

the
Bellingdon & Asheridge

Newsletter

Feeling Autumnal

The leaves on the chestnut trees seem to have begun turning earlier than usual this year, so it feels like autumn already. The heatwave in June seems like a lifetime ago!

We have a jam-packed newsletter for you (we squeezed in as many photos as possible) featuring a review of the fête, all the latest from the hall, community news and, of course, the much-loved curvaceous cook recipe.

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Diary Dates

September

- Wed 5th Hort Soc trip to Wisley
- Sat 9th Hort Soc Annual Show
- Sun 24th Harvest Festival at St John's
- Fri 29th Community pub night

October

- Sat 7th Belles Barn Dance
- Fri 20th Hort Soc Quiz/Social
- Fri 27th Community pub night

November

- Fri 17th Community pub night



See the full gallery at bellingdon.com or [flickr.com/bavh](https://www.flickr.com/photos/bavh/)



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Hall & Community News



Successful Village Fête

The sun shone, despite all predictions, and we had a wonderful fête which contributed over £5,000 to the hall fundraising effort.

The Fun Dog Show was well attended and we were able, once again, to support the Medical Detection Dogs charity, a local and very worthwhile cause. Read more at www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk

The fête could not happen without the assistance of so many people – from the committee who have been working on this since the dark days of winter, to everyone who donated items to sell, to those who bought raffle tickets, baked cakes or helped on stalls, and finally to everyone who attended the fête and enjoyed our traditional country spectacle. We thank you all!

Recycling Centre Changes

The glass and cardboard recycling facilities at the village hall have now gone. The council waste team decided to remove them as of mid August, as a wide range of recyclables are now collected at the kerb. The nearest recycling facilities are at Water Meadow car park or Cameron Road in Chesham or the main household waste centre on Waterside.

The clothing bank will remain, for the time being until the committee makes a decision about its future. This does give us more space in the car park so we're planning to mark up the area to maximise the number of spaces for busy events.

BAVH Year In Review

The AGM was well attended, although the representation of clubs and societies that use the hall was a little disappointing. More effort will be made next year to engage those users to attend and contribute to the AGM.

The committee has been working on a number of projects over the last 12 months in addition to the regular upkeep of the hall and grounds, and the hire of the facilities:

- Village fête
- Kitchen upgrade (dishwasher & cooker installed)
- Emergency telephone & wifi
- Defibrillator installation
- New monthly news email
- New external electricity supplies
- Online booking via the website
- Content update for the website

We're delighted to announce that we were awarded almost £10,000 by the Big Lottery Fund to enable us to proceed with the kitchen upgrade.

Villager and Bellingdon Belle Helen Harding is kindly overseeing the project and we'll have a further update in the next newsletter and on the website, with work planned for February.

At the AGM residents were in agreement that a new charity be formed to be known as **Bellingdon and Asheridge Community Association**. This would be created under a new charity structure called a "Charitable Incorporated Organisation"

Bellingdon Belles

Save the Date

BARN DANCE

**Saturday Oct 7th
2017**

Village Hall - Bellingdon

Doors Open 7.00pm

Tickets £15 Inc Hot Supper

Contact - 01494 757221

which gives better protection to the Trustees. The aims of the new charity would be to not only take over the existing BAVH charity but to provide a wider representation of the local community.

Once the new charity is established then a community meeting (probably early next year) will be called to finalise the changes. If you'd like to be involved with the new association please email contact@bellingdon.com or call Jules on 757150.

Christmas Parties

We are proposing to run two community Christmas parties at the hall this year, for those at both ends of the age spectrum.

Provisionally planned for the weekend of 2nd/3rd December, there will be separate events for the under 8s and over 65s. Anyone who would like to help out with this community effort please do let us know...the more the merrier! The organisers will be knocking on doors in early September to see who might be interested in attending.

Horticultural Society

Dates for the diary

- 5th September – coach trip to Wisley for their 25th Flower Show, all day
- 9th September – Annual Show from 2:30pm
- 20th October – Social supper and quiz night from 7pm

A very British show

This year's Hort Soc Annual Show will take place in the Village Hall on Sat 9th September and will be open to the public from 2pm. Tea, coffee, homemade cakes and chat will be available.

The showing of prize vegetables and flowers is, and always has been, a very British pastime. So do come long to support your fellow villagers and help to continue a particularly local and historic tradition.

Better still, why not indulge your competitive streak and enter an exhibit? As well as Fruit, Veg and Flowers, there are classes in cookery, photography and crafts.

For a schedule and membership application (only

£2 per annum!) contact Rachel Watts on 01494 785322."

Rachel Watts/Tracey Ryan

St John's Church

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Craft Exhibition at St John's in July, by lending us exhibits, contributing music or a hands-on demonstration, helping with catering, or clearing up afterwards. Thank you, too, to everyone who came to see the exhibition. It was lovely to see you!

Future dates

- 24th September – Harvest Festival at 10am
- 17th December – Carols at St John's at 10am
- 24th December – Carols at Huge Farm at 4pm
- 25th December – Christmas Day service 10am

Jane Edmunds

Bellingdon Art Group

The Bellingdon Art Group, under the guidance of Berry Gidman (a fully qualified Art Teacher with many years' experience), re-starts in the B & A Village Hall on Thursday 21 September and new members are always very welcome.

The sessions are on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00 during school term times. Why not pop in to see us, or give Berry a call (01494 758532) to find out more about what the group does?

Berry Gidman

Some of the artwork exhibited at the fête:



Forro Fest

The Brazilian dance festival was an absolute success, we brought together over 200 people to dance, sing, learn new talents, eat wonderful freshly cooked food and most importantly to share their joy for life over 3 days of camping and living together under the stars!

It was wonderful to see even more villagers joining in and enjoying the happy vibes. We have had loads of positive feedback from so many people

and we are really chuffed that it went so well and the sun came out to join us.



Curvaceous Cook

A few years ago I was given this really easy and absolutely delicious, slightly different chutney recipe. It is wonderful with cheese and cold meats, and actually pretty much everything!

Mix together:

- 500 grated raw apple
- 1 tsp dried turmeric
- 1" grated raw ginger
- 1 tsp salt

Leave mix for 15 minutes, and then add 200g brown sugar, or jaggery (a solid sugar).

Slowly heat together and sauté until the sugar is dissolved and thickening. Then add:

- 1 1/2 tsp ground roasted cumin
- 1 tsp chilli powder (as hot as you prefer)

Stir well, then when bubbles appear and the apples glisten, remove from the heat.

You can use straight away, but better bottled and left for a few months, though we have just opened one from 3 years ago and it is wonderful!

Always wash and dry your bottles thoroughly, and use new lids if there is any damage to them. I put jars and lids into the oven for 20 minutes on 120 (or bottom oven of the Aga) and fill as soon as not too hot to handle.

Chartridge Parish Council

Your Parish Council's meetings (it covers Chartridge, Pednor, Bellingdon and Asheridge) alternate between Bellingdon Village Hall and Chartridge Reading Room every six weeks (except August). The next meeting is on the 13th September at Bellingdon.

A list of local councillors is on the notice boards at Blue Ball Asheridge, Bellingdon Village Hall (at the rear) and opposite The Chalet in Bellingdon, or on our website www.chartridgeparishcouncil.org.uk.

This year the Parish Council took over the verge cutting within the 30 mph limits only; we pay for this out of an allowance given by Chiltern District Council, outside these limits verge cutting is the responsibility of Transport for Bucks.

Chartridge PC would like to take control of all verge cutting which hopefully would include trimming hedges on corners or where there is no verge, but the allowance given by Chiltern Council will not cover the cost. So, work in progress for us.

Derek Keen

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