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Vicar's Letter

Dear All

And just as we thought summer was over, September surprised us all with a burst of heat and sunshine, so we couldn't complain that we'd never had a summer. Wilting in 26C, we all complained, just as we'd complained only days before that we hadn't seen a properly sunny day for at least two weeks and winter would soon be upon us.

We thought it was the end, but that Sunday, as the temperature rose, it was only the beginning of a week of glorious weather, making us all reflect on how this time of year is a time of endings and beginnings. As T.S.Eliot wrote in his poem, what we call the beginning is often the end and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.

Those last few words seem particularly meaningful with the end of summer in sight, as we begin a new academic year, with new opportunities, new jobs and new challenges. Perhaps this is a better time of year to make new resolutions than in that jaded post-Christmas slump, because we can build upon our efforts during the past year, whether it's gathering blackberries and raspberries for jams, or picking rapidly growing

crops of runner beans and courgettes. If we've been able to walk and exercise more during the summer, we will be stronger and fitter for the cold months of rain when outdoor activities might be curtailed. And if we've performed well in exams or on-the-job training, we might be looking forward to the next stage of academic or professional development.

A new beginning seems especially significant after the challenging months we have all experienced this year. Not knowing what further restrictions might be imposed or when our freedom might be fully restored, has been extremely testing and frustrating at times. But we can all resolve to build upon the resilience we have developed during this time and use it to strengthen ourselves for the challenges ahead. We know that we can come through difficult times, we know we can adapt, we know we can be strong and that we can savour the good times when they come, even if it is just a few surprisingly warm days at the end of summer. And now that we can sing again in church, we might just want to burst into song with the words, Thank You Lord for this Fine Day!

Yann and the team

YOUTH UPDATE

It was rather a disappointing summer weather-wise, a bit cold and gloomy, but as we head into the Autumn there's still so much to look forward to. The warm colour palette of our country side, those crunchy leaves, crisp mornings and that ever earlier sparkle of Christmas setting up in shops! We've got our brand new youth club, four:twelve, that started on the 24th September and is continuing through the winter term, and Youth Alpha on the go which started on the 26th September.

At four:twelve we've already had Mini Olympics where we paired up the young people who then represented a country – medals were won! In October we're looking forward to Balloon Battles which is just as it sounds, and Baking&Tasting where we'll be making Mug Cakes and seeing if we can tell the difference between brands in a blind taste test. All young people in school years 5-10 are welcome – see the four:twelve flyer further on in the magazine for more info.

Youth Alpha has started really well with a lovely group of young people. We start the evening with a meal, lovingly prepared by members of the church family, before playing a warm up game. Youth Alpha provide videos and discussion questions which are so engaging and then see where the conversation takes us! We're really excited to see where the course takes our discussion of life, faith, the universe and everything. It's not too late to join in!

For all of our activities with young people, we have a dedicated team of volunteers, without whom, we wouldn't be able to do what we're doing. If you'd like to get involved in the youth work and ministry at BenBinFro, then please get in touch. No matter how small a part you may play, I can guarantee you will be valued and appreciated as a member of our team.

Looking forward to updating you again in November!

Gemma Ball

*Pastoral Assistant (Youth)
& Administrator*
gemma@benbinfro.co.uk

Church Register

Bentley

1st August 2021	Baptism of Annabelle Eveson
21st August 2021	Wedding of Isobel Jordan and Benjamin Singleton
24th August 2021	Cremation of John Bryan-Brown
28th August 2021	Wedding of Helen Tillett and Scott Stansfield

Binsted

8th August 2021	Baptism of William Critien
18th August 2021	Wedding of Amie Chandler and Paul Phipps

Froyle

31st August 2021	Wedding of Anna King and Jake Dessent
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Sunday 17th October at 4pm

This month is a little different for Messy Church. Instead of clashing with Bentley's Harvest Festival, we thought we'd combine it Messy Church!

Join us IN PERSON at Bentley Church Hall (just for October) at 4pm.

At 5pm Live@5 will start in the church and we'll show off our crafts as part of the Harvest Celebrations.

There will also be sausages in rolls!



We can't wait to see you for fun, games, crafts and singing! All are welcome.

Messy Church contact: Kathy Ogilvie Thompson - kathyot1984@gmail.com

LIVE@5

Holy Communion • Big Praise • iPad • YumYum

Live@5 has had a few different outfits over the years, the most recent being on YouTube with our tea over Zoom, but now the time has come to rethink what Live@5 is and where it is going. The exciting news is that Live@5 is returning in person every week! Yes, you heard me, every week. This is really exciting but I'm sure you can understand it takes a lot of work to put Live@5 on weekly. Therefore, we have come up with a plan which means Live@5 is something a little different each week.

Week 1 – Holy Communion

This is a more relaxed Holy Communion service for the whole family.

Week 2 – Big Praise

This is a worship focused service with a full band and fun for everyone!

Week 3 – iPad

This is a more relaxed service using our pre-recorded worship songs and online content.

Week 4 – YumYum

This is Live@5 in the Church Hall, full of food and fellowship. We'll have one or two unplugged worship song and a short Thought for the Day style talk.

Join us every Sunday at 5pm for Live@5 at St Mary's Bentley.

Light refreshments will be served every week, and a full tea provided at YumYum. Please do bring tea for your children if you need to.



You are warmly invited to

Binsted's Harvest Service

*To celebrate Harvest Time
and our farming community*



At Holy Cross Binsted Church

On Sunday 10th October

Service at 09.30am

Lunch at 12:30

(pulled pork buns, salads and puddings)

Further details from Kathy (23125) or

Stella (07740 861256)

*For catering purposes - it would be helpful (but not essential)
if you would let us know if you hope to join us for the lunch -
and to let us know of any dietary requirements*



WHAT'S MY
PURPOSE IN LIFE?

PROBABLY NOT
THE BEST QUESTION TO
ASK YOUR DOG...

#AskAtAlpha

ASK AT ALPHA

ONLINE
& IRL



When? Weekly, starting Sunday 26th September 2021

Where? Bentley Church Hall (in person)

Who? For young people in year 8+

What? A place to explore those big questions (and there's food!)

**Contact Gemma to register your interest -
gemma@benbinfo.co.uk**

Holy Cross Binsted

Reordering Update

Following the summer break, our architect has now provided revised sketch plans (with pros and cons of each) for the different options for the proposed toilet block. These have been sent to the Diocesan Advisory Council (DAC).

The DAC have been invited to consider the options and offer their advice and recommendations.

The committee are awaiting the DAC's response and will meet the DAC in due course to hear their views.

The reordering section on the BenBinFro website (www.benbinfro.co.uk) holds the formally approved minutes of all meetings which are uploaded once the PCC have seen them.

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 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)

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)



Binsted Church Christmas Fair

At the time of writing this, we are planning to hold our annual **Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December**. However, with Covid still amongst us we are planning to spread the stalls between the Wickham Institute and the Church building.

We hope to have our usual favourite stalls but sadly some of our regular stall holders who have done so much over many years are unable to do so this time...

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

You may be new to the village or recently retired and would like to help and get to know people in the village. Holy Cross Church, Binsted needs funds for the day-to day running and maintenance of the Church building.

If you cannot commitment to being a stall holder, please can you look out old jewellery for our jewellery stall, offer to bake a cake or two, donate books and any nearly new gifts.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please phone 01420 22922

Email angela1dunne@sky.com 07799094088

Thank you. Angela

PS

Christmas wreaths will be available for pre-order like last year.

Small £10 Medium £15 Large £20



You are invited to...

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YOUTH CLUB

24TH SEPTEMBER / 8TH OCTOBER / 22ND OCTOBER

WHEN?

FRIDAY EVENINGS.

WHERE?

**BENTLEY SCHOOL
SPORTS HALL.**

WHAT?

**FUN & GAMES,
SHORT BIBLE
TEACHING, GROUP
ACTIVITIES, TUCK
SHOP.**

*It's £1 on the door, and you'll need a
consent form from Gemma.*



Contact Gemma for more info
gemma@benbinfro.co.uk

1 Timothy 4:12 – “Do not let anyone treat you as if you are unimportant because you are young. Instead, be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith, and your pure life.”



BENTLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 17th October at 5pm

Join us to celebrate the Harvest Festival at our Live@5 service. There will be sausages in rolls on the go from 4:30!

If you have little ones, why not bring them along to Messy Church beforehand at 4pm? We'll be at Bentley Church Hall this month to join in with the Harvest celebrations!



**BENTLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



OCTOBER 2021

WE NEED YOUR APPLES!



EACH YEAR BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL ARRANGE APPLE PICKING SESSIONS IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL AND PTFA.

IF YOU HAVE ANY WINDFALLS THAT YOU WISH TO DONATE PLEASE DO SO BY LEAVING THEM BY THE SCHOOL STAFF CARPARK.

ALTERNATIVELY, IF YOU KNOW ANY LOCAL GARDENS OR ORCHARDS THAT WOULD WELCOME A 'PICK' PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

PLEASE CALL CRESS ON: 07939 505727

A day in the life of a child at Bentley CE Primary School.

As a teacher, I am used to standing at the front of the class facing 30 little faces, but I was delighted when Mrs Pinchess, the Head Teacher at Bentley School, gave me the opportunity to swap places and experience life from the other side of the desk. I was to step into the shoes of a Year 4 pupil for a day.

There was a real buzz as children came into school. England had beaten Germany in the football the evening before and although not everyone had stayed up late enough to watch it, we all had stories to share.

"It was the first time we've beaten them in 55 years." Harrison told me proudly. "We'll definitely reach the finals now!"

Gemma was chosen to be my 'buddy' for the day and we settled down to solve the daily 'early morning' maths puzzle together, before morning assembly. Covid restrictions meant assemblies were still held in class bubbles but thanks to the wonders of technology, different year groups can be connected via Zoom. We were all asked to shut our eyes and imagine how we felt as various scenarios were read out to us. Through doing this, we learnt how important it is to support others and give them confidence by using encouragement. We related this to **Courage** which is one of the school's Christian values.

Our maths lesson on angles followed. After a brief explanation by Mr Goddard, we worked through the worksheets. Each child is encouraged to select the level of difficulty they are comfortable with which ensures everyone is challenged but no one

feels overwhelmed. We then went through the answers together so we could all learn from any mistakes. We have been taught that making mistakes is an important (and positive) part of learning.

Break time arrived and any apprehension I had about being the 'new girl' in the playground was soon knocked away, as Emma, Kate and Gemma gladly accepted me into their group. As we played Grandma's footsteps, it was heartening to see the sense of **Community** – another of the school's core values – as more children were welcomed into the game with warmth and enthusiasm.





In our English lesson that followed, we evaluated a short film, questioning why the author had made certain decisions and predicting what might happen next. Sharing ideas between us was useful preparation for a task later in the week, when the children were asked to write their own scripts, continuing the story, using their imagination.

After a delicious lunch in the school hall, we went out to play, wheeling with us a trolley stacked with paper, mindful colouring sheets and felt tip pens. What a relaxing and enjoyable way to spend a lunch break – colouring and making origami waterlilies, whilst chatting with my new friends! As adults we sometimes get ourselves so busy and forget how to get pleasure from the simplest things. We can certainly learn a lot from children in that respect.

In the afternoon I had my first ever lacrosse lesson when we had PE with CM Sports. I had a feeling of dread, a hangover from my own PE lessons at school when I was always last to be picked for a team, but partnered with Gemma and Poppy, I need not have worried. They put into practice the message from our morning assembly and their encouragement

worked. We all came in from the playing fields feeling energised and with smiles on our faces.

French was our last lesson of the day. Madame Jones took us on a virtual journey to Paris and we wrote postcards home, using phrases learnt throughout the course of the year.

The end of the school day approached and I reflected on my day in the life of a child at Bentley School. It had been a busy day but it had been fun, I had learnt lots, but above all I had felt welcome and valued. I had enjoyed it immensely – and I could see that the children had too. **'Love'** is the final value and I could really see the love for learning in action, plus the love demonstrated in friendship.



I can't wait to start at the school as a class teacher in September.

Mrs Ashby, Year 5 Class Teacher



Bentley Memorial Hall Association presents a new village cinema film to celebrate our community opening up again at last.

Do come along to enjoy a real 'feel good' and uplifting film about a village community.

Friday 15th October

At the Memorial Hall, tickets £7.00

Doors/bar open 7.15.

Film starts at 8pm

For tickets please contact

Glyn Barfoot 01420 23068

Or email: bentleybees@btinternet.com

or buy tickets at the door



CAP Job Club & Fresh Start

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in Alton is busy again this autumn.

A new service was launched this September in Alton called **Job Club**.

Job Club is built around an eight-week course which is designed to give jobseekers the tools to find work. This includes CV writing, job hunting, knowing your own strengths and skills and interviewing. Like other CAP services, Job Club includes one-to-one coaching and a friendly supportive environment. It is free and open to anyone.



Alton job club is staffed by trained volunteers from local churches and is led by Alastair Smith.

So, if you or anyone you know is struggling to find work and would

benefit from the Job Club, please contact Alastair on 07871 635934 or email alastairsmith@capjobclubs.org.

More at capjobclubs.org

Job Club started on September 14th and runs through October from 10am-noon each Tuesday at the Alton Maltings Centre. Late starters are welcome.

We are also running another **Fresh Start** course running for 8 weeks from October 6th.

Fresh Start which is about breaking free from life-controlling habits such as smoking, gambling, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, binge drinking, soft drugs, etc. It's an 8-week course, inspired by the Bible and based on principles from the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by 1-to-1 coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their habits.

It will run on Wednesdays from either 10:30-12 or 7:30-9pm at the Alton Maltings Centre. So if you, or anyone you know, needs a fresh start, you can register for the course by calling Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or email alton@capuk.org.

The only ginkgo in the village

We are warned that one of the consequences of global warming will be that certain native species of both plants and animals will find it difficult to survive. Particular concern has been expressed about the beech tree, for instance. A warmer atmosphere means more energy stored in the weather systems, which in turn means more extreme climatic events. Some species, already on the limit of their range may be pushed into a losing battle with their genetic rivals.

It need not mean the end of species. One species' loss can mean another's gain, but, in the case of trees, with their long life cycle, we will need to hasten biodiversity by naturalising exotic trees that are more successfully adapted to the new conditions.

Twenty five years ago I planted a ginkgo *biloba* at the bottom of my garden. At the time I hadn't a clue that I needed to take care to find out where my tree had come from, to be sure that I wasn't importing disease. In the event I got lucky. My ginkgo continues to thrive, but it continues to be the only one of its kind in my neighbourhood. In fact I have to visit RHS Gardens Wisley to see others like it.

Ginkgo *biloba* is otherwise known as the maidenhair tree or fossil tree. It is deciduous and grows to 25 metres, conical when young, becoming more irregular with age. Mine is now 10 m but still conical. The leaves are distinctively fan-shaped, turning saffron yellow in autumn – a striking sight. Unpleasantly scented dull yellow fruits develop in autumn on female plants. The fruits contain a single seed. The fruits can give the tree a bad name. Fortunately mine is either a male, or it has yet to reach sexual maturity. Or maybe she's still waiting for her prince to come, in the form of a second ginkgo in the village.

The name maidenhair tree derives from the shape of the leaves that bears some similarity to those of the maidenhair fern *Adiantum capillus-veneris*.

The name fossil tree is well-earned. The oldest fossils, almost identical to the modern version, were found in France and are 290 million years old. Before the rise of flowering plants relatives of Ginkgo *biloba* were spread across the world. By modern times only one species had survived, of which my tree is an example, and they could be found only in parts of China. They are an example of the very process I describe above. A once widespread living organism was brought to its knees by climate change and loss of competitive edge. But the lone survivor is tough and may be ready for a comeback.

According to the Royal Horticultural Society its hardiness is rated H6 on a scale of 1 to 7. It tolerates all soil types from clay to sand, and pH from acidic to alkaline, as well as high levels of atmospheric pollution. It is also outstanding in its resistance to disease, a fact that is explained by its particularly complex genetic structure. Its DNA contains 10.6 billion 'letters', compared to only 3 billion in humans.

Like other trees, the best time to plant them is in late autumn.

WHEATLEY HOUSE OPEN GARDEN

21st/22nd August

A huge Thank You to everyone involved in the Teas and Cakes provided in the Barn at the Open Garden week-end. All those who baked wonderful cakes as well as the dedicated team who served teas throughout the week-end.



We would also like to say an enormous "Thank You" to Susannah and Mike Adlington for opening their beautiful garden once again in support of the National Gardens Scheme and inviting the Church to run the Tea and Cake stall with proceeds going to support the upkeep of our beautiful Holy Cross church in Binsted.

A wonderful total of almost £500 was raised which is a magnificent and much appreciated contribution.

Wheatley House Open Gardens

We had a very successful "Garden Open" weekend with around 250 visitors enjoying the unexpectedly good weather at Wheatley House in aid of the National Garden Scheme - mainly supporting nursing charities. Altogether we raised nearly £1700, £708 of which was the 10% donations from all the plants, crafts and tea sales. I want to extend a huge thank you to Nick Carter and all the Church volunteers who did a sterling job baking and serving a delicious selection of home-made cakes, which were much appreciated by all our garden visitors!

Pop Up

Wheatley House Garden (between Binsted and Kingsley, GU35 9PA) will be holding an informal "Pop Up" opening on behalf of the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 17th October between 1.30 and 5.00 pm. The large garden, with panoramic views across to the South Downs, will be full of late Summer/Autumn colour, particularly from cannas, dahlias and asters. There will be lots of plants for sale - divisions/cuttings from the garden itself - 50% of the plant sale proceeds will be donated to Binsted Church. Entry is £5 (children free) - tickets are bookable in advance from the NGS website or you can pay cash on arrival. Light refreshments will be available on a "help yourself" basis for a small voluntary donation.



**BINSTED
ECO
NETWORK**

As the evenings start to cool and the nights draw in, let's join forces to find practical ways of driving local carbon reduction

October! Already?!

By the end of this month, the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) will be underway in Glasgow. These long-awaited climate talks, delayed by a year because of the pandemic, are being billed as the world's last best chance to get runaway climate change under control. We know that stopping more dangerous climate change will pretty much depend on action in the next ten years. And that every fraction of a degree matters. With more than 190 world leaders expected to arrive in Scotland, accompanied by tens of thousands of negotiators, delegates and reporters, the stakes are high.

It's hard not to voice our deepest fears when we're told, even before the COP negotiations begin, that the planet is already committed to irreversible climate change, and that multiple crucial warming thresholds are being passed sooner than anticipated. Events like COP can either throw us into deep 'doom' or push us to find purpose.

It's not too late to limit the damage and it never will be. Rather than despair, we need to deal with feelings of helplessness in a productive way and turn this into a moment of renewed urgency. There are many ways that carbon can be reduced, by ramping up existing technologies and solutions. Scaling up renewables and insulation, switching to electric vehicles, cutting plastic usage and food waste, and adopting a more plant-based diet, are all things we can already do. We just need the will.

The biggest uncertainty in climate projections, by far, is what humans will do. This doesn't

just mean what other humans do, it's the choices we all make as to whether we will contribute to the global action that's needed. We can use our action to drive our own hope, rather than leaving it to someone else to do it for us. Once we focus on what we can change, it's amazing how many things we can actually do.

Acting together, our local community can make a difference. Binsted Eco Network was formed to make it easier for people round here to connect with others interested in taking action to support the environment - whether by adjusting our personal habits, or by getting together to tackle bigger issues. So, let's involve as many people as possible in conversations to find practical ways of driving local change.

To join our discussions and find out what's going on locally, **join us for a cuppa on 1 October** at our regular 'First Friday of the month' coffee rendezvous. We meet between 10:00 and 12:00, in the Tipi at the West End Flower Farm, Upper Froyle, Alton, Hampshire GU34 4JG. There are no formalities, and you're guaranteed a friendly welcome. Do come and join us.

Alternatively, why not **sign up for our fortnightly newsletter**, if you don't receive it already? In it, you'll find lots of information about local activities: some serious, many fun. And the newsletter's completely free and uncommercial. To subscribe, all you need to do is to email binstedeconetwork@gmail.com.

'It's not too late to limit the damage and it never will be'

THE NEXT CHALLENGE!

Pre lockdown last year I challenged myself to complete the Vitality Big Half, a half marathon and thanks to your generosity I was able to raise over £650 for The Jigsaw Trust, a charity which supports those on the autistic spectrum.



This year my challenge has been to complete The Thames Trek, 25 km along the Thames Path from Putney to Tower Bridge crossing 16 bridges on the 11th September in aid of The Field Lane Foundation. This is a non-denominational Christian charity that supports adults with learning disabilities, vulnerable families – many of whom are homeless – and people in need of additional support to stay in their own home or with their families. Our son lives in one of their supported living properties and has a wonderful team of support workers. If you would like to support the fantastic work they do please do visit my Just Giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jillian-kiely1>

Thank you.

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



MONTHLY MEETINGS RESTART ON 5TH OCTOBER 2021

We are pleased to announce that we are starting our monthly meetings again from October. The Memorial Hall Denis Smith Room is booked, the speaker is booked and all we need now is you, members or guests, to come and join us. Our meetings are open to all.

Our speaker on **5th October 2021** will be Geoff Hawkins (a previous Head Gardener at Mill Court), who will be giving a talk entitled “All year-round colour in the garden”.

As before, the meeting will start at 8pm, followed by coffee and biscuits.

The committee hope to see as many of you as possible on the 5th October.

From the Committee.



News from Binsted Parish Council

In praise of volunteers

Volunteers make the world go round. Military men used to maintain that one volunteer was worth ten pressed men. What's certain is that, without volunteers, modern civilian life would simply disintegrate. In the UK, over a third of people volunteer at least once a year, and nearly a quarter do so at least monthly. The voluntary sector is estimated to contribute about £20 billion per year to the UK economy.

In rural areas like ours, volunteers make all the difference between communities that are dynamic and those that are drab. We owe a great debt to the many local volunteers who enrich our lives, without whom there would be no grassroots sports, no fetes, no funruns, no village halls, no tree wardens, no bell-ringers, and no community transport to help those without wheels to reach their medical appointments.

Introducing a new place to advertise for volunteers (and find volunteer opportunities)

The need for volunteers seems to grow daily. However, finding a good volunteer is like finding buried treasure. It's not always so easy to find where X marks the spot!

Equally, if you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, it can be difficult to find out who's looking for help. And it's worth knowing about local options, to save yourself from driving miles.

To assist both sides, Binsted Parish Council's website now has a webpage dedicated to advertising volunteering opportunities: <https://binstedparishcouncil.org.uk/>

volunteer-opportunities. So, if you're looking to find volunteers for a local community project, do get in touch with us, using the form on the webpage, and we'll try to accommodate your request. And if you're looking for a volunteering opportunity yourself, keep an eye open for new opportunities posted.

Binsted Parish Council's own (urgent) need for some volunteers

On the topic of volunteers, we must mention that Binsted Parish Council itself has an urgent need for three new councillors: we currently only have six, and we should have nine. This means we sometimes struggle to be 'quorate' in meetings. And we really need a full team, if we're to do more for the community.

First and foremost, we're looking for people who care about our local area: we don't have any pre-set views regarding age or experience. We're already enjoying the fact that several dynamic new councillors have joined the parish council over the past year, so the existing 'Binsted Six' comprise four under-50 year olds; and four who are women. It will be great if we can find new recruits who similarly reflect the diversity of the parish ... we'd be excited to hear from you whether you're currently in work, an at-home Mum, someone who's retired, or a young person seeking volunteer experience at the start of your working life.

The role is more rewarding than you might expect! Parish councils are places where ordinary people come together to make decisions about issues they care about:

protecting the environment, keeping facilities in good repair, improving local services ... The topics rarely make headline news, but discussions feel human and grounded. They focus on the things people talk about when they bump into neighbours in the street: the bend in the road that gets flooded, the footpath that wheelchair users can't navigate, whether unwelcome planning applications will disfigure the area. The smaller decisions that give people immediate control over their lives.

Although last December's Handforth parish council video was lockdown comedy gold, most parish councils are - thankfully - a long way from the negative stereotypes of

pettiness, amateurism and bullying that were on display in Handforth. There can obviously be frustrations when progress is slower than we'd like. But the predominant sense is of ordinary people freely giving up their time for the good of their community.

So, if you could be interested in becoming a parish councillor, please get in touch and have a chat with me or with any of our current councillors, whose contact details are on our website.

Lisa Spindler, Binsted Parish Clerk

Email: Clerk@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk
Tel: 07483 310631



THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE
(Binsted Village Hall)



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25th September – 31st October (FREE in the Main Exhibition area.)



The exhibition by Local artist **Alex Loach** continues to 10th Oct. (FREE in the Café area.)



TALKS

Gilbert White & Alton

A talk by Jane Hurst

Although White lived in Selborne, he had many connections in Alton - a sister-in-law and two nieces lived here; he shopped at drapers and ironmongers in the town and bought wine from the Swan. Come and learn about Gilbert's Alton.

Thursday 7th October 7.30pm - £6.50 per ticket from the Gallery.

The Bridge Pottery of Beauworth

A talk by William Barham, whose fascination with Dorothy Watson, the founder of the Pottery, began with his family's use of her wares. His recent book *Forty Years a Potter: Dorothy Watson and the Bridge Pottery, 1921-1961* enlarges on the life of a woman who set up a successful business in the years after the Great War, when female entrepreneurs were thin on the ground.

Thursday 14th October 7.30pm. FREE but donations to the Friends most welcome.

Gilbert White of Selborne and his Tortoise

Dr June Chatfield OBE

Dr Chatfield provides an introduction to Gilbert White for the tricentenary of his birth (actually 2020 but held over). This talk will explore his life in Selborne and observations on his tortoise Timothy, which he acquired from his aunt.

Thursday 28th October 7.30pm - £6.50 per ticket from the Gallery.

CURTIS MUSEUM OCTOBER

Worldham Park and King Edward's Hill? A new book by Jane Hurst.

This meticulously researched book traces the history of an area of **East Worldham** which has seen many changes of fortune and ownership. Some famous names have been connected with the Hill and surrounding Park - King John, Edward III, and Geoffrey Chaucer's son Thomas. At times the Park has been enclosed, but often the owners were chastised for neglect which affected the King's hunting.

A fascinating read for the amateur historian.

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AUGUST WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum 24.8°C (24th) to 17.8°C (30th)
no days below 15°C & 23 days above 20°C

Nighttime minimum 5.2°C (28th) to 15.3°C (15th)
11 nights below 10°C



Rainfall



Total for month 1.67 inches (42.3 mm) over 11 days

Wettest days 0.50 inches (12.8 mm) (7th) & 0.46 inches (11.6 mm) (9th)



Wind



Dominant wind direction South West

Maximum gust 16 mph (6th)

Parish Weatherman

BENTLEY SMALLHOLDINGS AND SHOPS OF LONG AGO *(Part 6)*

OCTOBER 2021

Continuing the reflections of Walter Sherfield that appeared in the Bentley Parish Magazine between 1981 and 1982 we take a look at that part of the main road from The Pollards to the Old Forge.

“Our next stop is at the Pollards (no 6 or 7). Here we found Mr W J Inwood, Carpenter, Painters and Glazier. Work of a small scale was carried out, and what was done, was done really well. Sexton at the Parish Church for many years too. After the First World War and with the help of two more men more work came his way, he had the use of a pony and light four wheeled van to take wood, cement, bricks and other building requirements to any place in the village. I know he was at Jenkyn Place for three or four years in the early 1930's and up to 1939, later he had the house and builders yard made for him opposite the Bentley Pond known as 'Broad Lea House', now the residence of Col. Kingsmill, and the builders yard now expanded for 'Trimmings'.

Ganwells just a few yards along the village, Dr Kay loved here in my very young days. I do just remember going there on one occasion with my Mother and sister. We went into the first gateway and a path went off to the right behind the yew hedge to a small room at the east end of the house, after that it was to Dr Hancock at the Elms now the Quinta.

Tanners next door to Ganwells, a small holding of only a few acres. Mr and Mrs Clark lived here and had a few cows and a pony. Some milk was sold from here, otherwise he grew crops to keep his stock through the winter months, there was a small barn just inside and to the right of the gateway, where his pony was stabled and a fairly large barn at the west end of Tanners, now converted

to a goo dwelling and at present occupied by Miss B Joy at Greystones. Mr and Mrs Clark later moved to Holmwood Cottages and he was a river keeper for Sir Robert Baden Powell while they were at Pax Hill. Next door to Greystones was The Gables, now Staceys. Dr Jones loved here for a while. The surgery was around the back of the house, reached by the lane that leads to Bentley

Gardens, it was one of the stables converted. Dr Jones was also a good engineer and rode a Scott motor cycle. The high pitch of this engine always told you Dr Jones was on his rounds. Later on he built his own car and called it an A.B.C. it was a small two seater finished in shining aluminium, This must have been around 1930, as Dr Shepherd followed, then Dr Strahan, next was Dr Martin who had the house built where Dr Moore now resides.

Not far along is Ash Cottage. The local taxi man, Mr Blacker with his model T. Ford, this was a laugh on many occasion, often difficult to start, at the Station he would leave his car pointing down the hill to get it started, at his home or in the village it was a different story, out would come the car jack under the rear axle, put into low gear and a good push, then jump into the car and reverse to the jack or

else he would he come of the lads to give him a good push. Mrs Wade moved into Ash Cottage in 1922.

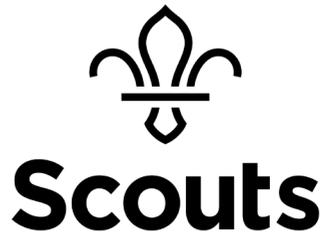
I have passed by one holding, a few acres of ground up the lane where Mr Grove now has the small holding. Mr and Mrs Barron also have their home Thornfield just at the entrance to the ground. On the right hand side stands the Oast Hosue or hop drying kilns, as we knew them during hop picking time. Mr J Messenger of Bonhams, Holybourne fared this land for many years. There were a few acres of hops at the far end of the ground and on the right hand side were many wooden huts where the hop pickers lived during the picking season, These people came here year after year from as far away as Tadley, Baughurst, Silchester and Herriard. The remaining acres were usually sown with wheat, oats or barley.

Now to the Old Forge, now the home of Mr and Mrs Jenkins. I remember well the large metal turn table just in front of the Forge, not visible now as it is grown in by the hedge. It was all open at that time and it was well worth a walk to see the work carried out. I remember there being one day when they were putting the iron tyre onto a wagon wheel. Three men were doing this job, Mr Fred Smith, Mr Arthur Smith and Mr Jim Munday, each man knew his job, Mr Fred Smith was the Forge man, Arthur Smith was Estate Carpenter and Jim Munday the Blacksmith. That tyre was put on in quick time as it had to be, it would have been red hot after coming out of the forge, nailed on and made to fit perfectly then cooled off with a few buckets of water. Later the forge changed into a house.

Not Summer Camp!

The 2nd Bentley Scouts missed their camping trips this year but we did have a fantastic activity, long weekend for all the sections. The weekend started with traditional summer camp activities held at one of our neighbouring Scouts Groups in Headley. The young people took part in games, hiking, golf, knife and axe skills, rifle shooting, archery and having chance to just socialise together! Then on the Sunday some of the eagle eyed parishioners may have noticed the climbing wall parked up on the Bentley School playground (thanks Bentley School). The impending stormy weather thankfully missed us and we were able to climb group by group, all the day..... even some Mums and Dads had a go. Special thanks to the Farnham Scout District Climbing Team for helping out. Then on the Monday some of the Explorers and Scouts went down to Dorset to have a go a coasteering and climbing, this was an exceptional day of adventure and there were many happy and tired children come home time!! Here are a few photos to get a flavour of the weekend.

Please contact us if you would like more information about Scouting in Bentley, contact details on the back page.



Date for the Diary:

Aspen, together with 2nd Bentley Scouts, is holding a Christmas Craft Market at the Kingsmill Pavilion on the 18th November from 6.30 - 9.30pm, there will be a variety of stalls alongside her art, cards and pet portrait opportunities, so a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping completed. All the stalls will be local small businesses so it would be great if we could get your support.

All the profits from refreshments and the raffle will go towards Scouts fundraising for overseas adventures. As you may remember Aspen and some of her fellow Scouts held a similar sale when they were fundraising to go on the World Scout Jamboree in 2019, well the selection for the next Jamboree, to be held in South Korea in 2023, will have taken place by then so we hope to be supporting some of our scouts with their fundraising.

If anyone would like a stall, please contact Aspen on byaspencrafts@gmail.com for more information, we would prefer local crafts. Thanks.



Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley Memorial Hall 01420 22197
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BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+ CLUB

The winners for the September and October draw of the Bentley Memorial 100+ Club are below

Congratulations to the Winners

SEPTEMBER 2021

1st Prize Diana Harrap

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3rd Prize Richard Tyrrell

OCTOBER 2021

1st Prize Bill & Chris Whitfield

2nd Prize Ian & Melissa Salisbury

3rd Prize Richard Davies

WAYMARKS...

Maintaining Binsted's Rights of Way network

A long spell of dry weather in August has made it a real pleasure to be out on the footpaths and bridleways of Binsted again. This year's rainy weather had brought conditions in July, on some of the muddier rights of way in the parish, which I have never seen in twenty years of walking them – it was more what you might expect in February! Most are now dry and accessible, although many had become overgrown, and the team of volunteer Path Wardens was kept busy clearing vegetation and ensuring waymarks are visible.

We had a fallen tree on Bridleway 41, which runs from the Blacknest Recreation Ground, along the edge of the western part of Alice Holt Forest, to Bucks Horn Oak. It was an oak tree, not huge, but big enough to warrant a work party to clear it from the bridleway. Armed with a variety of saws and loppers, the team of volunteer Tree and Path Wardens laboured for several hours until the bridleway was passable once more.

The top part of this path near Bucks Horn Oak is a particularly peaceful and beautiful walk through the trees, on a sunny day, so it felt like a worthwhile effort.

Reporting footpath problems

The Path Wardens regularly inspect their allocated paths, to identify any problems that require action. However, we also welcome information from walkers who spot issues when out and about in the parish. This could be a fallen tree, overgrown vegetation, a broken stile or problems with steps

There are a couple of ways that you can do report problems. The first is to use Hampshire County Council's Hantsweb internet portal. The start page for reporting Rights of Way problems is: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>. You will need to create a login to report an issue, but you will be able to pinpoint the location (and add a photo, if you like!). There is a very useful interactive map, and if you are searching for a particular path, you should use the prefix for Binsted, which is 020/ , followed by the path number.

The second way is to contact Binsted Parish Clerk, Lisa Spindler, with details of the issue. Ideally, we would like an exact location, and the best way is to provide the number of the affected Right of Way. At the Binsted Recreation Ground Pavilion, Lisa will have a map of the Parish's footpaths and bridleways, including their official numbers.

Alton Autumn Walking Festival

This runs from 14th to 17th October and includes walks of varying lengths that criss-cross this and other local parishes. Details can be found on the Walk Alton website <http://www.walkalton.org.uk>, where you can also book places.



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REQUEST TO CALL-IN INCINERATOR DECISION

The No Wey Incinerator action group has asked the Secretary of State to take over the controversial application to build a commercial waste incinerator in the rural Wey Valley near Alton, because of the serious long-term impact its potential approval would have on nationally important issues such as climate change.

The application resulted in over 5,000 objections from local residents and businesses, plus strong objections from three district and borough councils, Alton and Farnham Town Councils, 19 parish councils, two members of parliament, the South Downs National Park Authority, CPRE Hampshire and Historic England.

Acting on the advice of their expert consultants and lawyers – and with the support of local MP Damian Hinds and County Councillors Mark Kemp-Gee and Andrew Joy – the action group has asked the

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to use his powers to 'call-in' the application because it involves issues of more than local importance.

There are many serious issues at stake in this planning application that Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee does not have the power to consider. The application conflicts with a large number of national policies – including those on the waste hierarchy, climate change, air quality, ecology and nature conservation.

The group has formally called on Hampshire County Council to delay their determination of Veolia's planning application until the Secretary of State has had an opportunity to consider and respond to our request to take over the application.

For news of latest developments, go to www.noweyincinerator.com.

BOOK REVIEWS

Author of the month: J. John and Chris Walley

J. John is a speaker and teacher based at Christ Church in Chorleywood, Hertfordshire. Coming from a Greek Cypriot background, he grew up speaking the modern version of the Greek in which the New Testament was written.

Chris Walley was an academic and consultant geologist for over 20 years. He spent 8 years in Lebanon, where many aspects of culture and society were - and still are - much closer to the world of the Gospels than those of modern Britain.

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):

Book of the Month: “The Life: A Portrait of Jesus”, 207 pages, J. John and Chris Walley, revised edition published in 2015 by Philo Trust, Chorleywood, WD3 5LB.

(At the time of writing, very good copies of the 2015 edition are available via www.bookfinder.com from £1.96 - yes, £1.96 - including postage and packing.)

N.T. Wright (Tom Wright) comments that the authors “have turned their great communication skills to the task of penning a portrait of Jesus. With clarity and vigour they introduce us to the living, breathing human being at the centre of the Christian faith. Get ready to have the cobwebs blown away with a fresh wind

of the Spirit.” This reviewer shares that enthusiasm.

The book is divided into two. Chapters 1-4 look at issues to do with Jesus, such as what data we have, whether we can trust the Gospels, and the political and religious background to the Gospels. Chapters 5-15 deal with the life of Jesus from his birth onwards. Chapter 16 is especially good.

The authors are conscious that some people will prefer to start with Jesus. They sympathise, and suggest that if any reader would like to begin with Chapter 5 and then come back to the earlier chapters, they should do so. Enjoy!



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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

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

September 2021

1st prize Sandie Baker

2nd prize Georgina Beare

3rd prize Anne Shelley

Details of the October 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.

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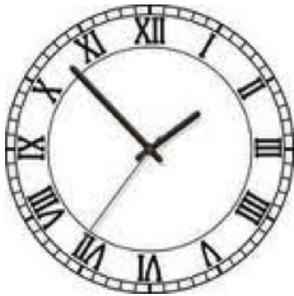


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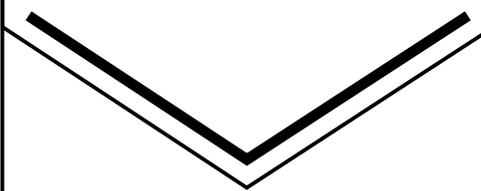
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