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Vicar's Letter

Dear All

So here we are again at last – a real magazine printed on real paper. Some of you may not have realised that we stopped distributing an actual magazine at the start of lockdown and had to resort to an electronic version. We had to take this decision in line with Government and Church of England guidelines and to ensure our wonderful distributors were kept safe.

However, we have not been idle during the last four months. The online version of our magazine – still available on our website – was published every month, with a letter from the team as well as articles.

We had to quickly adapt both the magazine and our services during this strange time. We had to think how we could still offer support and news in difficult circumstances. It may not have been the best solution for everyone, but at least it meant we were still available.

And recently we know that there has been a great sigh of relief and a lot of smiles greeting our return to our lovely churches. Since the 26th of July we have been able to hold services in one or more of our three churches every Sunday. Dates and locations for the coming month are still uncertain, so please do check our website, www.benbinfro.co.uk, for the latest information.

During the Great Pause, as it is becoming known (but not by those fabulous key workers that kept our nation going over four months of lockdown!), although our clergy could not be seen in the flesh and although we could not easily see each other,

we maintained our relationship with our church family through our popular Thought for the Day videos, our virtual YouTube services, Zoom prayer meetings, our online school assemblies and our phone-in for those without access to the internet as well as the distribution of church service DVDs to our care homes, and home groups and youth groups have continued meeting over Zoom. Of course, we know it was not the same as walking into one of our beautiful buildings, smelling the dust from centuries of prayer, admiring the wonderful creations of our flower ladies, exchanging news, eating lemon drizzle cake and enjoying a welcome cup of coffee. And we know that some members of our congregations were unable to access all of our online material. But the surprising fact is that we had more people engage with our online offerings than normally would have come to church in person. Just like this magazine, we never went away completely, and continued to keep faith alive through prayer and devotion with the means at our disposal. The church has always been far more than services or buildings – put simply the church is a family of followers of Jesus Christ and just as ordinary families have continued growing in their relationships through these times, so has the church. And now we can emerge into the light, knowing that if the Great Pause should return, for however long, we can confidently continue to nurture our Church Family and serve the community beyond.

Yann and the team

TIME TO PRAY

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I
wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.

Author - Unknown



YOUTH UPDATE

Wow, it's been a whole year since Sam and I joined the staff team at BenBinFro, and what a year it has been! I don't think anyone expected the events we've experienced in 2020, but we're still here to give you all an update on our youth activities in the Benefice.

July and August have been interesting to say the least, a time of serious transition for all of us. Shops are open, restaurants are open, gyms are now open, and we've gradually opened up the church buildings for private prayer and live services. But we've also been able to meet up with our youth groups in person which has been a long time coming too. During the height of lockdown, our younger group would meet on Wednesdays over Zoom for games and films, and our older group every other Friday for a catch up and conversation around current affairs.

Now we're back into some routine, and with services back on we're now meeting on Sundays again. Since we have been able to meet in person, we have been on a social-distanced walk around Bentley, and have played outdoor table tennis outside mine and Sam's new house. The older group have also been meeting in person in various leader's gardens for a cuppa and a chat.

I feel so blessed to be able to organise and lead our young people, with the help of others of course(!), especially in times like this when support is needed most.

As I write this, I am finalising plans for our Family Fun Day which takes place on the 9th August 2020. Of course, it's already happened as you read this, but I have to say, I have been so encouraged and excited about this event of bringing families back together (at a 2m distance), and giving a little fun into everyone's lives.

One of our stops for the Fun Day is a prayer station. It surrounds the story of Moses and the Burning Bush in Exodus 3, where God appears to Moses as a bush that doesn't burn up in the desert. Now a burning bush wasn't unusual, but one that didn't burn up certainly was! God was trying to get Moses' attention and the prayer station was all about taking time out to pray, to talk to God and to listen to Him. Take look at the craft we will be making. These are to hang up so we can be reminded to take time to pray. If you weren't able to join us, here's what you need to make your own...

- String
- Wooden circle/cardboard circle (with a hole to thread the string!)
- Pens
- Pencils
- Stickers

Hope you have a great September!

Gemma Ball

*Pastoral Assistant (Youth)
and Administrator*



September Services

As I write this, we are trialling 'live' services in our church buildings over August, but unfortunately we aren't yet sure of what September will bring.

Therefore, please keep an eye on our church website and Facebook page as we will keep that updated with September's plans.

We will endeavour to make sure everyone knows of our services and any changes to online content as soon as we know.

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Church office: admin@benbinfro.org

Please contact the Church Wardens if you are unable to access the church website or Facebook page.



OBITUARY

Heather Church



Heather Church of Binsted died peacefully on 25th July from complications of a rare form of Parkinson's disease. She was 75 years of age.

Heather, with her dear husband and soulmate Ray, was a staple of Binsted village life for over twenty years. She loved Binsted and shared many great times with friends at social events in the village. She described her perfect day as pottering in the garden, entertaining family and friends and watching the sun go down with Ray in the conservatory.

Heather had an enormous zest for life and exuded kindness. She remained enormously grateful to those in the village and elsewhere who continued to support her in recent years. Despite failing health, her humour and love never diminished. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, especially her family; Laurence, Claire, Jon, Emma, Sumi, Ruth, Ian, Shannon, Daisy, Melissa, Jessica, Saranya and Amali.



Christians Against Poverty: Dealing with debt after the lockdown

This year has been a challenging one to say the least. Everyone has been affected by the coronavirus outbreak and the consequent lockdown, but the ways in which we've been affected individually may be very different.

If you previously had debt that you were managing well, it may be that a change in circumstances means this has now become a problem. You may no longer be able to make your regular repayments. However, there are helpful steps you can take to deal with it.

How to deal with problem debt

- Make a budget detailing your current income and expenditure (both essential and non-essential). There's a great budget planner on moneyadvice.service.org.uk which you could use to help with this.
- Check what help or benefits you may be eligible to claim at turn2us.org.uk.
- Look at what's left over in your budget. If you have more going out than coming in, where could you realistically cut back to free up some money? This might mean switching to a cheaper energy tariff or cancelling unused subscriptions.
- If your budget is too tight, make a list of all the companies/people you owe money to. Contact each one, explain the situation and ask about any payment holiday schemes they offer.
- If you need extra support, take the step to seek professional advice from a debt advice charity such as Christians Against Poverty – see below for more information.

How paying down debt saves money

Alternatively, the lockdown may have seen you save on costs such as travel, eating lunch out, childcare and school trips. If this is the case, it may be possible to save what you would have normally spent and use it to pay down debt.

If you have savings at the moment, it's likely the interest you earn on them is almost nothing, so all you're doing is keeping the money in the bank and not actually getting anything for it. However, interest will continue to be added to any debts you owe every month, which means that having the debt could be costing you money right now. It makes sense to decrease the amount of debt you have and lower the interest, if you're able to. There's lots of information on how to do this at moneysavingexpert.com.

What is CAP doing now? and in Alton?

CAP is currently running appointments with people in their homes using video calls. We recommend a route out of debt, do all the negotiating with creditors, and manage a debt repayment plan. Local volunteers support each person until the day they are debt free. For more information, see www.capdebthelp.org. If you live in the Alton area or nearby, call 0800 328 0006 to enquire or get help, or speak to Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or email alton@capuk.org.

Church Registers

BENTLEY

15th July 2020	Cremation of Florence Bate
20th July 2020	Internment of Ashes for Yolanda Beckhurst

BINSTED

18th July 2020	Wedding of Luke Ogilvie Thompson and Ursa Mali
30th July 2020	Funeral and Burial of Andrew Plumridge
14th August 2020	Funeral and Burial of Heather Church

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22nd July 2020	Funeral and Burial of Robin Towsey
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BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



With the Coronavirus “lockdown” continuing in one form or another, we have decided to cancel the meetings for September and October. We will provide an update in the October Parish Magazine.

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



THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE (VILLAGE HALL), BINSTED

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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the July & August 2020 draws:

July 2020	August 2020
1 st prize Ron Neil	1 st prize Jean Stephens
2 nd prize Hilary Spicer	2 nd prize Ann Mann
3 rd prize Sam Barrow	3 rd prize Catherine Hadfield

Details of the September 2020 draws will appear in the October magazine.

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

WAYMARKS...

Where was that footpath?

The photograph in the last issue was of footpath 7, a short path, which cuts off a corner if you are walking along the lane at Wyck. Most summers it is nicely mown and a delight to walk. However, there is a rather awkward part at the western end of this path, where it drops down from the grassy field to the lane. There is only about 10 feet or so of descent, but it needs some properly constructed steps, as it can be slippery after rain. A request has now been made to HCC for this work to be done.

Two more Binsted footpaths to identify

Here are a couple more footpaths for you to try and locate.



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What are your rights and duties on Rights of Way?

In the parish of Binsted (and also in Bentley) most of our rights of way are footpaths, but there are also a few bridleways. Both are identified by waymark posts, sometimes with a pointing wooden finger (hence ‘fingerposts’) or sometimes by sturdy short wooden posts with waymark roundels on them. Hampshire County Council footpath roundels are white with a yellow arrow; bridleway roundels are white with a blue arrow.

On all rights of way you have a legal right to pass and repass at any time. You may stop to rest or admire the view, or to consume refreshments, providing you stay on the path and do not cause an obstruction. You can also take with you a ‘natural accompaniment,’ which includes a pram or pushchair.

Footpaths are for **walkers only** (you are NOT permitted to cycle or ride a horse on a footpath). Footpath users are allowed to walk a dog, as long as it is under close control. When walking a dog, you must ensure that it keeps to the public footpath and does not trespass onto nearby land. Footpath users may take a pushchair or pram and wheelchairs are permitted where the surface is appropriate for their use

Bridleways can be used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists. Cyclists are expected to give way to both walkers and horse riders.

Users of footpaths and bridleways must not disturb or harm any wildlife found on a public right of way. They must not drop or leave litter on a public right of way, nor trespass on adjacent land or properties.

Walk of the month: Wyck, Neatham, Hawbridge and Mill Court

It seems to me that not a lot of Binsted people tend to venture ‘out west’, to walk in the portion of the parish which runs right up to the River Wey on the east side of Alton. The most westerly Binsted footpath follows the river past Alton Industrial Estate. The landscape in this part of

the parish is perhaps less striking than further east and there are no hangers to add interest, but there is still pleasant walking here and you will often have the paths to yourself

This walk is around 5.5 miles in length

Binsted to Wyck

Start outside the Wickham Institute and cross the road to enter the graveyard. Pass the church and continue ahead to pick up the path which runs along the right hand hedge. Follow this path past Montgomery’s grave and out of the graveyard, turn right and soon left to cross a large field on a grassy path. This enters woodland and drops down to a small stream, then climbs up to a level path on the far side.

Turn left and follow this path southwards; it soon descends past a small reservoir lake on the left and reaches a junction with a wide byway; turn right here and start climbing the sunken track, but look out for a path on the left, climbing the hanger.* Go left to climb up to the top of the hanger (this can be slippery in wet weather) and then turn left and follow a headland path southwards along the top of the hanger edge.

Note, but do not take, a footpath which drops down the hanger on the left; soon after this point your path trends south west (look for a waymark) and you should continue on this path to climb gently to the top of a slope from which there you can enjoy wide views. The path turns right and joins the end of a marrow metalled road; follow this, past dwellings, as it veers right

and passes a bridleway junction. Continue ahead and look out for a footpath sign on the left; turn left and go half right (this is footpath 7 which featured in the last issue)

Follow the path across the grassy meadow and drop down to the lane opposite a thatched cottage.

Wyck to Neatham

Turn left and follow the lane to a junction; turn right and walk along the lane (with care) for a short distance, then, at a slight bend, enter the field on the right and take the path which runs alongside the lane for the next half mile. Where the lane swings abruptly right, cross it and go straight ahead through a gap in the hedge. The next half mile or so of path takes you in a north westerly direction. Firstly, skirt the eastern side

of Stirvils Copse and then continue ahead on the same line to cross a large field. At the far side you'll find a footbridge over a drainage ditch; cross it and turn right, following the ditch and the, as you near some woodland, swinging left and then turning tight. Enter a copse and keep ahead on a pleasant track which emerges on a narrow lane at Neatham.

Neatham to Mill Court

Turn right and walk along the lane to Hawbridge but bear right before the bridge onto the Holybourne to Binsted road. Take care as you walk up the short steep hill, as traffic sometimes travels quite fast at this spot. Just before the top of the hill, go left into the field on a footpath; this goes across the fields in an

easterly direction and emerges at a sharp corner on a lane; leave the path and walk ahead on the lane, which soon descends and bears left towards the River Wey.

Take a lane on the right and walk up the steep, shaded hill to Mill Court. When you reach a footpath sign on the right, turn off the lane.

Mill Court to Binsted

Follow the path southwards. It soon becomes a headland path and reaches the Holybourne to Binsted road. Cross the road and continue ahead past Malms House on a mixture of headland paths and green lanes. This right of way forms the boundary of the South Down National Park,

which you left (probably without realising it) when you left Wyck; roughly 75% of the parish of Binsted is inside the Park.

About a mile south of Mill Court you will reach the fringes of Wyck. Turn left onto the

byway which leads north east towards Binsted. This is an interesting route; it is an ancient sunken trackway but it is not a designated right of way. On the Ordnance Survey map it is noted as an '*other route with public access*' so you are perfectly free to use it. The track winds in a deep hollow through the fields and drops down to the point designated * earlier in this description, where you climbed the hanger on the outward route.

You now have a choice of routes to return to the Wickham. Either retrace your outward route (past the small reservoir, crossing the small valley and ending in the graveyard) or, if you are feeling intrepid, go straight ahead on the byway. This is very often an exceptionally muddy walk, but, if you successfully manage the first 200-300 metres of deep clag in the valley bottom, the track then climbs away nicely and emerges on the lane between South Hay and Binsted, with only a short portion of road walking left. Your choice!

Familiarisation Walks in the parish

We now hope to start these again in the 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 footpath or bridleway in the parish or nearby.

Where are the footpaths?

Photo 1 shows a very well-used Binsted footpath, 26, which runs from the Street to the Wickham Institute. This shot of the northern end, as it climbs up from the Street, reminds us that footpaths are not always grass - covered!

Photo 2 shows another popular Binsted path, 28, which runs from Hay Place to Wheatley and is a wide gravelled farm road throughout. The shot is looking south and shows the malmstone barn which stands alongside the route.

Ian

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BINSTED'S VERY OWN FESTIVAL!

In July 1987 Binsted held a month long festival and from the Parish magazine of June for that year we can get a flavour of some of the events but I wonder if there are any readers who took part in this and can add to the memories.

“The highlight of the Festival is the Pageant on Saturday July 11th specially written for the occasion by General Sir David Fraser who will also be the narrator. It will be held in the church grounds at 8.30 pm and will portray 500 years of national and international events and there (sic) impact on Binsted Village. All those taking part are Binsted people. The Band of the 1st Battalion the Royal Hampshire Regiment will accompany the pageant on this very special occasion. Another highlight of the festival is a Jazz Concert (The Black Bottom Stompers) in the marquee on the Recreation Field on Thursday 23rd July at 8 pm. Full details of these events and many others i.e. Children's Medaeval Fayre at Binsted School, farm walks, open

gardens, art and craft exhibition, an evening of music, guitar and song in the church, a tennis tournament and cricket match can be found on another page.

The Chairman of the Festival is Mrs Kenneth Binsted, Major Binsted is the Treasurer.

Souvenir programmes at 50p and tickets for the Pageant and Jazz Concert will all be sale at Binsted and Bentley Post Offices, but s.a.e. for tickets should be sent only to Binsted Post Office. Pageant tickets will cost £2.00 for adults and 50p for children. The Jazz Concert tickets are £3.00 and you bring your own picnic supper”

There were also three special services are Binsted Church: a Youth/Parade service on the

afternoon of Sunday 28th June; an evening Songs of Praise on Sunday 19th July; and a Thanksgiving Service with the Bishop of Winchester on the morning of Sunday 26th July.

JUNE WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum 33.3°C (25th) to 13.5°C (6th)
18 days above 20°C and 2 days above 30°C

Nighttime minimum 4.1°C (1st) to 15.8°C (25th)
20 nights below 10°C and 3 nights below 5°C



Rainfall



Total for month 1.41 inches (35.8 mm) over 15 days

Wettest days 0.39 inches (10.0 mm) (18th)



Wind



Dominant wind direction South West

Maximum gust 25 mph (29th)

JULY WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum 35.8°C (31st) to 19.0°C (9th)
6 days above 25°C and 1 day above 30°C

Nighttime minimum 2.6°C (12th) to 14.1°C (26th & 27th)
13 nights below 10°C and 3 nights below 5°C



Rainfall



Total for month 1.00 inches (25.4 mm) over 12 days

Wettest days 0.33 inches (8.4 mm) (25th)



Wind



Dominant wind direction South West

Maximum gust 23 mph (5th)



THANKS FROM NO WEY

By the time you read this article, hopefully the decision to reject the application to build an incinerator close to our villages and our ancient churches will have been rejected and we shall be able to continue breathing the clean air of this beautiful area.

If we have won, we could not have done it without your help. So the NO WEY campaigners wish to thank the many local residents who have assisted us in this fight.

THANK YOU for your donations to the campaign fund, which meant we could employ professional consultants with experience of defeating similar applications.

THANK YOU for sharing our message by word of mouth, email and social media.

THANK YOU for helping to distribute our leaflets over a wide area.

THANK YOU for writing to local MPs and councillors

The NO WEY INCINERATOR action group worked tirelessly throughout lockdown and the gradual easing of restrictions to clearly inform local residents about the facts of incineration. The group consulted professionals to assess the application, built a fact-packed website, wrote and distributed thousands of leaflets, organised weekly mailings, prepared guidance on objections, conducted a media campaign, erected banners in prominent locations, wrote to MPs, councillors and key opinion formers and lobbied friends and neighbours.

We sincerely hope that the threat of an incinerator, which would damage life in the Wey Valley for the next 25 years, has now been overcome and that we can all continue to enjoy and protect our countryside, towns and villages for our children and our grandchildren.

Phyllis Tuckwell Re-opens Shops After Lockdown

After closing all of its shops in March, in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, local Hospice Care charity Phyllis Tuckwell is delighted to announce that it has now re-opened the majority of its shops across its catchment area of West Surrey and North-East Hampshire.

During lockdown, the charity spent a great deal of time preparing for this re-opening, installing screens at tills, planning one-way systems around the shop floors, and putting up signs to remind customers to use the hand sanitiser provided and maintain social distancing.

“It has been wonderful to see customers back in our shops, and lovely to see our regulars again,” said Barry Young, Retail Operations Manager at Phyllis Tuckwell. “We are so grateful to our shoppers for their patience and understanding during this difficult time, and would like to thank them all for the respect they have shown for the safety measures we have introduced.”

With many people using spare time during lockdown to have a clear-out of their cupboards, Phyllis Tuckwell has received many donations since re-opening, and its shops are full of quality second-hand items ready for customers to browse through. From clothes, shoes and accessories, to books, DVDs and games, there’s something for everyone. These donations really are invaluable to the charity, as it seeks to make up income lost during lockdown. The money which these shops raise goes towards helping fund the supportive and end of life

care which the charity offers to local patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer.

14 of Phyllis Tuckwell’s 19 shops are now open, although some are operating on reduced days and hours, so if you’re planning to pop in please check its website for the most up-to-date information: www.pth.org.uk/phyllis-tuckwell-shops/our-high-street-shops.



Hand sanitiser, a one-way system and PPE for staff are just some of the ways Phyllis Tuckwell has prepared for re-opening its shop.

Farmers Viewpoint

It's not all about the weather!

<https://pixabay.com/photos/field-of-rapeseeds-oilseed-rape-474558/>

Well what a scorcher it has been and maybe it still is, these articles are written some way in advance of publication!

THarvest across the area has proceeded very smoothly due to the lack of any appreciable rain. Someone once asked why you can't harvest arable and grass crops when they are wet. In simple terms it is because the grains will germinate in store, heat up, go mouldy get ruined and for grass crops it's pretty much the same except for leave out the germination bit (unless it's a grass seed crop in question) and add in spontaneous combustion.

Just about every arable farmer this year will have crops they wanted removed from the field as quickly as possible ie to erase

the memory of the negative effects of the incredibly wet autumn/winter/spring. So many have said "we just want to get harvest out of the way and move on to next years plantings". Yields generally are down and lots of crops have been left to fend for themselves ie it's not cost effective, when anticipating the yield, to apply fertiliser or chemical treatments. As a result there've been some weed infested crops around this year, in some respects better for pollinator survival but if the weeds go full term and set their seeds, the combine is great at spreading the seeds far and wide to add to next seasons weed control problems.

As if commenting about the wet winter wasn't enough, the prolonged dry period now will make some farmers question when they plant this autumn's crops and some climate-helping cover crops might be in the same decision matrix? Oilseed rape is traditionally sown end of August/early September but with no rain will the seeds germinate – that is the gamble? I mentioned last time that most of the rape harvested around here goes to a big crushing plant in Erith, Kent. Alongside this plant is a vegetable oil bottling factory. Unfortunately there was an explosion at the Erith plant at the end of June. Originally the industry was told the plant would be back up and running by August but now it looks more like the end of the year. I have to say that our source of information was a grain lorry driver – usually they're on the ball with the gossip but just like taxi drivers they can be wrong (but would never admit it)! Currently rape is going on lorries to a big store in Wiltshire and then on to Germany for processing.

Sparing a thought for livestock farmers of whatever type is a must at the moment. I doubt there are many readers who'll be watering their grass at home especially if they are on a meter, possibly you might if not. In the same way as your lawn, grass on the grazed permanent pastureland in the parish mag area had largely burnt to a crisp by mid august. Yields of second cut hay and silage will be massively down and in some cases dairy farmers are already feeding the silage which was made in April/ May and supposed to be for feeding in the

20/21 winter period. Baled straw of all types will be in demand this year to augment what little food is available at pasture and for winter food stocks. Needless to say the supply chain beyond the farm gate doesn't have a good reputation for being upwardly responsive of the need to take account of a producers' increased costs whether it be a massively increased drinking water bill or the cost of buying in animal food from elsewhere and that every other livestock farmer is competing to buy.

Politically, things are looking interesting, a number of parliamentary bills are set to come back to the House after the summer recess eg Agriculture Bill - re-setting the whole farmer subsidy regime; Immigration Bill – big negative impacts likely on how this industry and food processing sources labour including seasonal labour; Environment Bill and the Trade Bill – re-setting border controls, standards of imports and so much more. Amid the huge Government advertising campaign trying to get us ready for 31st December 2020 things are looking very tense indeed, rumours abound of extended transition periods and trading on WTO (World Trade Organisation) terms eg no deal. We live in interesting times as someone once said!

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Binsted Virtual Fete Roundup

As a Fete team we all felt so frustrated by the lockdown which caused the cancellation of normality. We wanted to find a way to bring the community together. From this frustration came the idea for the Virtual Fete. As people were forced to stay at home we thought of a way to give an outlet for all the time spent in peoples gardens and veg patches, all those dog walks and photos snapped. In what would have been Binsted's 112th Fete year it feels good to have broken new ground. We gave some serious thought to what could be achieved and set to work. Scented Roses would have to take a year off, but Rudest vegetable? Yes you are very much welcome!

By the closing date we had 95 Flower and Craft entries, 40 Dog show entries, and 50 beautiful photos entered into the Photography competition. The website just kept getting more and more colourful, it was brilliant.

It was a new experience for all, the entrants, the judges and the organisers. Our only problem for next year might be how to make the Fete as easy to enter - as one Flower show entrant put it - taking photos of your entries whenever they are at their best, is a lot easier than trying to prepare what is in your garden at 5am on Fete Saturday!! The judges were unanimous in their praise of the high quality across the board. I'm just very glad that I didn't have to judge, I would have really struggled to pick who deserved their virtual rosettes.

As a event with community at its heart, it felt great to partner with some local businesses, this enabled us to run the Fete without having to charge anything to enter. Hyped Marketing, based in Farnham, hosted the website. The West End Flower Farm helped by sponsoring the Flower arrangement categories. The Artful Dog Studio in Farnham provided some great prizes for the Dog show. I even had my first ever Radio interview over Skype, a true sign of the times, with Wey Valley Radio.

Thank you to everyone who entered, you made it a fun experience. Hopefully Binsted Fete will return in a more physical form in 2021, either way, there will always be a home for your pets, photos, flowers, craft and of course rude vegetables come rain, shine or lockdown.

All the best to you all,

Matt Arrowsmith

Chair Binsted Fete



Winners:

1. Lockdown through the Lens

Pip Eldridge - Allium Mashup

2. Local Wildlife

Butterfly on Buddleia - Findlay Sinclair

3. Selfie

Janette Palliser - Selfie with the Planets

4. Best of Binsted

Sunrise over Binsted - Jason Lock

5. Sport

Jason Lock - when the courts are closed

6. Dusk till Dawn & Overall Best in Show 2020

Jason Lock - Dawn 'Explosion'



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The latest news and updates can be found on the website, for those who have computers. The news for those not on-line, is that Groups will not start again till after Registration Day, which cannot happen till after the AGM, which had to be cancelled. The Community Centre is reopening gradually, the café is opening on 20th July and will welcome the return of its patrons. If you know of those who do not have the inter-net, OR do not have a village magazine, please spread the word. Group Leaders will be the first to know of changes. We look forward to regrouping.

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3rd Prize Christine Murray

Thank You

We would like to say thank you to everyone for the amazing support we have received since Richard went missing on the 6th of May.

Lots of people have been involved in the search for Richard in many different ways: providing refreshments for the search teams; giving information to the police; sharing appeals on social media as well as bringing us food, flowers, treats and cards. We are very grateful.

The police tell us that such a high level of community engagement is remarkable and has been very helpful. We realise that their presence may

have been disruptive so thank you for being so accommodating.

As many of you will know, we only arrived back in Bentley in November and so have been particularly touched by the warmth and generosity of our local community, many of whom we have not yet met.

With many thanks once again,

Alison, Julia, Charles & Nick Morris

Emma Wadey, new Assistant Clerk for Bentley Parish Council

I am delighted to join Bentley Parish Council as Assistant Clerk, taking over from our wonderful locum Clerk, Joanna at the end of the year. I love having a job that directly relates to the village I feel so much affection for and offers a varied role that village life has to offer.

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Please feel free to contact me when I take over as your permanent Clerk on: emmawadey@bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk

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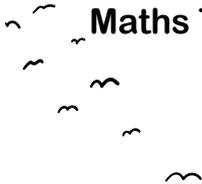
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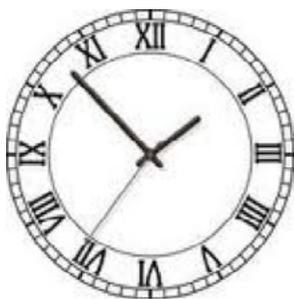


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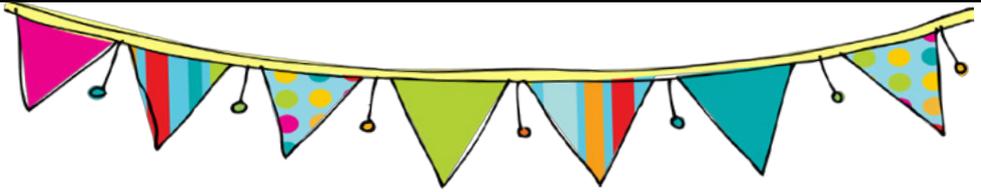
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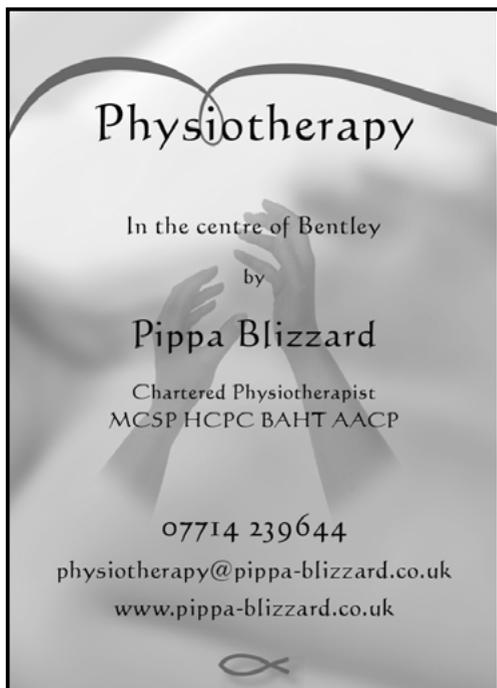


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