bring a rug and feel free to use the communal barbecues which will be set up on the green. The shop will be open till late selling cold prosecco, wine, beer and of course ice cream.

### Ali Cork

*A little bird has told us that Ali has broken her leg. We wish our Roving Reporter from Jordans a speedy recovery – from the Editors.*



*This extraordinary photograph was taken in May by Jordans resident Nigel Moran who said: "This fine fox in Hodgmoor Wood was apparently unaware of me, and so the close-up was possible. I had gone there to photograph the bluebells!"*

## Pub Review

*If you would like to submit a review please let us know and we can email you a template.*

### The Red Lion, Coleshill

This sweet little pub in the centre of the village was reopened in 2017, having been lovingly refurbished to an excellent standard, whilst keeping its traditional character. The pub is now owned and run by father and son team, Roger and Barney, and is one of, if not the only pub left on The Chiltern Way, with the picturesque walking route passing right next to the pub.

There is a friendly atmosphere with a large open fire and everyone is welcome including children, dogs and even walkers with muddy boots (Covers provided for dirty walking boots and water for dogs).

There is an outside eating area and large car park, which walkers are welcome to use as a base for their Sunday stroll. Customers can pop in for a pint or a coffee/ juice as well as a meal.

The food is typical good pub food with a real focus on fresh local produce, using Stockings Farm, Chiltern Charcuterie, Godden Butchers and Rex Bakery among their suppliers.

Weekday lunchtime menus include sandwiches and toasted Ciabatta rolls, sharing boards, grills and more adventurous dishes, and at weekends there are generous Sunday roasts.

Prices are in keeping with other small pubs, for example: Rebellion beer battered haddock fillet, chunky chips, mushy peas and Tartare sauce is £13.95, as are Stockings Farm sausages, creamy mash and red wine sauce. Sandwiches/ toasted Ciabatta with French fries and salad garnish start at £8.95/£7.50.

There is a good choice of beer - local Rebellion ales as well as craft beers, lager and cider options and a good selection of wine and spirits. There is also a children's menu and high chairs are available.

Open daily from noon to 23:00.

Why not look them up at: [theredlioncoleshill.com](http://theredlioncoleshill.com) or just pop in and give it a go!

**Sam Sandeman Allen**

## Seer Green Pre-School News

As summer approaches the children are getting more and more pleasure from our new purpose-built gardening area.

In the spring they planted vegetables, fruits and flowers, and patiently watched and waited for them to blossom.

This new facility is very exciting and has been installed following successful fundraising by the Pre-school committee, which can only be achieved by the fantastic support from the parents and community.

The new gardening area will support the research that children who grow their own food are more likely to eat

fresh fruits and vegetables. Through the focused gardening groups at the Pre-school the teachers will take the opportunity to reinforce the need for eating healthily.



## Seer Green Gardeners - June 2018

This is the month with the longest day and late summer evenings are a good time to do some weeding. The danger of frosts should be over, but on cold nights some plants may still need protection.

The warmer weather means that we have to keep an eye on watering. To conserve water, water the soil rather than the plants and make 'ponds' around individual plants so that the water soaks in.

June is also a time to enjoy other people's gardens so make sure the Seer Green Open Gardens Day on 10th June is in your diary.

### Scarecrow Competition

The scarecrow competition will be back in late August, with the theme of Children's Television. Anyone can enter, and it's great to see the scarecrows as you walk round the village. So get your thinking caps on and you can find out more on our website.

**Philip Newton** - [www.seergreengardeners.org.uk](http://www.seergreengardeners.org.uk)

## How to grow.... French Beans

French beans give you two crops for the price of one: enjoy the pods when they're young and tender, or leave them to dry on the plant for use as haricot beans.

Personally, I prefer the fresh pods. They are easy to grow, very productive and available in dwarf types which are suitable for containers, and also climbing varieties, which will need support.

French beans need sun, shelter and a fertile, moisture retentive soil.

- Sow the beans directly into moist soil or compost about 15cm apart.
- To establish the plants, you can cover them with a cloche, making sure the soil doesn't dry out.
- Water regularly, especially while they're flowering. You can maintain the moisture in the soil by applying a mulch of garden compost.
- For delicious tender beans, pick them when they're long enough to eat. Regular pickings will encourage more beans.
- If you don't want to eat them straight away, you can blanch the beans in boiling water for 2 minutes, and then freeze.

A delicious and healthy home-grown treat!

### Philip Newton



## Seer Green Scouts

We have had great success recently in raising money for kit and camps. Two parents, Denise Egan and Roz Davies, were the organisers of the well-attended Race Night at the Jubilee Hall.

Some of the money has been sent to Turkish Scout leaders helping Syrian refugee Scouts. The Tifaka Refugee Project works uniting Syrian Scouts in refugee camps to help them regain a sense of purpose and have some fun together.

At the end of July, a group of our Scouts will be travelling to Switzerland on a 10-day trip to stay at the International Scout Centre at Kandersteg, which is set in a beautiful alpine valley.

The campsite will have about a thousand Scouts from many countries staying there, providing opportunities to mix with young people from other nations.

Our Scouts will leave the campsite every day to go up on the mountains or down fast rivers, in a programme of adventures.

It was the Scouts' idea to do a Mud Run, a 9km race over obstacles and through water and mud in the Warwickshire countryside. We were delighted that the race was won by a Seer Green Scout, Barnaby Havard, very well done to him!

**Chris Rumsey**

**Chiltern Shakespeare Company**  
Presents

## Richard III

**13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
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Open air theatre (audience under cover) in the glorious parkland of Hall Barn. Performances start at 8pm, with additional matinees on both Saturdays at 2pm. Grounds open 2 hours before each performance for those wishing to picnic. Licensed refreshment marquee and ample parking. Disabled access and hearing loop. BSL Signed performances on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm and on 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.

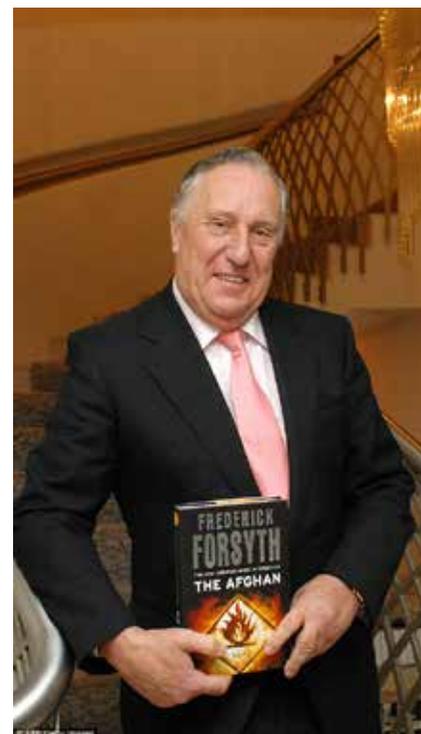
Tickets from £17.00.

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## Seer Green Eight O'Clock Club

One of the oldest traditions in the world is that of storytelling, so it was very apt that on Beaconsfield Fair Day, a large audience gathered to hear international author Frederick Forsyth tell the story of his Life.

In a relaxed conversational style, Freddie talked about his early years in Essex. When he was 5 his father took him to RAF Hawkinge where the fighter pilots of the Spitfire Squadron hoisted him into the cockpit of one of the aircraft. This set him on course for a career in the RAF.



After a spell in the Auxiliary Air Force, Freddie abandoned his idea of an RAF Commission, deciding that journalism offered a good prospect and that his ability to speak French and German would come in useful.

After 3 years in Norfolk, Freddie moved to the international press agency Reuters. He relocated to Paris and then East Berlin at the height of the Cold War, the only western correspondent covering part of the world that included Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Moving to the BBC, he was posted to Africa during the Biafran crisis, leaving the station after a difference of opinion and returning to Africa as a freelance journalist.

Once back in London, he decided to write a novel. Take a feasible idea; something that might have happened...or might not.... and write!

The rest, as they say, is not history... because to the delight of his many fans, Freddie is currently writing another novel, to add to his incredible cannon of best-sellers.

Look out for Posters detailing our next meeting on 7 June.

**Elizabeth Lee**

## Seer Green and Jordans WI

April was the 93rd birthday of Seer Green and Jordans Women's Institute. Our first meeting in 1925 welcomed 73 members and was held in at Seer Green House. Cost was 2/6d! How times have changed. We are now struggling with only 19 members.

We held an Open Day in April to show people what we do in an effort to attract new members. It was disappointing that despite all the hard work put in by members to arrange this exhibition and display of our history and work, very few people attended.

Five members attended the AGM of the Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes and were told of the programme of events arranged for the next year.

At our April Meeting the speaker was Nigel Eagling, telling us stories of his time in the Crime Squad. Sue Moore gave the vote of thanks. The meeting ended with a delicious tea of sandwiches and cakes supplied by the committee, and tables were decorated with flower arrangements by Dee Pantlin.

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## Seer Green Allotment Association

Well, luckily allotmenters are a sturdy bunch, having weathered everything including the lengthy and freezing battering by the Beast from the East (it hung around for more than a month) and then high summer heat in the space of a few days and at the time of writing this, it is now full steam ahead on the site, trying to catch up with the season.

We are now busily preparing beds, nurturing seedlings - thus the slug and snail battle has begun, weeding and grass cutting, all the while enjoying the hum of bees and glorious bird song around us.

One of our new allotmenters, Carole Campbell, has this to say:

"Living in the shade of oak, rowan and cherry trees in Seer Green, I have had hopes and dreams for a while of pottering in an open space, flooding with light and summer sunshine and the solution was closer to home than I had initially envisaged - I am delighted to be a new member of the Seer Green Allotments Association."



If anyone else is seeking 'tonic for the soul' and space to nurture and grow their own tasty vegetables and perhaps some flowers, do contact Barry Richardson our Chairman on 01494 637407 to let him know you would like to join this thriving allotment community.

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