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**Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9.30 am to 12 noon**

Services at St. Mark's

First Sunday in the month

**8.00am Communion -
Book of Common Prayer**

10.30am All Age Worship

Other Sundays

10.30am Parish Communion

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion Service

The Butterfly

When I speak to local people, especially during funeral visits, I often hear about their problems. It reminds me that we all have our own individual struggles, worries and difficulties. We often think how much easier life would be if everything was 'plain sailing' or 'a bed of roses'. But we do have to admit that when we go through the hard times, we also develop a strength of character and resilience. Sometimes it's only when we look back we can see that it was during those testing times that we grew stronger. There's a wonderful story about a butterfly which illustrates this point.

One beautiful afternoon, a gardener was taking a stroll around his garden when he noticed a cocoon of a butterfly on a leaf. Thrilled to see a fantastic transformation of nature, he watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through a little hole in its cocoon.

After a while, the butterfly seemed to stop making any progress. It was struggling so hard to get out. It looked like it couldn't break free. It looked desperate! It appeared as if it had got as far as it could, and could go no further.

The kind-hearted gardener decided to help the butterfly. He got a pair of scissors and tweaked the cocoon to make a larger opening for the butterfly. The butterfly emerged quickly without any struggle. But unlike any other butterflies in his garden, it had a swollen body with tiny, withered wings.

The gardener was happy that he made the butterfly come out of its cocoon without much struggle. He continued to watch the butterfly expecting that, at any moment, the wings would dry out, enlarge and expand to support the swollen body, which would contract in time.

Unfortunately, neither its wings expanded nor the swollen body reduced. Instead, the butterfly crawled around with shrivelled wings and a swollen body, never able to fly throughout its life.

Although with good intentions, the gardener had hindered the growth of the butterfly. The continuous effort from the butterfly to come out of its cocoon would force out the fluid stored in the body to convert it into the wings. In his haste to help the butterfly, the

gardener didn't understand that the restricting cocoon and the struggle were the keys to the butterfly's beautiful body and wings.

God never gives us more than we can endure, and he never abandons us either. As it says in the Bible, 'God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.' (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Revd. Alison Newman



Rock Choir Concert

The Bromley Rock Choir performed a lively concert in St. Mark's Church on the 13th April in aid of Biggin Hill Community Care Association. Under the direction of Michael Fricker, the conductor, the 80 strong choir sang a wide selection of songs from gentle ballads to rocking classics! The church was full to capacity and the audience enjoyed the variety of songs and sang along to the choruses they knew.

Biggin Hill Community Care Association wishes to thank all those who took part especially Michael and the members of the choir, the audience for their support, St. Mark's Church for the use of the Church and to the BHCCA Committee members for their help and support. We don't have a final amount raised yet but it will be in excess of £1900 which is amazing!

Neil Walker, Chairman, BHCCA

MEMORIES

Tender moments
remembered
bring back the tears
shed for joy
but oh tinged with sadness
over one dear loss.

Memories will not be forgotten.
We'll take them out
and hold them dear
close to our hearts
we shall not part.

Help us dear Lord
we pray
to bear the pain
to comfort one another
that we may together rise
above the grief
and rest
in your abiding love.

And in your presence
may we know
a deeper peace
of one who cares
who'll guide us through
till we can say
all is well
all is well.

Laura Brown

Easter in a Yorkshire Village in the 1950's

For one moment; forget about the rolling sparse hills of the Yorkshire Moors or the picturesque stone walls of the Yorkshire Dales and conjure up an image of smoke blackened houses, Coal Mines, Blast Furnaces, Steel Mills, Railway Workshops, Giant Power Stations and Canal Boats; this is South Yorkshire.

But, it has not always been like this, for this is an ancient village, with a long history of worship going back in time to the very first Roman Christians in 489; when a preaching post was erected at the crossing on the river Don. The modern village is called Conisbrough from the Anglo-Saxon Cyningesburh meaning the Kings Burgh a defensive fort built in most part as a stronghold against the Viking invasion. At the time of the Norman Conquest Conisbrough was held by King Harold. The pre-conquest Burgh was surrounded by a church and extensive parkland. The Domesday Book of 1086, records a Manor House and two Mills a deer park and fish ponds. The Lordship of Anglo-Saxon Cyningesburh was held by King Harold followed by William De Warren who also held Lewes castle. The great white circular Donjon with six massive buttresses and adjoining curtain wall with round towers is in itself a rare surviving example of a Plantagenet Castle. It is also where Sir Walter Scott set his magnificent novel Ivanhoe.

At Easter people would gather at their local church, St. Peters. They may have been doing this since its founding sometime about 540-563 when a wooden church was built around the time when St. Columba founded Iona. The wooden church was replaced by a magnificent stone church in Anglo-Saxon times (740 -750) or earlier as some academics believe. The main fabric of the church was built from the ruins of the Roman Bath House at Doncaster. It was around this time that the Roman preaching post along with a stone Romano-British carving of St. Peter holding the keys to Heaven was inserted into the wall of the Saxon church as a reminder of our ancient Christian heritage.

The day before Good Friday was a day when the children and adults looked forward to as the annual Good Friday Fair would arrive and start setting up for Friday afternoon and the weekend. We have some very interesting names in south Yorkshire, the Rowbottoms, the Arkwright's,

and the Snodgrass's but then we had the best -Ticklecock. That name was associated with the annual Good Friday Fair.

The Ticklecock Fair wasn't a big affair, but there were two or three rides including dodgem cars; a carousel with brightly painted horses that went up and down as it spun around and a large boat like swing that looked very frightening. There were also a few stalls selling candy floss, or you could win - if you were very lucky - a gold fish. You had to throw a hoop over a small wooden peg to win. Also there was always a large tent with slot machines. You could put a penny in a machine and turn a handle to watch a moving picture, a throw back to Victorian days but still in use.



On Easter Sunday after attending Church and after Sunday lunch families would gather in the afternoon, weather permitting on the dry section of the castle moat. Here they rolled Easter Eggs down the steep bank; (that is hard boiled eggs painted in many different colours and shapes by children eager to take part in the event) they wanted to see who could roll their egg to the bottom of the moat.

Chocolate Eggs were not in great supply at that time but nevertheless we had a great time and you would get to eat the egg afterwards. Easter was and still is a time when we look forward to the summer and the re-birth of Christ and all that is bountiful and for our younger generations Chocolate Easter Eggs are most bountiful, though I'm not sure how far one can roll a Chocolate egg down a steep moat? As if they would!

Neville Minto

(It was intended that this article would appear in the previous issue of the MCN nearer to Easter, but due to lack of space has been put in this issue.)

At St. Mark's.....

Music At St. Mark's

St. Mark's Music - songs and fellowship with a lively touch. Call Chris on 01959 700815 for more details

Home Groups

Home groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and Bible Study. For more information contact Alison on 01959 540482

Babv & Toddler Group

Every Monday and Friday from 10.00 am in the Church Hall during school terms. Contact the Parish Office for details -01959 577816 - or just come along.

Bell Ringing

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1st Bicaain Hill Guides

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Baptism



Beau Girdler was baptised at St Marks on Sunday 30th April. He is seen in the photo with his mum Eloise and dad Charlie.



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- Wed 26 July - Amberley Museum, Arundel £34pp
- Tues 1st August - Littlehampton or Sognor Regis £22pp
- Sun 6 August - Shuttleworth Carnival and Airshow £50pp
- Wed 9 August - Pashley Manor Gardens & Great Dixter Gardens - £49pp
- Fri 18 August - Eastbourne Airshow £22pp
- Mon 21 August - Carr Taylor Vineyard Wine Tasting/Tea Museum, Hastings including cream tea- £35pp
- Thurs 24 August - Wingham Wildlife Park, Canterbury £40pp snt, £42pp ad, £39pp-Child
- Sun 27 August - Southampton Boat Cruise around the Solent £60pp
- Thurs 31 August - A day at Deal £22pp
- Tues 5 September - Petworth House & Gardens £39pp- NT £22pp
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- Sun 17 September - Tiffard Rural Life Park £31pp
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- Tues 26 September - A Day at Brighton £22pp
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Biggin Hill Day Centre

Our Day Centre provides a friendly and sociable environment where you will be supported by our professional care staff.

Start the day with a cuppa and a chat! Morning and afternoon activities. Three course lunch cooked on the premises. Transport option for Biggin Hill residents. The Centre is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Provides respite for carers

Do you have difficulty doing your grocery shopping?

Assisted Shopping

Our Assisted Shopping takes place on Friday mornings and is for Biggin Hill residents who live independently but need help with their weekly grocery shop. Call Annette on 01959 700411.

Art Group

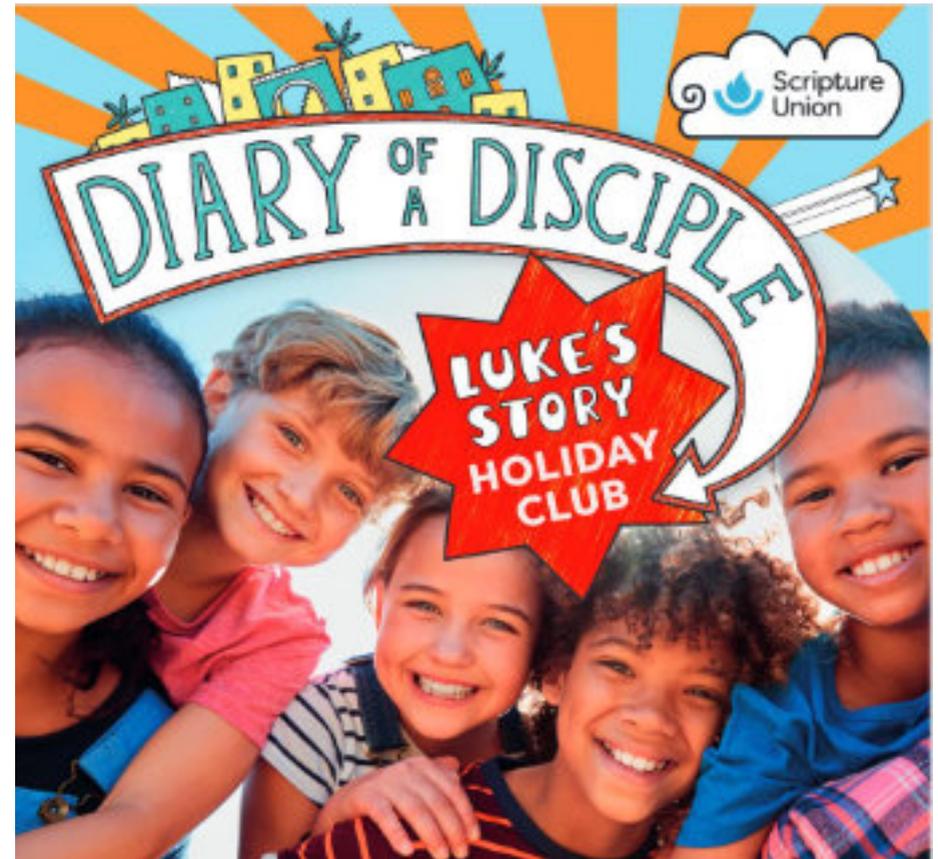
Our Art Group meets on Wednesdays from 2pm. Everyone is welcome from novice to expert. Light refreshments are provided. A small donation is requested for each session.

All places must be booked in advance. For more information, please call us on 01959 577400 or email bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com.

You can also visit our website: bigginhillcommunitycare.org or scan the QR code. We hire St. Mark's Hall, Church Road for our Day Centre, Lunch Club and Art Group.



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Biggin Hill Scouts Travelling Back In Time.

The 1st Biggin Hill Scout Group originally known as 1st Cudham will be 100 years old in February 2024 and we will be doing a range of events during the year to commemorate this milestone.

We are sure there must be many people in the area who were once members of the Group or know somebody who was. If you have recollections of activities or events that you did as a member then we would love to hear from you.

Also if you have any information such as photographs, old uniforms or other memorabilia that you could give or loan to us we would like to create a small exhibition illustrating our history.

If you have something to share with us please make contact by emailing bhsg1@hotmail.com

Until 1989 we were based in a traditional wooden hut half way along the "cinder path" between Main Road and Sutherland Avenue. We then moved to our current home at 200 Main Road

The group currently provides fun and adventure with an emphasis on the outdoors for more than 140 young people between the ages of 4 and 14 years. You may have seen some of our members recently on the Challenge Anneka television programme assisting Foal Farm improve their kennels.

A few examples of questions we would like to answer are:

Who has the oldest connection with the Group?

Which family has the most generations who have been members?

Over the years what other organisations have used the Scout HQ?

The group scarf is red with a yellow border, when did it change from a half and half design?

Why two colours?

We look forward to hearing from you.



Above is a copy of a photograph showing the cubs in 1950. Does anybody recognise any of the people?

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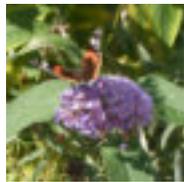
LIGHTING FUND

Thank you to all those members of the community who have generously given us a donation for our church lighting. As you will appreciate this is a major project for us which will benefit not only the church community but all those who come into our church for community events, as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

If you would still like to make a donation then please make a cheque payable to St Mark's PCC or phone the office for online details.

God bless

Alison



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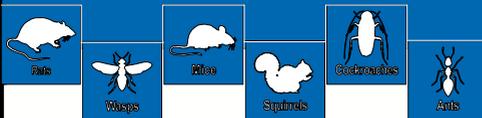
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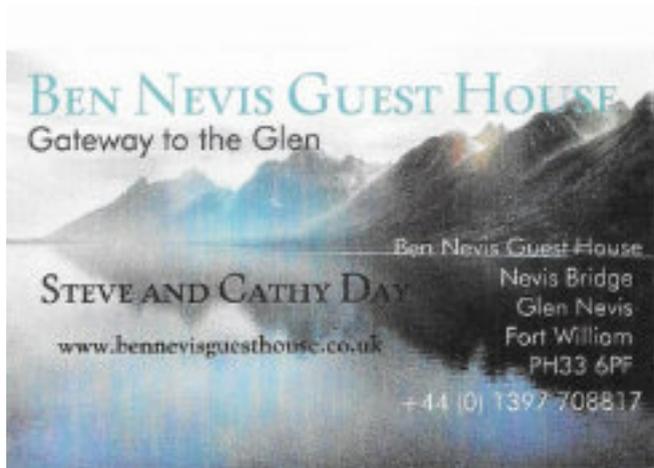
Albert George Hall

Flowers For Church



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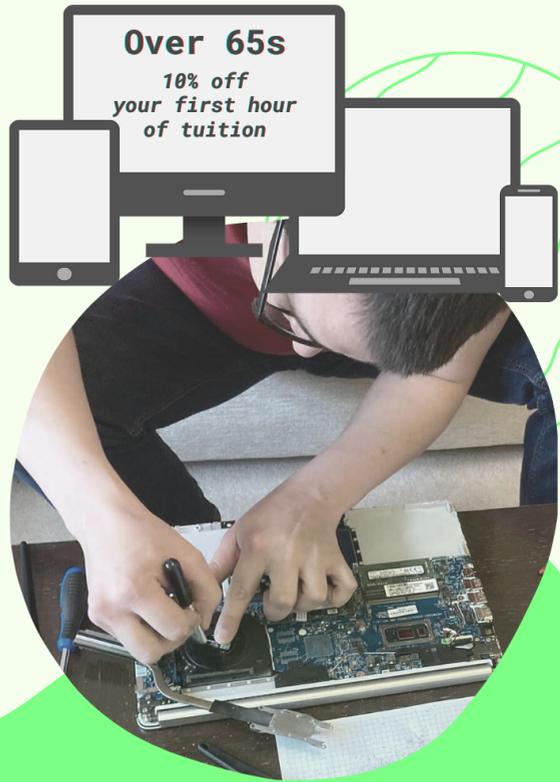
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Paid Parking to be introduced into our community of Biggin Hill!!!

Have you seen us dashing up and down the Main Road in Hi-Vis jackets and brandishing clipboards? **No! Well look out for us!**

We are not trying to get our steps up in a bid to prepare for this year Carnival in July. We are collecting evidence, to prove that here in Biggin Hill we do not abuse the 30 minute free parking bays, and that the introduction of paid parking is not required to provide a turnover of cars, ie shoppers, for our main local shops on Main Road to continue to thrive and prosper!

We, here in Biggin Hill, have been caught up in local Bromley Council schemes to save money! We are all for saving money and not spending tax payer's money frivolously, but we are also advocates for choice! The new method of paying for parking is now through a system called RingGo, which can be used either by telephoning them, downloading an "app" onto a mobile device or via the internet. There is no method of paying for parking either with cash or card!

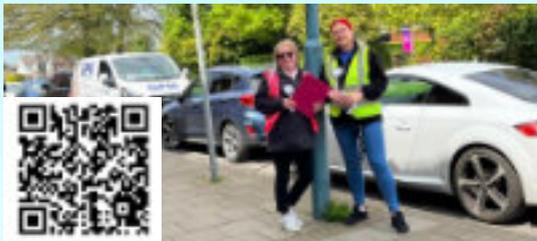
What does this really mean to us?

Lebanon Gardens car park; as of 1 April 2023 we saw the pay at the meter go and the introduction of cashless parking and a whopping 50% increase in the hourly charge. The charge of 40p cash, has risen up with the RingGo Cashless system to 60p, plus 20p convenience fee for an hour of parking. We used to have a choice on how to pay! Now we have no choice! The free parking 30 minute timed bays on Main Road will be turned into paid parking spaces with the same car park tariffs applied 60p per hour, plus the 20pm convenience fee. The only method of paying? The RingGo app!

We have always opposed both proposals, highlighting the issues of our small shopping parade, which is made up of mostly small independent retailers, which thrive with the park, pop in and return to car without a fee customer.

We fear of 3 issues..... people will park on Main Road for long periods of time, clogging up the spaces....., people will park in the FREE car parks and shop in the chain stores , parking on the side streets will become even more overcrowded.

So we have started a petition, to ask the Council to reconsider the paid parking scheme and allow us to continue to support our local shops and retailers with free parking. Please help us by signing the on line petition by using the QR code here or catch us to be able to use a paper copy which we carry with us at all times. The petition will be submitted in late July 2023, so please do not put it off, support us to support you?!



Talking **BIGGIN HILL CARNIVAL ON THE 1ST JULY 2023!** We are excited as more stalls are being booked, the arena events are shaping up, and the food and drink are all on order! Please come and enjoy a wonderful day of fun, games and enjoyment?

You will see us on the day and can always catch us, we will be the ones in our very own distinctive hi-vis jackets, trying to look important and in control, but really having great fun. We are so lucky to be part of the organising committee! (Please see page 15)

Biggin Hill Councillors: Melanie Stevens Sophie Dunbar

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Worried? Problems?

We at St. Mark's would like to help you. If you would like our help, or simply want someone to talk to, please call

01959 540482 (Vicar),

The people of St. Mark's Church would like you to know that we pray for Biggin Hill regularly.

If you would like us to pray for you, someone you know or for something that concerns you, please let us know and we will be happy to do so. In order to comply with the Data Protection Regulations, please ensure you have the permission of the person to be prayed for.

Please contact the Church office. A message can be left on the answer machine outside of these times - 01959 577816

If you prefer, you could send your prayer request to St. Mark's Vicarage, 10, Church Road, Biggin Hill, Kent TN16 3LB



TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AT RAF BIGGIN HILL MUSEUM & CHAPEL THIS MAY HALF TERM

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27TH MAY**
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concert at 2pm
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Museum & Chapel

**SUNDAY
28TH MAY**
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and crafts

**TUESDAY
30TH MAY**
Spy Code Cracking
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(11am and 2pm)

**WEDNESDAY
31ST MAY**
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animal mascot



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**SATURDAY
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workshop
(11am and 2pm)

**SUNDAY
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For more information, please contact Katie
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Visit our website: bhmm.org.uk
Biggin Hill Memorial Museum
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Rhododendrons & Azaleas

These plants can sometimes be classed as a no-no in the average garden, often recognised in large gardens, parks and large estates like Exbury Gardens. Problems often raised for the average garden are a need for acidic soil, they grow to huge proportions, flower for a short time then nothing else and they are messy when they drop their blooms.

Yet few landscape shrubs are as widely celebrated and anticipated in the spring garden as azaleas and rhododendrons. Their showy, exuberant displays of colour excite the senses and have a way of taking centre stage just about any landscape, large or small, in the border or in containers.

They are the epitome of Spring. A plant in full bloom has no equal in the spring landscape. When viewed in the garden, they stand out a mile. The blooms are exquisite with beautiful markings and plenty of room for the bees to explore for nectar.



Rhododendron (Rhodo meaning rose or rose coloured and dendron meaning tree like) is a huge genus with approximately 900 species and over 30,000 named hybrids. They form part of the heath family, Ericaceae, a group which has evolved, grows on acid, peaty, low nutrient soils. Normally associated with the Himalayas, they also originate from North America, Europe, China, Nepal, Tibet, Japan, to Australia and New Zealand.

Classed as a woodland plant, they enjoy growing in partial shade under deciduous trees, taking advantage of leaf fall, providing thick layers of nutritious material and vital protection to those fine roots.

They are a mix of evergreen and deciduous, ranging from tree height, such as Rhododendron arboreum to low forming mounds to tiny leaved species growing in pockets, protected by rock such as Rh. impeditum. Evergreen, or

sometimes known as Japanese azaleas, prefer similar conditions to Rhododendrons, typically grow to 40 – 80cms in 10 years. Deciduous azaleas are taller reaching 120 – 150 cm in 10 years, some have an amazing scent.



Despite the fact you can have Rhododendrons and Azaleas flowering for almost nine months of the year, they are ericaceous or lime hating plants, unsuitable for alkaline or limey soils, until now. There are lime tolerant Rhododendrons, hardy

hybrids and yakushmanum species or also known as “Yak’s” are grafted onto Inkarho lime tolerant rootstock. Also ideal for heavy neutral clay soils but will also need to add plenty of good ericaceous compost to aid establishment.

Alternatively they can grow in shallow containers, about 15cms wider than the root ball, as the roots do not grow very far. Use an ericaceous loam-based compost with good drainage and replot every other year in fresh compost in early spring. Otherwise, top dress the first 5cms each year.



Choose dense, compact plants with good foliage. There are unusual or coloured foliage varieties available to give all year-round interest. Place in partial shade, as they cannot tolerate bright sunlight or next to a north facing wall. Find a sheltered spot in winter to avoid the compost from freezing. No regular pruning, best done after flowering to keep its shape, by cutting to a growing bud and regular feed with

seaweed base liquid, once every 10 – 14 days.

A worthwhile plant giving so much pleasure, a focal point and enjoyed by so many, so can you!

The Biggin Hill & District Horticultural Society hold many events throughout the year.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 14th June, Maureen Rainey will give a talk on “Nature Friendly Gardening for All”

Wednesday 19th July, Caroline Halfpenny, will give a talk on “The Principles of Garden Design”

Both evenings from 8 to 10 pm (doors open at 7.30) refreshments, garden sundries, plants to purchase and raffle are available.

Saturday 8th July, Summer Flower Show, flowers, fruit, vegetables, handicraft, photographs and floral arrangements plus plants for sale, raffle, refreshments and garden sundries. (Look out for our new set up in the hall). Doors open at 3pm, presentation of cups and raffle at 4.20 pm.

Thank you

Nick Hagon (Biggin Hill & District Horticultural Society) 01959 575799 between 6.30 and 9pm.



As we come out of the winter slumber, some may feel we are still there, with a chill in the air! Plants are striding ahead, no matter what the weather, so too are the weeds! Trees are now in full leaf, while the crab apples are flowering profusely in the Sensory Garden.

Our investigation tells us, there are very little losses from the winter cold, which is good news. However, there are gaps that will need attention later this year. The roses have received a good prune resulting in a lot of fresh new growth, but so too have the weeds.

The daffodils have been marvellous this spring by flowering their socks off, while the new trees planted in the autumn and the Acer platanoides Crimson King planted in memory of two stalwarts giving many years of service to the gardens and to the Friends group are currently flourishing.



Mine Shaw, is still affected by the winter storms, with damaged limbs and brushwood on the woodland floor. Cow parsley and bluebells have been pushing their way through, giving an amazing show of colour.

However, with the sterling work carried out by the volunteers, we need some more help. Friend's groups countrywide are an established force to secure the future of our open green spaces, despite these spaces being so important to its local community. The Rec, the sensory garden and Mine Shaw are places of vast space for communities to interact, cultural vibrancy and to promote happiness and well-being. But we need help to sustain our open spaces, to help keep them clean, to enjoy and maintain them. If you have any spare time to join us, enjoy the outdoors, wish to know more about gardening or just like the social aspect, we have the following work parties in the Sensory Garden - Saturday 10th June, Tuesday 20th June and Tuesday 18th July. At Kings Road open space - Saturday 8th July and Saturday 22nd August. We meet on site at 9.30am, have a break about 11am and continue until noon. Tools are provided, please wear suitable clothing and boots, and bring liquids and something to eat, gardening gloves if you have them and factor 50 should summer make an appearance.

The Rec's play area fencing also needs a coat of paint so anybody wishing to help to jet wash, clean or paint, please let us know as we are hoping to carry out this task this summer. Also, we need to repair the post and rails and to clear the brushwood between now and the autumn in Mine Shaw.



Join Biggin Hill Friends of the Parks and help us maintain The Sensory Garden in The Rec, look after woodlands in Mine Shaw or keep Kings Road Open Space attractive and safe for adults and children to use and enjoy! Contact Nick Hagon on 01959 575799 for further information or if you wish to join as a volunteer. Please phone between 6.30 and 9 pm. Thank you.

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St. Mark's is a pilgrim church; we do not simply accept the status quo, we are on a spiritual journey as pilgrims of old, actively seeking to draw closer to God and discover His will both in our own lives and the life of our local church and community which we love and serve. We are anxious "not to store up treasures here on earth" but to use all our church resources given by God, in His service and for His glory.

We want to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with all those in our parish and neighbourhood. Hopefully this is portrayed by the way we live our lives, and speak to others.

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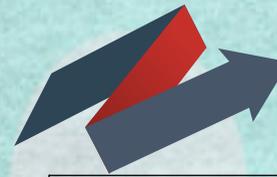
Worship is an integral part of our love for God, and we want our services to reflect dignity and sensitivity as well as joy and thanksgiving.

St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill - People's Prayer

Dear God in Heaven who loves us so much,
Thank You for everything You do and provide for us.
We pray for Your church and community here in
Biggin Hill, that we may know Your plans for us
in this special town.

Especially, we pray for help in bringing all Your
children to You, so they may come to know You fully,
through our actions enabled by Your Spirit,
And through the life, teaching and example of
Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

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