

BIERTON SPRING NEWS

April 2024

Welcome to the Spring edition of Bierton News. It's been lovely seeing the spring bulbs and blossom appearing around the village as well as being able to enjoy more daylight and warmer days.

This edition contains information on a number of improvements that the Parish Council has introduced, together with news about a new pre-school and updates from the Community Allotment.

You may have seen new noticeboards put up around the village, which were funded by the Gib Lane Solar Trust. If you have any posters you would like to be included, please contact the Parish Clerk via email parishclerk@biertonpc.org.uk

The Parish Council is waiting for confirmation of when traffic calming work along the A418 in Bierton will take place, but is looking likely to be Autumn 2024



SOCIAL & WARM HUB

Everyone is welcome to come along between 2 and 4pm every Tuesday at Jubilee Hall. The Social Hub is open to all residents of Bierton and Hulcott and their friends, regardless of age (under 16's with an adult, please).

Please join us for free tea and coffee with biscuits and usually cake.

For more information or if you'd like to help out or make a cake, please contact Steve Knowles. 07870 266642, steve.knowles118@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meetings of Bierton Parish Council take place at 7.00pm at Jubilee Hall on:

- Monday 15th April,
- Monday 20th May
- Monday 17th June

All Parish residents are welcome to attend to raise any questions or items for the Council to consider. Details of how to contact the Parish Council, Councillors and minutes of previous meetings can be found on the village website. We're pleased to confirm that Andrew Brierley and Hayley Smith were recently co-opted as Parish Councillors

BIERTON EVENTS GROUP

Thank you to everyone who took contributed to the great success of the recent quiz evening which raised over £500 for Emmetts Genies - a local charity supporting children with serious health conditions.

Please check out details of our events in the events calendar in this newsletter and follow us on Facebook for updates. We welcome donations for raffle prizes or food for our events to help keep down costs and enable as much money to be donated to our local charity as possible. If you have any unwanted items which would be a suitable raffle prize, please get in touch.

NEW PRE-SCHOOL FOR BIERTON

Bierton will be welcoming an exciting addition to its community with the opening of Footsteps Preschool in September 2024, which will be located at Bierton Sports Centre's recreation ground. As part of the esteemed Footsteps chain, renowned for its commitment to holistic child development, this 28 place facility promises a unique educational experience centred around nature-inspired learning.

The setting will be open to children from 3 months to 5 years, with sessions available from 8am-4pm. Established 12 years ago, Footsteps has earned a stellar reputation across various locations including Chalfont St Peter, Oving, Maple Cross, Farnborough, Watermead, and Leighton Buzzard.

At Footsteps, children will embark on a journey of discovery and growth, guided by the principles of Forest School education. With ample opportunities for outdoor play and exploration, our mission is to foster a deep connection with nature, allowing children to learn and thrive in an environment that ignites their curiosity and creativity. One of the defining features of Footsteps is its commitment to child-led learning. Recognising that each child is a unique individual with distinct interests and strengths, the curriculum is designed to be flexible and responsive, allowing children to pursue their passions while acquiring essential skills and knowledge.

Through hands-on experiences and guided exploration, children develop critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and a deep appreciation for the world around them. Moreover, Footsteps Preschool Bierton is not just designed as a place of learning but a vibrant community where families come together to support their children's growth and development. With a team of dedicated staff who are passionate about early childhood education, parents can rest assured that their children are in safe and nurturing hands.

We can't wait to welcome new children to Footsteps Bierton. <https://footstepsnurseries.co.uk/>



We accept funded childcare places

For enquiries regarding places or current vacancies,
please contact Manager Natasha Hamer on 07743871369



TENNIS LESSONS

BIERTON



Engagement/Activity/Fun

LTA qualified coaches are running tennis lessons for all ages and abilities in Bierton.

The various lessons are as follows :

- Mini Tennis Group Lessons
- Mini Tennis Private Lessons
- Adult Group Lessons
- Adult Private Lessons
- Family Lessons



If you would like to enquire more about the Lessons or want to book a session please do not hesitate to contact us via:

EMAIL: KTennis_aylesbury@outlook.com OR **MOBILE:** 07930982247

PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT

We're delighted to confirm that work has been completed on the refurbished playground at the Sports Centre on Burcott Lane.

The refurbishment was funded by the Mike & Claire Griffin Trust, Wendover Community Board, Bierton Parish Council & Gib Lane Solar Fund and features themed equipment which and features themed equipment which is intended to be inclusive for wide range of ages and abilities. is intended to be inclusive for wide range of ages and abilities.

There will be a free to attend community event on **Monday 6th May from 11-1** to officially open the playground - all welcome to attend

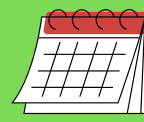


BIERTON SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

At Bierton School, we have been trying our best to improve travel around the area. From September-December we have done: Road safety week, cycle to school week, walk and roll day, be bright and been seen week and walk to school month. Even though these are focus weeks, we promote these activities all year round. We also have 6 passionate Junior Road Safety Officers, who have created posters to promote different travel initiatives, which have been sent out in newsletter to parents and displayed around the school, as well as being shared with pupils during assemblies.

In December 2023, Bierton School was accredited with a Very Good, Silver Travel Plan! This is amazing as last year we were Bronze. We are so proud of everything that the school has achieved so far and we will continue our hard work to hopefully achieve Gold in December! Bierton School will continue to promote safer travel throughout 2024 and I will keep you all updated with what the children and school are doing in Bierton. By Kayleigh Reilly-Wheeler (Bierton Combined School Travel Plan Lead)

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Social Hub every - Tuesday, 2-4pm Jubilee Hall
- Weekly Wednesday Welcome - 2-3.30pm - St James Church
- First Saturday of the month coffee & cake 10.30 - 11.45 - St James Church
- Saturday 6th May 11-1 - Official opening of the refurbished Burcott Lane playground.
- Saturday 8th June 12 - 3pm - Summer Fete - St James Church
- Saturday 22nd June - 11-3 - Bierton School Summer Fair
- Sunday 21st July - 2.30 pm - Teddies from the Tower & Cream Teas - St James
- Friday 27th September - 10.30 am - Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning
- Saturday 26th October - Pumpkin Trail - BEG
- Sunday 17th November - Bierton 5k/10k run - BEG
- Saturday 7th December - Santa's tour of Bierton - BEG

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The 6 week consultation period for feedback on the draft Bierton neighbourhood plan has now ended. Thank you to everyone who attended the public event and who submitted feedback.

The next steps are for the comments to be reviewed with any final changes being made to the plan before it's submitted to an Independent Inspector who will review the plan. Following this, there will be a referendum on whether the plan should be adopted.



COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

We are now entering our 4th Year – why not come and join us? The sense of satisfaction from an hour at the allotment is wonderful. Being in the fresh air, meeting new people in the village of all ages and harvesting fresh produce, it's a win, win.

Over the last few years we have discovered what grows well and what the people of Bierton want, so our aim this year is to have slightly less range but do it well.

There will be plenty of our favourites; tomatoes in the poly tunnel, cucumbers, chilli's and peppers in the greenhouse and lettuce, spring onions, beetroot, spinach and carrots in the raised beds.

We appreciate that everyone has different time commitments so this year we will be publishing dates as we go via Facebook. This way we can respond to what needs to be done at the correct time and look for good weather windows.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/240876110894375/>

For those of you who are not on Facebook but would like to get involved, please contact me and I will keep you updated by another preferred method. Some people go up everyday and others only on the working parties. The choice is yours.

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The Summer edition will be published in July
If you have any articles, feedback, news or thanks you would like to share,
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