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Vicar's Letter

Dear All

None of us would have thought at the start of this year, as we made our New Year resolutions and looked forward to plans we had made for holidays, education and work, that we would soon be in the midst of strange and challenging times. A few months ago, the thought of the restrictions that we have had to accept would have seemed quite unacceptable and the term 'lockdown' would have sounded alien.

But it is extraordinary how people have adapted. While some have felt isolated and lost, missing friends and families and while home schooling has proved trying for many, others have felt set free by this time. Many have enjoyed having closer contact with their children and still more have relished the time to develop new skills or revive talents long neglected.

If we accept that there is an 'up side' to the situation we are now experiencing, most of us can easily find some positives. There has been a growth in community spirit, with neighbours, friends and families reaching out to help each other and celebrate the dedication they see in our carers at all levels.

People have been resourceful, using their skills for the common good in making facemasks and other protective equipment and finding new ways to raise money for the NHS and charities. They have been creative, making fun videos on social media, circulating inspiring messages and generally spreading cheerfulness throughout this worrying time. Others have embraced the sudden freedom from normal working hours and routines to paint, sculpt and write, or even just to enjoy time to indulge in more gardening and baking. And many believe the environment has benefited too,

with skies clear of jet trails and roads free of exhaust. We have certainly been more aware of the dawn chorus and the activities of birds this spring.

As long as we remain safe and well, we can view this distancing from normal life as a gift, a precious time we can use to question the way we live. Maybe slowing down is giving us time to reflect on life and what matters, as it has so often in the past. Large tracts of the Bible were written while the Hebrews were experiencing monumental change for their nation, such as the Israelites flight from slavery in Egypt and their deportation to Babylon. Christ was born and lived under Roman tyranny, a time of great change, as there is now.

So, this may be the perfect time for each of us to evaluate what is really important in our lives; what we want to cling on to and what we can live without. In the quiet times when we can think and dwell on the deep things of life, we may hear God's voice calling us. For many of us, this will confirm our faith and trust in God and his promises. Shortly after his resurrection, when the disciples were cowering in an upstairs room, John 20:19 records: when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" May we all know this peace.

We continue to pray for all those living in our villages and hamlets and for all who have suffered during these anxious months. We hope that you are all able to stay safe and well and find true peace in this time of difficulty.

Yann and the team

As we are unable to meet in person on Sundays until further notice, we are putting together online content that you can enjoy.

On Sundays we will post a video on Youtube at 11am with a link on both Facebook and our website.

Then on Monday-Friday we will post a short 'Thought of the Day' video on Youtube and Facebook, also with a link on our website.



Subscribe to our Youtube channel: BenBinFro Churches



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Church Registers

BENTLEY – Crematorium Service

4th May

Cremation of Dorothy Rose Richards

YOUTH & WORSHIP UPDATE

Hi all! It has been 9 months since I started and it has gone so quickly! Those 9 months have been a joy and it's great to be a part of the benefice! It's been a very busy month since Gemma's update in the May magazine and so much has been happening with the Youth.

Our weekday United groups have continued to be great fun as we play silly games, make dinner, worship and pray together, and we are now starting to read *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* together. We have also just taken part in the Big Sleep In. Some of you may have heard of the Big Sleep Out where we camp in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral using carboard boxes as shelters. This is to raise money for Trinity who support 650 individuals a year who are sleeping rough. Sadly, this was cancelled and so instead we made blanket forts and camped outside at home to collect and donate to Alton foodbank. If you would like to donate, Alton foodbank has a section on their website for food that is urgently needed and anything you can donate would be much appreciated.

It has been a great encouragement to me as well, to be able to sing and pray together every Friday over Zoom with United and we are currently looking forward continuing this during our prayer week. It has also been really good to hear so much positive feedback about our Sunday services as people have been touched by the hymns and songs that make up a part of the service. I am often introduced to new songs and hymns I don't know and these continue to bless me as well, as I learn them.

If your children would like to get involved with any of our youth activities please do get in touch with either myself at sam@benbinfro.co.uk or Gemma at gemma@benbinfro.co.uk.

Sam Ball

Pastoral Assistant (Worship)

CHURCH NOTICES

Although we are still unable to meet in person on Sundays, we still have lots going on in the benefice. As I write this our virtual prayer wall is being put together on the website and we are about to start a week of 24/7 prayer, all as a part of Thy Kingdom Come prayer week, thinking about 'prayer and care'. We continue to have our online services every Sunday at 11am on YouTube and daily thoughts Monday to Friday from members of our team. We are excited to be continuing with youth activities every week day well as to be working on putting together a virtual Evensong service.

- Sunday services at 11am on YouTube
- Daily thoughts Monday to Friday uploaded at 6:30am on YouTube
- Prayer Wall on our website
www.benbinfro.co.uk
- Weekday Youth activities please email Gemma at gemma@benbinfro.co.uk

All of this and more can be found on our website so please take a look to find out all that is going on. Many of us have also been touched by a YouTube video of called the 'UK Blessing'. The video is a recording of a song performed by many different churches of all styles and denominations and it finishes with the sentence 'Our buildings may be closed, but the Church is alive'. This is so true and in the midst of all that is going on we are excited to see that the Church is very much alive.



Bentley, Binsted and Froyle Dial a Service

You can listen to the online Sunday Service via our new telephone service. It's an 01420 number so it will cost you the same as a local call and the services typically last for about 30-35 minutes. Just dial **01420 552652**.

The service will be available by 11am on a Sunday morning which will enable anyone on the telephone to be joining together with others watching the service on YouTube.



Messy Church are providing weekly resources for families to use at home. These are created with common craft materials in mind, those you can find around the house, and is written for anyone to follow - not just church leaders! There is a song and reading included for each session.

Feel free to do one or all of the crafts each week.

Please contact Kathy Ogilvie-Thompson - kathyot1984@gmail.com - to be included in the weekly mailing list to receive the sessions. Alternatively, you can visit the Messy Church website and follow the Covid-19 link to find every session.

For any questions about Messy Church at Home please contact Kathleen Digby - kathleen.digby@talk21.com - our Messy Church leader.

We'd love to see what you get up to with these sessions! Please send photos to Gemma Ball – gemma@benbinfro.co.uk - so we can put them on the church website and feature them in future editions of the Bentley and Binsted Parish Magazine.

Anna Chaplaincy Update

Although I haven't been able to visit the care homes or anyone in the community for some time now, I continue to do what I can to support older people within our community ... and what an amazing community this is. We now have a fantastic team of 6 Anna Friends who are already enriching and growing this really important ministry. Unfortunately, we haven't yet been able to hold their commissioning service, but this hasn't stopped them from making a start. As a team we're supporting residents at Pax Hill and Bentley Lodge, with letters, prayers and bible reflections. And I know that each of our Anna Friends is also serving God in many other ways during this time. Please continue to pray for Bentley Lodge and Pax Hill: for the residents who aren't allowed any visitors, and for the staff who are working tirelessly. Please also pray for our brilliant new team of Anna Friends - I thank God for each of them!

Best wishes

Nicky

Holy Cross Notelets

In February everyone in the village was invited to submit photographs as candidates for a new series of notelets depicting Holy Cross Church and during March you voted for your favourites.

We received over 60 photos, all of amazing quality, and this was reflected in the wide spread of votes. There were some clear winners, and 8 of the pictures have gone forward to form 2 series of notelets: one series with 4 line drawings of the church, and one of the church in each of the 4 seasons.

These are looking really good and will be on sale at the back of the church just as soon as we are allowed to unlock it.

We also thought that some of the unused photographs would make lovely Christmas cards, so do watch out for these later this year.

Thank you to everyone who submitted all the fantastic photographs and line drawings – and to everyone who participated in the voting.

Stella Croom-Johnson

Holy Cross Church

A Set of 4 notelets
sold in aid of Holy Cross Church, Binsted.
Each pack contains one of each design



From line drawings by Sue Beyfus

From line drawings by Jo Stronach

Four Seasons

A Set of 4 notelets
sold in aid of Holy Cross Church, Binsted.
Each pack contains one of each design



School News - Bentley CE Primary

A 'virtual' Residential Visit

Residential visits promote self-esteem, independence and encourage exploration and intrigue. Each year our Junior children are invited to join their peers on a residential visit. Despite this year's annual trip to the Gordon Brown Centre in Rotherwick being cancelled, the Year 4 teacher, Mrs Scott-Bromley, and I did not want the Year 3 and 4 children to miss out on an experience that has become a somewhat rite of passage in the school community.

As part of their 'Virtual School' learning, which began at the beginning of lockdown, both teachers planned a virtual residential week of activities. These activities included: nature walks, mini-beast hunts, den building, environmental art and design, and roasting marshmallows around a campfire. Year 4 even incorporated a Viking Day, linked to their history curriculum, where costume was encouraged and activities included artefact exploration, making Viking shields and writing a diary about a day in the life of a Viking.

The response from pupils and parents was overwhelming and both teachers were overjoyed at the efforts made by the Year 3 and 4 families. Many of the children even set up 'camp' outside and slept in the garden after a day out in nature.

This week of hard work and creativity reflects the overall response from parents during this lockdown period and the school is very proud to work with such committed, resilient and caring families.

Miss Hand

Year 3 Teacher, Bentley CE Primary School



Charlotte (Year 4) on Viking Day

School News - Bentley CE Primary



Environmental art by Mary (Year 3)

Nicholas (year 4) and his sisters all getting involved



Emily (Year 3) and Olivia (Year 4) in their den



At Binsted we believe in the Christian values of Faith, Hope & Love.

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have been working unbelievably hard in Lockdown. I am so proud of all of them! The topic they have studied has been World War Two and they have been busy writing, reading, building, cooking and observing the world around them from the safety of their own homes!

I have been especially impressed with their fantastic cooking ability- they have made recipes based on rationing (mainly carrot cookies?) pizzas, lemon meringue pies, pancakes and now pakoras which certainly looked delicious. The photos below give you a flavour of some of the lovely creations!

1. *Jonty and Tilda's ration cookies*
2. *Liam's lovely carrot cookies*





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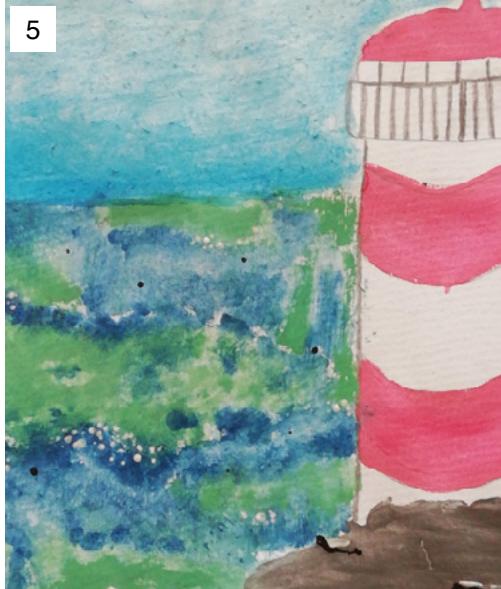
3. Harry's stirring his cookie dough!
4. Katie's lovely Victoria Sponge



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for Mum and Dad

Silver Birch have done some lovely artwork whilst at home [next page]:

5. Ivy's lighthouse watercolour
6. Hazel's super kingfisher watercolour - for Mum and Dad

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7. *Tilda's tiger*
8. *Katie's superb Easter Egg Designs*



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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the May 2020 draws:

May 2020

1st prize Dennis Smith

2nd prize David Rogers

3rd prize Felicity Nowak

Details of the June 2020 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.

*****REMINDER TO CURRENT PARTICIPANTS*****

Many ticket holders will need to renew their subscriptions in June if they pay annually by cheque, and should hopefully have received details in the post by the time you read this article. Please return the renewal form promptly so that you can be entered into the draw made at the beginning of July.



BINSTED TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB 2020



Latest Information

After a long delay because of the coronavirus – I'm delighted to say that the Club opened the tennis court from Wednesday 13th May and will accept new members for the rather delayed membership year commencing 1st June (which will run until 31st May 2021). The court was refurbished in 2018 and is in great condition. For the time being, we have to follow the Government guidance which is that members can only play if they are in the same household or two individuals from different households may play singles. This should hopefully suit the majority.

The Binsted Tennis and Croquet Club welcome new members. Annual Tennis family membership has been kept the same as recent years at only £50.

Sadly at the moment the club is unable to commence any croquet activities but this is currently under review and there will be more information on this in due course. You can find out more and download a membership application form from the website on

<http://e-voice.org.uk/btcc/>

or you can find our contact phone numbers at the back of this Parish Magazine under Binsted.

Nial Dunne

Chairman, Binsted Tennis and Croquet Club.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

THE DAY THE CIRCUS CAME TO BENTLEY

This extract comes from the Parish Magazine of July/August 1985:

"John Lawson's Circus de Riszke is coming to Bentley Recreation Ground on Tuesday and Wednesday 2nd and 3rd July. Performances: Tuesday, 5 pm and 7.30 pm; Wednesday 5 pm only.

I have heard that this circus has considerable attraction for children of primary school age and I have received the following particulars:

The Circus de Riszke was formed in 1974 by ringmaster and wild animal trainer, John Lawson who had previously worked for bigger circuses in Britain such as Gerry Cottles and Hoffmans. The circus is a family affair: wife, Voni de Reszke presents snakes and dogs; daughter Daniella presents a pigeon act; John Jnr juggles, spins plates and also doubles as clown Nimmo. John Lawson himself presents ponies, a llama and donkey combined act, goats and an illusion act. The

circus also employs speciality acts to augment the 'house acts'. The Circus de Riszke has now toured throughout the South for five seasons and during the winter, presents larger indoor circuses for the Christmas seasons.

The circus and its acts have appeared on television many times, including Coast to Coast, The Noel Edmonds Late Late Breakfast Show, Nationwide and the Russell Harty Show. Beauty and Peanuts, the Shetland ponies appeared on the Christmas special of Bob Monkhouse's Full House Show with John Inman and Bonnie Langford. After the visit to Bentley, the dog act will be off to Manchester to record a drama series for Granada Television based on J B Priestley's 'Lost Empires'

I wonder if any readers remember the circus coming to the village or how many recognise the names of these television programmes! The circus is still entertaining audiences today

<https://www.johnlawsonscircus.co.uk/2019-2/>

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



With the Coronavirus “lockdown” continuing in one form or another, our next scheduled meeting in the Bentley Memorial Hall will hopefully take place on 1st September 2020 when we will be welcoming back Geoff Hawkins to talk about “All year round colour in the garden”.

The Stansted House Flower Show, which we had arranged a coach trip to in June, has been postponed to the first weekend in September. If restrictions have been lifted by then and the Show goes ahead, we will be in touch with members to arrange a visit.

Our other proposed trip in June to the Chelsea Physic Garden is also postponed.

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and enjoying the good weather we have been having during April & May, although as I write this it has turned cool with a brisk northerly wind! With the extra time we have had to work in the garden, I am sure all our gardens will look spectacular this year.

APRIL WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum 26.0°C (11th) to 11.0°C (28th)
 8 days below 15°C, 14 days above 20°C

Nightime minimum - 5.4°C (1st) to 7.8°C (28th)
 7 nights below 0°C



Rainfall



Total for month 1.72 inches (43.6 mm) over 15 days
Wettest days 0.62 inches (15.8 mm) (28th)



Wind



Dominant wind direction East Nort East
Maximum gust 23 mph (20th)

WAYMARKS...May countryside

I do hope that some of you have been able to get out and walk in the countryside for your periods of exercise during lockdown. I have seen more people out and about in the last week or so, and the loosening of the lockdown guidance on May 10th probably led to more families and couples taking short outings. The countryside has looked superb, with billows of may blossom on the hedgerows and fine displays of bluebells and wild garlic in the copses. I always love seeing may blossom, which confirms that spring is well and truly here; the only downside is its rather sour smell when you get close!.

Just outside the parish to the south is the exceptional woodland of Binswood, a Woodland Trust site that seems to be rarely visited. For much of the year, walking in Binswood is a muddy struggle, but the extremely warm weather in April and May has dried out the bog holes and soft spots, so that the woodland paths are now a delight. The western side of Binswood is one place where, at this time of the year, you are almost guaranteed to hear a cuckoo. One of the finest examples of a medieval woodland in the south of England, when you walk there it's easy to get the feel of stepping back 600 years and walking a medieval trade route through the trees.

On our paths and bridleways the undergrowth is starting to assert itself and members of the Rights of Way Group are now able to make

a start by getting out individually to start tackling brambles and nettles; it's a good feeling, after so many weeks!

Familiarisation Walks in the parish

Well, I was a bit too optimistic last month, but we will start these again just as soon as it is safe to do so! Watch this space!

Any problems?

Please let me know if you come across any problems on a walking or riding route in the parish or nearby.

The suggested monthly walk series will be resumed as soon as we have all definitively come out of lockdown and are able to walk in groups again.

Ian 07766 174275



**2nd Bentley
Rotherfield, Hampshire**

2nd Bentley Scout Group Update

What's going on!

The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers face to face sessions have been obviously suspended since lockdown. However Scouting is continuing virtually and as time goes by more young people are picking up their Scouting meetings online or carrying out activities at home and reporting to their leaders with their progress. Cubs have been working towards a naturalist badge in this wonderful weather, identifying plants together with thinking about VE Day. The Scouts are finishing off their Global Challenge badge too. The young people of Bentley will hopefully be understanding better, and protecting our planet for the future generations.

Nationally the Scouts have hiked to the Moon and are now on their way back to Earth to raise funds towards NHS charities. Some of our young people have been involved in this amazing fundraising that has hit over £240,000.

Jumble Sale

As I write this it is the day before what would have been our May Jumble Sale, a major fundraiser for the Group. I know many of us will have used this unusually quiet time



to have carried out some clearing out of cupboards and drawers and we would be so grateful if you could save any Jumble worthy bits and bobs for us for when we are able to hold our next Jumble Sale.

Our 50th 'Birthday'

You may also remember that this is 2nd Bentley's 50th 'birthday'. We were planning a celebration with the community on the 31st May but this will have to be put off to another time, but we will celebrate in style at some point. The young people all had the opportunity to design a badge for the occasion. There were so many great ideas that we created a badge using several different ideas from the young people, there is a photo showing the badge, hope you like it. If any of you have any interesting stories about the Group from the past we would love to hear them, please feel free to email me on exec@2ndbentleyscouts.org.uk

SHOPS PREPARED TO DO CLICK AND COLLECT

Holybourne Village Shop	01420 83323	https://holyourneshop.co.uk/
Bentley Village Stores	01420 22266	http://www.bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk/Local_Services_9729.aspx
Avenue Nurseries	01256 381648	http://www.avenuenurseries.com/
Country Market	01420 472486	https://countrymarket.co.uk/
Mill Farm Shop	01420 22331	http://www.millfarmorganic.com/
Get Fresh and Fruity	01420 768184	https://getfreshandfruity.co.uk/
Morrisons	01256 333464	https://www.morrisons.com/food-boxes/boxes
Sainsburys	0800 328 1700	https://help.sainsburys.co.uk/help/how_to_contact_us?.ga=2.237713856.1351836504.1585329914-572583967.1584610469
Waitrose	01420 541063	https://www.waitrose.com/content/waitrose/en/bf_home/bf/329.html
M and S	01420 89172	https://www.marksandspencer.com/MSResStoreFinderGlobalBaseCmd?storeId=10151&langId=-24&SAP-StoreId=3492&extid=local
Aldi	0800 042 0800	https://www.aldi.co.uk/
Newlyns Farm Shop	01256 704128	https://www.newlyns-farmshop.co.uk/
Royal Exchange (Lindford)	01420 488118	https://royalexchangelindford.co.uk/
Applegarth Farm (Grayshott)	01428 712777	https://www.applegarthfarm.co.uk/
Owtons butchers (larger deliveries)	023 8060 0558	https://www.owtons.com/
The White Hart (Holybourne)	01420 87654	https://www.whitehart holybourne.com/contact.asp
West End Flowers (Froyle only)	01420 767306	http://www.westendflowerfarm.co.uk/
Cassandra's Cup/Greyhound Pub (Chawton)	01420 83144	tearooms@cassandrascup.co.uk

SHOPS PREPARED TO DO CLICK AND COLLECT

Sam Long (Alton Tuesday Market - fruit and veg)	07912 505065	Sam Long Ltd Facebook page
Rowledge Village Stores (Co-op)	01252 792615	
Rowledge Butchers (Hands of Rowledge) now known as Fine Foods	01252 792204	http://www.michaelhumphries.co.uk/
Forest Lodge		CLOSED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE
Bucks Horn Oak (Petrol Station)		Milk, bread etc
Risenshinebakewhouse		Go onto Rise and Shine Facebook page and you can select what you want. Open daily but deliveries only on Tuesday and Friday
Clare Park Farm, Crondall	07795 632919	https://www.coldpressedoil.co.uk/about-us
Ayesha's Tandoori Bentley	01420 521137	
Morgan's Butchers (Ridgeway, Farnham)	01252 715551	www.morgansbutchers.co.uk
Cook (Farnham)	01732 759020	https://www.cookfood.net/shops/Farnham
Alastair Carey Catering (Posh Scoff)	07974 407506	https://poshscoffnet.myfreesites.net/ and https://www.facebook.com/poshscoff/?hc_location=ufi
Mark Robson - Red Mist Leisure - Grocery delivery		https://forms.klio.co.uk/33059/4126
Grovely Pets Alton (Pet Food)	01420 82860	https://www.grovelypetsupplies.co.uk/
bools_farm_food (opposite Birdworld)		https://www.facebook.com/Bools-Farm-Food-106983727616055/
Celtic Fish and Game	0800 018 7470	http://www.celticfishandgame.co.uk/
All Sorts of stuff!!		https://www.damianhinds.com/deliveries-asthants
Alternative Packaging Solutions (AltPackSol)	01420 544800	https://altpacksol.com/

Farmers Viewpoint

After spring has sprung

www.publicdomainpictures.net/pictures/30000/velka/potato-fields-1341509373eJW.jpg

The long lead in times associated with the production of both cattle and crops is a challenge. The decision to plant a crop is ruled by the crop rotation, which can be a six year cycle. The decision is then taken at around this time of year as to which crops to plant in both the coming September and the following spring (2021). The crop itself may not be sold for a further year (2022). Therefore farmers are trying to decide and predict now what will be the best crop to grow based on price and rotation – and a crop that might not be sold until June 2022!

The same problem applies to cattle. For spring 2021 calving (cows have a 9 month pregnancy), bulls will be put in with the cows this month and the aim is to calve at a time when the grass is growing in the fields and they are dry enough to turn the cows and calves out without turning the whole place into a quagmire that then takes years to correct.

June is the month for making second cut grass silage and haylage. Haylage is grass that is left to wilt a bit longer than for silage and then baled and wrapped tightly in plastic – it then sits around for fermentation to take place, this process means this cattle food can be stored for over a year and makes the grass more palatable with sugars more readily available to the ruminant digestion system.

The late frosts of last month will have played havoc in vineyards and orchards. The frosts weren't quite as bad as in 2017 but there has been damage to buds. A vineyard owner in a candid moment did say that if this year's frosts had reduced his yields of grapes then that may not be the worst thing to have happened given the almost complete shutdown in alcohol consumption in the hospitality sector due to the Coronavirus lockdown. The potatoes being grown for crisps around the parishes appear to have

escaped any frost damage and if the dry spell continues there'll be fewer passes with the sprayer to control potato blight (fungal disease killing leaves) but the potato tubers will also be smaller giving smaller crisps than the manufacturers desire!

Arable farmers will be wondering about the lack of rain and if the dry spell continues what affect that will have on the yields of their rapidly growing crops. Only time will tell. We'll keep smiling, as we feed the nation! Stay safe.

BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+CLUB

The winners for **May** and **June** draws of the Bentley Memorial 100+ Club are below



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

Congratulations to the Winners

May 2020

1st Prize	Bruce & Lizzie Powell
2nd Prize	Julie Hawkins
3rd Prize	Catherine Bonner

June 2020

1st Prize	Simon Harrap
2nd Prize	Belinda Barfoot
3rd Prize	Mrs C A Bonner



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Thank you for helping us to spread the NO WEY INCINERATOR message. Our support base is growing fast and now stretches from Four Marks to Farnham. But we cannot win this fight alone. We must pay for expert advice.

We are consulting specialists in planning, landscape and ecology, who will provide the most effective grounds on which to object to Veolia's planning application. Their invaluable advice will be passed on to you so that you can draft your own letters of objection to the planning application when it has been presented. Veolia's investment in the project is in the region of £200M and they are employing top advisers such as Lexington Communications, a major corporate public relations consultancy. So, we know we must fight hard to win this battle.

To date we have raised over £25,000 for our cause through the generosity of local residents. We still need more financial support and so we have opened a JustGiving account to reach our initial combined target of £40,000.

Please help us to give you the best advice by going to
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The Annual Fixture

Spire points heavenward in burgeoning sun,
Green-damp grass greets pavilion-bound feet,
Soft springy hay-clumps lie scattered and strewn
By the lazy mower's nonchalant sweep.

Children bowl, bat and catch at sprung wicket
As players make ready for today's fray.
Pads, gloves, bats and balls ready in basket
For some practice to prepare for the day.

The warm warp and weft of chaffing chatter
Weaves in amongst the white-garbed combatants
A friendly enmity's gentle banter
By trestles of tea, cakes, squash and cool pints.

Cracked green pavilion rests in nettles
Offering musty scent of damp stable
And shrouded, hulking form foursquare settled
Of old kit-bearing billiard table.

The game is played by its own arcane rules –
Improved year by year so as to ensure
That forbearance not aggression prevails
And calm tolerance will always endure.

Beginners are cheered, experts ease their pace;
Mistakes forgiven, ignored, waved away;
Spectators applaud all strokes with good grace,
The score secondary at close of play.

There is no place for cross words or anger
The crass moneyed violence of modern sport
Forever banned, dismissed, barred, no rancour
For here are sentinels guarding the fort.

These are the custodians of this life;
A will to perpetuate and cherish
A small morsel of a world without strife
Which without them would only perish.

Year by year children's small steps become strides
While parents age, fade, recede, sit, look on
As shadows lengthen in their eventides
And the bat is taken up, brought along.

The church stands still; mown damp grass on the ground
Caresses our weary homeward-bound feet,
Strolling for ever in summer's surround.
All is peace

Mark Finney

(revised 2020)



Phyllis Tuckwell Gets Quizzical



Not all quizzes need a pub - you can take part in this one from the comfort of your own sofa, and test your general knowledge whilst drinking your favourite tipple straight from the fridge. Join [Phyllis Tuckwell](#) live on Facebook at 8pm on Wednesday 10th June for its fortnightly virtual quiz, and enjoy a quizzical night in!

Hosted by BFBS (British Forces Broadcasting Service) presenter Richard Wyeth, the quiz will consist of four rounds of questions and a picture round. A suggested donation of £3 per person to enter the quiz will help support Phyllis Tuckwell, which provides supportive and end of life care for local patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer. You can donate via [JustGiving](#) and join the quiz through the charity's [Facebook](#) page.

"This will be the third virtual quiz we have held," says Ruth Masters, Community & Events Fundraising Manager at Phyllis Tuckwell. "The first two were very popular and raised a total of £3,647 between them. With many of our fundraising events cancelled due to Coronavirus, we are looking to virtual activities to continue to help fund our vital care, and are thrilled that

our quiz has received such great support in our local community. We'd love even more people to join us, so why not give it a go?"

You can join Phyllis Tuckwell's quiz through its [Facebook](#) page, by visiting www.facebook.com/PhyllisTuckwellHospice and clicking on the 'events' page. If you can't join the quiz but would like to host your own virtual quiz with family, friends, work colleagues or a social group you belong to, you can download a virtual quiz pack from Phyllis Tuckwell's [website](#). The pack contains everything you need to organise your quiz, including questions for each round – all you need to do is send out your invites!

To find out more about the virtual fundraising activities Phyllis Tuckwell has organised, visit www.pth.org.uk/virtualfundraising.

And people stayed home



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And people stayed home
And read books and listened
And rested and exercised
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
 And stopped
 And listened deeper
 Someone meditated
 Someone prayed
 Someone danced
 Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
 And people healed
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
 Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
 Even the earth began to heal
And when danger ended and people found each other
 Grieved for the dead people
And they made new choices and dreamed of new visions
 And created new ways of life
And healed the earth completely just as they healed themselves.

(Kathleen O'Meara, 1869)

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* Material held by HCT on VE Day, the Siege of Basing House and many other historical events. Just type **Culture on Call**.

If you missed the W H Allen exhibition Under Continental Skies held at the Allen Gallery at the beginning of the year, you can browse this and other collections of art and ceramics on the HCT website . Type **Hampshire Cultural Trust Online Collections**, keyword **Allen**, category **Fine Art**.

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ALTON U3A

Alton U3A with some sadness, wishes to inform its Members that the activities of the group are temporarily (hopefully) suspended. All Monthly Meetings, Outings and Group activities are discontinued for the time being. Please keep in touch with your Group Leaders and their secretaries for information about recommencing, when the Nations restrictions come to an end.

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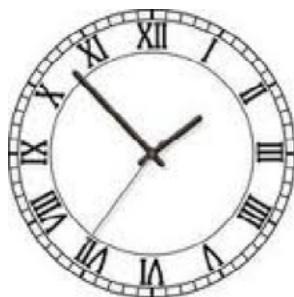


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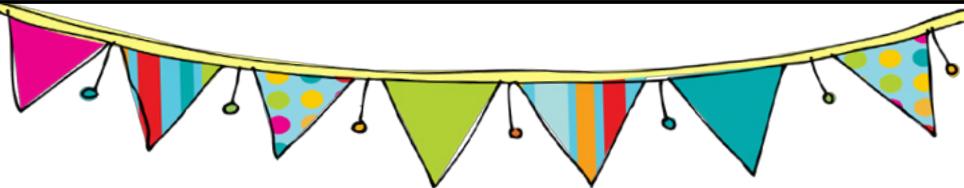
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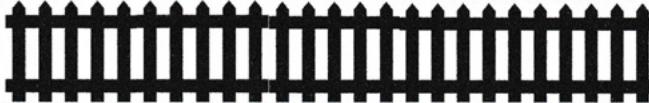
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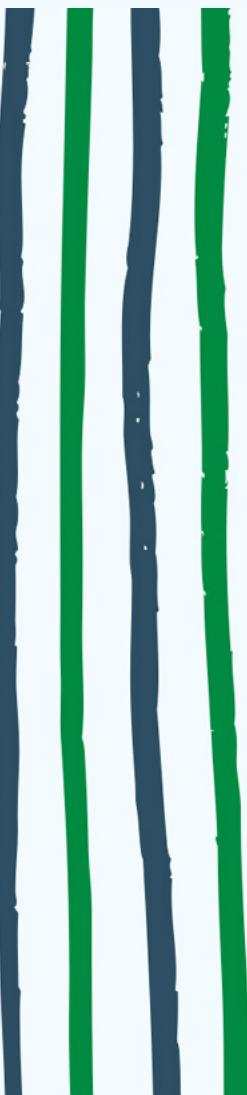
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