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BENTLEY & BINSTED

PARISH MAGAZINE



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Vicar's Letter

Dear All

Easter Day dawned and warm sunshine streamed through the stained glass windows of our churches as some of us in this beautiful area of countryside met in person for the first live services since Christmas. This year it seemed as if the Easter promise of hope and resurrection was truly realised after the months of seclusion and patient waiting. With a roadmap out of lockdown at a time when our villages are bursting with primroses and narcissus and hedges are full of twittering birds busily nest building, the newness of life is all around us.

For those who attend church regularly, the Invitation to Confession, which concludes with the words grant that we may serve you in newness of life, felt more significant than ever because of the challenges we have all faced during the last twelve months. It honestly feels as if we really have been given an opportunity now to renew or at least review our lives.

Many of us have already re-evaluated our work/life balance because of working from home, with some switching to more flexible hours or committing to less commuting in future. Others have embraced the opportunity to spend more time with family members, gaining a closer understanding of their youngsters' schoolwork or developing a new family activity such as painting, nature study, gardening or enjoying the company of a new pet.

Repeated restrictions have also made some of us rethink how much we really need to much change in our daily lives. As long

as we are safe and healthy, we don't need expensive meals out, holidays abroad or long shopping trips for clothes we might only wear occasionally. We have been reminded that what we actually need most is love, in the form of a close community, communication with friends and family, whether real or virtual, and the dedicated support of all those services that have enabled a relatively comfortable life to continue.

We have been very fortunate here in Benbinfro over the past year, for not only do we have the most glorious countryside on our doorsteps, but supportive networks have sprung up to help everyone who has found lockdown a struggle. Our communities have shown that there is real love for our neighbours during this time. They have been dedicated to offering assistance and in developing innovative ideas to divert and entertain, such as Froyle's imaginative Ark project.

We have come so far, we have shown that we can survive difficult circumstances and now we have a chance to show that we can thrive. With Nature demonstrating the newness of life all around us, perhaps we can draw inspiration from this and step forward with hope. And if at any point, our resolve waivers, we can pray for strength through the love of God and by stepping outside to see the apple blossom unfurling, the bluebells thrusting from the earth and the trees all shimmering with a haze of new green leaves.

Yann and the team

YOUTH UPDATE

May 2021

Easter for us as a youth team has brought nothing but good things! Our lent videos were enjoyed by everyone, and the feedback from our Good Friday and Easter Sunday specials have been wonderful. And since then, the Easter bunny delivered Easter eggs to our children and young people, with some lovely responses from some very happy children. We've also been able to meet our young people in person for the first time since Christmas and we've enjoyed a warming fire pit... or 2... with marshmallows! (My coat is still smoky!) It's been delightful to see our teenagers again!

Throughout April, our groups have enjoyed a Domino's Pizza night, watching an episode of Falcon and the Winter Soldier, and simply meeting for a cuppa and a chat. And as a youth team, we have been planning ahead, thinking about our small groups, what discipleship looks like and how best to engage our young people into the family of the church. The idea that simply meeting socially is enough right now is so important, our young people don't need to sit and listen, they need to be heard and have social contact! Being together is just as important as following a course or series.

Also, tools like social media will become a part of our youth work and discipleship, to continue contact throughout the week and to grow the idea that church is not just on Sundays. Social media is the place to hang out, learn, gather information and do life for our younger generations, so why shouldn't we be meeting our young people where they're at?

In other news, sadly, the Satellites youth festival has been cancelled this year, as we expected it might be. So instead of taking our youth away, we are planning some

fun days of food, relaxation and activities, including inviting my old youth worker to give us some teaching input! Exciting! Also, over the same week in the summer we will have a trail or two in our villages exploring the theme of Creation and how we can look after our world. Each stop will have something fun to do as well as a QR code to scan which will take you to a video from me and Sam. More detail for all of these things will come soon!

As we get into September, Youth Alpha will be starting up again and we're really excited to get to know our growing group of young people joining us for the course. Do you know anyone aged 12+ who would be interesting in Youth Alpha? Get in touch!

Finally, however exciting these plans are, we simply cannot do everything without the help of volunteers. Get in touch if you are interested in giving some time to our young people – it's the best job in the world!

Gemma Ball

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and Administrator*
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Worship Team Update



Over the last year things have obviously changed a lot in the way the church holds services. Even though we have just begun to hold in person services again, we haven't been able to have tea, coffee or cake, Children's Church or even communion fully since last March. One of the things I have missed most is that we haven't be able to sing. It has been really weird humming behind a mask and listening to hymns and songs, instead of everyone being able to join in. However, over the last few weeks and months I have had the chance to think about how we return and what we return to in terms of our worship at Bentley. And while I don't know exactly what the 'new normal' is going to be, I am genuinely really excited about what the future holds.

Part of this is a new group we started in April called Axios. Axios means 'worthy' in Greek and so that name helps remind us as a worship team, of the importance of worship, music and singing in all we do. It is a time where we can gather to enjoy each other's company and hopefully learn together as a

team. As restrictions continue to ease, we will also be able to eat together, because what is a church gathering without food!

This will also be a time where we can play music together. Playing together in a band is one of my favourite things to do and it has been such a shame that we haven't been able to do that over the last year. If you have joined any of our online services you will have probably have seen me playing a whole host of instruments by myself so I am really looking forward to having some other people to play with.

Singing and playing an instrument is a fantastic way in which we can connect with each other and that is something I am sure we have all missed. So, if you play an instrument or sing and would like to become a part of the worship team, I would love to have a chat about how you might be able to get involved.

Sam Ball

Pastoral Assistant (Worship)
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Church Register

Froyle

30th March Annie Reiner – Internment of Ashes

FIND US ONLINE



Our churches are now open for services again – see the back page for times and locations. However, we are still providing online alternatives for those who feel more comfortable staying at home.

Sunday morning services are on YouTube at 11am every week.

Our services are also available to listen to via a phone line for those who have little or no internet connection. Just call 01420 552652.

We are still posting short Thought for the Day videos on YouTube at 6:30am Monday to Friday. It's been great to see how popular they continue to be!

Keep an eye out for more exciting online content we are developing in the next few weeks!

The church website is continually updated with any news and updated guidance, along with the links to all our online content, so do have a look or contact the church office if you have any questions.

Subscribe for free to our Youtube channel: BenBinFro Churches
Like and follow us on Facebook: BenBinFro Churches

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Messy Church

ZOOM

You're all invited! Whatever age you are, join us on the 2nd Sunday of the month to get stuck in with crafts, songs and a Bible story.

9th May 2021 at 4:30pm

Meeting ID: 816 5023 6547
Passcode: MessyZoom

We're looking forward to seeing you!



LIVE@5

Sunday 23rd May at 5pm on YouTube

Join us on Zoom at 4:30pm for tea and cake

Meeting ID: 830 1145 2668
Passcode: 739842

 Subscribe to our Youtube channel: BenBinFro Churches

Thankfulness Jars

"My cup is full and running over with thankfulness."

Easter seems a long time ago now, but it was just as the April magazine was distributed that we had our Easter Sunday celebrations. Throughout Lent, we as a benefice, took up Thankfulness Jars as a way to thank God for the good things in our lives, the big and the small, instead of focusing on the negative in the world. By the time we reached Easter, our jars were full of great things. Take a look at the photos!

It may be May, and sometime beyond Easter, but it's not too late to get yourself a jar and to start filling it with good things!

Blessings, *The BenBinFro Team*



"It's a way of counting our blessings!"



Holy Cross Binsted Church

‘Making our church building more welcoming for all’

After a longer than anticipated break, due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Reordering Sub-Committee reconvened in March, via Zoom. The committee has been expanded to include wider views from the parish.

The revised remit of the committee from the PCC is to consider how the church can be equipped to flourish in the years ahead and be more welcoming and hospitable to everyone. Our focus is on how to make provision for the following:

- i) toilets and baby-changing facilities
- ii) full disabled access into the church
- iii) hot water and storage for providing after-service refreshments
- iv) better audio-visual and internet facilities to enable the streaming of services etc to those unable to attend in person.

So far the committee have been considering and focusing on the relative merits of different locations for the toilets and baby changing facilities.

Once the minutes have been seen by the PCC they will be published on the website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) and regular monthly updates in the parish magazine will help us keep our community informed of the progress being made and sharing plans and proposals along the way. Please have a look at the dedicated section on the website and discover what we are doing – you might be able to help us!

The committee members are listed below and we welcome feedback from anyone and everyone on the discussions and plans as they evolve, preferably via email to the address - binstedreordering@benbinfro.co.uk

All feedback will be discussed and considered at the following committee meeting and a response given.

Looking forward to hearing from you

The Reordering sub-committee

- Andrew Hunter Johnston
(Chair of the Reordering sub-committee)
- The Rev Yann Dubreuil (Vicar)
- The Rev Christopher Ogilvie Thompson
(Assistant Priest)
- The churchwardens - Stella Croom-Johnson and Kathy Ogilvie Thompson
- Angela Dunne (PCC Secretary)
- Kay Hunter Johnston (PCC member and Reordering secretary)
- Piers Wilson (PCC member)
- Nick Carter (PCC member)
- Ron Neil
- Helen MacDonald
- Claire Fargeot (Co-opted)
- Ben MacDonald (Co-opted)



School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

In the lead up to Easter Silver Birch have been working really hard back in school. Every child has been in school for most of this half term and we have created some brilliant work. We have focused on Art and making sure that everyone feels confident in expressing themselves in school. Below you can see how every child has contributed to our display in school. This shows the text we have been studying: *Journey To The River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson. Much of our work has been about this wonderful Amazon based text; a tale of adventure in a far flung field, which deals with themes of friendship, family and gender inequality in Edwardian England.



We have written our own versions of the story openings, here is a flavour of our opening lines:

"It was a horrible room. One of the dullest in the college!

Joan was once again being lectured by her teacher. An older master in his mid-seventies; with a pot-belly and large sideburns, which connected to a bristly moustache. When he put on his sleek, shiny suit he looked more like a walrus than ever."

By Harry

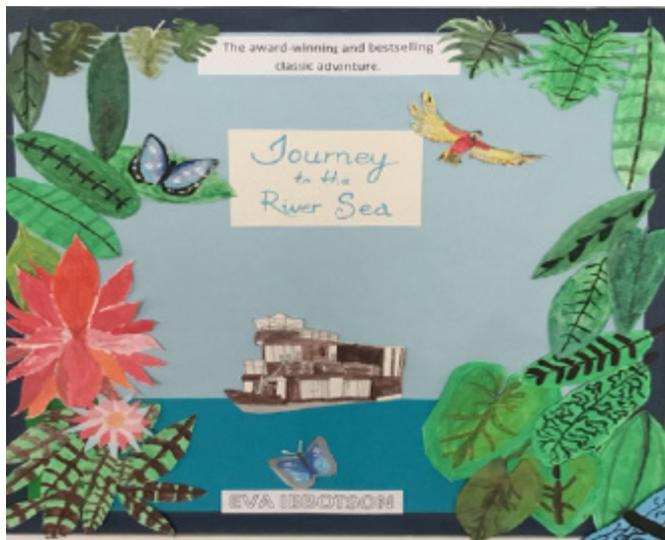
"She loved her home in the Amazon. She loved the freedom. She hoped she would never leave!

Lila lived in a small wooden bungalow by the river. She lived with her Mum, Dad, 8 year old sister, 2 year old brother and a small stray cat (it came in and out as it pleased). Her parents worked as rubber tree farmers."

By Keira



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It has been great being back at school and we are looking forward to enjoying a lovely Easter when we can see more of our friends and family!

THY KINGDOM COME

prayer week

16th – 23rd MAY 2021

- Physical and virtual prayer stations
- Prayer walks
- 24/7 prayer sign up
- Daily zoom prayer meetings
- Everyone is invited!

Visit www.benbinfro.co.uk and click on the 'Thy Kingdom Come 2021' tab for more detail and to see our virtual prayer stations.



The Bentley Flower Show

IS BACK ON

Saturday 17 July

– SAVE THE DATE

For keen gardeners, or lockdown learners, the flower show is a chance to show off your skills. Go for gold and enter your ravishing roses, dazzling dahlias, brilliant beans or luscious lettuces. If you've been baking during lockdown, show us your scrumptious scones and your delicious drizzle cakes. Look out for the schedule giving full details of adults' and childrens' classes online in May (www.bentleyflowershow.org.uk) and get growing, Bentley!



the
Binsted 2021
fete

Saturday 3rd July
Save the Date

Fingers crossed we will be back LIVE on Binsted Recreation Ground to run a safe, family friendly Fete again complete with Flower Show, Dog Show, and a host of activities.



Find more details, and history

Online: www.binstedfete.co.uk

Facebook: Binsted Fete and Flower Show

Email: thebinstedfete@gmail.com

Binsted Fete, Flower, Photography and Dog Show

1-4pm Saturday 3rd July 2021

Join us for 'the Future is Now!' A Day of Family Fun, Games, Competitions and good old Binsted Community Spirit.

So, get growing those flowers and vegetables. Start the brewing, knitting, get the dog groomed and take those marvellous photos.

Find us at www.binstedfete.co.uk for a downloadable copy of the full schedule including description of Cups and Trophies, plus entry form.

Section A: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers and Plants

1. Vegetables, 4 kinds on a tray 24" x 18" for the Gwyther Cup
2. Vegetables, 3 kinds of salad vegetables for the Blacknest Cup
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. Tomatoes, dish of 5, small fruited variety
18. Cucumbers, 2
19. Courgettes, 3 with or without flowers
20. Herbs, bunch of 3 kinds, 9 stems
21. Any vegetable not mentioned above.
22. Children's class: any exhibit from classes 1 to 21 grown and staged by someone aged 16 or under.
23. Novelty class: Ugliest Vegetable
24. Sweet peas, vase of 9 stems of one colour.
25. Sweet peas, vase of 9 stems, mixed colours.
26. Roses, 3 stems large headed type.
27. Roses, 3 stems spray or cluster flowered (Floribunda).
28. Roses, 1 stem of a scented rose (condition is not important)
29. Dahlias, 1 stem
30. Dahlias, vase of 5, one or more varieties.
31. Flower grown from a bulb, 1 stem
32. Flowering shrub
33. Annuals, vase of 5 stems
34. Flowering perennials, 3 or more kinds, 9 stems.
35. Perennial, 1 stem for the Hampden Cup

36. One flowering houseplant (must have been in owners possession for at least 6 months)
37. One foliage houseplant (must have been in owners possession for at least 6 months)
38. Fuchsia, 6 heads
39. Hosta, 5 leaves, cut and presented in a vase
40. Children's class: any exhibit from classes 24 to 39 grown and staged by someone 16 or under.

Section B: Flower Arrangements

This section includes flowers which you can buy rather than grow

41. An arrangement depicting the theme 'The Future Is Now' using flowers, foliage and accessories. No bigger than 60 x60 cm any height. To be displayed in water.
42. A Posy you would give to a loved one. Any colours or materials. No bigger than 40x40cms any height.
43. Miniature arrangement depicting the theme 'The Future Is Now'. No bigger than 10x10cm any height and any container.
44. Children's class: any arrangement of garden flowers by someone 16 or under

Section C: Domestic Produce for the Holcroft Cup

JARS

45. Jar of strawberry jam
46. Jar of any other fruit jam
47. Jar of marmalade
48. Jar of chutney (not pickle)
49. Jar of jelly
50. Jar of curd

BAKES

51. A Victoria sponge
52. Lemon sponge
53. Decorated cake with a "Mythical" theme (only decoration judged)
54. 6 decorated cupcakes with a "Mythical" theme (only decoration judged)
55. Family fruit cake
56. 6 Biscuits (of any variety)
57. 6 Pieces of fudge
58. A fruit tart: no soggy bottom please!
59. 6 cheese scones
60. A loaf of bread

PRODUCE

61. 6 eggs arranged in a basket
62. 1 Bottle of homebrewed alcoholic drink of your choice (opened and stoppered)
63. 1 Bottle of homebrewed Kraft beer
64. 1 Bottle homemade soft drink (opened and stoppered)

Section D: Arts and Crafts for the Chalcroft Cup

- 65. Any hand-knitted or crocheted item
- 66. An item of needlecraft
- 67. A homemade greeting card
- 68. A piece of jewellery
- 69. An item of any other handicraft

Section E: Children’s Competition for the Hampden Junior Cup

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

Under 5 years

- 70. A vegetable model of an animal – template on www.BinstedFete.co.uk website
- 71. A Duplo model of a ‘The Future Is Now’ creature
- 72. Coloured in, or painted Bookmark

5 to 7 years

- 73. A vegetable model of an animal – template on www.BinstedFete.co.uk website
- 74. A Lego model of a ‘The Future Is Now’ creature
- 75. A Miniature garden
- 76. Coloured in, or painted Bookmark
- 77. 25 Things in a match box

8 to 11 years

- 78. A vegetable model of an animal
- 79. A Lego model of a ‘The Future Is Now’ creature
- 80. A Miniature garden
- 81. Coloured in, or painted Bookmark – template on www.BinstedFete.co.uk website
- 82. 35 Things in a match box

12 to 15 years

- 83. A vegetable model of an animal – template on www.BinstedFete.co.uk website
- 84. Coloured in, or painted Bookmark
- 85. 45 Things in a match box

Section F: Photographs

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

- P1: The Future Is Now!
- P2: Best of Binsted
- P3: Generations
- P4: Selfie
- P5: Sport
- P6: From Dusk till’ Dawn
- P7: Lockdown through the lens Part 2&3
- P8: Most liked

Section G: Family Dog Show

- D1: Best puppy
- D2: Best Bitch
- D3: Best Dog
- D4: Best Rescue
- D5: Best Veteran (split into two groups)
7 years to 10 // 11 onwards
- D6: Best local dog
- D7: Best in show (1st/2nd winners of
above classes)

- D8: Child handler 7 years and below
- D9: Child handler 8+
- D10: Waggyist tail
- D11: Musical Sits (obedience!)
- D12 Best catcher
- D13 Dog Jumping! (like show jumping
but with dogs!)

BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+CLUB

The winners for **April** and **May** 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

April 2021

- 1st Prize Cathy Smith
- 2nd Prize Bruce & Lizzie Powell
- 3rd Prize Bruce & Lizzie Powell

May 2021

- 1st Prize Adrian & Linda Job
- 2nd Prize Catherine Bonner
- 3rd Prize Sarah Ward

BINSTED TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB 2021

Latest Information and 2021 Membership



After a long delay because of the coronavirus – I'm delighted to say that the Club opened the tennis court from Monday 29th March and as an outdoor court there are no current restrictions (ie. Singles and doubles from mixed households are both feasible). We are also hoping to kick off Croquet on fine weather Fridays from May 7th.

The Club will accept new members for the membership year commencing 1st June (which will run until 30th April 2022) – and membership fees will remain unchanged (Annual Tennis family membership has been kept the same as in recent years at only £50). The court was refurbished in 2018 and remains in great condition.

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 and emails at the back of this Parish Magazine under Binsted.

Nial Dunne

Chairman, Binsted Tennis and Croquet Club.

THE CURTIS MUSEUM AND ALLEN GALLERY, ALTON

(01420 82802)

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

And on Facebook.

There is a great deal to browse in the Gallery and the Museum, once we are open again. (Hopefully end of May keep an eye on our Website.) In the meantime, Culture on Call contains all sorts of information on the Collections, arts, culture and heritage in Hampshire. cultureoncall.com

Some of the delftware in the allen gallery



At the back is a delft apothecary pill slab hand painted in blue and white with the arms of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries with the motto OPIFER QUE PER ORBEM DICOR set within a banner. The octagonal-shaped slab has two holes to the upper edge to enable this to be hung. These were made in Bristol and London. Pill-slabs or pill-tiles were traditionally thought to have been used to roll out pill ingredients, but the elaborate and decorative nature of these plaques suggests that they were more commonly used for display purposes. Also many seem to have very little damage.



The shield depicts Apollo, associated with healing, holding a bow and arrow above a dragon, a symbol of disease. The crest of a rhinoceros also has medicinal connotations, the powdered horn being used in exotic preparations. The motto refers to Apollo and translates as 'I am the bringer of help throughout the world'.

Thanks to Jane Hurst

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



Covid-19 lockdown restrictions are still in place. The Government’s “Road Map” issued in early February indicated that restrictions are not likely to be removed enough for us to restart our monthly get togethers before 21st June at the earliest. Hopefully, we will be able to meet again by the Autumn. As soon as this is possible, and speakers are booked, we will let you know.

Stay safe. *From all the Committee*

MARCH WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum	24.0°C (30 th) to 6.6°C (5 th) Only 4 days below 10°C, 2 days above 20°C
Nighttime minimum	- 5.3°C (8 th) to 8.7°C (28 th) 13 nights below 0°C



Rainfall



Total for month	1.26 inches (32.0 mm) over 13 days
Wettest days	0.22 inches (5.6 mm) (10 th)



Wind



Dominant wind direction	South West
Maximum gust	35 mph (13 th)

Parish Weatherman

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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

AAs promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the April 2021 draws:

April 2021	
1 st prize	Joan Longhurst
2 nd prize	Mark Weldon
3 rd prize	Mike Nicolle

Details of the May 2021 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

BENTLEY SMALLHOLDINGS AND SHOPS OF LONG AGO *(Part 2)*

Continuing the series of articles written by Walter Sherfield, who lived at Jenkyn Place Cottage that appeared in the Bentley Parish Magazine between 1981 and 1982, we find:

“Going up this lane on the other side of the track near the gate to the Brickfields stood a wooden hut locally known as The Postman’s Hut; so called because in those days after the first post delivery in the morning the postman used this hut until the afternoon mail arrived from Farnham and duly delivered about 3.30 – 4.00. One of the postmen did a bit of ‘snobing’ shoe-mending to while away the time. At Christmas time when a load of mail had to come from Farnham two men pushed it all the way on a hand barrow (like you find on a station platform) and then walk 4 miles back to Farnham.

Continue along the lane and on the left side were the Brickfields [occupied by Broadlands Close today]. There were still some brick ovens visible in those days but probably gone now, and on the right hand side was the main used footpath during the good weather that was a short cut up to church passing by ‘Long Croft’ field wrongly named ‘Babs Field’ where the Council Estate stands; and through Babs Field by Mr and Mrs Pike’s garden on to the church.”

Now we must go back to the footpath and to ‘Alleyn’s Cottages’ between Fox Hall and the Willows (now Pepperstitch). In the middle cottage lived Dave Hayden a man of many

crafts: a ‘rick builder’ (a rick being a hay or corn stack), also a thatcher of stack, house or barn, hay and straw tier. Hay had to be 56lb a truss and straw 36 lb a bundle. Hay and straw and corn merchants bought this to sell to anyone other than farmers who kept hunters or ponies, and there many in this village alone. He was also a good ‘shot’ and went shooting during the season. He kept a pony there in a little stable in the corner of the small paddock and cut the hay in the paddock for the pony’s keep during the winter months. In his later years he used the pony to mow the old Recreation Ground during the cricket season.

Now we return to the village; just around the corner on the other side of the track was a small shop for groceries, tobacco etc. This, However, was one of the First World War army huts of which there were several in the village. Mr Herrington had this shop for many years until ill health forced him to give up; a few more owners followed for the years up to the Second World War. Mr and Mrs Wheatley and family were evacuated from the London bombing and finally took over the shop before taking over the stores.

A few yards along the road and on the site where two new houses now stand were 2 old cottages, the first being occupied by Mr Fred Cox the village 'snob' (that meaning boot and shoe maker) and a good pair he made too. Mainly at that time it was boots;

shoes were a luxury at that time. He also repaired boots and sold leather, 'studs' and toe and heel tips for the working men's boots. In later years he took up cycle repairs and all parts for cycles could be obtained there. He had a wooden leg. What happened to him I cannot recall, but he would be snobbing in one room and if anyone called for cycle parts he soon fixed his wooden leg n by a wide strap over his shoulder and away for the part needed. He was also a great church choir man singing 'alto' and what a voice he had! He was able to ride a fixed wheel bicycle too, and in later years he learnt to drive on of the 'Model T' Fords. But again the years and old age took their toll and so came an end to the 'village snob'.

(to be continued)



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Trees and climate change

The increasing concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has the same effect as greenhouse glass. Infrared heat radiated by the sun reaches the earth and warms it up even on a cloudy day. This heat is radiated back up into the air but at lower frequencies that do not pass through the CO₂-enriched atmosphere so readily, resulting in a steady build-up of energy at the surface. The result has been to jolt the delicate balance of climate around the world. One obvious effect of this has been the dramatic loss of ice in the Arctic and Antarctic. Whatever we do, it is too late to avoid large areas of inhabited land going under water.

Trees help mitigate these changes, and planting more trees – many more trees – will help reverse the trend. Forestry Research has recently published a set of factsheets outlining these advantages. They show that growing more trees will generally reduce

climate change, particularly in the longer term. It will also help reduce the impact of global warming by providing shade, shelter, and protection against flooding and erosion, and is also key to providing diverse habitats for wildlife.

About half the dry weight of trees is carbon accumulated from the CO₂ taken in during photosynthesis, so when trees grow they remove CO₂ from the atmosphere. Think about it; all trees start out as seeds or nuts. The towering mass they grow into has come solely from water in the ground and carbon dioxide in the air.

Forests reflect less solar radiation than crops and grassland. In snowy climates the effect of forests in reducing reflection can be large. Forests have rougher and taller canopies than short vegetation, so forests allow more heat loss into the air and more evaporation. Forests have deeper rooting so can take

up more water from the soil and evaporate more than shorter vegetation, particularly in dry weather. These physical effects on energy exchange mean that trees and forests cool the climate.

Many parts of the UK are periodically affected by flooding and the frequency of floods is expected to increase as the climate changes. Trees, which have tall and well-ventilated canopies, can significantly reduce the volume of flood water by evaporating more rainfall than other types of vegetation. Evaporation reduces the amount of storm rainfall reaching the forest floor and results in drier soils that can store more of this water below ground. Soils under established forests and woods can readily accept heavy rainfall due to their undisturbed but porous condition.

More biodiverse woodlands are better able to resist or adapt to threats, such as climate change. Our native species are particularly diverse which has enabled them to respond and adapt to fluctuations in climate and their environment. Biodiversity is a term that can be applied not only to the genes within a species but also the species in a community. In this sense the gardens in your neighbourhood can be considered to be a community.

So when you are making that all-important decision to plant more trees to save the planet, go native!

Look out for the Local Authority Treescapes Fund (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-authority-treescapes-fund>) launched by the Forestry Commission. This covers capital funding including planned natural regeneration and three years maintenance.

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We would like to invite you to join us for coffee and cake and a catch up at Bentley Memorial Hall

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BOOK REVIEWS

Author of the month: F.F.Bruce

Frederick Fyvie Bruce was for many years Professor of Biblical Criticism in the University of Manchester. He was described as probably the greatest living New Testament scholar in Britain and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

Bruce wrote some 50 books. He expressed himself with superb clarity for the benefit of a wide public. His work aims to help readers understand the Bible better. It is a delight to read.

Books of the month (at the time of writing, very good or good copies are available from www.bookfinder.com at the prices shown, including postage and packing):

“The Hard Sayings of Jesus”, Hodder, 1998, paperback, 272 pages, £2.89.

F.F.Bruce set out to identify seventy of the most difficult sayings of Jesus, and then shed a flood of light on them. The book had an immediate and lasting appeal. It has been an eye-opener to many thousands of people, and continues to be very valuable.

Many people today meet Jesus, not in Galilee and Judaea but in the record of the four gospels. They become aware of his powerful and attractive personality, and enter into the same experience as those who made a positive response to him when he was on earth.

One reason why some of Jesus’s sayings were described as hard was that he made his hearers think. Today, for us, the hardness of

those sayings is all the greater because we live in a different culture from the one in which they were uttered.

For F.F.Bruce, writing the explanation of Jesus’s sayings proved specially rewarding. Many of those who read his explanation think so too!

“Paul: Apostle of the Free Spirit”, Paternoster Press, 1981, paperback, 491 pages, £4.20.

It has been said that the writings of the Apostle Paul were the area of the New Testament where F.F.Bruce found himself most at home. This 20th-century classic book summed up Bruce’s understanding of the Apostle. It places the thoughts expressed in Paul’s letters in the context of his career and the world in which he lived. The emphasis on freedom was something Bruce liked!

F.F.Bruce wrote that his purpose in writing this book “is to share with others something of the rich reward which I myself have reaped from the study of Paul”.

OVER 5,000 OBJECTIONS TO ALTON INCINERATOR



The No Wey Incinerator campaign resulted in a total of over 5,000 objections to Veolia’s controversial planning application for an enormous incinerator on the A31 near Alton.

No Wey spokesman Charles Zorab said, ‘This impressive figure represents the 3,277 submitted in the first round of public consultation, plus a further 1,866 from the second round to date.

‘It is most encouraging to see the strength of opposition to this proposal, with further objections from the South Downs National Park, CPRE and many councillors and our local MPs.

‘A date for the Regulatory Committee to consider this planning application is yet to be set. Meetings are suspended for the next two months pending local council elections so the committee will not reconvene, with a new structure, until mid-June at the earliest. We hope that members of the newly established committee will give full consideration to the powerful arguments against the application presented by public and statutory objectors alike and come to the conclusion that Hampshire has no need for a fourth incinerator.’

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

WAYMARKS...

Alton Walking Festival

As the deadline for this piece arrived, the Alton Town Council booking site for the Walking and Cycling Festival 2021 had just gone live. There is a full programme of over 50 walks of lengths varying from 2-3 miles up to 26 miles, with a great many of medium distance. In other words, something to suit everyone!

Writing so far in advance of this newsletter's publication, it is impossible to be topical, but I'm certainly hoping that the Festival will be a great success, with many happy and well satisfied groups of walkers and some lovely May weather!

Walk Alton newsletter

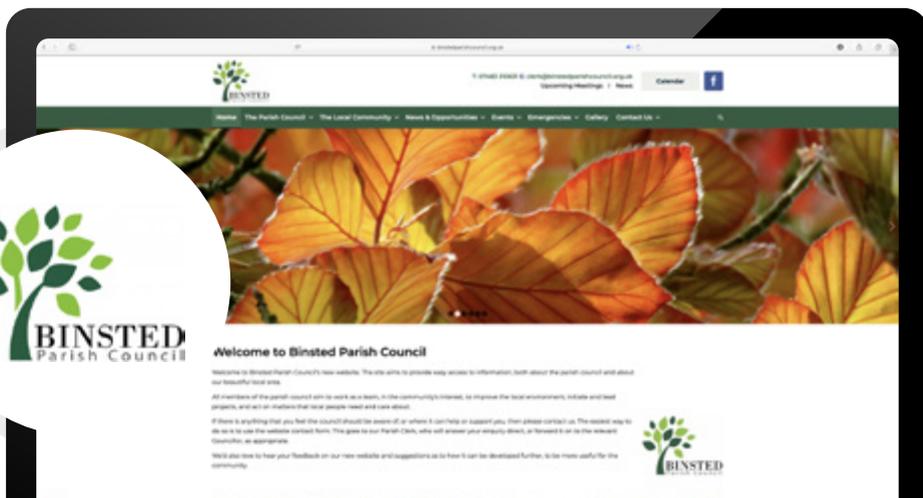
Some of you may wish to subscribe to the new Walk Alton newsletter, which was launched on April 1st. Walk Alton was originally launched to gain Walkers Are Welcome status for Alton (successfully achieved in 2019), and wanted to know what else local people wanted from us. WA sent out a survey in February and well over 200 people responded, which was very encouraging. The newsletter will be issued monthly to those who subscribe (ie, make an electronic request to receive it; of course it's free and subscribers can change their mind at any time)

To subscribe, go to: <http://eepurl.com/htTBiD>

Please report problems or concerns on the paths and bridleways

One or two Binsted residents already send in messages about problems they have found when out walking in the parish. Please feel free to contact the Parish Clerk, tell any member of the Rights of Way Group or send Ian a text message directly (07766 174275) We will investigate as soon as possible!

Apologies for the shortness of the Waymarks piece this month...hopefully there will be much more next time, as Covid restrictions ease further and the Walking Festival gets underway.



News from Binsted Parish Council

Binsted Parish Council's new website is now up and running!

Binsted Parish Council is delighted to announce that its revamped website - www.binstedparishcouncil.org.uk - recently went live.

The new navigation and accessibility features will hopefully make the website much easier for everyone to use. There's also now a calendar function, making it easier to keep track of dates of meetings and sports fixtures, and to add them to your Google or i-cal diaries.

Information about the local community, such as the history of the parish, as well as more practical information, such as a directory of local shops, has been updated and re-written. Links to services provided by other authorities are also now included, to make it easier to report problems such as potholes and footpath problems, and find local traffic information.

Best of all, thanks to the talent and generosity of our many great local photographers, we've been able to include a gallery of some wonderful photographs. We hope you'll enjoy the new site and find it useful - for yourself and as a resource for anyone moving into the parish.

Karen Ray is our contact point for managing the website. So please let Karen know if you spot any broken links that need fixing or have ideas to

improve the website further. Karen's email is depclerk@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk.

Act now if you want to apply for a community grant

The Parish Council is empowered to make small grants to local organisations for activities which benefit people living in the Parish. Grants are awarded annually, to organisations judged to contribute to the whole community. Community Associations, cultural, educational, sporting, leisure and local branches of charitable organisations are eligible.

Applications need to reach the Deputy Clerk by 1 May 2021. You can find full details and the application form at [Parish Council Grants - Binsted Parish Council](#)

Join the Parish Councils' Annual General Meeting on 4 May.

The Parish Council's Annual General meeting will be held by Zoom at 19:30 on 4 May.

Please contact Sue Hodder, at clerk@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk, to obtain the Zoom login.

Scouts



2nd Bentley Rotherfield, Hampshire

The Scouts are back to Face-to-Face activities and have been making the most of the lighter evenings with lots of outdoors activities. At the end of the Spring term the cub team awarded several Beavers and Cubs with their Chief Scouts Bronze and Silver Awards. This is the highest award a beaver/cub can achieve and is especially fantastic that they were awarded their badges as it has been a tricky year. To receive the awards, they are required to fulfil a series of challenges and activities, across our programme. We are very proud of them all. We hope in the next issue we will be able to report on the latest activities and the possibility of summer camps!

The group are in the final stages of agreeing a lease with the Parish Council for the future 15 years. The previous 2 terms of lease were on a more casual arrangement and now the Parish Council have invested in creating a more commercial/legal arrangement which should protect all parties. This will enable us to continue Scouting in the village into the future.

The Pavilion has been our home since it was built at the beginning of the 1970s and has seen very many young people and adults grow through the sections. Several of our leaders and trustees were once Scouts at 2nd Bentley themselves and others got involved when their children joined... and stayed! We are always looking for new adult helpers and are keen to hear from you if you are able to join us in any capacity.

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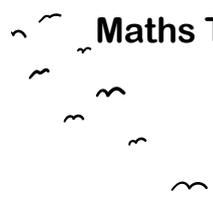
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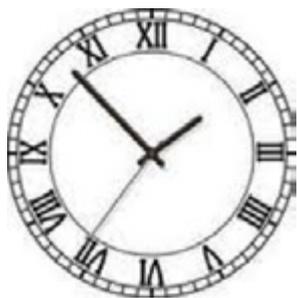
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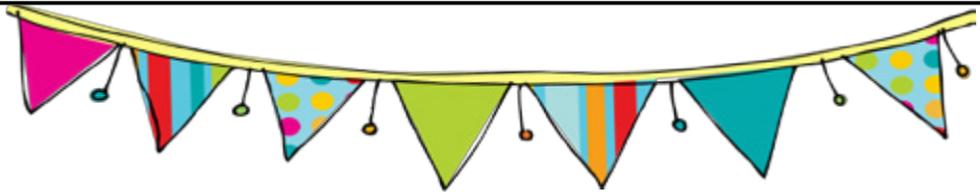
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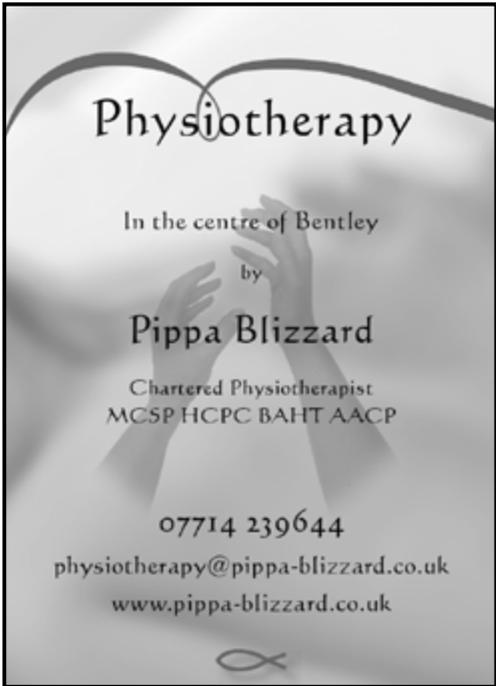
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