

The Loop

July/
August
2019

Explore the gardens of Church End



Sunday 7th July 2019, 2pm–5pm

Come and explore the variety of gardens along Church End, The Old Barns and Manor Road, Biddenham. Several residents have kindly offered to open their gardens – whether pristine, everyday, interesting or just “work in progress” – for others to enjoy.

Afternoon tea with home-made cakes for sale in the Church Barn.
Plants for sale.

Tickets £5 per person for all gardens, available on the day from the Church Barn (next to St James’s Church at MK40 4AS). Accompanied children under 12 free. Map of gardens provided.

*Parking along Main Road. Well controlled dogs on leads, children and buggies all welcome.
Note: There are ponds, steps and other hazards in some gardens and wheelchair access may be limited in some areas.*

For more information, contact
Diana Shooter on 01234 213305

*In aid of The Friends of St James, Biddenham
- the charity which preserves and enhances the historic church buildings for future generations*

Sporting stars at Biddenham Upper School

Caleb selected for the GB U18 Dragon Boat Team



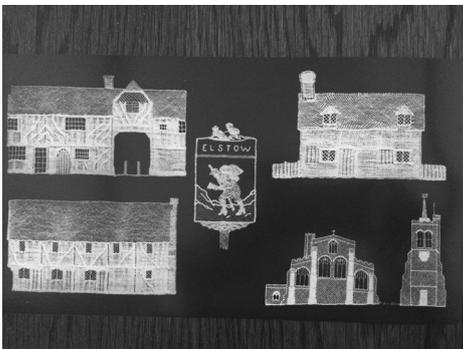
Year 9 student, Caleb Page has been selected for the Great Britain U18 Dragon Boat Team and will be travelling to Thailand in August with the GB Team to compete in the World Championships against top elite teams like China, Australia, USA and Canada.

Great Britain U18 trials were held in Liverpool in February where he was selected. He will be training hard over the next few months all over the UK with his GB U18 team mates.

Year 7/8 Netball

Our Year 7 and 8s have been working hard this half term with their netball and have made huge progress with the help of our two new fantastic Year 9 coaches Shazmin and Rachel.

The girls are great leaders and have helped to develop the younger girls’ netball to a very good level. The Year 7 and 8s go from strength to strength and we have seen a huge amount of determination and effort from all involved.



This fascinating lace was on display at barn@2 last month. For more details see page 10.

Enjoy your summer

The Loop will be taking a break in August; we’re back in September.

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The editor welcomes contributions from residents and friends via email to loopeditor@gmail.com

Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends

Have you ever wondered whether or not there are bats in heaven?

One would not think so, as bats so often feature in film and literature as monstrous creatures, right down from Gotham city's Dark Knight, to the transformation of Vlad the Impaler into Bram Stoker's Count Dracula, embodied in a swarm of bats. The character of Batman with his cloak and a bat etched on his chest is not, in later incarnations or the original DC comics, a gentle character. Bats in heaven? Surely not.

Our experience of bats has been somewhat different. A few years ago one of the cats brought a bat into our house, and very quickly we discovered so much about these amazing little creatures. The pipistrelle bat, we discovered, is the tiniest of creatures yet can eat up to 3,000 small insects in a single night. The one that was delivered to us was kept, for almost a week, in a shoebox with no lid. We tried to feed it on bird seed and it had no interest at all in this food.

We learned that there was somebody called the bat lady, and we gave her a call. I was so disappointed that she did not wear a cloak with a picture of a bat on her chest. She was, instead, a rather large lady with a blue handbag and a camera. She informed us, in a very stern voice, that bats were protected animals, and that we should try and feed it



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with cat food, rather than bird seed, and then, when it was strong again, we should try and launch it into the air. Rather than feeding it cat food, the reason we had this creature in a shoebox, was that I had prevented the bat from becoming cat food.

The bat eventually died, but we had tried.

I was reminded of this, when I heard a programme on Radio 4, a couple of days ago. It was called 'Short cuts.' In the programme a woman described her experience when a close friend, who she loved, had died. She then described how if bats moved into her home, because they are protected creatures, she could quite simply, not do anything about it. She would just have to accept that she lived in the same house as the bats, and coexist with them. If grief, she explained, moves into your home, like with the bats, you can do nothing about it, except to live with it.

It was a beautiful example of story telling. She wove the bats and the grief into the same narrative, as if they were the same thing. She spoke about the unpredictability of these bats, how they would come out when she was least prepared, and cause chaos around her. She described how they flew round the room when her lover was there, and how her lover eventually abandoned her because it was so hard to live with the bats. The bats were always there and cast a deep, dark shadow over her relationships.

I find, in my ministry, and with friends who grieve, sometimes at the loss of a friend, or a parent, or worst of all, at the loss of a child, that I want, so much, to give them hope; if you live with the bats, there is, somewhere in the universe, a deep understanding of how you feel. A product of grief is sometimes anger, and often, in the abyss, it is an anger which is directed against a God who allows these bats to fly around their house, yet does nothing about it.

Those who have lost someone precious will not think of bats as heavenly creatures. For all the attempts by some of my fellow Christians to trivialise, the truth is that death is a monster. They are not heavenly creatures, and we do not want them in our house.

I am conscious, however, of a creative and loving God, who knows these bats so intimately himself. This God watched his own dear son die on the cross for us and shares with us in this experience of grief.

The theologian, Jurgen Moltmann, in his book 'The Crucified God,' wrote about the God who grieves like we do. He lost his son, for a moment in time, that lasts for eternity. This happened at the point when Jesus cried out; 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' God and his son, separated by pain and grief. This makes me so conscious, that bats have moved into his space, in much the same way as they have moved into ours.

This is not the God who plays with us using his power, but a God who enters our world at the point of human grief, and hangs on the cross. He does not make you grieve, but comes to you to know, to feel, to understand your grief far more deeply than you could ever know.

So yes, there are indeed, bats in heaven, and the great God of the universe is forever conscious of their presence.

God bless.

Eric



The Leprosy Mission

A big thank you to all those with Leprosy Mission collecting boxes who contributed to the grand total of £430.52 raised this year.

Anyone who would like to have a collecting box in their home for their unwanted coins (to be emptied in May each year) please contact me on 01234 346550.

John Gardner

Biddenham History Society

The Biddenham History Society will meet on Monday 1st July at 8.00pm in the Church Barn. Richard Crane, a friend of Chris Jones and a fellow railway enthusiast, will talk about 150 years of the Midland Railway. I hope you will be able to come.

Kathy Fricker

Fascinating new book about Bedford's history

Alan Crawley and Bob Ricketts CBE of BAALHS (Bedford Architectural, Archaeological and Local History Society), have recently published an interesting and meticulously researched book, '*Bedford History Timeline*', which combines many old pictures, maps and photographs with a Time Line for Bedford starting at the year 571 and finishing in 1938.

It is a fascinating collection of important events and pictures, such as the riot at the Guildhall in 1439, the opening of the first Arcade in 1905, the tragedy of the Airship R101, and the opening of the five cinemas in the early years of the 20th century; I learned a lot about Bedford from reading it.

'*Bedford History Timeline*', which is spiral bound and has 87 pages, costs £8.00. It is available from Waterstones, the Eagle Bookshop in Castle Road, or by post (£10.00) from Bob Ricketts, 68 Mendip Crescent, Bedford MK41 9EP – cheque payable to BAALHS.

Mary McKeown

Charities receive over £14,000 from golfers

Carers in Bedfordshire and FACES each received cheques for £7,000 at the annual St Philip and St James Golf Society Charity Golf Day on 31st May. In addition over £290 was collected on the golf course.

This was a record year for St Philip and St James Golf Society, with 114 golfers and 100 diners.

For more details on St Philip & St James Charity Golf Society, to take part in the landmark 30th Charity Golf Day on 29th May 2020, to become a sponsor or if you'd simply like to donate, please get in touch.

Mike Chappell

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A Midsummer Night's Dream



Thursday 18th July - 7.30 pm
In The Walled Garden At Moggerhanger Park
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Looking forward to Biddenham Show Sunday 8th September at St James' School field and Biddenham Village Hall 12.00noon to 4.00pm

Entry Fee £2.00 for adults, accompanied children under 12 free

This year's Show will be opened by Biddenham resident, former England footballer, Andrew Johnson, immediately after the Fancy Dress Parade which starts at 12.00 noon. Don't miss it!

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, www.biddenhamshow.org. In the meantime, here is a preview of the attractions.

Lots to See and Do

- Children's Fancy Dress; this year's theme is 'A Favourite Animal'
- Fun Dog Show
- Petting Farm
- Circus skills
- Punch & Judy show
- Balloon modelling
- Bracelet making
- Human Fruit Machine
- Bottle Stall
- Bouncy Castle
- Raffle
- Pizza
- Ice cream
- Beer, cider and Pimms tent
- Teas and cakes
- Jazz DJ

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 each class is £2.00. 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)

Bottle stall appeal

Due to popular demand the bottle stall will be back this year – but we do need bottles! If you can donate one or more (but please check that they are within their best before date) please contact Ashley Knight on ashley@80klt.co.uk or 07748 305050.

All bottles will be collected in the week before the Show.

Thank you.

Thanks to our sponsors!



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We are also pleased to announce that BMI THE MANOR HOSPITAL have provided additional sponsorship and will be present at the Show offering free health checks and advice. They are also providing an Essential Health Screening Appointment as a raffle prize.

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 (remember they must be easy to cut!) by Biddenham residents.

If you feel you can help us, please let us know by contacting Val Fitzhugh on valeriefitzhugh@gmail.com or call her on 210622.

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, 5th 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 village hall in the first instance.
- Judging will commence promptly at 10.00 am

**All events are vulnerable to change by
circumstances beyond our control. Keep
up to date at www.biddenhamshow.org**

Biddenham Upper is a 'Good' school

It was 'good' news for our school when just before the Easter break we were inspected by Ofsted and received a really positive report being deemed to be a good school in all categories.

Inspectors found that, 'Pupils enjoy their learning' and pupils are making good progress...and behave well because as one student put it, 'everyone here wants to learn.' The report confirms the view of local parents who have chosen Biddenham as their first choice secondary school for September resulting in not all parents getting one of the 200 places on offer and confirming the school's popularity amongst parents.

It is also popular with staff at the school with over 20 having chosen to send their children to the school and, indeed, ex students many of whom come back to work in the school. Comments from current students included, 'The school cares about us being successful and makes sure that we do succeed.' 'They understand me.' and that the school is 'like a big family.'

Mr Bailey said, 'This report validates our own view of the school and is pleasing for us all staff, governors, parents and pupils, who have all contributed so much to our success over many years. We are proud of our students, past and present, and their achievements and this report reflects that, recognising that our students do well in an aspirational school with a strong family feel.'

Inspectors were also impressed with the school's Sixth Form provision commenting on the fact that students engage in high level discussions and debate and benefit from good teaching, have a broad range of subjects to choose from and that 'a higher proportion of students progress to university than is the case nationally'.

Alan Brown, Director of Sixth Form, said, 'It's great to have the quality of our provision recognised in such a positive fashion proving that we are making a difference to the lives of the young people we serve.' Biddenham is still a local authority maintained school and Ofsted have acknowledged its good work, uniqueness and place as one of the leading schools in Bedford Borough.



St James' CE VA Primary School



Our Year at School

Years 4, 5 and 6 moved into their new classrooms as we completed our transition to becoming a primary school:

We continued to work closely with our friends at Bedford Blues, who support us with our PE curriculum and with our reading. We're also about to complete a pilot project with the Blues and Bedford University using rugby to develop maths skills. The highlight of the year was forming the Honour Guard for Blues' game against London Irish.



Luton Town FC's Trophy came to visit us following their recent promotion to the Championship. We heard all about the special parade in Luton - very exciting!

We also work very closely with our colleagues and friends at Biddenham International School, with lots of PE

based activities, led by their Young Leaders, who are great ambassadors for our local community.

Music is strong here. We've learnt to play in a band, learnt recorder, we sing, and play guitar, piano, drum and violin.



Our choir performed at the Village Christian Aid lunch, helping to raise lots of money for the most vulnerable in the world.

Lots of special activities were organised to enrich our curriculum, including cookery, recreating the Great Fire of London, our hatching eggs and whole class 'experience' days to learn about people in the past.



Year 6 have recently returned from their residential visit to Dorset, where they camped in tents, went kayaking & canoeing, coastering, cliff climbing, mackerel fishing (and cooking!), and a visit to a Water Fun park. It was a wonderful week!

And throughout the year, we just had fun!

We remember that we are all loved by God and precious gifts from him, as exemplified by the rainbow, and that our school is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful summer,
Maria & all the team at St James' CE VA Primary School



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Biddenham Cricket Club



The recent exceptionally wet weather has caused problems for everyone, including cricket groundsmen! The men's world cup competition has endured a week or so of cancelled matches and flooded grounds. Some teams, such as England, have been lucky to have matches scheduled on dry days, or in the right part of the country. At Biddenham we have probably missed the very worst of the weather, but with the relatively short season for youngsters at school and with their clubs, 10 days with little or no cricket is a significant part of the season.

Luckily the Monday evening junior training has lost only the one day to the rain and interest from youngsters has been maintained with just short of 70 signed on at the time of writing.

We continue to recruit new members although it is now 2 months into the season.

The recent bad weather has meant the cancellation of some junior matches, the U13s on Tuesdays have been worst affected, but there is still time for a good number of matches to be played before the start of the school holidays.

There have been excellent results for our U11 teams winning most of their matches. The Under 9 team have played a new format this year and are learning and improving gradually. The U13s have competed well when they have managed to play!

News from the seniors is mixed. The Saturday team's results have improved with 3 wins in a row to move into mid table in Division 1 of the Four Counties League. In contrast, the Sunday team started the season very well but have lost their last 3 matches, but each was close enough for Biddenham to have a chance of winning. With player availability likely to improve in July and August it is hoped that results will also improve. The midweek team won their cup match against Kempston Methodists and play the next round away to Kempston Hammers on 26th June. Only two midweek league matches have been played so far with Biddenham winning both of these.

Just before the publication of this article the club will have played a 20/20 match against the Bedford School Masters team, The Ousels, at the pavilion field on the evening of Friday 28th June.

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

Richard Fone

Up to date club news, fixtures and results appear on the website at: <http://biddenham.play-cricket.com>

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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07-Jul	Sun	10:00	Kempston Hammers	U9s
09-Jul	Tue	18:00	Harrold	U13s
11-Jul	Thur	18:00	Olney Town	U15s
13-Jul	Sat	13:30	Elstow	Saturday League
14-Jul	Sun	10:00	Amphill Town	U9s
16-Jul	Tue	18:00	Pilgrims Oakley	U13s
17-Jul	Wed	18:30	Kempston Hammers	Midweek League
18-Jul	Thur	18:00	Pavenham and Felmersham	U15s
21-Jul	Sun	09:30	Pavenham and Felmersham	U11 County
21-Jul	Sun	13:00	Eversholt	Sunday League
23-Jul	Tue	18:00	Blunham	U13s
24-Jul	Wed	13:00	Bedfordshire U10 v Oxfordshire U10	Beds County
27-Jul	Sat	13:00	North Crawley	Saturday League
28-Jul	Sun	10:00	Bedford Leopards	U9s
28-Jul	Sun	10:00	Olney Town (A)	U11 Dev
01-Aug	Thur	18:00	Pilgrims Oakley	U15s
04-Aug	Sun	09:30	Harrold	U11 County
04-Aug	Sun	13:00	Biggleswade	Sunday League
11-Aug	Sun	13:00	Great Brickhill	Sunday League
24-Aug	Sat	13:30	New Bradwell	Saturday League
26-Aug	Mon	13:00	Village Social Match	-
01-Sep	Sun	13:00	Biddenham Juniors end of season event	-

Your memories & stories from World War 2

Do you have stories about relatives who fought, died or simply lived through World War 2? We would love to hear from you. The aim is to build a collection of stories from current Biddenham residents to mark the 80th anniversary of the start of World War 2 this year.

This follows on from our appeal last year for stories of the relatives of current Biddenham residents who fought or lived through World War 1. We had a tremendous response then and we would love to hear your stories from World War 2 this year. Once again, we will be printing those stories in The Loop to mark Remembrance Sunday. And then the aim is to produce a small booklet pulling together the stories Biddenham families have to tell from both conflicts.

So if you do have stories and pictures of relatives who fought in World War 2 or if you lived through the war, perhaps being evacuated or contributing to the war effort from home, please do email them to katesmith278@btinternet.com or deliver to 50 Main Road Biddenham, tel 365278.

And if you have stories about relatives from World War 1 that you didn't send in last year, there is still time to include those stories in the final booklet, so email those too to me.

Kate Smith

The case of the disappearing postbox

You may have noticed that the postbox at Redgates on Main Road, Biddenham went missing for a while. Apparently it was damaged in a traffic accident and had to be replaced!

Only U salon to close

Dianne, the proprietor of the Only U Salon in Deep Spinney is retiring and the salon will close on 5th July after 20 odd years in Biddenham.

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Planning alert: forthcoming application for an estate of 15 properties on land between Church End and the golf course

Sharp-eyed Biddenham residents may have seen a notice published in the local press recently which gave advance warning of the intention to submit a planning application for erection of 15 properties on the paddock between Church End and the golf course. The proposal is likely to include purchase and demolition of 21 Church End in order to provide vehicle access.

Technically this was an Order 2015 notice under Article 13 of an application for planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning Procedure) for England, seeking verification of ownership or tenant rights over the land before the formal application is submitted.

The paddock concerned has been the subject of several planning applications over the last few years, all of them being met with local opposition and all of them, so far, defeated.

The next stage in the process will be for a planning application to be submitted which will be publicised locally and will give the details of how to comment on the application. If you wish to oppose this application you should watch out for the planning application notices appearing on local telegraph poles etc and act accordingly.

Jon Gambold



Three new
committee
members

On Sunday 9th June we held our summer event at the Church Barn which was very well attended. Luckily the sun shone that afternoon, a brief respite between the much needed but exceptionally heavy rainfall of this June. We thank our volunteers for providing the customary tea and cake, much enjoyed by everyone.

Jane Knight, acting as Chair, thanked all the volunteers for their hard work over the past year. They give up their time to keep the pond and its surroundings a very pleasant place for us all to enjoy. Particular mention this year went to Peter Applewhite and David Wilkinson who have both recently retired from the Committee, and Jane was very pleased to be able to present them with some gift vouchers on behalf of the Friends, as a token of our appreciation.

Jane then gave a brief review of the year, focusing on the challenges faced by the pond and the Committee. The pond is facing a threat to its very existence from the recently approved development in the fields off Gold Lane, which will divert much needed water run-off, and the Committee, reduced to three members, was contemplating whether it could survive, having struggled to attract new committee members. But then the good news – as mentioned last month Cathy Eckett-Brown joined the Committee in May, quickly followed by Kit Ram and Sophie Applewhite-Rees who approached us during the Summer Event and joined straight away. We are now very much back in business with six committee members, continuing to actively manage the pond and looking to encourage the engagement of younger members of our village through the schools and young families.

The formalities of the AGM were completed with Paul Godden (Secretary), Chris Jones (acting Chair) and Jane Knight (Treasurer) being re-elected to the Committee, and Cathy Eckett-Brown, Kit Ram and Sophie Applewhite-Rees all being elected for the first time. The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018 were approved and Andrew Ewing was re-appointed as Independent Examiner.

Thank you,

The Pond Team

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Social Tennis

Biddenham Saturday Morning Social Tennis welcomes new members.

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St Joseph's and St Gregory's



Pentecost Picnic

We celebrated our Pentecost Picnic recently across the whole school with a wonderful array of food being brought in representing our cultural diversity. Despite the weather a wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to all our parents who donated food and attended, despite the rain!



Cafod fundraising during Lent

Lent is a very important time for charitable giving in the Christian tradition as Ramadan is in the Islamic tradition. This year Ramadan started very soon after the end of Lent so it was extra special that these traditions of generosity and love for others could be directly acknowledged through our school collection.



A variation on Hook a Duck!

Don't forget the Foodbank

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

You can find the latest list of items needed by Bedford food bank at <https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



Great Denham Parish Council

The next Parish Council meetings will be on 1st July and 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Mercia Suite, Great Denham Community Hall, Saxon Way.

There are 15 minutes for public questions at the beginning of the meeting.

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

A reminder about the Hash

Last month I introduced you to the sport of hashing, featuring a number of runners of varying size, age and gender who follow a trail marked in flour or sawdust. The routes of 4 to 5 miles are generally set to suit those people of most abilities, and generally start and finish at a pub.

Just a note to remind all of you that there will be a number of 'Hashers' (as they are known) from Somerset staying in the area over the weekend of 6th July, and several trails will be marked for them to follow. As a consequence there will be quite a lot of marks around in Biddenham, Bromham and Great Denham and the surrounding area, and I would like to reassure residents that they are part of an innocent sport and not to get alarmed by them.

If you want to contact me for any reason, please call me on my mobile 07889027396.

Thanks,

Geoff Lill



Save the Date Village Hall Quiz

The village hall quiz will be on Saturday 5th October and will be in aid of the Daycare Hospice and Rare Cancers.

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barn@2 **By the Poor for the Rich: Lace in context**

Marilyn and Pauline, two members of the Aragon Lacemakers, joined us on 11th June to talk about lacemaking in Bedfordshire, demonstrate the process and give our members a chance to have a go themselves.

Formed in 1977, the Aragon Lacemakers have regular meetings where they share skills and make lace together. Some of their projects have produced amazing results, which have been displayed locally, and can be seen at the Bedford Museum and the Higgins Art Gallery. You may have seen one of their projects in an unused Georgian building in St Paul's Square where 14 large lace panels were hung in the empty windows. Pauline kindly showed us the files she kept as a record of all the work that the lacemakers had made. It gave us a very good perspective of what could be achieved by these hobbyists.

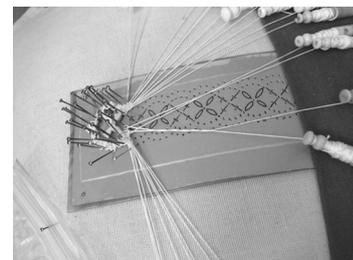
Bedford was once a centre for the hand-made Bobbin Lace Industry and in the late sixteenth century Lace Schools were set up, like those in Marston and Stewartby, where a fee would be charged for teaching the skill of making lace. Workhouse children were expected to work between ten and twelve hours a day and, in theory, the lace sold to the dealers would help pay for their keep. Thomas Lester was one such dealer who provided bobbins and patterns and, when a child produced a really good piece of lace, he would reward them with a lace bobbin. Bobbins, made of cow bone or wood, were sold in Bedfordshire by William 'Bobbin' Brown, the Bitted Man or the Blunt-End Man (who never quite left enough room on the bobbin for your name or the design).

Cotton, linen or silk thread was used to make the lace but the mechanisation of the eighteenth century saw the demise of cottage lacemaking and an industry which involved thousands has now dwindled to a hobby enjoyed by a few.

A rare painting of a lacemaker, by Bernhard Keilhau (1624 - 1687) a pupil of Rembrandt, hangs in the Textile Gallery at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and there are also portraits of the Tradescant family wearing very fine lace ruffs, cuffs and collars (which can be seen on Google).

Our next function is a social, 'Turkish Delight', and will be led by Claire Slaney on 9th July. Come in loose clothing if you wish to attend and please bring some money as this is a fundraiser for MAGPAS, our chosen charity for the year.

Val Fitzhugh



The top of this glass object would be filled with pure water and placed by the candle to enhance the light.

This month in the garden

A couple of days ago we had our first ripe raspberries from the garden. Just four of them, but there is the promise of lots more to come and the rain came at the right time to make them swell. A year ago I was wondering how the raspberries would get on without netting; would the birds do better than we would? I am pleased to say that we won so I am hoping for the same again this year.

The heavy and continuous rain in June was a major problem in some parts of the country but it was what we needed to help make up for the dry weather we have had since last year. It certainly saved intensive watering on lawns re-sown to repair last year's damage. My lawn now looks vastly better although I was sorry to see red thread starting again in the wet. This shows as patches where the grass dies on the tips with a reddish tinge. It is a fungal disease and generally it will disappear with dryer weather and feeding. Many of us use a professional lawn-care company and I have been reminded recently to be careful about the use of lawn cuttings which have been treated with weed killer. I use my cuttings for compost but it is a wise precaution to avoid doing this soon after a treatment and to dispose of the cuttings in some other way.

Last year I wrote about the damage caused by slugs or snails to one of my new dahlias; the Bishop of Llandaff. The culprits struck again after the first period of intensive care and, although the plant survived I had no flowers. I left it in its pot over winter and it is growing satisfactorily now. Another of the new plants (Ruskin Myra, with a lovely orange and yellow flower) sadly suffered from tuber rot and didn't survive. This was in spite of getting the same treatment as the bishop. Keep attending to your dahlias. Having been staked, tie them in as necessary. Cut out new young stems coming up alongside the main stems to prevent overcrowding. Keep watered with a weekly soaking and maintain regular doses of liquid feed. As the buds form nip out the pairs of buds immediately below a central bud if you want good sized flowers rather than an abundance of small ones.

The June rain may have encouraged slugs and snails to resume activities. So far I haven't seen much sign of this and it may be that most plants have got beyond the stage of young growth which is so attractive to slugs. If you do use a chemical deterrent remember that products containing metaldehyde or methiocarb should be avoided.

In spite of all the rain we have had recently, soil will dry out remarkably quickly without further rain so you may not get by for long without watering. This applies particularly to soft fruit and vegetables. Remember that containers generally need watering even when there has been rain. The peak holiday time is upon us and, with it, the problem of what to do about watering when you are away. An irrigation system is a good way but many of us may not wish to incur the expense. There is really no substitute for the helpful relative or neighbour and most things won't need watering every day.

Tomatoes, for example are better off watered on alternate days. Making a reciprocal arrangement with a gardening neighbour to do each other's watering solves the problem and is good for relationships when we see little of our neighbours because cars are so much used.

July and August are generally less busy months in the garden but the need for regular maintenance will continue. That means regular weeding and dead-heading with some staking for plants that haven't been sufficiently supported earlier on. Roses and perennial flowers will benefit from a summer feed. Ponds will continue to need attention with the removal of blanket weed, weeding plant baskets and thinning oxygenating plants. Ponds may also need topping up in a further dry spell.

Those of you who are vegetable gardeners will be feeling smug now as you enjoy your freshly gathered and tasty rewards and I hope you have a good crop.

Jeremy Arthern

Bridge in Biddenham

There is a regular Bridge session at the Church Barn 1.45pm – 4.45pm on Fridays. This is at Improver level in a relaxed environment. A partner, although beneficial, is not essential as a host is available if necessary.

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Biddenham Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting took place on Wednesday 12th June in the upstairs room at the Pavilion. Present were Parish Councillors Joe Warren (Vice Chairman), Krzys Osuch, Terry Platt, Chris Gee, Alan Jacobs, Francia Slade, Graham Bates, Harry Fowler, Stuart Briggs and Clerk Lyn Lyman. 17 members of the public were also present. In attendance were Borough Cllrs Roger Rigby and Jon Gambold. Parish Councillor Peter Chase sent his apologies.



Appointment of Vice Chairman

The first item on the agenda was to elect the Vice Chairman. Councillor Graham Bates proposed Joe Warren and all councillors present agreed.

Presentation on the proposed Doctors' Surgery and Nursing Home.

A presentation was delivered by Nicky Barns (CCG) and Dr Julian Lane (GP) about the proposed Surgery in Biddenham. The building is proposed to be located on the new bypass 'Great Ouse Way' between the Deep Spinney Roundabout and the second roundabout by the sports centre. It will be situated on the right as you drive to Sainsbury's. The building will be quite large catering for the surgery rooms, pharmacy and other related activities. It is envisaged that the facility will cater for 17,000 patients.

There was quite a lot of discussion on the organisation of the facility. It is envisaged that a permanent partnership will be in place to manage the facility unlike the current Great Denham set up. Dr Julian Lane stated that it will be a state of the art facility and this will encourage GPs to work there. A member of the public wanted a bus stop at this location. Nicky Barns stated that the Council have already

been engaged on this.

Public Open Session

Seventeen members of the public were present at this meeting. There weren't enough seats to go around so some people stood. As a Parish Council it is great to see this level of engagement.

Land West of Gold Lane

The main public item of discussion was the planning application about the Land West of Gold Lane. Many people discussed detailed aspects of the application with particular concern to the proposed access point in Gold Lane. Members of the public wanted to do more to prevent this development, however at this point little can be done. Letters already submitted during the initial consultation continue to be valid during the various reviews and appeals in processes. Further information on this is detailed below during the Council application discussion.

Gold Lane traffic issues

This continues to be on the agenda; Bryan Glasper has led on the issues and now is in the process of setting up a community speed watch, to help alleviate some of the issues around the road. Currently Bryan is looking for volunteers. If you can help, please contact him directly.

Planning applications - Parish Council

Land West of Gold Lane

The applications regarding the Land West of Gold Lane are still top of the Parish Council's agenda. The next steps are to wait on the meeting regarding policy 106 which is due to take place in July 2019. If the outcome is positive then the application will fail at that point. However if successful then the next step would be to take legal action regarding the Bedford Borough Council application process. This would cost in the region of £50k+. All councillors present were uneasy about paying this amount of money as there isn't a bottomless pit of reserves available. Jon Gambold will provide some further costings on this before the next Council Meeting in July.

A letter has been drafted by the Parish Council regarding the Outline Planning Application for 249 houses at Gold Lane, Biddenham (18/00410/MAO). The Parish Council reviewed and confirmed the contents. The Letter will be sent to the Inspectorate.

The Parish Council is determined to prevent a successful application by all realistic options available. **Erection of new dwelling with associated garage and access, 42 Lavender Lodge, Main Road.**

A letter has been drafted by the Parish Council to the Planning Inspectorate regarding this development. The Parish Council members read and confirmed the contents in it. The Parish Council opposes this application.

Other Highlights

A postbox has disappeared at Redgates, Main Road; this will be replaced in the next few days

The Pump House has been demolished by Bromham Bridge (Roman). The Bedford Borough Council has asked the landlord to tidy up the area.

A consultation regarding the installation of yellow lines on the road between the Hair Dressers and the Pavilion is to end shortly. Bedford Borough Council will shortly share their results.

A proposal was made to put a couple of new notice boards up on the new development in the Great Ouse Way. Quotes will be obtained.

The land on the Deep Spinney roundabout and the shoulders on the road leading up to the roundabout from Biddenham are untidy. The Bedford Borough Council does not do a good job in managing the area. It was proposed that the Parish Council take this on so a better job can be done. Quotes will be obtained.

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

Joe Warren
Vice Chairman

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Peter's Picturehouse Summer showings

Our audience on the first Tuesday in June enjoyed the tension created by Helen Mirren's moving performance as Maria Altmann as she pursues her claim to the painting by Gustav Klimt of her Aunt, the 'Woman in Gold' of the film's title. Her legal battles in Austria and America bring back memories of her escape from the Nazis and the loss of a future with her parents. We enjoyed stretching our legs in the interval (and for some of us, the opportunity to buy an ice cream) but were keen to get back to our seats to hear how it all turned out.

We are showing 'Darkest Hour' on Tuesday 2nd July. This film, released in 2018 in the UK, stars Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill and shows some of the issues he had to deal with as a new Prime Minister in 1940. Do come and see the multi award winning performance. As usual, doors open at 7.00pm and tickets are priced at £5.

On Tuesday 6th August, we are showing 'Lion' starring Dev Patel, Rooney Mara, David Wenham and Nicole Kidman. Based on a true story of the five year old boy Saroo who gets lost in Calcutta and is brought up by adoptive parents in Australia, the film tells of his search for his hometown and his family.

On Tuesday 3rd September, our film is the hilarious journey through a family holiday starring Billy Connolly, Rosamund Pike, Ben Millar and David Tennant. 'What we did on our holiday', a certificate 12 film released in 2014, is from the creators of the TV comedy Outnumbered. Involving party planning, secrets, arguments, children and divorce this film looks like one to attract a big audience as the autumn term starts.

Rose Houghton



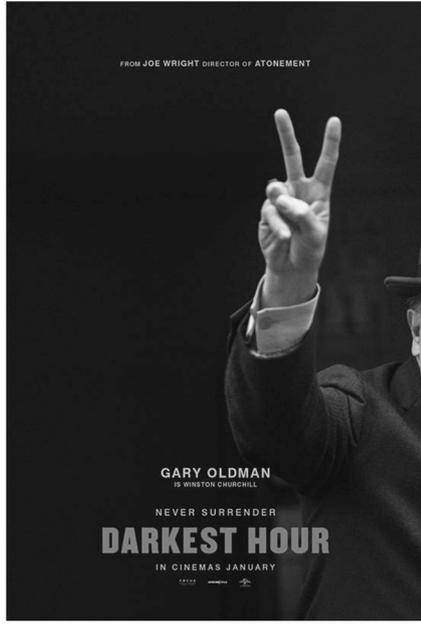
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In August: **Lion**

On: **Tuesday 6th August**
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In September: **What we did on our holiday**

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Biddenham Gardeners Association

Weeds and the weed free garden

The speaker was Geoff Hodge, a garden author and broadcaster, who gave us a lot of useful information while engaging the audience with a stream of banter.

Geoff started by offering us a miracle cure for weeds which he calls "VIAP"; Vigilance, Instant Action and Persistence". Always be on the look-out for weeds and do something about them as soon as possible. The weeds will be growing while you procrastinate.

The standard definition of a weed is 'a plant in the wrong place' Geoff had a university teacher who defined a weed as 'A plant whose attributes have not yet been discovered' but he described them as 'A flaming nuisance' and in combative and outspoken style he talked in terms of weeds as 'the enemy'. If we are to win the battle we should know the enemy.

The first thing is to understand how weeds grow and to divide them accordingly. The first group is the annuals. These complete their life cycle of growth, flowering and seeding in one year. The key thing here is to stop the plant from flowering and seeding and this is where vigilance is needed. 'One year's seeding gives seven years weeding.'

The second group is biennial and these grow in the first year and flower and seed in the second. Here, again, they need to be removed before flowering. The third group is perennial weeds which continue growing from one year to the next. These present the biggest problem because they

produce long roots which are difficult to eradicate completely. Weeds germinate when they are exposed to the light so it is good practice to disturb soil as little as possible. This is one of the big advantages of a 'no dig' regime in a vegetable plot.

There are two ways of dealing with weeds; physical action or the use of weed killers. For physical action Geoff showed us a huge range of specialist tools. He particularly recommends the Wolf Garten Multi-Change system which offers eleven handles and sixty different tool heads. The tool most commonly used for weeding is a hand fork but there are also many specialist digging and cutting tools for tap roots and for restricted spaces. There is a good tool with a head of stiff wire for weeding block paving. The most useful tool of all for Geoff is a hoe which needs to be used very frequently while weeds are still small. A hoe should be kept sharp because it is a cutting tool and being sharp makes it more effective and saves time. Remember Vigilance and Instant Action. Spend a few minutes each day wandering around looking for weeds and get rid of them immediately. If you work kneeling, look after your knees with pads or a stool and avoid bending by using long handled tools.

Weed killers are sold in two different forms; ready to use and concentrate. Ready to use come in a spray bottle while concentrates have to be made up by dilution. With concentrates follow the maker's instructions on the amount to use exactly. It may look small but using any more is just a waste.

There are two types of weed killer; contact and systemic. Contact weed killers work very quickly, within hours, but it is important to cover all foliage as any growth left untouched will not be killed. It is far better to use a fine spray rather than a watering can. Systemic weed killers work into the whole plant but they can take several weeks to be fully effective. These weed killers are not selective and will kill any plant they touch. Wanted plants nearby should be covered with a plastic bag or a shield used on the sprayer. An alternative is to use a gel which can be smeared on the weed. Pathclear kills weeds on a hard surface and will prevent regrowth for three months. Lawn weed killers are selective so they do not kill grass. Vitas Lawn Clear is effective.

An alternative strategy to getting rid of weeds is to prevent them growing in the first place. This can be done with mulch, applied generously to a depth of two or three inches. There are also differing qualities of membrane material which stop weed growth and allow desired plants to be planted through the membrane. Plantex, which carries a 15 year guarantee, is the best. Another way is to use plants so that they deprive weeds of room to grow. Geoff ran quickly through a series of photos to show a wide variety of shrubs, climbers (grown horizontally) and perennials that provide good ground cover.

The next meeting of the BGA will be our AGM, to be held on Tuesday 16th July at 7.30pm and will conclude with Cheese and Wine.

Jeremy Arthern

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

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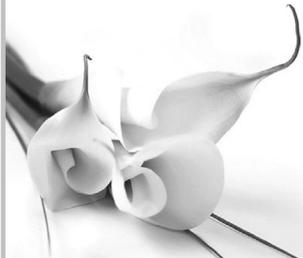
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Monday

10.00am	Cha Char Chimps	Village Hall
10.00am	Yoga	Pavilion
2.30pm	Cardiac Rehab exercise	Pavilion
6.30pm	Pilates	Pavilion
6.30pm	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

9.45am	Hopping Bunnies (music for toddlers)	Pavilion
10.00am	Tai Chi	Church Barn
10.00, 11.00 & 12.00	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
7.30pm	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 (2nd & 4th in month)	Village Hall

Friday

8.30 & 9.30am	Pilates	Village Hall
9.30am	Jo Jingles (Children's musical group)	Pavilion
11.00am	Mother & Baby Yoga (except 1st Friday)	Village Hall
3.30-7.30pm	Ballet classes (term-time)	Village Hall
1.45-4.45pm	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
7.30pm	Karma Yoga	Village Hall

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July

- Mon 1 Jul Great Denham Parish Council meeting, GD Community Hall, see p9
 Mon 1 Jul Biddenham History Society, Church Barn, 8.00pm, see p3
 Tue 2 Jul Peter's Picturehouse, Biddenham Village Hall, 7.00pm, see p13
 Thu 4 Jul Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p15
 Fri 5 Jul First Friday Lunch, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p15
 Sat 6 Jul 'Unison', St Owen's church, Bromham, 7.30pm, see p6
Sun 7 Jul All Age Service, St James's, **9.00am**,
 Evensong, St James's, **6.00pm** N.B. A change from the usual Holy Communion Service
 Sun 7 Jul Church End Open Gardens, 2.00-5.00pm, see p1
 Tue 9 Jul Barn@2, social event, Church Barn, 2.00pm, see p10
 Wed 10 Jul Biddenham Parish Council, Biddenham Pavilion, 7.30pm. see p12
 Sat 13 Jul Mobile Library, Great Denham Community Centre, 2.20-2.40pm, see p15
Sun 14 Jul Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
 Evening Prayer, All Saints, **6.00pm**
 Sun 14 Jul Open Garden, Howbury Hall, Renhold, 1.30-5.00pm
 Tue 16 Jul Café B, Biddenham Village Hall, 10.30am-12.00noon, see p9
 Tue 16 Jul Messy Church, Church Barn, 4.30-6.00pm, see p3
 Tue 16 Jul Biddenham Gardeners Association, Biddenham Village Hall, 7.30pm, see p14
 Thu 18 Jul Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p15
 Thu 18 Jul A Midsummer Night's Dream, Moggerhanger Park, 7.30pm, see p3
Sun 21 Jul Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
 All Age Worship, Church Barn, **4.00pm**
 Evening Prayer, St James's, **6.00pm**
 Sat 27 Jul Mobile Library, Great Denham Community Centre, 2.20-2.40pm, see p15
Sun 28 Jul Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
 No evening service

August

- Thu 1 Aug Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p15
 Fri 2 Aug First Friday Lunch, Biddenham Village Hall, 12.30pm, see p15
 Sat 3 Aug Biddenham Village Hall Maintenance Morning, 9.00am, see p10
Sun 4 Aug All Age Service, St James's, **9.00am**,
 Holy Communion St James's, **6.00pm**
 Tue 6 Aug Peter's Picturehouse, Biddenham Village Hall, 7.00pm, see p13
 Sat 10 Aug Mobile Library, Great Denham Community Centre, 2.20-2.40pm, see p15
Sun 11 Aug Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
 Evening Prayer, All Saints, **6.00pm**
 Thu 15 Aug Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p15
Sun 18 Aug Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
 All Age Worship, Church Barn, **4.00pm**
 Evening Prayer, St James's, **6.00pm**
 Tue 20 Aug Café B, Biddenham Village Hall, 10.30am-12.00noon, see p9
 Sat 24 Aug Mobile Library, Great Denham Community Centre, 2.20-2.40pm, see p15
Sun 25 Aug Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am**
 No evening service
 Thu 29 Aug Mobile Library, Biddenham, see p15

September

- Sun 1 Sep** All Age Service, St James's, **9.00am**,
 Holy Communion St James's, **6.00pm**
 Mon 2 Sep Great Denham Parish Council meeting,
 GD Community Hall, 7.30pm, see p9
 Tue 3 Sep Peter's Picturehouse, Biddenham Village Hall,
 7.00pm, see p13
 Fri 6 Sep First Friday Lunch, Biddenham Village Hall,
 12.30pm, see p15
Sun 8 Sep Parish Communion, St James's, **9.00am** with
 speaker from the Church Missionary Society
 Evening Prayer, All Saints, **6.00pm**
 Sun 8 Sep Biddenham Show, St James' School &
 Biddenham Village Hall, 12.00-4.00pm,
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