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Vicar's Letter

Dear All

At the time of writing this, the freedom from the restrictions we have all had to live with since just after Christmas is tantalisingly close. All non-essential shops have reopened and pubs and coffee shops have returned to serving customers at outside tables, where many of us have been enjoying a degree of social activity, albeit with winter coats and even hot water bottles and blankets during an unseasonably cold Spring.

But what are we really hoping for with this new freedom? Are we desperate to fly abroad for sun and sea, longing for restaurants to reopen so we can have expensive three-course dinners? Are we planning theatre tickets, nights at the opera or sporting events? Or are we just longing for the simplest of pleasures, such as making spur of the moment arrangements to see friends, to pop round to visit elderly relatives or a reunion with other family members.

We suspect that the latter will be highest on most lists. What we've really missed is the freedom to spontaneously meet, to hug and to love our families. None of us ever expected in a life of peacetime to be separated so long from those dearest to us. None of us ever thought we would be unable to celebrate life-changing events that produce long-lasting memories. None of us ever imagined that we would be unable to hold hands with those close to us when saying a final farewell to a loved one.

It is been so very hard for so many and yet perhaps some good has come out of this challenging time. Maybe so-called bucket lists will no longer be comprised of exotic activities such as swimming with sharks, bungee jumping and parachuting, along with the ambition to finally write that novel. Wouldn't it be enough just to compile a list of things we should all do or should have already done? Fulfilling promises to thank those who have helped us, contacting distant family members and friends we haven't spoke to in ages, basically taking steps to show them we care?

We never lost our freedom completely, despite the curbs on our liberty – true freedom is established in our hearts, our minds, our spirit. As it says in 2 Corinthians 3:17, 'Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.'

Let's use our new freedom wisely, whether we are anxious to join the throngs in pub gardens or simply to meet friends on a windswept beach and plan village summer fetes. And let us hope we can value this freedom having tasted its lack.

Yann and the team

YOUTH UPDATE

It's been a challenging time in youth work through the last few months, but the word 'June' starts to spark some excitement as the restrictions are being lifted on the 21st (though not confirmed at the time of writing!) Contending with flow tests, zoom and face masks has been tough but we are coming out the other side with some very exciting events and plans to look forward to.

In May, our young people (including me!) took on the challenge of the Big Sleep Out to raise money and awareness for Trinity Winchester who support hundreds of people, practically and emotionally, who are experiencing homelessness each year. Please see the separate article further on in the magazine for more detail and our current total. It may be too late to sponsor us now, but Trinity Winchester are always appreciative of any donations through the year. Please see the donation link at the bottom.

Looking towards the summer, we are really looking forward to a few days of activities and fun as we are sadly no longer going to YouthScape's Satellites festival. Instead, we have put together a timetable of exciting activities - challenging ourselves at GoApe, taking a trip to Nando's and the cinema, and having a relaxing garden party and picnic. We have also invited my old youth worker to provide some teaching for us around his own faith story which will be interesting and will help us all learn more about Jesus.

For our younger church family members in the summer, we're also putting together a trail or 2 throughout Bentley and Binsted which will focus on God's creation of our world and how we can look after it. Take a look at the poster in the magazine and keep your eye out for more information coming soon!

I've also really enjoyed getting to know the Year 6 class in Bentley school through our new Youth club at lunchtime. So far, we've played some very silly games including 'What if?' Writing what if questions and plausible answers on separate pieces of paper, then mixing up the questions and answers to get combinations like, "what if all the food in the world was free?" – "I'd eat dog food!" Very silly but very fun, and I'm looking forward to getting to know that group better as the weeks go on.

There are so many more plans other than this, including monthly online assembly videos, evening youth groups for the younger youth in the area and Youth Alpha starting in September.

We have so much going on which simply wouldn't be possible without volunteers. Get in touch if you'd like to get involved in such an exciting and rewarding role!

Gemma Ball

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Trinity Winchester Donation Link:

<https://trinitywinchester.org.uk/donate-now/>

Holy Cross Binsted *Reordering Update*

The Reordering Committee held one meeting in April, on the 26th. In this meeting we concentrated entirely on various proposals for the new toilet and baby changing facilities, with discussions of the pros and cons of each option. Following these discussions, we will be inviting the Diocesan Advisory Committee to visit the church and discuss the various options with some of the Reordering Committee and the church architect. The Diocesan Advisory Committee will then be invited to provide input and advice to help us find the best solution.

There is already a reordering section on the BenBinFro website www.benbinfro.co.uk/our-churches/binsted/binsted-church-reordering-project/ and the formally approved minutes of all meetings will be uploaded to that area.

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 received will be considered and discussed at our next meeting and a response given.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

The Reordering sub-committee

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

Church Register

Bentley

24th April 2021 Wedding of Claire Joy and Mark Trevail

Binsted

23rd April 2021 Funeral and burial of Trevor Davis

24th April 2021 Wedding of Sophie Carmichael and James Thomson

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
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CREATION TRAILS

TRAILS

"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!" - Genesis 1:31

MORE DETAIL COMING SOON!

Stop off around our villages to learn about God's creation, the world we live in, and how we can look after it.



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.

13th June 2021 at 4:30pm

Meeting ID: 816 5023 6547

Passcode: MessyZoom

We're looking forward to seeing you!



LIVE@5

Sunday 27th June 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

ST MARY'S, BENTLEY &
HOLY CROSS BINSTED



CAN YOU HELP?

As we look forward to further relaxations of the coronavirus restrictions, we hope to be able to hold in-person services in full in the near future. For every service, many people are involved and play an important role in welcoming people into our buildings and helping them worship and meet with God. In the next few months, we will see a return of our volunteer welcomers, readers, intercessors and those assisting the smooth running of the service (for example - helping set up the communion table, putting out the candles, handing service cards or books out.)

The duties and time commitments are not that onerous and training can be provided where appropriate.

Likewise, we would also really welcome offers to help at weddings and in Binsted - we are looking for more people to join our 'Church Cleaning Team'.

If you would like to find out more information or join our teams, please do speak with one of the Churchwardens or contact them via the details at the front of the magazine.



School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

Maisie, Year 2



Xanthe, Year 2

George, Year 3





School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

Eden, Year 3



Henry, Year 2

Emily, Year 2



AI TECHNOLOGY HELPING CHILDREN WITH READING DIFFICULTIES

You may have spotted Bentley CE Primary on BBC's The One Show on Monday 26th April. The feature, presented by poet and author Benjamin Zephaniah, focussed on how recognising reading difficulties in children at an early age can be vital to their education. Mr Zephaniah talked of his own struggles at school when his dyslexia went undiagnosed. Bentley was chosen to be on the programme because they are using an innovative new technology to assist teachers to support children with reading difficulties.

The technology, developed by Lexplore, offers a valuable insight into the complex cognitive and linguistic processes behind reading by tracking the eye movements of children when they read. This gives a unique insight into the way a child reads, where they struggle or indeed, which aspects they find easy. This data allows teachers to plan support or stretch in reading accordingly. It is great to have a diagnostic tool which is giving us an insight into 'silent reading'. Many children get stuck in areas of reading, for example with aspects of decoding, fluency, comprehension or even particular phonetic sounds. It is a complex area and staff at the school can now see what strengths and development areas for each individual child.

Mrs Pinchess, Headteacher, says "Many children struggle with reading and Lexplore enables our trained staff to identify even the most well-hidden issues. It aids what we already do in school to support both emerging and fluent readers in their further development."

This technology has been purchased for the school using our budget to support children with Special Educational Needs. After the significant disruptions due to Covid how we use teachers and Learning Support Assistants expertise is vital. Lexplore is a tool which allows the teaching staff to analyse the data and gives them the time to spend face to face with the children. AI technology is certainly no replacement for people skills but is helping us to use our limited resources really effectively.

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<https://youtu.be/4pocWBb2j-M>

<https://www.lexplore.com/gb/>



GARDEN OPENING FOR NGS

Sunday 27th June, 2021
11am – 5pm

BINSTED PLACE, BINSTED, GU34 4PQ

Teas • Plant sales • Disabled access
Dogs on leads welcome

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 the
June draw of the
Bentley Memorial 100+
Club are below

Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley
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Congratulations to the Winners

June 2021

1st Prize	Penny Robinson
2nd Prize	Penny Robinson
3rd Prize	Bruce & Lizzie Powell



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

CURTIS MUSEUM & ALLEN GALLERY, ALTON

(01420 82802)

NEW OPENING TIMES

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 28th, 29th, 30th May; 1st - 6th June (Half-term)

Thereafter every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Curtis 10am – 4pm. Allen 10.30 – 3.30pm

Please see our websites to book your visit

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

and observe the Government's current health and safety advice while visiting.

We are delighted to announce the (delayed) opening of our

Open Art Exhibition 2021



Showcasing the best of local amateur and professional artists' work, this exhibition displays a fantastic range of artworks in a variety of mediums. Visitors are invited to vote for their favourite in the Peoples' Choice Award. Proudly sponsored by Alternative Packing Solutions.

ALLEN GALLERY 28th May to 27th June

Volunteering opportunities available.

Looking for an interesting volunteering role with a small friendly team? We have Weekend Welcome Volunteer roles at both the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery available from 28th May. This public-facing opportunity is key to caring for Hampshire's heritage and making it accessible through your

community museum/gallery. As a Welcome Volunteer you'll provide our visitors with a warm welcome and ensure they have a great experience. We are particularly looking for people who are able to volunteer at weekends.

If you are interested please email alton.museums@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

or visit

<https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/volunteer-opportunities>

(our role is the last one on the third page).

We look forward to hearing from you!

IT'S NOT GONE AWAY – YET!



It's been a long haul, but the fight is not yet over. While we would all have liked a successful early resolution to the Veolia incinerator application, Hampshire County Council committee meetings have been suspended because of the local elections.

Meanwhile, your No Wey Incinerator team has been contacting all Hampshire council candidates to make sure they are aware of the deep concern over the county's recycling problem and reliance on incineration. The earliest the Regulatory Committee could meet to consider the Veolia application for the incinerator in the Wey Valley is June, but July is more likely.

Once we know the composition of the new Regulatory Committee, we shall ensure all members are fully aware of the weight of opposition and the implications of this damaging development.

We shall make sure you are fully informed of any further developments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Wickham Institute, Binsted - Registered Charity No. 1090864



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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the May 2021 draws:

May 2021	
1 st prize	John Hayman
2 nd prize	Pam Smith
3 rd prize	Claire Fargeot

Details of the June 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



Walnuts..not just for Christmas

Walnut trees are relatively common around here. There are two on Binsted Recreation Ground. There are two more in Birdworld, to the left of the rhea enclosure. There are many others if you look around. The nuts are an obvious clue, although, straight off the tree, they have a green outer skin, not unlike that around a conker. But that is where the similarity ends. Both trees are immigrants, but the walnut was introduced by the Romans, whereas horse chestnuts only arrived here 400 years ago.

The scientific name *Juglans regia* is derived from the Romans' name for it – *Jovis glans* – literally 'Jupiter's nut'. Walnut, on the other hand, comes from the Old English *wealhnutu*, meaning, appropriately enough, 'foreign nut'.

The leaves have between 5 and 9 pairs of oval leaflets and one at the end. They have a strong smell akin to shoe polish. This is due to a chemical called juglone, which is toxic to nearby plants and repulsive to insects. This probably explains the bald patch beneath the tree on Binsted rec. It is even said that horses would be tethered to walnut trees to shield them from biting insects, and that this gave rise to a large number of coaching inns being named The Walnut Tree.

Each tree will bear both male and female flowers before the leaves appear. The green fleshy fruit that results from pollination can be harvested for pickling in July, or left on the tree for the nut inside to mature around October. Along

with perceived medicinal benefits, this led to walnuts being an essential nutritional element in medieval times.

Despite its long time in residence it is not nearly as widespread as more recent arrivals such as horse chestnuts and sycamore. Unfortunately the most sought-after part of the tree, for making the most beautiful furniture, is the lowest part of the trunk, for which the tree must be uprooted. Walnut also yields the finest timber for crafting gun stocks. The wars of the nineteenth century greatly reduced the number of trees in this country and greatly increased the price of its timber until a single tree could be worth £49,000 in today's money.

Nowadays it is unusual to find orchards of more than 30 specimens. Despite the 'antisocial' nature of juglone there is surely

a case for supporting the reintroduction of this old friend. If you fancy growing one (or more) the easy way is to buy a walnut whip (that's got a certain ring to it, hasn't it?) that is a young tree some 1 to 1.5 metres tall, that will set you back around £70. Alternatively, you can grow your own from freshly gathered nuts, from which all the green fibrous husk has been removed. These are sown 3cm (1¼in) deep in pots, containing well-drained soil or gritty compost. In the following August, seedlings should be ready to T bud using fresh wood, or whip grafts may be made later in the year. At this point you will need the owner's permission.

If you want to know how to T bud, search, for instance, on the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) website. You can see now why the ready-made articles can cost £70.

Keen history student hoping for help

My son is studying history at A-level and has a keen interest in the subject. To support his interest he and I have taken up **metal detecting**. We're hoping to find a little land locally to search, anything from a few acres upwards. We are happy to help out in return with small chores or simple tasks such as helping to remove ragwort from paddocks or trips to the shops. Alternatively, we are willing to make a small payment or donate money to a charity of your choice. If you are interested to find out what history may lie beneath your feet and would be happy for us to spend the day trying to find out, please get in contact:

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BENTLEY SMALLHOLDINGS AND SHOPS OF LONG AGO *(Part 3)*

The third in 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 about Bentley of yester-year:

"Next we come to the village Blacksmith who lived around the corner in the Red Lion yard, Mr Jack Hounsham. He was a strong and burly man, and all his strength must have been needed in handling those heavy horses at that time. The Forge was over in the over corner of the yard and was always very busy as all the farms had heavy horses, Shires and Clydesdales, to work the land long before any tractors came into being. Most came to the Forge for shoeing. (Some estates did have a blacksmith to do the shoeing and agricultural repairs; Jim Murray was at the Blacksmith's shop at Crocks Farm for all the Eggar farms). Many people had Hunters and children's ponies as well as carriage horses. And then there was the annual arrival of the Gypsies and Travellers for the hop-picking. This brought in as many as a hundred horses and ponies and most would want the blacksmith to find shoes for their horses before going on the road again. Some would try to get Mr Hounsham to shoe their horses and say 'I'll pay after the hop-picking sir'. But not for him! 'No pay, no shoes' would be his reply. 'Alright Sir, here's the money'.

Farm implements also came in for repair, such as harrows, cultivators and ploughs. Some work required an extra couple of men, so this was usually done in the evenings when the men had finished their own jobs. They had

to have blacksmith's experience. The work was done by heating in the Forge fire and welding together by means of striking with heavy hammers. This I know was hard work in those days; now of course, it is gas or electric welding

which does not amount to hard work. After many years of this hard work Jack Hounsham retired. The Forge was later taken over by Charlie Baigent, an ex-army farrier from Aldershot. Shoeing was his main job as he was more accustomed to horses. The job of a blacksmith requires knowledge of all other aspects of farm machinery and implements. After his retirement came Billy Stagg who is now the village blacksmith.

Almost next door we have the main village shop; over the main door was this sign: "THE MID-HANTS SUPPLY STORES: also at Alresford and Swanmoor". Mr and Mrs Porter lived above the shop and also had an adjoining room reached by a door in the shop. A Mr Tomsett also worked behind

the grocery counter; he lived at Grafton Cottage. The Post Office at that time was at the far end of the shop. The main items obtained here were bread from the shop bakery and grocery. On the drapery side only some cloth lengths and smaller items such as cotton and lace and handkerchiefs were obtainable. Some hardware and oil were also sold here, to get boots and other clothing it was a four mile walk into Farnham and a four mile walk back. No buses came to Bentley before the 1914 war. This shop changed hands over many time and is now a large shop for the village, taken over by Mr and Mrs E Wheatley during the Second World War and now includes a butchery department inside the shop."

(to be continued)

SATURDAY CAFÉ

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

Every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.30pm
Starting on Saturday June 26th 2021...

We look forward to seeing you.
We have missed you.

Everybody welcome...



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.

April was a strange month, with frosts almost every night and only 3 days of rain/snow! Let's hope that May will bring warmer weather and some rain to help things start growing in earnest (although it has not started well with high winds in the first few days).

Do keep an eye open for details of the village Flower Shows in July, details of which are in the Parish Magazine and on Facebook.

Stay safe.

From all the Committee.

APRIL WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum 18.9°C (23rd) to 6.2°C (7th)
Only 6 days below 10°C

Nighttime minimum -5.8°C (13th) to 4.2°C (1st)
23 of the 30 nights below 0°C



Rainfall



Total for month 0.35 inches (8.0 mm) over only 4 days

Wettest days 0.28 inches (7.2 mm) (28th)



Wind



Dominant wind direction East North East

Maximum gust 21 mph (5th)

Parish Weatherman

BOOK REVIEWS

Author of the month: Henri Nouwen

Henri Nouwen was a Dutch-born Catholic priest. He had a highly acclaimed academic career at both Yale Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School. He went on to work with people with learning disabilities at one of the L'Arche communities in Toronto, Canada.

Nouwen wrote some 40 books. They have sold over 7 million copies worldwide and have been published in more than 30 languages. They are enjoyed by Catholics, Protestants and those who would describe themselves as neither. One of his most popular books is “The Return of the Prodigal Son”.

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

“Following Jesus”, SPCK, 2019, hardback, 140 pages, £5.76.

At one of the lowest points in his life, Henri Nouwen gave a series of lectures on the importance of following Jesus in an age of anxiety. Drawing on these talks, Nouwen writes eloquently about calling and purpose, fear and hope. He explains why the greatest reward for those looking for spiritual direction is rediscovering Jesus' teaching on love.

The six chapters move the reader from the invitation “Come and See” to the promise in the climax “I Will Be with You Always”. Along the way, we encounter the call “Come Follow Me”, the challenge “Love Your Enemies”, the cost “Take Up Your Cross” and the reward “My Joy Will Be Yours”.

“Bread For The Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith”, HarperOne, 1997, paperback, 393 pages, £3.91.

This book contains short readings for every day of the year. From 1 January (“Expecting A Surprise”) to 31 December (“God’s Imagination”) we read about “God’s Unconditional Love”, “True Hospitality”, and “The Dignity To Give and Receive”.

We meet “Love Will Remain”, “Being Like Jesus”, “Overcoming Our Mood Swings”, and “Taking the Sting out of Death”.

We are likely to be encouraged by “Keeping Close to the Word of Jesus”, empowered by “The Companion of Our Souls”, intrigued by the thought of “Waiting to Be Lifted Up with Christ”, and grateful for “God’s Imagination”.

On Friday 14th May, the BenBinFro youth group spent the night in makeshift cardboard shelters to raise money and awareness for Trinity Winchester who support those who are experiencing homelessness.



We had a great time building the shelters as you can see in the photos – we had two ‘villages’ as they were lovingly named. We made them as strong and as waterproof as we could with the materials that were donated, and we had been collecting, to help us out. The boxes were cosy(!) and surprisingly warm, but rather uncomfortable.

There was a BBQ for dinner, followed by mug cakes for pudding and a sing-song round the fire pit! Singing worship songs and a lot of Disney...

The whole evening was dry and mild and eventually we all decided it was time to crawl into our shelters and get some sleep for the night. The rain started at 3:30am which woke half of us up – it sounded a lot worse than it actually was! But come the morning, the youth group were dry and sound asleep.

It was a challenge, but it gave us a real insight into what it must be like to not have a bed, or a roof over our heads. We were lucky that we had a BBQ, entertainment, toilets and a place to charge our phones, even having pillows and enough blankets to keep us warm reminded us of the things we take for granted.

We are so grateful for all the support we were given over the last few weeks leading up to the Sleep Out! For the cardboard boxes, waterproof sheets and especially the sponsorship which is going to such a great cause. **Our current total, as I write this, is £2145!** An incredible amount which will help a lot of people in need. It may be too late to sponsor us now, but please consider donating to Trinity Winchester directly to support their amazing work.

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Thanks!

BenBinFro Youth



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WAYMARKS...

Alton Walking Festival

As the deadline for this piece arrived, the Walking Festival 2021 had started, the first walk, of 20 miles, being to the next nearest Walkers are Welcome town, Overton. I'll be able to give an overview of the Festival in next month's Waymarks

Walk Alton newsletter

The Walk Alton newsletter, which was launched on April 1st, now has well over 100 subscribers and has been very well received.

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

New steps for Wyck

On April 13th, members of the Rights of Way Group were joined by the HCC Community Engagement Ranger, Adam Macey, to tackle the job of putting in new steps at the west end of path 7 in Wyck. The new steps make access to the path from the lane very easy, as they replace a number of irregular pieces of stone; climbing or descending the old steps was often difficult, especially in wet weather. This location has been a problem for a long time and the team were heartened to be thanked by local residents and walkers while tackling the job, which took less than 2 hours to complete. Another date has been fixed to put in new steps where path 9 ascends the hanger from Forty Acres, so we are gradually working our way through the tasks!

Asian Hornets

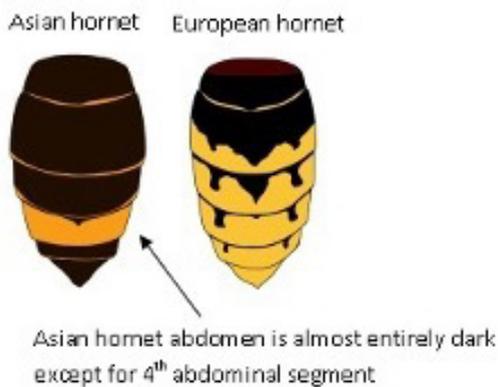
The Asian hornet is a non-native species in the UK, as it hails from east Asia and could not arrive in the UK naturally. The first reported sightings in the UK were in 2016

The concern about the Asian hornet is that it is a significant predator of bees. In France, it has consumed large numbers of bees, including the well-known European honey bee and many lesser-known solitary and colonial bee species. Nature conservation organisations, including the RSPB, are concerned about the impacts of Asian hornets on bees, as these pollinating species are an essential component of well-functioning ecosystems.

What does the Asian Hornet look like?

There are several key features to help you distinguish between Asian hornets, and our native European hornet:

- The Asian hornet is smaller, with queens up to 30 mm, and workers up to 25 mm in length. European hornet queens can reach 35 mm
- A key feature of Asian hornets is its almost entirely dark abdomen except for the 4th segment which is yellow. European hornets, on the other hand, have a brown and yellow striped abdomen (see below)
- Whereas the legs of European hornets are dark, Asian hornets have bright yellow tips to their legs
- Asian hornets are only active during the day, unlike our native hornet which is most active at night



If you think you may have spotted an Asian hornet please either contact the RSPB or the British Beekeepers Association with location details and a photo if possible

Although they pose no greater danger to humans than a native hornet or wasp, nonetheless it is very important not to disturb a nest. Please take care not to approach a nest or provoke these insects!

Another Parish Outdoors Quiz

How well do you know Binsted parish? Try these ten questions!

1. What is the word that follows each of these on the map? Glenbervie....Willows Green....Lodge....Abbots Wood?
2. True or False? You can walk along parts of the disused Bentley to Bordon line within Binsted parish
3. Which one of these two former mills is within Binsted Parish? Froyle or Isington
4. Which famous soldier is buried in the corner of Holy Cross churchyard?
5. There are 59 listed buildings in the parish. How many are in Wyck?
6. There is another Binsted within 25 miles of the parish. Where is it?
7. Why is the Oval at Holt Pound significant?
8. It has been stated that Binsted parish is full of unexcavated Roman sites, There are two features of Roman origin actually marked on the OS map. What are they?
9. How many churches are there within the parish?
10. Where in the parish can you find The Millers House?

Answers

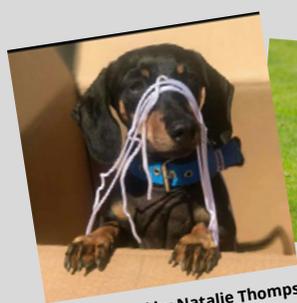
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inclosure 2. False...no part of the old line within the parish is open for walking or cycling 3. Isington 4. Montgomery 5. Five 6. Just west of Arundel in West Sussex 7. A very early cricket ground (established in the 1780s and hosting many important Surrey games including a Surrey v All England game in 1808 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. A Roman site at Wyck Place and the Roman Road which enters the parish at Neatham and leaves parish at Pookles Lane, East Worldham 9. Two (Holy Cross Binsted and St James, Rowledge) 10. Isington Almost opposite Isington Mill) |
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Bilbo, shared by Natalie Thompson



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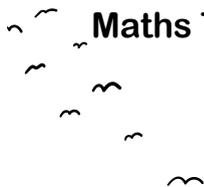
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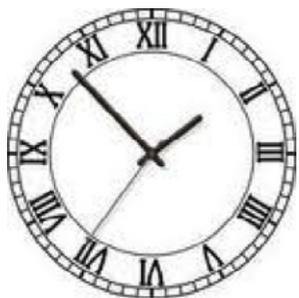
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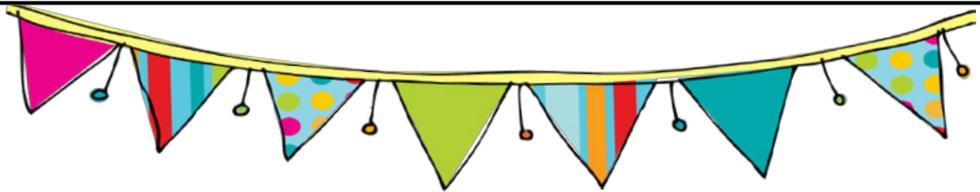
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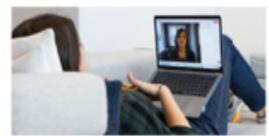
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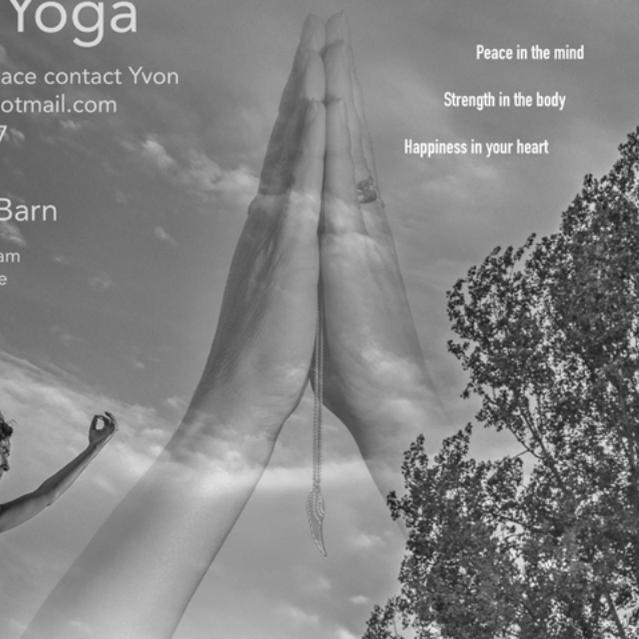
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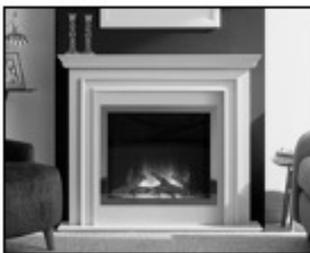
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