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the bi-monthly magazine of
St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill

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please contact the Parish Office.**

**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

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),



Easter reflection from Mark Newman

Thermopylae, Poitiers, Hastings, Yorktown, Waterloo, Stalingrad and Normandy – all these military battles changed the course of history. Whether you are a pacifist or not, you have to recognise that many of these events involved extraordinary bravery leading to a major shift in power. Sometimes there was an unlikely result against incredible odds - numbers are not everything. For example, the Battle of Muye, China, in 1046 BC led to the end of the Shang Dynasty: 50,000 soldiers overcame 500,000 in the opposing army.



From the supermarket merchandise which you'll have seen on display since the start of January, you might imagine the core ingredient of the Easter story involved fluffy bunnies and varying shapes of cocoa. In fact, the real Easter has been ignored, forgotten - or subtly 'cancelled'. Who wants to hear about sweat, blood and death in ancient Palestine? There's too much of this on our TV screens today to create an appetite for a story of a man who died in an obscure part of the Roman empire.

The real, and only, Easter story focuses on Jesus dying in the most cruel way, then rising from the dead. It's either complete fiction, or the most amazing good news. At the centre of the events of the first Easter was a battle: not military, not even mental, but spiritual.

It doesn't take much imagination to see that the world in which we live is a broken world: the odd white lie, jealousy, shoplifting (which is in fact theft), outbursts of

anger, killing – and evil manipulation of the weak by the powerful. These are just a few examples of human behaviour gone wrong. We are all part of it.

When Jesus died on the cross, he was putting himself in the place where we all deserve to be, as none of us can call ourselves perfect: *'all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.'* Small failures or big, we are all guilty in God's eyes.

Somehow, and we will never fully understand, Jesus paid the penalty for our failures, whether deliberate or through ignorance. Christians see this as an epic spiritual battle on the part of Jesus, who died to set us free from the consequences of our failure to live as we should.

The victory of Good Friday is seen through his rising again from the dead on Easter Day.

Happy Easter!

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

Baby & Toddler Group

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

Home Groups

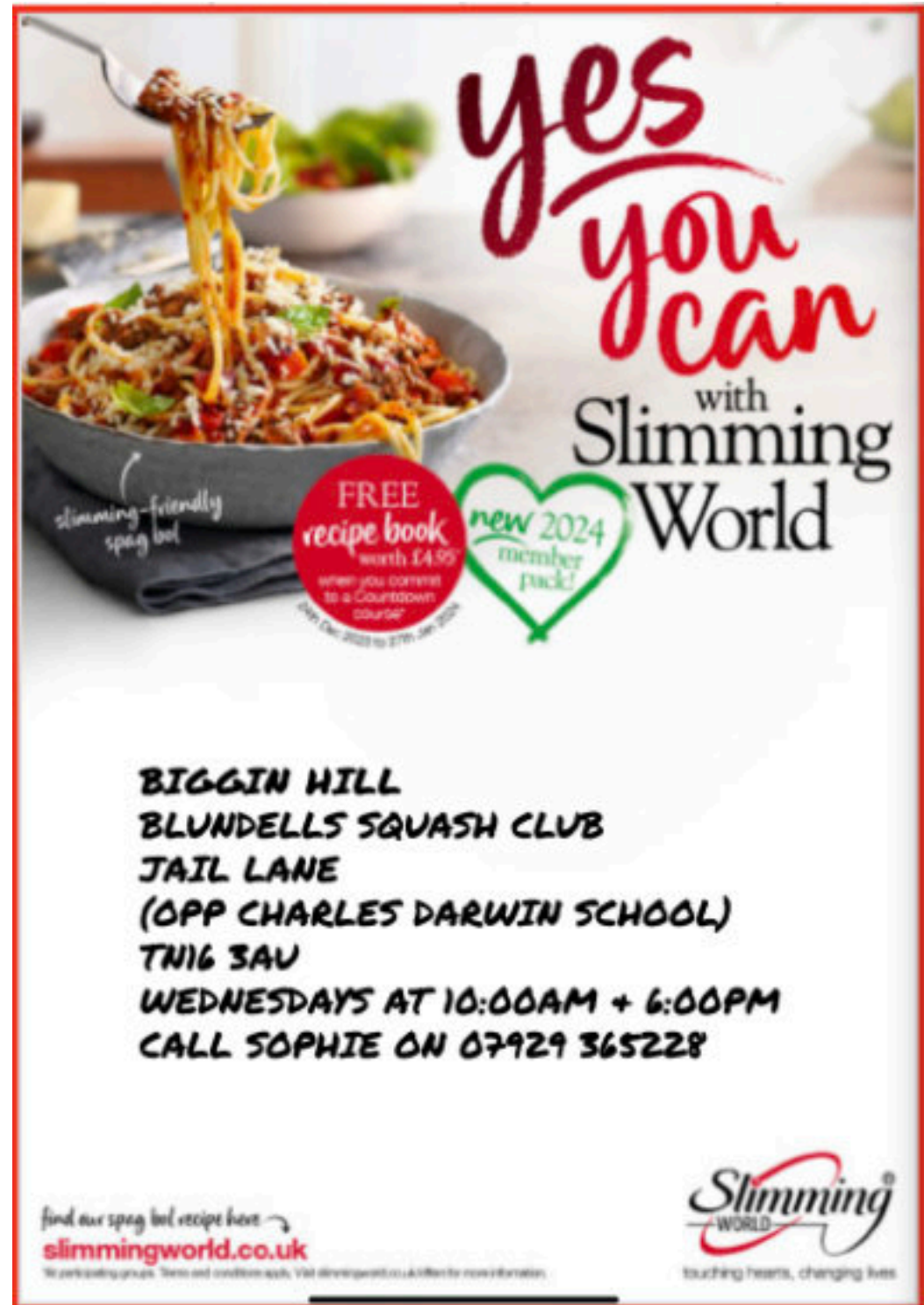
Home groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and Bible Study. For more information contact Alison on 01959 540482

Bell Ringing

Please contact the Parish Office on 01959 577816

1st Biggin Hill Guides

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Dementia

Dementia's like a bubble
It draws you up inside
And holds you like a trapdoor
Or the water on a tide
But sometimes it will set you free
From ail the fuss and muddle
To be with friends and family
For that long-forgotten cuddle
Don't take away the things gone by
The memories they treasure
Talk of things when they were young
And have a laugh together

Play their music, sing their songs
And maybe have a dance
Keep the memories going
This may be your last chance
We know you cannot understand
The things they say and do
They are also confused about the
things that you do too
So just be kind and gentle with
Patience and empathy too
Because but for the grace of God
It could be me or you.

Muriel Harrison

After St Marks are we the oldest organisation in Biggin Hill?

Scouting in Biggin Hill started in **Cudham CofE School** in Old Jail Lane. The official registration was on 21 February 1924 and recorded as **1st Cudham**. At this time, it was just 12 boy scouts led by GJ Walker. A cub pack was started shortly afterwards on 26 January 1926. This time it was based in **St Marks Church Hut**. There were 14 boy cubs and Clara Emma Marsh of Sutherland Avenue was the leader. Within a year numbers had grown to 25 cubs but still only one leader. By 30 September 1928 there were 16 scouts, 28 Wolf Cubs and 3 Rover Scouts. Leaders had increased to 3 and now also included William J Marsh and L Burton.

On 19 March 1934, the address for the Group Headquarters was registered as the **Scout Hut, Biggin Hill**. We presume this was the scout hut which was located on the footpath between Main Road and Sutherland Avenue.

The name was changed to **1st Biggin Hill** on 14 June 1935 and the Group scoutmaster was Sidney Rex Morgan and aided by James Etteridge. Numbers in the Group had dropped to just 10 scouts.



By 29 June 1945 there were 35 scouts and 3 leaders. This also saw the change from Kent as the County to Greater London South East.

By 1950 the cub pack was functioning as they were the winners of Orpington and District Cub Sports.

We think this next photo was taken around 1973 and shows the cubs on Main Road (at the end of the alleyway before Tudor Court was built?) ready to go to camp.



The modern-day 1st Biggin Hill Scout Group continues to flourish in our newer headquarters located between Tudor Court and Smiles the dentist. We currently have nearly 150 young people (boys and girls) and 32 leaders in our 7 sections covering the ages 4 to 18. This will increase



in April when we open a second squirrel drey for boys and girls aged between 4 and 6.

So, we are about to start our second hundred years. A lot of changes have taken place in the first 100 years, and I am sure there will be many more in the next 100 years.

Further information about the Group can be found on our website. www.1stbigginhill.scoutsonline.co.uk or you can contact us on bhsg1@hotmail.com if you have any memories, photos, or other information about our past.

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. The times the office is open can be found on page four. 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



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Wednesday Lunch Club

The Friendly Club!

Enjoy a warm welcome at our **Lunch Club** which is open from 12.15pm until 2pm. A three course meal is provided which is cooked on the premises. Afterwards hot drinks are served. Transport within Biggin Hill can be provided at a small cost.

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 Thursday 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.



Baptism

Olivia Rangecroft was baptised at St. Mark's on Sunday 21st January. Her parents are Adam and Laura



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Easter Messy Church on Good Friday 29th March at 9.30am

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Deep in the dark and lonely soil
a seed
lies
pressed down by weight of earth
no smile of sun
no dance of breeze
dying
buried in obscurity

Deep in the cold and lonely night
a soul
sighs
pressed down by wight of care
no smile of joy
no dance of delight
dying
buried in adversity

High on a cold and lonely hill
a man
cries
pressed down by weight of sin
no smile of God
no dance of angels
dying
buried in antiquity

Forth from the cold and lonely tomb
the Son of Man
bursts
raised up by the power of love
in radiant joy
as angels dance
living
reigning for eternity

Forth from the prison of despair
a soul
soars
raised up by the power of love
to glow with joy
dance in delight
living
freedom and tranquillity

Forth from the prison of the soil
a flower
springs
raised up by the power of love
to smile in the sun
dance in the breeze
living
beauty and serenity

The seed, the soul, the man
alone
were not alone.

The power and love of Fatherhood in majesty
made man the Son of Man
The Father's love, the arms of fellowship
made soul a family
Creator's life, His sun and rain
made seed a flowering

One Man
not one, but three in in glory, for eternity
one soul
not one, but millions loved into security
one seed
not one, but myriads bursting forth in perpetuity
- an Easter garden!

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Easter

Good Friday 29th March

9.30am Messy Church.
There will be crafts and activities for all ages!

Followed at 10.30am by our Family Service in church.

11.30am Hot Cross Buns and drinks

2pm Reflections at the Cross

Easter Day

10.30am Celebration Parish Communion
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Walk from North Peckham to Biggin Hill!

As part of our 65th anniversary celebrations at St Mark's church, a group of us will be walking from Davey Street, North Peckham, to Biggin Hill. Davey Street is where our 125,000 bricks, 200 tons of stonework and all our roof timbers came from - All Saints, North Peckham.

Walk date: Saturday 20 April

Start time: 0930 at Davey Street (you have to make your own way there!)

Five years ago 25 of us completed the walk. Would you like to be involved this time? For more details please contact Mark Newman: marknewman1955@gmail.com

Thursday 4th April - 'Friends Against Scams Event

Plans are underway for a 'Friends Against Scams' event which will be held at the Biggin Hill New Life Church on Thursday 4th April. It will be a 'one day only' event and will be free to attend. The aim is to help prevent anyone becoming a possible victim to an ever increasing variety of scams, rogue traders and door step callers. Guest speakers will be providing advice on how to spot a scam and what to do if you suspect one.
More information to follow.
Biggin Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team

Biggin Hill Councillors

Councillor Melanie Stevens – Melanie.stevens@bromley.gov.uk – 07900 171266

Councillor Sophie Dunbar – Sophie.dunbar@bromley.gov.uk – 07929 365228

“Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat”. As we look outside and feel the faint rays of warm sun on our faces, we thank Biggin Hill’s community for the opportunity to serve as your Councillors.

After writing so many articles about what blights our community, is it not time to look to good things we have on our doorstep? How many of us truly look around and only to see the negatives? Let’s look to the spring to bring fresh hope and joy, let’s rejoice in what we have, and cherish what is within our midst?

“Nothing ever seems impossible in Spring, you know.” L.M. Montgomery

Community – young and old we hold together! We have many groups that interact daily, offering advice, support and warning of suspicious occurrences, so that we can all be alert and vigilant, not only for ourselves but our neighbours and friends.

Shopping Opportunities – we have an array of local independent and main chain retailers and traders, all on our doorstep, we must support them, use them or lose them!

Health & Wellbeing – Doctors, pharmacies, opticians, dentists, health clinics and holistic therapy to mention but a few, no need to travel for most of your welfare needs.

Children & Family Centre – meeting the needs of children under 5 and supporting families with professional advice on health and family matters.

Place of Worship – they even moved St Marks Church here, to serve our community! We often visit and take comfort from the welcome and love we are shown. Not into formal worship, but need comfort and solace, pop into one of the churches and reach out for help.

Green & Open Spaces – recreational grounds, children play areas, skate bowls, ball cages, woods, fields, wildlife/butterfly meadows, to name but a few areas to exercise, rest, play and be at one with nature.

Clubs, Organisations, Fitness and Fun – Spitfire Centre, Football & Running Clubs, Karate, Judo, Racket Ball, Exercise Classes, Aqua Fit and now a new outdoor gym? No comments of “there is nothing to do”, please!

Allotments – have green fingers, want to grow your own, then rent an allotment space? It could offer a safe and tranquil area to take in the fresh air and exercise.

Entertainment, pubs, restaurants, coffee shops and nightlife –we have an array of all, you should never go hungry or thirsty!

Schools – 2 primary, 1 secondary school on our doorstep, no need to travel for good education.

Library & Pool – with council cutbacks, we are lucky for these services! Be educated, learn to swim and de-stress in this leisure hub.

Cemetery – an odd amenity to list, I hear you say! However, many local residents visit loved ones under the swaying trees in this place of tranquility and peace.

War Memorial – we are proud to sponsor the flagpole and to organise the annual parade and Service of Remembrance in November.

Airport – offering job opportunities, training, a place to eat and rest, etc. From 1916, conducting wireless experiments to today, the only dedicated business aviation airport in London, it certainly puts us on the world map.

St George’s RAF Chapel, The Strongest Link - a memorial in its own right! A place to worship and to honour the airmen who laid down their lives for our today. The Museum - so long wanted, serving to remind us of how the RAF played its part in WWII.

Spring is God’s most beautiful way to say “Harsh times need changing”. Let’s join together as the great community that we are, to celebrate all that we have, and to educate those less fortunate that can not see the beauty of where we live!



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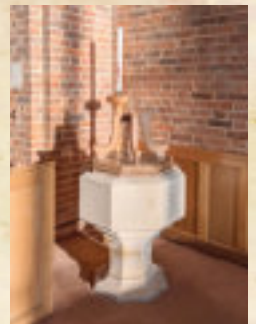
Join us at our café for a health and wellbeing session as well as other activities.

Opening on Friday 10th November 2023, the café will take place between **10am - 12pm on the second Friday of every month**

Location:
St Marks Parish Centre
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St Mark's Church Festival of Baptism Saturday April 27th 10.00am - 3.00pm



Come along to St Mark's Church to take a look at some of the clothes worn at Baptism services over the years. And not just by those being baptised!

How fashions change..

There will also be a chance to guess the identity of some more famous youngsters. And to add to your enjoyment there will be retro toys in the Church Hall which some will find nostalgic and others will just enjoy!...

There will obviously be at least one train set and if you are good you will be able to have a go! So lots of fun to be had by all.

(And, of course, there will also be cake!).

Thelma Dutton remembers Old Biggin Hill



My parents moved to Kings Road on the corner of Spring Gardens during the summer holidays in 1950.

An early memory was the athletics meeting held in the Recreation Ground to celebrate The Festival of Britain in 1951. I entered the 100 yards, coming 4th, and the 200 yards, where I was the only competitor, therefore the winner. I still have the metal teapot and cups awarded to me.

One day, my friend Helena Blake and I walked along Church Road past the two empty plots on the corners, one now the Library and Pool and the other St Mark's Church. We were looking for Aperfield Court, but did not find it. It had been demolished in 1920.

During the winter of 1953 Helena and I walked to Leaves Green partly on top of the hedge lining the edge of the aerodrome. No traffic could get through that morning as the snow was too deep, and the snow plough could not clear it till later in the day.

Whenever I walk down Kings Road I can still see in my mind the 15 metre chalk hillside opposite Spring Gardens. I used to walk up there to play in the trees in the summer or sledge down in the winter. In 1951 we moved to the corner of Kings Road and Norheads Lane.

To get to Bromley Grammar School, I would walk up Stock Hill every morning, where there were mostly soil verges and, higher up, tall earth banks, but no walls of bricks. Another route was up Jug's Hill to catch the 410 and meet others there: Helena, also Anne Abbott, the baker's daughter. One day Harry Nelson stopped me to say it was called Jug's Hill because people used to take their jugs up to the Black Horse to get their beer. Yet Jugg Hill seems to be the preferred spelling now!



When I was 16, I was asked if I would run the Guides meetings in the old church hall that year, as they had no Guides mistress. After some consideration I said I would, although I was taking my O-levels. We used to attend the War Memorial each Remembrance Sunday.

Once I'd left school, I continued catching the bus to Bromley to get to work. There were still no buses in the

Valley! My worst memory of this walk was returning home one day and slipping over half way down Melrose Road in deep snow and cracking the end of my spine on a buried flint. I had to sit on a cushion for some weeks afterwards.

I started dancing at Shirley Cox's dance school, which was held in the large car show room at Aperfield Court service station. This is where I met my future husband Charlie. Dancing there involved a second walk up Jug's Hill; fortunately Charlie had a car! In September 1958 we were married in the old tin church because the new St Mark's had not yet been completed. Our wedding reception was held at the Spinning Wheel restaurant on the corner of Grays Road.

Back in WW2, Charlie's father was renting a farm on the aerodrome site. He was told they had to leave once the crops had been harvested, as the runway was going to be extended. His father began renting farmland near Brasted. Charlie aged 10 was his helper. Coming to Westerham Hill, the lorry loaded with their harvest, they had to unload half, drive up, unload the 1st half, drive down again, then pick up the other boxes to deliver to local towns. He also remembers reaching the outskirts of Biggin Hill in very thick fog and his father asking him to get out and check where they were. He found that they were outside the Teapot café!

Charlie remembers driving up Stock Hill many times; the steepest part, which he hated, was the left turn at what is now Temple Road. Opposite the new church, was the old P.O. sorting office. Turning left was Forgefield, at that time a field full of beautiful wild flowers in the spring and summer. Further on was the new Telephone Exchange and the dairy just beyond. Across the road, as now, was the new P.O. Sorting Office where Charlie worked for 27 years (previously the old Telephone Exchange). Just before the Black Horse were some lovely 18th century cottages, later demolished and the flats built.



We first lived away from Biggin Hill but moved back after a year, where we bought a little

place on Kings Road, the site of nos 67 and 69. There was a well and a cesspit in the back garden. Next to it was a wooded area, and 2 undeveloped plots of land with a dew-pond about a metre back from the road at the top of the slope, now the site of The Flying Machine.

When our son was a baby in 1962, the outside bedroom walls froze and the wallpaper peeled off. Charlie installed some pipes for heating soon after! The

baby clinic was in the Recreation Ground and when our son was starting to walk, he loved the visits as there was plenty of room for him to toddle around.

We remember seeing Mrs McCoy and the goats in her garden from our upstairs windows. She lived between Dawell Drive and Rosehill. We visited a couple of times for a closer look and a chat. At this time I took some photos along Kings Road and counted a total of 13 houses between ours down to Norheads Lane.

In 1962 I was pushing my pram up Stock Hill and when half way up, stopped to lift my daughter in as well. Behind me on the other side, I saw Mr Nelson pushing a wheelbarrow full of his home-grown produce which he was taking to the W. I. to sell. They then held a sale every Friday for those with extra fruit and vegetables in the autumn.

In 1966 we moved to our new house using a sledge to take the heavier pieces. Plenty of snow that winter! When not covered with snow, the roads were very muddy.



For some years we went to the *Biggin Hill Thing*, held in the early 70's., and the precursor of the Carnival. I have a photo of my son and daughter on top of a car used as a float. We did our shopping for many years at bottom Temples Store, run by Harry Clark and his wife, where Roundways is now.

After the birth of our second daughter, Charlie was approached by a self-build group. We agreed to exchange our house for one being built. We moved our belongings on a sledge during the snow and lived in what is now no. 55 Kings Road. Baby no 4 arrived in 1967. Charlie had by then joined another self-build group, putting up houses behind our original house down to Sunningvale Avenue. We moved again, and have been there ever since!

One final difference: some years later it became very noticeable that the slow-worms, lizards, adders and frogs usually in our gardens every summer were becoming very rare, and soon no longer about.

Note about Thelma and Charlie: This amazing couple have been key figures at Chipstead Sailing Club for many years. Thelma took part in her last race at the age of 80, while Charlie stopped in 2022 at the age of 90!

Thelma Dutton in conversation with Mark Newman

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Shade loving plants

Often questions are asked about shade in the garden, a subject often raised because next door has trees or conifers overhanging, the high fence casts shade across the garden, the garden faces north, and in shade most of the day, while other garden buildings, cast shade.



Garden centres don't help, as most plants are in alphabetical order, and you may be lucky to find the information you require as part of the text.

Whatever is casting the shade, before considering to plant, it is worthwhile to check the fertility and depth of soil you wish to plant in. There maybe tree roots, concrete, rubble, maybe wet or dry. If trees are your main problem, consider lifting the lower boughs, ensure it doesn't have a TPO (Tree Preservation

Order). Take advantage from the dropped leaves, they will add organic matter to the soil, so don't remove them. As they rot, they provide welcome fertility and if possible, add plenty more well-rotted garden compost, dig in well and will too activate worms to assist with the soil goodness.

Planting time is crucial to allow plants to get established before the summer arrives, prepare the soil, as above, ready to plant in late autumn, this will allow the winter



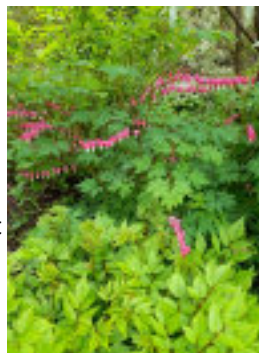
rains to soak into the ground and give the plants that welcoming to their new home.

Maybe you become disappointed, as their chosen plants have not performed, possibly died due to lack of light and or moisture. Yet there are plenty of plants that will tolerate these conditions and perform very well.

A good example of plants in shade are your local woodlands, as plants take full advantage during the winter and early spring, growth begins way back in the winter. Plants, like the bluebell or the wood anemone (see above), provide a colourful haze in March, April and early May. Soon after, the cow parsley takes centre stage before the woodland floor becomes in deep shade once again as the tree canopy closes in.

And that infamous bare north facing fence or wall, the Camellia will be at home, will not get frosted and wilt under the heat of the sun. A welcome sight during early to late spring, evergreen and mulch each spring will provide you with pink, white, red and almost yellow blooms.

Visit gardens near you at Hever Castle, Emmetts or the RHS gardens at Wisley as plants show off their fresh spring foliage and colourful flowers in the shadier parts of the garden.



The following plants can provide interest throughout the year, with interesting foliage and delicate flowers.

Epimedium (Bishops Hat) has evergreen leaves and offers delicate flowers in the early spring in shades of yellow, reds, white and orange. Cut the leaves to the grounds just as the flower emerge and fresh new leaves will follow.

Brunnera macrophylla, has large silvery to green leaves with blue forget me knots blue flowers in the spring. The leaves continue to shine in your woodland scene. Both variegated and green leaved varieties are available.

Dicentra or also known as Lamprocapnos spectabilis, commonly known as Dutchman's breeches or bleeding heart enjoys a shady spot in the garden, flowers in spring before it dies away for the summer. Available in red or white flowers is a valuable plant for the time of year.

Nick Hagon (Biggin Hill Horticultural Society)

Forthcoming dates for your diary.

Wednesday March 20th Gardeners' Evening
"Bees and their relationship with plants" by Mike Waller"

Saturday April 6th Spring Flower Show

Flowers, handicraft, and floral arrangements plus plants for sale, raffle, refreshments and garden sundries.

Wednesday April 17th Gardeners' Evening
"Chartwell Gardens and Winston Churchill influence" by the team at Chartwell.

Wednesday May 15th Gardeners' Evening
"Trees for small gardens" by Marie Shallcross

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

Spring Flower Show, doors open to the public from 3pm, raffle and presentations at 4.15. close at 4.30pm

Thank you.

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

A lighter moment...

Hymns for various trades:

Builders - The Church's one foundation

Census takers - All people that on earth do dwell.

Dentists - Crown Him with many crowns

Golfers - There is a green hill far away.

Barry.

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