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From the Editors

This month the whole nation and beyond will be brought together as we remember the enormity of the losses in the First World War which profoundly affected every village in the country, including our own. You can read more about the men from Seer Green who lost their lives on page 14 and 15.

remember those we have lost and the year starts to draw to a close. Thankfully there is so much going on to enjoy on our own doorstep. It is gratifying to think that 100 years after the end of the Great War, our villages are still thriving with such a strong community spirit. Long may that continue to be the case.

November is always an evocative and rather poignant month as we

Sue Puttergill and Fliiss Coombs

Next Month's Magazine

The next edition of the magazine will be our double December/January issue. Please send all contributions to: editorseergreen@gmail.com by **7 November**. Diary dates for the next two or three months would be very welcome.

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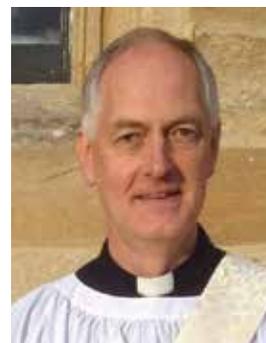
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Thoughts for the Month



At the age of 18, I worked for a time in a residential home. One of the people I helped to care for was a gentleman named Jack, who was 92 years old. Jack had been a blacksmith in the First World War and had some extraordinary and pretty horrifying stories which made a very deep impression on me.

Many of us will have heard such stories or seen documentaries showing people's shocking experiences of this war. We may have read letters or poems written by those at the front, including those about the poignant Christmas Day truce in No-Man's Land in 1914.

As we come to commemorate the Armistice that brought an end to the war that was thought to end all wars, it is the devastating cost which we remember. That cost includes not only the 5.7 million killed during the conflict, but also its impact on the rest of the 20th century: the Great Depression, the Second World War, the Holocaust and the Cold War.

Each November, we "remember lest we forget". In our own times of political upheaval, let us remember those 16 young men who did not return home to Seer Green, as well as the cost to our community, their loved ones and those who did come home who had to live out their lives with horrific memories and often a sense of guilt because they survived and their comrades did not.

As we remember the cost, we may think about the words of Jesus who said, "No one has greater love than this to lay down his life for his friends." The way of love is costly, it involves self-sacrifice, the ability to see each other's humanity and a willingness to put the needs of others before our own.

Rev Paul Henderson



Church Calendar - November 2018

Holy Trinity has some regular services, which are the same every week and some services which are different each week or special services and events. Our aim is to provide variety in our service styles.

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 at the new time of 12.30-1.00pm: Midweek Communion. This is a contemporary language midweek service which has a prayerful focus.

Sunday 10am in November

- 4 Nov** *All Saints Praise Service*; suitable for all ages. There are toys and books for young children available at the back of the church.
- 11 Nov** *Remembrance Service*. This community act of remembrance is held at the Jubilee Hall. It is organised by the village churches with involvement from the school and uniformed organisations.
- 18 Nov** *All-Age Praise Service with guest speaker from 'Rethink'*; suitable for all ages. Toys and books for young children are available at the back of the church.
- 25 Nov** *Holy Communion*; suitable for adults and older children. There are toys and books at the back of church for young children to use.

Monthly

Sunday 4 November 4pm 'Remembering Service' (All Souls). We remember those close to us who have died at this quiet and supportive service.

New for families this autumn: Sunday 25 November 3.30pm Engage pop-up church in Jordans village hall.



Church Events | News

Our charity for November - Combat Stress

Men and women who serve in the Armed Forces can be left with invisible wounds including anxiety, depression, phobias, nightmares or flashbacks.

Even those with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) may not notice it right away - and even when they do years can go by before they seek help.

Left untreated these mental scars can be serious, even life-threatening. But wounded Veterans can find hope and healing at Combat Stress, thanks to the gifts of those who appreciate the sacrifices they have made for us.

"It's not just changed my life, it's been for my little daughter, my wife, family

and friends - it has changed their lives too." - Neil

There can be no more appropriate cause to express our Christian concern for Veterans in need this very special Remembrance time.

All offerings at the united service on Sunday 11 November at the Jubilee Hall and in 'charity' envelopes at Holy Trinity throughout November will be donated to Combat Stress - the Veterans' Mental Health Charity for 95 years.

www.combatstress.org.uk/returninghome

Jane Sperry

Special Services/Events

Tuesdays and Thursdays in Nov 9am - Prayer in the morning in Church

Thursday 1 Nov 9-11am - Community Coffee Morning in Church

Sunday 4 Nov 4pm - Special service to remember those we have loved

Thursday 22 Nov 2.15-3.30pm T Club in Church

Tuesday 13 Nov TIME ?  Living Well in the Golden Years, a series of talks covering health, spirituality, relationships, wills and decision making. The final session. Jordans Village Hall.

Thursday 22 Nov 7.30pm - 'Rethink' an evening put on by Churches Together to consider questions about life and faith with a guest speaker. Drinks and nibbles from 7.15pm

Church News

Remembrance

Our annual act of remembrance this year will be on Sunday 11 November beginning in Jubilee Hall at 10am. This year will be particularly poignant as we mark the centenary of the end of the First World War in which 16 local men lost their lives. Do come and join the whole community for this special service.

Remembering our loved ones

(All Souls)

Would you like to remember a loved one who has died? We have a special service on Sunday 4 November at 4pm when we can remember our loved ones by hearing their names read out and lighting a candle.



Please put the name of your loved one on the list at the back of the church by Saturday 3 November. Refreshments will follow the service, everyone is welcome.

U3A Group Visit

The Exploring Local Churches group of the South Bucks U3A based in Beaconsfield visited the church in September and joined the afternoon T-Club for an excellent and very comprehensive talk by Geoffrey Brand on the history of the church. We all enjoyed a wonderful cream tea and the members of the group thoroughly enjoyed their visit. - *Ann Wyllie*



Pop-up church in Jordans

This autumn we launched our new pop-up church in Jordans Village Hall, called Engage, on the fourth Sunday of each month. At our first gathering in September it was great to see so many people of all ages coming together to enjoy our informal service.

All are warmly invited to join us for our next Engage service on Sunday 25 November and 23 December.

Rethink

We have a special speaker coming on Thursday 22 November at 7.30pm to speak on the topic, 'How can a good God allow suffering?' Drinks and canapes will be served from 7.15pm, please do come along.

Advent Carol Service

Often the season of Advent is lost in the build-up to Christmas so we like to celebrate Advent in a special carol service. This year it will be on Sunday 2 December at 6pm. There will be beautiful music from our choir, an opportunity to sing Advent carols and hear seasonal readings.

Christmas Concert

A concert to celebrate the festive season featuring a variety of readings and music, including community carol singing and a chance to hear the Seer Green ladies' choir Village Voices,

who will have recently returned from a concert tour to Bratislava and Vienna. Sunday 9 December at 7pm.

New in church

Where to put our beautiful kneelers was an issue until there was the bright idea of sewing on hooks and attaching them to the pews. Now their creative artistry can be enjoyed so much more. A huge thank you to the brilliant team who spent many hours sewing on the hooks. I think you will agree that they look fabulous like this.



Knitters needed!

Can you knit? I have had a small group of people knitting during 2018 for a special advent project, but could do with some more!

If you would like to get involved please get in touch with me and I can give you more information.

Thanks, Janna Holder 07764490960
jannaholder@talktalk.net



Baptisms, weddings and funerals

Funeral

12 September George Van Den Berghe

Wedding

?? September John Burrows-Smith and Lucy Baker



Contact us

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Cassa Messervy - vicar cassamesservy@gmail.com or 01494 672496

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Remembering them

To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, 16 wooden silhouettes of soldiers, one for each man from Seer Green killed during the conflict, will be placed around the war memorial, for the month of November.

These will form part of our act of remembrance on Remembrance Day. They have been specially made by Seer Green resident Ian Hawes, thanks to the generosity of Timberstore for donating the wood and Yaldens for donating the paint.

Ian's wife Kathleen has also knitted poppies which will be attached to the chains of the war memorial.

We are most grateful to Ian and Kathleen for their contributions, bringing a personal touch to remembrance in Seer Green which holds a particularly poignant significance this year.

Janna Holder



Dates for Your Diary

November 2018

Friday 2	Jolly Quaker pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall, from 7pm
Saturday 3	Jordans Bonfire on the Green, starts 6pm (approx)
Wed 7-Sat 10	Stepping Out, Beacon Centre, Beaconsfield
Thursday 8	Seer Green Gardeners AGM, 8pm Baptist Church Seer Green and Jordans WI AGM, 2.15pm Baptist Church
Friday 9	Jordans Picture House, Journey's End (see pg 18)
Sunday 11	Remembrance Service, starts at 10am, Jubilee Hall Jordans Picture House, War Horse (see pg 18)
Sunday 18	Fun, Food and Fireworks for SG Kids, 5pm at Seer Green CE School
Tuesday 20	Seer Green Lunch club with hostesses Catherine and Jane
Wed 21 - Sat 24	Sweeney Todd, Curzon Centre, Beaconsfield
Thursday 22	Rethink speaker in Holy Trinity church
Saturday 24	Christmas Cracker Fair, Seer Green CE School, 12 to 3pm

December 2018

Saturday 1	Christmas Lights Switch On, Orchard Road shops, 6pm Supper and Song, Jordans Village Hall, see page
Friday 7	Jolly Quaker pop-up pub, Jordans Village Hall, from 7pm
Sunday 9	Living Nativity, 3.30 to 5pm, starts in Baptist Church Christmas concert with Village Voices, Holy Trinity, 7pm
Tuesday 18	Seer Green lunch club, all cooks will be there

Walking to remember



In early October Seer Green resident and keen walker Markus Liebenberg walked 100 km over three days in memory of the 16 men from Seer Green who did not return from the First World War.

The walk started at Lochnager Crater in France and ended at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium, taking in many battlefields and cemeteries along the way.

This is the fourth time that Marcus has taken part in a Frontline walk, helping to raise funds for ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

"Each time I walk on those battlefields the impact is huge," he says. "It is hard to fathom the sacrifice these young men and boys made for us over 100 years ago. As this year is also the centenary of the 1918 armistice, I wanted to dedicate my walk to the men of Seer Green that did not return after the war.

"I had the honour of laying a wreath at Thiepval for AV Goodall and WE Horley. Their names are with the names of 74,000 other men who have no known grave. I also laid a wreath for JA Wass at Tyne Cot memorial. His name is with the names of almost 35,000 other men with no known grave. It was an honour to remember these men 100 years on and I hope the younger generation will continue to Remember Them."



Rest in peace

Lest we forget

This November as the nation comes together to commemorate the end of the First World War, we in Seer Green particularly the men from our village who never returned.



Private Frederick Batting of the Worcester Regiment

Died on 25 March 1918 aged 19. Son of Arthur and Alice Batting of Malthouse Square, Beaconsfield.

Private Joseph Gilmore of the Lincolnshire Regiment

Died on 22 September 1918 aged 28. Son of Thomas and Eliza Gilmore, husband of Lillian of Craylands, Seer Green. Killed in action.

Gunner Arnold Goodall of the Royal Field Artillery

Died on 25 September 1916, aged 20. The son of Dan and Ann Goodall of Church View, Seer Green.

Private Percy Goodall of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Died on 1 July 1916. Killed under heavy fire on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

Private Arthur Green of the East Surrey Regiment

Died on 26 November 1917 aged 31. Born in Seer Green, husband of Emmie. He and 229 of his regiment lost their lives when they went "over the top".

Gunner George Hoad of the Royal Field Artillery

Died on 19 August 1918, aged 28. Son of David and Ellen Hoad of The Three Horseshoes, Seer Green, husband of Aggie. Thought to have died of sickness in India.

Lance Corporal Charles Holmes of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry

Died on 4 December 1917. Lived in Beaconsfield. Thought to have died of wounds in Cambrai.

Private Bertie Knott

of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry
Died on 9 April 1917, aged 34. Lived in Seer Green, husband of Agnes, father of two. Killed following orders to attack a hill occupied by Germans.

Private Edward Payne of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry

Died on 19 July 1916, aged 19. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Payne of Seer Green. Killed in action at Fromelles. All his company were killed or wounded.

Private Ernest Payne of the Machine-Gun Corps

Died on 7 July 1918 aged 24. Born in Seer Green, son of Raymond and Lucy Payne of Perry Oak, Seer Green. Killed in action between Arras and Hazebrouk.

Private George Payne of the Royal Fusiliers

Died on 25 April 1915 aged 22. Born in Coleshill, son of George and Ellen Payne and lived in Seer Green. Killed at Gallipoli.

Private Richard Timson of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry

Died on 1 October 1918 aged 20. Son of William and Caroline Timson of Seer Green. Killed in action.

Rifleman Joe Wass

of the Rifle Brigade
Died on 2 December 1917 aged 22. Lived in Lees Green, Bucks. Killed in action under enemy fire.

Private Edmund Worley of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry

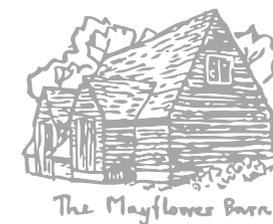
Died on 31 August 1916 aged 30. Born in Seer Green, son of William and Emily Worley of Rose Bank, Seer Green. Served in Asiatic War, probably died in captivity.

Sergeant Harold Worley of the Royal Fusiliers

Died on 10 March 1916 aged 25. Born in Seer Green, son of Edmund and Fanny Worley of The Poplars, Seer Green. Killed in action on the Western Front.

Private William Worley of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry

Died on 18 July 1916 aged 21. Born in Seer Green, son of William and Emily Worley of Rose Bank, Seer Green. Killed in action at the Somme.



Seer Green CE School looking for new governors

Seer Green CE School has vacancies for new Governors this year and next.

Governors are responsible for developing the school's vision, values, strategic plans and policies, ensuring accountability and securing financial probity by setting budgets and monitoring spending.

The full Governing Board meets three times a year and Governors also sit on committees, have various link roles, and attend school functions.

We are particularly looking for people with skills and experience in finance and property and HR matters, performance data, and governance including chairing roles.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, do please get in touch with the Chair of Governors, Michael Phipps, on michaeldhipps@aol.com or 01494 676515.

Success for the Seer Green Beer Festival title change!?

This September saw another hugely successful event in Seer Green, the annual Beer and Live Music Festival, held to raise funds for the rebuilding and refurbishment of the Scout Hut.

We had fantastic weather throughout the 2-day event. A colourful circus top tent set the tone for the whole event and housed the great quality bands with some returners and plenty of new talent including many young local performers who did us proud.

There was a huge selection of beers and ciders, plus a new bar serving artisan gin from local distillers and a very popular gin cocktail.

The Beaconsfield branch of Young Theatre mingled with the crowd providing dramatic interludes between bands, the BBQ team provided a great feast including pizzas from a wood burning oven.

This was our biggest event so far and feedback confirms that it was a fabulous event. Local volunteers worked hard and delivered a top-class event. Most important of all, we raised in excess of £13,000 which will all go towards our new Scout Hut which will be built next year.

Finally, we need more volunteers to help with future events! If you are able to help, please contact: nikkiwalker101@gmail.com

Nikki Walker



Allotment News

Congratulations to all the Produce winners at the Autumn Produce and Flower Show in September, a great showcase for the wide variety of fruit and flowers grown on the allotments.

As autumn draws to a close, now's the exciting time to plan ahead for next year's crops.

With that in mind, a large amount of manure compost will be delivered for the Allotmenters to add to their own for spreading and digging in, in preparation for the planting to come.

Though demanding at times, the pleasure gained by being able to go out and pick completely fresh produce from the allotment makes all the hard work really worthwhile.

Information can be found on the Allotment Noticeboard regarding the last working and social Parties of the year.

Bronwen Collins



Update on Seer Green Post Office

It is with great sadness and regret that we have to announce that our fight to save our village shop and Post Office is over. Despite the strength of feeling from the community with almost 200 objections, prior approval has been granted by Chiltern District Council for change of use from a shop to one single dwelling.

Our District Councillor Steve Patel's first submission earlier this year was refused because he had not provided proof that the business is no longer commercially viable. This second application did not follow the normal planning application

process, but was submitted as Prior Approval under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order 2015) for which a lower threshold of evidence is required.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the campaign to save the shop and Post Office which has been the beating heart of our village for 80 years. We wish Steve and Sandi Patel well in their retirement.

Mandy Thomas

Chairman, Seer Green Parish Council

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Lighting up for Christmas

The annual switch-on of the Christmas tree lights in Seer Green has quickly become one of the most popular village events of the year.

This year the event takes place from 6pm on Saturday 1 December. The lights will be switched on at 6.15pm. Whoever wins a competition at the Christmas Cracker Fair on 24 November.

This festive occasion also launches the 2018 Living Advent Calendar. Houses, gardens and buildings throughout the village will be decorated and lit for Christmas, with each road having its own switch-on date. We would love you to get involved with it this year! You could

decorate a window, a door, a whole garden or a doorstep, the choice is yours.

You should have your display ready by your allocated date in December and we ask that it stays up until the end of the week after Christmas. This is not a competition, but a simple and creative way of preparing for Christmas that brings pleasure to others too.

If you would like to take part this year, or for further information please contact Jane Smith, janesmithmusic@aol.co.uk or Janna Holder, jannaholder@talktalk.net, 07764490960 by Friday 9th November.

All the family are invited to...

Fun, Food & Fireworks 2018

Sunday 18th November 5.00 - 6.45pm

Food, Tuck Shop, Bouncy Castle & Activities from 5pm. Fireworks at 6.30pm

Jubilee Hall, School Lane, Seer Green

For more information contact Janna on 07764 490960 or email fireworks@sgkids.co.uk

This is an **SGKIDS** event sponsored and supported by SG Baptist Church & Holy Trinity Church. There is no set charge but donations are welcome.

News from Jordans

The Halloween Party

Wednesday 31st October Da  **query November edition???**

For all between 4 and 11 years Heaps of creepy games in the Village Hall between school and 'trick or treating'

Time 3.30 - 5.30pm

Dress - Whatever you like!

A Bonfire on The Green

Saturday 3rd November

SO much more than a bonfire. To start with it is massive and lights up the whole Green. Also hot dogs/ burgers and The Jolly Quaker will be out there selling Rebellion Beer at the usual £3 a pint as well as lager/ cider/ wine and a great array of soft drinks. Music throughout and maybe even dancing towards the end of the night!

Check with posters as to kick off time around 6pm.

The Centenary Calendar

Wonderful images of Jordans and life in our village on every page - watch for it for sale in the shop during November.

Supper and Song

Saturday 1st December

Our annual event in the Village Hall to give talented villagers a chance to entertain all. A just wonderful evening and not to be missed.

Tickets from Evangeline Evans at Candlemas Seer Green Lane from the middle of November.



Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Village 2018

Jordans Village wins a Certificate of Merit in the Morris Cup.

We are very pleased to announce that Jordans won a certificate of Merit in the Morris Cup this year, and we were just 4 points behind the winner of our category, Padbury, near Buckingham.

Thanks especially to Sebastian Bunce, Jeff Holdsworth, Jack Murphy, Alex Codling, Lee Butterworth, and all our residents for keeping the Village so neat and tidy.

Jordans Picture House

Our screenings for November 2018

Our films for November have been chosen to mark Remembrance Day weekend and the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Friday 9 November: Journey's End

Doors open at 7.15pm, screening starts at 8pm.

Set in a dugout in Aisne in 1918 this is the story of a group of British officers led by young officer Stanhope as they await their fate.

Sunday 11 November: War Horse

Doors open at 3.15pm, screening starts at 4pm.

Directed by Steven Spielberg and based on Michael Morpurgo's 1982 novel and its acclaimed 2007 National Theatre adaptation.



All tickets are £8. You can book and buy tickets online:

www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk

Or phone Charlotte Baggins on 01494 689904.

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Your pets and fireworks

No-one wants to be a killjoy but many pets suffer immense stress and anxiety during firework season. These tips from the Blue Cross may help:

- Keep dogs and cats inside
- Walk your dog before the fireworks start
- Close all windows and doors to keep noise to a minimum
- Draw the curtains and switch on TV or radio
- Dog should wear collar and ID tag in case they run away.
- Prepare a safe spot for your pet, perhaps under a bed with something familiar.
- Let your pet pace around, whine, miaow and hide in a corner if they want to.
- Stay calm, act normally and give lots of praise for calm behaviour. Cuddle and stroke your pet if it helps them, but if they prefer to hide then let them do this
- Avoid leaving your pet alone. If you do have to leave the house, don't rebuke them for any accidents.
- Don't leave your dog outside a shop while fireworks might go off, or leave them in the garden or in your car.
- Never take your dog to a fireworks display. Even if they don't bark or whimper at the noise, it doesn't mean they are happy.
- Excessive panting and yawning can mean that your dog is stressed.



Finally, if you are planning to let off fireworks yourself, please stick closely to the traditional date of 5 November and enjoy them in as short a time span as possible. Consecutive nights and prolonged firework explosions are very hard for animals to cope with. Thank you.

Seer Green Gardeners - November 2018

As the gardening year come to an end, it's time to take stock and start planning for next year.

Thursday 8 November at 7.30pm is our Annual General Meeting in the Baptist Church Hall. This a great opportunity to hear how well the society has done over the last year, and to help inform our plans for the next year.

We are actively looking for people to join the committee for 2019. It's very fulfilling to see how much enjoyment people in the village get from the events we organise. The more people we have, the easier the role becomes!

If you are interested, please contact Philip on seergreengardeners@gmail.com

Bonfires

It's bonfire season, but if you are lighting a fire in your garden, please follow this advice:

DO NOT

- burn wet or green garden waste. This will create heavy smoke. Allow clippings to dry for a couple of weeks before burning.
- burn oily rags, rubber, plastics or other materials that will create heavy smoke or toxic fumes.
- light a bonfire when your neighbours are using or enjoying their gardens or have windows wide open.

DO

- **advise your nearest neighbours before you light a bonfire**
- **choose the time of day and weather conditions to cause the least inconvenience to neighbours.**
- **burn material quickly in small quantities to create the minimum amount of smoke.**
- **locate your bonfire carefully, well away from trees, boundary fences and windows.**
- **Please also avoid lighting bonfires when it's very windy. Have a hose-pipe and buckets of water handy and er leave a fire unattended. Rake the cold ashes into the soil as a useful fertiliser and prevent them being blown onto your neighbour's property.**

Seer Green and Jordans WI

At our meeting in September we had a wonderful talk on Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging.

Ruriko Kojima is a charming Japanese lady, very knowledgeable about all sorts of flower arranging and flower care. She passed on some very useful tips about the use of cut flowers. In particular, she told us that you should always cut flower stems under water.

She prepared several Japanese flower arrangements. These were, like all Ikebana, very minimalist but most effective.

As an added bonus she talked to us about the kimono. The kimono she was wearing had been passed down through the family. Altogether a delightful afternoon.

We are now looking forward to our October meeting when there will be a talk by Arthur Evans with the interesting title "Most teachers are human." This promises to be a most amusing and entertaining afternoon.

Seer Green and Jordans W.I. has been in existence for over 90 years and meets monthly. We have a programme of very interesting and thought-provoking talks on a variety of subjects. It is definitely not all Jam and Jerusalem!

Why not come to a couple of meetings and see whether you would like to become part of a group of lively ladies?

Meg Sheppee

Eight O'Clock Club

As details of current secret agent activity were announced by the British press, revelations of much older spying operations were divulged by historian Helen Fry in her talk about Thomas Joseph Kendrick.

Born in Cape Town in 1881, by the age of 21 Kendrick was engaged in Intelligence work in the 2nd Boer Wars. By 1938 he was working undercover at the heart of Europe's spy ring in Vienna. He enjoyed the company of aristocrats, many of whom were Jews. As war in Europe

loomed, Kendrick and his team worked tirelessly to save the lives of 200 Jewish people each day.

However, during 1938 he was betrayed, arrested, and forced to flee. Continuing to work for the British during World War 2, he initiated the bugging of high-ranking German prisoners of war in the UK.

Kendrick believed that the best way to achieve good intelligence was by wining and dining the POWs and by providing a convivial atmosphere during their imprisonment.

Unsuspecting German prisoners spoke freely assuming British intelligence officers to be incompetent, yet all the while Kendrick's secret unit were listening to unguarded conversations at bases he had requisitioned such as Trent Park, the White House (Wilton Park) and Latimer House. An immensely loyal servant of Britain, Kendrick took many secrets to the grave in 1972.

Our next talk is about four remarkable Russian women, by Dr Ruth Sobel.

Thursday 1 November at 8pm - cost £3. (Due to refurbishment please enter by the rear of the Baptist Church. Refreshments will not be available.)

On Thursday 29 November we have our Christmas meal at Beaconsfield Golf Club. Please contact Monica Sado (monicaseer@gmail.com) for booking form.

Elizabeth Lee

Diary dates for local theatre

Beaconsfield Theatre Group are delighted to perform "Stepping Out" by Richard Harris from Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 November at 8pm at the Beacon Centre, Holtspur with its new raked seating.

Tickets are £5 (£10 for seniors) and are available on 07572 657535 or from the website www.btg-theatre.org

Following the success of "West Side Story", Beaconfield Musical and Operatic Society are performing "Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street" from Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 November at the Curzon Centre, Maxwell Road, Beaconsfield at 7.45pm.

Tickets at £20 are available from 01494 813518 or www.bmos.org.uk

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