

Bellingdon & Asheridge Community Newsletter



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Autumn is here and with it a packed programme for September - from the Hort Soc show to Harvest Service and Supper at St John's Church.

Its been a busy summer for Bellingdon & Asheridge residents — with the fete, two separate dance festivals at the hall, the Summer weekend at the church

and much more. Reports on some of the goings on inside!

We must congratulate Bellingdon resident Dan Eckersley on his selection for the England U18s Rugby team. Dan travelled to South Africa with the team, where they played three matches against Argentina, France and South Africa. Well done Dan!

As you can see from the calendar, September is looking extremely busy and we hope, particularly, to see as many people as possible at the Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning on 27th September from 10-12 in the hall. This is an extremely worthy cause and who can turn down a piece of cake and a cuppa?

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SEPTEMBER

- 14th:** Hort Soc Annual Show
- 15th:** St John's Harvest Crafts
- 22nd:** Harvest Festival
- 23rd:** Harvest Supper
- 27th:** Macmillan Coffee morning
- 27th:** Community Pub

OCTOBER

- 18th:** Hort Soc Social
- 25th:** Community Pub

NOVEMBER

- 22nd:** Community Pub

Community news

Bellingdon & Asheridge Hort Soc

The Hort Soc Annual Show is upon us and will take place in the Village Hall on Sat 14th September from 2.30pm. As always Tea, Coffee, Homemade Cakes and chat will be available. If you are entering an exhibit set up is from 9.30am to 11am.

Why not indulge your competitive streak and enter an exhibit? As well as Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers, there are classes in Cookery, Photography and Crafts, as well as many Children's classes.

All are welcome to come and view the exhibits from 2.30 onwards, but for a schedule for exhibits and membership information contact Nicola Parkes on 07973 558675 or email nikijparkes@gmail.com

Upcoming events

Summer Show (Chesham Hort Soc) – Sat 7th September at Trinity Baptist Church, Chesham. Open to public from 2.30pm to 5pm. Contact Adrian Norris for a schedule on 07718 609719.

Annual Show (Bellingdon, Asheridge & District Hort Soc) – Sat 14th September at Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall. Open to public 2pm. Contact Nicola Parkes 07973 558675 for a schedule.

Social (Bellingdon Hort Soc) – Friday 18th October 7pm. Three course meal plus Quiz. Tickets £7.50 per person. Contact Nicola Parkes 07973 558675. Theme: American Diner.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Two of our lovely residents, Jules and Barbara, have decided to open up the hall to a Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10-12 on Friday 27th September. Do please come and support this extremely worthy cause. Any donations of cake or assistance extremely welcome, please contact juleseyles@gmail.com.

Ladies' Club

The Ladies' Club continues to meet every Wednesday of the month (except the first week) at 2pm in the village hall. Contact Irene Roberts for more details.

Irene Roberts

St John's Church

Upcoming events

15 Sept 3:30-5 Family games and crafts for harvest

22 Sept Harvest Festival

23 Sept Harvest Supper

We had a good weekend celebration at St John's in July on the theme of "Our beautiful world" . Many thanks to everyone who loaned us exhibits ranging from paintings and embroidery to photography.

Next year our weekend will be two weeks before the village fete - in mid-June, and it will have a historical slant again. If you have anything, especially artefacts, which we could borrow we would love to exhibit them!

Jane Edmunds

BAACA News

We held the BAACA (formerly BAVH) AGM in early July. The turnout was disappointing but we were very grateful to those who did come. The committee presented reports for the year 2018-19 and was reappointed for the coming year. We will be again running festive events for both children and older residents in early December, on the 7th and 8th so please mark these dates in your diary.

We are still in need of a secretary, someone to keep an eye on maintenance and some help with the website/newsletters/social media. The latter would suit someone interested in marketing/media studies who needed some practical experience, or perhaps a Duke of Edinburgh service/skill. contact@bellingdon.com if you're interested in any of the above.

Pub Nights

Pub nights continue to be popular, with the addition of football for the U14s in the late afternoon. The BBQ has come out several times this summer and has been very welcome. The next three dates are:

27th September from 7pm

25th October from 7pm

22nd November from 7pm

Local business: Canapease

If you usually rush to Waitrose or Sainsbury's when you have guests coming over and scoop up their pre-made canapés, perhaps the time has come to think again. For the past few years, Karen has been running canapé making classes at Meadow Barn in Bellingdon.

In a relaxed atmosphere round her kitchen table, small groups of between 6 and 10 participants sit round the kitchen table and watch - and if you want practice - how to make both savoury and sweet canapés.

Karen says: "The idea for Canapease took root about 7 years ago when, having committed to preparing canapés for 80 guests at a do in London, I was told there was not a kitchen on site. Serious panic ensued as I searched my countless cookery books and numerous websites to find that there is no such thing as a comprehensive guide to make-ahead canapés."

"Somehow I managed to pull it all together but from that experience an idea began to slowly grow: create a source for 'make-ahead canapés'. Nearly 3 years ago I challenged myself to post a make-ahead canapé on my website every week (some with full size options too) and so far I have created some 150 recipes that are all on the website. I hope to get an e-book sorted out soon too. Please take a look: Canapease.com."

In the meantime Karen's website also has a range of handy cookery tips, some from loyal subscribers to the weekly newsletter. If you're interested in subscribing to the newsletter and/or attending one of the canapé demonstrations, please go to canapease.com or email karen@canapease.com.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The verges have now been cut, a bit later than usual due to the original contractor pulling out. This cut will be repeated in the autumn if necessary.

In the context of the climate, biodiversity and resource crises, the Parish Council are starting to explore opportunities for our Parish to become more sustainable and welcome any ideas for how our community can play its part in reducing our negative impact and hopefully increasing our positive impact on the environment. Please send your thoughts and ideas to: charridgepc@yahoo.com with the title Sustainability.

Next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 8pm on 11th September at St John's Church, Bellingdon, as always, parishioners are welcome to come and raise any issues to be discussed.

As always any questions contact your local councillor or go to our website, www.charridgeparishcouncil.org.uk.



If you have a local business you would like featured in a future newsletter please email newsletter@bellingdon.com.

Village Fete

Sadly we had to cancel the fun dog show part of the fete this year owing to the predicted extremely high temperatures. This was a hugely difficult decision but one made with the animals' welfare in mind.

The rest of the fete proceeded as usual on an extremely hot day. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to those helpers who turned out, as they always do, to help with setup, running stalls and dismantling everything afterwards. We really couldn't do it all without you, so thank you.

Anyone who would like to help organise next year's fete — or if you have feedback/ideas for us — can get in touch with us on fete@bellingdon.com.



Thanks to Jenny Goodall and Steve Templeton for the photos. Full gallery at <http://www.bellingdon.com/#jp-carousel-1886>

Details of clubs, events and village news, including hall bookings: www.bellingdon.com
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