

Bellingdon & Asheridge Community Newsletter

There wasn't a lot of cake left at our recent Afternoon Tea event at the hall.



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Welcome to BAACA's Spring newsletter for 2022! The "Dates for your Diary" section achieves new prominence given that there are actually *real* events planned with *real* people for the first time in a while!

Foremost among these is the **Village Fete and Fun Dog Show** in June. This event is made possible by the huge effort made by legions of volunteers - for which we are always grateful. If you'd like to be involved in any

way (set up, running a stall, baking a cake, donating a raffle prize etc) do get in touch on fete@bellingdon.com and we'll add you to the list.

You can find out about previous fetes here:

www.bellingdon.com/village-fete

We recently held an extremely successful and popular **tea & cake event** in the hall (see photo above!). We're planning

something similar for the Queen's Jubilee on 5 June, so please put the date in your diary now!

In this issue we also have an update on the ultrafast broadband rollout, news from the Parish Council which has vacancies for TWO councillors for Bellingdon as well as an update from St John's Church and news of plans for The Bull.

Finally our very own Curvaceous Cook has a fantastic Easter recipe for you to try.

MARCH

18: Pub night
25-31: Litter pick

APRIL

1-10: Litter pick
(cont'd)
17: Easter service at St John's

MAY

20: Pub night

JUNE

5: Jubilee Tea
25: Village Fete & Dog Show
26: Dalmatian Welfare Fun Day

JULY

13: BAACA AGM

Community Association

Litter picking

This year's Great British Spring Clean will take place between **25th March and 10th April**. While in previous years we've had a single day where we all met up to litter pick together, this time we'd like to encourage people to go out sometime within the above time frame and clear a patch.

Do feel free to send us your photos of how much you collect, and please make sure to wear sensible protective clothing. Any litter collected can be disposed of in your usual refuse collection.

We do have litter pickers available to borrow - we'll be distributing them at the pub night on 18th March, or contact one of the committee to collect at a later date.

Platinum Jubilee

It probably hasn't escaped your notice that we're in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year. Our fete this year will have a Jubilee feel, and we'd love everyone to think about putting out bunting as the long Jubilee weekend approaches (2-5 June) and come to our Jubilee Tea at the hall on Sunday 5th in the afternoon.

In addition we'll be encouraging residents to plant their hanging baskets/outside planters in red, white and blue - more adventurous gardeners might want to try a union jack!

Events at the hall

If you're wondering why we're not doing a pub night every month, there are a couple of reasons: they take a lot of time and effort to organise and rely on significant amounts of goodwill from those being asked to do shifts at the bar or produce food. Additionally we're trying to vary what we offer as community events so everyone is involved. We'll try and offer something every month or two - as always offers of help and ideas for new events are most welcome.

Ultrafast BroadBand Update

In recent months you may have noticed the activity in the village regarding the installation of Gigabit Broadband. There have been many Openreach engineer visits and fibre has now been 'pulled' from

the main cabinets through ducts and to the main poles carrying the existing telephony/internet services across Bellingdon.

Against this background you may, like us, have been rather surprised to have recently received an email from DCMS suggesting that your Gigabit Internet Voucher will be expiring soon. We were all looking forward to the 'release' of the new fibre network to service providers (e.g. BT, Sky, Talk Talk) in May enabling us all to order the new high speed service.

Tony Orr has been in correspondence with Openreach who have advised that the sending of this email is an administrative process that they cannot control, but that we should not be concerned at this stage and there is no action that residents need to take. We have been promised an update 'at the earliest opportunity on any remedial steps required if any'. We will be in touch again when we have more information.

Hugh Griffiths

Chartridge Parish Council

A reminder that all residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings in person to air their views, ask questions or just to familiarise themselves with Parish Council activities. The next meetings of the Parish Council are:

- 8pm, 2nd March at St John's Church, Bellingdon
- 8pm, 4th May at The Reading Rooms, Chartridge

Agenda, previous minutes and updates are available at: www.chartridgeparishcouncil.org.uk

At the time of writing we are still looking to recruit two replacement councillors for the Bellingdon & Asheridge Ward, for more information and applications please see the CPC website and contact: clerk@chartridgeparishcouncil.org.uk

We recently carried out hedge trimming to ensure that our roads remain passable and visibility for all road users is maintained. A kind reminder that for the majority of the Parish it is the landowner's responsibility to keep hedges and verges cut and if these aren't maintained you may receive a letter reminding you of this.

Some of you may have seen the notices that the Public Byway No.38, located off Ramscoote Lane, will be

closed 4th February - 4th July whilst surface repair repair works take place. Given this is 6 months we've been in-touch with Buckinghamshire County Council and have the following update from them: "The length of the advertised closure gives us sufficient time to follow legal process, acquire materials, make repairs and adjust for periods of bad weather. In reality the route will only physically be closed for a few days and where possible we will continue to allow walkers and riders to access the route when safe to do so when contractors are on site."

The Parish Council is also planning to mark the Diamond Jubilee, the current leading idea is to plant trees in the Parish and we would welcome suggestion on locations or other initiatives and ideas the Parish Council may be able to support.

Tim Corvin, Chartridge PC

St John's Church

At St. John's Church we continue to meet every Sunday at 10 am. Christmas seems a long time ago, but we celebrated both online, holding our usual Christmas Eve service in the virtual world, and in person. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the online service, especially the children.

Easter is late this year, and our Easter service will be in the church on 17th April. You are most welcome to join us for any of our services - a warm welcome is guaranteed!

www.bellingdon.com/st-johns-church-bellingdon/

The Bull

Despite the lengthy delay since the new Nursery building was constructed and inhabited, things have been progressing with the plans for the pub itself.

Whilst delays were inevitably occasioned by the pandemic and especially its effect on the hospitality industry, efforts have continued behind the scenes to establish a solid basis for the future success of the business.

With no real knowledge of the pub and restaurant trade, the owners require the partnership of an experienced operator and with the advice of their leisure industry consultants it became clear that any such operator would want their own input to both the

build and fitting-out to ensure the finished building meets their requirements.

Further discussions have led to the realisation that to meet such requirements there will need to be some changes to the original plans approved by the local authority and it is hoped that an agreement will be signed with a suitable operator and that any such amendments will be submitted early this year.

Jim Matthews

WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL

See below for regular classes. More information from www.bellingdon.com/village-hall.

MON

10: Zumba

7:30: Short Mat Bowls

TUES

8: Barre Sculpt

WEDS

10: Short Mat Bowls

2:30 Short Mat Bowls

THURS

9:45 Glass Art

10: Art Club (A)

7: Glass Art

FRI

10am: Zumba

SAT

9: Tappy Toes

Archery (F)

SUN

Football (F)

(A)= Annex and (F) = field. Some classes are term time only, please check with provider.

Curvaceous Cook

Paska

As a token of solidarity with Ukraine, I thought I would offer the Easter bread of that country. I have a Ukrainian niece-in-law, and she tells me this is an authentic recipe, and commonly made at home for easter. You can fancy it up with plaited dough on the top or round the top if you wish, or just use the whole mix to make a loaf. It is usually round and high, and you break bits off it or slice it. It is a slightly sweetened enriched dough, and you can add dried fruit, but that is not as they would normally eat it.

You can use any cup if you don't have the proper measured ones.

For the dough:

- 5 cups (602 g) plain or strong flour (traditionally white)
- 1 pack instant dried yeast (1 ¼ tsp)
- ¼ cup (50g) granulated sugar
- 2 ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup tepid water
- ½ cup whole milk
- 2 large eggs
- ¼ cup (4tbs) unsalted butter at room temperature

For the topping:

- 1 large egg
- 1 tbs water
- 1 tbs granulated sugar

Mix all dough ingredients together to a soft smooth ball. It should not be sticky when properly ready. I use a stand mixer with a dough hook.

Set aside to rise for about an hour, it should be nearly doubled in size. Grease a 9" springform or cake tin. Pull off about a quarter of the dough if you are going to do the plaits, otherwise, shape all the dough into a ball, and put in centre of the pan.

Make plait of the small bit if you want to, and either place in a cross or around the edge of the tin.



Cover and leave to rise for another 45 minutes, till nearly doubled again.

Heat oven to 180C, with the rack quite low

Beat egg and water together and brush over the top, sprinkle on the sugar. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes until rich golden brown. Let it cool completely before slicing

If there is any left over, it makes excellent toast or french toast

USEFUL CONTACTS/INFO

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www.twitter.com/bellandash

contact@bellingdon.com

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The New Grapevine:

<https://cholesbury.com/the-grapevine/>

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