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# Vicar's Letter

Dear All

Many in our villages greeted the news on June 12 that churches could soon reopen for private prayer with great delight and relief. 'My heart sang on hearing this', one of our team said, adding, 'Even though we won't actually be allowed to sing!'

Our churchwardens were delighted too, even though they had the immediate task of thinking how best to manage the new rules allowing admittance to our three beautiful churches. Where to position the hand sanitiser, how many pairs of disposable gloves are required, do we need a one way system and so on.

But this development, welcome though it is, can only be a small step forward. It will not mean meeting in significant numbers, heartily singing familiar hymns, gathering for lemon drizzle cake and coffee, or a glass of sherry if you are used to attending services in Froyle. So, just as we have been doing throughout this difficult time, we will continue to offer online services. As well as our Sunday service, available from 11am on YouTube, we will also continue with our own Thought for the Day broadcasts every weekday. And for those not able to use the internet, our Sunday service is available to listen to on the end of a phone – just dial 01420 552652.

Many people have said they have found this material very helpful and because the technology gives us viewing figures, rather than counting heads in the pews we can see that large numbers are clicking on the online posts and signing up to YouTube for regular updates. But we are of course aware that not everyone in our benefice has

internet access or even wants to have their faith supported in this remote fashion. The very fact that our churches are so ancient and have resonated with prayer and song for hundreds of years, brings a dimension to worship that cannot be fully emulated electronically. And even though we cannot yet offer full services in our buildings, the very act of being able to sit in silent or maybe not so silent, private prayer will bring great comfort to some in our parishes.

However, many who have viewed and responded to our online offerings, tell us that this means of communicating with their Church, has given them new insights into the meaning of worship. Enjoying Sam and Gemma's laughter and youthful energy when they deliver Thought of the Day, hearing Christopher interpret a passage of Scripture while a robin sings its heart out in the background, feeling bonded with Yann as he takes Communion, are all comments we have received about our alternative 21st century virtual Church. The intimacy of YouTube has given many of us a feeling that we are closer than ever to the true meaning of prayer. And although we may miss the comforting sound of a community of voices as we pray and sing, some are finding that by hearing just their own voice, familiar words have acquired a new and deeper significance.

This may not be the Church we have always known and loved, but it is still our Church. And it is proving that the Church is in us, in our minds and hearts and not necessarily in a structure of stone, bricks and mortar.

*Yann and the team*

# Church Registers

## BINSTED - FUNERAL

11<sup>th</sup> June

John Alfred Benham-Crosswell

## BENTLEY – Crematorium Service

11<sup>th</sup> June

Anne Reiner

**\*\*\*UPDATE SEE LAST PAGE\*\*\***

**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.**



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## YOUTH UPDATE

It's that time again when the magazine deadlines creep up and I'm trying to think of youth updates to give to our three parishes. Over June we've had so much fun over Zoom, with United, and as our own youth group, and the list of activities is endless! We've thoroughly enjoyed watching films together like Ready Player One, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, and Jurassic World: The Fallen Kingdom. We've played many a Kahoot quiz online, baked lots of treats and completed the Bible Course. With our older group we've had valuable topical discussions around Black Lives Matter and Marcus Rashford's campaigning, on how they impact our lives and how we respond to these matters as Christians. With United we're looking forward to starting Discipleship Explored, a course which focuses in on the book of Philippians and answers questions that are key to living a joyful Christian life. It's more than just an overview of the Bible and Christianity, it goes deeper into how we live our lives.

As we come towards the end of June, and as I write this, Sam and I are putting together a youth and family service for Father's Day, and as you read this, the service has already been and gone. We have so many talented children and young people and I want

to say a huge thank you to all who contributed with prayers, readings, testimonies – I'm sure we made all our dads proud!

Finally, this summer is going to look very different to previous years, although this will be my first summer living and working in Hampshire so who am I to know! It's likely we won't be meeting in person for a while, and when we do it will be from a 2m distance. Our summer holidays won't be the same for a while either, with everyone now scrambling to find destinations in the UK for when the hospitality sector opens up. Usually, as a youth worker, our groups and activities are term time, but Covid-19 has thrown all our lives out of normality. We have been running groups and activities every day since March and completely stopping that for summer will be tough for many of our young people. We're not going to abandon you! Summer will be different to previous years, but we will make it the best we can.

Keep safe,

**Gemma Ball**

*Pastoral Assistant (Youth)  
and Administrator*



*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**Our Churches will be OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

**From MONDAY 15TH JUNE on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS,  
FRIDAYS and SUNDAYS**

**St Mary's Bentley: between 10am and 1pm**

**St Mary's Froyle: between 1pm and 4pm**

**Holy Cross Binsted: between 4pm and 7pm**

To ensure the safety of all visitors to the church, anyone visiting our churches must:

- comply with the current social distancing guidelines, so please keep 2 metres from anyone else in the church
- use the hand sanitiser in the porch on entering and leaving the building
- follow the directions of the volunteers on which parts of the building are open and which pews to use for prayer

**Please note:**

- **Areas of the church may be cordoned off and there will be no access to the toilet or kitchen facilities**
- **No candles or tealights will be available to be lit**
- **There will be no pens or paper available for individual prayer requests**
- **After each visit, the volunteer on duty will clean the pew and surrounding area that was used**
- **Bibles will be available should you wish to use one, when you leave these will be taken out of circulation for 72 hours**

Please visit [www.benbinfo.co.uk](http://www.benbinfo.co.uk) for any further updates.



## 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

## Bentley CE Primary

This has been a year like no other with the Corona Virus making it one none of us will forget. Nonetheless, there have still been many positives with super learning, school trips, PTFA events, fundraising for other charities and lots more to enjoy and celebrate...

During lockdown we have essentially run two schools consecutively with Virtual Learning set up through a new online platform called Seesaw and learning in school for children of Key Workers running continuously without any pause for holidays. It has been a very busy time for staff and I have been hugely proud of them all for their creativity, resilience and ability to adapt in difficult circumstances. We have remained heartened by the amazing community spirit, kindness and resilience of our families. Home schooling children and juggling work and worries has been a huge challenge but we have been delighted by the ongoing learning. We know children will return to school with new skills and we are ready to support where gaps, and learning leaps, have been made. Our teachers have worked tirelessly preparing the home school tasks alongside teaching

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those at school full time. Our governors and I have certainly been kept busy with the numerous reports, risk assessments, DfE requests, planning, re-planning and planning again, as has been required during this unprecedented time in our history!

It's amazing to see how much our Year R children have grown – not just in height but also in their learning. Their teachers have continued to set the Early Years curriculum and assess their learning through Tapestry. They have each forged new friendships and loved learning during play in their outdoor space. The vast majority have been back in school since June and it has been lovely to see how happy they are and how easily they have adapted to new and different routines.

Our Year 1 class have also returned to school this half term and have been delighted to get back into their learning. Things which Year 1 have particularly enjoyed this year have been apple picking, performing in our Nativity play and learning many new skills in maths and phonics.

Year 2 have really got stuck into their subject specific learning this year. With history topics such as the Titanic and Florence Nightingale they have really enjoyed learning about our world around

us. Science has also been a favourite subject and with 'Penguins' being the class name the children have learnt how different animals have adapted to their habitats.

Year 3 children settled into Junior life



incredibly well and continue to meet many new challenges from swimming to their Gordon Brown day. Their visit from the 'Iron Age history man' was certainly a highlight as they got a glimpse of what life was like during the time, plus they have relished some more independence in their learning. As a class they have impressed us with their commitment to our 'Five time a week' reading and many had already hit the Gold level by the time lockdown began.

The Year 4 class have continued to work hard and play hard with lots of great visits and special learning opportunities being

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mentioned as they think back over the year. From their fantastic visit to Butser Ancient Farm, to their geography study of rivers at Dapdune Wharf, to a brilliant English linked theatre visit to see The Butterfly Lion; so many experiences which have help to make classroom learning come alive.

Our super learners in Year 5 are renowned for being great readers and special mentors to the Year R children. They were incredibly lucky to get their Year 5 residential visit to Calshot just before lockdown and this was a real highlight of their year. We know that they will hold skiing, climbing, trawlers, coastal study and teambuilding activities in their memories for years to come.

Lastly our super Year 6 class – Due to the extremely high number of Key Worker pupils at Bentley we have not been able to offer them places back at school for

this half term as we had wished but we are due to end the school year with them returning for some special Leavers events. In true Bentley style they have continued to 'work their socks off' despite SATs being cancelled. We are so proud of them for their hard work and independence at this time and know that they are very ready for whatever challenges may be ahead! I know they leave with many special memories of their seven years from their residential visits to Calshot and the Gordon Brown Centre, ice-skating at Christmas, the visit to the Houses of Parliament, Bfest, Christmas Fairs, and Bonfire Night to name a few. But the most mentioned thing has been the friendships they have made at Bentley and we know many of these relationships will continue long after they leave us.



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Staff, governors and younger children all wish them farewell and good luck as they embark on their new journey into secondary school and beyond.

Despite having to cancel our Bfest and the amazing annual Big Bike Ride - our two biggest fundraisers of the year - our fantastic PTFA has still raised over £9,000 this year! The Welcome BBQ, Christmas Fair and Raffle, Quiz Night, numerous cake sales and apple juice sales were all a huge success and we are very grateful for the support from our school families. We have also raised money for The British Legion Poppy Appeal, Kaira Konko, and WWF and were able to support our fantastic Alton Food Bank with many donations made at our Harvest Festival. We have continued to be wowed by our children and family in lockdown as their thoughtfulness to others has been inspirational and has really kept us going in school during lockdown.

The end of the school year sees us saying goodbye to Miss Kirby, our Year 2 Teacher, Sports Lead and Infant Lead as she heads to Ropley to take up a fantastic new post as Assistant Headteacher. Having joined the team seven years ago as a student teacher, her enthusiasm, positivity, and competitive spirit has been a wonderful asset to the school. This is a well-earned promotion and whilst we are very sad to see her go, we are extremely proud of her and wish her all the very best at her new school.

By the time that you read this the school will be closed for the first time since 20th March and we will be having our holidays (much needed!). As we go to press it looks as though we can welcome everyone back in September and we are preparing accordingly. On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you a happy and healthy summer 2020.

*Katy Pinchess,*  
**Headteacher**





## School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

### The Magic Box

I will put in my box...  
Fudge, my funny hamster,  
One wheel from my red bike,  
a slice of my first birthday cake.

I will put in my box...  
one of my shining white teeth,  
the first word of my baby cousin,  
the greenest leaf from a tree.

I will put in my box...  
the wand from a flying fairy,  
a pure blue raindrop from a puffy cloud,  
a kiss from my mother.

I will put in my box...  
a cupful of sand from by the sea,  
a tiny gnome from someone's garden,  
the sweetest mango from the Amazon  
Rainforest

my box is fashioned from diamond and  
copper and marbles,  
with gold stars on the lid and whispers in  
the corners.  
Its hinges are made from twisted twigs.

I shall sit in my box on the highest  
mountain  
and treasure all of these things forever.

*By Alice, Year 3*

### The Magic Box

I will put in the box...  
A feather from my chick called  
Eclipse,  
My dog's favourite toy,  
Soft hay from a busy farm,  
and a delicate petal from a Lily.

I will put in the box...  
A jar of blue fire,  
The notes of my favourite song,  
The squawk of a phoenix  
And a horseshoe for luck.

My box is fashioned from molten lava  
and gold and platinum,  
With red patterns on the lid and gold  
swirls in the corners.  
Its hinges are made of ice taken from  
a frozen lake.

I shall relax in my box on a hot  
summer's day,  
and treasure everything inside.

*By Kiera, Year 5*



## School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

### My Box of Favourite Things

I will put in my box...

my white electronic Xbox with a sea blue controller,  
my favourite gaming chair,  
and a massive pool of light blue water.

I will put in my box...

a burst of enjoyment I get when I play Fortnite,  
a bit of red mixture to bake some cakes,  
the memory of disappointment after losing to Brighton 2 – 1.

I will put in my box...

my black, fluffy Labrador,  
love from my caring family,  
and a sliver of the moon's surface.

my box is fashioned from yellow rubber and gold and silver,  
with leather on the lid and smooth stones in the corners.  
its hinges are made from marbles on the moon.

I shall open my box and remember all of the loves of my life.

*By Charlie K, Year 3*

### The Magic Box

I will put in my box...

the football kicked by Messi,  
a spaceship from outer space,  
my two dogs, smelly but sweet.

I will put in my box...

the memory of pets that have passed away,  
a brand new football that still smells of the shop,  
the rich smell of mud taken from the rugby ground.

I will put in my box...

my new bike that I've cycled 30 miles on,  
the memory of puppy's sold,  
and the long life of a human being.

My box is fashioned from silver and pure gold and rubies,  
with spaceship lasers carved into the lid and diamonds for the corners.  
its hinges are made from the strongest gold.

I shall fly in my box on the wind out to space,  
where I will take my treasures to the last planet in our universe.

*By Harry C, Year 5*



## School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

### A Box of Favourite Things

I will put in my box...  
my pink and black bike,  
a yellow and grassy football,  
my cheeky sausage dog puppies.

I will put in my box...  
all of my colourful pens and pencils,  
my shiny gold club,  
my super cool, sparkly Segway.

I will put in my box...  
my favourite colour, orange  
and the best chocolate, Cadbury dairy milk.

My box is fashioned from metal  
and glitter and crystal,  
with love hearts on the lid and cotton  
wool in the corners.  
its hinges are made from strong  
and pure gold.

I shall ride in my box every Sunday,  
and treasure it all forever.

*By Tessa, Year 3*

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contact Gemma at [gemma@beninfo.co.uk](mailto:gemma@beninfo.co.uk) to find out more!

BENINFRO'S

# FAMILY FUN DAY

**Sunday 9th August**  
**From 12 noon**

Between **12pm-4pm**, tour round our villages  
stopping along the way to discover more  
about Moses and his journey with God  
through challenges, competitions and games.

Then we'll finish our day with a family Zoom  
worship session at **5pm**.





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### *The Wickham Institute 100+ Club*

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

#### June 2020

1<sup>st</sup> prize Sandie Baker

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Mike Christmas

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Penelope Kennedy

Details of the July & August 2020 draws will appear in the September magazine.

**REMINDER TO TICKET HOLDERS:** Many ticket holders will have needed to renew their subscriptions in June and should have received details by email or in the post, unless they pay their subscriptions by standing order. Thank you to those that have renewed their subscriptions. If you still wish to participate and have not yet returned the renewal form, please do so as soon as possible so that you can be entered into the next draw.

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](mailto:treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk)

# WAYMARKS...

## Can you locate this footpath?



This quite short footpath must be, for nearly all its length, the neatest and tidiest Right of Way in the parish, at least at this time of year. I always enjoy walking a closely mown path when the surrounding grass is high; it makes a lovely contrast. There is no prize for locating this path but you might like to have a try...I can at least give you a special mention in a future Waymarks!

Just send me a text with your suggestion (see my number at the end) and we'll feature this path again in the next issue of the magazine, as there is more to tell about an improvement that is needed.

## **Thanks to the HCC ranger team for our new steps!**

Lots of people have complained about the slippery slope down onto the road from footpath 25. (That's the one that goes from Isington Road across to east of West Court, connecting, immediately across the road, with footpath 9 towards Wyck) The Rights of Way Group reported the problem to Hants CC, recommended steps, and the HCC ranger team put in steps during the period of lockdown.

The steps make this a much safer route to use, particularly in wet weather, and I know that they will be much appreciated by local people, as the circuit from the village, taking in the south end of Isington Road, paths 25, 9 and then 22 back via the church, is a popular Binsted short walk, particularly with dog walkers.

## **Changes to a popular Binsted path**

Footpath 28 runs from Hay Place to Wheatley and is a popular walking route for many parish residents. However, it really doesn't look at all like a typical footpath, (or at least what many people envisage a footpath to be) as it is a broad gravelled farm track throughout its length.

The landowner has now closed and locked gates at each end of 28, because people had been driving vehicles up the route and even across the fields. However, there are pedestrian gaps around the gates at each end so that walkers can still access this popular footpath and no one should be put off by the locked gates, which are there to prevent vehicle access.

## **Our lovely countryside**

There was some lovely warm weather in June and a few showers of light rain to freshen things up. The clouds drifting over the countryside were often spectacularly beautiful and the countryside looked its absolute best in a mix of strong sunshine and shadows. Binsted parish has some truly lovely countryside and it's not surprising that outside groups who walk in Binsted are delighted with their experience of walking our paths. I am suggesting a walk this month that takes in some of the best that the parish of Binsted has to offer. My wife and I walked it one still, mild evening, full of birdsong, in late May, and it is probably one of my favourite shorter walks in the parish.

## **Walk of the month: Isington and Home Hanger circuit**

*This is a figure of eight walk: I hope you enjoy it!*

### **Isington to Home Hanger**

Start this walk at the eastern end of Isington. The lane bends slightly left past the final dwellings and there is a gravelled drive on the right: look for the waymark post and roundel. Walk south east up the driveway, which soon becomes a green lane and passes under the railway. You will emerge from a small wood into a huge grassy meadow. Continue ahead to the edge of Cadnam Copse, where there is a waymark. Start gently climbing, with the woodland on your right, then swing right past another waymark post and you will soon reach a stile.

Cross the stile and bear left, climbing a steep grassy field with woodland on your left, until you reach and cross another stile in the top left

hand corner. Follow the path and climb steeply through hanger woodland and up some steps to another stile. Cross the stile, turn right into a field and walk along the wooded edge of the hanger to another stile; cross it and turn left. Follow the headland path to reach a junction of paths at the top of Home Hanger, with a fine view of Telegraph House on the right.

### **Home Hanger to Binsted Place**

Continue ahead along the top of the wooded hanger in a broadly southerly direction, with lovely views opening up ahead as you leave the hanger and veer south along the field edge. Look for a grassy path on your left which takes you down past Riverhill Farm and a set of steep steps to reach the Binsted to Blacknest road.

Cross the road and go slightly left and through a kissing gate into a field; walk around its left hand fence and cross the stile in the far corner, then follow a narrow path with a fence on the right which goes westerly along the top of a low hanger. At the end, turn left and follow the field edge around before turning right up a hedge line to reach Wheatley Lane. Go left along the lane for a few metres, then take the path on the right, which very soon turns west across the fields. At a path junction, turn right and follow a green lane which emerges near Binsted Place.

### **Binsted Place to Isington**

Turn right, cross the road and take the path heading up onto the plateau. Follow this path and, where it descends towards Bottom Copse, look for a path on the right. This path, heading north east across the plateau, will return you to

the top of Home Hanger. Turn left and walk back to the northern hanger edge and turn left to follow the wooded hanger in westerly, then north westerly direction. You will descend to a stile, (which is surely the highest stile in the parish) and then cross a grassy field below the hanger, continuing through a kissing gate onto an enclosed track. Look for a gate on your right and go through it, following the path through a field to a grade crossing of the railway (take great care!) with two substantial stiles. Finally, follow the enclosed path northwards and over a tiny stream to reach the lane, where you turn right to your starting point.

*This walk is a little over three miles long and there is some climbing. It offers peaceful woodland, attractive hanger slopes and lovely open countryside.*

### **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, hopefully in the early autumn. Watch this space!

### **Have you seen any problems?**

Please contact the parish Clerk, Sue Hodder, or let me know directly if you come across any problems on a walking or riding route in the parish or nearby. Problems could include encroaching vegetation, fallen trees, dilapidated stiles, missing fingerposts or blockages of any kind. If the problem is a relatively small one, it will usually be dealt with fairly rapidly.

**Ian**

07766 174275



# Hampshire Search and Rescue

Searching for vulnerable missing people across Hampshire



Hampshire Search & Rescue  
c/o Search Support Unit  
Hampshire Constabulary  
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21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

## Open Letter to the Residents of Bentley, Binsted and surrounding Communities

I have thought long and hard about writing this, knowing that it may possibly be upsetting to some, but sincerely hope that it does not cause further anguish. We feel that the recent events involving Hampshire Search and Rescue cannot pass without our thanks being expressed.

You may be aware that all the Search and Rescue members are volunteers, albeit professionally trained, on-call to support the police when required. However, this is not about us but about you. Depending on the location and time of day when called out, we normally have little contact with the local community and need to be self-sufficient whilst on a search. We were amazed by, and immensely appreciative of, the support shown by your communities to the teams recently searching for Richard Morris. The food, drinks and snacks were most welcome. The kindness shown to us by so many of you raised the spirits (as well as the energy levels) over the days.

As I said at the beginning, I do hope that this does not offend or cause more unnecessary suffering - but it is a way for us to thank you for your generosity. Richard, his family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of all of us, Thank you

Trevor Vidler  
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## 2nd Bentley Scout Group Update

The scouts have continued to work on a few badges and have fun online and via email during lockdown. There have been creative projects together with thought provoking challenges. The scouts were challenged to create a survival kit and then see how they could use it if lost in a variety of different wilderness situations. This made them think about needing different items for different circumstances. There was much laughter and the opportunity to work in small groups which is a change to working alone online or with parents!!

The cubs have been working towards their Naturalist badge and I wanted to share with you this beautiful creation by one of the cubs as it is so lovely. I know several of the cubs have made a variety of art work and presentations that hopefully they will be able to share with their fellow cubs when we get back to Face to Face Scouting.

Sadly we have had to cancel summer camp but we have used the booking for the future.

Just to let you all know 2nd Bentley Scouts is part of Hampshire Scouts which in part of The Scout Association (TSA) that is the umbrella for all Scout groups in England. They have been sending us support and guidance during this tricky time and have been providing virtual experiences that groups can tap into if they so choose. As you can imagine, as for all charities, it is a very difficult time and we are all working



together to keep scouting moving and prepared for whatever lays ahead. It will not be until TSA deem it appropriate that we, both leaders, young people and admin, will be given the go ahead to resume Face to Face meetings. We hope that will be soon, but it must be when it is safe.

Just as a footnote we are currently renegotiating our lease for the Kingsmill Pavilion with the Parish Council, it would be great if there were any solicitors out there that could donate their time to give the documents a once over for us before completion as we need legal representation. If this would be possible please contact me.

Lastly a big THANK YOU to all the parents and leaders that are keeping our scouts going!!

Melissa Salisbury

# 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”. As this meeting is scheduled to happen very close to the next magazine publishing date, members will be advised separately if the meeting is to go ahead.

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and continuing to enjoy the good weather. We could do with some rain to save having to do quite so much watering though! With the extra time we have had to work in the garden, I am sure all our gardens are looking spectacular this year.

## MAY WEATHER STATISTICS



### Temperature



Daytime maximum 27.2°C (26<sup>th</sup>) to 13.2°C (11<sup>th</sup>)  
3 days below 15°C, 19 days above 20°C

Nighttime minimum - 2.7°C (12<sup>th</sup>) to 11.3°C (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
4 nights below 0°C



### Rainfall



Total for month 0.06 inches (1.4 mm) over 3 days

Wettest days 0.04 inches (1.0 mm) (1<sup>st</sup>)



### Wind



Dominant wind direction West

Maximum gust 26 mph (11<sup>th</sup>)

# CHANGING OR UNCHANGING

As we have all had to get used to a new and virtual way of meeting as a Church in recent months, this extract from Graham Trasler's, (the then Rector of Bentley and Binsted) Talking Point in the March 1983 magazine seems appropriate.

“In his book ‘Future Shock’, Alvin Toffler lists some of the profound changes that have occurred in recent times. He points out that the rate of change in virtually every department of life has accelerated dramatically since the beginning of this century and is being speeded up by the technological revolution... Our valuing of things is also changing, as obsolescence is built into many products and more and more items become disposable. It is a world almost incomprehensible to our great grandparents, if not ourselves.

In this landscape, many people see the church as one of the great unchanging land-marks. People ... Still expect to recognise most of the hymns at any one service and they expect the services to be recognisable as ones they first met 40 years ago... The Parish church is still a place where parishioners expect to be recognised when they enter. In short the church is an oasis in a world of rapid change. No-one asks how the church is expected to exempt itself from this change.

Of course the church is changing. Even in my life-time there has been a revolution and, even if some of the myths about church life still remain, attitudes towards the church and inside the church have altered dramatically. Not only has the shape and content of church services changed, but much of the ambience of worship has also been affected.

Hymns are much more diverse, both in meaning and in music, and churches are also feeling the effects of mobility. Every congregation sees more people come and go than before.

The real matter of concern in all of this is that the church should best use of its opportunities to minister to people in a changing society. That is its duty. Every generation of Christians has to decide how best to preach the Gospel to their own particular situation. In our day that means change. We have no right to expect anything else: the Gospel certainly does not guarantee us changelessness, probably the reverse. And it will require us to put the needs of those to whom we minister before ourselves and our own needs. Whether we can that or not depends, ultimately, on our own belief in the Gospel and our desire that others, too, should come to know it. If that is our motivation, we shall not allow our own desire for the status quo to impede whatever changes have to be made. But if we cling to the status quo regardless, then, in all probability, we shall automatically disappear anyway. While, we have time, we must take whatever courageous decisions have to be made for the future preaching of the Gospel in our society”

As hopefully, lockdown eases, what has our virtual Church presence taught us about the way in which we might worship and reach out to others in the future? Do we want to, indeed, should we go back to the status quo or are there ways in which we can move forward and embrace the way in which we have been able to minister to the wider community and be seen as a force of love and good in our society?

# Whitehill and Bordon site identified for development

East Hampshire District Council has identified a site in Prince Philip Park, Whitehill and Bordon, for large scale development, delivering up to 1,300 additional homes. This is part of the ongoing plan to turn Whitehill and Bordon into a Green, Healthy and Connected town, EHDC say, with additional residential and employment related development. It is anticipated that the regeneration will see 4,350 new homes and 5,500 new jobs, with this development providing the first 1,300 homes and a significant number of jobs.

This decision has been made following the council's Large Development Sites consultation held in 2019, which put ten sites

to public comment. Except for the land at Whitehill and Bordon, none of the other large development sites included in the Local Plan consultation are considered ready for consultation.

Instead of allocating another large development site in the district, the council intends to identify a 'broad area of search' along the A31 corridor. Doing this allows the council to make progress on the Local Plan, without it being delayed whilst identifying another site, which would risk opening up the district to speculative development.

*from Bentley Parish Council*

# NO WEY INCINERATOR

## SAY: NO WEY

The NO WEY INCINERATOR campaign to stop Veolia developing an incinerator in Froyle Parish has gained wide support. We have developed a website [www.noweyincinerator.com](http://www.noweyincinerator.com), a Facebook page, a JustGiving page and a Twitter account. Veolia have submitted their planning application to Hampshire County Council. Hence the campaign is moving to the next and most critical phase to date.

It is now time for everyone to act. The next phase is to help as many people as possible to object effectively to the planning application. Individual submissions, based on the issues, will most influence the decision making process. To this end, there will be a new poster campaign, a flyer drop to all the local households and the media platforms will be constantly updated.

The main objections are likely to focus on: visual impact, proximity to the South Downs National Park, the noise and traffic of demolishing the current Material Recycling Centre, the building of the incinerator and then its operation, the waste is commercial and not necessarily Hampshire's, there are no identified users for the heat generated and that Hampshire needs to recycle more waste, not burn it.

Do keep an eye on the website which will be updated as the consultants provide the best 'material planning considerations' to include in your submissions. Objections written in your own style will carry most weight, but the website will include a form that you can complete. Most importantly, when the flyer arrives at your door, please take action and submit your objection.

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Hospice Care



# Dash with a Difference!

Local charity [Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care](#) is sad to announce that its *Dash of Colour* event won't be taking place as usual this year, due to Coronavirus restrictions. However, it will still be holding the event, albeit in a slightly different way...

*Dash of Colour – Do It Your Own Way* offers you the chance to reinvent this popular fundraising activity, in a way which fits in with your own personal lockdown life. You could complete a fun run on your own, with members of your own household, or with friends at a social distance. But if running's not your thing, you can simply choose something that is! You could hop, skip and jump your way round the route, or bounce it on a space hopper. Maybe you'd rather get groovy with your own danceathon, make a rainbow of different coloured cakes, or even hold a colourful sponsored silence. The choice is yours, and Phyllis Tuckwell would love to hear what colourful activities you're planning!

Everyone who takes part will be sent a *Dash of Colour* t-shirt and two sachets of paint to cover themselves with, and will also be sent a medal once they have completed their challenge. They can set up a sponsor page online and still raise money for this important local charity, which is continuing to provide its vital supportive and end of life care throughout the pandemic, helping local patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness.

"Because of Coronavirus, we have had to cancel or postpone many of our fundraising events, so we're really pleased that we're able to hold the *Dash-DIY* this year," says Leanne Magee, Events Fundraiser at Phyllis Tuckwell. "We'd love to see how our supporters are taking on this Dash challenge, so if you're taking part, don't forget to share your photos on our [Facebook events page](#), or tag us in on your own social media posts, using #DOCDIY."

Whether you are taking part in memory of someone, or to just have fun, by being involved in *Dash of Colour – Do It Your Own Way*, you'll be raising money the help ensure that this important local charity can continue to be there for patients and families when they are most needed.

To register for *Dash of Colour – Do It Your Own Way*, visit [www.pth.org.uk/dash-of-colour-diy](http://www.pth.org.uk/dash-of-colour-diy). Registration costs £10 and you'll be sent a white *Dash of Colour* t-shirt and two sachets of powder paint, as well as details of how to set up an online sponsor page and get fundraising!



Farmers Viewpoint

# From seedtime to harvest

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It's a lowland farmer's most anticipated and exciting time of year – harvest time! You can see the change in farmer social media posts. They're talking about their harvest preparations – training courses for temporary staff, hoovering and cleaning grainstores, sealing up carting trailers, calibrating moisture meters, new company logo'd hi-vis deliveries. They were also talking about the mid-June rainfall that will make a vital difference to grain fill and therefore the final yield of the arable crops. Livestock farmers will have breathed a sigh of relief when the rain came as pasture has perked up just in the nick of time.

The prospects for this year's harvest look very mixed for both Covid 19 and weather reasons. The prolonged wet autumn, winter and early spring weather mean we are on for the smallest wheat crop in 40 years, this is because it was too wet to sow a large proportion of the wheat crop last autumn. There will be a correspondingly very large barley crop, sown this spring and coming

on top of large carry over stocks as brewing took a huge Covid hit. There could be a lot of barley sold for livestock feed at a price that is very attractive to a livestock farmer but not attractive if you were the farmer who grew it - 'up horn, down corn' as they say! The other crop on the wain is oilseed rape (OSR). The ravages of uncontrolled cabbage stem flea beetle attacks are taking

the shine off growing this important break crop in a typical arable rotation. The rot (literally) set in seven years ago when the use of a particular seed treatment used on rape was banned under precautionary principles as there were concerns about bee health.

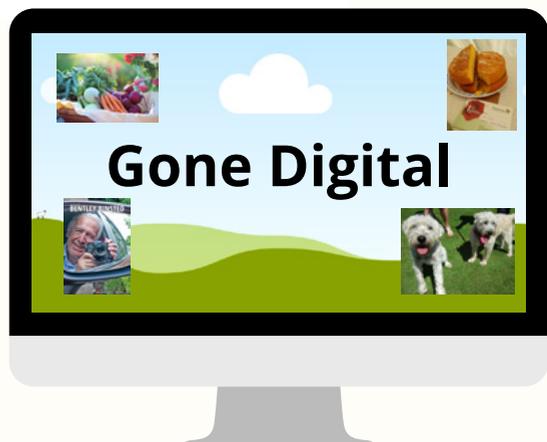
OSR acts as a key ingredient within both food and industrial products, such as rapeseed cooking oil, margarines, mayonnaise, biodiesel and specialised plastics. It also produces a by-product which is used for animal feed. It is ironic that we could see our domestic production dry up leaving no option for the owners of the Erith oil crushing plant to import rapeseed from other countries use the very seed treatments that are banned here. There's a big farming campaign raging in the press at the moment highlighting concerns about post Brexit imports that are produced to lower standards and by definition are cheaper than ours in the UK that'll ultimately undermine our UK farm products.

Our last comments for the summer edition of the magazine come in the form of a few 'harvest asks'. We know you've all been cooped up during lockdown and the need to drive out into the countryside is completely understandable but please park sensibly. Please give a little thought to the type of farm machinery that has to use the lanes in the summer ie whacking great combine harvesters, very long tractor and trailer combinations carting grain or straw bales, very wide and spiky metal cultivators trailing a long way back from the tractor. We've had

a number of extremely serious accidents reported where cyclists haven't been able to avoid contact with trailed cultivation equipment mainly comprising heavy box steel.

So please don't park on corners, on road junctions, in field gateways (especially if the crop is a golden colour or looks dead (eg beans where the whole plant is dead and black) these crops are ready to harvest. Unfortunately we need to extend the list of harvestable crops to what is called wholecrop, these are crops like wheat and rye that are harvested green ie well before they'd be ripe and golden in the traditional sense! Basically please don't risk parking in gateways. We learnt a new Covid term which is 'fly parking' this is where a car owner literally abandons their car on the side of a road or lane usually because all the sensible parking spaces on a popular walking route are occupied. Inconsiderate 'fly parking' then makes it very difficult for very wide vehicles to get through this could even apply to fire engines (hopefully not called to a field fire because of a discarded cigarette butt or portable BBQ!). In the spirit of in for a penny, in for a pound, please keep your hedges and roadside trees trimmed, we're not bothered by a few scratches on farm equipment paintwork but we are bothered by overhanging branches ripping off mirrors and amber warning beacons, both are important safety features. Hoping we all have a fabulously sunny summer and please go carefully on the lanes!

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This will be different - we will only be able to judge via photos of your entries. That means sadly the category for "Scented Rose" has had to be put on hold for a year.

Otherwise, take a look below and see what you can enter!

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Make sure you are clear about which category you are entering.

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We will have some simple tips and advice on the website to help make your produce 'pop' on camera!

Any questions please ask via Facebook Messenger on the Fete Facebook page, by email to [thebinstedfete@gmail.com](mailto:thebinstedfete@gmail.com) or by calling Matt Arrowsmith on 07717750035.

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All of the entries will be displayed on the fete website and the winners will also be shown on the facebook pages

GOOD LUCK

**Section A: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers and Plants (1 Photo per entry)**

Cat 1-21 Displayed on a white round dinner plate

1. Vegetables, 4 kinds
2. Vegetables, 3 kinds of salad vegetables
3. Soft fruit, a dish of 18 of 3 kinds
4. Gooseberries, dish of 10.
5. Rhubarb, 3 sticks
6. Peas, dish of 5 pods.
7. Broad beans, dish of 5 pods.
8. Runner beans, dish of 5 pods.
9. French beans, dish of 6 pods.
10. Carrots, bunch of 5.
11. Beetroot, 3 roots leaves trimmed and tied with raffia
12. Potatoes, dish of 5 any kind
13. Cabbage, 2 heads.
14. Lettuce, 2 heads.
15. Onions, 2
16. Tomatoes, dish of 3,
17. Cucumbers, 2 - displayed next to a ruler or tape measure
18. Herbs, bunch of 3 kinds, 9 stems
19. Any vegetable not mentioned above.
20. Children's class: any exhibit from classes 1 to 19 grown and presented by someone aged 16 or under.
21. Novelty class: Ugliest Vegetable
22. Novelty class: Rudest Vegetable
23. Sweet peas, vase of 9 stems, mixed colours.
24. Roses, 3 stems large headed type.
25. Dahlias, vase of 5, one or more varieties.
26. Annuals, vase of 5 stems
27. Flowering perennials, 3 or more kinds, 9 stems.
28. Fuchsia, 6 heads
29. Children's class: any exhibit from classes 21 to 28 grown and staged by someone 16 or under.

**Section B: Flower Arrangements (1 Photo per entry)**

This section includes flowers which you can buy rather than grow

30. An arrangement depicting the theme 'Wildlife' using flowers, foliage and accessories. No bigger than 60 x60 cm

31. A Posy you would give to a loved one. Any colours or materials. No bigger than 40x40cms any height. To be displayed in water.

32. Miniature arrangement depicting the theme 'Wildlife'. No bigger than 10x10cm any height and any container.

33. Children's class: any arrangement of garden flowers by someone 16 or under.

**Section C: Domestic Produce (1 Photo per entry)**

**BAKES - all about the looks!**

34. Decorated cake with a "Wildlife" theme (only decoration judged)

35. 6 decorated cupcakes with a "Wildlife" theme (only decoration judged)

36. 6 Wildlife Themed Biscuits (of any variety)

37. A fruit tart

38. 6 cheese scones

39. A matter of Loaf and Death - Creative Bread

**Section D: Arts and Crafts (1 Photo per entry)**

40. Any hand-knitted or crocheted item

41. An item of needlecraft

42. A homemade greeting card

43. A piece of jewellery

44. An item of any other handicraft

45. Bug House

46. Scarecrow

**Section E: Children's Competition (1 Photo per entry)**

Children are welcome to enter any class they like, but these are just for kids, so step away Mum and Dad!

**Under 5 years**

47. A vegetable model of Wildlife

48. An A4 design for 2021 Theme

51. An A4 design for 2021 Theme

**5 to 7 years**

49. A vegetable model of wildlife

50. A Miniature garden

**8 to 11 years**

52. A vegetable model of Wildlife

53. A Miniature Wildflower garden

54. An A4 design for 2021 Theme

**12 to 15 years**

55. A headdress on the theme 'Wildlife'

56. An A4 design for 2021 Theme

57. 45 Things in a match box

**Section F: Photographs (1 Photo per entry)**

This section is open to all age groups and will be judged accordingly.

**P1: Generations**

**P2: Best of Binsted**

**P3: Wildlife**

**P4: Selfie**

**P5: Sport**

**P6: From Dusk till' Dawn**

**P7: Most liked**

**P8: Lockdown through the Lens**

**Section G: Family Dog Show (2 Photos per entry)**

**D1: Best puppy (year and under)**

**D2: Prettiest Bitch**

**D3: Most Handsome Dog**

**D4: Dog Most like their Owner**

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museums – such as Winchester and Milestones – on July  
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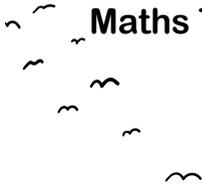
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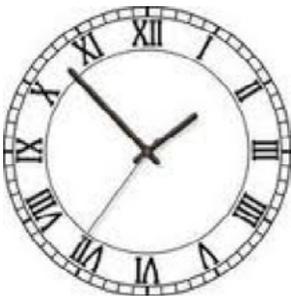


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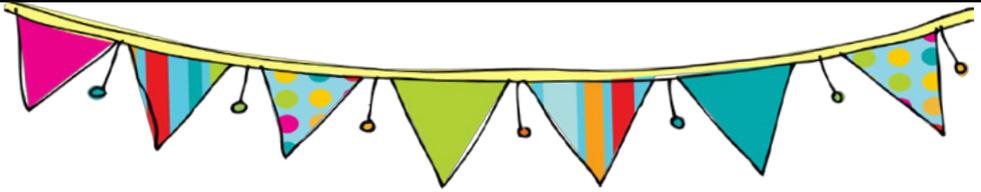
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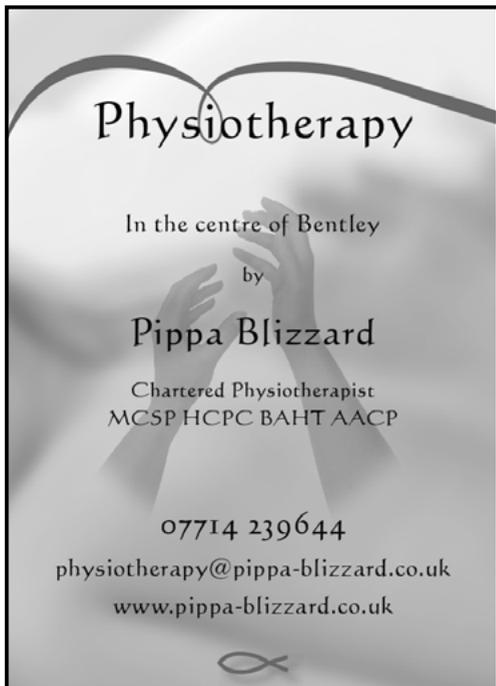


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### **Growmore Club Secretary:**

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### **Binsted Cricket Club**

Chairman: John Dineen 01420 520980

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Secretary: Tim Winkworth

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# Services are Back!



WORSHIP  
PRAYER  
WORD

- 26TH JULY • 11AM BINSTED MORNING WORSHIP  
6:30PM FROYLE EVENSONG (SAID)
- 2ND AUGUST • 11AM BENTLEY MORNING WORSHIP
- 9TH AUGUST • 9:30AM FROYLE MORNING WORSHIP  
11AM BINSTED MORNING WORSHIP
- 16TH AUGUST • 11AM BENTLEY MORNING WORSHIP
- 23RD AUGUST • 11AM BINSTED MORNING WORSHIP  
6:30PM FROYLE EVENSONG (SAID)
- 30TH AUGUST • 11AM BENTLEY MORNING WORSHIP

**Bentley, Binsted and Froyle churches are also open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays:**

Bentley - 10am - 1pm

Froyle - 1pm - 4pm

Binsted - 2pm - 4pm on Wednesdays and 10am - 12pm on Sundays

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