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# **Rector of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle: In Vacancy**

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# Rector's Letter

Dear All

After two years of restricted lives, two years of health concerns, two years of fighting the threat of an enormous incinerator in the Wey Valley, followed by the destructive powers of Storms Eunice and Franklin, we were all looking forward to a sunny uncomplicated spring. We were hoping to breathe a sigh of relief and find nothing more serious to worry us than the risk of a late frost burning the magnolia blossom. Then WHAM! Russia had other ideas and suddenly those who read every online rumour are scurrying to panic buy iodine, toilet paper and baked beans again.

But there are others in our community, who faced with terrible news stay calm and immediately ask how they can help to alleviate the situation. And many are inspired by the determination of the Ukrainian people to defend their country and not bow to the totally unreasonable power of Russia. It is clear that in the face of evil, goodness and love will persist and will hopefully win in the end.

And here, so far away from the dreadful conflict, yet reminded hourly by news bulletins of how Ukraine is suffering, how have people here responded? It has actually been heartening to see how all over the UK that communities have immediately pulled together, collecting vital goods and dispatching them within days. Whether it is medical supplies, warm coats and hats or toiletries, people have been keen to help, ignoring their own fears about a widening conflict or the impact on utilities here.

In our own community, here in the wider Alton area, collection points for essentials have been established and quickly overflowed with generous donations of goods. And within BenBinFro too people have leapt into action, organising fund raising activities for Ukrainian charities. The sceptics might scoff and ask what good this might do, but if funding will fortify the people of Ukraine and help them resist this battering then it's all for the good. And it doesn't matter whether that funding comes from significant financial donations from wealthy individuals or the sale of a batch of lemon drizzle cake at a village hall.

'How are the mighty fallen and the weapons of war perished!' (II Samuel, ch.1, v.23) While we may not expect to win a war with cake, however delicious, resolve here and in Ukraine will be fortified with every crumb sold and every pound donated. We shall also pray in our churches and in our homes for wise leadership on all sides of the conflict.

# United Youth Weekend Away

As a team of youth workers in the Alton Deanery, we were delighted to finally be able to take our young people on a residential trip – a long awaited moment! The only Covid restrictions we had were to make sure we tested negative before leaving home, and apart from that we had some normality – hooray!!



It was typical we went to the Isle of Wight on the weekend of Storm Eunice, and although the storm damage to the youth centre meant most of our activities were cancelled, we still made our own fun! Instead of tree climbing we played capture the flag with added Nerf guns, instead of swimming we watched Encanto, and instead of laser tag we went to the beach. We gave our teenagers a lot of free time too, so they could make new friends and catch up with old ones. By the end of the weekend, our 4 separate youth groups became one big group of 18!



The aim of the weekend was to get back together again after a long time fending for ourselves in our own church bubbles, but we also wanted to worship and learn together. Focusing on Acts 2:42, *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer”*, we ran 4 teaching sessions focused each on fellowship, breaking of bread, the Bible and prayer and worship. Our teenagers also got

involved with leading sung worship and spent almost an hour in prayer on the last day. A highlight was reading some of the prayers on the prayer wall saying “Please God can the ferry be cancelled so we can stay another night!”

I could write and write about the weekend away, but we know a picture says 1000 words – so take a look at the photos and see for yourselves what we got up to!

**Gemma Ball**

*Pastoral Assistant (Youth) & Administrator*  
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# Church Register

## Bentley

17th December Wedding Blessing of Oliver and Nadine Robinson

6th February Baptism of Isabella Simpson

10th February Cremation of Mary Bruce

13th February Confirmation of Max Dubreuil

13th February Confirmation of Alfred Taylor-Dixon

13th February Confirmation of Mike Hammerton

13th February Baptism and Confirmation of Paul Dixon

## Binsted

10th February Funeral and Burial of Jack Hobbs

13th February Baptism of Jack Wyllys

13th February Baptism of Isla Wyllys

13th February Baptism of Emily Stephens

16th February Interment of Ashes of Colin Woods

## Froyle

15th February Cremation of Simon Maher

## Successful Fundraising Coffee Morning at the Wickham Institute in aid of Ukraine

Over £1,000 was raised by the local community from the parish of Binsted, and beyond, who attended the regular coffee morning on Wednesday 9th March in the Wickham Institute village hall in aid of Ukraine, following on from donations received at the previous week's coffee morning of £200.

As well as the normal coffee/tea and cakes there was an opportunity to buy savoury and sweet homemade goodies which had been lovingly made for the sales table. It was a great team effort as everyone donated very generously to the cause. Thank you.



# FINDING OUR NEW VICAR

We're formally into the period of being without an incumbent vicar in the Benefice, known as an interregnum.

Our advert was published in the Church Times and on the Winchester Diocese website at the end of February, with a closing date of 24<sup>th</sup> March. Assuming we have some applications for the role, the interviews will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meetings of representatives from BenBinFro and Kingsley with Oakhanger continue as we progress the move towards formally incorporating the parish into our Benefice.

Please continue to hold the Benefice team your prayers.

## Lent Lunches 2022

These will be offered from 12.30 to 2pm on each of the Thursdays during Lent and are simple fare: home-made soup, bread & cheese. The host/hostess chooses the charity to which the donations on the day will go. Everyone welcome; and if anyone needs directions, please ring me. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

3rd March at Mill Court House, GU34 4F Kathy & Christopher Ogilvie Thompson 23125

10th March at Manor Farm, Wyck, GU34 3AH Kay & Andrew Hunter Johnston 544743

17th March at Malms House, Binsted Road, GU34 4NU Cathie & Mark Weldon 525276

24th March at Knox Farmhouse, The Straits, GU35 9NS Nick & Rose Carter 489122

31st March at Sunnycroft, Binsted, GU34 4PF Susan & John Bourne 07957 160356

7th April in the Wickham Institute, Binsted Kathy Ogilvie Thompson. 23125

Any questions or directions to any of the venues:

Kathy Ogilvie Thompson 01402 23125 or 07710 623784  
or [kathyot1984@gmail.com](mailto:kathyot1984@gmail.com)



# HOLY CROSS CHURCH EAST WINDOW APPEAL

Over the last few months we've realised that our wonderful East Window behind the altar is in need of professional restoration. There are some cracks in the glass as well as areas where the glass is no longer a good fit with the strips of lead (calmes) that join the individual panes together and it needs attention very soon to prevent it deteriorating further.

We've had one quote for this and are in the process of getting another and it looks as though it will cost in the region of £13,000 to get this repaired properly.

To help us raise the money for this we're running a number of fundraising activities:

- A concert with a well-known local choir
- Guess the number of panes of glass
- The opportunity to sponsor a pane of glass
- And there may be others!

Please help us to raise the money we need to repair our East Window and preserve it for future generations to enjoy. We'll try to keep you informed but for more information please contact either of the churchwardens: Stella Croom-Johnson ([binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk](mailto:binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk)) or Kathy Ogilvie Thompson ([kathyot1984@gmail.com](mailto:kathyot1984@gmail.com)).

## FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY



in the **Wickham Institute** on

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

and

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

In aid of flower expenses for Binsted Church

£15 for both sessions

Please contact Angela Dunne to participate

07799094088

## AGM & APCMS

The time of year has come around again for our Annual General Meetings and Annual Parochial Church Meetings. These meetings are public and those on the Electoral Rolls are able to vote.

Please see the meeting dates below:

### **Binsted**

Sunday 24th April  
10:30am (After the morning service)  
Holy Cross, Binsted

### **Froyle**

Thursday 28th April  
7pm  
Froyle Village Hall

### **Bentley**

Sunday 1st May  
10:30am (After the morning service)  
St Mary's, Bentley

### **Kingsley with Oakhanger**

Date TBC

If you'd like any more details, please get in touch with the church office – admin@benbinfro.org

# Holy Cross Binsted Church

## Help needed to keep dust and cobwebs from taking over...

Over the years many people have helped us keep our beautiful 12th Century church clean and tidy - for services, events and visitors

We are most appreciative for all they have done. Sadly the team of helpers has diminished over the past years and the pandemic has affected those who are prepared to return to help us.

We are looking to the congregation and the wider community to help us in keeping the church clean and welcoming to all who enter it's doors

If you are able to spare an hour every so often to clean the church we would be very pleased to hear from you. The more people who volunteer – the less often each person has to do it!

Please give us a call if you are interested in helping in this way

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kathyot1984@gmail.com

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## THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE

(Binsted Village Hall)



## BINSTED COFFEE SHOP

**WEDNESDAYS 10am – 12noon**

**(weekly during term-time)**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US**

**COFFEE, TEA, HOME MADE CAKES, CHILDRENS' TOYS**

**ALL ARE WELCOME – MODEST PRICES!**

**WI-FI NOW AVAILABLE**



ALL COVID REGULATIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME WILL BE OBSERVED

## Fundraising for a new Sound System

It has been great over the last few months building and growing together as a worship team to help provide a big and full sound in our worship at Live@5. We have had an amazing confirmation service, funky carols, and really excitingly, we now are starting to have our young people lead and take initiative within the team.

As a part of this exciting and continuing growth, I have put together a proposal alongside other members of the tech team which was presented to and approved by Bentley PCC in February. This proposal outlined some exciting upgrades to replace our ageing system and bring all of our equipment up to date, including a new keyboard and new digital mixer. The mixer will be housed in a new and raised sound cabinet which will allow us to pre-configure lots of settings, making the set-up and operation of the sound system much more straightforward.

All these upgrades come together to better support this amazing team with lots of small changes making a big difference. Not only will this build, support and encourage them, but it will benefit everyone who comes to our services whether it's a Sunday morning, Live@5, a wedding or a funeral.

Of course, though, this all costs money.

We want to make sure all these upgrades are sustainable in the long term for a growing team, and keep us up to date with current standards, so the complete total comes to around £8,000.

It would be amazing if you felt able to help and support us as we start to fundraise for the new equipment, whether that is a monetary donation, big or small, or volunteering your time and skills as a part of the growing worship team. Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated by the worship team and the wider church community! Amazingly, we have had one donation already of £500.

Please get in touch with me at [sam@benbinfro.co.uk](mailto:sam@benbinfro.co.uk) if you would like to donate, volunteer or want more information about anything.

Thanks so much for continued support!

**Sam Ball**  
*Pastoral Assistant (Worship)*

# EASTER AT BENBINFRO



The season of Lent is a time to reflect and draw closer to God, and as this season comes to an end, we are preparing ourselves for Easter. We have lots of Easter services and activities for our children and young people to get involved with, so have a look at our offerings below and why not take some time to come along and see what Easter is all about.

## **Maundy Thursday**

- 5:30pm Binsted Choral Evensong Service
- 7pm Passover Meal at Froyle Village Hall

## **Good Friday**

- 11am Binsted Meditation Service
- 7pm United Youth Good Friday Evening  
– St Andrews South Warnborough

## **Easter Saturday**

- 10am Froyle Easter Garden Making  
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

## **Easter Sunday**

- 5:30am Bentley Sunrise Service
- 9:30am Bentley Holy Communion –  
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
- 9:30am Binsted Holy Communion
- 11am Oakhanger Holy Communion



## Farewell to Yann

On Sunday 27th February, Yann led two final services before departing the Benefice for his new position in Headley. After the 9:30am Holy Communion service in Binsted, refreshments were provided giving everyone a chance to say goodbye. Later there was Live@5 in Bentley. A cake was presented to the whole family adorned with a montage of photos of Yann, Hannah, Sophie, Toby and Max. The service was interrupted by La Marseillaise heralding a presentation to Yann. First up was a compilation of farewell videos, including a highlights reel of online school assemblies, and then Yann was presented with a beautiful drawing by Anna McInnes of the three churches and Winchester Cathedral and then Yann was given his leaving collection of £2,420 raised by the grateful people of the Benefice.

Bon voyage, adieu and au revoir, you will all be missed.

Note: Recordings of both the final services, including the farewell presentation, are available on our YouTube channel.

# Re-ordering up-date and location of new toilets for Holy Cross Church

Since the last meeting held on zoom in April 2021 the Re-ordering committee and co-opted members have been working slowly to move forward on making an informed decision where new toilets should be located in Holy Cross Church, in Binsted. It has long been the case that everyone is in agreement that the Church should have its own toilet facilities for people who come to the Church for regular services, for weddings, baptisms, funerals and other activities.

An on- site meeting (postponed from December 2021) was held in February with PCC members and representatives from the Diocese along with Binsted Church's architect, Antony Feltham King. Various locations were identified; the architect articulated the several different options, highlighting their respective strengths and drawbacks. Discussions took place afterwards and two options were narrowed down as best locations. These were option C, adjacent to the Westcote Chapel, and Option D, located adjacent to the tower and the north aisle, outside the NW corner of the Church. The Diocesan team gave their initial views about the options, indicating which was most likely to obtain approval.

On 25th February, the Re-ordering committee met again, with members of PCC attending. An exercise of noting the pros and cons of each location was undertaken, followed by a vote as to the preferred option. Location D was overwhelmingly preferred and this location will be formally presented for approval at the next PCC meeting in March.

The next steps will be to discuss and decide upon the design for the new toilet block. A Faculty application will then be presented to the Winchester Diocese who will in turn consult interested bodies such as Historic

England, The Victorian Society, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Building, The Church Buildings Council and Historic Buildings and Places. Some of these bodies have previously made one or two visits to our ancient Church, so we are aware of their views and will reflect them in the chosen design. It is however the Chancellor of the Diocese who ultimately decides whether to grant the Faculty.

So the planning work continues.....we will keep you posted.....some progress has been made at last!

**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)

## Books at Bentley

**We have just celebrated a wonderful World Book Day event again at school and it seemed like a great time to share a little more about our love of reading!**

The teaching of reading starts in class on the very first day our Reception children begin school with a really fun Read Write Inc (RWI) session which we also use into Year 1, and beyond if necessary. RWI is a great scheme which we love because it builds in revision and lots of practice alongside the introduction of new sounds. It is taught with silly mnemonics, good pace and the daily routine quickly helps children to sound out phonetically and start to decode real words really quickly.

We have high expectations and ask all parents/carers to read at home at least five times a week. This helps children to build fluency and have lots of practice which are essential to becoming a confident reader. We expect children to read out loud to an adult at least twice a week all the way through to Year 6 but they can also read to a sibling or a pet, on the phone or in their head too! As long as they are reading we encourage them to read all sorts of books and try out new genres too. They can read comics, recipes, instruction manuals all sorts of non-fiction books, picture books and they may choose to read on a kindle or hear a spoken word

story too. It is all good reading work! A Bentley Pupils' Book Bag is a very important piece of essential kit and in it they will have their reading record, at least one reading book, plus a library book too.

Moving up through the school we continue to promote and enthuse our pupils to enjoy books. We have a wonderful library full of books, which we try to top up regularly. This has been more tricky in recent times, as our budget has been tight, but through fundraising and generous book donations we manage to keep it well stocked with the books our pupils really want to read. We hold a long list of book requests and some books are only just back when they are borrowed again! Reading for pleasure is such a joy and our Librarian, Fiona Tessendorf, reports children are buzzing and excited when they visit each week and choose their new books.

This year's World book Day has been great fun as last year many pupils were in self-isolation when it took place so it had to be a virtual event. This year the fun was definitely back and it was amazing to see the wonderful imagination involved to



Above: Year 4



Above: Year 6



Above: Year R

create super character costumes! Face paints, repurposed and creative sewing, cunning fancy dress all made for lots of fun and the children clearly enjoyed themselves, proudly coming into school and sharing 'who' they were as they represented authors, books and characters. Staff did not let the side down and they were all dressed as 'Where's Wally?' Characters which allowed for a very amusing game of find the headteacher in our assembly!

As well as costumes the children enjoyed a streamed author visit with three super authors; Tracey Corderoy, Tom McLaughlin and Ele Fountain. They wrote book reviews and enjoyed lots of fun book related activities, including a special book themed school dinner and a whole school story swap. A brilliant day which we hope will inspire a continued love of reading.

# CURTIS MUSEUM & ALLEN GALLERY

(01420 82802)

## OPENING TIMES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum)

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

## ALLEN GALLERY

### EXHIBITION

#### Viva La Still Life

An exhibition of work by artists Vicki Nigoumi, Jane Chadbon and Chris Sercombe. 26th March – 24th April. FREE

**Sylviane Thomas exhibition.** Sylviane divides her time between Hampshire and France, often using the Sea and sea creatures as her inspiration for works in oils or pastels. 2nd April – 15th May. FREE

### FAMILY FUN

#### Judith Venn Family Easter Workshop.

£6 per (accompanied) child. Pre-bookable through the Gallery. 11th April 11am – 1pm.

#### Make a LEGO Dodo

Suitable for ages 6+. 14th and 21st April, 11am – 1pm and 2pm -4pm. £3.50 per kit. Booking not necessary.

#### Easter Trail

12th – 24th April. £1 per trail.

### TALKS

#### The Social History of the English Civil War Soldier

By **Alan Turton.**

Alan is a military historian, who specialises in

the English Civil War and the period up to the mid-18th century. From 1987-2011 he was the curator of the English Civil War site of Basing House (once the largest private house in Tudor England), which underwent the longest siege of the English Civil War. Thursday 14th April at 7.30 pm. FREE, donations gratefully received.

#### A Talk on Gilbert White the Gardener

by **David Standing.** Formerly Head Gardener at the Gilbert White Museum, Selborne, (now retired).

**Gilbert White** is best known as the author of *A Natural History of Selborne*, first published in 1789 and still in print, but he was also an enthusiastic and skilled gardener who developed over 40 years an intricate and extensive garden behind his house in Selborne. This talk summarises 38 years of detective work to track down the original layout and planting of this garden.

Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50 bookable in advance from the Gallery.

## CURTIS MUSEUM

### EASTER ACTIVITIES

**Easter Trail** 12th – 24th April. £1 per trail. Please phone 01420 82802 or see our websites for the most up-to-date news.

# Bentley Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Update

Following our earlier update, the Steering Group developing our revised Bentley Neighbourhood Plan is making good progress and aims to have a substantive draft completed later this summer.

Whilst the group has a number of people working on the revised Bentley Neighbourhood Plan, we would welcome some additional help and support to get the policy section completed. The 12 policies include the spatial plan for our village, use of recreational areas and green spaces, education, drainage, traffic impacts, a design statement for any future development and a green infrastructure policy; all of which will provide our village with the necessary voice in future possible developments.

If you are interested in supporting this work, then please contact Lucinda Edwards ([lucindaedwards@bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:lucindaedwards@bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk)) or Chris Mace ([camaceuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:camaceuk@yahoo.co.uk)).

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everybody who gave so generously to our Saturday Cafe at Bentley Memorial Hall coffee morning, for aid in the Ukraine, we collected over £1000 and money is still coming in.

Thank you again  
Marilyn, Richard, Ellen and Mascha.

## Tribute to Patric Curwen



It is my sad duty to report that our dear colleague and friend Patric Curwen passed away on 18th February. Patric served on the Parish Council for over seven years during which time he held the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Footpaths Officer and Highways Officer. Patric's enthusiasm and support will be greatly missed. He was always the first to volunteer his time and was one of the nicest people you could wish to know. His commitment to the village is an example to us all.

Farewell dear friend.

*John Goodyear*

*(Chairman of Bentley Parish Council)*

## **BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB**



### **Our April meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 8pm as usual in the Memorial Hall Denis Smith Room.**

The meeting will be our Spring show and we hope that as many of you as possible will bring an entry for one of the classes. Remember it is not the winning that counts, but the taking part!

The classes will be:

1. 5 stems of daffodil or narcissus, same or mixed variety
2. 5 stems of miniature daffodils, same or mixed variety
3. 5 spring flowers, each of a different variety (not daffodils or shrubs)

4. 3 Hellebore flower heads floating in water
5. A stem of a flowering shrub
6. A small Jubilee celebration flower arrangement no wider than 10 inches. No height limit.

Whilst the show is being judged we will have our usual light-hearted quiz!

The committee hope to see as many of you as possible on the 5th April and visitors are more than welcome to attend.

# PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

BINSTED BENTLEY  
& FROYLE CARE GROUP  
CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Binsted Bentley & Froyle Care Group telephone number for making bookings with the car service, for health related journeys, will in future be:

**07775 458873**

This change will take place  
in March 2022

Any other queries should be addressed to the  
Secretary, Ellen Saunders, on:

**01420 590697**

## THANK YOU!

We are bowled over by the response to the appeal for items to help the Ukraine crisis. Thank you for your generosity.

BenBinFro Team  
& Astra Recycling

# BOMBAY TO BENTLEY 2022 SATURDAY 2ND JULY

Bentley School PTFA are delighted to announce the Bentley bike ride is back again this year!

For those not familiar with this super fundraiser, intrepid volunteers and their bikes will be transported to Bombay (the distillery in Laverstoke, not Mumbai in India) very early on the morning of Saturday 2nd July ready to make the epic 50-mile journey through the beautiful Hampshire countryside and back to school. Ben Bingham is heading up the event this year – he has put together a really helpful video to tell you all about it

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3Av\\_jwTQZ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3Av_jwTQZ4)

Would you like be on the team? All you need is a bike, a minimum sponsorship of £70 and lots of enthusiasm! The weather is promising to improve and Ben is starting to organise some training rides in the next couple of weeks – if you're not quite sure this is the event for you, why not try a training ride with the rest of the team?

If you are interested in becoming part of the team, contact Ben via email ([bingham\\_ben@hotmail.com](mailto:bingham_ben@hotmail.com)) or call the school office on 01420 525010. And if cycling just isn't your thing, but you'd like to support this fundraiser, please visit <https://gofund.me/20261e98> to make a donation. Every single penny really will make a difference.

# Squirrels



As the better weather approaches (we hope) together with lighter evenings we are planning to start our Squirrels section for 4-5 year olds.

Every week, Squirrels will gather to grow and learn their way through lots of different games and activities

Squirrels can achieve anything they set their minds to – and they have lots of fun along the way.

The one hour sessions will be a brilliant opportunity for young people to take their first step into being part of Scouts, and they'll help everyone get ready for the adventure of school too.

Sessions will be packed with outdoors activities, fun, games, badges, laughter, and so much more to help our youngest members learn the skills they need for life. Of course, none of it would be possible without the support of the amazing leaders who plan and deliver such an inspiring programme.

We want to reach young people who could benefit most from Scouts. Research suggests that the earlier a young person accesses non-formal education, the more positive the impact on their prospects. Around the world there are various models of Scouts for four and five year olds, such as Meerkats in South Africa, Lions in the US and Family Scouting in Denmark. You can find more information from the Scout Association at [www.scouts.org.uk/squirrels](http://www.scouts.org.uk/squirrels)

If you would like to get involved in a brand new Squirrel Drey at 2nd Bentley please get in touch with us.

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BINSTED VILLAGE CINEMA @ THE WICKHAM

# A Call to Arms!

Following up on one of the top requests from the Binsted Village Survey - held up massively by COVID! - I have been researching how we might make a Binsted Village Cinema @ The Wickham a reality...

Whilst there is the technical equipment side (being progressed); it has become obvious that to be successful a number of people need to step forward and become involved. Programme selection, Publicity, Ticket Sales, Sponsorship, Web Design and Production, On-Night Refreshments, On-Night House staff and maybe much more!!

So, many varied skills are needed but mainly a true desire to get involved and make this Village requested priority work.

Would you like to get involved or at least find out more??

Contact John Kenward 07780 111912; [jkenward@sky.com](mailto:jkenward@sky.com)

**LET'S TRY AND MAKE THIS HAPPEN TOGETHER**

# BINSTED TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB 2022

Membership is open



Spring is on its way and hopefully that means better weather and we can use the tennis court more regularly. There will also be weekly fine weather Friday croquet evenings through the summer starting from mid May for anyone interested in Croquet. Croquet coaching and encouragement is provided courtesy of current members – the wonderfully prepared croquet lawns, the beautiful views and the drinks and snacks afterwards whilst enjoying the sunset was a regular occurrence in 2021 and we look forward to doing the same this year.

The Club will welcome new members for the new membership year which commences on 1st May 2022. Tennis Membership fees remain unchanged (Amazingly Annual Tennis family membership has been kept the same as in recent years). Croquet membership has been increased to £20 for an adult member so that we can continue to invest in the croquet facilities.

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.*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Bentley Scouts

## GROUP UPDATE



The last two weeks have been very busy for Archer Explorers and 2nd Bentley Scouts. The Explorer's spent at weekend at the Explorers' 20 Anniversary Camp at Hampshire Scouts, Ferny Crofts Activity Centre in the New Forest. Blessed with fine, dry (but cold) weather they joined Explorers from neighbouring Weyferers Explorers in Alton to join in on a packed camp of activities, campfires, food and friendship. Attached are a few photos from their weekend which gave our young people the opportunity to take part in their first camp for 2 years.

The following weekend was the national Monopoly Run, organised by our Scouting District. Scouts from all over the UK descended on London to pit their Monopoly wits against each other. An early packed Saturday morning train transported all the Scouts and Explorers to the capital start. From there they travelled all over London to accumulate properties and build their property portfolios. A packed day on and off public transport the young people and leaders had an exciting day and took in many London sights.

The group is going from strength to strength. If you have an interest or hobby that you would like to share one evening session with any of the sections please do get in touch as we are always looking for new and local topics to share with the Scouts. More adult help on a flexible basis is always welcomed too so please do consider joining us and sharing in the fun. You can contact me on [melissa@2ndbentleyscouts.org.uk](mailto:melissa@2ndbentleyscouts.org.uk)



Our other sections, Beavers and Cubs have been enjoying a full programme also this term including archery, Lego, arts and emergency aid, together with the seasonal favourite of pancake cooking! They are now looking forward to Easter Activities at the end of term and badge presentations.



We will also be holding our AGM via Zoom on the 4th April if you would like a Zoom invite please get in touch. This will be a swift business meeting and we plan to hold a celebration event for the group in July.

# HCC COUNCILLORS TURN DOWN BURNER PLAN



At a six-hour meeting on February 23, Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee turned down Veolia's controversial application for an enormous commercial incinerator in the rural Wey Valley despite the recommendation from HCC planners to approve. The application was overwhelmingly rejected by 12 votes to three.

A spokesman for campaign group No Wey Incinerator said, 'This is the right decision. There is simply no justification for allowing Hampshire to develop a fourth incinerator, which would have made a nonsense of all the county's carbon pledges and for which there is no proven need.'

'We are grateful to the committee for ploughing through the planners 309-page report, revisiting the site and all the viewpoints in the area, as well as listening to the powerful arguments from the No Wey Incinerator deputation on behalf of local residents, parish councils and local businesses. The councillors involved can be proud of their role in preventing Hampshire turning into

Dumpshire, which was a very real possibility if this commercial proposition had been allowed to proceed.

'We would like to thank the thousands of supporters who backed us throughout this two year campaign and we hope that Veolia now realise that the rural Wey Valley is not the place for a massive commercial incinerator.'

Veolia's planning application went through four public consultations, resulting in over 5,500 objections from local residents and businesses, backed by two MPs, three District and Borough authorities, two town councils and 19 parish councils. CPRE Hampshire, the South Downs National Park Authority and Historic England also submitted strong objections. Hampshire County Council's own landscape department wrote a lengthy objection in February 2021 explaining why the application should be turned down and why it does not conform to published Council policy.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT**

# THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all the lovely cards, messages, wine and amazing gifts that we were given leading up to and on our final Sunday in Bentley, Binsted and Froyle. Yann had very special last assemblies in both Bentley and Binsted Primary schools and final services in our churches. We enjoyed the lovely spread after the service in Binsted, the photo cake and goodbye presentation at Live@5 in Bentley and the very moving video messages. We shall always treasure these and were overwhelmed by the generosity of people's words to us.

We are also so grateful for the many wonderful working relationships forged over 11 years and the friendships that we know will continue. We have been enormously blessed by many in our communities and shall miss you very much. THANK YOU!

With love from Yann and the Dubreuil family x

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## The season (nearly) starts here

Hi folks

Just a few weeks away now from the start of the season, and the 'mighty' Binsted CC are chomping at the bit!

We have had a few new players join us this year, winter net practice has been going well, and in a couple of weeks (from 19 April) we move to Rec for our Tuesday training sessions.

It will be great to start playing outside again. OK it can be a little chilly up at the Rec in pre-season (...all the way through the season for that matter...) but it's beautiful up there when the sun's out. Hopefully we will see a bit more sunshine this year – we lost nearly 2 months of cricket to the weather in 2021 which was a real shame after all the lockdown shenanigans, but fingers crossed...

Our first game is away at Headley on 23 April – our only Saturday match of the season.

We've shared a copy of our fixture list again so you can see when we are playing and where. Plenty of matches at home this year and it will be lovely to have pub garden again to relax in after our games. And before our games. And during our games. You get the point - we will either be at the Rec or in the pub. Come and join us!

Junior cricket starts on 13th May, every Friday evening until the end of the school summer term. There is a BBQ up there every week and no doubt some very well stocked wine picnic hampers too. It's a lovely way to end the week and everyone is very welcome.

If you do fancy coming along, whether it's for one of our practice sessions, one of our matches, junior cricket, or just for a drink, feel free to drop me a line and I will let you know more. You can contact me at [ben.krempel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ben.krempel@hotmail.co.uk) or 07907 247117.

Hope to see you soon!



# Binsted CC

## Senior fixtures 2022

Date	Versus	Venue	Time
23 April 2022 (Saturday)	Headley CC	Away	1.00pm
1 May 2022	Tilford CC	Away	1.00pm
8 May 2022	Hawkley CC	Home	2.00pm
15 May 2022	Brook CC	Away	1.30pm
22 May 2022	Rowledge Casuals CC	Home	2.00pm
29 May 2022	NO GAME (BH weekend)		
5 June 2022	Irascibles	Home	2.00pm
12 June 2022	Lord Wandsworth College (Staff XI)	Away	1.00pm
19 June 2022	Medstead CC	Away	2.00pm
26 June 2022	Vagabonds CC	Home	1.00pm
3 July 2022	Herriard CC	Away	1.30pm
10 July 2022	NO GAME (pre-tour recovery)		
15-17 July 2022	BCC CRICKET (GOLF) TOUR	Brighton	
24 July 2022	Fairlands CC	Home	2.00pm
31 July 2022	Lynchmere CC	Home	2.00pm
7 August 2022	Grayswood CC	Away	1.00pm
14 August 2022	Wood Street Village CC	Away	2.00pm
21 August 2022	NO GAME		
28 August 2022	Geoff Thorne XI	Home	11.00am
4 September 2022	Rowledge Casuals CC	Away	2.00pm
11 September 2022	Crondall CC	Away	1.00pm
<b>Binsted Cricket Club</b>	<b>Captain:</b> Paul Knight (07955 374974)		
<b>The Recreation Ground</b>	<b>Secretary:</b> Ben Krempel (07907 247117)		
<b>The Street</b>	<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://binsted.play-cricket.com/home">https://binsted.play-cricket.com/home</a>		
<b>Binsted</b>			
<b>Hampshire GU34 4PB</b>	The Rec is opposite the Binsted Inn - the only pub in the village!		

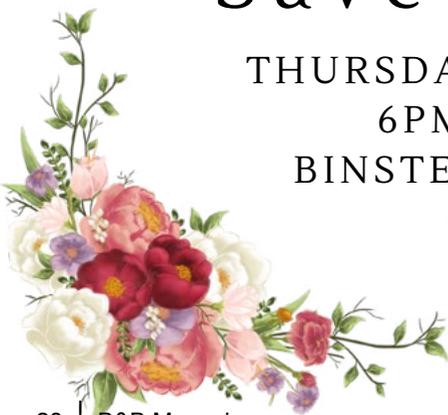


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**Binsted Annual Parish Meeting  
Wednesday 6 April, at 19:30**

**After a two-year gap, Binsted’s Annual Parish Meeting is back. It’ll be held at the Wickham Institute on 6 April, starting at 19:30 (to finish by 21:00).**

Annual parish meetings are generally more interesting than parish council meetings – not least because light refreshments are provided! They’re truly ‘public’ meetings, at which parish residents can raise matters of local interest: in fact, they’re a legacy from the Middle Ages, when local councils didn’t exist, and all local decision-making was carried out at meetings of the whole community.

**Do come along, to meet us and to hear what’s going on.**

We’ve recently welcomed a new Clerk, a new Deputy Clerk and some new councillors. And we won’t only be focusing on the council’s activities, but also on the parish’s many volunteer groups: its Rights of Way volunteers, Fete Committee, sports clubs, and so forth.

**We hope that as many of you as possible will come along, to find out more.**



**Binsted’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

Since the last parish magazine, planning for H.M. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations have got underway in earnest. As you’ll see from the ‘Save the Date’ opposite, an ‘open-to-all’ community event at Binsted Rec is being organised for the evening of Thursday 2 June, in addition to the various smaller events being held in different parts of the parish across the Jubilee weekend. We’ll be keeping everyone updated via the parish council website.

**Keep an eye on webpage [HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Binsted Parish Council](#) for full details.**



## *Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting*

To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a Rowan tree was planted on Wednesday 2 March in the Churchyard at Holy Cross Church Binsted.

Our local tree warden, Ben Hamlin, assisted the Churchwarden, Stella Croom-Johnson, who instigated the initiative and also prepared the ground. Church representatives and residents of the local community witnessed two children, from Binsted Church of England Primary School, plant this special tree. It was a good turnout considering the inclement weather!

The Rowan tree was acquired from the Bentley village rewilding project and joins two other trees currently in the Churchyard commemorating the Queen's Silver and Golden Jubilees. A few words and a blessing over the tree were given by Nick Carter on behalf of the church for the tree will flourish and benefit the birds, bees and insects.

The tree was planted with our grateful thanks for the long and faithful service the Queen has given our country and the Commonwealth. Finally, we hope the two children from Binsted School will be able to show their grandchildren the mature Rowan tree and tell them about why we planted it!



# BOOK REVIEWS

## **Author of the month: Loveday Alexander**

Loveday Alexander is a Professor of Biblical Studies at Sheffield University. She is a Canon-Theologian at both Chester and Chichester Cathedrals.

### **Book of the month:**

**“Acts: The People’s Bible Commentary, A Bible Commentary For Every Day”,  
Publisher: The Bible Reading Fellowship, 2006, paperback, 208 pages.**

**At the time of writing, good copies are available from [www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com) from £6.45 including postage and packing.**

**Loveday Alexander writes that Jesus is the key to everything that happens in the Acts of the Apostles. She welcomes us to the journey which is set out in Acts. It tells the story of the birth of the Church, and its journey outwards and across the world from where it all began, in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.**

Woven into this story are the journeys of a whole host of individual travellers, apostles and others, moving back and forth across that Mediterranean world and spreading the word wherever they go. But it’s also the story of the journey of faith, a journey to which every reader is invited.

One key section in the book is the one headed “Everything in Common”. It describes the apostles as continuing to

testify publicly to the resurrection of Jesus. They tackle the task with “great grace”, showing the power of God’s Holy Spirit at work. The picture of the early church is one in which the life of the Spirit is visible in the way Christians relate to each other.

The grace of God is the foundation of the future life of those who become believers. The “word of the Lord”, which started with John the Baptist’s mission to Israel in Luke chapter 3, is reaching out to wider and wider circles. As we read, we share with the first Christians the unfolding excitement that God is “out there”, waiting to meet them and surprise them in this world that is God’s world.

Happy reading!

## FEBRUARY 2022 WEATHER STATISTICS



### Temperature



Daytime maximum 15.1°C (16<sup>th</sup>) to 9.1°C (12<sup>th</sup>)  
22 days above 10°C

Nighttime minimum - 4.8°C (26<sup>th</sup>) to 9.3°C (16<sup>th</sup>)  
7 nights below 0°C



### Rainfall



Total for month 2.46 inches (62.6 mm) over 18 days

Wettest days 0.86 inches (21.8 mm) (13<sup>th</sup>)



### Wind



Dominant wind direction West South West

Maximum gust 43 mph (18<sup>th</sup>)

*Parish Weatherman*

# How healthy is your tree?

By April most of our trees have come into leaf, making this a good time to assess their health. The canopy of a healthy tree will be green and lush with foliage right to the tips of the branches.

They cannot tell us when something's not right. Sometimes it's obvious when a tree is not healthy, but sometimes not.

You may need to step back some distance from the tree to see whether the foliage has the right colour (easier of course if there is more than one of the same species) or whether the tips of the canopy are fully covered.

It will help to pin down the exact species of tree you are assessing as pests and diseases are usually specific, so you can eliminate any that do not affect your tree. More information is here - [https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/tree-pests-and-diseases/key-tree-pests-and-diseases/)

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You also need to bear in mind natural changes that occur to your tree through the seasons. It's not only broadleaf trees that lose their green in autumn; it happens to some conifers as well. Some trees, ash for instance, are slow to start in spring; don't rush to conclusions 'until May be out'.

There can be similar signs and symptoms of ill health caused by different pests and diseases but also so-called abiotic factors such as frost, lightning, drought, waterlogging and ground compaction.

So what are the main signs and symptoms:

- Thinning of the crown. You should not be able to see the sky behind the crown of a healthy tree in summer.
- Discolouration, death or loss of foliage. If the whole tree is affected the problem is probably in the roots. If only some boughs are affected it is more likely to be insect damage further up the trunk.
- Dieback of shoots, twigs or branches. Usually a result of interruption of the flow of water through the tree, normally caused by fungal attack, such as ash chalarra dieback.
- Abnormal bleeds/secretions or discolouration of bark.
- Unusual growths/cankers/wounds. One example is so-called epicormic growth, in which there is a profusion of shoots sprouting from the base of the stem. This indicates that the tree crown is dying and it is a last-ditch attempt to survive the attack.
- Presence of fruiting bodies, e.g. bracket fungus, but not necessarily so large and conspicuous.
- Evidence of insect attack, which can be in the form of feeding damage to foliage, nests, exit holes, excreted mess called frass, patterns under the bark indicating feeding galleries or patterns eggs called plaque.

This is clearly a complicated subject but help is at hand. To call in such help you will need to provide good information on the location of your tree of concern and good photos of the signs and symptoms that are worrying you. As your friendly neighbourhood tree warden, I can be your first line of support, and you can contact me here - [binstedtrees@gmail.com](mailto:binstedtrees@gmail.com).

TreeAlert has been set up to gather information about the health of the nation's trees, woodlands and forests. It relies on feedback from us the public and no prior judgement need be made, just

pass the information to the experts. This information will support important tree health monitoring and surveillance work, contribute to ongoing scientific research in this field and, ultimately, support efforts to protect the nation's trees. Detailed instructions on how to do this can be found on the Forest research website at <https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/ftthr/tree-alert/>



# **BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+ CLUB**

## **Congratulations to the Winners**

The winners for the April draw of the Bentley Memorial 100+ Club are:

### **APRIL 2022**

- 1st Prize Helen Curwen
- 2nd Prize Richard Greenway
- 3rd Prize Hew and Jean Pike

Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley Memorial Hall  
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[steve.fice@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.fice@btinternet.com)

# WAYMARKS...

## Maintaining Binsted's Rights of Way network

During March, we have been spending a fair amount of time inspecting the parish paths and bridleways for fallen trees, in the wake of storms Eunice and Franklin. There were a number of trees and tree limbs blocking paths and quite a few were easily cleared. However, a number were too big for the volunteers to tackle and these were reported centrally for action by the Hampshire rangers or the landowners. We'll be checking regularly to ensure they are dealt with as soon as possible.

## Alton Walking Festival

By the time you are reading this, booking for spaces on the 100+ walks in the Walking Festival will have been open for a month already. Spaces on the walks tend to disappear quickly, so if you haven't already, do try to book up now.

## Don't Lose Your Way

Towards the end of last year, I wrote about the Don't Lose Your Way campaign run by the Ramblers. At the time, there was a time limit of 1 January 2026 to record and reinstate any of the 1,000 miles of "lost paths" in Hampshire alone - paths that many people used historically, but that were missed off when the definitive Rights of Way maps were created over 50 years ago. The good news is that this deadline is now set to be scrapped by the Government, so the pressure is off, to

a certain extent. Nonetheless, it remains a valuable initiative and if you would like to find out more, or even get involved, search online for "Ramblers Don't Lose Your Way" – there is an excellent section of the Ramblers website that includes maps of the work already done, as well as informative video clips.

## Local walking resources

One member of the volunteer team has been very busy producing some excellent local walk leaflets. These are single, folded A4 sheets with a map of the route on one side and written directions to follow on the other side. So far, there are five walks in this format, with distances between 2.5 and 6 miles, all starting at the Binsted Inn. They are currently available free of charge from the Binsted Inn and from Mint Condition - Personal Trainers. Why not try out one of the routes?

You may be familiar with Yellow Walk Maps if you have been walking when on your holidays – they are widely available and very popular. They are handy-sized laminated maps, based on Ordnance Survey mapping data at a scale that is easy to read. Well, Binsted Parish now has its own version! It will initially be available from the Binsted Inn or from the Parish Council office at the Binsted Pavilion, and there will be a small charge to cover the production costs. They are very robust and should last well – we hope you enjoy using them.





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### *The Wickham Institute 100+ Club*

As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the March 2022 draws:

#### March 2022

1<sup>st</sup> prize Rex Smalley

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Claire Fargeot

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Jean Stephens

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Details of the April 2022 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.

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If you would like to participate an application form can be obtained from Andrew Croom-Johnson on 01420 23157 or email a request to Andrew at [treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk).

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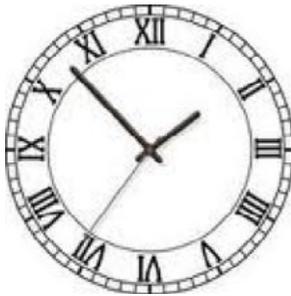


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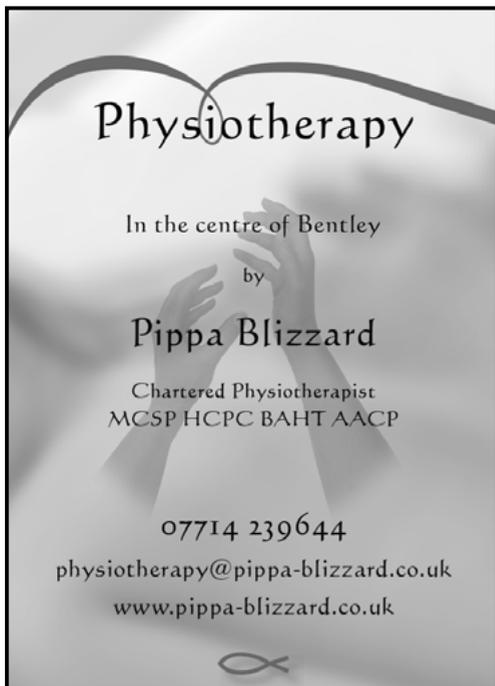


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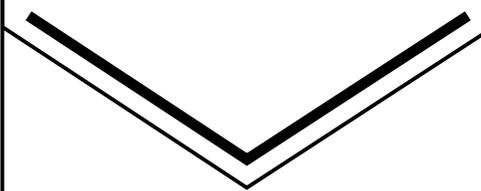
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