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## From the Editors

This month's magazine looks rather different now that some of life's usual activities are currently on hold. So we have decided to focus on different aspects of support available to the local community during these uncertain times. A number of groups are providing online support including Holy Trinity Church which is streaming services via Facebook. You can also read about the virtual choir 'Seer Green Sings!' which is proving to be very popular with children and adults of all ages.

The magazine includes advice on well-being and a lovely, gentle walk from the centre of Seer Green that is sure to lift the spirits. We have included articles on how to stay safe, and the latest legal article on inheritance tax planning.

We send our best wishes to all our readers and their loved ones, and we look forward to the resumption of normal life in the not too distant future.

**Sue Puttergill and  
Andrew Westlake**

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# A Psalm for people like us

Psalm 23 has been a source of strength for thousands of years. Let's pause and say it every day at 11 am through this crisis we now face.

*When we are isolated and alone, we remember God is with us; we place our hands in his hands...*

> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

*When we are tired and confused...*

> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

*When we are worn out with worry...*

> He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

*When we are sick and afraid and if we lose those we love...*

> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

*When we face difficulties today and we hope for a better tomorrow...*

> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

*In the face of trouble & difficulty of all kinds, we remember Jesus' promise of life beyond death...*

> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

## Thought for the Month



How quickly life has changed since we first heard the word 'coronavirus'. With so much illness and death, we are thinking far more about our mortality and we can't help asking the question, 'If God made man in His image, why is He allowing it to be tarnished in this way?'

Nowhere in the Bible does God or Jesus promise that belief is a super-duper insurance policy against illness and death. What Jesus did say before ascending back to heaven, was 'I am with you always, to the very end of the age'. We can be sure that through all the pain and hardships He is there to provide comfort; and He also wants us to reflect His love to others.

In the current crisis we are seeing many people showing love far beyond the call of duty. We see NHS workers and other key workers risking their own lives in order to provide vital health services and goods for others. In our own community our shopkeepers are keeping us supplied with food; our street buddies are doing shopping, running errands and providing friendly 'phone calls to those self-isolating; and many others are providing similar back-up to friends and neighbours.

Jesus told his disciples that whatever they did for others, they did for Him. In reaching out to others during this crisis, we are building up our own faith in Jesus who loves us so much that He was willing to die an extremely painful death for us.

These times are hard, but let's be thankful for all those working so hard to care for the sick and those who mourn, and for a renewed spirit of neighbourliness amongst people. With God by our side we will get through. May His peace be with us all.

**Linda West** - Licensed Lay Minister



## Church Events | News

### Virtual Vicar

Like many people my work has been profoundly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. So much so that I am now a 'virtual vicar' with an online church led from our home. Our meeting space and place of prayer and worship is now Facebook Live on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/HolyTrinitySGJ](http://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinitySGJ). The only parts of my work at the moment which are not virtual are pastoral phone calls and funerals.

As I have reflected on this process, I have to give thanks for the Facebook post I saw with a video from a vicar in the USA who described how to use Facebook Live in 4 easy steps. This was Tuesday 10 March when

I was starting to mull over how to keep those who were self-isolating connected with services and church community. Our churchwardens Jane and Janine were very encouraging so we did our first Facebook Live services on Sunday 15 March. By Sunday 22 March, Mothering Sunday, the church was closed for public worship and so Janna, my family and I led a Facebook Live service in an empty church. Then on 23 March our Prime Minister began the lockdown. From that point I have led services from the vicarage from our dining table, my office and in the garden. There has



been participation via pre-recorded videos from people giving reflections, prayers and readings and my lovely family leading the music and helping with the service. Janna, our Children and Families Minister, has also led some services and events from her home, including a fabulous All-Age Easter Experience on Good Friday.

There have been huge challenges in this time. The pace of change and need to adapt has been hard. I felt at times like I was trying to stand upright on shifting sand! Much of the normal way of doing things has had to be rethought and changes made. However, the silver linings for me through becoming a 'virtual vicar' during this time have been an enormous encouragement. We have seen people 'join' our services who would not normally be able to because it's online, family who are abroad, people ill in hospital and a parish locally who are without a vicar

at the moment. I have also been able to be much more creative and use resources which have sat on my shelf, to enhance our prayer and worship particularly in Holy Week. Finally I have been able to 'join in' with prayer and worship myself with friends and colleagues who have also become 'virtual vicars'. In a role which can be rather lonely, this has been a huge blessing.

I look forward to the day when we can return to our church building and all the community activities we are usually involved in. However, I hope I will continue to be a virtual vicar alongside being physically present in the building as the unexpected benefits of this difficult time should not be lost. I wonder what benefits you have seen and would like to hold onto once we are on the other side of this time?

### Reverend Cassa Messervy



## New Service Arrangements at Holy Trinity during Coronavirus (Covid -19)

*Churches are now completely closed but prayer and worship continue at Holy Trinity in our homes.*



All our services are streamed on Facebook from the Vicarage. You can watch the services at any time on Holy Trinity's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/HolyTrinitySGJ](http://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinitySGJ)

You do not need a Facebook account to watch the service; just click on 'Posts', ignore 'Log in or Create an Account' and scroll down until you reach the appropriate video. Earlier services are still available further down. If obscured by a further invitation to subscribe, click on 'Not now' at the bottom. If no sound, click on the picture.

### Service times are

Sunday Morning Service 10am

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9am

Wednesday Midweek Service 12.30pm

Thursday Morning Prayer 9am

Friday Five minutes Peace, Meditation 9am

Other services and events may happen so keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

## Contact us

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or 01494 672496

Church Wardens and  
General Enquiries Jane Spoerry 01494 677328  
Janine Dunnell 07525 322955

## Charity for May 2020

Holy Trinity Church has a designated charity each month and although almost every other part of life is changing around us, raising money for our nominated charities has not! Our May charity of the month is Christian Aid.

Many of you will recall a collection envelope dropping through your letter box last May. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the rules on social distancing and staying at home, Christian Aid will not be holding a house to house collection this year.

Yet despite the coronavirus outbreak, all charities continue to need financial support and for those, like Christian Aid, who work with the poorest of the poor across the world, the need is as great as ever.

Christian Aid has three major fundraising campaigns running at the moment: Christian Aid's fight against the climate crisis, the Rohingya crisis: Forgotten children appeal, and the coronavirus emergency.

Christian Aid anticipates that some of the world's poorest countries, with the weakest health systems and most vulnerable people, will be most exposed to coronavirus. They will struggle to cope with any costs of healthcare, the costs of

being unable to earn a living while ill or quarantined, and the costs of rebuilding their lives afterwards.



Christian Aid is already taking action. Working together with partners, the charity is informing people about the risks, offering hygiene and hand washing sessions, ensuring that health facilities in camps have triage facilities, spaces in order to receive suspected cases, and providing training to health personnel and key frontline aid workers.

Christian Aid urgently needs your help to support its response to the coronavirus pandemic. Please give what you can today.

The easiest way to support Christian Aid's Coronavirus emergency appeal is through the website.

[www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/coronavirus-emergency-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/coronavirus-emergency-appeal)

**Rachel Gibson**

## Food Bank Crisis and the impact of Coronavirus

The coronavirus pandemic is placing those with the greatest needs in a very serious situation. Holy Trinity Church, which supports the work of Chiltern Foodbank, is currently shut and no longer able to receive donations of food. Consequently, it is proposed that members of the church family and the wider community can, should they wish, make a financial contribution which will be converted into goods that will be delivered weekly to the Foodbank.

Should you feel able to contribute or wish to purchase items for your own use please either email us at [williamdykes@btinternet.com](mailto:williamdykes@btinternet.com), telephone us on 01494 874511 or text 07968 421416.

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**Margaret and Bill Dykes**

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## Village Events | News

### Seer Green Sings!

Like many choral directors, I have been rapidly learning about the technology available to allow us to continue running our choirs during the pandemic. There is nothing that replicates the experience of being in a room together and hearing our voices combine in song, but through technology we can at least see each other on screen and each member of the choir can sing along with my voice. Being part of a choir is obviously about the music, but also it is crucially about the community. Having the familiar faces in front of us on screen has been very comforting and uplifting in this most stressful and peculiar time.

Having seen how helpful it was for my choirs, I thought that it would be good to have a similar meeting point for the village. And so 'Seer Green Sings!' started. It is a remote singing session for all ages (the first rehearsal had a babe in arms and someone in his 90s) that runs

from 10am every Saturday morning. We have had two sessions so far at the time of writing, and last Saturday there were 130 people taking part.

For some people who are less confident, the great advantage of singing remotely is that no one else can hear you, allowing you to find your voice in private. For others the joy is singing alongside your family members and allowing music to help you put the current worries temporarily to one side. We sing songs that feel relevant, songs that are just fun, and we've also started work on a specially composed song for the group.

If you would like to take part you'd be most welcome, and feel free to invite friends and family members who don't live in the village to join us too. You can get all the information on how to take part from me on [janeasmithmusic@gmail.com](mailto:janeasmithmusic@gmail.com)

**Jane Smith**



## 160 Campaign

Seer Green Church of England School would like to thank everyone who has participated in its 160 Campaign, to commemorate and celebrate the school turning 160 this year.

Many families within the local community have pledged their support to the campaign, raising money in so many heartwarming and creative ways.

This has included donating proceeds from the sales of personalised homemade ceramics, selling honey and jam at the Fireworks and Christmas Tree Lights Switch on, as well as a fun-filled family dance party in the Jubilee Hall!

Many more pledges and events were planned for the coming weeks. Of course, the current situation with Covid-19 has put paid to some,

however, whilst families are isolating at home perhaps the 160 theme could help stave off a bit of boredom and inspire some fun home-based challenges.

Could you run round your garden 160 times, pull up 160 weeds from a flowerbed in a week, or walk 160km during your daily exercise allowance?

We look forward to hearing about the challenges you manage to complete during this time and also to providing you with more 160 Campaign updates once we're all out the other side.

Get in touch at [pta@sgceschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@sgceschool.co.uk) or support us via Seer Green CE School 160 Campaign's fundraising page: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/seer-green-school-160-campaign](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/seer-green-school-160-campaign)

**Claire Jenkin**

## Seer Green Neighbours Coronavirus Local Support

Two weeks before the government launched their volunteer scheme to help those in need, Seer Green was already ahead of the game. A willing group of villagers set in motion our scheme to cover every road with a coordinator and buddies ready to spring into action to ensure that no one in the village was left without support, should they need it. It didn't

take long for each road to be covered and assigned a coordinator, who then set out to leaflet every house in their road with details of the scheme, and how they could get involved if they either needed help, or wanted to offer help.

As we started before social distancing was introduced, many coordinators were able to knock on the doors of

residents to explain how they could access help or offer support to others. I have heard many stories of the encouragement that these doorstep conversations brought to anxious residents who were so grateful for the kindness and support on offer.

Coordinators and buddies have assisted with the collection of prescriptions and deliveries of food and have made phone calls to keep in touch. We have also had referrals from local GPs, pharmacies and the Council.

There's a saying that says "it takes a village to raise a child..." well I think it takes a village to support, love and help one another when times are difficult. I believe we are all incredibly fortunate to live where we do with such an amazing community spirit and sense of responsibility for each other. Thank you to everyone who has got involved. Please stay home, stay safe and get in touch if we can help.

**Janna Holder 07764 490960 and Claire Jenkin**

## Supporting the Front Line

Many of us are staying home to keep ourselves safe and to help protect the NHS. There are, however, those in our community who are working incredibly hard on the front line. We are aware of some of the local doctors, nurses and paramedics and are trying to provide supplies for them to take into their places of work.

There are three ways you can get involved with this –

1. Buy some snack type food, crisps, biscuits, fruit.
2. Bake some cookies/cakes.
3. Provide individual portions of homemade meals, which can be reheated either at work or after a hard shift. These can all be left at a drop off point in the village.

If you would like to get involved or are a key worker who would like some supplies, please contact Kim Rowland on 07816 992205.

**Janna Holder**





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to Sir Peter Blake

## A new defibrillator for Seer Green



Currently there are two defibrillators in the village which are maintained by Seer Green Parish Council. They are located at the Jubilee Hall and the Recreation Ground. Seer Green Baptist Church is planning to install an additional defibrillator at the church premises which are located more centrally in the village.

Seer Green & Jordans Rotary Club and the Eight O'Clock Club have very generously donated funds towards the new defibrillator and the Church now has £750, which is roughly half of what is needed to acquire the item and the secure casing.

The Church would welcome any further donations so that the defibrillator can be installed as soon as practicably possible - current circumstances notwithstanding. Please contact Tim Cox, Church Secretary, on [seergreenbaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:seergreenbaptistchurch@gmail.com) or via [www.lifeinseergreen.org](http://www.lifeinseergreen.org).

## Seer Green Neighbours Coronavirus Support

### Do you need help?

*(Food, medicine, a chat)*

Each road in the village is served by a coordinator and buddies willing to help.

Please call Liz Bates 874233 or Janna 07764 490960 who will put you in touch with someone who can help.

You are not alone!

**Janna Holder**



## News from Buckinghamshire Council

The new unitary council, known as Buckinghamshire Council, launched at the start of April. Elections scheduled for May to decide which councillors would sit on the Council have been postponed for twelve months. In the meantime, all 202 current Shadow Authority councillors will remain in post.

### Fighting coronavirus in Buckinghamshire

Daily video updates from Buckinghamshire Council about local progress in combatting coronavirus are uploaded to their website. Please see: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/video-updates](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/video-updates)

The daily vlog provides an opportunity for people to ask questions via social media on how the Council is fighting coronavirus locally, what residents can do to stay safe and how they can get involved in helping others - using the #askBucksCouncil Twitter hashtag.

### Waste services

Due to the developing situation, waste services are currently operating with a reduced number of staff. Please check for the latest service update at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/service-changes/coronavirus-waste-services-all-districts](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/service-changes/coronavirus-waste-services-all-districts)



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## Look after your mental health and wellbeing



The Mental Health Foundation provides advice on various aspects of mental health. They have the following tips for keeping well when staying at home.

### 1. Plan your day

As tempting as it might be to stay in pyjamas all day, regular routines are essential for our identity, self-confidence and purpose. Try to start your day at roughly the same time you usually would and aim to set aside time each day for movement, relaxation, connection and reflection.

### 2. Move more every day

Being active reduces stress, increases energy levels and can help us sleep better. Explore different ways of adding physical movement and activity to your day and find some that work best for you.

### 3. Try a relaxation technique

Relaxing and focusing on the present can help improve your mental health and lighten negative feelings. Try some different meditation or breathing exercises to see what helps.

### 4. Connect with others

Find creative ways to keep in touch with friends, family, and others to help you (and them) feel more connected and supported. Explore ways of connecting that work for you, whether that's by post, over the phone, social media, or video-chat.

### 5. Take time to reflect and practise self-compassion

Make time every day to reflect on what went well. It's important to recognise your successes and the things you are grateful for, no matter how small. Consider keeping a gratitude journal each day where you could write two or three of these things every night before you go to bed.

### 6. Improve your sleep

Aim to go to bed and get up at the same time each day, and try to get some natural sunlight (by opening your curtains and windows) where possible. This helps to regulate your body clock which can help you sleep better.

For more tips see [www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk).

## Victory in Europe Day

This year's Early May Bank Holiday has been put back to Friday 8 May to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day.

VE Day 1945 meant an end to nearly six years of war in Europe that had cost the lives of millions; had destroyed homes, families, and cities; and had brought huge suffering and privations to the populations of entire countries.

Millions of people rejoiced in the news that Germany had surrendered, relieved that the intense strain of war was finally over. In towns and cities across the world, people marked the victory with street parties, dancing and singing.

But it was not the end of the conflict, nor was it an end to the impact the war had on people. The war against Japan continued until August 1945 and the political, social and economic repercussions of the Second World War were felt long after Germany and Japan surrendered.



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A national holiday was declared in Britain for 8 May 1945. In the morning, Churchill had gained assurances from the Ministry of Food that there were enough beer supplies in the capital and the Board of Trade announced that people could purchase red, white and blue bunting without using ration coupons.

Various events were organised to mark the occasion, including parades, thanksgiving services and street parties. Communities came together to share the moment. London's St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic has resulted in the scaling back of national commemorations to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It is hoped that once the immediate crisis abates, we will be able to turn our attention to Victory over Japan Day on 15 August which marks the end of World War Two.

**With thanks to the Imperial War Museum**

## Protecting your wealth for future generations

Inheritance Tax is a tax charge on any part of your estate that exceeds your personal allowance (also known as the nil rate band). Your estate is the combination of your property, savings and investments, other assets and any gifts you gave away in the seven years leading up to your death.



The executors of your estate (as appointed in your Will) are responsible for valuing your estate and completing an Inheritance Tax return when you die. They must also pay the Inheritance Tax bill within six months of your death – otherwise probate will not be granted, and the rest of your assets cannot be distributed in line with your Will.

### How much is Inheritance Tax?

Inheritance Tax is usually charged at 40%. This drops to 36% if you give away at least 10% of your estate to charity.

### The nil rate band

The nil rate band is your personal allowance that is free from Inheritance Tax. It is £325,000 per person for 2020/21. Any unused allowance can be transferred between married couples and civil partners when they die, meaning you could potentially

pass on up to £650,000 without your beneficiaries paying any Inheritance Tax.

### The residence nil rate band

The residence nil rate band is a new allowance for passing on the family home. The allowance is £175,000 for 2020/21. As the allowance can be transferred between spouses, this means married couples and civil partners could potentially leave £1 million to the next generation with no Inheritance Tax to pay. The residence nil rate band only applies to the family home (not a second home or buy-to-let property) and can only be used when passing on assets to direct descendants.

If you would like more information on estate planning and inheritance tax planning contact Philip Harper, Managing Partner at fmifa on 01494 817151 or at [www.fmifa.com](http://www.fmifa.com).

## A lovely local walk



*Before the coronavirus pandemic, I had been training to walk from John O Groats to Land's End, starting in the middle of April. Of course, this has had to be postponed for at least a year, which is obviously disappointing. But one of the great things about the training I had been doing was discovering the wonderful walks on our doorstep, near enough to home to comply with the current government regulations about exercise.*

This is a gentle walk with a large proportion of flat level ground with about half of the walking on man-made surfaces. There are two short hills, one quite steep. Just under 3 miles, approximately 1 hour at a gentle pace. Total ascent – 240 ft.

Starting on the corner of Bottom Lane and Orchard Road, walk a little way down Bottom Lane and turn right into the field. Walk past the iconic oak tree and down into the next field.

Skirt the field on the left-hand side and walk downhill towards Blue Close Wood.

Go through the gate and up the path directly in front of you. At the top of the hill take the footpath across the field to the right. There are often horses in this field, next to Oldfields Farm.

Enter Birchen Woods at the top left-hand corner of the field and follow the clearly marked path towards the main road (A355).

Although in this time of lockdown this road is much quieter than normal please still take extreme care when crossing as vehicles can move very fast. Cross the road and take the footpath opposite, next to South Lodge. This shortly leads into a lovely tree-lined open driveway with fields on either side.

At the end of the driveway, as you approach the edge of the field, take the small road round to the right. Fairly soon you will see a metal gate leading to the next footpath. Walk diagonally across the field towards the edge of the hedge in front of you.

Within the hedge is a small entrance that leads to the next footpath. Continue straight ahead skirting the conifer hedge. The path eventually leaves the woods and comes out into a new field. Continue towards Wood Cottage.

Pass the cottage and at the junction turn right down the lane.

Walking past North Lodge, notice the extensive forestry work on the lefthand side. Eventually the road leads down to cross the busy A355 again.

Take the track directly in front of you with fields on either side. At the metal gate take the path to the right. Soon it descends into Bottom Wood.

Follow the path to the bottom and at the junction take the path straight ahead of you up the hill. This is the steepest part of the walk and can be very muddy if the weather has been wet.

At the top stop and look over the field to your left to enjoy the views to the windmill in Coleshill. Then continue along the narrow footpath between the hedges.

At the bottom of the path turn right onto Bottom Lane, which eventually leads back to Orchard Road and your starting place.



**Jane Smith**

## Greetings from Jordans!



How wonderful that all around us in the village we can enjoy the usual signs of Spring. No - the arrival of baby lambs and colourful tulips are not affected by Covid-19. What a relief!

The fields around us are looking brilliant and it is so dry underfoot - how did that happen? Throughout December, January and February when leaving the house on foot I automatically put on my wellies - even walking over to church as some of you will have noticed! Maybe 'not ideal for the Sunday service' footwear but definitely appropriate for the mud encountered on the footpath between our 2 villages. Now everywhere is dry - yes, we are back to doing the daily watering! Not a chore now but a pleasure.

For us with gardens and open spaces close to our homes where we are free to head for to take our daily exercise, how lucky we are.

Only 20 minutes down the road some people live in cramped conditions with nothing that resembles a garden. Let's give a thought for those individuals who may not have seen a tulip let alone spring lambs.

Ending on a cheerier note - in our village of Jordans the community spirit is second to none. The gratitude expressed by villagers for the amazing service that our village shop is providing as I write, and will continue to attempt to provide right up to the end of self-isolation, is fantastic and how appreciated are the 'runs' to collect prescriptions and the regular phone calls.

Yes Jordans is doing well!

**Ali Cork**



## Jordans and Seafarers – an unusual connection!



In the summer of 2019, by chance, a book came to me which had originally been given as a gift from my father, Richard Ryder, to his sister Mary. It has the unusual title "In Cabined Ships at Sea" (from the Walt Whitman poem) and is by Ronald Hope, who was Director of the Seafarers' Education Service and College of the Sea. It tells the story of the SES which was founded in 1919 by Albert Mansbridge, a committed educationalist who had already, in 1903, founded the precursor to the Workers Educational Association.

My father worked for the SES all his life, from 1935 to 1978 (only interrupted by his war service) and was Secretary from 1947 until his retirement. Inside the book I found a cutting from the "Borough News" (from our home town, Kingston upon Thames) dated January 1970, with an article about the book, my father, and our family. In it my father reports: "It is rather a coincidence that Katherine is engaged to a young man who lives in Jordans, the birthplace of the Seafarers' Education Service".

Albert Mansbridge had, in 1918, also founded the World Association for Adult Education (a precursor to UNESCO) and dreamed of an educational association for Merchant

Seaman on their long voyages. Along with Lawrence Holt (of Blue Funnel Line and Ocean Steamship companies) he convened a meeting in December 1919 in Old Jordans Hostel to establish an organising body for the SES. He was said to have considered it propitious that the Mayflower Barn was adjacent, noting that it contained timbers from the Mayflower, "the ship that had taken the Pilgrim Fathers to America in search of liberty and freedom of thought".

One hundred years on, the Service is still going strong, now incorporated into "Seafarers UK". Is it not a strange coincidence that I should have re-discovered these links in 2019, Jordans Centenary year?

**Katherine Bradnock**



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## Remaining safe on-line

Since February 2020, the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has identified an increase in the reports of fraud where coronavirus was mentioned.

### The two most common risks are:

**Viruses** - These are malicious software programmes loaded onto the user's computer without their knowledge. They perform malicious actions, leading to corruption of data/files, and may even disable the computer.

**Phishing** - This is the fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords and bank details by disguising oneself as a trustworthy entity.

Of the reported coronavirus related fraud cases, ten of these reports were made by victims who attempted to purchase protective face masks from fraudulent sellers. Fraudsters are also sending out coronavirus-themed phishing emails in an attempt to trick people into opening malicious attachments or revealing sensitive personal and financial details.

### How to remain safe online

Watch out for scam messages - Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never

respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or financial details.

Protect devices from the latest threats - Always install the latest software and updates to protect your devices. The National Society for Cyber Security provides useful information on how to update your devices.

Shopping online - If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first and ask a friend or colleague for advice before completing the purchase. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, as most major credit card providers insure online purchases. Action Fraud, the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime, has produced advice on how to shop online safely.

### National Association of Local Councils



## Seer Green Gardeners News

### Virtual Spring Show

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to send in photographs for the Virtual Spring Show on 4th April. We had almost 150 photographs which is an amazing response. We put all these together into a video for you to enjoy. You can view the video on the Seer Green Village Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Seergreenvillage/videos/264704217889218](https://www.facebook.com/Seergreenvillage/videos/264704217889218)

### Begonia and Geranium Competitions

The Begonia and Children's Geranium competitions are now underway. The idea is that we provide you with a plug plant, and you grow it on for display at the Autumn Show. If you would like to take part, please sign up online at: [www.seergreengardeners.org.uk/home/events-and-competitions/spud-in-a-bucket-begonia-in-a-pot/begonia-and-spud-entry-form](https://www.seergreengardeners.org.uk/home/events-and-competitions/spud-in-a-bucket-begonia-in-a-pot/begonia-and-spud-entry-form)

### Heads Up

Now is the perfect time to get thinking about our Scarecrow and Photography competitions. Building a scarecrow is a great activity for all the family to get involved with while we are at home.

**Scarecrow Competition** – New Theme is INSPIRING PEOPLE OF OUR TIME

**Photography Competitions** – Theme is A SPORTING MOMENT

More details on [www.seergreengardeners.org.uk](https://www.seergreengardeners.org.uk)

Philip Newton



## Seer Green Allotment Association

Thanks to the much-appreciated efforts of Polly Woodfine (as part of her Village Eco Week) and the kind donation from the Woodland Trust, we were fortunate enough to get the hedge saplings planted on one of our boundaries before the lockdown came into force.



In time to come, the wide variety of natural plants will surely make a spectacular hedge, appreciated not only by the allotmenters but by birds, bees and other insects!

Because of the lockdown, more time has been available for many who have plots and hopefully (weather permitting), produce this year will be very abundant. Let's pray the Autumn Show can go ahead and this produce will be displayed!



*People have been very active and creative with preparations for the coming season.*

Here is new section in the SGAA's monthly article given anonymously:

### Tip for the month: Planting seedlings.

When planting seedlings make a trough about 1" deep and wide, water until the trough is basically mud and then go along and use a dibber to make a small hole. Drop seedling root into hole and push mud back around root if needed.

If you have a fair number of seedlings then you can make a grid which makes it easier to space them out,

just adjust your grid to whatever you are planting. So, beetroot seedlings (I grow mine in a gutter in the greenhouse) will be around 10cm apart whereas corn seedlings are planted around 30cms apart. It also looks nice and tidy, and water will run into the trough whether by rain or by hose.

Despite this most difficult time there are certain pluses for which we can be grateful – clearer skies, cleaner air, less noise pollution and more time to be able to enjoy the benefits of working on an allotment, surrounded by the beauty of recovering nature.

Keep safe and well.

**Bronwen Collins**

## Eight O'Clock Club

Should there be a dramatic improvement in the coronavirus situation, the May meeting will be on Thursday May 14 (note this is the 2nd Thursday of the month).

All are welcome. Cost £3 including refreshments at Seer Green Baptist Church.

**Monica Sado**

Helen Fry historian, biographer & scriptwriter will give an illustrated talk on 'The London Cage' - the story of a secret interrogation centre in Kensington, London run by Colonel Scotland who lived in Buckinghamshire.



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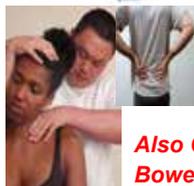
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