



# 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 the Old Post Office and on our website.

## SEER GREEN OUTDOOR FITNESS

The afternoon of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March saw the official opening of Seer Green's new Outdoor Fitness facility at the Recreation Ground, which was made possible by the collaboration of 3 separate entities working with the Parish Council to provide the funding. Accordingly, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Local Area Forum (Buckinghamshire County Council), the Seer Green & Jordans Community Trust and Seer Green Gardeners whose generosity made the purchase of our new equipment possible. Funded by our County Councillor, Tim Butcher through his Community Fund, the bench and noticeboard are valuable additions to the facility, both practically and aesthetically.



The event was well attended by a mixture of age groups who, with personal trainers on hand to help and advise, were keen to show their prowess on the pieces of equipment which require varying degrees of strength, balance and fitness. Our County Councillor, Tim Butcher and District Councillor, Steve Patel joined Jane Smith (representing the SGJCT), Philip Newton (SG Gardeners) and Mandy Thomas, Chair of SG Parish Council for the ribbon cutting, followed by each of them trying out the new equipment, with some friendly competition taking place.

Instructions on how to use the equipment are located on each individual piece, and the noticeboard contains a suggested workout which details how to get the very best overall results by using the separate pieces to form a circuit including warm up, cool down and stretching suggestions. This can also be downloaded from the Seer Green Parish Website using the following link [http://www.seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk/Core/Seer-Green-PC/Pages/Outdoor Fitness Equipment 1.aspx](http://www.seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk/Core/Seer-Green-PC/Pages/Outdoor%20Fitness%20Equipment%201.aspx)



We hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon and that residents will enjoy this exciting new addition to the village for many years to come.

The Parish Council are actively looking at ways to enhance the sporting facilities in the village. We would welcome suggestions from the local community and any willing volunteers to get involved with exploring this further.



# OUR LIVING VILLAGE

*A Seer Green & Jordans Society Project in Partnership with the Chiltern Society*

The histories of the two villages of Seer Green and Jordans are very different, yet are equally fascinating – as demonstrated by the current centenary celebrations in Jordans, the local history booklets that have periodically been produced for each village, and the rich collection of memorabilia that the Seer Green & Jordans Society has collected over the years.

But with the passing of time and the fading of memories such information can easily be lost to future generations. That's why we're partnering with the Chiltern Society on an exciting new initiative – we're launching a community project to pull together the diverse strands of our village histories into a comprehensive, computer-based history of the two villages.

This project will allow us to combine our wonderful historical maps – such as the illustrated 1753 Godolphin map of Seer Green – with information on the patterns and growth of the village populations. We'll then use these as a basis for illustrating the various rich themes of village life – from religion, education and employment to our local flora and fauna, from sport and leisure activities to music, drama, literature and the arts. And really just wherever our interests and our imaginations take us.



We're currently putting together a project team to computerise the village maps and population data, while at the same time inviting contributions from groups and individuals who can provide information on any of the many strands of village life mentioned above. So we're looking to involve the schools, the churches, the clubs, the pubs, and everyone else who values and cherishes our wonderful two villages.

We're also planning to incorporate information from other sources, such as the national geological maps and details of all the archaeological treasure found in this area. And right at the leading edge of technology, we've been invited to incorporate LiDAR data from the aerial survey that's currently being carried out across the Chilterns. This data will provide us with remarkable new insights into our local landscape, even allowing us to see through woodlands to see every feature hidden within them.

At the end of this two-year project we'll hand over this rich, deep history of our communities to the appropriate village organisations, to be maintained and developed as an enduring and living history of our two villages. So this project offers you a wonderful opportunity to participate in the creation of something totally unique and very special for current and future generations of Seer Green and Jordans.

If you'd like to know more about the project and are interested in getting involved please contact Alan Kell, the project manager, [alan.kell@igsystems.co.uk](mailto:alan.kell@igsystems.co.uk).

*Alan Kell  
Seer Green & Jordans Society/Chiltern Society  
Spring 2019*

## MVAS SIGN AND SPEEDING

A Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign has been purchased by the Parish Council to be used at locations around the village where there are often concerns about speeding traffic. The sign will flash 30mph or 40mph when vehicles pass driving in excess of the speed limit depending on its location and setting. At present it is located on School Lane set to 30mph to slow traffic approaching the turn for the School. Later this spring it will be moved to Longbottom Lane set to 40mph as residents are concerned at the excessive speeds of motorists. There have been some issues with the sensitivity of the sign as it has been flashing 30mph when vehicles have been driving slower than the speed limit. The unit has now been adjusted and we hope that the issue has been resolved. The speed data can be downloaded and analysed to determine where there are ongoing issues.



## TREE MANAGEMENT

This year the Parish Council received a Precept of £45,900, which represents the amount of your Council Tax which is allocated to the Parish Council to look after services and community spaces within the village. 16.5% of this year's budget was spent on tree issues.

In recent years the Parish Council has had a full annual arboricultural survey carried out on the trees under its care, which includes Green Wood, Green Meadow, the cemetery, the Recreation Ground, Jubilee Walk and the allotments.

Last year concerns were raised about the ash trees at the front of Green Meadow. One of the ash had a large crack in the trunk and the tree was recommended for felling. The remaining two ash trees had remedial work carried out and will be monitored.

A further multi-stemmed ash at the cemetery entrance was found to have decay at the base and also required felling.

Green Wood:

Holly is particularly dominant in this small ancient woodland and the Parish Council has some clearance carried out annually which benefits the ground flora. Species identified include a wonderful display of bluebells together with herb robert, dog's mercury, wood sorrel, garlic mustard, hedge woundwort, nettles, red campion, dog violet, greater stitchwort, various ferns and many others. "



## POST OFFICE UPDATE



Following the closure of the Post Office on Chalfont Road in November 2017 alternative arrangements have now been made to have a Post Office facility in the village. A Post Office will be available in Seer Green Baptist Church each Tuesday morning, from 10am to 12noon and each Thursday afternoon, from, 1pm to 3pm. A wide range of the normal Post Office services are available.

## IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUBILEE HALL

The Parish Council has been the sole trustee of Jubilee Hall since 2010 and has been working on a series of improvements to ensure that it remains a beneficial venue for village groups and events. This year has seen the replacement of the old heavy kitchen shutters with new electronic shutters to make them easier to open and close. Doors have been replaced with fire doors which have been linked, along with the shutters, to the Fire Alarm system. New crockery and kitchen utilities have been introduced and appreciated. The hall lights have been updated to LED and new flood lights have been introduced in the car park to ensure that it is safer to leave when dark.



Hall availability can be seen on the website <http://www.sgjubileehall.org.uk> or by calling the bookings secretary on 01494 857760.

## PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD 2019

For the last seven years the Parish Council has presented a small award to recognise the person judged by the Chairman as having made a significant contribution to the village community.

The award is being run again for 2019 and we are asking for your nominations to be submitted before the closing date of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The award (gift tokens to the value of £50) will be announced at the July 2019 Parish Council meeting.

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 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 this form and send by post, or email your nomination to the Parish Clerk, details below.

My nomination is for:

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Why I am nominating him/her (maximum 50 words)

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Name .....

Address: .....

Telephone No: .....

## CHANGE OF DAY FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

From April 2019 Seer Green Parish Council now meet on the first **TUESDAY** of each month at 7.30pm at Seer Green Baptist Church.

4<sup>th</sup> June                      2<sup>nd</sup> July                      No August Meeting                      3<sup>rd</sup> September

Members of the public are welcome to come and raise any relevant issues at the monthly Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to stay and observe the meeting but may only speak during the 15 minute open session at the beginning.

## WHO TO CONTACT?

"Rights of Way" – There is a new website for reporting problems: For all those residents who regularly walk the footpaths and bridleways please report any problems including overgrown vegetation or fallen trees, damaged or missing signposts and waymarks on [www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/public-rights-of-way/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/)

Report Potholes via [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) or contact Bucks CC Transport Department at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/online](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/online) or call 0845 230 2882

Waste, litter, road sweeping, fly-tipping and clearance of paths should be reported to [wasteteam@chiltern.gov.uk](mailto:wasteteam@chiltern.gov.uk) or call 01494 586550.

Report dog fouling to Environmental Health on 01494 732058.

### SEER GREEN PARISH CLERK

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