



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.

WAR MEMORIAL

This article gives an update on what we have achieved with the war memorial and news about its eventual completion.

As reported in earlier newsletters, the war memorial was first suggested as early as 2007 and the Parish Council undertook to ascertain village support and, if given, agreed to progress the memorial. There was almost unanimous support throughout the village as evidenced by a village survey and the many donations received, and much progress has been made. The site is at the entrance to the cemetery, and villagers may have noticed that a gap has been made in the hedge facing School Lane, and the foundations prepared.

The memorial has been ordered and is now available for inscription. The agreed inscriptions will be as follows:-

BACK SIDE (FACING CEMETERY)

**LEST WE FORGET
1914-1918**

**FREDERICK BATTING
JOSEPH GILMORE
ARNOLD GOODALL
PERCY GOODALL
ARTHUR GREEN
GEORGE HOAD
CHARLES HOLMES
BERTIE KNOTT
EDWARD PAYNE
ERNEST PAYNE
GEORGE PAYNE
RICHARD TIMSON
JOE WASS
EDMUND WORLEY
HAROLD WORLEY
WILLIAM WORLEY**

FRONT SIDE (FACING SCHOOL LANE)

**LEST WE FORGET
1939-1945**

**COLIN BODDY
ARNOLD HARDING
DONALD HYDE
GEORGE LANE
RONALD MANCE
JOHN GERSHOM PARKINGTON
CYRIL SANSOM
GERALD SPRAKE
REGINALD TAYLOR**

(A gap will be left for any future inscriptions)

All letters will be inscribed in black capitals, with first name and surnames only. Names above include all those on the plaques in the two churches with the addition of Gilmore and Knott (14-18), Parkington, Lane and Sansom (39-45) which are derived from further research. All were associated with Seer Green (e.g. married to resident, son of etc) but may not have been resident themselves. It is for this reason that we decided to change the main inscription from "In



SEER GREEN WAR MEMORIAL CONTINUED:-

memory of those in Seer Green etc..." to "Lest we forget". These names have been on notices near the site for some time and no further comments have been received, so by the time this is published, they may have already been engraved.

Delivery of the memorial to the site should happen later this year, and will be followed by completing the area around the base of the memorial as well as some landscaping at the cemetery entrance. The extent of the latter will depend on how much money has been raised.

The Parish Council said it was not prepared to commit to this project until full funds were available. We are pleased to announce that we have already raised sufficient to cover the cost of the memorial, in the order of £6k and the foundation work of £4k. To date the Parish Council has committed £4k, local donations of nearly £5k have been received, and grants from Bucks County Council of £3k.

Added to this total we have also received the sum of £2,500 from the Trustees of the Seer Green and Jordans Community Trust as a result of the very successful Diamond Jubilee Music Festival in May, for which we are most grateful. We are hopeful of further contributions from the local churches, local pubs and have also applied for further grants. Any further donations from villagers would of course also be welcome. A total of £20k is possible and whatever this turns out to be, the balance will be spent on landscaping the area and improving the surface of the driveway.

Thus we hope to have a memorial in place for the 2013 Remembrance Day service (a year earlier than expected) and would thank all villagers and others who have or will give their support. To date these include Buckinghamshire Building Society, Seer Green and Jordans Community Trust, the Jolly Cricketers Pub, Seer Green and Jordans Society, County Cllr Tim Butcher, Bucks County Council Chalfonts Local Area Forum and many local residents.

BUCKS BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2012

Seer Green received very positive judges' comments in the Best Kept Village Competition and we were pleased to be given a Runner-Up certificate for the DeFraigne Cup. Seer Green were awarded 78 points out of 100.



Judges' comments:-

"We were impressed with Seer Green. The grass in the village had been well cut. The churchyard was in very good order. The Jubilee Walk was an interesting feature. The Jubilee Hall and children's playground are clearly well used. Overall the village appears well cared for and much loved by its inhabitants."

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD 2012



Mrs Rene Blake receiving her award and voucher from Cllr Dennis Scourfield and Cllr John Forsaith

The Parish Council make an annual award to recognise the person nominated by residents, and judged by the Chairman, to have made a significant contribution to the village. Several nominations were received and this year the award went to Mrs. Rene Blake in recognition of the many years of dedicated service that she has given to our community through her work in the Post Office.

Mrs Blake was nominated by Steve Patel, who wrote, "Rene has provided community service through the Post Office. She has worked 20 years for me, 11 years for Mr Lamb and a number of years for a previous owner. She has hardly had any holidays. She is kind and helpful, respectful, generous, patient and shares her time. She believes each customer is important."

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Seer Green residents planted over 350 trees as part of the Jubilee Woods project. The Woodland Trust provided the trees to celebrate the Queen's reign and they are from a range of trees to encourage wildlife. The trees included are hazel, silver birch, rowan, common oak, blackthorn and hawthorn.



The saplings were planted in Green Meadow and Green Wood by Seer Green Brownies (pictured above) and at the Recreation Ground by Seer Green Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. A Royal Oak sapling, grown from seed gathered from the Royal Estate, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was also planted in Green Meadow. Our grateful thanks to all of the children and helpers who supported this project.



Seer Green Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Leaders

On the 27th May Seer Green and Jordans came together in glorious sunshine to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee through music. Mounting such an ambitious event was more of a challenge than any of us had anticipated, but with so much good humour, enthusiasm and commitment it was bound to be a success. The musical acts all lived or had strong connections with the villages. The genres ranged from classical to rock, taking in folk and musical theatre.



The villagers turned out in force, with numbers far exceeding our hopes, and the musicians put on a wonderful performance. The success of the day was down to many factors, but one of the most critical was the support of local businesses and individuals who acted either as sponsors/patrons of the festival, together with a grant from the National Lottery. The Parish Council was the first to offer financial support, so it allowed us to commit to making the festival happen. The Trustees of the Seer Green and Jordans Community Trust have made a contribution of £2500 to the Seer Green War Memorial fund, and some money has also been given to the Scouts to thank them for their invaluable support.

Jane Smith, SG&J Community Trust

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR - OLWYN DAVISON OAKLEY

Although I don't reside in Seer Green itself, I have been the Headteacher of Seer Green CE Combined School since May 2000 and consequently feel very much part of the village because of my contacts with the children, families and churches. Becoming a Councillor means that I can bring my experience of the children and families to initiatives that will improve Seer Green whilst preserving its identity and maintaining the strong community of the village.

I have lived locally for the last 26 years, and enjoy spending time with my husband, three grown-up children and grandchildren.



NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR - RICHARD DARLINGTON

Having spent the last 4 years renovating 'Colliers' School Lane (which has been in my wife's family for almost 100 years) we finally moved in September 2011 with my two teenage daughters.

I work in financial services compliance and have my own consultancy firm. In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, hockey and gardening (hedges and grass cutting!)

As a Parish Councillor I am keen to protect the village's heritage and serve the community.



SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

As the Neighbourhood officer for Seer Green and surrounding areas I was asked to record some safety/crime prevention advice. Recently there were a series of thefts from cars and workmen's vans, not just in the Seer Green area but other locations. I have provided some information that may assist residents to prevent property being taken from vehicles. This is not an exhaustive list

Crime prevention advice

- When leaving your car, close all windows and lock your car
- Park your car in an attended car park
- Look for public car parks approved by the Park Mark scheme
- When parking at home, use your garage. If you don't have a garage, park in a well-lit area
- Don't leave anything on display in your vehicle
- Take all your personal possessions with you
- Remove sat nav holders and visible sat nav ring marks from windscreens
- Leave the glove box open to show there's nothing inside
- Fit an alarm or immobiliser to your car
- Record the details of your property on the Immobilise website
- Do not store your car's documents in the car
- Secure your wheels using locking wheel nuts

Alarms

You should only buy security devices or services that are approved.

Parking

Parking is an issue in all areas. I am concerned for parking in Seer Green, in particular near the school and the post office. Vehicles should not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the

entrance to the school or park on the footpath as this can obstruct wheelchair users or parents with buggies/prams. Drivers should not park in or near junctions as this obstructs a driver's view of the road when entering/exiting the junction. Vehicles could obstruct the sight of pedestrians crossing the street and this may lead to an accident, which is what we are all trying to prevent.

Vehicles should not obstruct other residents' driveways. There are white lines painted on the road to inform drivers not to park there as it causes an obstruction to a resident's drive. Think how you would feel if you couldn't get out of your drive, not only in an emergency situation but just to get to work or take your children to school.

Please park vehicles correctly. Thank you.

PC Gavin McVeigh

Want to save money on the cost of your Heating Oil?

Community Impact Bucks are running a Bulk Oil Buying Club. Since January 2012 members have saved an average of £52.38 per 1000 litres. If you would like more information call 01296 744736 or email :- communitybuying@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

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