

The Loop

October
2018

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Biddenham Show 2018

On a breezy but delightfully sunny day, the village came out in force to support the 2018 Biddenham Show.



The construction of two new classrooms at St James' School restricted the space available but we still had room for circus skills and fun dog show arenas as well as a bouncy castle and Punch & Judy show, and old favourites like the human fruit machine, second hand book stall and church cake stall. The raffle was particularly attractive this year with plenty of valuable prizes presented by local businesses.

Unfortunately we were unable to find anyone willing to run the Bottle Stall this year. Perhaps anyone who regretted its absence might volunteer to help next year. (Contact any member of the committee.)

The Gardeners Association flowers, fruit and vegetable classes were slightly depleted as a result of the strange weather this summer but the kitchen and craft classes held up well, including an impressive array of Yorkshire Parkin.

The event began with the children's fancy dress parade led by Mr Strong and the Owl and the Pussy Cat followed by a colourful group including witches, wizards, fairies and a dinosaur. The winner selected by Maria Soulsby, head of St James' Primary School, was Kitty O'Brien as Veruca Salt.

Thanks are due to St James' Primary School, our sponsor Taylor Brightwell and the small army of volunteers who set up the Show, judged the competitions, manned the entrance and stalls, provided and served cakes and teas, and cleared everything up afterwards.

We are still working out the finances but there will be some money available for grants to village good causes. If your organisation would like to be considered please email stelios.mores@btinternet.com or contact any member of the committee.

Biddenham Show Committee

Stelios Mores (chairman), Sue Brierley, Val Fitzhugh, Chris Garner, Jean Gambold, Liz Hurford, Jane Knight, Colin Rickard.

Did you have a relative who served in World War 1?

If you did, St James's Church & The Loop would love to hear from you. As you know, this year marks the centenary of the end of World War 1. We will, of course, be having the usual Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 11th November at the war memorial at 10.45am. But in addition, St James's Church is planning to use its 9.00am service that day to spend a bit more time (in the guaranteed dry and warm setting of the church) telling the stories, not just of the Biddenham men who died in World War 1, but the stories of the relatives of the current people of Biddenham and Great Denham who served in World War 1. The Loop would also like to publish their stories and pictures, if you have them.

If you had a relative who served in the Great War, do let us know about them. They may have survived, they may have been among the millions killed. Either way, if you know their story, we would love to hear from you so we can remember them on this very special Remembrance Sunday.

Please email the details by Wednesday 17th October so The Loop can include them in the November edition. If you only want your relative remembered in church, please email the details by 1st November. Please send all emails to katesmith278@btinternet.com.

Attention raffle entrants

If you bought a Show raffle ticket and weren't there for the draw you can find out whether you won on page 6. Prizes are at the Three Tuns for collection.

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St James's Church Biddenham

Harvest Festival

7 October

All Age Service

9.00am

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Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends

I realise that remembrance is still a little time away, but I recently held in my hand a piece of paper. It had a stamp in one corner which read; 'Army Signals.' It was addressed to the 5th Advanced Tank Brigade, as an urgent operations order. The document was written in pencil, and went on to announce that from 11.00am that morning, all hostilities would cease. It contained instructions that, even then, the troops will 'stand fast' on the line, and there 'would be no intercourse of any description with the enemy.'

On 11th November, this year, this document will be exactly one hundred years old, and records the end of what became, at that time, one of the most terrible and bloody conflicts in history.

It took a while to register the significance of this piece of paper. It marked the end of a conflict which resulted in the death of approximately seven million civilians and ten million military personnel. Altogether, there were over thirty five million casualties, and the impact on people's mental health is simply unquantifiable.

One of the descriptions of WW1 was 'The war to end all wars'. This, today, is used with a degree of irony, as we all know that our capacity for war has only increased since then. Since 1918, nearly 190 million people have died as a result of war. In 1914, this would have represented over 10% of the world's population. Given these figures, it is impossible to evaluate warfare as having any positive outcome at all.

The very last strategic bombing to take place over England was Operation Steinbeck, which lasted until May 1944, less than a month before the liberation of France. Apart from terrorist incidents, this means that the UK mainland has not directly been involved in conflict since then, though the UK armed forces have been involved either directly or indirectly ever since. It is a sobering thought that the casualties of war walk amongst us all the time. It is people who grieve for lost sons and daughters, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, and people who have witnessed horrors that cannot be unseen.

At 9.00am, on 11th November, this year, our Church service in Biddenham will focus on this point of history; four years of war, and a hundred years of non-peace. It goes without saying that the service will be accessible to children and adults, and that all will be welcome.

At 10.45am, at the war memorial in Biddenham, there will also be an annual act of remembrance, that will fall on the eleventh hour, that marks the last hundred years of non-peace, during which at every point, there has been lethal conflict in some part of the globe.

Remembrance has never just been about the First World War, nor the Second World War, but about the conflicts that have occurred everywhere, and ever since. It is important, also, that it is not simply about the glorification of our own military. It is important that the church's engagement with remembrance should take account of the healing of the nations and the call for alternatives that do not involve old men sending young men to die.

There are such things, of course, as just wars, but ultimately we pray for an end to armed conflict, and the fulfilment of the biblical promise that swords will be turned into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks, so that nations will no longer learn war. (Isaiah 2:3-4). Please bring your children to our acts of remembrance, as together, we will offer our world to the prince of peace, relying on the hope that our children will, themselves learn to be the peacemakers of the next hundred years.



God bless,
Eric

Don't forget the Foodbank

Please continue to bring in-date non-perishable food. The container is at the back of the church.

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Edna Rance

We are sorry to report the death of Edna Rance of Regent's Mews. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends. Thanks to Val Fitzhugh for her help in compiling this short piece.

Edna's funeral was held at St James's Church on 5th September. Her son, his sons and her daughter attended. Her daughter lives in America now and provided some lovely Native American sayings, which were printed on the Order of Service;

'They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind.'

and *'We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.'*

Edna's father was a friend of Charlie Chaplin so she grew up among theatrical people and was 'on stage' from about the age of six and received little formal schooling. She performed in a duo called 'The Sterlings', dancing and doing acrobatics, appearing on the bill with many of the great names from British Variety.

She had her moment to shine in Biddenham earlier this year when the Women's Group had a talk on The History of British Variety. She was able to contribute so many facts about the characters, and show us pictures, so that it became a double act with her and David Pibworth. They also shared a few 'asides' and had a giggle or two.

The service in the church began and ended with the music, Lord of the Dance, which was most appropriate.



*The Sterlings,
Edna is on the
left.*

Prayer of the month

Blessed Lord,
who blessed us with the beauty of creation,
the food on which we feast,
and the creatures that share the land on which we tread.
Help us to express the love which created it,
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The Children's Society Boxes

I am once again collecting The Children's Society donation boxes. I would be grateful if box holders could deliver their boxes to me at No 2 Day's Lane. If you are unable to do this please give me a call on 356497 and I will collect from you.

Last year was the best ever amount raised and it would be lovely to match or even improve on it this time.

Thank you all very much for your continuing support.

Eloise Carter

Biddenham History Society

The Biddenham History Society will meet on Monday November 19th 2018 at 8.00pm in the Church Barn. Amanda Goody, who is one of the Bedford Town Guides, will talk to us about 'Margery Fish - Cottage Garden'. We have many lovely cottage gardens in Biddenham and this talk will give us their historical background and perhaps provide some inspiration! I hope you will be able to come.

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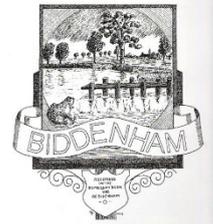
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The Biddenham Society



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Cheques payable to 'The Biddenham Society'. All bookings to Garry Fitzhugh, 69 Church End, Biddenham MK40 4AS (tel: 07778 004749)

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Plea for committee members

With sadness, the Pond Management Committee reports the retirement of two long-standing members of the team, Peter Applewhite and David Wilkinson, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their commitment and hard work and to celebrate their achievement in both preserving and conserving an area of natural beauty in our village. The good news is that they will both continue to work for the Friends and the pond as volunteers.

Peter Applewhite had indicated his intention to retire at the June AGM, but due to changing circumstances has stood down earlier than anticipated. Peter has been involved with the Friends for many years, and has been Chairman for twelve, since when he has been the outward face and the driving force behind our activities. His many responsibilities on behalf of the Friends are too numerous to mention here, but he was very keen to promote and keep the profile of the Friends as high as possible. In 2003 he introduced and has since written our newsletter, Splash, and he has provided regular articles for the Biddenham Bulletin, now the Loop, giving updates on the activities at the pond and helping to galvanise action against planning proposals with potentially adverse impacts on the pond and its rural setting. He would also give presentations to local organisations and was a regular contributor at Parish Council meetings. In 2013 he embraced social media, by setting up the Friends website and Facebook page and thereafter kept them up to date with news, events and activities.

David, a committee member for seven years, but a volunteer before that, has also decided that the time has come to retire. David was the practical man on the committee, the person who was happy to get his hands dirty and knew how to fix things. He would probably not consider himself a natural committee man, but he had clear insight as to what needed to be done. He was in his element on work mornings, where he was never happier than when he was in the pond removing reeds! He would also be the first to volunteer for ad hoc work sessions when more technical tasks were undertaken such as the re-laying and re-pointing of walls or renewing the jetties, saving the committee a lot of money by not using outside contractors.

Peter and David's retirement now means that the committee only consists of three people. We ideally need six people to share out the tasks and organisational activities behind the scenes, and we are therefore making one more urgent request for new committee members to

come forward. If you value the village pond and have some time to spare – we meet in the evening 4 times a year - then please get in touch. In the meantime our next meeting is on 23rd October, when we will be reviewing the activities currently undertaken to identify those that are core and to decide whether we have sufficient resource to continue.

If you feel that you can help us, please contact Jane Knight 01234 330173, Paul Godden 01234 344081 or Chris Jones 01234 211759. Alternatively, if you would like to find out more, we will be in the Three Tuns on 31st October between 6.00 and 7.00pm, where you can meet us for an informal chat.

Thank you,
Jane Knight
Treasurer

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Show raffle
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claimed at the Biddenham
Show.

The ticket numbers are as follows:-
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Pink - 215

The prizes are:-
£40 Vouchers for Great Denham Fish Bar
Afternoon Tea for 4 people at Bromham Mill
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Sue Brierley
Biddenham Show Committee

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BGA Challenge Shield	BGA member gaining most points in flowers, fruit & vegetables	Jeremy Arthern
Mrs Lilly Bowl	Best Dahlia entry by a resident	Rosemary Harris
Ted Brooks Cup	Resident displaying the best exhibit of vegetables	Jeremy Arthern
Sir Douglas Gordon Cup	Most points by a gentleman resident	Jeremy Arthern
Miss Bertha Simmons Bowl	Best small flower arrangement	Jennifer Climpson
Maurice Appleton Rose Bowl	Best large flower arrangement	Marysia Kratimenos
1913 Cup	Most colourful flower arrangement	Bethany Cawood
Captain Carter Plate	Resident displaying the best exhibit of fruit or herbs	Marion Colledge
Hunnikin-Lepper Trophy	Most outstanding photographic print	Mark Phillips
Bradbury Cup	Most points in photography	Jennifer Climpson
Three Tuns Cup	Most points in the kitchen classes	Caroline Moore
Eric Green Cup	Best water colour	Val Fitzhugh
Graham & Betty Bates Cup	Most points by a resident family	The O'Dowd Family
Hon. Romola Russell Cup	Best pickle or chutney	Jacqueline O'Dowd
Misses Howard Cup	Best lemon or lime curd	Caroline Moore
BWX Cup	Most points by a gentleman baker	Ashley Knight
Cooper Cup	Best art/craft exhibit by a lady resident	Alicia Nicholls
Miss Steel Cup	Most outstanding art/craft exhibit	Alicia Nicholls
Ormerod Cup	Most points by a child under 12 in the gardening classes	George Essien
Biddenham Upper School Association Shield	Best picture by a child under 16	Alex Priestley
Biddenham Show Young Photographer	Best photograph by a child under 16	Hannah O'Dowd
Biddenham Show Young Writer's Cup	Best handwriting	Ben Morris
Biddenham Show Young Cook Cup	Best cookery exhibit by a child under 16	Alex Priestley
Tyros Vase	Most points by a new resident in flowers, fruit & vegetables	Jennifer Climpson
Bristow Cup	Most points by a lady resident	Jennifer Climpson
Biddenham Show Committee Cup	Children's Fancy Dress	Kitty O'Brien
Wendy King Cup	Best Dog in Show	Barney



Trophies were presented by Stelios Mores (chairman) and Liz Hurford of Biddenham Show committee.



Biddenham Show Snaps

See more pictures at www.biddenhamshow.org



Biddenham Cricket Club



Eleven years ago a new initiative was undertaken by some club members to enter a team of mostly under 17 players in the new Development Division that had been created on Sunday afternoons by the the Bedfordshire County Cricket League.

Sadly, this Development Division no longer exists, a reflection perhaps of the reducing number of youngsters who wish to play cricket on a Sunday afternoon. In many clubs youngsters who play beyond the age of 15 are now welcomed directly into adult teams to boost their numbers and ability.

At Biddenham we have been very fortunate to build on the success of the Development XI that started in 2007. Members of this team, led by Will Lowerson, now form the backbone of our club and success on the field has followed in successive seasons. 2019 will see our small village club categorised in the top 20 teams in Bedfordshire by playing in Division 1 of the Bedfordshire County League. One division below the top division, the Premier.

Finishing second in Division 2 was unexpected for us with this outcome only a possibility following an improvement in results towards the end of July. Promotion will bring additional responsibilities with regard to umpires and scorers [please see our advert below] and of course a further increase in the standard of opposition that we play.



The Sunday team before their match v New Bradwell on Sunday 19th August - the result was a win by 6 wickets.

Top row L to R Peter Marks (umpire), Matt Salisbury, James Gardner, David Morrish, James Gaul, Sam Jones, Jaswant Singh Rai

Front row L to R Jatinder Mongia, Ollie Richardson, Will Lowerson (Capt), Sam Kumar, Jason Willis

The Saturday team should not be forgotten, last month's article reported their promotion back to the top division of the Four Counties League. Biddenham were confirmed as league winners before the final game of the season and all should be congratulated on the achievement.

The weather has of course been exceptional. August Bank Holiday Monday saw an informal match at the ground organised by Kevin Bolwell with many local people involved. The Juniors end of season event at the pavilion on 2nd September enjoyed unbroken sunshine and the chance for a picnic on the field. An 18 a side combined parents and juniors fun match was a great success and a fitting and enjoyable finale. Thanks to Chris Spurgeon and Jagtar Singh plus the team of helpers for organising everything.

As a whole the club has once again seen a great deal of



Youngsters at the junior end of season day at the pavilion on Sunday 2nd September.

activity over the five months from April to August. A significant number of people come together to make all of this possible and thanks go to all of them for working hard to ensure the club continues to provide cricket for young and not so young on a regular basis. The club recognises the support both from within the village from the Parish Council, Vice Presidents and Sponsors and also from further afield, for example, the valuable assistance received from Bedfordshire Cricket. This year, with the extremely dry conditions, it would have been impossible to continue to play on safe cricket pitches without the efforts and skill of David Watson.

A reminder this week, that cricket keeps going for more than just the summer, has come with the publication of the Bedfordshire Indoor League fixtures. Biddenham start their games in October and matches continue throughout the winter up to March.

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.

Contact numbers:

Chairman	Glenn Taylor	07778 479479
Cricket Secretary	Richard Fone	07818 678697
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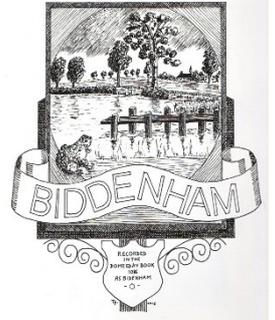
Biddenham Society update

A quick update on a significant application. The application to demolish Biddenham House and build 8 modern houses has been turned down by the Borough. The applicant is now appealing to the Planning Inspectorate which will review the appeal and make a decision on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Bedford Borough Council has published a revised Local Plan 2030 which was approved by Executive on 5th September 2018. It was published on 18th September 2018 for a consultation period finishing on Tuesday 30th October at 5.00pm. (Editor's note: The Biddenham Parish Council website has more details and a weblink to the document. www.biddenham.org.uk)

And please take note of the Biddenham Society AGM and Lunch on 4th November (see advert on page 4) in the Village Hall. Come along and get the latest on developments and planned developments in and around the village.

Will Jenkin, Vice Chairman



Date for your diary

The Red Cross Bedford Christmas Fair will be held at The Great Hall, Bedford School from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 24th November. More details next month.

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This month in the garden

Although much of the country has had useful amounts of rain, the drought continues in Bedford and we are likely to enter October with very dry conditions. Cooler weather and a little rain at the end of August and in September helped a bit and, at last, runner beans have started to produce an edible crop. The hot dry summer and the later date made finding entries to the Biddenham Show a challenge. The fruit and vegetable sections both suffered with some classes very thinly represented and some not at all. It was good to see quite a few people taking up the challenge however.

Pears seem to be totally absent this year and, although there is a good crop of apples, many have fallen early which means that they won't be good for storing. Fallen apples will be bruised and mine, at least, are suffering quite a bit from rot. Picking and storing apples is generally an October activity but most of that will have been done before you read this. If not, put it on your list for early attention. Pick carefully and treat gently to avoid bruising. Last year I didn't wrap my apples in newspaper but I don't think they kept as well.

Lawns have suffered badly this year and the recovery which started in late August and early September has stalled. Rake out areas of dead grass and mowing will be worthwhile to trim the grass that has grown and to suck up dead grass and leaves. Set the mower at a moderately high level. Monty Don has recommended sowing the dead areas. If you do this, water the soil first to soften it and loosen the surface. You can protect newly seeded areas from the birds with wire netting or black cotton strung between small sticks; alternatively, wait until spring to see what happens. Grass will very often grow back.

If you have a pond it will need attention this month. The dry weather probably means that it will need topping up. Rain water is always better for this but as lack of rain is the problem you will need to use tap water which is better than nothing (which applies to all watering in the garden). Any dead or dying foliage on the pond plants should be cut off and as much blanket weed, duck weed and fallen leaves as possible removed. Oxygenating plants may need thinning. If you are feeling really bold you could clear some silt from the bottom of the pond as this builds up surprisingly quickly from decaying matter in the water and reduces the depth of the water. If you do this, leave the silt to drain on the edge to allow any wild life to get back in the pond. This should always be done with plant material taken from the pond. Then, net the pond to catch the autumn leaf fall, and, where there is a shelving ledge, leave a space for wild life to get in and out.

Leaves won't be falling just on the pond, of course, and on lawns they should be cleared as soon as possible as a

thick layer of leaves can damage the grass. Leaves can be left on borders as mulch or cleared as you prefer. Store the leaves in large black plastic bags tied at the top. Water the leaves if dry or they won't decompose. Stab the bags all over with a garden fork and put away and forget about them for two or three years when they will give you lovely leaf mould for mulching or adding to compost.

Summer bedding should be cleared now and replaced with plants which will overwinter. Winter pansies are the most popular and are best bought from a local nursery rather than a super store or garden centre to get the best combination of quality and price. Some of the 'winter' pansies I bought last year and grew in containers have kept flowering all year and are still going strong. If you haven't yet brought inside tender plants like geraniums and fuschias, that needs to be done now to avoid frost damage. Dahlias should be left until they have been blackened by frost and can then be cut down and brought inside, or left in the ground thickly covered in mulch. It is often recommended that dahlias should be cleaned of soil before storing in a frost-free place but I think it is better to leave them in soil or compost in a pot or crate because the tubers can dry out.

Jeremy Arthern

Biddenham Show Teas

My grateful thanks to all those who helped in the Village Hall with refreshments and for those who provided the delicious cakes. Thanks also to the visitors who helped us to raise over £500.

Not sure if that's a record but it beat last year's takings.
Val Fitzhugh

Biddenham Show Committee



Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 6th November
8pm
Biddenham Village Hall

Do you have any ideas on how the Village Hall could be improved or new ways that it could be used?

The Committee is open to hearing ideas about ways to improve the Hall. The Village Hall "belongs" to you, the residents of Biddenham, and the short AGM gives you a chance to hear about the management of the Hall and give your views. Please come along. If you can't make the meeting but have some bright ideas please contact any of the Committee or leave a message on the website.

Biddenham Village Hall Management Committee
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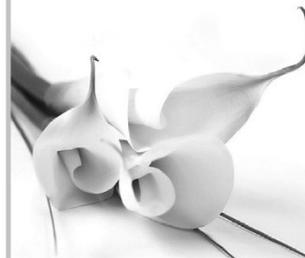


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Biddenham Parish Council



September's Parish Council Meeting took place on Wednesday 12th September 2018 in the upstairs room at the Pavilion. Present were Parish Councillors Joe Warren (Vice Chairman), Jon Gambold, Alan Jacobs, Krzys Osuch, Francia Slade, Terry Platt, Borough Councillor Roger Rigby and Clerk Lyn Lyman. Nine members of the public were also present. Parish Councillors Chris Gee, Peter Chase and Graham Bates sent their apologies.

Gold Lane

A concerned resident outlined various detailed issues regarding safety at the Hampden Court junction with Gold Lane as well as general road safety issues about the narrow nature of Gold Lane. He informed us that there is strong feeling about the issues from the houses in and around the immediate area. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot take any ideas forward as it is waiting for the next speed survey; this will take place in the very near future.

Remembrance Day - Silhouette Soldier

A member of the public made an impassioned speech about having a Silhouette Soldier priced at £750 installed one week before until one week after Remembrance Day. It could be stored away for the rest of the year and would then be used the following year and so on. All Councillors present supported the idea and decided to purchase it and have it installed on the specified dates, beginning this year.

Land West of Gold Lane

It was noted that no activity has taken place regarding the proposed development on land West of Gold Lane. Borough Councillors Roger Rigby and Jon Gambold stated that there are various ongoing assessments and a decision is not immediately forthcoming. We are looking at early November for further developments.

Bromham Road Railway Bridge

There has been a significant delay in the upgrade of the Bromham Road Railway Bridge; it will be delayed by at least one year.

Application to demolish Biddenham House and build 8 new dwellings on the site - Appeal

An Appeal has been lodged against the refusal of the application to demolish Biddenham House and build eight houses. There is no action needed by residents who have already submitted their objections. All objections already received will be considered before a final decision is made.

Sainsbury's Roundabout

New Traffic Lights will be installed at Sainsbury's roundabout from January 2019. Hopefully this will ease the congestion at the roundabout during rush hour.

Deep Spinney Roundabout Feature

The proposed feature on the Deep Spinney roundabout has been formally and regretfully cancelled as a project. Bedford Borough Council introduced too many barriers to the proposal. Instead, it was decided to pursue the idea of village gates on the entrance to the village. This idea will be explored by the sub committee with some firm ideas at the next Parish Council meeting.

Automation of Pavilion payments

Finally, it was proposed to look into the possibility of automating Pavilion payments from the hirers. A similar system to the village hall was suggested. Joe Warren will look into this with our existing website provider.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th October 2018. Please come along if you have anything you would like to raise.

Joe Warren
Vice Chairman



Egypt September 2018

We are currently, in mid-September, in Egypt working with medical students. These young people are Christians living and working in the community as a minority and often suffering persecution. We are sharing with them teaching about medicine and treating people lovingly as God's creatures who have a right to make their decisions about their health and lives and also to learn with them how to treat people, some of whom are persecuting them, with love and care. We have been going to this country now for more than a decade and we always come home enthused and having learned so much about what grace, forgiving those who persecute you and treating them as God's precious creations, means.

When we arrived a few days ago we wondered how to enthuse them with what at times seems a thankless impossible task. We then read Revelation 1 12-18 and Matthew 17 1-21. In both of these passages one sees Jesus as the almighty God, holy and with all power. At His transfiguration He was shining white so that it hurt your eyes to look at Him. Here is the creator of the world in all His power and magnificence. But this too is the baby born in a cowshed among the dung and flies. Here too is the young teacher with no home and frequently abused. This Jesus who is magnificent, powerful, having the levers of everything in His hands, is the person who died to pay the penalty of my sins on the cross on a tiny inconsequential planet in the universe, while forgiving those who did this to Him. This is also the person who is in the room with me when I pray.

When the disciples went with Jesus to the mount of transfiguration and saw Him in His glory they worshipped Him. But they did not stay there in exultation. Jesus lead them down the mountain to a desperate situation that seemed insoluble. A man with a son with a dreadful disease that nobody could do anything about. The disciples worshipped Him on the mountain and with that experience were able to go into desperate situations to bring grace and healing. It is this that we are talking to our students about. Perhaps with this they may be able to go and live and practice in a situation where they are spat on and where their doors marked as where Christians live so it is easier to find them to harm them. But I have a suspicion that they know this already and to some degree it is them who are teaching us.

Edwin Martin

Biddenham Women's Group

Unfortunately we are unable to carry the account of last month's meeting due to technical problems; it will be held over to next month.

Next month's meeting is on Tuesday 9th October at 2.30pm in the Church Barn when Andrew Waite will speak on the History of Hallmarking.

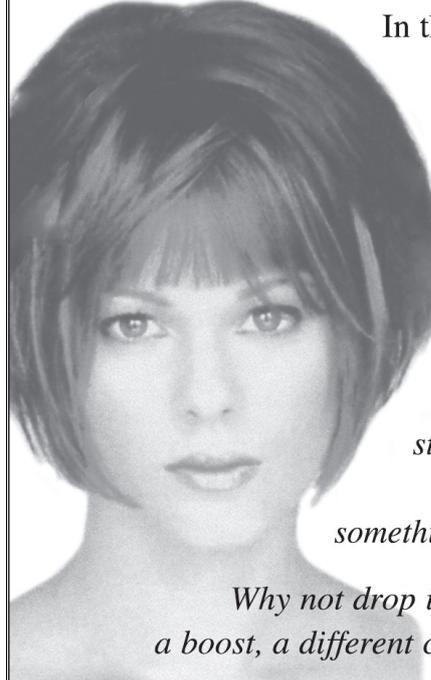
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Biddenham Gardeners Association

Garden bugs - cohabit, conserve or control?

We were pleased to welcome Dr Ian Bedford to our September meeting. Ian is head of the Entomology facility at the John Innes Centre in Norwich which is one of the UK's leading Plant Science Research Centres.

From a childhood interest in insects and butterflies, Ian is now a leading expert in this field and he makes regular radio and TV appearances. During his 40 odd years at the John Innes Centre it has increased substantially in size and houses areas where native bugs can be studied as well as an area where insects from other parts of the world can be investigated and where a high level of quarantine must be maintained.

Research into insects from around the world is vital as many sap sucking insects transmit viruses. Ian cited the example of Cassava, a woody shrub native to South America and which is the staple diet of 50 million people; aphids can transmit diseases and decimate crops with devastating consequences for the population. However, we have to cohabit with insects and invertebrates as we share our lives with them in our homes and gardens.

Ian illustrated his talk with examples of sap suckers, pollinators, scale insects, leaf chewers, root feeders and those whose main purpose is to compost and dispose of waste. Many bugs are very beneficial as they predate others which are less so, for example lace wings eat aphids and certain wasps lay their eggs inside host caterpillars. Some invertebrates also form partnerships with others.

The question was posed as to whether we should control or conserve. We need to think carefully as to whether there is a real problem. For example, flying ants will soon disperse and be eaten by birds and other predators. The options for control are a) Chemical although there is growing concern about the use of neonicotinoids, b) Biological, using predators and parasites and c) Physical through use of netting, fleeces and sticky traps or one could use an integrated management system combining all three.

Natural products may provide a safer answer than neonicotinoid and pyrethrum which is highly toxic to beneficial insects and pollinators. Natural plant oils, for example garlic are now recognised as pesticides. At the present time climate change and global trading are having an effect and we are now seeing different invertebrates in our gardens. Ian talked in some detail about the invasion of Spanish slugs in his own garden. These slugs can be as long as 6 inches, are very prolific and can decimate a field of oil seed rape in a short space of time. None of our audience had seen them in Biddenham - yet!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th October when Caroline Holmes will talk about "A Zest for Herbs"

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Regular Events in Biddenham

Monday

10.00am	Cha Char Chimps	Village Hall
10.00am	Yoga	Pavilion
2.30pm	Cardiac Rehab exercise	Pavilion
6.30pm	Pilates	Pavilion
7.00pm	Mat Pilates	Church Barn
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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Mobile Library

Great Denham Community Centre

Saturdays 6th, 20th October

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Biddenham

Thursdays 11th, 25th October

Church End 10.00am-10.20am

Noddors Way 10.25am-10.50am

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October

- Mon 1 Oct Biddenham Upper School Open Evening, 5.00-8.00pm, see p3
 Fri 5 Oct First Friday Lunch, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p15
 Fri 5 Oct Sue Ryder Quiz, Bedford Police HQ, 7.00pm, see p10
 Sat 6 Oct Mobile Library, Great Denham Community Centre, 2.20pm, see p 15
 Sat 6 Oct Harvest Tea, Church Barn, 3.00-5.30pm, see p14
 Sat 6 Oct Quiz Night, Biddenham Village Hall, 7.30pm, see p3
Sun 7 Oct Harvest Sunday
 All Age Harvest Festival Service, St James's, **9.00am**, see p2
 Holy Communion, St James's, **6.00pm**
 Tue 9 Oct Biddenham Women's Group, Church Barn, 2.30pm, see p13
 Wed 10 Oct Biddenham Parish Council, Biddenham Pavilion, 7.30pm, see p12
 Thu 11 Oct Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p15
 Sat 13 Oct Youth Group, 27 St Mellion Drive, 4.00-6.00pm, see p10
Sun 14 Oct Parish Communion at St James's, 9.00am
 Evening Prayer at All Saints, **6.00pm**
 Tue 16 Oct Café B with Christmas stall, Biddenham Village Hall, 10.30-12.00 noon, see p12
 Tue 16 Oct Biddenham Gardeners Association, Biddenham Village Hall, 7.30pm, see p14
 Sat 20 Oct Mobile Library, Great Denham Community Centre, 2.20pm, see p 15
Sun 21 Oct Parish Communion at St James's, 9.00am
 Evening Prayer at St James's, **6.00pm**
 Tue 23 Oct Messy Church, Church Barn, 4.30-6.00pm, see p14
 Thu 25 Oct Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p15
Sun 28 Oct Parish Communion at St James's, 9.00am
 No evening service
 Sun 28 Oct Messy Church, All Saints Church Hall, 4.00-5.30pm, see p14
 Wed 31 Oct Pond informal gathering, Three Tuns, 6.00-7.00pm, see p5

November

- Fri 2 Nov First Friday Lunch, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p15
Sun 4 Nov All Age Service, St James's, 9.00am,
 All Souls Service, St James's, **3.00pm**, see p12
 No evening service
 Sun 4 Nov Biddenham Society AGM, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p4
 Tue 6 Nov Biddenham Village Hall AGM, 8.00pm, see p11
Sun 11 Nov Remembrance Sunday, see pp1 & 2
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 Service at Biddenham War Memorial, 10.45am
 Evening Prayer at All Saints, 6.00pm
 Tue 13 Nov Cantamus, St Owen's church, Bromham, 7.45pm, see p10
 Mon 19 Nov Biddenham History Society, Church Barn, 8.00pm, see p4
 Tue 20 Nov Café B, Biddenham Village Hall, 10.30-12.00 noon, see p12
 Tue 20 Nov Messy Church, Church Barn, 4.30-6.00pm, see p14
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