



SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Our Newsletter is delivered twice a year to all Seer Green households. We also regularly post information on our Notice Board opposite Lamb's Newsagents and on our website.

SEER GREEN WAR MEMORIAL

Summary of present position:-

Seer Green is one of the few villages in south Buckinghamshire without a war memorial, and one of the ideas from the survey carried out by the Seer Green churches in 2007 was to have one in the village in time for the centenary of the start of the first world war, 2014. Those who made the ultimate sacrifice are presently remembered on plaques in the churches. This was supported by a more recent parish council survey, and at the last AGM at Holy Trinity, parish councillor Dennis Scourfield undertook to investigate further and, following a number of recent meetings, this article updates the position.

The favoured design is in the form of a Celtic cross made of light grey granite and about nine feet high. It would sit on a concrete foundation up to four yards square surrounded by granite chippings with four metal posts to support a hanging chain. The suggested location is in the middle of the hedge in front of the cemetery, and a mock up photo of how it might look is shown below.



The photo does not feature the base work including the metal posts and chains and therefore the width of the gap will be larger than that shown. Wreaths and other flowers may be

placed within the base area as is the case with all such memorials. The reason for a gap in the hedge is so that the memorial may be clearly seen from both the road and cemetery rather than be hidden behind a hedge, and being more public it is hoped to discourage vandalism and graffiti.

Quotes have been obtained for the memorial, and the most favoured supplier is a Hertfordshire company, with whom discussions are presently taking place. The cost of the inscribed memorial is in the order of £5k using granite. In addition a further quote has been obtained for the foundation and levelling work so that the memorial may be craned straight on to the site, making a total of approximately £10k. Part of the finance is already pledged from the parish council and private donors. However, further contributions from others are urgently required, and any cheques should be made payable to "Seer Green Parish Council" (address overleaf) Seer Green Parish Council would own and maintain the memorial, and the suggested inscription on the front facing Chalfont Road would be:-

***"In memory of the residents of Seer Green
who gave their lives for their country"***

Names to be considered for inscription on the back, facing the cemetery:-

It is proposed to include the first name where known (otherwise initials) and surname only, and no ranks, regiments or decorations. However those to be inscribed on the memorial have to be considered carefully and a note of those who might appear is given below.

The names overleaf are taken from the plaques in Holy Trinity church (duplicated in the Jubilee hall) and the Baptist church.

SEER GREEN WAR MEMORIAL CONTINUED:-

1914-18 war
Frederick Batting
Arnold Goodall
Percy Goodall
Arthur Green
George Hoad
Charles Holmes
Ernest Payne
Edward Payne
George Payne
Richard Timson
Joe Wass
Edmund Worley
Harold Worley
William Worley

1939-1945 war
Colin Boddy
Arnold Harding
Donald Hyde
Ronald Mance
Gerald Sprake
Reginald Taylor

However some of those on the church plaques above are not recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) as having been resident in Seer Green, but it is nevertheless felt that they should be included on the memorial. In addition the following names of

Seer Green residents not noted on the village plaques were ascertained from a data search of CWGC records

1914-1918 war
Joseph Gilmore

1939-45 war
John Gershom- Parkington
George Lane
Cyril Sansom

Dennis would welcome any comments on the above, spellings, any family history, and who should or should not be included, and of course any further names that may have been omitted with whatever details are available.

It is hoped to commence the work later this year, and to place the order with names to be inscribed by the end of the year. The lead time is up to one year from order to installation, and completion is targeted for January 2014. The Parish Council is not prepared to commit to this scheme until the full funds are committed or available, and hence the need for more donations and pledges as soon as possible. Please send any comments or donations to Dennis Scourfield, Grays Cottage, Church Road, Seer Green, Bucks HP9 2XZ. or call 01494 672167.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD 2012

Last year the Parish Council presented a small award to recognise the person judged by the Chairman as having made the most significant contribution to the village community.

The award is being run again for 2012 and we are asking for your nominations to be submitted before the closing date of 20th April 2012. The award (gift tokens to the value of £50) will be made at the May 2012 AGM.

Nominees should be village residents or have strong ties to the Seer Green community; age is no barrier, recipients can be young or old; their contribution might have been towards community spirit or social cohesion in the village, or it might have been to improving or up-keeping the village environment. We would like to hear from you about those unsung heroes whose contribution goes unnoticed as well as those who are known to play a prominent role within our community.

Please use the adjacent slip and send your nomination to the Parish Clerk, address overleaf.

My nomination:

Why I am nominating him/her (maximum 50 words, use a separate sheet is preferred):

My name:

My contact details:

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Parish Council is pleased to be supporting two events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Seer Green has been successful in our application for 420 trees as part of the Jubilee Woods project.



On February 3, 2012, Her Majesty The Queen and HRH The Princess Royal together planted symbolic trees at Sandringham to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and the Woodland Trust's Jubilee Woods Project. The Woodland Trust, which is providing the trees, aims to plant six

million trees to celebrate the Queen's reign and the planting will involve millions of people around the country.

The saplings which will be planted by Seer Green residents this spring, are from a range of trees to encourage wildlife, the trees included are hazel, silver birch, rowan, common oak, blackthorn and hawthorn. The trees will be planted in several areas including Green Meadow, at the Recreation Ground and in Green Wood. Also included is a Royal Oak Sapling, grown from seed gathered from the Royal Estate, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

At our February meeting, the parish council also decided to support the Seer Green and Jordans Diamond Jubilee celebration by donating £1,000. We are delighted that this event has been organised by villagers themselves. The organisers explain the event in more detail:-

"In Seer Green and Jordans we are planning to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style, an outdoor music festival with a professional stage and sound system. Think Glastonbury without the mud!

Plans are moving ahead fast, and we already have a great line up of talented people – all local – with something for everybody, whatever your

THE DATE

Sunday, May 27 - afternoon and evening

THE PLACE

The grounds of Seer Green CE School

age or musical taste. The school grounds will provide a natural amphitheatre for the audience to enjoy the music and the sun (we hope) and there will be all kinds of refreshment from beer tents and barbecues to cream teas.

The event is likely to cost £10,000 and in order to turn this vision into a reality, we need the financial backing to make it happen. Could you be an individual patron for the event, or help us with sponsorship? We are delighted to announce that Seer Green Parish Council has generously donated £1,000 to kick off our fund-raising but we do urgently need more sponsors – either individuals or local companies or organisations. We also need volunteers to help with the event either beforehand or on the day. If you would like to perform but haven't yet let us know, please do so as soon as possible.



SEER GREEN & JORDANS COMMUNITY TRUST
DIAMOND JUBILEE
MUSICAL
CELEBRATION

This is going to be a very special event in the life of our two villages, and we're hoping for fine weather, great music, good company and plenty of fun. More details will be available very soon – in the parish magazine, on posters round the villages, and for those of you with access to the internet, there is a website, SGJcommunity.org, and we're on facebook and twitter too. But in the meantime, please put the date in your diary and if you can help in any way, please email djjsmith@aol.com or telephone 01494 676344 between 10am and 2pm.

We have set up the Seer Green and Jordans Community Trust so that we can run the event, and maintain a legacy for both villages. Any profit from the concert will be divided between the trust and a local charity."

Seer Green and Jordans Community Trust

LET'S MAKE SEER GREEN A SAFE AND PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE

Feedback received in last year's Village Survey highlighted your biggest areas of concern as speeding and inappropriate parking. In response to concerns expressed over speeding, the Parish Council worked hard to secure commitment from Bucks County Council to install two VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) in the village; one is already up and running by the school and the second is to be installed on Chalfont Road near to the entrance of Hearnese Close. The rationale behind the siting of both is that they are in highly visible locations which will warn drivers to slow down as they approach the heart of the village. Whilst research indicates that such devices do not solve the problem entirely, it is something on which we can build.

So if YOU are serious about the threat that speeding poses, not just to the safety of the more vulnerable members of our community but to the overall harmony and enjoyment of our village, then let's ALL do something about it. AND the best bit! We don't have to wait for BCC to

approve and fund costly traffic calming schemes, which might take years, WE can start making a difference right now without spending a penny. Put simply 'Lead by Example'.

- Know the legal speed limit and do NOT exceed it.
- Be an ambassador for driving in our village; importantly if you comply with the limit, the chances are that the driver behind will too.
- Don't drive faster just because someone is tail-gaiting you.
- Check your speedometer frequently; it could save your licence.
- Choose the correct gear to maintain proper control of your speed.

Whilst there will always remain a hard core of habitual speeders, research shows that the majority of people speeding are often simply not thinking. Please think and SLOW down when driving through the village.

**DON'T SIT BACK DOING NOTHING
MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY**

AROUND THE PARISH...

Parish Council Signs

You may have noticed that we have placed small signs at each of the properties in our care. The reasons for this are: to provide a post code in the event that the Emergency Services have to be called to the location, to identify to the public who is responsible for the land or building and to provide health, safety or environmental information relevant to the location.

Pedestrian Visibility

Please can residents walking along Farm Lane to Seer Green station please wear or carry something that is visible to oncoming traffic. As there is no pavement, it has been reported that commuters, dressed all in dark colours, have been difficult to see and nearly knocked over - please be bright and wear something light!

Seer Green blighted by Dog fouling

We continue to receive a number of complaints about dog owners allowing their pets to foul our village. Apart from being a very unsocial act its consequences pose a real threat to health, hygiene and safety. It is a particular hazard at sport and play areas and on the pavements and paths. Residents might be interested to know that your Parish Council spends £1000 per year on the provision of bins for dog waste. If you are a dog owner please use this facility. If you are

experiencing dog fouling where you live report it to Environmental Health on 01494 732058.

1800 Eyes Better Than 18

Each year your Council formally review and assess all the risks we have identified in relation to our land, properties and activities, which are then regularly reviewed throughout the year. The assessment assists us in directing funds to improve the village amenities. If you spot a hazard please report it to the Parish Clerk.



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