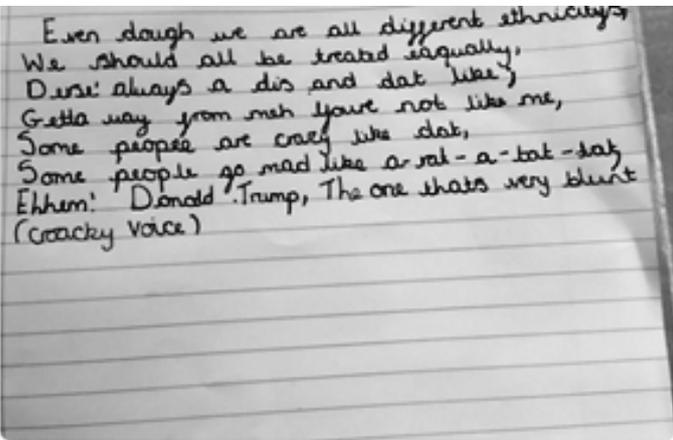


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**Professor Benjamin Zephaniah** @BZephaniah · Jan 15

Replying to @StJamesHead  
Dear Faith and Sara.

Keep writing poems, keep speaking your mind, and keep telling people that we can all live together and make the world a better place.

Yes Faith, it's real Sara.  
We need you.

Peace.

## Star poets at St James'

Earlier this term, there was much excitement for Faith and Sara. As part of their work in English, the girls wrote a poem all about the world in which they are growing up, in the style of Benjamin Zephaniah. Their poem was tweeted, and they received a personal response from BZ himself. The girls were thrilled!

Another poet, Isla, received a Blue Peter badge for her excellent poem celebrating her grandparents' Diamond Wedding anniversary.

More news from St James' is on page 3.



*These lucky pupils from St Joseph's and St Gregory's School were treated to a virtual trip across the galaxy. Read more on page 5*

## From the Editor

It seems to me that The Loop has a valuable role to play in recording the lives of Biddenham and Great Denham residents who have passed away, especially those who have lived in the parish for many years. I do get to hear about some deaths and am able to record them; and I can sometimes print obituaries, often based on funeral eulogies. There are two examples in this edition.

However, I am aware that there are a significant number of deaths that I do not hear about and therefore cannot report.

You can help by letting me know about the deaths of friends and neighbours, obviously with the permission of their nearest and dearest, and by asking whoever is responsible for the eulogy if they would kindly send me a copy for publication, ideally with a photograph.

My email is [loopeditor@gmail.com](mailto:loopeditor@gmail.com) or you can deliver hard copy to 22 Day's Lane.

Many thanks.

Jean Gambold

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# Ash Wednesday

Communion Service  
6.30pm  
St James's Church  
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## Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends

I was given my first guitar when I was just ten years old and it was a piece of badly constructed Korean Plywood, strung with the 1970s equivalent of barbed wire. This enabled me to learn my first three chords and be genuinely irritating to the people who had the misfortune of living in the same house as me. Ever since then, every major rite of passage has been accompanied by the acquisition of a new instrument. I have, for example, a beautifully made American acoustic guitar that I bought with some money I inherited from a wonderful clergyman who died in the late eighties. It feels like his soul is somehow part of this guitar. I bought it new but now it has more scratches and dents than I can count. These imperfections seem to have only added to the personality of this instrument.

I have far more guitars than I care to own up to but I have to say that each of them seems to possess its own soul, which lends each of them to a particular mood. There is something great about playing a shiny new guitar but I have always thought that to make better music they have had to be beaten into submission. It is the flaws that give each of them a soul.

One of my latest guitars is a case in point. I found it leaning against the wall of a charity shop. Dusty and faded, it is nothing to look at, but when I picked it up I realised that I was holding something special. I noticed, almost immediately, that this is made of solid cedar and rosewood, with touches of mahogany and ebony. These are rich, carefully chosen woods that give flavour and colour to the tone. Over the years, the soundboard had begun to bulge a little with the tension of the strings, and both love and neglect had given this guitar its own share of scratches and dents.

What is particularly special about it is that it is clearly not a production guitar, but one that is hand-made by a craftsman, or luthier. You can tell this by the flaws and imperfections, the chisel marks and blemishes. This instrument is unique; there is literally no other guitar like it in the world.

I am forever grateful for the work I have been chosen to do. As a priest, I spend most of my days establishing and building relationships with all varieties of people. This can be uncomfortable because people are unpredictable, often faded and damaged like an old forgotten guitar. Many people I encounter carry intolerable burdens, and have lost their sense of self and meaning. My function is often to remind people that they are actually the product of a master craftsman. Whatever people think of themselves, it is often our flaws that actually make us unique, precious and loved.

Despite the guitars I own, I am really no great guitarist, but God of Jesus Christ is a master musician who can produce wonderful music with the instruments that appear damaged and broken. Whoever you are, though you may not realise it, you are a miracle and you are loved by God.

God bless,

Eric



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# St James' School

It's been a busy start to our 2019!

We enjoyed our annual Arts Week, with each class focussing on different artists to inspire a range of different skills and techniques. Our youngest children were inspired by Jorn Utzon to design and make their own buildings



(Utzon was a Danish architect who designed the Sydney Opera House); other classes focussed on Matisse, Klee and Rousseau, whilst Year 5 used Holst's orchestral suite The Planets to inspire their art work. Over the course of the week, children enjoyed many creative opportunities, linking their art work across the curriculum, and we held an open afternoon where parents were able to join us.

We're hoping that Eric will let us display some of our work in the Church in the near future, so keep an eye out!

Just before half term, St James' children formed the Honour Guard at the Bedford Blues match against London Irish. As part of the day, they received a training session from Dom Fraser, met a few players and enjoyed watching the match, but the real highlight was the chips at half time! We had a great day, thanks so much to everyone at the club.

However, it's probably fair to say that the absolute highlight of the term was the snow; there's something really magical about having a gigantic snowball fight on the school field!

Maria Soulsby  
Headteacher



## Events in Great Denham

There's always a lot going on in Great Denham and especially at the moment, when many of the events are to support Lulu, a young pupil at Great Denham Primary School who is undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma. Her parents are fundraising to enable them to take her to the USA for treatment, and have a target of £162,000.

Here are some dates. These events are all at Great Denham Community Hall. Go to the facebook page for details of more events supporting Lulu.

### Easter Events

16th April - Spring Crafts 11.00am-12.00noon & 1.00-2.00pm

20th April - Easter Egg Hunt 1.00pm

20th April - Easter Children's Party 1.00pm & 3.30pm

### Children's Community Cinema

3.30pm (doors open 3.00pm)

Admission £1.50 including popcorn and drink.

Friday 1st March

Friday 5th April

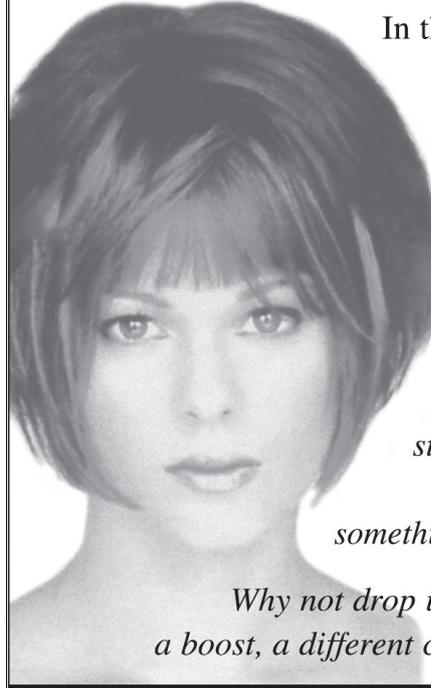
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## What a mess

I am very sad to have to write on this matter.

The new churchyard to the rear of St James's is being used by dog owners who allow their dogs to foul this area which is hallowed ground, and do not clear up the resulting mess.

There have been a number of instances where people visiting their loved ones in the churchyard have walked on this mess and then had to clean their shoes.

Can I please ask dog owners to refrain from using this area. If you have a legitimate reason for being there and your dog does make a mess then please clear up after your visit to this special place.

Laurie Hurn  
Churchwarden

## Science focus: Pupils reach for the stars!



Pupils at St Joseph's and St Gregory's 'virtually' travelled across the galaxy recently, thanks to a visit from a mobile planetarium.

The resource enabled the children to enjoy a three-dimensional experience, which captivated everyone from Reception to Year 6. It provided a fantastic way of bringing scenes from the night sky to the students' learning environment. The experience challenged them to embed and deepen the learning that they had already done in class about the Solar System. The multi-media presentations made clear many of the fundamental aspects of astronomy and space science.

As part of the initiative, also on display, were our students' space projects, featuring homemade models of the Solar System, cardboard space rockets, PowerPoints and substantial written pieces of work. St Joseph's and St Gregory's Catholic Primary School is grateful to the Harpur Trust, who sponsors the loaning of the Planetarium to schools in the area. It is also thankful to the Science Department at Mark Rutherford who coordinate this initiative.

Year 2 had a visit from Dave, from the Rainforest Roadshow. The children spent the day finding out about the rainforest, they saw some real artefacts and had the opportunity to meet some rainforest creatures! These included: Giant Spiny Stick Insect, Milk Snake, Oak Silk Moth, Mexican Flame Leg Tarantula, Giant Millipede and Praying Mantis. At the end, most of the children had their faces painted because this is a traditional practice of Amazonian tribes.

# Café B...



*Tuesday 19th March*

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## Moyra Peacock

*Moyra died on 9th January. Thanks to her son-in-law, Harry Fowler for this account of her life.*

Moyra Clair Weedon was born on 3rd February 1929 at 80 Grosvenor Road, Muswell Hill to Sydney and Aileen Weedon. She was educated, as was her sister Daphne, at Roedean School. By the time Moyra joined it was wartime and the school had been

moved to Keswick, the Brighton premises having been requisitioned for use as a Naval Base.

In July 1945 Moyra sat the School Certificate Examinations passing in seven subjects, the best result being in biology. The following year she sat the Royal Schools of Music Elocution test and passed with distinction. The latter result will come as no surprise, she being a stickler for correct pronunciation. Every letter in a word had to be clearly enunciated.

On leaving school she decided to become a Speech Therapist and studied at The Central School of Speech Training and Dramatic Art based at the Royal Albert Hall and in 1950 she was admitted as a Licentiate of the College of Speech Therapists.

Work took her to Sheffield where she encountered conditions unlike any she had seen before. She said that, with some of the children, before she could start to address their speech problems they had first to bathe and feed them such was the squalor in which they lived.

Life was soon to change. While on holiday in Clacton with her mother she met a young man who had just completed his National Service and was about to go up to Cambridge to read Land Economy, he was definitely "the one".

While Dudley was at University Moyra took every opportunity to visit him and enjoyed many parties and the May Balls. Moyra and Dudley were married on 27th April 1954 and rented a flat in Pemberley Avenue. The following year they moved to 'Oakdene' in Days Lane where they were to remain and which was to be the family home.

Following marriage Moyra ceased her professional life having been made to understand that it would not do for her to continue working, lest people should think that Dudley could not afford to keep his wife. This was a

common theme at the time and Moyra as a product of her generation and background accepted this but I do not think it ever sat easily with her.

Clair and Sue came along. After contracting an infection at hospital when giving birth to Clair it was decided that Sue would be born at home. Sue chose the day of the County Ball to arrive so preventing her parents from attending one of their favourite events. The family doctor, Bill Murdie, called in at breakfast time to view the new arrival and to check that all had gone well and he and Dudley had serious discussions about what should be done. The decision was to give Moyra a large gin (and probably a cigarette as well). She never drank gin again.

At that time there seems to have been a busy social life with Dudley always on the organising committee of something and Moyra supporting him and, more often than not, making sure he did things the way she thought right.

Foreign holidays were much enjoyed, with regular stops at local bars for "a little something" having to be programmed in to prevent the ravages of thirst and to support the local economy.

With the sale of the market at Horne Lane came the purchase of the Chalet at Hunstanton which brought much happiness. When their dear friends Keith and Carol Rose bought their house in Norfolk the infamous joint barbeques started. Bad weather could not deter Keith and Dudley, the two galloping gourmets, they simply moved the kit indoors.

It was at Hunstanton that I was introduced to the art of the barbeque by Dudley, a man not renowned for his culinary skills. He told me that it required the consumption of three bottles of red wine. One to drink while the charcoal gets to temperature, one to drink while the meat cooks and one to take the taste away. As he explained this we may have been drinking and getting loud, Moyra's voice issued from the kitchen "Dudley, Harry, whatever you two are doing stop it". We did not consider arguing.

As the wife of the Senior Partner in the firm of Peacocks it fell to Moyra to provide tea at the Partner's meetings, the laden trolley wheeled in. She did not always understand why meetings took so long when it was obvious what needed to be done, if only they had asked her!

Moyra was, for many years, a trustee of the Lovell Trust, a keen member of NADFAS and a determined seller of Poppies for which she received a medal for long service.

With the new millennium approaching all seemed set well; Clair and Mark happily married and having presented her with a new granddaughter, Vicky; Sue still lumbered with me; James and Fi growing up rapidly and Dudley on the point of retirement with the prospect of more time to spend together. So much to look forward to doing and enjoying. But in February 2000 her life changed forever with the death of her beloved Dudley. It was as though, at that moment, a light within her dimmed never to shine as brightly again.

Friends offered support and the members of the Bedford Rotary Club ensured that she received a copy of the Club's magazine to keep up with news and events. She was invited to Club dinners and attended for so long as she was well enough so to do, usually accompanied by Graham Bates. Graham continued to keep in touch and I know Moyra much enjoyed his visits on Saturdays.

Over the last few years her health deteriorated and eventually, when carers could no longer cope, the decision was made to move to residential accommodation at Manton Heights. Rob and all his staff looked after her well and to them also we are grateful.

Moyra was not overly religious but did have a simple Christian faith. If the teachings of the Church are right then we can only pray that she is, at last, reunited with Dudley, in spirit if not in body, and is rediscovering happiness and contentment. May she now, and for evermore hereafter, rest in peace.

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## Elizabeth Ann Daniels (Liz)

20th June 1940-16th January  
2019.

*St James's church was packed for Liz's funeral on 7th February, as was the Three Tuns afterwards.*

*Thanks to Liz's husband, John for this edited version of the eulogy which was delivered by his brother Charles.*

Families are important to us all, providing love, support and encouragement throughout our lives. This was especially true for Liz, along with her religion.

Liz and her sister Veronica had lovely parents and a very special early childhood with a varied religious education. They attended a convent in Torquay where lessons included elocution and singing and although the school had its own chapel, they were not expected to attend services if not of that faith. Grandpa was a Methodist Lay Preacher and was a great favourite with Liz and Veronica in spite of not being allowed to play on a Sunday. The gin had to be hidden when Grandpa arrived for Sunday lunch, having taken the girls to the Methodist Sunday School. Mother was Church of England, so they followed her lead. Sundays were very busy, and not a little confusing.

The family had a wonderful social life and were invited to lots of smart parties; the girls in taffeta dresses with hair curled over the gas stove with tongs. The liberty bodice was abandoned for the parties, but compulsory at school.

When the war ended, their father built a beach hut on Corbyns Head, only fifteen minutes walk from the family home. They adored days on the beach, catching shrimps in the rock pool with Dad and cooking them for tea, and lots of swimming in all weathers.

When Liz was eleven her parents went into the hotel business, managing the Golden Lion in St Ives, very different for them all. Being in a farming community seemed to require a lot of swearing which they had never heard before! The girls went to Miss Lusher's School for a short time. There all three classes were taught in the same room with two long benches for each, and the pupils wrote on slates.

Liz then went to St Mary's School in Cambridge for her secondary education. Veronica says, 'She was the best big sister, always ready to protect, help and encourage me. (I did have to hide my sweets from her though in the early days.)'

The family moved to The Bull Hotel in Peterborough where Liz was a receptionist. This was a fun period as all the celebs stayed there when they were appearing at the theatre. The Beatles were an unknown supporting act one week, and sat on their own in the bar looking miserable.

Liz had a period working in London and then moved to the University Arms Hotel in Cambridge to be closer to her parents. She met her first husband, Stuart there and they moved north to manage a hotel in Scotland until Stuart won an E Type Jaguar and chose to have the money to take over the Three Tuns on 5th November 1974. Liz started food for the first time in the pub which soon became very popular and themed fancy dress nights became regular events in the evenings.

This was the saddest time, as the move south coincided with death of both her mother and father within two months of each other, aged only fifty-nine. However, Liz had a lot of work to do and with the friendship and support of the village she made a success of it and loved Biddenham.

In 1979 Liz and John moved into a 2 bedroom cottage

in Days Lane. The following year Helen was born and motherhood was a natural and very happy change. As Helen grew up and went to the village school so Liz kept herself occupied in childminding. She joined the village Show committee in 1983 until 1991 running the tea tent. John and I were responsible for heating the water in two boilers that took 45 minutes to come to the boil. Liz was not amused when she found out we had been to the Three Tuns for a couple of 'swift halves' in the interim.

A regular church goer at St James's on Sunday mornings, she also cleaned the church on Saturdays. John offered to help out one Saturday but was given the sack at the end of the shift after demonstrating a lack of expertise with hoover and duster.

Liz had a very full life centred on the village for over 30 years. She worked in the shop at Deep Spinney Farm, picked strawberries and sorted potatoes on a machine that was towed by tractor across the fields. Gardening was her great passion and the front and back gardens at the family home were always a picture. She worked well into the evenings in the summer months and won prizes every year at the village show.

For many years she was the supervisor at St James' School looking after the children and organising their lunches. She was a helper at Tiny Tots in the Church and Church Barn and was a unit helper for Biddenham Girl Guides. Liz was also an Avon Lady in the village and enjoyed visiting her customers.

Many of her work colleagues became close friends and would visit the house after her retirement as did many others who came to see her when she became housebound.

Liz was a much loved wife and mother to John and Helen and she was lovingly referred to as 'Mother Daniels' by Helen's friends who spent many evenings at the family home. In recent years, due to Liz's ill health she was unable to spend as much time with people as she previously had done but the love and care she had for them was still very apparent to Helen and John.

God bless you Liz.



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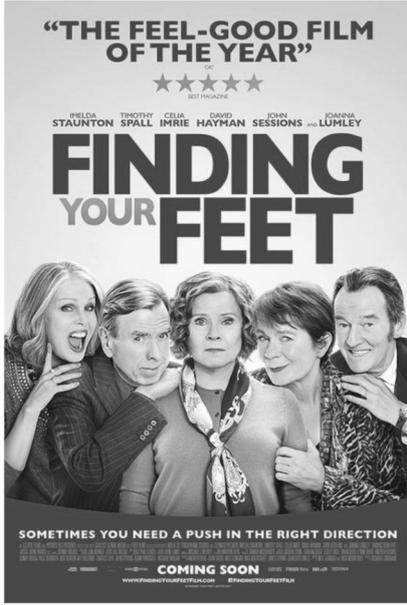
Thanks to Charles Rose for this aerial photograph of Day's Lane and Biddenham Turn between 1933 and 1938.





## Peter's Picturehouse

Date: Tuesday 5th March 2019 Ticket price: £5  
Bar Open: 7:00pm, film start 7:30pm  
Location: Biddenham Village Hall



Certificate: 12A

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### Peter's Picturehouse in April

A film classic from 1942:  
**Casablanca**

On: Tuesday 2nd April 2019  
Bar open: 7.00 pm, film showing starts 7:30pm  
Location: In Biddenham Village Hall

## Peter's Picturehouse

A host of stars, including Joanna Lumley, Timothy Spall, David Hayman, Celia Imrie and Imelda Staunton, feature in the romantic comedy 'Finding Your Feet' (Certificate 12) which was released in the UK in 2018. Come along to Biddenham Village Hall on Tuesday 5th March to discover the story of two sisters as one of them starts her retirement after quite a change of circumstances.

The doors open at 7.00pm and the film show starts at 7.30pm and there will be an interval. Tickets are £5.00, available on the door, and we will have restocked the wine, peanut and ice cream selection after February's showing!

On Tuesday 2nd April you can see the film in which Humphrey Bogart had to wear platform shoes to play alongside Ingrid Bergman! Yes, we are returning to the classics next month when we show the 1942 film 'Casablanca'.

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The recent rain has helped the water level and so the pond is slowly returning to some kind of normality. The frogs, toads and newts should be arriving soon, and then the pond, like other ponds all over Britain will be covered with frog spawn, although possibly ours are waiting for the water to get a bit deeper first.

You may think that the area at the back of the pond is untidy but it is deliberately left as a protected area for anything that prefers to hide in a damp dark corner, and it is also a favoured place for moorhens who like to breed hidden away. We are increasingly seeing people and dogs in the adjoining field and although privately owned and not part of our reserve, we do request that you keep your dogs' away from the area close to the pond because they inadvertently disturb our wildlife.

The scene is set for our work morning on Saturday 6th April starting at 10.00am, so please do put the date in your diary, and come and help us if you can. There will be tasks of all sorts to carry out or just pop in to find out about the pond as a community resource for all to enjoy. Perhaps while you are there you might consider joining The Friends to support the work that we do, either financially or as a practical volunteer or both! Details as to how to contact us can be found below.

We follow the work morning with our annual Frog Foray on Friday 12th April starting at 9.00pm when the pond will be teeming with life. Please bring a torch so that you are able to fully appreciate the life in our pond. No dogs but children are very welcome, but they **must** be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their safety at all times.

Disappointingly the area around the pond has been subject to some low level vandalism, and so you may have noticed that we have had to fix the benches to the ground. We also ask that our visitors put any rubbish they have in the bins that are provided, because rubbish that gets into the pond is unsightly, dangerous to the wildlife and difficult for us to remove.

Finally, we are **still** looking for a couple more committee members including a chairperson to help us. You don't have to be a naturalist or expert on environmental issues, but just willing to help with the organisation. Please consider this.

Do come and visit and enjoy the pond.

The Pond Team

### Contact Details

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### Forthcoming dates:

Spring work morning - Saturday 6th April 10.00am to noon  
Frog foray                -                Friday 12th April 9.00pm  
AGM and tea                -                Sunday 9th June 3.30pm

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## barn@2 Dental & Facial Health

Dr Hema Mistry, from St. Peter's Studio Dental Clinic, came to talk to the group, in February, about dental and facial health.

She began by talking to us about how our teeth change as we age and what can be done about it. Through illness, stress or medication mouths become dry, teeth may become darker and gum problems can develop. Teeth can become brittle, wear down, become loose or affected by what we eat or drink. Implants, dentures and bridges are the solution for missing teeth while fillers can be used to build up worn teeth.

Whitening treatments, for discoloured teeth, can be done at the clinic or at home and are easy to use. Regular check-ups with a dental hygienist can help prevent problems with gums and assist with any problems occurring from loss of dexterity, which makes cleaning more difficult. Family histories are also taken into account, as this may have an impact on the health of our teeth.

Someone asked how regularly one should visit the hygienist and we were told that it depended on the state of our teeth. Three to six-monthly visits were advised, or even annual visits in some cases. Dentists also check for oral cancers.

Another question related to brushing teeth. We learned that it was possible to over-brush teeth, which causes erosion or abrasion where the tooth meets the gum. Hold your toothbrush at a 45 degree angle and use a circular movement. A softer toothbrush can also be used.

Electric toothbrushes, Tepe brushes and flossing all help to keep teeth and gums healthy, as does toothpaste containing fluoride, which kills germs in the mouth. Grandparents were advised to think of treats for their grandchildren other than sweets or carbohydrates, which turn into sugars and become acidic. Water neutralises the acids so that should be encouraged as opposed to sugary fruit juices. Teeth should be cleaned at least twice a day!

The surgery offers a range of skin care products and procedures such as anti-aging facials, wrinkle reducing injections and derma-fillers. Factor 50 sun creams were advised, as was wearing a sun-hat, drinking enough water, which helps to hydrate the skin, and using good quality skincare products.

The St. Peter's Studio Dental Clinic treats people with respect and involves them in their care.

Please look online for more information, telephone 01234 261881 or visit the clinic at 28 St. Peters Street, Bedford MK40 2NN.

Could I please remind you all that barn@2 is an all-inclusive group and you can come along to any meeting which interests you. Our next meeting should appeal to lots of you as we have a caricaturist, Jed Pascoe, coming to visit us. Who knows what he will make of us?

Join us at 2.00pm on 12th March, in the Church Barn. Members £3, non-members £5 which includes refreshments and raffle. Friendship is free!

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# Biddenham Parish Council



The most recent Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 in the upstairs room of the Pavilion. Present were Parish Councillors Graham Bates, Peter Chase (Chairman), Jon Gambold, Chris Gee, Alan Jacobs and Terry Platt. Clerk Lyn Lyman, Borough Councillor Roger Rigby and about ten members of the public were also present. Councillor Krzys Osuch, Francia Slade and Joe Warren sent their apologies.

## Lavender Lodge

A number of members of the public asked about both the exposed fence at Lavender Lodge (situated in the heart of the village, just beside the war memorial) and the planning application to build a house on the plot behind the fence.

I have written before of my regret that the vegetation growing along the fence was cleared away, when all we (as the Parish Council) had asked was for it to be tidied up. One person at the meeting asked why we were not planning to replant the very same plants as were there before. I responded that we had taken advice on what to plant from a number of people to agree, as far as possible, consensus for something that will look traditional and in keeping with the village scene, namely holly and yew.

Mr Newton's planning application to build a house behind the fence was refused on the grounds that there would be insufficient light for inhabitants, amongst all the trees on the plot, to meet minimum regulatory requirements. He has, however, resubmitted the application, with an added report that he claims scientifically shows there is enough light. We decided to object once again, emphasising even more our concern that potential damage to trees, both short and long term, represents a grave risk to the ambience and appearance of this part of the heart of the village.

## Land west of Gold Lane

The consultation period for objections to the planned 160 houses west of Gold Lane has now closed. We are extremely grateful that so many of you objected; the number of individuals doing so is expected to top 900. We are still waiting for the final total, because the Borough (at the time of writing) are still processing the enormous backlog we've created! This number is even more than the impressive 600 objections lodged to the previous application for 250 houses, and will give us considerable weight when the application is considered.

## Biddenham Turn and Bromham Road

One member of the public asked about the narrowness of this junction for push bikes. Clearly the drop kerb the Borough installed to resolve this issue isn't obvious enough. As the pavement opposite is a mandatory cycle path, push bikes are supposed to pull out of the junction and go straight up onto it, not follow the road itself. We will ask about something being painted on the road or pavement to make this clear.

While we're talking about Bromham Road, the impending nightmare of the works on Bromham Road railway bridge is nearly upon us. It will start on 4th March with closure of the bridge westbound until mid April. So you will still be able to go in to town, but coming out again will require you to either go through Queen's Park or all the way around the Great Ouse Way bypass. After mid April, the same will apply but only on certain (unspecified) nights (8.00pm to 6.00am). From mid-June, we believe, the bridge will then be completely shut, until goodness knows when. Expect it to be some time next year. The one consolation is that, at some point (sorry, I've not been told when) a pedestrian/cycle bridge will be installed alongside the existing bridge, so at least you can get in and out of town as long as you do so by muscle power!

## Thorpe Close oak trees

Some of you with long memories may remember an application was made to fell two 250 year-old oak trees in Thorpe Close. One property in the Close was suffering from subsidence, and it was felt this was a proportionate answer to the problem. We disagreed, as did many others. Chopping lovely trees down that pre-date modern buildings by hundreds of years is ridiculous, and would probably have counter-productive effects anyway, with houses getting the opposite of subsidence (called heave). Anyway, a compromise has been reached, and a "root barrier" is to be installed instead. I won't go into the technicalities of this, which I have discussed with the Borough's Tree Officer, but suffice to say she thinks it is a good outcome. I say so too, if it means these two beautiful oaks are now safe.

## Our next meeting

We meet every second Wednesday of most months at the Pavilion in Deep Spinney, and very much welcome hearing from residents. There is a public "open session" near the start for anyone wanting to say something. Please come along and let us know anything concerning you about our village, or just come and listen.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th March.

Peter Chase  
Chairman

## St James's Annual Meetings

On Monday 1st April, St James's Church will be holding its annual meetings at 7.30pm in the Church. At the meetings we will be electing church wardens and new PCC members; if your name is on the church electoral roll you are entitled to vote in these elections. We will also be discussing the many groups and activities that currently take place within the church community. Copies of the Annual Report, giving more details, will be available at the back of the Church for two weeks before the meetings.

Do come along and find out more about the vibrant community that is St James's Church!

## MinaBurt

We are sorry to report the death of Mina Burt of Church End at the age of 98. We extend our sympathy to her husband Dr James Burt, her sons David and Alistair and their families.

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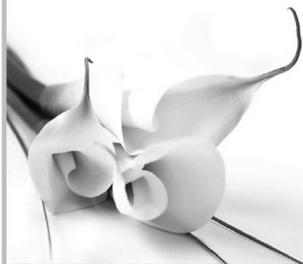
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## A response to an attack on a community

Peta and I have recently got back from Egypt where we have been working with a group of final year medical students from the minority Christian community.

A while ago we were similarly working with a group of young medics in their 20s at a time when fundamentalists had burned down 36 churches in one day. They had also killed 3 pastors and burned 7 other buildings used to help the poor people from the majority community. We had planned to run a session on the management of patients suffering from Chronic Diseases. The group of about 20 young people came together after lunch and told us that they did not want to consider a medical problem that afternoon. Instead they wanted to spend the time deciding how their community should respond to what had happened. They called it 'Producing a new Egyptian Christian Constitution'. We played no part in the production of this document apart from being observers. Here it is. It is a document that has had a considerable influence among these young peoples' threatened community:

### The Egyptian Christian Constitution

We, a group of Christian Egyptian young people, declare that:

1. Muslim people are precious souls for whom Jesus died and they are loved by God.
2. There should never be any discrimination against Muslim people.
3. They are not enemies. They are trying to please God but are misled when they use violence. God shows us that we should pray for them when they act against us.
4. We should feel for them when they have troubles.
5. We should greet them with a smile.
6. We should always be ready to give them practical help.
7. We should pray for them regularly and present the love of God to them.
8. We should remember that when one of our churches was bombed and many people killed at the last new year, many Muslims helped us.
9. We must keep loving them even if we have been wounded by them.
10. If we live close to the Lord, He will give us the grace we need to do all this.
11. We must never take revenge, whatever they do to our community.

The practical result of this movement started by young people is that where there is violence against their community they try to start medical facilities, or schools for disabled children, or deaf people, or some such service to those who are suffering in the Muslim community.

Edwin and Peta Martin

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## This month in the garden

This is the time to come out of hibernation and to start being really active in the garden. There is a lot to be done and a good start now will pay off for the rest of the year. Where you start will depend on your gardening priorities. Do you just want to keep things tidy and ticking along quietly? Is the ornamental garden your pride and joy with the aim of colourful all year round interest or do you fancy the Good Life, being as self-sufficient as possible with vegetables and fruit?

Tidiness means paying attention to ornamental borders and lawns. You may have been able to get quite a bit done on the borders in February but weeding will certainly need to be done this month. It never really stops. Spring bulbs will be well advanced and perennial plants showing shoots, so you shouldn't be in danger of destroying or damaging the things you want to keep. Check your shrubs to see if they are taking more room than they should and either thin them out by up to a third from the base or, particularly with evergreens, trim them back as needed. Fork over the soil lightly and add compost and/or fertiliser. Growmore is a good general purpose fertiliser while chicken pellets are a form of manure which is readily available in bags and easy to spread.

Very often, when I am gardening, I find that one thing leads to another and I end up doing a job that I hadn't thought of when I started. This can happen when you are tidying up a flower border with perennial plants. You may find that some of the clumps are getting quite big or starting to thin out in the middle. You can multiply your plants cheaply by digging them up, discarding any thin bits in the middle and dividing the rest by cutting them with a spade or prising them apart with two forks levered back to back. Some bits can go back where they came from while others can be used to fill out the border elsewhere or used in a new bed. Many perennials look best when they are set in good sized clumps and repeats of the same plant in a border are an effective part of garden design.

Most people have a lawn of some sort which means that they will need to pay it some attention if they take any pride at all in the appearance of their garden, even if they have no real interest in gardening. Keeping the lawn cut is the basic thing and the way it is done does have a considerable effect on its appearance. Keep the mower in good condition by having it serviced at least every couple of years and ensure the blade is sharp. Fairly frequent mowing is important (at least once a week once grass is growing well) and never cut the grass very short. A lawn is not a cricket pitch and shaving it will weaken the grass and leave it looking yellow rather than a good green colour. Start in March with a fairly high cut and then maintain a middling setting for the rest of the year until late autumn when you go back to a longer cut. Mow in a different direction each time so that the grass is not always pushed down in one direction. The grass overhanging the edge of the lawn should be cut with long-handled shears every two or three times the lawn is mown and the edge itself sharpened up every couple of months using a spade or, better, a half-moon edging tool. The sharpness of the lawn's edge makes a big difference.

Vegetable gardeners will be keen to get going with seed sowing out of doors. Once the soil is fairly dry and friable it should be raked over leaving a fine tilth. Here again, before sowing you can spread Growmore or chicken pellets if you haven't dug in any garden compost or manure during the winter. Parsnips need to be sown early and you can make a first sowing of carrot which should be followed up with a couple of successional sowings later on. Onion sets can also be planted now in rows a foot apart (30cm) with four inches (10cm) between each plant. Brassicas and leeks can be sown now and, where possible, start them off under glass in seed trays or pots for planting out later.

Jeremy Arthern

## Biddenham History Society

The next meeting of the Biddenham History Society will be on Monday 29th April at 8.00pm in the Church Barn. Our speaker will be Jean Fullerton who will tell us about Victorian Medicine. Jean has been a nurse and lecturer in nursing. She is now a published novelist and a regular lecturer on cruise ships. I hope that you will be able to come and hear her.

Programme cards for 2019/2020 will be available at the meeting if you have not got one.

Kathy Fricker



## 'Our' white squirrel

This actually is the white squirrel frequenting the King's Corner area. Thanks to Paul Fricker for the photograph. One has also been spotted in Church End. Could this be the same squirrel, from the same family or a completely different family? If you know anything about squirrels and can enlighten us, please get in touch.

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## Biddenham Gardeners Association Flowers from the Farm: Home Grown Talent

On Tuesday 19th February we were pleased to welcome Rachele Merrill who stepped in at very short notice when our scheduled speaker was unable to be with us. Rachele and her husband run a family Christmas tree, foliage and flower growing business in Oakley. In 2017 they opened up their farm to allow local florists to buy flowers direct from the farm. In 2018 they started co-hosting workshops with local florists and also introduced 'Pick Your Own' tours. On their 70 acre site they have 8 acres of trees (five plots with 5,000 Nordmann fir trees on each plot) and 2 acres of flowers. Since 2017 they have built two polytunnels for flowers which need more protection.

Merri Flowers, as their business is called, is a member of the 'Flowers from the Farm' consortium. This is a not for profit association which was founded in 2011 and now has 500 growers across this country, two of whom are in Bedfordshire. This organisation provides British grown wholesale flowers, flowers for events, workshops and tours. They also exhibit at most of the RHS shows, winning a Gold medal at Chelsea in 2018.

There are many reasons to buy British grown flowers. Air miles and the chemicals needed to keep foreign grown flowers alive in transport are eliminated. Wildlife tends to flourish on farms where flowers are grown as food is provided for the pollinators and British grown flowers tend to be more scented.

The flower season at Merri Flowers is between May and October. The early Spring sees narcissus, then follows ranunculus (grown in polytunnels), scabiosa, peonies, roses in mid June through to the dahlias in the early Autumn. Of particular delight was the view of the sweet pea tunnel, we could only imagine the perfume! Amongst the most requested flowers are antirrhinums, delphiniums, statice, roses, dahlias and sunflowers.

Rachele and her husband are clearly passionate about what they do. The flowers in her photographs looked stunning and their farm is very local to us. They welcome visitors, but by appointment, as Rachele's husband works on his own and therefore needs to arrange his work schedule carefully. We were very grateful to Rachele for stepping in at such short notice and providing such an interesting and pleasant talk.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th March when Timothy Walker will talk about Plant Hunting in Eastern Anatolia. Please do join us, just come along to the Village Hall for a 7.30pm start. You will be made very welcome.

Linda Truscott

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

[www.biddenhamgardenersassociation.org.uk](http://www.biddenhamgardenersassociation.org.uk)



## Great Denham Parish Council

The next Parish Council meetings are on 4th March and 1st April at 7.30pm in the Mercia Suite, Great Denham Community Hall, Saxon Way. There are 15 minutes for public questions at the beginning of each meeting.

To keep up to date with developments at Great Denham log on to <http://www.greatdenham.bedsparishes.gov.uk/>

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### Church Barn

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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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## March

- Fri 1 Mar First Friday Lunch, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p15  
 Fri 1 Mar Children's Community Cinema, Great Denham Community Hall, 3.30pm, see p3  
 Sat 2 Mar Bach Motets by Candlelight, Bedford School Chapel, 7.30pm, see p5  
 Sat 2 Mar Bedford School Brass Ensemble, St James's Church, 7.30pm, see p14  
**Sun 3 Mar** All Age Service with baptism, St James's, **9.00am**,  
 Holy Communion, St James's, **6.00pm**  
 Mon 4 Mar Great Denham Parish Council, Community Hall, 7.30pm, see p14  
 Tue 5 Mar Peter's Picturehouse, Biddenham Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, see p8  
**Wed 6 Mar** **Ash Wednesday**  
 Sung Communion, St James's, 6.30pm, see p2  
 Sat 9 Mar Mobile Library, Great Denham, 2.20pm, see p15  
**Sun 10 Mar** Parish Communion, St James's, 9.00am  
 Evening Prayer, All Saints, 6.00pm  
 Tue 12 Mar barn@2, Church Barn, 2.00pm, see p10  
 Wed 13 Mar Biddenham Parish Council, Biddenham Pavilion, 7.30pm, see p11  
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 Evening Prayer, St James's, 6.00pm  
 Tue 19 Mar Café B, Biddenham Village Hall, 10.30am-12.00noon, see p5  
 Tue 19 Mar BNTA meeting, Addison Centre, Kempston, 2.30pm, see p3  
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 Tue 19 Mar Biddenham Gardeners Association, Biddenham Village Hall, 7.30pm, see p14  
 Sat 23 Mar Mobile Library, Great Denham, 2.20pm, see p15  
**Sun 24 Mar** Parish Communion, St James's, 9.00am  
 No evening service  
 Sun 24 Mar Messy Church, All Saints Church Hall, 4.00-5.30pm  
 Thu 28 Mar Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p15  
**Sun 31 Mar** **Mothering Sunday**  
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 No evening service

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**Sun 7 Apr** All Age Service, St James's, **9.00am**,  
 Holy Communion, St James's, **6.00pm**  
 Fri 12 Apr Quiz, Church Barn 7.30pm, see p14  
 Fri 12 Apr Frog Foray, Biddenham Pond, 9.00pm, see p9  
**Sun 14 Apr** **Palm Sunday**  
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 Sun 14 Apr Great Denham Litter Pick, 10.00am, see p3  
 Tue 16 Apr Café B, Biddenham Village Hall, 10.30am-12.00noon, see p5  
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