

The Loop

July/
August
2018



Biddenham glows for Open Gardens

Sunday 10th June was a glorious day in Biddenham with bright sunshine to set off the beautiful gardens opened in aid of the Red Cross.

Six families generously opened their gardens offering a range of styles from an almost Mediterranean courtyard garden in the Old Barns to a New Zealand inspired garden on Biddenham Turn via Arts And Crafts and more modern designs.

There was even a musical accompaniment at the Watson's, as pictured above.

The immaculate presentation was testament to the huge amount of work that our hosts had invested prior to the day in conditions that were not really ideal. The roses in particular were stunning providing memorable scent and colour.

Three hundred and forty three people visited the gardens providing a record £2,606 gross income for the Red Cross.

More pictures inside.



The Marks family plant sale generated valuable funds.



Work in progress

The two new classrooms at St James' School are due to be finished in July. For more news from St James' see page 3.



Coffee & cake at the Church Barn

Over 40 people enjoyed a wonderful assortment of cakes and good company, on 15th June in the Church Barn.

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Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends

As well as being a vicar, I am lucky enough to be an experienced, qualified teacher, who happens to be married to an even more experienced, qualified teacher. This gives us both enough understanding of the present system to realise that all that glitters in the modern education system is not actually gold.

Spirituality (as a non-religious concept!), for a while took precedence in schools, and sadly, in the current system, this seems less and less the case. To me, as a man of faith who recognises the gift that God bestows on every individual, this seems to be a tragic oversight.

Without wanting to nail my political flag to the mast, there is a general recognition amongst teachers that education policy places far too much emphasis on processing young people for the economic market place, at the expense of enrichment, creativity and humanisation.

Secondary education has, for many years, allowed at least three years in which children were asked to engage with modern foreign languages, music, art, literature, geography, design technology, and religious studies, which gave young people, however little they chose to engage, at least an overview of enriching, cultural signposts.

For those children who were perceived as less able these pathways gave every child the opportunity to excel in something that did not tick all the boxes. It also created a sense of perspective on those creative possibilities outside economic achievement. For many, real talent is buried in a field, and it takes wisdom, spirituality, and creative insight to discover that treasure.

Sadly, our politicians, in their perceived wisdom, are marginalising the creative and spiritual subjects in favour of English, Maths and Science. These subjects are, of course, essential but they are not everything, and by withdrawing the energy from other things, in favour of these, we lose sight of lots of things that empower those young people with the richest treasures of all.

I remember listening, some time ago, to the classical trumpeter, Alison Balsom. Speaking on Desert Island Discs, she said that she would not have been able to gain the skills she had in the present education system. She was grateful for the teachers who were able to find something in her that would not have been so obvious to others.

I remember listening to an Army Captain, talking with some young people in a school, when a sixteen-year-old asked him; 'What is the point of learning RE in school?'

The Army Captain said, that engaging with Islamic communities in Afghanistan, understanding their faith and world view, was not only useful but it saved lives.

Equally, I remember talking to the great children's novelist, Michael Morpurgo, the writer of Private Peaceful, and War Horse. I was teaching at Harrogate Grammar School. He said that when he was a child, he was constantly told off by his teacher for looking out of the window and day dreaming. He shrugged; 'Do you know, that now I have made quite a living out of looking out of windows and daydreaming.'

To work with precision gives young people the consistency of machines, while stepping outside of that precision creates risk takers, artists and creative geniuses.

Which of these do you want your children to be?

God bless,
Eric



Don't forget the Foodbank

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St James' CE VA Primary School



Our building work continues and our new classrooms are really beginning to take shape. We are hoping that the project will be complete by mid July, and that we will be able to move in before the summer holidays. We're ever so grateful for the support and patience shown by our immediate neighbours – thank you!



The summer term is always a busy one for all schools, with lots of sporting fixtures, residentials, preparation for school plays and performances, as well as all the assessments of achievement that need to be made. Recently, we've been really successful with our sporting ventures. Children in Year 5 have successfully got through to the County Finals in girls' football and cricket, and in tennis. For a small school such as ours, this is a fantastic achievement and we're really proud of all our children.



At our recent INSET day, staff were able to try out a whole host of new computer equipment, bought to develop programming skills across the school. We received a grant from our Ward Councillors, and with this were able to buy Raspberry Pis, animation resources, and various Lego

and K'nex kits, as well as programmable robots and other 'toys'. Staff spent the day learning how to use the equipment so that from September, we will be able to incorporate it into our computing curriculum. Thank you so much Cllrs Gambold and Rigby!

In September, we launch our school as a full primary school, as our Year 5s stay on to become our first Year 6. We will have a new school badge to celebrate, which incorporates our scallop shell along with our rainbow, and we will be moving from red uniform to royal blue (linking us to St James the fisherman). It's an exciting time for us, and as always we are very glad to have the support of our village, and are proud to be your school. We hope you enjoy a very peaceful summer, and look forward to hosting the Village Show when we return to school in September.

Very best wishes,

Maria & all at St James'



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Ian Alexander Bates

As reported in last month's Loop, Ian Bates of Day's Lane died on 13th April. We are grateful to Ian's brother Graham for this account of his life.

Ian was born on 24th October 1933 the first child of Cyril & Barbara Bates, sadly he was extremely ill and had to be admitted to Great Ormond Street and it was thought that he might not survive but Ian had other ideas and lived to the age of 84. Later I was born and then our sister Eileen. Sadly, Eileen died last November.

After such a bad start Ian grew up in a happy family although the War intervened and father was sent off to Belgium and mother had to run the family business with grandfather and a lodger to help look after the children. Perhaps you can imagine bath night with war time regulations limiting the amount of hot water. There were three of us plus the lodger's baby daughter all in the bath together. Great fun was had by all.

Ian attended Queen's Park, Rushmoor and Bedford Modern Schools and when he left he was apprenticed to Robertson's the engineering firm on Ampthill Road. He worked for several different firms as staff were often made redundant as the contracts finished. Among them were



Ian taken at Salcey Forest by Marion Hession on a Wildlife Trust walk

Hunting Engineering in Ampthill and The Royal Aircraft Establishment in Brickhill. He very rarely spoke about his work as it was often secret aviation contracts for the Government.

The family moved into Day's Lane on Good Friday 1958, into a house that father had commissioned, designed by John Hill of Deacon & Laing with a very large workshop/garage for Ian's hobbies.

When we were young, Ian and I were never very close, in fact I was the annoying younger brother who sometimes broke his Meccano models after he had spent ages building and making them work. We made it up later in life and he was kind enough to be my best man at my wedding.

Ian loved cars particularly fast ones. His friend Peter Wilks modified Peter's Austin 7 car with Ian's help and they raced it for a number of years. Then Ian bought his own Austin 7, stripped it right down and completely redesigned it, using the parts stipulated by the 750 Motor Club and raced it for many years.

You can imagine that his practical expertise was in great demand. I know that when my sons' toys were broken it was never a case of asking dad to fix it. It was always ask Uncle Ian to mend it. At one stage he decided to make a small wooden wine table, the sort with a central column on three legs with a round top. This became so popular that I think he made over twenty of them and they



Ian in his car racing at one of the major racing tracks, possibly Brands Hatch.

are a constant reminder of the excellent quality of his work.

I am grateful for Betty Cooke's notes about Ian and his work for the Wildlife Trust she says "Ian was a very committed, long standing and regular member of the local Wildlife

Group attending almost all of their meetings until ill health intervened. He was quiet, hardworking and very committed to

the work of the Trust. He was a regular member of the Tuesday Working Party for many years and was assistant Volunteer Warden at Felmersham attending all their working parties. He was instrumental in ensuring that equipment at the site was properly maintained and particularly useful with the chainsaw. A few years ago he was awarded one of the Trust's awards for his volunteering work for the Trust. This is a significant honour as very few are awarded."

To sum it all up, Ian was a very quiet man who would try to help everyone, with a great ability to make and repair things. Whenever he repaired something it was always better than the original. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Graham Bates

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News from the pond & a plea for help

Summer Splash Out and AGM

A sunny day on Sunday 10th June greeted both our Summer Splash Out and Friends AGM and also the Red Cross Open Gardens Day in Biddenham. Friends were able to attend and enjoy both events and we appreciate the support of the many Friends who came along to the Splash Out in the Church Barn. Our cream tea bakers and makers once again provided a most delicious spread, and were warmly thanked by those present.

We reviewed another busy year for the village pond, including two major issues affecting the village and the pond during the year; the planning application to build 250 houses on land off Gold Lane and the proposed Policy 19 in the Borough Council's Local Plan 2035 affecting the same piece of land, both of which are still unresolved. You can see the full review of activities tabled at the Splash Out on the pond website.

There was a slideshow of activities during the year and pictures of old Biddenham, including the pond and dovecote, and Chris Jones again showed us wildlife from the pond under the microscope.

The chairman, Peter Applewhite, paid tribute to Gillian Quince who had retired from the pond management committee during the year but who, with her husband, is still volunteering at events, not least masterminding the catering that very afternoon.

In introducing the formal business of re-electing the committee, Peter noted that he had been a member of the committee for 16 years, and had been privileged to be chairman for 12 of those years. He said his personal pond 'best by' date had already expired and his 'use by' date was imminent! As that was the case, if re-elected he would serve for just that one year and would retire as chairman and as a committee member at the AGM in 2019.

The officers and the pond management committee were thereafter re-elected for a further year, and Andrew Ewing was re-appointed as independent examiner of the accounts.

The plea: we need YOUR help if the pond is to survive!

In concluding his remarks at the Friends AGM, Peter looked to the future and stressed the need for new people to come forward to serve as committee members if the pond is to survive for everyone to enjoy in the years to come.

He commented how much we appreciated the love and support for the pond expressed in the many hundreds of objections to the Gold Lane planning application and to Policy 19, which hopefully would have a positive result. But when it comes to the day to day responsibility for the care and maintenance of the pond and its wildlife, it is actions that speak louder than words.

The pond is fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who regularly come along to work mornings, who mow the grass, and Friends like those present who support events like the Summer Splash Out. But those and other activities and events, the work that goes on behind the scenes, don't just happen by themselves, they need organising and doing by the committee.

He will be retiring next year, and in the years thereafter he expects his colleagues on the pond management committee will progressively wish to retire too. And they deserve to retire with honour for all the work they have put in and will be putting in to care for the village's pond.

As a village, we can't assume or expect that committee

members can and will carry on forever because no one else has stepped up to the plate to take a turn. And what then will happen when the entire committee has eventually gone, will someone step up then? If not, the pond will gradually disappear too, and be just a memory, like the late dovecote.

Peter believes that if all of us who care about Biddenham and its pond, could really bend our efforts in the coming months to find and encourage volunteers to come forward to strengthen the committee and make it fit and robust for the years to come, the village would then continue to be able to enjoy its pond in the longer term.

We all might know one or two people who have some time and energy to spare, who might not be aware of the pond's need for help, but who would be willing to help. Peter urged those present to go out with vim and vigour, as the pond team would, to canvass friends, neighbours, acquaintances, on behalf of the pond; and we hope The Loop readers too, having read this plea, will do the same.

Do you know, for example, a recently retired good organiser, or someone with an IT background: we could do with them both! You don't have to be a biologist or naturalist or know anything about ponds – Peter wasn't, and didn't all those years ago. He learnt, he said, as he went along, 'on the job'.

We know we're not alone amongst village organisations in struggling to find people willing to commit some modest time and effort to their organisation, but we do need people to step up if the pond is to survive in the years ahead.

Together we're a great team: so let's pull together and find the people who will take the pond forward in the years ahead.

A Summer dip

Just a week before the Summer Splash Out, Chris Jones held his annual pond dipping session on Sunday 3rd June. On another lovely afternoon with ideal conditions for dipping, there was only a modest turnout of dippers, all new faces from outside the village, but the dipping discoveries demonstrated again the wide range of wildlife supported by the pond.

Coming up in July

One of our objectives is to provide an area available to educational and other organisations and to individuals for encouraging the study and preservation of the environment, particularly amongst the younger members of the community. We're very pleased therefore to be welcoming to the pond in July two groups of young people: the 10th Bedford (Christ Church) Brownies, and Years 3 and 4 from our own village primary school, St James'.

A date for your next year's diary

Our Summer Splash Out and AGM in 2019 will be held on Sunday 9th June in the Church Barn, starting at 3.30 pm. How's that for forward planning!

The Pond Team

The Friends of the Biddenham Village Pond
www.biddenhamvillagepond.wordpress.com
www.facebook.com/biddenhamvillagepond

Biddenham History Society

The next meeting of the Biddenham History Society will be on Monday 2nd July. We will meet at 2.30pm at the Church Barn and walk to the War Memorial via the Coffin Path. We will remember those who died during the 1914 – 1918 War and consider what the village was like 100 years ago in 1918 in the closing months of the war. We will return to the Barn for refreshments. I hope the weather will be kind to us!

Kathy Fricker

Biddenham Cricket Club Juniors



I will no doubt curse the remaining fixtures of the season, but here goes.....the weather has been kind so far.

As a club across all junior age groups u9 to u15 we have fulfilled 22 junior fixtures. We have held 8 weeks of training with over 80 children involved. This makes us one of the most active Junior clubs in the locality. I am particularly pleased with team spirit across all groups, many players have helped out by playing up an age group to ensure fixtures go ahead, those players that have played up are well looked after by their older team mates. I am also delighted that we have achieved female representation at every age group, with two county players in Lily Galbraith (Bedfordshire) and Amelia Jones (Buckinghamshire) representing at u13's. Our success has seen us close the registration of members in all age groups except u15, so if you know of anyone in the u15 age group who would like to play cricket then get in touch.

I have said many times that our measurement of success is not how many trophies we win but how many children enjoy participation, on this basis 2018 so far has been a huge success.

The cricket club really is a jewel in the village of Biddenham, come and have a stroll past the Pavilion on a Monday evening or a Sunday morning and see for yourself, it really is a sight to behold.

This level of activity would not be possible without the help of so many people, this is a huge commitment of time, so a big thank you to the following (sorry if you have

helped out and I've missed you out).

Coaches -

Jagtar Singh
Al Barnes
Jake Winger
Julian Krishna
Nick Ulvert
Simon Broomfield
Ross Kilroy
Nic Bissett
Will Lowerson
Sam Cooley
Glenn Taylor
Chris Kew

Admin and Ground Preparations

Richard Fone
David Watson
Peter Marks
Maija Bissett

Also a huge thanks to parents and our sponsors Taylor Brightwell, Progress Skoda, Taylor and Co and Trust Insurance.

Chris Spurgeon
Chairman of the Junior Section

Seniors



Part of an Under 9s training session

Following a very wet end of May, June's weather has been very good for cricket. David Watson had to work hard to turn things around at the ground after the rain, but now it is looking in excellent condition.

Recent results for all the senior teams have generally been good. The Saturday league team captained by David Morrish has won all but one of the matches played so far, but has yet to play the top team Luton Caribbean. The top run scorer to date is Sam Jones with 240 and most wickets have been taken by Jahangir Ahmed (14).

The Sunday league team captained by Will Lowerson have won their last three matches, having lost the first two. Two of the wins have come against the current top teams in the division, Bedford and New Bradwell. The top run scorer to date is David Morrish with 160 and most wickets have been taken by Sam Jones (10).

The Midweek team have won all but one match so far, including two cup matches. The Cup Semi-Final is scheduled for 18th July but we don't yet know our opponents.

The senior teams have been playing in new sponsored club kit in recent weeks. Thanks are due mainly to Tez Byrne and Glenn Taylor for their help in financing this.

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A list of home fixtures to the end of the season is shown below.

Club news, fixtures and results appear on the website at: <http://biddenham.play-cricket.com/home>

The 100 club provides the club with useful income and also raises its profile within the village amongst the residents for an annual fee of £12. If you would like to join the cricket club as a member, you will also gain automatic entry into the 100 club draw, which is held each month.

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01-Jul	Sun	10:00	Harrold (A)	U11 Dev
04-Jul	Weds	18:30	Colworth House	Midweek Lg
07-Jul	Sat	13:30	Newport Pagnell I	Sat League
08-Jul	Sun	10:00	Olney Town	U11 County
08-Jul	Sun	13:30	Kempston Ham-	Sun League
10-Jul	Tue	18:00	Olney Town (B)	U13's
12-Jul	Thur	18:00	Bedford Hawks	U15's
15-Jul	Sun	10:00	Amphill Town	U9's
15-Jul	Sun	10:00	Olney Town	U11 Dev
15-Jul	Sun	14:00	Internal Club Match	-
22-Jul	Sun	10:00	Queens Park	U11 Dev
22-Jul	Sun	13:30	Caldecote	Sun League
24-Jul	Tue	18:00	Harrold (A)	U13's
26-Jul	Thur	18:00	Pavenham and	U15's
29-Jul	Sun	10:00	Felmersham	U9's
29-Jul	Sun	10:00	Elstow	U11 Dev
02-Aug	Thur	18:00	Harrold (B)	U15's
04-Aug	Sat	13:30	Blunham	Sat League
05-Aug	Sun	14:00	Harlington I	Friendly
12-Aug	Sun	14:00	Drayton Parslow	Friendly
12-Aug	Sun	14:00	Sharnbrook/	Friendly
14-Aug	Tues	TBA	County U10 match -	-
18-Aug	Sat	13:30	Bedfordshire v Hun-	-
19-Aug	Sun	12:30	tingdonshire	-
24-Aug	Fri	TBA	Open University	Sat League
27-Aug	Mon	12:00	New Bradwell	Sun League
01-Sep	Sat	13:00	County U10 match -	-
			Bedfordshire v	-
			Northamptonshire	-
			Village 6 a sides	-
			Luton Caribbean	Sat League

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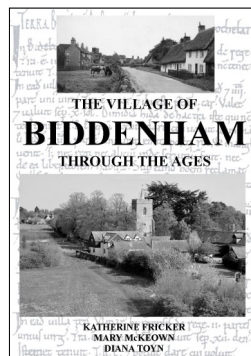
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Edwin Martin

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Snapshots from the Open Gardens

More overleaf



Jan's courtyard garden has a multitude of interesting features including an impressively sturdy bamboo and a banana plant that has produced fruit



Fruit and vegetables have their own rooms in many of the gardens, sometimes with scary residents and insect nurseries



Your editor and grandson by the Watsons' newly planted sunken garden



The Bee Nursery

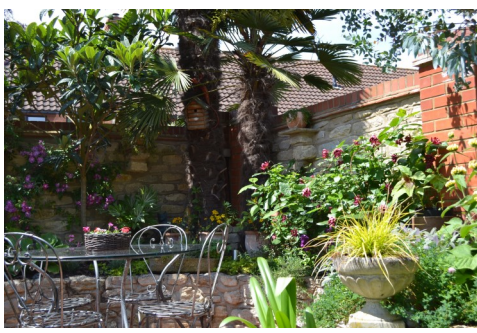


Shady seating areas are always welcome



Jeremy's pond features tadpoles, midwife toads and mayflies together with sculptured inhabitants

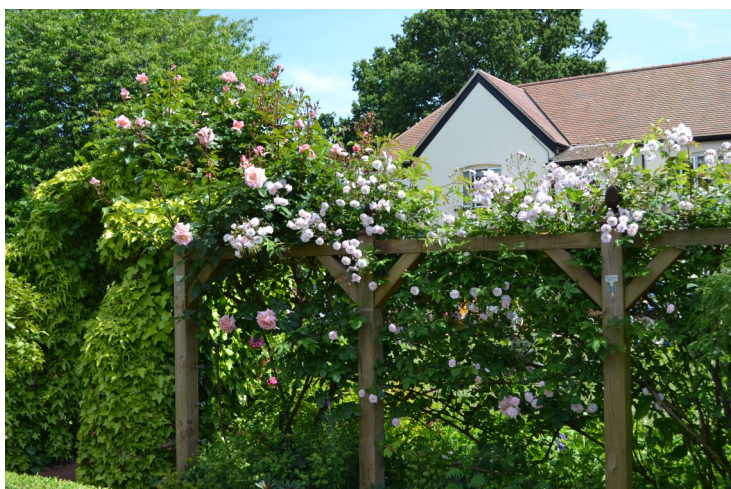
A courtyard garden in the Old Barns



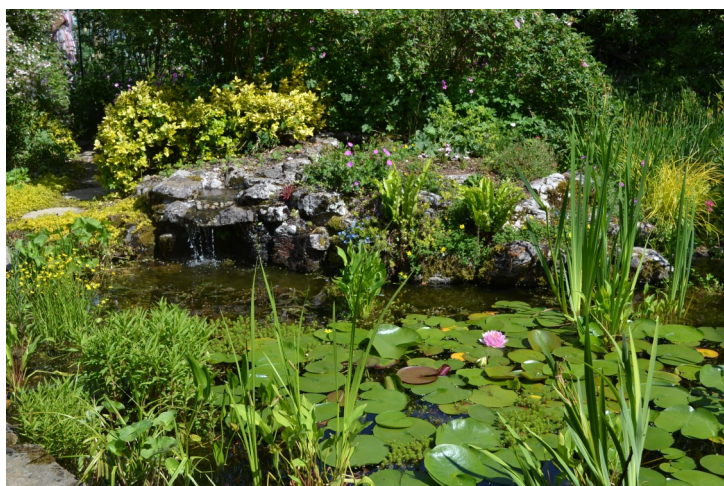
A recently established garden in Merrill's Field



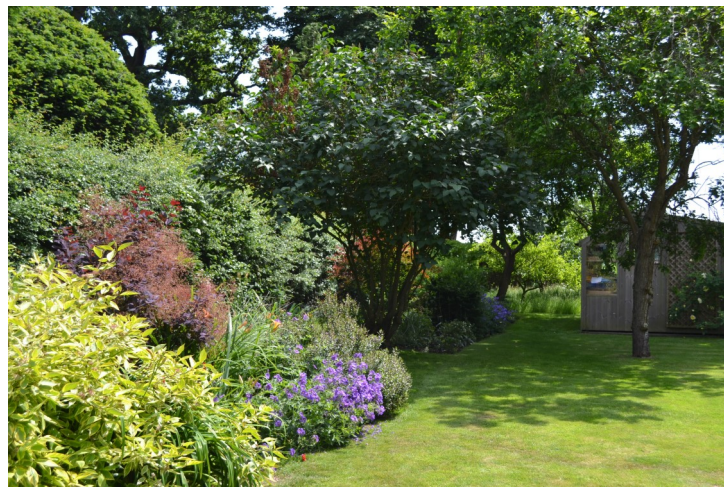
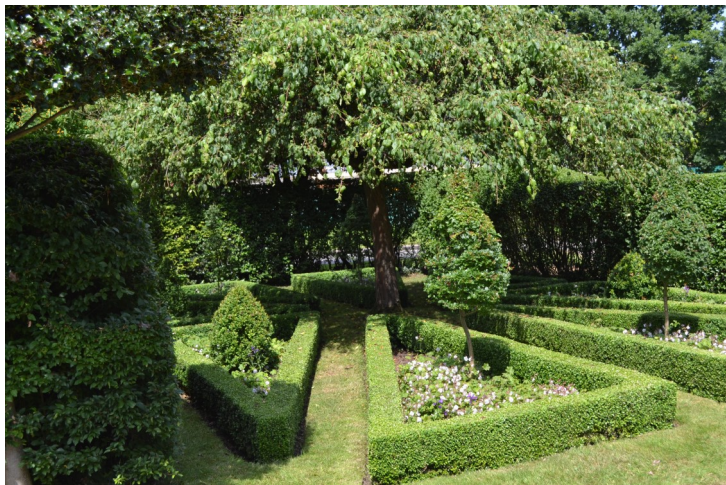
New Zealand inspiration on Biddenham Turn



Colour and scent on Darlow Drive



Arts and crafts on Main Road and Biddenham Turn



This month in the garden

When misfortune strikes we often say that life isn't fair.

One of my dahlias must be feeling like this at the moment. Last year I ordered five new dahlia mini-plants and they arrived in April. I potted them up in the greenhouse where they grew well and I planted them outside in mid-May (still with a risk of frost but the long-range weather forecast looked benign). One of these plants is already flowering strongly, three others are coming on well and one is a three inch high desiccated stump with a few tiny shreds of leaves. Snails and slugs have struck again but only against that one plant. This is now back in the greenhouse in intensive care. The RHS has just announced a major research project on the effectiveness of various methods of slug and snail control and I can't wait for the results.

Another wrecker of havoc in the garden is the wood pigeon. While other bird species continue their plunge towards extinction the wood pigeon goes from strength to strength and this is very much due to the bounty they have discovered in our gardens. I have heard several people bemoaning the loss of their gooseberry crop to wood pigeons and yesterday I found that a lot of my sweet corn plants have had their tips nipped, and I don't think the slugs are to blame for this. Cabbage crops are also very much at risk. Some people hang up old CDs to flutter in the sun and scare the birds away but netting is the most effective protection. You can buy 'tunnels' of fine mesh netting which protect brassicas from cabbage white butterflies as well as keeping the pigeons off. An alternative for brassicas, and I hope for sweet corn, is to put thin sticks around and within the bed and criss-cross black cotton between them six to eight inches above the ground (I use apple and pear prunings for the sticks). The birds can't see the cotton and it frightens them off when

they meet an invisible impediment. If I put bird seed out for them, as I do in winter, will that just attract more pigeons or will it keep them away from the vegetables at the other end of the garden?

Turning, now, to something more positive. June, as always, has been a lovely month for the ornamental garden, especially roses this year, and July and August offer the prospect of harvest from the fruit and vegetable garden.



Vegetables were up to a month late with their early growth but they are catching up and, at least in August, we should be getting salad crops, carrots, courgettes, peas, beans and potatoes.

Sweet corn was ready last August but I guess it won't be until September this year (assuming the pigeons leave me some).



Two years ago I planted a new row of raspberries and they are promising a really good crop this year. This time round they are not in a fruit cage and I am waiting to see if I can get away without netting them.

Autumn fruiting raspberries seem to crop well without netting but I don't know about the summer crop.

With the high point passed for many flower gardens there may well be some cutting down to do. Shrubs which have flowered should be pruned by cutting back at least some of the stems which have had flowers on them. If you grow hardy geranium they will probably have finished their main flush of flowering now and may be looking quite straggly. Be ruthless and cut them back close to the ground. The foliage will regrow very quickly and you may well get another flowering in September. Hardy geranium are a different plant from the ones often called 'geranium' which are actually pelargonium. These will continue flowering all the summer and you don't want to cut them down. Roses and bedding plants will continue to need dead-heading. Sweet peas flower most prolifically if you keep cutting them and make sure you cut out any stems that have begun to set seed.

If you have a pond, keep it topped up. Rain water is best for this but rain water is in short supply this year so far so it will probably have to be tap water. (Keep your rain water for acid loving plants.) Blanket weed can well be a problem and it is best to control it by manually fishing it out with a fishing net or twisting it round a stick. Remove dying lily leaves and thin out any excess of oxygenating plants.

Enjoy your summer.

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Biddenham Women's Group

The History of Women's Underwear

Ann Wise, a social dress historian of 30 years (though one would never have guessed it) had such a soporific voice that she might have lulled us off to sleep had it not been for the humorous pictures she showed us.

We started off with some 'Medieval modesty', depicted in a woodcut from 1474, showing women wearing a simple loin cloth but, for hundreds of years, the only undergarment worn was a simple chemise, made of coarse linen or cotton. Its sole purpose was to absorb perspiration and protect the expensive fabric of the beautiful dresses worn at that time. Natural fabrics had the advantage of being hard-wearing, could be cut down or passed on to siblings.

Everything was hand made. Sewing machines appeared in the 1850s and by 1870 patterns became available. A bride's trousseau consisted of a chemise, silk stockings – held up with ribbons – and a corset with hooks at the front and laces at the back which, if you were lucky enough to have a maid, would be tied by her. Individual pockets, often elaborately embroidered and passed down as heirlooms, would be tied around the waist underneath the dress.

Corsets created a foundation for clothes, ensured a small waistline and upright posture making it very hard to bend. They were worn day in and day out and were wiped with a damp cloth.

A cotton-lined quilted petticoat was worn under an open robe in the 18th century. Many examples of women's clothes are on display in museums, we were informed by Ann, who has worked in the heritage section of several museums. We can only assume the men wore theirs out!

The 1800s saw a change in fashion and a change in the shape of corsets. In the Regency period waists were out but after about 30 years waists were back in vogue again because they had become 'a marriageable asset'. Young girls from the age of six had to wear a corset for the entire week!

Dry cleaning had become available if you were wealthy; failing that you could use gin and ammonia (and you can only guess where that came from).

Natural dyes were being substituted by artificial ones in the 1850s. Unfortunately, the chemicals reacted with the fabrics and few survived from that time. You could, however, knit your own corset! You would need to add a few extra rows of knitting though because by the 1890s corsets became longer and suspenders could be attached.

Open drawers, like Queen Victoria's two-legged garments, developed from the 1930s and by the 60s and 70s elastic, rayon and nylon garments were being manufactured.

By the 1920s laced and boned corsets gave way to girdles and stockings were made of more natural colours and artificial fabrics. Ready-to-wear garments were now appearing and enabled women to have more freedom for their more active lifestyles.

This is just a brief summary (if you will pardon the pun)

of the presentation we enjoyed in our group.

If the subject matter of future talks appeals to you, do come along and join us. In the new year our group name will change and become more inclusive. Watch this space!

At our Summer Social, on 10th July, we shall 'Party Like Royalty' and raise funds for TIBBS Dementia Foundation, which is our chosen charity this year. If you wish to join us and are not a member the fee will be £5 for tea and entertainment – plus a quiz on royalty. Please remember to bring cash for a 'Regal Raffle'. TIBBS, winners of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, needs your support.

Val Fitzhugh

Bridge in Biddenham

Are you interested in joining a Duplicate Bridge group for intermediate players?

A club has started at the Church Barn on Friday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

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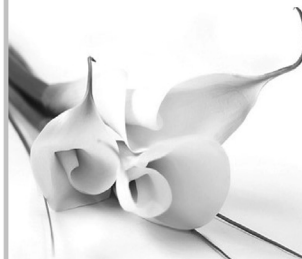
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Poppy Walk for Honour 12th August 2018

Calling families, dog walkers and ramblers! Get walking and raise funds for The Royal British Legion, Bedfordshire's Poppy Walk for Honour. The Poppy Walk returns to commemorate the end of the First

World War and to say thank you to the First World War generation, all who served, sacrificed and changed our world. Come to Bedford Priory Country Park in Bedford, Barkers Lane, Bedford MK41 9SH on Sunday 12th August, 2018. Join the Poppy Walk Squad and be part of the fun!

We will be gathering at the Visitor Centre at Priory Country Park Bedford from 11.00am to embark upon a choice of two routes, 2km, which is wheel chair and push chair friendly or 10km for those that really want to stretch their legs. Stroll around some of the area's most interesting sites.

As well as the walk there will be live music and activities with refreshments available at the Cloverdale Retreat, the Park's Café. A wonderful day out for the whole family to enjoy while raising funds for wounded, injured, and sick members of our Armed Forces and their families. Why not come and join us?

Times:

Registration	11:00am
Act of Remembrance	11:30am
Walk starts	12:00pm

Register online at: bedspoppywalkforhonour.co.uk or upon arrival on the day

Registration:

Adult (age 12+)	£8
Child	£5
Family (2 adults+2 children or 1 adult+3 children)	£20

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Prayer of the month

I praise thee for the life that stirs within me:

I praise thee for the bright and beautiful world into which I go:

I praise thee for earth and sea and sky, for scudding cloud and singing bird:

I praise thee for the work thou hast given me to do:

I praise thee for all that thou hast given me to fill my leisure hours:

I praise thee for my friends:

I praise thee for music and books and good company and all pure pleasures.

John Baillie, 1886-1960

The Leprosy Mission

A big thank you to all those with Leprosy Mission collecting boxes who contributed to the grand total of £448.79 raised this year. Anyone willing to have a collecting box in their home for their unwanted coins (to be emptied in May each year) please contact me on 346550.

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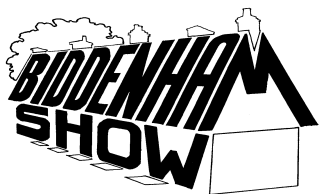
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Entry Fee £1.50 for adults, accompanied children under 12 free

The Show will be slightly smaller this year due to the building of two new classrooms on St James' School field. However, there's still plenty to see and do, so we hope to see you there.

Programmes including details of all the competition classes and the entry form will be distributed during July/August or you can go to the website, biddenhamshow.org. In the meantime, here is a preview of the attractions.

The Biddenham Show Committee

Fun Dog Show

Dogs are once again welcome at this year's Show—in fact they are positively encouraged. Supported by ARAS Dog Training Club, we are holding Biddenham's very own Dog Show, just for fun. Take a look at the classes below, decide which your canine friend could win and come along on the day. Entry to one class is £2, you can enter 3 classes for £5. As well as the rosettes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place there will be a cup for the Best in Show.

Classes:

1. Prettiest Bitch
2. Handsomest Dog
3. Young handler (Child 14 years or under)
4. Waggiest Tail
5. Cutest Puppy (under 1 year)
6. Golden Oldie (over 7 years)
7. Best Crossbreed
8. Dog & Owner Lookalike
9. Best in show (Chosen from the Class winners)

Lots to See and Do

- Children's Fancy Dress; this year's theme is 'Your favourite story-book character'
- Fun Dog Show
- Punch & Judy show
- Balloon modelling
- Bracelet making
- Human Fruit Machine
- Bottle Stall
- Toddlers Play Area
- Bouncy Castle
- Raffle
- BBQ
- Pizza
- Ice cream
- Beer, cider and Pimms tent
- Teas and cakes
- Jazz DJ

Request for cakes.

Every year the Teashop makes a significant contribution to the funds available for local groups, societies and charities. Its success relies mostly on the contribution of cakes by Biddenham residents.

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Thank you

Important notice for craft and gardening entrants

- Entry forms will be available online at www.biddenhamshow.org and in the brochure.
- You must ensure that we receive your entry by Thursday 6th September so we can allocate sufficient space for exhibits. Paper entries can be put through the letterbox at 32A Church End.
- Staging will take place **only** on Sunday morning between 8.15 and 9.45am. You should come to the School hall in the first instance.
- Judging will commence promptly at 10.00 am.

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Benefit lunch for Soweto Children's Home in Kenya

Bedford came together on 2nd June to raise awareness and funds for shipping clothes to Soweto Children's Home in Kenya. This event took place at the Bedford Athletics club, Wentworth Drive. Last year I took an impromptu visit to Soweto (Kayole) in East of Nairobi when my family and I took food which included maize flour, rice, chapati flour, bread, sugar, juice, biscuits and sweets, however the sheer utter need for basic clothing left a lasting impression and I felt I had to do more.

When I came back I called all my friends and asked them to give me all of their unwanted clothes and toys. This initiative got legs of its own and I got school uniforms and books from Brickhill Primary School with the help from Tabby Turner, a PTA mum who mobilised the mums and the school to donate. St James' Primary in Biddenham had Natasha Fox, a school governor, and her daughter Mary who were fundraising for a different charity and decided to mobilise the mums to donate their old toys and clothes for Soweto as well.

Word of mouth is the best form of recommendation and I got donations of bedding and adults' clothes for Soweto's carers from people from all corners of Bedford. The owner of Queen's Park Electronics shop offered the back of her shop as storage which was of great help because I had run out of space in my house.

At another event I spoke to Steve Spring who offered to help me find a venue for the benefit lunch. The aim of the lunch was to raise awareness and money to ship the clothes that I had collected. Bedford Athletics club offered the venue for FREE and people paid for a 3 course meal with entertainment with the aim of raising money from selling raffle tickets and auctioning some items.

La Rondine donated pizzas for the children and they helped publicise the event.

Entertainment was diverse and eclectic including: Fusion youth choir, Tremaine Jazz musician, Albert the African act who mesmerised everyone with his act of



June at the lunch

eating fire, Pooja the Bollywood dancer, Music 4 Memory and the Kenya Community in Bedford group.

The venue accommodated 135 adults who enjoyed a three course meal and helped raise £1,174.

We needed to raise £2,114.58 by Monday; we had an anonymous donor who helped reduce the balance to £440.58. I feel confident that I will be able to get the target and if we surpass it, the plan is to personally deliver the clothes, sorted by age, and for each child to get their own clothes, then take them out for a Christmas party where they will be treated to a meal with a surprise from Santa.

A huge thank you to former NCS students who came from Houghton Regis; Daisy Smith, Abi Barkas and Georgia Barkas who helped with looking after the children; ACCM staff and Rebecca of Music 4 Memory (Thursday group) who helped with registration and selling raffle tickets. Thank you to the dignitaries who took time out to come to the event: Mohamed Yasin (MP), Councillor Gianni Carofano and Councillor Colleen Atkins.

I would like to say a A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Tibbs groups who, after learning that I did not reach my target, have been baking cakes and selling them to help raise the balance.

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The latest Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 13th June 2018 in the upstairs meeting room of the Pavilion. Present were Parish Councillors Peter Chase

(Chairman), Graham Bates, Alan Jacobs, Jon Gambold (also a Borough Councillor), Chris Gee, Krzys Osuch, Francia Slade and Joe Warren. Clerk Lyn Lyman and six members of the public were also present. Councillors Terry Platt and Borough Councillor Roger Rigby sent their apologies.

Our clerk Alison Southern has advised us she will not be returning to her role with us in the foreseeable future. We have therefore asked Lyn Lyman to continue as clerk. Alongside this, a former Biddenham Parish Councillor Debs Slade, who now lives in Stagsden, has volunteered to manage Pavilion bookings. We are extremely grateful to both ladies for stepping forward to take up these responsibilities.

Please note: Lyn Lyman can be reached by email at clerk@biddenham.org.uk and Debs Slade, for Pavilion matters, at biddenhampavilion@hotmail.co.uk.

Weeds

It's our fault – there are too many weeds growing at our roadsides. A while ago we were persuaded, for very good reasons, to stop using weed-killer in and around the village. Two seasons on and the results are plain to see. I live in Elger Close, which is a particularly bad example of what's happened, but there are weed hotspots in Deep Spinney, along Main Road and other places. We have therefore resolved to consult the Borough about re-introducing a weed-killing programme.

Gold Lane Traffic

A member of the public who lives off Gold Lane implored us to do more to control the speed of traffic. People drive down it too fast, and volumes have increased in recent times. Pulling out of Hampden Court or Thorpe Close has become a scary business, particularly in peak hours. A number of emails ahead of our meeting discussed options, including rising bollards, average speed cameras, speed humps, width restrictions with priority signs and more white lines.

A pilot priority sign system has been installed in Bromham recently at the bridge at the bottom of Village Road. We are going to review the outcome of this. Along with more white lines to emphasise the narrowness of the road, especially in the fast middle section, we think this measure could appreciably change the situation.

Please let us know your views. If you live near Gold Lane, please ask your neighbours what they think. We are keen that everyone's views are heard and taken into account if we are to take more significant steps to alter the way Gold Lane traffic is controlled.

Land west of Gold Lane

A number of people have recently noticed workers digging trenches in the field west of Gold Lane, this being the land which is subject to the infamous outline planning application for 250 houses. Fear not, they are not starting building works without permission! We're informed these are archaeological checks being carried out to fulfil the requirements of Borough planners. Let's hope they find something!

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th July 2018. Do please come along if you have anything you'd like to raise.

Peter Chase
Chairman



Andrew Charles

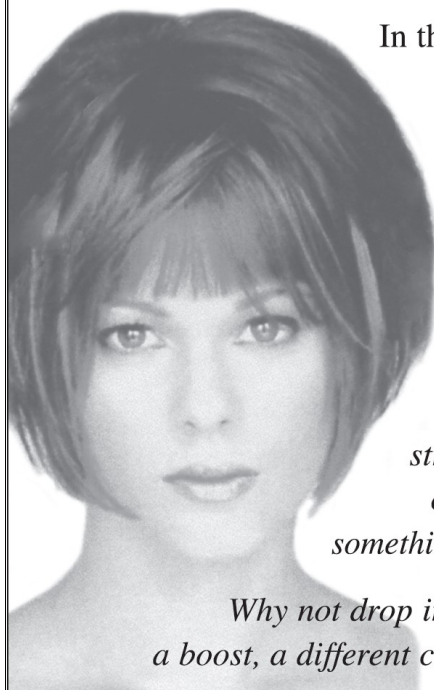
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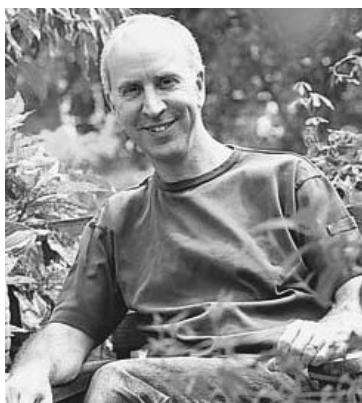
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Biddenham Gardeners Association

The Gardeners Association was delighted to welcome the well-known and respected horticulturist Adam Pasco to June's talk. Adam was the founding editor of Gardeners' World magazine, which he edited for 22 years. Adam is the current editor of Waitrose Garden magazine.



Adam's talk commenced with his recommendations for obtaining a colourful garden by the use of plants, which are 'good doers'. Photos of Adam's good doers in his beautiful garden were used to illustrate the talk, and the audience was treated to stunning pictures of Cranesbills, Rudbeckias, Astartias, Scabiosas, Alchemillas, Echinaceas, Alliums 'Christophii' all standing side by side with roses being under planted with Ajuga, and Stachys.



Adam highly recommended Alliums as even when they have finished flowering, their seedheads give architectural value to the garden and they give good value by seeding themselves, although it takes around four years for an Allium seed to

produce a flower. In shade, Adam grows Epimediums and 'Jack Frost' Bruneras. For Autumn colour, Adam recommended Sedums 'Thundercloud' and 'Purple Emperor'. Pots with grasses in them such as Miscanthus 'Zebrinus' Eucomis and Japanese Blood Grass were displayed on his patio to superb effect.

The talk also stressed the importance of gardening with consideration to nature and wildlife. Adam recommended putting up nest boxes to help our native birds and pointed out that birds do benefit the gardener greatly. Did you know that one blue tit nestling requires eating 100 caterpillars per day? Thus, if there are 8 nestlings in a nest, that equals 800 caterpillars being picked off your plants. That is pest control at its most natural.

Adam advised that in order to encourage our feathered friends, plants with berries such as Cotoneaster and Euonymus to name just two, would be ideal to feed them. Spraying chemicals to kill unwanted insects is to be frowned upon as if there are no insects to feed, beneficial wildlife such as ladybirds, hoverflies, frogs and hedgehogs will not make an appearance. Adam advised placing copper

tape and rings around precious plants. In his opinion, they absolutely do deter snails.

Tips and advice pertaining to vegetable growing both in a greenhouse and in vegetable beds were given. Adam advised that in order to avoid the dreaded blight, which afflicts potatoes and tomatoes, he now grows disease resistant varieties. 'Mountain Magic' and 'Oh Happy Day' tomatoes were highly recommended.

June's talk concluded with Adam's "Jobs for June":

- Keep sowing salad leaves intermittently
- Mulch, mulch, mulch
- Check nutrient needs of plants (if green leaves are turning yellow, it needs feeding)
- Build a log pile for garden friendly wildlife, toads/frogs/insects all need to escape the Summer heat
- Fill a bird bath with fresh water and keep it clean
- Check for snails
- Clean and sterilise nest boxes once birds have flown the nest
- Remove the green shoots from variegated plants to keep them variegated.

Thank you Adam for such a wonderful and interesting talk.

The next BGA meeting is on Tuesday 17th July, which will be the 2018 AGM comprising election of officers, cheese and wine and Gardeners' Question Time. The expert panel will be Jeremy Arthern, Roger Skipper and Richard Callahan. Please do join us.

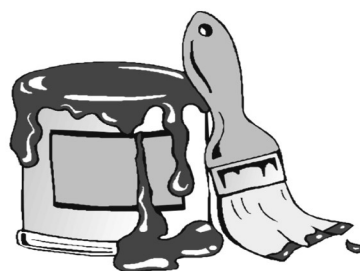
Paula Church (BGA Secretary)

New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information contact **Linda Truscott** on 01234 270747 www.biddenhamgardenersassociation.org.uk

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Monday

10.00am	Cha Char Chimps	Village Hall
10.00am	Yoga	Pavilion
2.30pm	Cardiac Rehab exercise	Pavilion
6.30pm	Pilates	Pavilion
7.15pm	Guides (term-time)	Village Hall
7.45pm	Martial Arts	Pavilion

Tuesday

10.00am	Art	Church Barn
10.00am	Personal Fitness	Pavilion
4.00pm	Ballet (term-time)	Village Hall
7.00pm	Personal Fitness/Circuits	Pavilion
8.00pm	Country Dancing (2nd & 4th in month)	Village Hall

Wednesday

9.00am	Baby Sensory	Village Hall
9.45am	Hopping Bunnies (music for toddlers)	Pavilion
10.00am	Tai Chi	Church Barn
1.15-5.15pm	Baby College (term-time)	Village Hall
2.00pm	Table Tennis	Pavilion
2.30pm	Art	Church Barn
6.30pm	Aerobics	Pavilion
6.30pm	Handbell Ringing Practice	Church Barn
6.45pm	Ballroom Dancing (term-time)	Village Hall

Thursday

9.45am	Hopping Bunnies (music for toddlers)	Pavilion
9.30-11.30am	Under 5's (term-time)	Village Hall
2.00pm	U3A Handbells	Church Barn
2.00pm	Love to Dance	Pavilion
7.00pm	Fit-Steps	Pavilion
7.30pm	Whist	Village Hall

Friday

9.30am	Pilates	Village Hall
9.30am	Jo Jingles (Children's musical group)	Pavilion
11.00am	Mother & Baby Yoga (except 1st Friday)	Village Hall
3.30-7.45pm	Ballet classes (term-time)	Village Hall
2.00-4.30pm	Duplicate Bridge	Church Barn
7.00pm	Martial Arts	Pavilion
7.00pm	Choir Practice	Church Barn
8.00pm	Tango	Village Hall

Saturday

9.30am	Pregnancy Yoga	Village Hall
9.30am	Zumba	Pavilion
10.45am	Zumbini	Pavilion

Sunday

9.00-10.00am	Explorers	Church Barn
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Contact for Village Hall events: www.biddenhamvillagehall.org.uk
Contacts for Pavilion events, email clerk@biddenham-pc.org.uk.

Mobile Library



Great Denham Community Centre

Saturdays 14th, 28th July

11th, 25th August

2.20pm-2.40pm

Biddenham

Thursdays 5th, 19th July

2nd, 16th, 30th August

Church End 10.00am-10.20am

Noddors Way 10.25am-10.50am

Remember your library card!

Welcome Packs for

New Biddenham Residents

Contact Richard Church Tel: 214805

July 2018

- Sun 1 Jul** **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
All Age Service, St James's, **9.00am**
Baptism Celebration Service, St James's, **4.00pm**
Holy Communion, St James's, **6.00pm**
- Mon 2 Jul** Biddenham History Society, Church Barn, 2.30pm, see p5
- Thu 5 Jul** Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p19
- Fri 6 Jul** First Friday, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p19
- Sun 8 Jul** **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
Evening Prayer, All Saints, **6.00pm**
- Tue 10 Jul** Biddenham Women's Group, Church Barn, 2.00pm, see p13
- Wed 11 Jul** Biddenham Parish Council, Pavilion, 7.30pm, see p17
- Sat 14 Jul** Mobile Library, Great Denham, see p19
- Sun 15 Jul** **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
Evening Prayer, St James's, **6.00pm**
- Tue 17 Jul** Café B, Biddenham Village Hall, 10.30-12noon, see p16
- Tue 17 Jul** Messy Church, Church Barn, 4.30-6.00pm, see p14
- Tue 17 Jul** Biddenham Gardeners Association, Biddenham village Hall, 7.30pm, see p18
- Thu 19 Jul** Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p19
- Sun 22 Jul** **Mary Magdelene**
Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
No evening service
- Sun 22 Jul** Messy Church, All Saints Church Hall, Kempston, 4.00-5.30pm, see p14
- Sat 28 Jul** Mobile Library, Great Denham, see p19
- Sun 29 Jul** **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
No evening service
- Sun 29 Jul** Sue Ryder Fashion Show, St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, 1.30pm, see p2

August 2018

- Thu 2 Aug** Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p19
- Fri 3 Aug** First Friday, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p19
- Sun 5 Aug** **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
All Age Service, St James's, **9.00am**
Holy Communion, St James's, **6.00pm**
- Sat 11 Aug** Biddenham Village Hall maintenance morning, 9.00am, see p18
- Sat 11 Aug** Mobile Library, Great Denham, see p19
- Sun 12 Aug** **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
Evening Prayer, All Saints, **6.00pm**
- Thu 16 Aug** Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p19
- Sat 18 Aug** Time for Music Festival, Moggerhanger Park, 3.00pm-10.30pm, see p4
- Sun 19 Aug** **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
Evening Prayer, St James's, **6.00pm**
- Tue 21 Aug** Café B, Biddenham Village Hall, 10.30-12noon, see p16
- Sat 25 Aug** Mobile Library, Great Denham, see p19
- Sun 26 Aug** **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
No evening service
- Thu 30 Aug** Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p19

September 2018

- Sun 2 Sep** **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
All Age Service, St James's, **9.00am**
Holy Communion, St James's, **6.00pm**
- Fri 7 Sep** First Friday, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p19
- Sun 9 Sep** Biddenham Show, St James' School field & Biddenham Village Hall, 12-4.00pm, see p15
- Sat 15 Sep** Youth Group, 27 St Mellion Drive, 4.00-6.00pm, see p6
- Tue 18 Sep** Messy Church, Church Barn, 4.30-6.00pm, see p14

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