



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.

WE WON BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2025!

Not only did we win the DeFraine Cup for our category, but also the Sword of Excellence for the best overall village in Buckinghamshire! Both the Cup and Sword were presented at a ceremony on 20th September by Countess Howe, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire – a wonderful achievement for Seer Green. Thank you to everyone involved in making our village look amazing.

Pictured from left Liz Bates (Clerk), Carole Hayward, (Chairman of the BKV Competition), Chairman Liz Hungin and Countess Howe.



A NOTE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

This summer has been one of great achievement and joy for the village. June saw the start of works at the Recreation Ground to restore the cricket square in anticipation of Jordans Taverners' cricket team next season. It will be eight years since they last played at the Rec, and we are delighted to see our village team return.



This was followed by a spell of frantic activity involving many residents and the Parish Council in making sure the village was looking its best for the judges in the Best Kept Village competition. Gardens and public places were spruced up, weeded, mowed, cleaned, washed, and painted. As seen above, this activity was hugely successful, and the judges spoke very favorably about our village. Pictured Seer Green Parish Councillors (Cllr. Maddox, Cllr. O'Flanagan, Cllr. Hungin, Cllr. Hughes, Cllr. Brewis, Cllr. Holder and Clerk Liz Bates. You can find more photographs on the Parish Council website.

During June and July, we engaged with the young people in the village on their thoughts regarding the provision for them at Green Meadow and the Recreation Ground. This data is being analysed to inform our decisions on any improvements or new equipment.

Following our invitation for nominations in July, we could not separate the two most popular nominees for our Community Award so for the first time we awarded two! Look inside to find out who the hugely deserving residents are.

On Friday 15th August we marked VJ Day with a remembrance ceremony at the War Memorial, when we were honoured and touched to have Dr Keith Sansom with us, whose father Cyril fell in the Southeast Asian theatre of war and is commemorated on the memorial.

We are so fortunate to have so much to celebrate in Seer Green. It has been a memorable summer!
Chairman Liz Hungin

Green Meadow Playground Surfacing



Last newsletter we shared the news that we had received a grant from our Buckinghamshire Council Community Board to support the cost of work in Green Meadow to upgrade four of the safety surfaces. They contributed 55% of the funds, with the Parish Council making up the difference. In September a contractor came and completed the work, replacing the matting under the roundabout, two bird's nest swings and junior swings with wet pour surfacing. Whilst the meadow had to be closed for two days, we are delighted with the new surfacing and hope the children enjoy safely playing on these pieces of equipment for many years to come.

In addition to this work the Parish Council have funded the original contractor who installed the path through the meadow to come and fix a number of small faults in the path. This was also completed during September.

Return Of Jordans Taverners to the Recreation Ground

Many of you will have seen the work currently underway at the Recreation Ground, restoring the old cricket square in anticipation of the return of Jordans Taverners Cricket Club to play cricket there next season. The ground has been marked out, soil prepared and seeded, and there is an ongoing programme of mowing and rolling undertaken by JAVS themselves.



The team is delighted to be returning and is very grateful to the South Buckinghamshire Community Board for their grant, which is fundamental to JAVS' return to the Recreation Ground. It is hoped that this will restore one of our loved community activities and attract new players for next season. If you are interested in playing or helping out, please contact JAVS' chairman, Will Barton, on wgbarton93@outlook.com.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SURGERY

Seer Green Parish Council meet on the first TUESDAY of each month at 7.30pm at Seer Green Baptist Church.

4 th November	2 nd December	6 th January	3 rd February	3 rd March
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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. During the meeting the Council will discuss health and safety, finance, planning, correspondence and any key agenda items.

The Parish Council surgery takes place on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30-11.30am in the lounge at Seer Green Baptist Church

11 th November	9 th December	13 th January	10 th February	10 th March
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Anyone is welcome to come and raise any issues or ask questions in this informal setting.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS 2025

Every year the Parish Council ask for residents to nominate a person to receive the Parish Council Community Award. This person is someone who, through their service and commitment, has made a real contribution to our community.

We received several well deserving nominations which made the decision very difficult. After much deliberation we decided to award two awards this year. Thank you and well done to Sean and Janet.

Sean O'Flanagan was surprised at the Jolly Cricketers on Sunday 14th September with his award whilst running the weekly Sunday evening quiz. This was one of the numerous things Sean was nominated for doing and contributing to village life, as well as being a cub scout leader for 22 years, involved with remembrance each year, part of the churches school assembly team and his active membership of the Baptist Church. Sean has also done a lot of behind-the-scenes jobs for the Parish Council. Thank you, Sean.



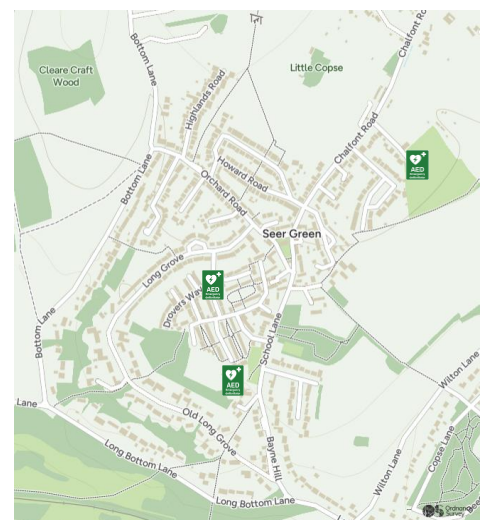
Janet Stewart was equally surprised at being given this award whilst running the tea bar at Seer Green Gardeners Autumn Show. Many are familiar with 'One Can Janet' who has been supporting the local food bank charity One Can since becoming a street hero when Covid hit back in 2020. Since then, she has coordinated the charity donations of tins, packets and toiletries from the village, delivering them weekly to their warehouse in High Wycombe. Janet has been an active member and chair of Seer Green Gardeners and regularly contributes to our village Community News magazine. Janet also volunteers with Wycombe Homeless and Chalfont St Giles Library and is a truly community spirited person.

NEW DEFIBRILLATORS

Back in 2015 the Parish Council, with financial assistance from a number of local organisations, decided to install two defibrillators in the village. One of these is located on the front wall of the Jubilee Hall and the other on the car park side of the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground. These have been used over the intervening years and have undoubtedly helped to save lives as a result. The emergency services have access to the key codes used to unlock the cabinets so that the pads inside can be used by those in need, under the instruction of the emergency services.

However, both devices have a 10-year life span and therefore are now reaching the end of their warranted lives and need replacing. Fortunately, the Parish Council have recently received a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £1147 which will cover 72% of this cost. The CIL is an occasional payment to the Parish Council by certain local developers or builders as a contribution to the local community. We will therefore be able to continue to provide this potentially lifesaving facility to the community for another ten years at least.

The Parish Council are responsible for these two defibrillators. The Baptist Church also has a defibrillator on the external wall of their building. In case of an emergency call 999 and you will be instructed on how to use these devices.



80th ANNIVERSARY OF VJ DAY



Following on from our commemoration of Victory in Europe (VE Day) on 8th May, we gathered again at our War Memorial on 15th August to mark 80 years since Victory over Japan (VJ Day). This was led by Sean O'Flanagan and Parish Councillors Janna Holder & Hilary O'Flanagan. The Chair of the Parish Council, Liz Hungin, placed a floral tribute on behalf of the village.

Both acts of Remembrance were poignant, but our commemoration of VJ Day was made especially so by the presence of Dr. Keith Sansom whose father, Cyril Sansom, is named on the Memorial. Cyril died during the Burma campaign and is buried in a Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Imphal, Northwest India. He spoke to the crowd gathered about his father and his experience of visiting his grave.

Please join the village Act of Remembrance on Sunday, 9th November (Remembrance Sunday) at 10.50am, to honour those men associated with this village who gave their lives during both World Wars.



SPEEDING AND ROAD SAFETY

The Parish Council continues to maintain the two Mobile Speed Display signs in the village; there is one near the cemetery and one on Longbottom Lane. There are two fixed signs as well, one near the school and one on the approach to the middle of the village on Chalfont Road. We can access the data from both mobile signs to monitor if there is a change in driver behaviour and let residents know if there is a particular problem.

Sadly, there is always a proportion of drivers who speed through the village. Whilst the installation of the new speed display sign near the cemetery has reduced the number speeding it is still at around 25%. When you consider that there are approximately 50,000 vehicles passing the sign per month that still represents over 12,000 speeding vehicles. For the safety of residents and to ensure that Seer Green remains a great place to live, it would be good if we could all try to keep within the speed limit when driving in the village and ensure your speed is appropriate for the conditions.

SEER GREEN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Gather outside the shops on Orchard Road for our annual switching on of the Village Christmas Tree Lights on Sunday 30th November from 5.45pm. An opportunity to mark the start of the festive season with friends and neighbours. All welcome.



Check out our website for news and information
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