

Bellingdon & Asheridge Community Newsletter



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Jubilee Tea

Please do join us for an informal tea & cakes event at the hall on Sunday 5th June 2:30-4:30 to wrap up the Jubilee weekend (see above).

Village Fete

Our fete is back with a bang after a two-year covid-induced hiatus, with all the usuals plus a few new things. Keep an eye on the website/Facebook/twitter for the latest and

do get in touch if you can help on or before the day.

fete@bellingdon.com

Fun dog show

We are pleased to welcome Patchwork Training who are running our Fun Dog Show. There will be seven classes to enter during the afternoon ranging from Prettiest Bitch, Best Veteran through to Best Puppy and Best Trick. A nominal entry fee gives you the chance of winning Rosettes and Prizes for best placed entrants.

In addition Patchwork Training will be putting on some demonstrations

during the afternoon. Come along and get your dog to strut their stuff! Registration from 12.30pm on the day. Details from Martin Horsted 07506 464788 or Martin.horsted@icloud.com.

Classic Car Show

There's also the opportunity to bring your classic car or motorbike to the fete for all to admire. We are hoping for a great display during the afternoon to entertain the public. The fete starts at 1pm. Please arrive from 12.30pm. To book your slot email Martin on Martin.horsted@icloud.com

JUNE	JULY	AUG-SEPT	OCT-DEC
5: Jubilee Tea	13: BAACA AGM	3 Sept: Hort Soc/CVGS Autumn Show	14 Oct: Hort Soc Social
25: Fete & Dog Show	15: Pub night	9 Sept: Pub night	3 Dec: Children's Christmas Party
26: Dalmatian Welfare Fun Day			4 Dec: Seniors' Christmas Party

Sad Farewell

Long time Bellingdon resident Carolyn Conlan sadly passed away peacefully at Stoke Mandeville Hospital recently after a long and brave battle with multiple health issues. She will be much missed by extended family, friends and neighbours.

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St John's Church

We continue to meet every Sunday at 10am at St John's for our services. As always, you would be most welcome to join us! It is a lovely friendly community, and we would be delighted to see you. We're enjoying getting back to normal with our pattern of services and are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and participating in the village fete.

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

Parish Council

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a Bellingdon councillor. If you are interested in this community and you live in Bellingdon, do consider applying! If you think it could be too time consuming with mountains of paperwork and frequent meetings that are either boring or battlefields with councillors shouting each other (as we saw on television from Cheshire last year) I can assure you that it is nothing like that.

Meetings are roughly only every 6 weeks, they are interesting, friendly and sometimes even amusing. The input of everyone who wishes to speak is listened to and valued, it is important and rewarding to have that opportunity. If you are interested please contact clerk@chartridgeparishcouncil.org.uk We hope to hear from you.

The Jubilee

We are taking part in the official national initiative "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". This follows the wishes of the Queen and we are at present waiting for more details.

Within the parish on the Asheridge and Bellingdon side we plan to commemorate the Jubilee with repairs to gates and stiles along some footpaths, with particular attention to the gates donated by the Parish Council in 2012, with the aim of making certain paths accessible to everyone including those with mobility difficulties.

On the Chartridge and Pednor side there are hopeful plans for some work in the Franklin fields. We would like to have a trim trail installed for youngsters and named the Jubilee Trim Trail and we also hope to be able to rebuild the pavilion there in commemoration of the Jubilee.

Enjoy the holiday and the celebrations!

Joanie Lherbier

Chesham Vale Gardeners' Society (Hort Soc)

2022 dates for your diary*

- **Autumn Show** – Saturday 3rd September. Bellingdon & Asheridge Village
- **October Social** – Friday 14th October 7pm till late. Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall.

* *Owing to space constraints we've only listed events at the village hall. Other activities will be announced in future newsletters and member email updates. Please contact cheshamvalegs@gmail.com if you would like to receive email updates or to join the society - just £2 per household per year!*



Autumn show

Chesham Vale Gardener's Society will be holding its Autumn Show again this year in the village hall on Saturday 3rd September. The show last year attracted over 220 entries and we very much hope there will again be strong support from Asheridge and Bellingdon residents. Last year's schedule is on our webpage and the categories will be broadly the same in 2022. The new schedule will be available in July. We look forward to seeing you all - either as exhibitors or joining us for refreshments including a delicious selection of homemade cakes.

Adrian Norris, Chairman

<https://www.bellingdon.com/chesham-vale-gardeners-society/>

Community Speedwatch

Facts about speeding

- 97% of speeding offences are detected by fixed cameras
- Fatalities caused by speeding are 4 times likelier to happen in rural areas than in urban ones.
- More deaths occur from driving accidents than all other crimes.

As relevant as these figures for collision casualties is the concern to rural communities of feeling safe when using roads recreationally.

For those of you who ride bicycles, horses or ponies, walk or jog through our villages, or maybe are just concerned about the dangers from speeding vehicles to those who enjoy these pursuits, a measure of local relief will shortly be at hand.

Any group of residents can start a Community Speedwatch (CSW) and our Parish Council has been granted permission to set one up in our two villages to monitor traffic and, hopefully, to reduce the incidence of drivers exceeding the safe limits.

So how does CSW work?

Once it has been sanctioned between the Police and the local authority, a request goes out to the community for volunteers.

These volunteers must undergo a basic induction programme, done presently online, and pass a simple test (almost impossible to fail since multiple attempts at each question are permitted) to prove understanding of the principles.

The local CSW must provide the speed recorder, hi-viz jackets, signage and the necessary tools for logging the speeds. Our local authority has made funding available for this.

The CSW organiser works with the local community police to agree where and when the monitoring will take place with due recognition given to health and safety of all involved.

Monitors work in pairs and record all vehicles exceeding the limit. Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are contacted, initially by letter, explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the local police. Beyond this, focused enforcement and criminal prosecution follow based on the collated evidence.

CSW is not about interfering with neighbour's behaviour, it is a pro-active solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in our local community.

More volunteers are needed for our local group. If you are interested in this service to the community please contact Parish Councillor Joan Lherbier at maryland@btopenworld.com or 07786 010476.

Joanie Lherbier

Gigabit Broadband Fibre Project - Progress

In the last week (13 May) we have received a progress update regarding the Gigabit Broadband project. The date is significant as it was the original target date for BT Openreach to release the network to retailers (Sky, Talktalk, Virgin, BT etc) for it to be sold to villagers in the northern half of Bellingdon.

The good news is that the build itself has gone according to plan and the customer network (i.e. the fibre laid in the village) is complete and ready to be tested and released for service. However, when Openreach visited the fibre 'exchange' to complete the connection to the 'core' network they found issues (most likely to be a shortage of capacity).

This has meant a delay in completing the fibre network and Openreach being unable to link the customer network to the 'core' fibre network. Further works are now scheduled to finish by the end of July 2022, when it should be possible to place an order. Openreach have apologised for the delays, stating that they were unforeseen and impossible to predict. We will be in contact when we have any update.

Hugh Griffiths & Tony Orr

Curvaceous Cook

Strawberry Tart

Hopefully when you read this you will have lovely strawberries growing in the garden, or be able to buy really good local ones. I don't think it is worth making this with the tasteless, out of season fruits that masquerade as strawberries.

An electric whisk is an advantage, and please don't be put off by the creme patissiere, it is really easy, just take your time. This glorious party pud will feed 12, and is adapted from BBC Good Food.

- 125g slightly softened unsalted butter
- 80g icing sugar
- 1 egg
- 200g plain flour
- 100g strawberry jam (worth getting a good one, or even better, home made)
- 500g strawberries. If big, slice all but one in half, if small, or alpine, leave whole
- 2 tbs apricot jam
- 300ml milk
- 150 ml double cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract (not essence)
- 3 egg yolks
- 50g caster sugar
- 3 ½ tbs cornflour
- 50g butter, softened and cubed

To make the pastry, either put all but egg in processor and pulse until like breadcrumbs, then pulse in the egg, or: beat butter and sugar together till smooth, mix in egg, then stir in the flour.

Bring together with your hands to form a ball and chill for 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 200/180 fan/gas 6. Roll out pastry to 3cm bigger than your tin (approx 23cm, ideally fluted), and line the tin, letting it hang over the edge a little. Line with baking parchment and beans, and bake for 15 minutes.

Remove paper and beans and bake for another 15-20 minutes until crisp and golden. Tidy the top with a sharp knife if necessary. Leave in the tin to cool.



For the creme patissiere, heat the milk, cream and vanilla extract (or a scraped vanilla pod) to a simmer over a medium heat, stirring gently now and then.

Whisk the egg yolks and sugar for about 3 minutes till pale, then stir in the cornflour. Pour over a quarter of the hot cream mix, whisking continuously, then tip into the pan. Stir over a medium heat for 5-8 minutes until it thickens. Transfer to large bowl and leave to cool for 15 minutes, whisking occasionally.

Gradually whisk in the cubed butter and cover. Put in fridge until needed. Put the tart case on your serving tray or plate. Spread the jam over the bottom of the case, then either spread or pipe the creme patissiere all over the top.

Arrange the strawberries, starting at the edge, with your whole one in the middle. Heat the apricot jam with a splash of lemon juice and 1 tbs water until warm. Whisk slightly and cool for a couple of minutes, then brush over the top of the strawberries to give a glow.

USEFUL INFO

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contact@bellingdon.com

Local Police Community Support Officer

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The New Grapevine:

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

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