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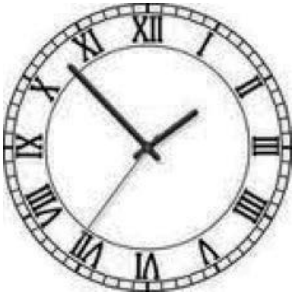

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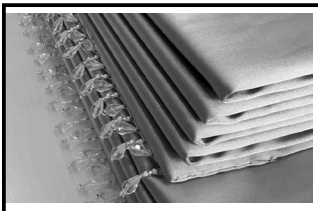

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Vicar's Letter

Dear All

Just before writing this piece, I had been noticing a lack of lambs in the fields surrounding our village. On my journeys around the benefice during February and March I kept looking out for their arrival and then when we entered April I realised that as Easter was late this year, the farmers must have cleverly delayed the lambing season to ensure a good supply of tender roast lamb for Easter Sunday lunches. We are such people of tradition, aren't we, with our Christmas turkeys and our Easter roast lamb.

But when I did finally see new lambs in the fields, or curled up alongside their mothers, I found myself thinking not about roast dinners with mint sauce, but about why Jesus is called the Lamb of God. And even more confusingly, why Jesus is also the Good Shepherd. Think about that, how can He be both lamb and shepherd? Odd, isn't it? But let me try to explain.

Going back over the centuries, Jewish culture often involved the sacrifice of lambs and this animal had a very important place in the religion. A newborn lamb with a pure white fleece is a symbol of purity. Despite Jesus being a mature man, he was unstained by sin and He too could symbolise cleanliness. So by referring to Christ as the 'Lamb of God', we can see that he was the perfect sacrifice.

Now my advisor on sheep tells me that lambs are not in fact, perfectly clean. They are as fresh as a newborn baby when they tumble into this world, but in no time at all, after snuggling up against their woolly mums, they don't smell too good! However, when we see those little white lambs scampering across the grass, we just see unstained new life.

So now let's consider the shepherd analogy. In His own words, Jesus tells us in John 10: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' Now I know our farmers are conscientious and care for their livestock, and my shepherd friend tells me that shepherds really do get to know their sheep as individuals, but I doubt that they would lay down their lives for them.

However, they work through the night to help ewes lamb, they check their flocks at all hours for predators and parasites and show sorrow at the loss of a good

ewe or a sickly lamb. They will bottle feed rejected or orphaned lambs and go to great lengths to ensure that a ewe accepts and feeds her offspring. And I am told that even a hardened shepherd's heart warms to the sound of the unique snickering a ewe makes when she turns her head to greet and lick her newly born lamb.

It's hard for those of who aren't shepherds to understand how it is possible to know every member of a flock. To the layman, they are all alike. But read something like James Rebanks 'The Shepherd's Life' and you can gain an appreciation of their intimate knowledge of their animals. When he writes about the winter snows, ' The best ewe follows me in the trodden path I am making. She has bred me great sons and daughters.' With those words, we can see that he knows his sheep as individuals.

And just as the shepherd of today, working with a crook that has changed not at all since Biblical times, knows his sheep, so Jesus knows us and cares for us. Again in John 10, he said, 'I know my own sheep, and they know me just as my Father knows me and I know my Father.' It's comforting to think that we are watched over, cared for and loved by the Good Shepherd, all the days of our lives.

Blessings

Yann

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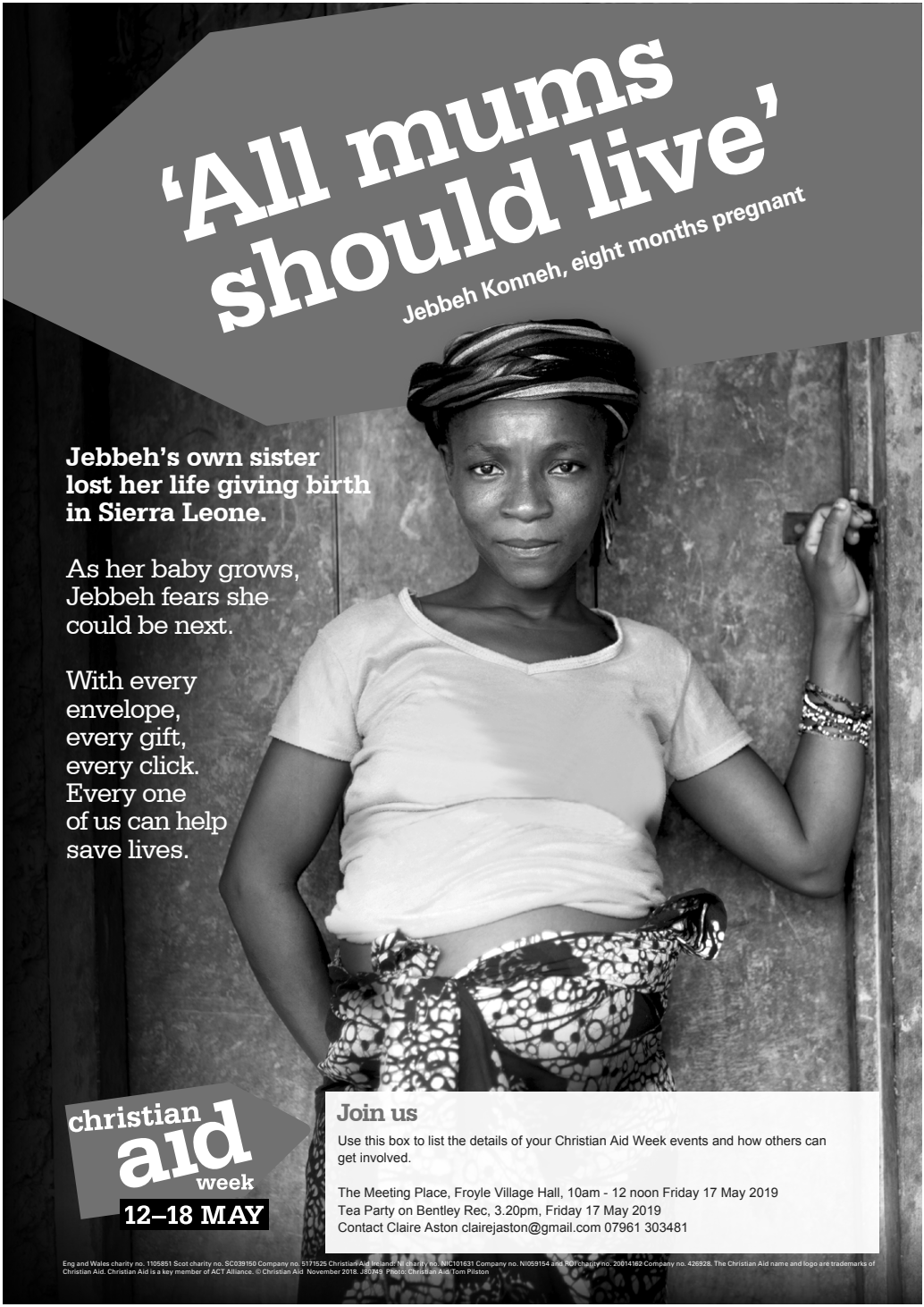
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Christian Aid Week: ‘All mums should live’

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Caption: Jebbeh Konneh is heavily pregnant. Her sister recently died in childbirth and Jebbeh fears she may be next: ‘I’m afraid. I pray, when that day comes, God will help me to deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and I’ll be healthy.’

Sierra Leone is the world’s most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it’s not joy that fills her heart, but fear.

When Jebbeh’s sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: ‘My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.’

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world’s poorest mums a chance to live.

Stand with mums

This Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, our church is hosting a **tea party at Bentley Rec on Friday 17th May at 3.20pm**. Come along, buy some tea and cake and have some fun!

Will you be a partner for change? If our church raised £300, it could help provide a new delivery bed so more mums like Jebbeh can deliver their babies safely.

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Sunday 26th May

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This year we are doing things a little differently. There will be two walking groups – one starting from St Mary's Froyle and the other from St Mary's Bentley.

Both groups will set off at 2.30pm and walk to Isington Mill – both groups will then walk up to Holy Cross Binsted together.

Tea and cakes will be served from 4.00 pm in the Vicarage gardens

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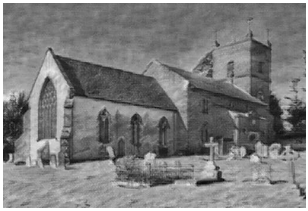

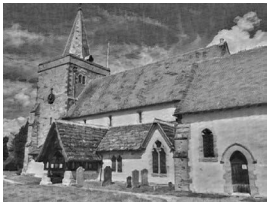

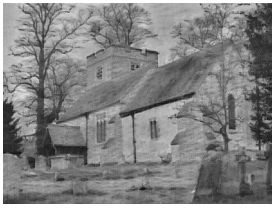

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Church of the Holy Cross, Binsted

Re-ordering project progress report - April 2019

Introduction

Binsted Church has been at the heart of parish life for over 900 years, standing as a witness to our Christian faith. It is the place where countless Binsted villagers have christened their children, celebrated their weddings and buried their loved ones. It is where many of us still worship every week. It is also the place where we hold Summer Flower Festivals, concerts and the hugely popular annual Real Nativity.

We all enjoy having this beautiful building in our midst, seeing its tower and spire from the fields around and hearing the sound of its bells ringing over the countryside. The Church was built and loved by past generations of Binsted villagers.

We want to conserve our beautiful Church and pass it on in the best possible state, so that our children, grandchildren and future generations may enjoy it as we have.

The Present

The Church is carefully maintained, but it is over 150 years since it last received any significant attention (from the Victorians in 1863) In many ways, the Church is conspicuously uncomfortable, and its facilities are simply inadequate to meet modern expectations of a public building.

The Wickham Institute has been upgraded recently so it is better equipped to fulfil its function, which it does admirably, so far as it can, for many village events - and we don't wish to change that.

But the church is different - and larger - so as well as worship, it could be used by the community in many other ways.

We would like to re-equip the Church so it too is 'fit for purpose' and complies with best modern standards and with current legislation.

The Future

We want to ensure that the Church is equipped to fulfil its purposes of serving the people of Binsted through Worship, Mission and Community involvement.

The Church is a Grade One listed building, so we need to work with specialist church architects and the heritage societies to ensure that all we do is carried out to the highest standards and is sensitive to the historic significance of the building.

We plan to -

1. Install new underfloor heating, so the Church is warm and welcoming, and the fabric protected from persistent damp
2. Adjust the floor levels so we can offer proper access for disabled people
3. Install toilet and baby changing facilities, so visitors and young families feel more welcome
4. Install simple catering facilities, so we can be more hospitable
5. Upgrade the lighting, so we see the building to best advantage (and have adequate emergency back-up when required)

6 Explore the options for more flexible seating so the community can use this beautiful space in a wider range of different ways.

7 Open up and clean the beautiful medieval Westcote Chapel, so it is available for a creche, for children's church, for Messy Church - or other activities. For example, it could be used by the Village School.

8 Restore the unique Crusader knight's tomb in the Westcote Chapel, so we can appreciate the oldest known celebrity resident of Binsted!

9 Refurbish the Lady Chapel so it can be preserved as a sacred space dedicated to quiet prayer and contemplation

10 Move the organ console to the main body of the Church, so the organist can play alongside the worshippers and provide more effective musical support

11 Upgrade the bell-ringers' facilities in the tower so they comply with appropriate safety standards

Progress

During the past year we have been working with the architect and a number of specialist firms to determine the detailed design for the necessary work. This has involved liaison with heating engineers, lighting designers, audio-video specialists, organ builders and other suppliers.

Next steps

As we develop the final plans, we shall consult again with the Diocese, English Heritage and other relevant amenity organisations before submitting a formal Faculty to the Diocese for approval later this year.

At the same time, we shall share the plans with everyone in the Binsted parish and start to raise the funds required to pay for the project.

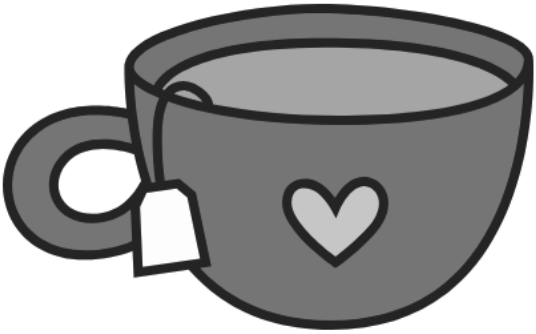
Costs?

For the time being, we are looking at all options and moving forward in faith. To do a good job will inevitably be expensive, but the work can be completed in stages as income becomes available. We already have (restricted) funds for some of the work; we would expect to attract grants from a range of organisations for other parts; and would encourage individuals to sponsor specific elements which particularly appeal to them. Beyond that, we would encourage all the village to play their part in supporting the project.

Conclusion

We want our Church building to become a meeting place for all those in our community. We have a responsibility to conserve, not merely preserve, the heritage of the building that we have inherited from past generations, stretching back over 900 years. We should see ourselves as a link in this chain of responsibility.

Our work should enable Binsted Church to flourish far into the future.



THE BENEFICE OF BENTLEY BINSTED FROYLE

Life is like a cup of tea.

TO BE FILLED TO THE BRIM
AND ENJOYED WITH FRIENDS.

Join us for Tea at Three.
3pm to 5pm every Monday at
Bentley Church Hall.
All are welcome.

Alton U3A invite you to the May Monthly Meeting (the last one of this academic year) to hear John Hussey who when working as executive for the BP Company, was in a Pan Am 747 hijaked on a flight from Karachi. Come and share his experiences.

As usual in the Alton Community Centre at 2.00pm on May 17th.

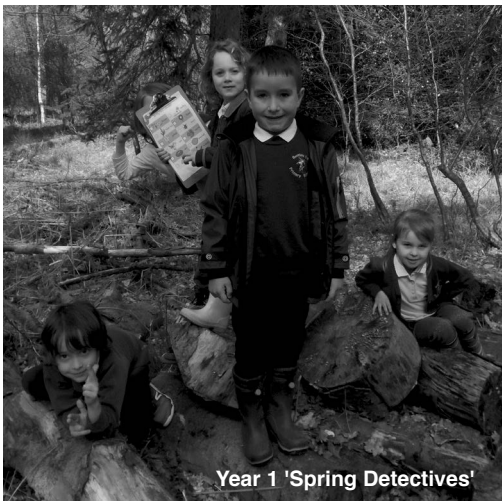
School News - Bentley CE Primary

A BUSY EASTER TERM OF LEARNING AT BENTLEY CE PRIMARY

We seem to have crammed a lot of exciting learning into this term!

Interesting school trips…

A local walk gave Year 4 a chance to try out their map reading skills; Year 1 visited Alice Holt on two occasions as 'Spring Detectives' to see the changes up close; the Plastic Awareness Workshop at Queen Victoria Country Park gave Year 6 a great deal to think about; Year R's trip to the Winchester Science Centre helped them to explore their topic of Space; Year 2 visited the Gilbert White Centre on an Antarctic fact finding mission; Year 3 immersed themselves in the Iron Age for a day; and Year 5 and 6 took part in an incredible experience, singing in a choir of 8,000 children at the Young Voices Concert at the O2. Wow!



Year 1 'Spring Detectives'

Year 5 & 6 singing with 8,000 children at the O2

Super sportsmanship…

As well as all the fantastic sport and PE offered at Bentley as part of the everyday curriculum, our children are fortunate to have the opportunity to play in tournaments and friendly matches against other schools in the Alton cluster. This term the children have competed in a swimming gala and also hockey, football, rugby, dodgeball, badminton and cross country.

With almost three quarters of the children taking part in a sporting competition at some point this academic year, our PE Lead, Miss Kirby said "It is great to see the enthusiasm from all the children for sport – not just from those who take part in extra-curricular sport, but every child has been keen to 'give it a go'."

A fantastic Junior production…

The children all sang, danced and acted superbly in 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. Year 5 children, in 1920s costume, took the lead in the play, with Years 3 and 4 proving to be an excellent choir and dancers as magpies and burglars respectively. "We were incredibly proud of all the children taking part and impressed with how quickly they learned their lines, overcame their nerves and threw themselves into their characters. Great work!" said Miss Wiggins, Year 5 Class Teacher.

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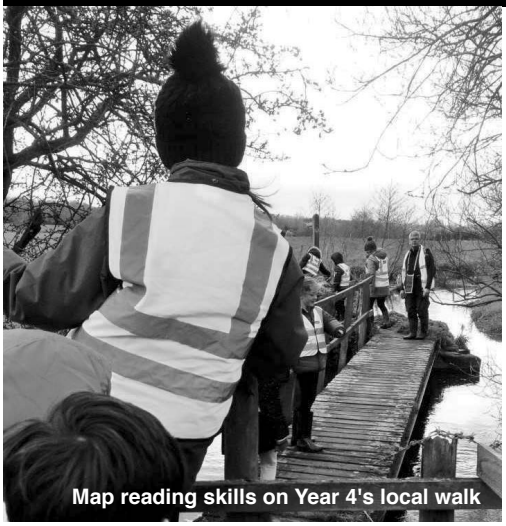


Map reading skills on Year 4's local walk

Maths lessons for all…

Parents and carers were invited to come into class for a maths lesson with their child. Mrs Rushin, Maths Lead, wanted to ensure everyone had "a good understanding of what really happens in school, how a lesson is made up and to help see what the national expectations are in each year group." We had an amazing uptake in the invitation, with over 85% of children having an adult with them for the lesson and both children and adults got a lot out of the joint sessions.

Some amazing fundraising…

We have not only been fundraising for other charities – Red Nose Day, Kaira Konko and the Cyclone Idai appeal – this term, but have held several events for our own PTFA charity including cake sales, a sponsored walk and, most recently, The Bentley Ball and Promises Auction. We have been working really hard to save up for a replacement minibus to enable us to continue to offer so many sports and curriculum opportunities.

And the whole school coming together to celebrate two new pupil awards and a week of kindness.

Our School values of 'Love, Faith and Courage' are woven into all aspects of the school day at Bentley, from the classroom to the playground, from lunchtimes to on the sports field. We encourage each child to recognise these values for themselves are and to do their best to embody them throughout their time at Bentley.

Our last week in school was 'Kindness Week' and marked special notice of the many acts of kindness happening in school each and every day. The children had fun playing games with a buddy from another class, they filled a jar with acts of kindness they had noted and each of them wrote a postcard to themselves to celebrate their own values.

All the children and staff nominated a boy and a girl who typify our values in their behaviour and to nominate for one child who they believe to be incredibly kind. In a special assembly we were delighted to announce the winners of the Values Cups as Oliver (Year 2) and Sophie (Year 2) and the winner of the Kindness Cup as Zeph (Year 6). Huge congratulations to them all.

After such a busy term you might think that we would be hoping for a slightly quieter Summer Term, but with four residential visits, ice creams sales, a Summer Fair, open afternoon, visits from the children joining Year R in September and all the incredible learning that has been planned, it looks to be just as busy and I am sure that we will enjoy every minute. Please do get in touch if you would like to come and visit or have an idea or something to share from the village – we'd love to hear from you.

Mrs Katy Pinchess, *Headteacher*

Rowan Class

It has been a busy term in Rowan class! We have been working very hard and enjoying the books we have been reading. We started the term reading books by Emily Gravett and the children especially enjoyed “Tidy” which is a story about a very tidy badger called Pete! He even vacuums leaves up in the forest and tidies up all his woodland friends. Our class presented a very well received class assembly where we acted out the story.

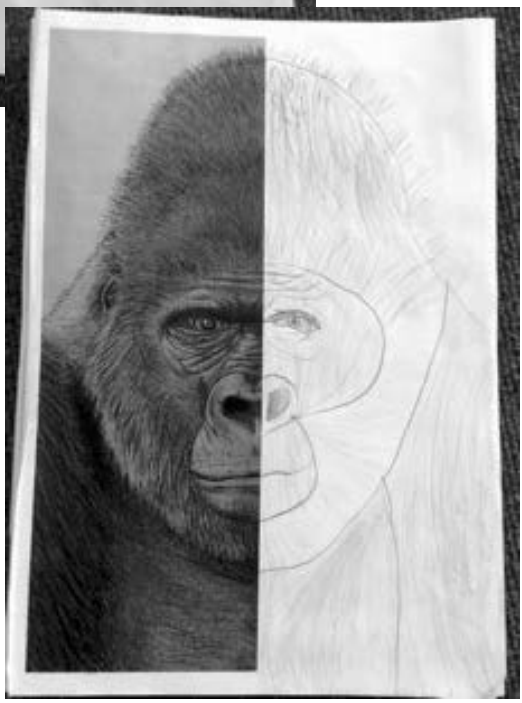
In DT we designed and made vehicles that move. They had to have a purpose and we thought of many imaginative uses for our vehicles. We made them out of boxes, cotton reels and lots of sticky tape! Here are Celeste and Jasmine with their finished designs.

School News - Binsted CE Primary

The children have really enjoyed learning about animals in science and we know a lot about different life cycles. We have also been drawing some animals in art and the children have shown their exceptional artistic skills when making careful pencil drawings completing a picture of an animal.

A cat by Mila

A gorilla by Alex



School News - Binsted CE Primary

We have been enjoying writing stories with exciting events in them and using our vocabulary skills to create tension. The children have used their excellent imaginations to great effect!

The children are very much looking forward to an Easter break. We have written a class poem for our Easter service at the church.

Easter Time by Rowan class

Easter is a time of joy to share food and drink

After death is new life

So people celebrate Jesus

Together we pray and say thank you

Every time we remember God's son

Rejoicing because Jesus is alive!

Thank you for the Saviour

I'm grateful for all he's done

My God sent himself down, in the flesh, to die on a cross

Easter is EGGciting!

In the summer term we are looking forward to our topic about the seaside

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

at Green Farm in Bentley

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 7th July, 2019

News from Bentley Parish Council

Chairman's Report

The Parish Council has survived next month's elections, and are now 7 strong. This means we are now "Competent" as far as the 2011 Localism Act is concerned. In effect we can now do things that an individual can do, as long as they are legal, and do not clash with our legal obligations.

The Bentley Book itself has returned from a brief retirement, and is now back in its old home, awaiting the production of an entirely new display. Well done to Robin Welland-Jones and Angus Ross Thompson for their sterling efforts so far.

The Draft District Plan Statutory Submission by Bentley Parish Council has gone in, let's see what comes out. Many thanks to all in the village who cared enough to do something definite about it.

The Revd. Christopher Ogilvie Thompson was licensed at a ceremony attended by the Bishop of Basingstoke at Binstead Church last Monday, a moving and significant moment for the Benefice of Bentley, Binstead and Froyle. He now strengthens our own ministry, which he loves.

Highway Officer's report

I have reported the broken and missing speed limit signs by Broadhatch (Reported 19-Mar19 Report number 21419947)

There are several new bridge Height Limit Advanced warning signs on the Old Main Road, some legible, some not. I will be looking into the matter in the next week or so.

It is very interesting to see how much damage is done to our rural roads by inter-city sized trucks rat-running under misguided satnav guidance.

Hampshire have two new million-pound pothole fixing machines, called Dragons. We have lots of work for them in our parish!

Footpath Officer's Report

The footpath from Jenkin Place towards Froyle has had an official Public Footpath Diversion made. Simon Bladon has produced a far more pleasant diversion, with an attractive woodland section, and a round-the-field fenced and surfaced track. However, HCC only recognises the shorter one that just skirts the new Sparkling wine ageing facility. I have no plans to object to Simon's better route, so will leave the paperwork about the new official route in my 'pending file', unless people start to complain!

This is the time of year when the brambles make a run for the other side of all footpaths, please let me know if any are within reach of their targets!

Pond Officer's Report

Gareth Matthes will be continuing his pond survey later this month to assess the size of the great crested newt population in the pond. As part of this he will carrying out a night time survey with lamps, and setting some bottle traps. Before releasing trapped animals he's planning to take some into the school for an assembly to give pupils a chance to see what lives in the pond.

I'm using Gareth's next visit as an opportunity to build links between the new Bentley Wildlife Group and other organizations that can assist with looking after the pond. Personally I see the BWG as a key part of future management of the pond, and it is my hope that the PC will will give them lots of encouragement and support.

Patric Curwen
Chairman, Bentley Parish Council

BINSTED TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB

The April issue of this magazine announced that our regular Croquet Open Evenings would start again in mid May and will continue every Friday until the end of August. Weather permitting, the first of these will take place on Friday 17th May, and it will be great to see as many of you as possible on the Recreation Ground from 18:30. Please remember to bring warm clothing as the Rec can be very chilly, even in May.

If you are not already a member but would like to try croquet then please do come along. All equipment is provided, no previous experience is necessary, there are no age restrictions, and we are a friendly bunch of people.

Stella Croom-Johnson
Croquet Secretary

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 11th MAY 2019

Doors open 10am

OUR BIGGEST AND BEST PLANT SALE EVER

COME AND BUY PLANTS AND VEGETABLES FOR YOUR GARDEN AT EXCELLENT PRICES.

Refreshments available plus a raffle and cake stall.

All plant contributions will be very welcome on the day.

Froyle Baby and Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9:45am -11:45am
(during term times)
Froyle Village Hall

All babies and toddlers welcome with carers - only £2 per family.
Come and join us for crafts, songs, stories and lots and lots of toys in a lovely, relaxed setting.

Different themes each week; including colours, counting, boats, birds and superheroes!

P.S. There's also tea and cake!

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?
Saturday 4th May 9.30am	Alton Walking Festival walk - Binsted	Meet at Gravel Hill car park. Please book in advance.
Sunday 5th May 9.30am	Binsted Holy Communion	Binsted Church
Sunday 5th May 5pm	Bentley Live@5 (tea served at 4.30pm)	Bentley Church
Monday 6th May 10am	Alton Walking Festival walk - Binsted and Arboretum	Meet at Gravel Hill car park. Please book in advance
Monday 6th May 3pm to 5pm	Tea at Three	Bentley Church Hall
Tuesday 7th May 8pm	Bentley Garden Club Meeting	Denis Smith Room, Bentley Memorial Hall
Saturday 11th May 7pm	The GOMAD Quiz	Bentley Primary School
Saturday 11th May 10am	Bentley Garden Club Plant Sale	Bentley Memorial Hall
Sunday 12th May 9.30am	Bentley Morning Worship & Children's Church	Bentley Church
Sunday 12th May 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Messy Church	Binsted School
Monday 13th May 3pm to 5pm	Tea at Three	Bentley Church Hall

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Wednesday 15th May 8am to 9.30am	Christian Aid Big Brekkie	Wickham Institute, Binsted
Friday 17th May 10am to 12 noon	Coffee and Cake for Christian Aid during The Meeting Place	Froyle Village Hall
Friday 17th May 3.20pm	Christian Aid Tea Party	Bentley Rec
Friday 17th May 6.30pm	Binsted Croquet Open Evening	Binsted Rec
Saturday 18th May 2pm	2nd Bentley Scout Group Jumble Sale	Scout Hut, Bentley
Sunday 19th May 9.30am	Binsted Morning Worship	Binsted Church
Sunday 19th May 5pm	Bentley Live@5 Service (food served at 4.30pm)	Bentley Church
Monday 20th May 3pm to 5pm	Tea at three	Bentley Church Hall
Tuesday 21st May 7.30pm	Phoenix Group Meeting	Denis Smith Room, Bentley Memorial Hall
Sunday 26th May 2.30pm	Rogation Walk	Meet at St Mary's Bentley or St Mary's Froyle
Monday 27th May 3pm to 5pm	Tea at Three	Bentley Church Hall

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BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday 7th May 2019 - As usual in the Bentley Memorial Hall Denis Smith Room at 8pm when we will have a talk by Peter Almond entitled "Plants have feelings too!".

Please remember the Flower of the Month competition.

Please remember our May Plant Sale on Saturday 11th May 2019 in the main Bentley Memorial Hall from 10am to 12 noon. If you are bringing plants for us to sell it would help us if you could bring them to the Memorial Hall on the Friday evening between 6.30pm and 7pm.

Thursday 27th June 2019 – Trip to Tuppenny Barn

The coach outing to The Tuppenny Barn Organic will leave the Bentley Memorial Hall at 10.30 am. The cost will be £18 to include a Tour and a Cream Tea.

Please contact Trish Cardy (trishcardy@yahoo.co.uk) as soon as possible if you wish to come.

Visitors are welcome to our meetings @ £2 on the door

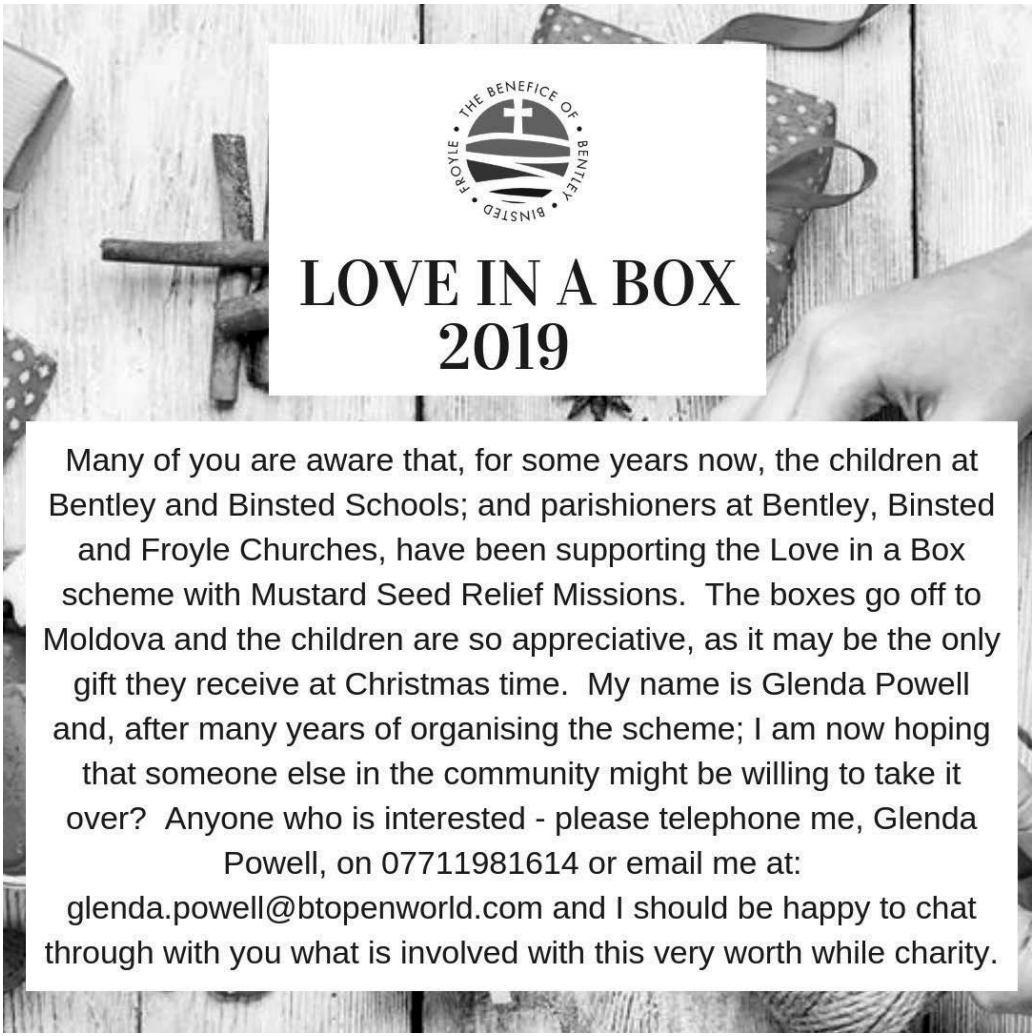
Contact Steve Fice, Chairman
Bentley Memorial Hall 01420
22197 steve.fice@btinternet.com

BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+CLUB

The winners for April draws of the Bentley Memorial 100+ Club are:

April 2019	
1st Prize	Bill & Chris Whitfield
2nd Prize	Glyn Barfoot
3rd Prize	Christine Murray

Congratulations to the Winners



LOVE IN A BOX 2019

Many of you are aware that, for some years now, the children at Bentley and Binsted Schools; and parishioners at Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Churches, have been supporting the Love in a Box scheme with Mustard Seed Relief Missions. The boxes go off to Moldova and the children are so appreciative, as it may be the only gift they receive at Christmas time. My name is Glenda Powell and, after many years of organising the scheme; I am now hoping that someone else in the community might be willing to take it over? Anyone who is interested - please telephone me, Glenda Powell, on 07711981614 or email me at: glenda.powell@btopenworld.com and I should be happy to chat through with you what is involved with this very worth while charity.

PHOENIX GROUP

The Phoenix Group will be meeting next on Tuesday 21 May at 7.30pm in the Denis Smith room of the Bentley Memorial Hall. There will be a talk by Cathy Smith entitled 'Peregrinations in Peru'.

There will be a £3.00 charge per person and refreshments will be served after the talk. Do come along and bring a friend.

Fundraising for 40 YEARS Phyllis® Tuckwell Hospice Care

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Saturday 29th June 2019
7.00p.m. to Midnight

Venue: Blacknest Golf & Country Club
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Tickets £30.00

Black Tie optional, dancing shoes essential

with Welcome Drink, Buffet Supper,
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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the April 2019 draws:

April	
1st prize	Ron Neil
2nd prize	Gill Martin
3rd prize	Sarah Jane Cardy

Details of the May 2019 draw will appear in the next magazine.

Remember each number only costs £12 (£1 per month) and you have three chances to win each month!

50% of the monthly purchase price of each number goes in prizes and 50% to the running costs of The Wickham Institute. The more people that participate in the 100+ club, the more money that is paid out in monthly prizes.

If you would like to participate an application form can be obtained from Andrew Croom-Johnson on 01420 23157 or email a request to Andrew at treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk

A BENTLEY CHILDHOOD

Continuing the theme from last month of times past in our two villages, this first of a two part article taken from the magazine of May 1999, recalls the childhood of Amy Elliott who was born and christened in Bentley in 1877. She was brought up at Perrylands on the east side of the village and lived to be 93.

"My father rented Perrylands, a farm of 300 acres at Bentley, a pretty village on the borders of Hampshire and Surrey. He grew hops and corn and had a dairy of 60 cows, the heifers being reared in Buckinghamshire. September was entirely hop month. We usually had a good crop. My father knew all that was to be known about growing them and our income was largely dependent on them, the dairy and corn taking second place. They were picked by hand then, mostly by gypsies, who came every year, arriving with a caravan and cart per family; the former was to them the same as our drawing room to us and was used only for special occasions such as births and deaths. During this month with us they lived in tents under a hedge (littered with straw, like a stable). There was no water except if fetched from the River Wey in water barrows. On Sundays, the Sabbath was strictly observed (much-needed rest for everyone). We, as a family, went to church as usual and, in addition, we had a Mission service for the gypsies in one of our cart sheds. This was a strain for our delicate Rector, as he had to walk one mile to us after already having twice walked the mile from the Rectory to Bentley Church and back. I noticed in later years he made it convenient to take his holiday that month. We had Mission Hymn Sheets and my sister and I played our harmonium, which was carried from the house.

We had about 10 carthorses to cultivate the land and one heavy horse for the wagonette and dog cart in which we drove about. Neither my father nor any of us rode, but he never tired of walking, being strong and healthy. He wore white shirts (made by my mother) with stiff fronts and collars, the same in the fields as when he went to church. On the farm it was usual to cut corn by hand; women as well as men used faggot hooks. Beer was brewed for the gypsies in the scullery; great coppers and great tubs were used and to watch the yeast on top was one of my amusements. The process of curing pork to bacon was also begun here, before going down to the cellars which ran under the entire house – frogs abounded there.

Our home, Perrylands, was a very nice house with large rooms, six bedrooms and several smaller ones; each had a fireplace, never used except for illness. It was well furnished with solid mahogany (from Maples). There was one armchair, only for my father, and one upholstered chair for my mother, with upright ones for the rest of us. The best bedsteads were heavily curtained and all the beds were feather, which had to have a daily shaking. The drawing room was furnished with much brocade and our living rooms were always comfortable, with coal fires – coal cost £1 per ton or less – but living conditions were hard and cold. Our bedrooms and passages were icy cold and I remember the frosted windows and how our face squares [flannels] were quite stiff in the mornings, but we were well washed at bedtime in the nursery on the same floor. There was no water laid on and no modern

conveniences; water pumped up in the scullery and our general servant did all the carrying up and down. When I was ill with the usual childish ailments, my father was my nurse at night and kept the fires going.

We had no servant troubles – there was always a resident maid, and a daily help from the wife of one of my father's farm labourers. She received one shilling per day. It was a coveted job, as my parents were good and kind employers. Once a fortnight another woman came to do the laundry. There was a scullery with two huge coppers for firewood and a large room for mangling and ironing. I ironed handkerchiefs as soon as I could life the heavy irons"

To be continued

KEEP HEALTHY AND BALANCED AT THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE!

As we get older, our balance and leg strength have an annoying tendency to diminish. You can do something about this: come along on Monday or Thursday mornings at 10.30 for an hour's Standing Pilates. This is a really good way to keep the show on the road. The best way to avoid knee replacement surgery is to strengthen the muscles and ligaments! My own dodgy knee has improved hugely in just one term's attendance!

We have a good stretch, exercise our legs (a lot), our shoulders and our backs and do plenty of balance work. Claudia Hall, who runs the classes, is a highly qualified teacher who is also a professional massage therapist and manages to make it all good fun. You are welcome to come and try before you buy. Suitable for, mostly, the over 50s. Drop-in and termly rates apply. Claudia can be reached on 07913 238442. To find out more, take a look at her website: **www.bodyworketc.co.uk**.

If your preferences are a bit more exotic, there is a weekly Tai Chi session in the Wickham. Mondays at 2.15. While the exercises themselves are slow and gentle and focus on flow, Tai Chi has huge proven health benefits; recent experiments have shown it to reduce blood pressure, improve memory and balance and induce calmness in the practitioner. We can all do with that. Our teacher, Michelle Essenson can be contacted on 01420 22118.

Binsted Under 9's Football Team by Numbers

1. The Commitment & Dedication
This is required from ALL the family; it's not only the best part of Saturday standing on the side-lines supporting (in all weathers, rain, sleet, snow, and obviously as it's Binsted – gale force winds), but it's also the training. This involves a Thursday night trek to Mill Chase; in the dark, throughout the winter; again, in all weathers and usually with all the siblings tagging along too! It can't just be the occasional game, or the odd training session – you need to be there as much as you physically can! It is well worth the effort.

The commitment and dedication also comes from our amazing Coaches – they're parents, and they turn up week after week, guiding, nurturing, drilling and consolidating our team, they give up their time and they give it to the team – they're amazing.

2. The Emotion
This takes you by surprise – for both the players and supporters it's a wide range of emotions. It covers the spectrum, ranging from amazement, excitement, pride, fear, sadness, frustration, happiness (to name a few) but most of all passion.

3. The Confidence
Being part of a team has given the boys and girls a feeling of belonging to something, which in turn continues to develop their confidence. They are all an invaluable part of the team. They also get exercise until their faces turn red and they are all learning about leadership.

4. The Resilience
It doesn't always go the way you want, and we've had our fair share of losses... We lost the match last weekend by 6 goals. The post-match talk was all about moving forward and learning from their mistakes. They take it on the chin, try harder, and always start a-fresh come the next training session. It's a great life-skill to be learning.

5. The Mud
It gets everywhere! Just when you think you've cleaned it all off the boots, kit and knees; you find some more. It gets in hair, ears, up noses, but mostly in the car!

6. The Support
The Under 9's have (more recently) started playing like a team; supporting one another and consoling each other when it doesn't go their way. There's no more teasing, blaming or getting angry (hot-headed sometimes – but that takes us back to point no. 2 - emotion). They have all come a very long way.

The parents stand on the side lines, week in, week out, cheering. Not just for their own child, but for every child on that pitch; they encourage, guide, celebrate but mostly they support, and they also shout very loudly (but don't tell the FA that!)

Binsted Under 9 team

For more information about Binsted Football Club please see our website www.binstedfc.com or email binstedfootball@gmail.com

Bentley Flower Show Committee

would like to thank Ruth Ross-Thomson for chairing the committee brilliantly for the past few years and wish her well as she returns to Orkney. We welcome new members to join us organising one of the highlights of the village year - the Bentley Flower Show.

If you're a Bentley resident with enthusiasm for garden flowers, fruit and vegetables or home-cooked produce, or if you just think you might like to support one of the great traditions of Bentley, we'd love to hear from you. You'll be needed for about five evening meetings annually plus a full day on the day of the show (20 July 2019). For more details, please contact **vanessaremington@talktalk.net**

A Bird's eye view

Image Tim Felce (Airwolfhound)

The month of May should mean that lambing and spring calving is done and dusted and everything with four legs that is capable of digesting grass is out 'at grass'. Provided the soil temperatures are warm enough, this is the month that maize (for winter silage) is sown. The majority of the potatoes in the parish were planted into near perfect conditions last month and there should be signs of their green shoots breaking through the tops of the soil ridges.

It's also the month for first cut silage to be made. Once the grass has been removed the grass 'stubbles' will more than likely get a good drenching of slurry from stores that have been groaning under the pressure of containing a winters worth of liquid poop!

There's been plenty of blossom about on fruit trees and all they require is a bit of warmer weather to bring out the pollinators. It seems slightly un-nerving in the same paragraph to move on to say that fungicides will be applied to arable crops this month and the barleys will receive a growth regulator in order that they don't fall over in any wet and windy conditions to come.

The continued fight against the arable weed Blackgrass is very evident in the parishes judging by the amount of crops being established in the spring. Overwintered stubbles are great for some of our farmland bird species but it does make you wonder what will happen to future crop rotations once blackgrass is finally brought under control.

The results of the Big Farmland Bird Count were released last month. 1,400 farmers – a 40% increase on last year – recorded 140 species over 1 million acres in the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) initiative which took place between February 8th to 17th.

Image: Tim Felce (Airwolfhound)

A total of 30 red-listed species were recorded, with five appearing in the most-commonly seen species list. These included fieldfares, starlings, house sparrows, yellowhammers and song thrushes, with the first four seen by over 30% of the farms taking part.

In Hampshire, 60 farmers took part, recording 72 species across 41,977 acres. The most-commonly seen species were blackbird, woodpigeon, robin, pheasant and blue tit. A total of 18 red-listed species were recorded – these are birds of 'conservation concern'. Whilst the birds above aren't particularly exciting, you do wonder what was missed? What I mean by that is your average farmer is most likely a countryperson but not a birder. I might recognise a few bird calls but my repertoire would be nowhere near as extensive as a birder with experience in both visual as well as audible recognition. There is a very good argument for us to befriend a volunteer from the Hampshire Ornithological Society for next year's farmland bird count.

The smaller farmland birds are dependent for their survival on small seeds for food in the winter and then insects at this time of year. We can and do provide additional winter food in all sorts of different ways eg game cover strips and/or bird feeders.
I know of one group of farmers in Selborne that will be feeding 3.5tonnes of specialist winter bird food next year. Greater insect numbers is an obvious challenge because some of the insects can be vectors of disease for arable crops and thus we get into the tricky area of finding a balance between profitable food production and biodiversity preservation. We also get into tricky territory when we talk about ground nesting birds and who and what are responsible for predating both eggs and chicks! It's probably time to end this epistle by saying it's not all gloom and doom, there are some success stories ie species coming off the red list eg nightjar but we acknowledge that there is always more we can do…….

NOTES FROM MY GARDEN

Plant of the Month - Indigofera potaninii

Here comes another month of unpredictable weather and with some plants ahead and other lagging behind, I am finding it increasingly difficult to point you in the way to go, so much of the advice you will find in this edition of Garden Notes will be based on past experience. I do hope that I am right!

You can't go wrong in pruning any shrubs that have recently finished flowering, cut out any old stems really hard and give the whole area a mulch to build up the nutrients to flower well next year. Buddleias should be cut hard all over as this year's flowers will appear on this year's growth.

Almost all seeds can go in this month. Sweet Peas can be sown in the open and if you have plants sown previously, stop them early, ready to plant out at the end of the month. Sweetcorn and both sorts of beans should be successful now in pots or in the open soil. All half hardy annuals and all next year's biennials should be sown soon. Rambler roses will be sending out strong new shoots now which will need tying in to stop them breaking in the wind. Start the Dahlias indoors or plant them out if the weather is settled. Prepare Pelargoniums for planting in baskets and take cuttings of them if any, to pot on for use later. RC

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For more information about them, please visit their website above.

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The coach will leave the Bentley Memorial Hall at 10.30 am and the cost will be £18 per person which will include the Tour and Cream Tea.

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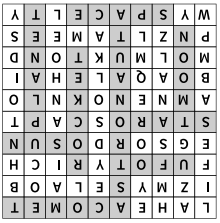

Binsted Parish Council Snippets

May – Spring and Smiles!

May is usually the month that heralds the start of spring, it is also the month of smiles but is apparently an unlucky month in which to get married, buy a broom, or wash blankets! May also sees various health related promotions and national awareness days such as mental health, arthritis, epilepsy, dementia and coeliac, dystonia and M.E. To that end we are continuing to focus this month's snippets on our health and wellbeing related activities as well as providing a round-up of general council business.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Council hosted a well-attended Annual Parish Meeting on April 8th in the Wickham Institute with presentations on progress to date. The informative evening was supplemented with reports from District and County Councillors as well as local Schools and Churches. A review of three project working parties was given (pavilion and recreation ground, car parking and the phone box) and an update was provided for the footpath and amenities working group, the Blacknest Fields as well as the Oval at Holt Pound. The Annual General Meeting (May 9th) sees a newly elected team of Councillors take-up office.

Pavilion and Recreation Ground Working Group

The Recreation Working Group is continuing its work. Having completed its review of opportunities to improve sports and wellbeing activities in the parish, the Working Group is now giving serious consideration to the best ways to realise these opportunities. It has started work on producing an Options Paper, which will look at cross-cutting needs (such as parking and storage needs at the Recreation Ground) as well as three alternative approaches to improving the Pavilion buildings and facilities: (i) Re-order the space in the existing Pavilion building; (ii) Add a single-storey 'Sports Barn'; or (iii) Build a second storey onto the existing Pavilion building footprint. No decision has yet been reached about the best way forward to improve the facilities. To stimulate discussion, an overview of the different options was shown to parishioners at the 8th April Annual Parish Meeting and the Working Group met again on 16th April. It would be great to hear your views on this subject – do please get in touch with us and contribute your ideas to the Working Group if you can by contacting Alison, the Working Group Chair (a.melvin@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk) or look at the Parish Council Website.

Walking and the Alton Annual Walking Festival

Binsted is one of the largest parishes in Hampshire with its 7.5 miles from west to east and a total of over 40 miles of Rights of Way, including both footpaths and bridleways. In addition, there are many other tracks and paths within Alice Holt Forest, which can be freely accessed although are not formally Rights of Way. Most of the parish lies within the South Downs National Park and Alice Holt Forest is an important area for outdoor recreational activities. The newly printed fold-out Binsted walking leaflets provide a useful guide to some beautiful walks that can be undertaken come rain or shine.

Alton Town council have worked with committed local walking groups and walking enthusiasts to put together a programme of walks to develop walking in and around Alton. The ever-popular Town Guided Walks will provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to learn some more about the history of

Alton getting to know the nooks and crannies of lesser known areas in the town. Alton Ramblers will be providing a number of Walk Leaders for this year's festival, offering some 12 walks covering a range of routes designed for the experienced walkers. Other volunteer groups will feature walks for beginners, as well as those looking to improve their fitness.

The Annual Walking Festival provides a month-long programme of walks. This year, for the first time, some evening walks of up to 2 hours duration have been included to cater for families who wish to be able to walk together after school or work. The Festival also continues to encourage those who have not considered walking before to take the opportunity of taking their first steps towards improving their health and wellbeing.

This year two Binsted Footpath group members will be leading circular walks in the parish as part of the Alton Walking Festival. Ian Fleming, the Footpath Officer will also be leading a number of walks in the parish, including a 15 mile Binsted Parish Loop walk. Most parish walks start at the Gravel Hill car park, the Recreation Ground or the Wickham Institute and you can find more details here. http://www.alton.gov.uk/2019_Walks__25250.aspx

Why don't you come along and take in some of the best views available in Hampshire?

Parking

The Parking working group has held further meetings to review current needs as well as pursuing talks of potential future options with local landowners. The parking issues outside the school have been alleviated by the purchase of a school minibus and the recommencement of the "park and stride" scheme. Parents are therefore encouraged to use the parking in the recreation ground and to walk along the paths to the school entrance. Greater demand for parking is now being seen in and around the recreation ground itself especially at weekends as a result of various sporting events. The decision was made therefore to refocus this working group and for it to become part of the Pavilion and Recreation Ground working party. In this way the best solutions can be pursued for both projects in light of the greatest current need.

Parish Lengthsman Scheme

We have written previously about the Parish Lengthsman scheme whereby our Lengthsman carries out routine maintenance work across the Parish as well as in our neighbouring Parishes. Our Lengthsman regularly clears and tidies vegetation and overhanging branches from footpaths, cleans signage, tidies around bus shelters etc. There are still unallocated hours for his work so if you know of any jobs that need doing in and around the Parish please let the clerk, Sue Hodder, know – clerk@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk.

Volunteers

Last month saw the resignation of Claire Fargeot, Chair of the Council due to work pressures. Please remember that all Parish Councillors are volunteers and recognise their efforts made in improving the environment and quality of life in our Parish. Even with the newly elected recruits we remain under-represented and would love to hear from you if you feel you can help us in our efforts to better reflect the wider Parish and its needs. We are missing voices in our discussions from Blacknest, Rowledge, Holt Pound, Wyck and Isington. So if community volunteering appeals please come along to meetings and see if it is something that is right for you.

Binsted Parish Council - serving the communities of Binsted, Wyck, Isington, Bucks Horn Oak, Holt Pound, Frith End, Blacknest, Bentley station Road and Rowledge. (www.binstedparishcouncil.com)

THEY'VE MADE IT AGAIN- BUT IS THE GLOBE STILL WORKING?

I'm misquoting Ted Hughes, because there are plenty of signs that for many migratory species, the globe is working less and less well-which means that they are in trouble.

Amongst these are two favourites-the swift and the spotted flycatcher.

Both should be arriving back in the early days of May, so if you have sightings, it's worth reporting the location and details to the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), the Hampshire Wildlife Trust, or the RSPB Swift Conservation Project. You can also source swift nestboxes from the internet. A loss of nesting sites, to which swifts return year after year, is thought to be at least partly responsible for the 51% decrease in UK breeding numbers between 1995 and 2015.

By mid-May, swifts will be building their untidy excuse for a nest on a flat surface under a roof-eave, seeking any suitable nesting material floating around up there-dead grass, fluff, flower petals, feathers- which they bind together with their saliva. The pair sleep together on the nest, and two or three white eggs are incubated for about three weeks, the parents taking it in turns to sit on them. Once the young are hatched, the frantic business of feeding them begins, with much acrobatic screaming in the sky, before the return journey south in August. And how we miss these marvellous birds when they've gone.

The spotted flycatcher, one of our most charming and enigmatic birds, is disappearing. Once considered a common garden species, it has suffered an 87% decline in 50 years. Their plummeting numbers probably has much to do with the pressures faced on migration and in their wintering grounds. Seven of these tiny birds, fitted with geolocators in 2016, were all found to have made amazing journeys, crossing land masses, seas and the Sahara desert to reach wintering grounds in Angola, before making the return journey to the same nesting site the following spring. Once you know what to look for, they are unmistakeable, as they dart out from a perch, catch a fly with a snap of their dark, oddly blunt-looking beak, and usually return to the same perch. They can turn up almost anywhere, and seem to quite like perching on gravestones. A typical nesting site is a wisteria branch tucked against a wall. The bird's call is a grating, squeaky "tzee" note. "`One almost needs field glasses to hear it", wrote Viscount Grey of Falloden in his famous book The Charm of Birds, "Clear vision of the bird helps the ear to collect the sound."

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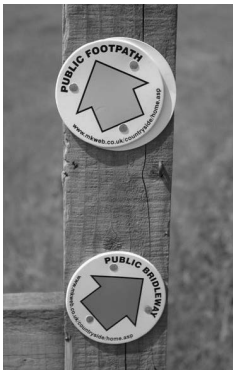

Waymarks

It's good to have this opportunity to contribute to the parish magazine. Since becoming Footpath Officer in Binsted some years ago, I have increasingly come to appreciate the wonderful range of paths and bridleways, in such varied, attractive and interesting landscapes, within the parish.

Binsted is one of the largest parishes in Hampshire and has over 40 miles of Rights of Way, mostly footpaths. The parish is 7.5 miles long, with its most westerly footpath (Number 2) emerging in the Alton Industrial Estate. In the east, Alice Holt Forest lies completely within the parish. There are 79 numbered Rights of Way in the parish and the aim of our recently created Binsted Footpath Group is to ensure that they are all in good condition, without obstructions and with good waymarking and usable stiles and gates.

This month I`d like to concentrate on the Alton Walking Festival, which has grown over the last five years to be one of the largest in the country. It runs throughout May and there is a wonderful range of walks on offer, with lengths up to 20 miles. Most are considerably shorter! I`m sure that many of you will already have seen the AWF brochure and may even have booked on some walks (they are all free but do require prior booking). If not, please do visit the AWF site on the Alton Town Council website. By the time you read this, the Festival will be underway, but there may still be places on walks scheduled for the latter part of May.

I thought you might like to know which walks are taking place in the parish, so here they are:

May 1st

Wheatley and South Hay circuit (morning) and **South Hay and Wheatley circuit** (afternoon) 4.5 miles

May 4th

Binsted Parish Loop 15 miles

May 6th

Binsted and Arboretum 6 miles

May 22nd

Froyle Mill and Isington circuit 4.5 miles

May 29th

Froyle Mill and Isington circuit 4.5 miles

I will be leading the first four and the Froyle Mill walks are led by Cherry Porter and Maddy Ray, both members of the Binsted Footpath Group.

I hope that many of you will be able to enjoy walks as part of the Alton Walking Festival (there are plenty of good ones outside Binsted as well!) We are hoping that a parish walking group can be set up over the summer and I may have more details about that next month.

In the meantime, please do let me know if you happen to come across any obstructed paths or problems with stiles, gates or waymarks! I`m happy to receive texts or voicemails on my phone 07766 174275 Ian

MARCH WEATHER STATISTICS

Temperature	
Daytime maximum	20.2ºC (30th) to 9.5ºC (12th) Only 2 days below 10ºC, with 1 day above 20ºC
Nightime minimum	-3.3ºC (26th) to 9.8ºC (15th) 7 nights below 0ºC
Rainfall	
Total for month	2.72 inches (69.4 mm) over 4 days
Wettest days	0.52 inches (13.2 mm) (3rd)
Wind	
Average wind speed for the month	2.7 mph
Dominant wind direction	West South West
Maximum gust	33 mph (12th)

Parish Weatherman

Rotas

Bentley Flower Rota

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May 5th 12th	Jane Dalton	Sarah Ward
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Binsted Flower Rota

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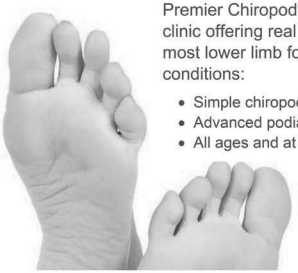

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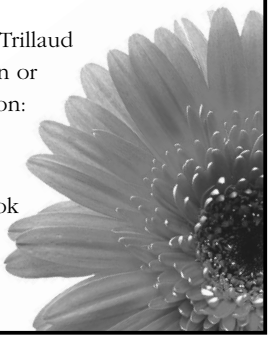

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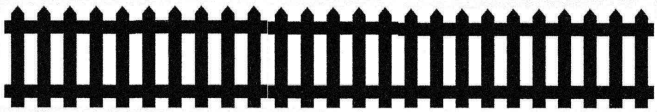

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MAY SERVICES

Sunday 5th

8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)

Sunday 12th

9.30am	Bentley	Morning Worship with Children's Church
11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
3.30pm	Binsted	Messy Church (in school)

Sunday 19th

9.30am	Binsted	Morning Worship
11.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea served at 4.30pm)

Sunday 26th

8.00am	Binsted	Holy Communion
9.30am	Bentley	Holy Communion with Children's Church
2.30pm	Rogation Walk – meet at St Mary's Bentley or at St Mary's Froyle at 2.30pm	
6.30pm	Froyle	Evensong

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Sunday 2nd

8.00am	Froyle	Holy Communion
9.30am	Binsted	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Bentley	Live@5 (tea at 4.30pm)