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# 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.

### A NOTE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

I was honoured and delighted to take up my new role as Chairman of Seer Green Parish Council last April and would like to thank Mandy Thomas for all her hard work on the village's behalf over her thirteen years of service, the last nine of which she served as Chairman.

This summer the two new trees in Green Meadow and one on the Recreation Ground, planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project, continued to thrive thanks to the effort of Councillors and Clerk, who have diligently watered them. We installed a water supply to Green Meadow recently to facilitate this. Our trees have also been protected with tree-guards to shield them from inadvertent damage and we hope that these actions will ensure that they give pleasure to our residents for long years to come.

The wildflower beds at the entrances to the village made a beautiful display and have continued to delight all who see them. We also would like to thank Seer Green Gardeners who generously supply and maintain the beautiful flower boxes on the village signs.



To give residents an opportunity to speak with the Parish Clerk and Councillors we have introduced a new 'surgery' and would encourage residents to come and meet us for a chat in this informal setting. Our new Parish Council website went 'live' last May and is an invaluable source of information for our residents.

Finally, you will see, as part of this Newsletter, a Survey Form for all Seer Green households. We'd be very grateful if you'd complete this, either in hard copy or online and let us know your views on possible enhancements to the village. We look forward to hearing from you! Liz Hungin, Chairman

#### 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.

1<sup>st</sup> October

5<sup>th</sup> November

3<sup>rd</sup> December

7<sup>th</sup> January

4th February

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.

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

8<sup>th</sup> October

12<sup>th</sup> November

10th December

14<sup>th</sup> January

11<sup>th</sup> February



#### **NEW COUNCILLOR – JERRY MADDOX**

I've lived in Seer Green with my wife Debrah for 29 years and our three children all grew up in the village and attended the pre-school and primary school. During the noughties, I served nine years as a parent governor of the school and also became the governor trustee on the Jubilee Hall management committee, eventually becoming the chair. In that role I was responsible for taking the decision to pass on the management of the hall to the Parish Council following negotiations with Bucks CC and the Charity Commission.

My working life was spent initially as an officer in the Army based in Hong Kong and Brunei which was followed by a career in management consultancy. I specialised in project management, supply chain, logistics management and organisational change working for clients across a wide variety of industries. I stopped working full-time about two years ago and now work occasionally on an associate basis with my former business partner.

I have always been heavily involved in village life and I have sung in the choir since it was formed in 2013, and have been part of the BBQ team at the Beer Fest since its inception. In common with many others, I feel enormously privileged to live in Seer Green and be a part of a very special community. The Parish Council plays a key role in fostering and maintaining that environment and I welcome the opportunity to contribute to that work.

#### PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD 2024

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

This year we are looking to make one award and are asking for your nominations.

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 upkeeping 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.

We are asking for your nominations to be submitted before the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The award (gift tokens to the value of £50) will be announced at the November Parish Council Meeting.

Please send your nomination by post, or email to the Parish Clerk, with the following information:

My nomination is for:

Why I am nominating him/her

Name .....

Address:

Telephone No:

## Check out our new improved website

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#### **SEER GREEN PARISH CLERK - Liz Bates**

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## SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is looking at ways of further enhancing the village facilities, green spaces and biodiversity. We would be very grateful if all adults over the age of 18 could complete the following questions so we can gain your views. This can be done using this paper copy or online at https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7S32ZV/

All comments and ideas will be considered by the Councillors and may feed into further plans subject to cost feasibility and practicalities. All completed surveys with contact details will be entered into a free prize draw

to win a £50 voucher to use at one of our Village Pubs. Many thanks, Your Parish Council 1a) Do you use Green Meadow (playground and open space next to Seer Green CE School)?  $\square$  Yes – as a parent ☐ Yes – as a grandparent  $\square$  Yes – as other ☐ No - but I have in the past □ No 1b) What do you value about Green Meadow? 1c) How else would you like to see Green Meadow enhanced in terms of equipment, facilities or aesthetics? 2a) Do you use the Recreation Ground? ☐ Yes please answer Q2b □ No 2b) What do you use the Recreation Ground for? 2c) What do you value about the Recreation Ground?

2d) How else would you like to see the Recreation Ground enhanced in terms of equipment, facilities or aesthetics?			
3) Following a biodiversity survey, it was suggested that a new wildflower area could be introduced.			
Would you be in favour of its creation	on:		
☐ At Green Meadow	☐ Yes	□ No	
☐ At the Recreation Ground		□ No	
☐ Other – please specify			
☐ Not in favour			
4) Do you have any general suggestions for your Parish Council to consider, enhancing our village?			
I confirm that I am a resident of Seer Green.			
Postcode:			
Optional Information (to be entered into a free prize draw to win a £50 voucher to use at our village pubs.)			
Name:			
Contact Telephone / Email:			
This information is being collected to enable Seer Green Parish Council to confirm all responses are from within their parish. Data Protection legislation allows us to process this information as we regard it as being in the Parish Council's legitimate interest. The data given on this form will be held and used in accordance with GDPR. Please see the Parish Council website for our privacy statement.			
Please complete this survey and return by <u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</u> .			
Hand deliver to the Seer Green Parish Council post box, on the front of the Jubilee Hall.			
Post completed surveys FAO SG Parish Council, Gerston, Back Lane, Chalfont St Giles, HP8 4PB.			
☐ Complete this survey online — www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7S32ZV/			
Tha	ank you		

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