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From the Editors

Happy New Year!

We have two new organisers to arrange distribution of the magazine, Carol Campbell and Alison Davies, and two new editors, Phil Moody and Carol Wright. The Parish Magazine team is flourishing and all we need is for spring to come and things,

hopefully, to improve on the COVID front. We hope that you enjoy this online version and that next month you will have the real thing plopping on your doorstep again.

Sue Puttergill, Phil Moody and Carol Wright

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **March** issue to:

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Thought for the Month



As I write, we have just entered lockdown 3 and do not know when it will end. 2020 was a very strange and unsettling year which we won't forget. Our lives changed from freedom and certainty, to a world of severe restrictions on our movements and personal meetings, and we all felt fear of the unseen killer. Many of us have lost loved ones, and been unable to say goodbye to them. A lot of the certainty has disappeared from life.

We now hope that the mass vaccination programme will stem COVID 19's spread and eventually allow children and students to return to school and college, and the economy and employment prospects to pick up.

But there are things which even COVID cannot stop and which will remain certain. By the time this is published, the snowdrops will be coming out bringing the first hopes of spring.

The past 10 months have seen many expressions of neighbourliness and love. Above all, nothing can stop the love of God, expressed through his sacrificing his son to allow us a fullness of life and peace which is beyond all human understanding. It is this love that can dispel all our fears and uncertainties.

St Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus – not trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, death, life, angels or demons, the present or future, height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation. His letter to the Romans may not include the words Covid, lockdown, pandemic, uncertainty, unemployment, economic disaster, or mourning, but we can be sure they are included on God's list. Let us hang on to that love and 2021 will become a year of hope whatever happens.

Linda West - member of the Holy Trinity team



Church Events | News

The Churchyard Girls

On the evening of December 4 Cassa and Mia Messervy, Nicola Jones, Katharine Parker and I struggled into thermals and fleeces and crawled into our sleeping bags for a night in the church yard.

We were part of the 'Big Sleepout at Home 2020' raising funds for Wycombe Homeless Connection to enable everyone in High Wycombe and South Bucks to sleep not out on the streets but somewhere with a roof over their heads. This is not a lot to ask.

As I write, with gift aid, the figure we raised is £7,166.98 and I know that there are other donations still to be put on our Virgin Money Giving page.

The figure will rise to £7,500 and I cannot thank you enough for all your help and support. The Churchyard Girls Virgin Money Giving page will be up and running for a further month so if any of you had wished to donate but just didn't get round to it please feel free to do so now.



Vicar Cassa and Mia Messervy.



Left to right Nicola, Katharine and Ali.

Sleeping out in the open for one night was a very cold experience but ended with an enormous sense of achievement. Sleeping out in the open every night must be intolerable. Wycombe Homeless Connection aims to have the streets of Wycombe free of men and women sleeping out by the end of 2021. Let's hope that with financial help such as yours this can be achieved.

Again from Cassa, Katharine, Nicky, Mia and myself - The Churchyard Girls - thank you.

Ali Cork - Team leader of The Churchyard Girls



Wycombe Homeless Connection

A January update from Wycombe Homeless Connection

We have helped over 40 people get resettled into more secure, stable homes, many of whom were in emergency accommodation and we are continuing to work hard to help everyone find homes for good.



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Holy Trinity Services in February

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www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org

You can watch the services at any time, go to:

Holy Trinity's Facebook page www.facebook.com/HolyTrinitySGJ

You do not need a Facebook account to watch the service.

Holy Trinity YouTube channel can be found Holy Trinity Church, Seer Green and Jordans - YouTube

If you don't have a computer, you can still join a service or hear a favourite hymn.

The Church of England has a free phone line, on 0800 804 8044, open 24 hours a day, particularly for those unable to join online church services. It offers hymns, prayers, and reflections and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

Holy Trinity Families' Zoom

Sunday 21 February 4pm

As we continue to be unable to meet together in person we invite those with 3-11s to join us for our Families Zoom. This will be interactive 'church' where we can virtually meet together, see each other and join in some activities together.

Please contact Janna (07764490960) if you would like the zoom meeting details.

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COVID and the Parish Magazine

We are really sorry that we cannot deliver a copy of the Parish Magazine to your door but the restrictions of lockdown make this impossible. We hope that you enjoy this online version and please contact us at editorseergreen@gmail.com if you know of anyone who needs a hard copy.

We are printing a few black and white versions for people we know who cannot access things on line.

We also cannot collect your subscriptions and will do this when it is possible and also look at ways of paying on line.

Sue Puttergill

Two Jennys retire

Jenny Scott has been organising the distribution of the Seer Green and Jordans Parish magazine for 15 years, ably assisted by Jen Lomas. She says that initially she helped Richard and Penny Ling and has just kept going. The magazines get delivered by the printers to Jenny and she sorts them into bundles and then the two Jennys take them round to all the volunteer deliverers.

We are so grateful to them for all their work, as without them you would not get your magazine.

Every year we organise coffee and cake for the deliverers and chat about their ideas for the magazine. We couldn't do this in 2020 but, hopefully, we will be able to meet in 2021 and then we can thank the two Jennys in person.

We are delighted that Alison Davies and Carol Campbell are taking over organising the distribution and look forward to seeing them both for coffee too.

Sue Puttergill



Village Events | News

One Can update

Here we are in a New Year, sadly with the same challenges as the last.

One Can Trust continue to provide the neediest families and individuals with basic essential items.

Graham Peart, the chairman of One Can reports that it is now the largest food bank in Bucks. He is proud that every request for a food parcel for someone in need has been met and that children are going to bed well fed.

The make up of the parcels is carefully planned and seasonal fresh produce and eggs are included to improve variety and nutrition to give the best possible offering. Around 800 supermarket sized bags of food are distributed to around 230 households each week in Wycombe, Beaconsfield, Marlow and surrounds.

This couldn't be achieved without a strong volunteer force, but also communities such as ours here in Seer Green and Jordans.

I am continuing my weekly delivery to the warehouse on a Friday morning for the foreseeable future and have 2 collection points: 5 Coat Wicks (at the rear of the house) and Best One.

The specific essential items are updated each week which can be checked on the website.

www.onecantrust.org.uk

Real staple basics are always required:

UHT milk
tinned potatoes
tined meat pies
rice
healthier cereal
fresh fruit and vegetables
cooking sauces
tinned veg
tinned fruit

Any of those items would be much appreciated.

The charity is currently looking for volunteers. If you're interested, please contact

Email - office@onecantrust.org.uk

Phone - 01494 512277

Thank you for your continued support.

Janet Stewart



The Great Big Virtual Village Supper

Friday 26 February, 7.30pm

With no immediate end to the pandemic in sight, we are delighted to invite you to a virtual community event to bring the whole village together.

Every year the Seer Green Gardeners Society hosts the Village Supper in the Jubilee Hall, when we come together to celebrate life in our village.

We need that strong community spirit more than ever, so we are going ahead with a fun-packed virtual version of this event on Friday 26 February, with the usual fabulous food, a quiz, some innovative entertainment and handy gardening tips, as well as the precious opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

As in previous years, delicious food will be provided by The Jolly Cricketers which you can order and collect on the day, or you can simply eat your own meal.

The event is the main fund raiser for SGGs, to enable us to continue to carry out improvements around the village, such as spring bulbs, colourful planters and the beautiful wildflower display at the junction of Longbottom and Bottom Lane. SGGs also makes significant donations every year to other village fundraising.

This year we are all more grateful than ever that we live in a village with such a strong and supportive community, so we hope you will all take part in this unique event and make it an occasion to remember.

Tickets are £5 per person. Optional 2-course meal £10. Please look out for further information and details of how to book on village noticeboards and on the SGGs website, or you can contact Jane Smith on 07759 841205 or seergreengardeners@gmail.com

www.seergreengardeners.org.uk

Fliss Coombs



The beautiful planters at entry points to the village are renewed and maintained by the Seer Green Gardeners.

Our Living Village Project Update

Project progress in 2020 was inevitably slowed by the coronavirus pandemic, but like everyone else we've now adapted to online communications and we're aiming to produce a comprehensive demonstration of Our Living Village featuring the villages of Seer Green and Jordans at the next Chiltern Society's Heritage Festival in September/October 2021. To achieve this, we would like to involve as many people as possible over the coming months so if you're interested in this exciting project please do let me know.



Seer Green Enclosure 1831

Over recent months our Technical Team has continued to collect and digitise historical and current maps for Seer Green and Jordans using powerful GIS computer software. At the same time, our People Team has been collecting and analysing residential data from the national census and other sources, and several village families have come forward with rich information which we're planning to incorporate into our village stories.

Our community working groups have produced extensive information on a number of historical village themes including Natural Environment – landscape, woods & wildlife; Music, Literature & Art; Schools & Education; and Religion in our Two Communities.

The next stage of our project involves collecting, digitising and displaying in-depth information on selected village topics which will demonstrate the full potential of the Our Living Village model. Depending upon the level of community support, these topics may include:

- The histories of the Boddy, Payne and other traditional families in Seer Green.
- The history of the two village pubs in Seer Green.
- Traditional village trades such as lace making and woodworking.

- The history of several of the historic buildings in Seer Green and Jordans including Hall Place, Manor Farm and the development of the Manor Farm Estate and Broom House with its links to TS Elliot, Henry Moore and Sir Herbert Read.
- A detailed inventory of natural features in the villages including trees, ponds and hedgerows.

You can find a comprehensive review of the Our Living Village project www.youtube.com/watch?v=58RjANXNk0Y as well as

a shorter, fairly light-hearted Short History of Seer Green at www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3xfn1zbVGc.

At this historically challenging time, let's come together to ensure we hand on to future generations an historical record that does full justice to the rich and varied histories of our two village communities.

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Menu: www.howeandcofishandchips.co.uk/menu

Vegetarian cheese and veg cake is offered. Prices not shown on the menu; the cod (excellent) is £5.00 and basic one-person chips is £2.00. Mushy peas are £1.00.

Help Seer Green Connect to ultra-fast broadband

The Government has pledged to provide Gigabit-capable broadband connections offering the fastest and most reliable speeds available. In addition, the Government is committed to a vision of a digitally connected Britain.

Homes and businesses in rural areas of the UK (like Seer Green) may be eligible for funding towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband when part of a group scheme. Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps can use vouchers worth £1,500 per home, and up to £3,500 for each small to medium-sized business, to support the cost of installing new fast and reliable connections.

We need superfast broadband to support an increasing number of internet-capable devices in the home. All these devices compete for the same limited bandwidth, and basic broadband services with slow speeds are increasingly becoming a major bottleneck. With growing families, where there are a significant number of people in a household, basic broadband is no longer enough.

A large (and rapidly increasing) number of bandwidth-intensive services use broadband as a delivery mechanism. Without superfast

broadband, consumers have an increasingly reduced set of online services to choose from.

Homeworking potentially allows many people to achieve a better work-life balance, particularly parents with young children, and in the current climate is essential for some business to continue to operate. Conventional broadband services often do not permit reliable access to business systems; or prevent employees from communicating effectively with colleagues and customers through video conferencing (for example, Zoom).

If you are interested in ultra-fast broadband for Seer Green, please register your interest (we need your name and address) by either of the following methods:

Contact Me:
Neil McRae - 07787 298167

Email Me:
seergreen.fibrescheme@gmail.com

To learn more, visit the Website:
www.seergreen-fibrescheme.org

Neil McRae

Seer Green Gardeners

February in the Garden

During last year's many months of lockdown we were all so glad of our gardens, any kind of outdoor space to enjoy and call our own seemed particularly precious. If you live in Seer Green you are automatically a member of the Seer Green Gardening Society because gardens and the natural world play such an important part in our lives.

If you look carefully our gardens are already springing into life in February. Daylight hours are increasing, wildlife is waking up and there's already plenty to do to prepare your garden for the glorious months to come.

- Snowdrops that have just finished flowering can be divided and planted in new places for next year.
- Cut back deciduous ornamental grasses to allow spring growth through.

- Divide clumps of herbaceous perennials.
- Bare root roses can be planted towards the end of the month but avoid frozen ground.
- Prune Ivy, Virginia creepers and other climbers before birds start nesting in them.
- Prune your winter-flowering shrubs once they've finished blooming.
- Create your own displays of spring bedding plants in unusual containers and pots.

We can't wait to see you all at the Virtual Village Supper on **26 February**. Please see page 11 for further information.

Catherine Tilley



The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Making a gift to charity, either during your lifetime or in your Will, not only gives you a warm glow of having done your good deed for the day; it will also benefit from tax relief, designed to incentivise charitable giving.

Lifetime Gifts

Lifetime gifts to charity are exempt from inheritance tax – there is no need to survive 7 years or stay within certain allowances. In addition, the charity can reclaim income tax under the Gift Aid scheme, which increases the taxpayer's contribution without costing them or the charity an extra penny, meaning that your £1 donation is worth £1.25 to the charity.

If you're a higher rate taxpayer, the news is even better - you can reclaim the difference between higher rate and basic rate income tax on your donation, so for every £1 you donate, you can claim back 25p in tax relief, in your tax return.

Gifts in your Will

If you leave a gift to charity in your Will, there will be no inheritance tax payable on that part of your estate. If you leave 10% or more of your estate to charity, then your whole estate will benefit from a reduced rate of inheritance tax at 36%, rather than the usual 40%.

I hope readers will forgive a plea to support one wonderful local charity, our own Holy Trinity Church. Collections have been hard-hit by the pandemic, despite Cassa's fantastic work in keeping the show on the road with virtual services. The Church's website sets out various ways to donate, including giving by bank card, direct debit, or the old-school envelope scheme. www.seergreenandjordanscofe.org/information/giving/giving-to-holy-trinity

Rebecca D'Arcy - 01494 708688

www.chilternwills.com



From 7th - 14th February 'Heart Bomb' your home, street or neighbourhood and let everyone know they are **LOVED!**

You could:

- * make heart decorations for your windows
- * create a heart shape to put up outside / hang on a tree
- * paint a heart on a stone and hide in the village
- * pin an encouraging note on a neighbours door
- * chalk a heart on the pavement

As we continue to live in Lockdown take the opportunity to be kind, be generous and show people that they matter. "Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu

Tweet of the Month: 'Flying teaspoons'

During this dark, locked down winter, long-tailed tits have been a joy. *Diminutive Aegithalos caudatus* is striped like a humbug sweet, flushed with pink, and has a jolly, rather cross-eyed little face, but its stand-out feature is that long tail, twice its body length. Bill Bailey, the comedian, birder and Strictly Come Dancing star, refers to them as 'flying teaspoons'; they're also known as 'lollipops', and in the past by folk names including 'bum-barrel', 'bottle-tit' and 'mumruffin'.

Small flocks rocket into my garden in winter, zooming back and forth like sparks from a bonfire, clustering over the suet feeders with long tails akimbo -- and then suddenly they're gone, back to the woods, or to sample the fare in another garden. Listen for their high 'tsee-tsee-tsee' and 'tsirrup' calls on the paths between Seer Green, Jordans, and the neighbouring villages, and watch for them whizzing about, searching for spiders and moth larvae hidden in the winter branches.

Typically they travel in family parties, sometimes along with other tit species. Their sociability is key to their survival: weighing the same as a pound coin, they must huddle together on cold nights or freeze, and as the bird in the middle gets all toasty, it will move out and allow one at the edge to budge in.

The breeding season begins in February, when they pair off and, with astonishing craft, build a nest made of wool, moss and spider silk, lined with feathers and camouflaged with lichen. If, despite their care, a brood fails – perhaps due to predation – the disappointed parents often help relatives raise their chicks, boosting the family's survival chances.

Long tailed tits are increasing in numbers (in marked contrast to many native species), with an estimated 340,000 breeding pairs distributed across most of the UK.



Long tailed tit calls: www.xeno-canto.org/species/Aegithalos-caudatus

Folk names: www.josieholford.com/bumbarrels/ and www.blipfoto.com/entry/2522543

Chick rearing: www.phys.org/news/2013-03-long-tailed-tits.html

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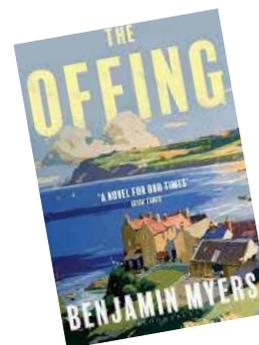
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Janet's good reads

Well, here we are again, another lockdown - and here are a few suggestions for some good reads to while away those spare hours.

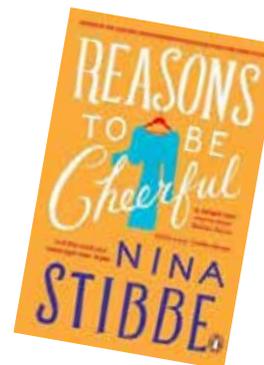
The Offing – Benjamin Myers

A beautifully written, almost poetic novel set in Yorkshire's Robin Hood's Bay after the 2nd world war. A young man travels alone, just to experience something different before the inevitability of his mining life. He meets an older woman living in a remote cottage, whose life experience has been colourful and varied. Their friendship flourishes, teaching them both a great deal about themselves and their lives. A thoroughly uplifting, warm book full of kindness.



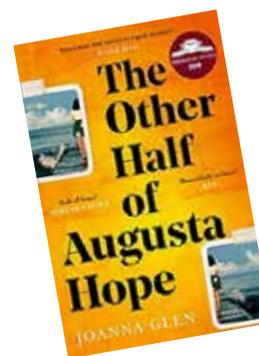
Reasons To Be Cheerful – Nina Stibbe

My book group wanted something more upbeat before Christmas, so we chose this because of the title. It's a light and amusing read which won the Wodehouse prize for comic fiction. Lizzie Vogel, the main character, lands a job in a dentist's surgery in her home town, Leicester. Her experiences there are related in an often laugh out loud fashion. Eccentric characters abound, making the reader feel a genuine rapport with them. I'd definitely recommend this for a bit of light reading.



The Other Half Of Augusta Hope – Joanna Glen

A uniquely hopeful and heart-warming story. The author takes the reader into dual worlds, and at times there are 'sliding door' moments. One of the main character Augusta's favourite words, is Burundi, just for the sound of it. She learns as much as she can about it from afar. Parfait is born in Burundi, his life has very different challenges. Told in alternating stories, this compelling read sweeps the reader along with anticipation of the ending, when we see the two threads joined. Wonderful.



Janet Stewart

Chiltern Shakespeare Company

Sadly, Chiltern Shakespeare Company will not be performing at Hall Barn in June 2021. However, we will be performing, hopefully in the grounds of Hall Barn, at the end of August or the beginning of September 2021. This is going to be re-branded for one year only as; "CSC REDUCED". It will not be the lavish production you have come to know and enjoy, but we will be back for that with Romeo & Juliet in June 2022 - and we can't wait!

We hope that you will come and support this wonderful company, and more information will be available in due course.

Ann Wyllie



Fun Activities for February

Harry Potter Book Night - 4 February 2021

Harry Potter Book Night is a chance for fans young and old to celebrate J.K. Rowling's wonderful series - and it's a chance to pass the magic on to new readers who haven't yet discovered these unforgettable books.

The theme for this year's book night is DIAGON ALLEY! You can obtain a brand new Harry Potter Book Night Kit, filled with amazing activities, event ideas and practical resources here: www.harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/harry-potter-book-night-kit-sign-up-2021

You can share your plans on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using #HarryPotterBookNight or #HPBN21.

World Nutella Day - 5 February 2021

A day dedicated to the enjoyment of this most popular of chocolate and hazelnut spreads. If you love Nutella, why not try a new recipe such as flourless Nutella banana bread or Nutella fudge? There are lots of Nutella recipes online. You will be amazed!

Chinese New Year - 12 February 2021

The New Year according to the Chinese Calendar. This year will be The Year of the Ox. Famous people born in The Year of Ox include

Napoleon, Meg Ryan, Peter Jackson, B.B. King, Margaret Thatcher, Eddie Murphy, Bruce Springsteen and Charlie Chaplin.

If you want to wish someone a Happy New Year in Cantonese say Gung Hay Fat Choy! (literally 'may prosperity be with you') or in Mandarin say Xin Nian Kuai Le! (Literally 'Happy New Year').

A popular way to celebrate Chinese New Year is to play Mahjong a Chinese strategy game. Versions of Mahjong can be downloaded from the internet.

Darwin Day - 12 February 2021

A celebration of scientist Charles Darwin, author of The Origin of Species. The purpose of the day is to inspire people across the globe to reflect and act on the principles of intellectual bravery, perpetual

curiosity, scientific thinking, and hunger for truth, as embodied in Charles Darwin.

You could celebrate Darwin Day by performing some science experiments at home. Just ensure you are aware of safety and if children are young, that an adult is present. Here's one site that has lots of experiments that can be done at home: www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html

Also, with so many t.v. channels available to us now, there are many opportunities to see some wonderful programmes about the natural world. Why not spend some time watching a wildlife documentary? It gives you the chance to see parts of the world you may never visit and also learn more about wildlife closer to home.

Andrew Westlake

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Seer Green Allotment Association

Our allotments kept us going - busy and cheerful last strange year - and it looks set to be somewhat similar for much of 2021.

So with little social news, here is one example of how our veggies have been used in cooking by the allotmenters. After all, with the inability to head for a restaurant or pub, more food will be being consumed at home and is part of the healthy joy of the whole experience!

With an ample abundance of butternut squash last summer, here is a recipe one of our growers has highly recommended.

Sunny Sri Lankan Curry (Serves 4)

1 small butternut squash
1 tsp coconut oil
20g cashews
1tsp ground turmeric
1 tsp vegetable oil
1 tbsp curry powder
2 large shallots
1 tbsp black mustard seeds
3 large garlic cloves
1 tbsp tomato purée
5cm piece fresh ginger (about 20gm)
15 curry leaves, optional
1 fresh green bird's-eye chilli
200ml reduced-fat coconut milk
1 red pepper
200ml water
1 orange pepper
10g desiccated coconut
100g fresh baby spinach leaves
½ lime
salt and black pepper
10g fresh coriander leaves, optional

Method:

1. Peel the butternut squash and scoop out the seeds. Cut the squash into 2.5cm cubes. Spread the cubes over the lined baking tray, drizzle over the vegetable oil, season, put the tray in the oven and roast for 30 mins until tender. Toast the cashews in the oven for the last 5 minutes, then chop.
2. Peel and finely dice the shallots. Peel and grate the garlic and ginger. Cut the chilli in half lengthways and remove the seeds if you prefer, then finely dice. Core and dice the peppers.
3. Heat the coconut oil in a large saucepan or wok over a medium heat. Add the shallots and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring for 5-6 minutes. Add the garlic, ginger and chilli and stir for 1 minute. Add the turmeric, curry powder, mustard seeds, tomato purée and curry leaves and stir for 30 seconds. Add the peppers

and stir for 1 minute. Pour the coconut milk, water and half the desiccated coconut into the pan. Simmer for 4-5 minutes.

4. Add the spinach and stir to wilt. Add the roasted butternut squash cubes and fold them into the curry. Squeeze the juice from the

lime into the pan and fold it into the sauce.

5. Taste the curry, season, sprinkle with the cashews, coriander leaves and remaining desiccated coconut and serve immediately.

Thank you Oyvind!

Bronwen Collins

Seer Green wildflower meadow

What is happening in the Seer Green wildflower meadow?

The wildflower meadow at the corner of Bottom Lane and Longbottom Lane was a combined effort by Seer Green Gardeners, Jordans Environment Trust and Seer Green Parish council. It looked gorgeous last year and you may have noticed the work there over the winter. Seer Green Gardeners have been working hard to get it ready for reseeding in 2021.

The whole bed is being weeded carefully. A carpet path has been put down to stop the weeds and the creep of thistles from behind the

area. They don't want to dig up the thistles as they form a nice backdrop.

The carpet kills the weeds without using weed killer. The carpet will be removed and some of the stones that have been dug out of the area will be used to form a path between the wildflowers and the thistles. There is no path at present and people have walked through the wildflowers to admire them.

Some of the seed will remain from last year but this year more native wildflower seeds will go in.

It should be a wonderful sight.

Janna Holder



Sing on Saturday with Jane Smith



With the new lockdown, Jane Smith, the inspirational leader of Village Voices and Seer Green Singers wants to give everyone an opportunity to have a sing. She has restarted the Sing on Saturday sessions

for anyone who would like to do something cheerful on a Saturday morning. It runs from 10.30 till 11am, and the format is as before - a chance to let off steam and have some fun!

Completely free to take part, and all are welcome, whatever age and from wherever in the world they are Zooming from - invite your families!

Sing on Saturday was hugely successful last year and if you want to join in email editorseergreen@gmail.com for the zoom details.

Sue Puttergill

Changing days in Jordans

Wow it is January already - only 2 months and we will be basking in light mornings and daffodils!

However winter in our village can deliver a feast of changes so here are a number of different photos of just about the same view. I wish I took more. Most photos on my ipad are taken by others showing me the wonders of nature where they live, most of mine during this past year have been about change but in our grandson Kit who lives with us and not the beauty of our village.



I see a challenge! During this time when we are all home based let's take photos of the changing days and I will compile a photo book on line.

Here are some the ones I have taken over the past 2 months. I hope you enjoy looking at them and are inspired to get outside or come over to Jordans and take photos of the changing days.

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Security marking can deter thieves by making the items harder to sell on. It also makes it easier for the Police to return your item, in the event of it being lost or stolen.

Items should be marked on the back or underneath with a postcode and house number using an ultra-violet pen. Larger items, such as

bikes, scooters or machinery can be permanently marked using an engraver or etching kit. Ultra-violet pens, engravers and etching kits are all available online.

For smaller items use synthetic DNA, microdot & other chemical marking liquids, which can be used to mark just about anything. Quick to apply, each solution is unique to the owner and practically impossible to remove.

If it's expensive, it is also desirable, so please get it marked!

Rubbish / Recycling - Your rubbish can give thieves an insight on what you own and what valuable items are in your home. Recycling is of particular interest, because the thieves can see whether or not you have purchased any big-ticket items. Make sure to break down your boxes. If you leave them intact, it is easier for thieves to know what to look for when breaking into your home. Let's not tempt burglars by leaving packaging of expensive items purchased on view, as an advertisement to thieves of what is inside your home.



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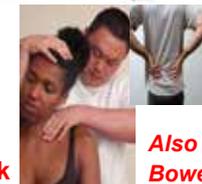
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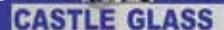
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