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# Bellingdon & Asheridge

## Newsletter

### Change is coming to BAVH

June 30<sup>th</sup> sees the culmination of months of hard work on the annual Village Fete and Fun Dog Show. Our fete relies on the generosity of our residents – whether it be donations of unwanted goods at the doorknock or of their time before, during or after the event. We welcome **all** offers of help, however small.

This year we're partnering with Chilterns Dog Rescue Society for our annual Fun Dog Show, so do come down and help us to support this fantastic local charity.

Proceeds from the fete are used for the maintenance and improvement of facilities at the Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall and Recreation Ground. This year, we've refurbished the kitchen and bar area, and repainted the inside of the hall. These are exciting times for our village hall as the current trustees seek to give this vital community asset a firm foundation for the future.

BAVH's AGM – to which all residents are cordially invited – is on 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm. After this date the BAVH Charity will be renamed the BACA – the Bellingdon & Asheridge Community Association.

What is in a name, you ask? The idea behind this change – which will include an update to the charity's constitution – is to improve communication and reciprocal assistance between the many different community activities that exist in our villages, as well as ensuring the future of our hall.

Most organisations that rely on volunteers are, frankly, struggling. The time pressures of modern life mean that fewer people have time to help out. We hope that, by pooling resources and expertise we can foster a greater sense of community and ease the burden on the few people that dedicate a huge amount of their personal time to making sure that essential community activities are available.

If you're interested in joining us, please do get in touch. There are so many things we'd love to host at the hall – Christmas fair, film nights and activities for our younger residents – so please do let us know if you have any ideas you'd like to take forward.

Several of our current trustees have decided that the time is right to

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### Diary Dates

#### June

- 15-17<sup>th</sup>** Rumble Festival (Hall)  
**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** Tea & Taize-style worship  
(St John's)  
**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** Village Fete (Hall & field)

#### July

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** British Dalmatian Rescue  
Fun Day (Hall & field)  
**14-15<sup>th</sup>** Bellingdon past & present  
(St John's)  
**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** Songs of Praise (St John's)  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** Community Pub (Hall)  
**Thu 26<sup>th</sup>** BAVH AGM (Hall)

#### August

- Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** Community Pub (Hall)  
**24-27<sup>th</sup>** Forro Fest (Hall & field)

### Keep in touch!

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name and address

step down and we (and the wider community) would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their service and wish them well. Jules Eyles has been Secretary for 8 years, Don Baker has been Treasurer for 7 years and Chris Hood has been Bookings Secretary for 7 years.



## Community News

The three remaining trustees – Alf Field, Hugh Griffiths and Helen Valvona – are delighted that Nick Richardson will be joining us from July as Treasurer. We're still looking for a Secretary and a Bookings Secretary.

The Bookings Secretary is a pivotal role for the future of the hall, without which we will be unable to take private hires going forward. These account for 50% of the hall's annual income and without the revenue generated over the last five years we would have been unable to contribute to the recent kitchen renovation project, the upcoming roof repairs and the planned floor refurbishment.

We've worked hard to streamline and simplify the bookings process, which Chris had already updated from a paper based system to a Google calendar and electronic booking forms during his tenure. In the future, we'd like to look into keyless entry to the hall and further automation of the bookings process.

### Church of St John

Many thanks to everyone who came to the cream teas for Christian Aid. We raised a total of £154. The total for the envelope collection has not yet been finalised, but many thanks to everyone who has contributed in this way.

We are running a variety of monthly summer afternoon services in addition to our weekly morning services, which take place at 10am. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 16.30 to 17.30 there will be tea followed by 'taize'-style worship, and on 15<sup>th</sup> July from 16.30-17.00 there will be **Songs of Praise** with some well-known hymns. Everyone is most welcome!

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June we have a stall at the village fete and look forward to meeting people.

The weekend of 14-15<sup>th</sup> July (Sat 10.30-16.30, Sun 14.00-16.30) we will be running an event in the church called '**Bellingdon past & present**'. If anyone would like to lend us anything we could exhibit or tell us about the history of any aspect of life in Bellingdon or Asheridge please get in touch with Jane Edmunds on 01494 782889 or on [j.edmunds@sky.com](mailto:j.edmunds@sky.com).

We'd also love to receive information about businesses and activities running in the villages now. On both days Tim Yates will give a short talk on the history of Bellingdon.

You may have noticed that the outside of the church is being decorated. We are so pleased, as the inside is lovely! Do come and visit us!

*Jane Edmunds*

### Horticultural Society

Your Hort Soc Committee Needs You! Due to the imminent house move of two Committee members we are in URGENT need of new Committee members in order to run our most popular events: the **Annual Show** on 8<sup>th</sup> September & **Social & Quiz Night** in October.

#### BELLINGDON AND ASHERIDGE VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND (BAVH)

Charity No 1087494

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting at The Village Hall

**Thursday 26th July 2018 at 8 pm**

At the meeting the committee will present their Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017. The current committee will resign and a new committee will be voted in.

An opportunity to discuss your views on the future of the village hall and recreation grounds. Have a look at recent improvements to the facilities.

All residents of Bellingdon and Asheridge who are 18 and over may vote at the meeting.

If you would like any particular topic to be addressed at the meeting, please contact the Secretary, Jules Eyles, in advance on 01494 757150 or [contact@bellingdon.com](mailto:contact@bellingdon.com)

Refreshments will be available.

If you are able and willing to commit to just a couple of hours of your time to help with set up and running of these events – in return for free entry and refreshments of course – please contact either Rachel Watts on 01494 785322 or Tracey Ryan on 01494 775568.

### Dates for your diary

- 28<sup>th</sup> June – Outing to Cedar House, Wendover (meet at the hall to car share)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Annual Show
- 19<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz & social (Halloween theme)

*Tracey Ryan/Rachel Watts*

### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hall

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall will be 70 years old. We'd love to produce a small exhibition to commemorate this event, and the Bellingdon Belles are planning a themed social event.

If you are, or know of, a Year 12 History student who would like to undertake an independent research project (looks great on UCAS applications!) we can give you a comprehensive brief, list of people to contact and support from a history teacher.

If you already have material that could assist with this project or would be happy to be contacted as part of it please ring 758901 or [helenvalvona@gmail.com](mailto:helenvalvona@gmail.com).

### GDPR and the monthly email

To enable us to be GDPR compliant, anyone who would like to receive the monthly e-news for Bellingdon & Asheridge must sign up via the website, [www.bellingdon.com](http://www.bellingdon.com) (link in the right hand column) or at <http://eepurl.com/dlWkLH>.

For anyone who has already signed up, the next one will be in early July once the fête photos are available. Unfortunately if you don't sign up, we won't be able to keep you informed.

### Parish Council

After much pressure from the Parish Council and a healthy shove from Tricia Birchley we now have a beautiful surface through Mount Nugent, and well into Bellingdon. Also resurfaced is Bank Green, which has had little attention for decades.

We must continue to push for action in Asheridge– from the scout camp to Asheridge Farm is a disgrace especially the edges, with wider vehicles nibbling away at the verge creating huge wheel-damaging holes. Anyway, many thanks to TfB for what we have.

We've reduced the Precept as we feel our reserve is enough to cover our current obligations.

The speed post is currently facing Chesham and will soon go to Chartridge.

We've booked Chesham Town Council to do the grass verges again this year – first cut coming soon. Ideally we would like a farm-type machine to be used – this would do a better job on grass and could trim corners to keep maximum visibility.

We are councillor short in the Bellingdon/ Asheridge ward: anyone interested speak to their parish councillor or see the council's website [www.chartridgeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.chartridgeparishcouncil.org.uk).

*Derek Keen*



### Calling all budding Mary Berrys!

We need your cakes for the village fête. Please deliver them to the village hall on the morning of 30<sup>th</sup> June or liaise with Helen Griffiths on [helenegriffiths@aol.com](mailto:helenegriffiths@aol.com)

## Curvaceous Cook

### One Pot Chicken

I first made this when scrabbling about in someone else's fridge for a quick supper for them when the shops had shut, and it worked out really well. We had it with rice, but mashed potato or even pasta would be good

- 6 chicken thighs for 3 or 4 people
- 1 red, 1 yellow and 1 orange pepper (they are sold in the supermarkets in these mixed bags) cut into chunks
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 tin of tomatoes
- 1 courgette into bite size chunks
- A little oil or a non-stick pan
- Heat oven to 180 degrees

Heat a large frying pan and brown the chicken on all sides. Remove to a casserole, or ideally, a large rustic dish.

Throw in the onion and gently fry till softening, then add the peppers and continue to cook for a few minutes. Add the courgette, and stir well, then mix with the chicken.

Empty the tin of tomatoes into the frying pan with half a tin of water or chicken stock, and bring to the boil.

Add black pepper, a little salt or chicken stock granules, a good shake of smoked paprika, ½ tsp sugar, and pour over the rest of the ingredients. I added some thyme, you could add whatever herbs you like.

Cook in the oven, turning the chicken over once, for about 25 minutes until the chicken is brown and well cooked.

The sauce will have thickened on its own. If we had had it, I would have added lots of fresh chopped parsley when serving. You could slip the chicken off the bones when serving, it should easily fall off and would be easier to eat on your knees, as we did.



**New for 2018!**

From the folks who bring you Forró Fest, comes Rumble: a festival devoted to its dancers.

Organisers say there will be “3 days of authentic movement, meeting ourselves and new friends in a safe and welcoming environment inspired by music, space and, of course, each other.”

At the Village Hall, 15th-17th June, all welcome.

[www.rumblefestival.co.uk](http://www.rumblefestival.co.uk)

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