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Benefice Letter

Dear All

There have been so many shocking and distressing images of the Ukrainian conflict in the press and on television, but among them there was one this spring which was both surprising and yet reassuring at the same time. It showed residents of Kyiv walking through one of the city's parks, admiring and enjoying the sight of the blooms unfurling on the magnolia trees in the late April sunshine. It was a remarkable image because, in the midst of the horror close by, it was a reminder of the power of God's creation to heal and strengthen us.

In straightened circumstances, Nature's resilience and recovery can be inspiring and optimistic. We are reminded of Anne Frank's diary, in which she wrote about how glimpsing the sky and a nearby chestnut tree from the attic window, gave her hope.

"Nearly every morning I go to the attic to blow the stuffy air out of my lungs, from my favourite spot on the floor I look up at the blue sky and the bare chestnut tree, on whose branches little raindrops shine, appearing like silver, and at the seagulls and other birds as they glide on the wind. As long as this exists, I thought, and I may live to see it, this sunshine, the cloudless skies, while this lasts I cannot be unhappy."

We know that Anne and her family, apart from her father, met a miserable fate, but while she was imprisoned in that attic, the sight of living things helped her. That tree was sadly felled by a storm in 2010, but because it inspired such hope, thousands of its saplings have been distributed and planted around the globe, to encourage others in difficult times.

When trees burst into leaf after a long, dark winter it always seems as if life is restored.

In Hamburg during the war, after the city was almost destroyed by British incendiary bombs in the summer of 1943, the sight of scorched and burnt trees sprouting green buds was said to feel like a miracle, giving the residents hope that their once prosperous city would one day be restored.

And while we, in our beautiful benefice, have not been incarcerated or bombed, we have all to some degree or another, endured challenges over the last two years. Maybe that is why, more than ever, we rejoiced at the sight of drifts of snowdrops early in the year, seas of bluebells more recently and will revel in the glory of gardens opening for charity throughout the summer. It is hard not to feel revitalised when walking through fresh green woodland in the lovely countryside, so beloved of Jane Austen, who wrote:

"To sit in the shade on a fine day, and look upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment."

We are very fortunate to be surrounded by stunning scenery and be reminded constantly of the beauty of nature described in Genesis: Then God said, *"Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.*

Let us hope that we will always be able to look out of our windows and see that it is good and that, if troubles befall us, the sight of a magnolia tree in flower will give us hope.

The Benefice Team

Youth Update *Summer events*

Heading into the summer months, there is a lot on offer for our young people in BenBinFro. Working with our friends and youth work colleagues in Odiham, Alton and Four Marks, we have put together a few dates to really invest in our children and young people across East Hampshire, on top of what we're doing locally in BenBinFro! Take a look at the timetable below and get in touch if your young person is interested in any of our groups.

When?	What?	Who?	Where?	Team?
10th June 5-6:30pm	four:twelve -Youth Group	Years 5-7	Bentley School Sports Hall	BenBinFro
24th June 5-6:30pm	four:twelve -Youth Group	Years 5-7	Bentley School Sports Hall	BenBinFro
1st July 6-9pm	United Youth - Picnic and games	Year 6+	Butser Hill	United
15th July 5-6:30pm	four:twelve – Summer BBQ	Years 4-7	Bentley School Sports Hall	BenBinFro
29th – 30th July 4pm – 10am the next day	United Junior Sleepover	Years 4-6	Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks	United
2nd October	United Youth Event	Year 7+	TBC	United

There are lots of opportunities for our year 6 children in Bentley and Binsted to come along to our youth events and make friends over the summer term and into September in this important transition phase to secondary school.

And for our year 4s, who are welcome to come along to our youth groups from September, are invited to join in early in this

summer term to get to know the leaders and get a feel for our groups before the autumn. four:twelve will restart in September (dates tbc!) and there are more dates for monthly United events in the pipeline. If you'd like to find out more then please do get in touch.

Gemma Ball

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Church Register

Bentley

3rd April 2022 Baptism of Barney Cattermole

3rd April 2022 Baptism of James Cattermole

3rd April 2022 Baptism of Jesse Thompson

23rd April 2022 Wedding of Laura and Matthew

29th April 2022 Wedding of Connie and Philip

Binsted

23rd April 2022 Wedding of Farah and Charlie

Benefice Update

The search for a new Rector

Last month we reported that we hoped there may be some candidates coming forward again from the Bishop, but unfortunately this was not the case. We have re-advertised the position, with a closing date of 26th May, and if we get any applicants we will be holding interviews on Wednesday 15th June. Thank you all for your prayers for the recruitment process.

The Benefice Team



**Come and join us to give thanks
for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
A Service of Celebration will be held
at Holy Cross Church, Binsted
on Sunday 5th June at 11 a.m.**

Celebration drinks & nibbles after the service.



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(Binsted Village Hall)



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Holy Cross Binsted Church

We need your Help!

Please help us 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, weddings and many other events and visitors. We have been most grateful for all they have done, but sadly, the team of helpers has diminished over the past years.

We are hoping that our community will help us in keeping the church clean and welcoming, to all who enter its doors.

If you find that you have a spare an hour every so often to clean the church, we would be very pleased to hear from you. We encourage our helpers to clean in pairs, so maybe you and a friend could come together to help us in this way? The more people who volunteer – the less often each person needs to do it!

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

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or

**Stella Croom-Johnson - 07740 861256
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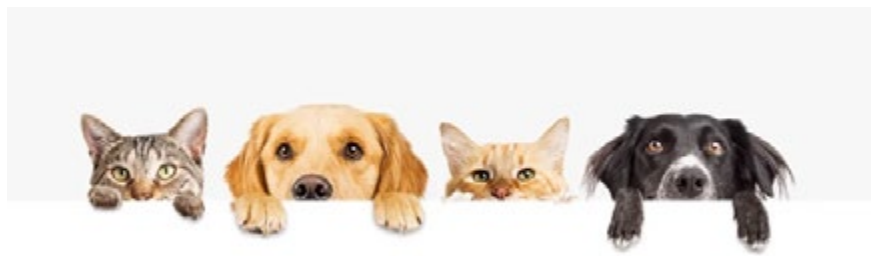
Binsted's Church Pet Service



On the Recreational Ground following
the Village Fete

On Sunday 3rd July at 11 a.m.

Please bring your pets to this all-age
service with hymns, songs
and a blessing for your pets.

Refreshments will be served
following the service.




CHORAL CONCERT
BY CANTIQUÉ
IN AID OF THE HOLY
CROSS CHURCH EAST 
WINDOW APPEAL

By now you're probably aware that the stunning East Window behind the altar in Holy Cross Church is in need of urgent but expensive restoration.

As part of our continuing fundraising we will be staging a concert by Cantique on the evening of Saturday 23rd July. Cantique are a well known and popular local choral group who always sing to a very high standard. Details of ticket prices and the programme will be announced nearer the time but it's likely to prove a highly popular event so please make a note of it in your diary now to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to contribute to the East Window Appeal but can't come to the concert please either scan the QR code in this article or contact our treasurer Andrew Croom-Johnson (binstedtreasurer@benbinfro.org) who will let you know the various ways you can donate.

And finally, a HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed to the coffee morning on 11th May, whether



with cakes, help or just turning up and donating. At the time of writing the final total is still be determined (money is still coming in!) but it made a wonderful amount in excess of £700 towards the restoration of the window.

If you would like any more information please contact me (Stella Croom-Johnson) on binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk or on 07740 861256.





Teas on Tuesday at Froyle are back!

Once again St Mary's is doing Cream Teas and Strawberries every Tuesday afternoon in June from 2.30 – 4.30 pm.

Plus an extra one on 31st May in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee where we shall also be offering a glass of Prosecco.

Do come along, relax and enjoy a summer's afternoon at Froyle.

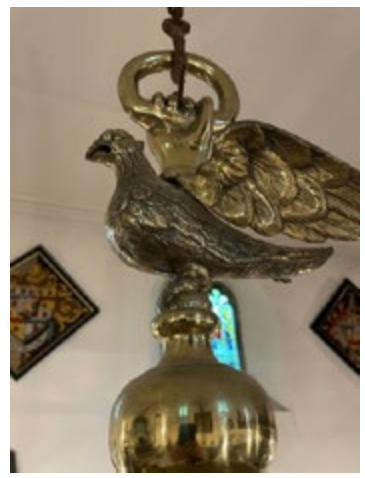
All are welcome from young to old and everyone in between.



Thanksgiving Service for HM The Queen St Mary's Church, Froyle, Sunday 5 June 11.00am

You are warmly invited to join us at St Mary's Church, Froyle, for a special service to celebrate The Queen's 70 years of faith and service to the nation. With beautiful choral music from the Coronation, and drawing on memories of Coronation day from members of our community, this will be a service to remember for all generations.

‘Let there be light: Revealing St Mary’s’



St Mary’s Church, Froyle

6.30 pm Thursday 23 June

Drinks, Canapés and Short Talk

Project Apollo, the re-wiring, relighting and restoration of St Mary’s Church, Froyle, has given us a once-in-a lifetime chance to get up close to the fabric and contents of this beautiful Grade I listed building. Come and hear about some of the extraordinary discoveries that have been made during the project, find out about the return of the missing chandelier, and learn about the painstaking restoration and cleaning that has transformed this church and revealed its treasures as never before.

Tickets (donations in aid of the 1722 appeal) available from
 Vanessa Remington (vanessaremington@talktalk.net)

French at Bentley CE Primary School

French has been taught at Bentley for many years, pre-dating the inclusion of a modern language as a statutory part of the KS2 curriculum in September 2014. It is currently taught by a primary language specialist who delivers weekly French lessons across the whole school each Wednesday. In addition, the children also have opportunities to learn other languages whilst at Bentley; Year 4 learn Spanish, Year 6 learn German and the whole school explore other languages as part of European Day of Languages celebrations in September.

French lessons at Bentley focus on building up all four language-learning skills: speaking, listening, writing and reading. The children learn a wide range of French, including language which they can use on holiday. Additionally, they develop independent skills, such as deciphering unknown language, which will be built on when they transfer to secondary school.

In Key Stage One the emphasis is on developing listening and speaking skills. The children very much enjoy using traditional stories, songs and games to learn French and are naturally brilliant at learning and retaining new language. In addition, from year 1 the children will also begin to develop skills in reading and writing. This includes copying a word to label a picture or reading a familiar word like numbers and days of the week.

From year 3 onwards, the children start lessons with speaking and listening activities. These focus on core questions and answers to build up the children's French conversational skills so that by the end of year 6, the children can hold a short conversation in French. They also learn how to construct sentences in French using a variety of structures. In Year 6 the children even write their own 'Barbapapa' stories and can write a paragraph about themselves from memory.

Primary languages is about making language-learning fun, relevant and important to inspire the children to become life-long language learners. In addition, learning a language also opens the children's eyes to other cultures as we explore the lives and traditions from France and the wider

Francophonie world and in our multi-cultural society this is very important.

'Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.'

The National Curriculum in England: Key Stages 1 and 2 framework document', September 2013

Emma Jones – French Teacher at Bentley



School News – Binsted CE Primary

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

Dear God,
Thank you for fruit and veg,
Thank you for water and air,
Thank you for the plants that grow,
Thank you for the stars that show,
Thank you for the leaves on trees,
Thank you for creatures in the seas,
Thank you for Adam and Eve,
Thank you for love and hope,
Thank you for lands and homes,
Please help Ukraine and Russia have peace.

By Raffey

Dear God,
Thank you for the sky, the Earth and the moon.
Thank you for the sun that makes the flowers bloom.
Thank you for the rainbows that make me smile.
Thank you for the birds I see at night.
Thank you for the little things you do.
Thank you for the sky, the Earth and the moon.

By Emily



School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

Dear God,
 Thank you for my family and friends.
 Thank you for putting air into my lungs.
 For our food, water and most importantly
 our Earth, I thank you.
 I know you don't want war, so please help
 Ukraine and Russia heal.

By Charlie



You are warmly invited to

CHURCH ON THE REC

On Sunday 17th July at 11am

In the marquee at Bentley Recreation ground

With live hymns, songs, prayers and fun!

Everyone is welcome, we would really love to see you!



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The Bentley Trust Fund

Many of you may know someone who needs some help. By contacting, or suggesting they contact, The Bentley Trust Fund you may well be able to help them in a very practical way. The Bentley Trust Fund was set up many years ago to assist the residents of Bentley, its purpose being to provide financial help to people and families living in our village.

The Bentley Trust Fund has some funds available to help any resident of Bentley who has an immediate need of modest financial assistance, for example:-

- the purchase of school uniforms, school trips
- the purchase of household items i.e., cookers, fridges, carpets

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from the involvement of the Trust, please contact Sue Davies in complete confidence on 01420 23535 or sue.davies26@hotmail.co.uk



Early success for Binsted CC!

Hello folks

By the time you read this, the situation may have changed considerably. However, as I write in mid-May, I'm pleased to report that Binsted CC have enjoyed a strong start to the season. I'm sure we will right that ship soon enough...

As is now traditional, our first match was against Headley CC at the end of April, in the beautiful setting of the Bordon and Oakhanger Sport Club with its colonial-style clubhouse and white picket fences. Although not as sunny as it has been in previous years, it is always a lovely place to play. The game was decent enough too (although apparently not sufficiently decent to pull the team and supporters too far from the clubhouse bar) with Binsted setting Headley a total of 144 to chase. They eventually fell 20 runs short, giving Binsted a first 'W' of the 2022 campaign.

Our next game, on the bank holiday Sunday, was an absolute belter. Played at Tilford CC – the second oldest cricket club in the country (according to the Tilford fixture card) and one of the most picturesque grounds in Surrey – the hosts batted first and set a challenging total of 240-5 in their 39 overs. Some determined batting from Ben Hinshelwood saw Binsted keep pace with the required run-rate in reply, ably assisted by debutant Tony de Sousa who nobly sacrificed a pair of his most cherished body parts in a bid to hold up one end. With the ball regularly disappearing into the surrounding streams, fields, and carparks, Binsted built strongly in the later stages and left themselves needing six from the final ball to tie the game. Hinshelwood duly obliged to finish on an incredible 134 not out and Binsted CC on 240-4 from 37 overs.

We then played a quite incredible match against Hawkley CC, our first game of the season at Binsted Rec. Binsted skipper Paul Knight won the toss – in itself an incredible outcome – and invited

the opposition to bat first. And boy did they oblige. They batted, and batted, and batted, and finished on 255-4 after their allotted 35 overs. A tough total to chase – in fact the second highest total Binsted have ever been asked to chase.

A challenge on this scale calls for a re-think on tactics, and the team (in its widest sense) came together brilliantly to outfox the opposition. Jenney de Souza baked two dozen scones pre-match, which beautifully complemented the many other goodies the team and their families had laid on for tea. Even though Hawkley had had their fill, our skipper ambled over to their table with a spare plate of scones and an extra tub of clotted cream, watching on, smirking, as they were duly polished off.

With severely depleted athleticism, Hawkley took to the field to defend their total but struggled to contain the Binsted openers Mike Perring, who finished unbeaten on 111 and Ben Homewood who smashed an imposing 85 before passing the baton to Ben Hinshelwood who came in at number 3. That was to be the only wicket that fell, as we finished on 256-1 with a couple of overs to spare. An incredible total and the highest aggregate score in Binsted CC's modern history. As well as the tea-time-tactics, credit must be given to the excellent condition of the wicket, which is thanks to the tireless work of Ron Neil and his occasionally-capable apprentice, John Dineen.

Our match on 15 May was unfortunately cancelled, as the opposition, Brook CC, could only find 4 players. Perhaps they had seen reports of our previous games and were running scared. I doubt it, but as a Binsted player you have to make hay while the sun shines, and enjoy moments like this!

By the time you read this, we should also have played Rowledge Casuals and The Irascibles. We will probably get bowled out for 47 in one match and score 312 in the other. That's the Binsted way. We will update you on progress next time.

us up on the Rec, it's not just for cricketers and parents, we hope friends and neighbours from the village will come and join us whether it's for the BBQ, a beverage, the banter, or all three. The weather looks set fair for the next few weeks, so it stands to be a fantastic month ahead.

We have also now started junior cricket on Friday evenings for the first time in 3 years, and it's great to be out there again. Everyone is welcome to join

See you soon!

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Binsted CC</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Senior fixtures 2022</h3>			
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
Binsted Cricket Club	Captain: Paul Knight (07955 374974)		
The Recreation Ground	Secretary: Ben Krempel (07907 247117)		
The Street	Website: https://binsted.play-cricket.com/home		
Binsted			
Hampshire GU34 4PB	The Rec is opposite the Binsted Inn - the only pub in the village!		

Sunday 12th June 2022

coach outing to Bosham Open Gardens

If anyone is interested, Bentley Garden Club have arranged a coach outing on Sunday 12th June to Bosham Open Gardens and we have space on the coach if anyone would like to join us.

This biennial event offers a rare opportunity to visit many private gardens in and around Bosham Village.

There is something of interest for everyone including:

- Gardens on the harbour's edge featuring coastal and wind-tolerant plants
- Beautiful harbour views
- More sheltered gardens in the village in a wide variety of styles and sizes
- Rose gardens
- Herbaceous borders
- Organic vegetable gardens
- Unusual container planting
- Water features
- Plant sales
- Artwork and crafts for sale

There are a number of village pubs/cafes/tea rooms serving lunches and teas.

Entrance to all the gardens is £10 per person with proceeds to Dementia Support.

The coach is scheduled to leave Bentley Memorial Hall at 10 am and leave Bosham at 5pm to return to Bentley.

If you are at all interested, please contact for further information, either Trish Cardy (01420 22325 or email trishcardy@yahoo.co.uk) or Andrew Croom-Johnson (01420 23157 or email andrewseajay@hotmail.com)

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



JUNE 2022

There are no regular monthly evening meetings now until Tuesday 4th October 2022 but that does not mean we have nothing planned for the summer! Here is what we have planned:

Sunday 12th June – All day coach outing to Bosham

Open Gardens

leaving Bentley Memorial Hall @ 10am leaving Bosham @ 5pm.

Gardens entry £10 per person. Coach cost tba.

Saturday 16th July – Bentley Fete afternoon. Garden Club plant stall

Wednesday 20th July – Afternoon visit to Colmore House Gardens

Car sharing. Garden entrance £10 per person to include teas.

Plant sales available.

Sunday 4th September – Afternoon visit (1–4pm) to Blounce

House @ South Warnborough. Car sharing. Entrance £4 per

person to include teas.

Tuesday 13th September – Coach outing to Chelsea Physic

Garden leaving Bentley Memorial Hall at 9.30am. Garden entry

£10 per person. Café and plant sales available. Coach cost tba.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact

Trish Cardy (01420 22325 – trishcardy@yahoo.co.uk)

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Juniper needs a tonic

The last of the ice ages ended twelve thousand years ago. Britain became an island around 6500 BC. The trees that had become established in the interim are described as 'native', while those that arrived later, largely with help from humans, are called 'non-native'.

Amongst the natives there are only three conifers; scots pine, yew and juniper. Scots pine and yew continue to flourish. Juniper is in trouble.

It is facing extinction in southern Britain. Across our downlands, this iconic shrub has failed to regenerate for the past sixty years, and as bushes reach the end of their lives, whole colonies are dying out. It has been lost from nearly 50% of its historic range. Should this trend continue, over 100 specialist invertebrates and fungi will disappear too. Now, to add to its woes, the larger upland population in the north and Scotland is threatened by a fungus, *phytophthora austrocedri*, which attacks the roots initially and thence kills the plant within a few years. It is likely that the disease has been here for some time, perhaps over 30 years.

Juniper, *juniperus communis*, is an evergreen perennial coniferous shrub or small tree with narrow-linear tough leaves. There is a wide variety of growth forms from a horizontal creeping mat to tall columnar spikes. Plants are either male or female. It can live to well over 100 years and may form a distinctive scrub community or, in the north, it is found in the understorey in open Scots pine woodland. Its 'berries' (actually modified cones) and shoots provide a valuable food source for wild birds and mammals and can be added to obnoxious raw spirit, otherwise suitable only as hand sanitiser, transforming it into ever-fashionable gin.

Pollination occurs by wind in the spring: male bushes produce small pollen cones whilst the cones of female bushes carry receptive droplets of fluid. Fertilised cones develop into berry-like fruits which ripen two or three years after pollination. Dispersal is mainly via migrant thrushes in the autumn. Although its seed is deeply dormant, requiring two cold winters to germinate, it appears only to remain viable in the soil for a few years. Seedlings take 4-9 years to reach sexual maturity.

Particularly in southern England regeneration of juniper bushes is reduced by the make-up of the populations. Many consist of similar aged bushes that responded to suitable conditions for growth at the same time in the past and at some sites are either all male or all female reducing the opportunity for reproduction where populations are sparsely spread across a landscape. The population therefore has a critical mass below which it will inevitably decline.

Most junipers live on chalk downland or limestone grassland in southern England. It is considered a pioneer species; its seedlings need bare ground to establish and are readily outcompeted due to their slow growth. There is a major project in progress to reinstate lost juniper landscapes on a larger scale, focusing initially on the Wylde Valley in Wiltshire and the 'Berkshire' Downs in Oxfordshire. But you don't have to go all the way to Wiltshire to find chalk or limestone, you can find it round here too. *Juniperus communis* can be bought relatively cheaply from reputable UK and Ireland suppliers (to minimise the risk of importing and spreading tree pests and diseases). Seeds must be collected and stored in the UK and Ireland, and they should all be coded so that each individual tree can be tracked.



Thursday 23 June, from 6pm: you're invited to a community picnic!

Last summer, Binsted parish council started to develop its 8 acres of land at Blacknest Fields (near Jolly Farmer pub), as a place for nature recovery and community greenspace.

We're making progress! In February we won Tree Council funding and planted a new hedge. We've now been awarded funding by South Downs National Park, for a 'BeeLines' pollinator project.

To celebrate progress - and midsummer - we're holding a Community Picnic at the fields.

Everyone's invited! There will be a honey-tasting and activities for children. It's free to attend, and there's no need to book - but do check the parish council Events calendar for parking details and any wet weather alerts (we'll re-locate to the Jolly Farmer skittle alley if wet!)

Binsted parish council remains critically short of councillors, despite relentless recruitment attempts over the past year. We urgently need your help.

We have a lovely team, which gets on well. But we should have nine councillors, and we only

have five. This situation cannot continue. The current councillors are under great pressure. And meetings struggle to be quorate, which makes life difficult for our Clerk. Unless more help can be found very soon, we will have to cut back on various community projects that we've scoped. We may also be approaching the point of considering a more drastic solution, such as merging with another council.

We're looking for people who care about our local area:

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 ... ordinary people giving some time to the community. It doesn't matter if you're in work, at-home, retired, or a young person seeking volunteer experience. If you're interested in finding out what being a councillor involves, please ring me, or call in to Binsted Sports Pavilion to chat with Lisa Spindler, our Parish Clerk (Mon-Thurs, 09:00-15:00). We're also interested in hearing from you if you cannot contemplate becoming a councillor but could volunteer to help with specific tasks. For example: helping with traffic speed monitoring; joining the new Holt Pound Working Group; joining the 'Friends of Blacknest Fields' group; or helping with schools liaison.

Alison Melvin,
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Luminosa Sets Summer Aglow with African Jazz Groove!

It has been a long time since the musical world has felt it can wholeheartedly sing out but on Saturday 2nd July, Luminosa will do just that in a vibrant concert proclaiming the cultural richness of Africa, and people who are diverse by just about any measure.

The entire family of Luminosa choirs will perform together for the first time since the pandemic in a concert that crosses boundaries and celebrates what unites rather than divides people. The programme will showcase Alexander L'Estrange's *Zimbe*, a sequence of choral arrangements of traditional songs in jazz style. And since jazz grew out of blues which itself sprang from the mouths of African people, what better accompaniment for these songs than a jazz quintet composed of drums, bass, keyboard, saxophone and copious auxiliary percussion.

Fresh from their success at the Basingstoke Music Festival, in which both choirs took first place with distinctions, Luminosa Young Voices and Luminosa Rising Voices, enthusiastically led by Jonathan Upford and Joshua Robinson respectively, will perform two joyful pieces alongside the adult choir. Alexander L'Estrange shares Luminosa's mission to give children a chance to sing in exciting concerts and venues outside school and grow in confidence and choral autonomy. This work gives young singers their own vocal line, which is fun, empowering and leads to a performance they will remember forever.

Alexander L'Estrange started his own musical career as a young chorister which launched his fascination for all musical genres. Together with his wife (singer and arranger, Joanna Forbes), he played with The Swingle Singers from 1999-2004. His affinity with African music was established serendipitously in a chance encounter on a train with a woman on her way to run a workshop in a prison. She had many African gospel songs she was keen to teach and share but confessed to lacking confidence in leading a singing workshop. He offered to help and the rest, as they say, is history. Alexander L'Estrange's love

affair with African music was forged, particularly the manifold ways in which music plays a part in everyday life in that vast continent. *Zimbe* (meaning 'Sing them') bears witness to the spirited, energetic and simple way that is typical of the African song tradition. According to the composer, the act of singing and listening to *Zimbe* is a communion between people 'in a realm where music imitates life and life inspires music'.

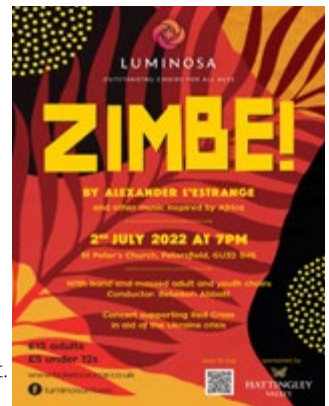
Zimbe touches the emotions. It is at times moving and at other times funky and grooving but all the time uplifting for performers and audiences alike. The excitement, verve and energy are all distinctly African, including the syncopation and contemporary jazz improvisatory styles which are the perfect serotonin hit for a summer's evening.

Luminosa Voices will be conducted by their gifted and enthusiastic choral director, Rebekah Abbott, with pianist Adam Blossie and jazz ensemble of hand-picked professional musicians.

Zimbe and other musical inspirations from the African continent will be performed on Saturday 2nd July at St Peter's Church, Petersfield at the slightly earlier time of 7pm. Tickets are just £15 for adults (under 12s-£5), available on Ticket Source www.luminosamusic.com

If you would like to become a part of the warm, welcoming and fun choir that is Luminosa, either as a singer, sponsor or 'Friend', please contact us at enquiries@luminosamusic.com. We would love to hear from you.

All Luminosa news and information can be found on the Choir's website www.luminosamusic.com





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SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE 2022

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Bentley Annual Parish Assembly Meeting



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Thank you to all the attendees our Bentley Annual Parish Assembly Meeting on Tuesday 26th April.

We were delighted to see over 50 attendees receiving an update from council and community leaders about life in Bentley since the last assembly meeting before lockdown in 2019!

The meeting was opened by our Chairman, Cllr John Goodyear who spoke about the main areas of parish council responsibilities such as planning applications, maintenance of council land and properties, highways, and communication to residents. Among many undertakings, we have dredged and replanted the pond, cleared ditches, repaired broken fences etc, as well as maintained the playpark and recreation ground. Plans for refurbishing the Pavilion are just commencing and a new 15-year lease has been agreed with the Scouts. We have had a makeover with new logo and branding following our village competition last year, and as always, the Parish Council aims to engage with residents effectively and quickly with the help of our brand new website, just launched (www.bentleyparishcouncil.gov.uk). We also have an expanding Facebook and Instagram presence - please do join to stay connected!

Our East Hants District Councillor, Cllr David Ashcroft followed, outlining recent news. EHDC have broken away from Havant to create a more efficient system within the council. There has been an increase in emphasis in enforcement, and the District Plan is progressing.

Our Hampshire County Councillor, Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee thanked residents for his re-election and spoke about schools, traffic improvements, and expecting 1000 Ukrainian families in the county.

We were very fortunate to include our wonderful community speakers, including Steve Fice, St. Mary's Church Treasurer, who spoke about their search for a new vicar and church activities; Hugh Chissell, Chair from the Fete Committee; then Katy Pinchess, Bentley School Head Teacher who outlined school life during Covid as well school news and intake. Carmella

Reece followed speaking on behalf of Bentley 2nd Scout Group providing a Powerpoint presentation on projects such as their Brecon Beacon weekend and Pax Hill visit.

Finally, our very own Cllr Jenny Turner rounded off the evening with a summary of plans for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration weekend in June.

The evening ended with well-deserved wine and nibbles whilst catching up with local residents and friends.

Please visit us on: www.bentleyparishcouncil.gov.uk where you can view reports in the Draft Minutes in more detail.

Please note: the Clerk’s and all Councillors’ email addresses will now end with the suffix:- .gov.uk.

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THE BENTLEY FETE AND FLOWER SHOW IS BACK



Saturday the 16th July from 2pm



Watch out for more information on the
Bentley Village Events Facebook Page





BENTLEY CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE



Bentley C of E Primary School winning competition entry
by Harriet Edwards, aged 9

Timetable and info for the village activities

Thursday evening, 2nd June - Lighting the Beacon at 9.45pm on Carters Meadow

- 9.00pm Procession starts at Memorial Hall
- 9.15pm Refreshment at The Star, where Bentley Choir sings Queen's Jubilee song
- 9.30pm Procession continues to Carters Meadow
- 9.45pm The Bentley Beacon will be lit

Friday, 3rd June – The Bentley Garden Trail

- 2.00pm to 5.00pm Gardens will be open – see Bentley Village Events Facebook page for a map of the gardens

Sunday, 5th June – Bentley's Big Lunch on the Rec

- 2.00pm until the last person leaves
- Bring your own food and drink, along with your table and chairs
- Set up your pitch according to your street sign, prior to 2pm if you wish
- Let's dress patriotically and perhaps you can dress your table
- Be entertained by the Ancora Choir
- And then loosen your vocal cords and sing along with the Bentley Singers
- Please share your pictures on the BVE Facebook and
- Be ready for the village photo taken by a drone... "Smile please!"



*Please keep your eye on the
Bentley Village Events Facebook
page for further details*



BOOK REVIEWS

Author of the month: Simon Jones

Simon Jones is a journalist who became an ordained minister of the church, a lecturer in theology and a Vice-Principal of a London theological college.

Book of the month:

“Discovering The New Testament”, Publisher: Crossway Books, Leicester, 1994, 2001, paperback, 216 pages.

At the time of writing, good copies are available from www.bookfinder.com from £2.24 including postage and packing.

“When was the last time you read the New Testament? I mean really read it. ... Indeed, have you ever read the New Testament as it was intended to be read ...?”

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Simon’s book consists of two parts. Part one has 12 chapters with short outlines of each of the 27 books in the New Testament. Part two (“The essential New Testament user’s guide”) has 11 chapters ranging from “Jesus’ world” to “A standard to live by.”

This reviewer has read quite a number of “introductions to the New Testament.” “Discovering The New Testament” is up with the best of them! Whether you prefer the Gospels to St. Paul’s letters, or the other way round, this book will help you discover the facts, find your way through the story, and get to the heart of the story.

The final page of the book reminds us that the formal list of the 27 books making up the New Testament was drawn up in the 4th century. It was then that the church formally recognized what the Holy Spirit had been telling them for some time. “These books are special. Read them, trust them, live by them.”
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Congratulations to the Winners

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

JUNE 2022

- 1st Prize Helen Curwen
- 2nd Prize Bruce & Lizzie Powell
- 3rd Prize Helen Curwen

APRIL 2022 WEATHER STATISTICS

Temperature

Daytime maximum 23.4°C (15th) to 10.0°C (1st)
 3 days above 20°C and 10 days below 15°C

Nighttime minimum - 6.8°C (3rd) to 9.4°C (5th)
 9 nights below 0°C

Rainfall

Total for month 0.55 inches (14.0 mm) over 5 days
No measurable rain between 10th and 30th April

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Wind

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**Diary of a Nature Nerd - A Photographic
Exhibition by Millie H**

Continues till **17 July**. FREE

TALK

**Lighting in the times and novels of Jane
Austen.**

Thursday 23rd June at 7.30 pm. Tickets £6.50
from the Gallery.

CURTIS MUSEUM

DOLLS' HOUSE DAY EVENT

23 July, 10.30am to 4pm

The Curtis Museum is opening its doors again to dolls' houses large and small, to view and play with. There will be a themed trail for everyone to follow as well as miniature items for sale.

As part of this year's event the Museum will be joined again by the North East Hants Miniatures Group. In addition, there will be local exhibitors to support the day's activities.

This popular event will be attractive to all those interested in dolls' houses and accessories.

For more information, please contact the Community Manager on 01420 82802 or email alton.museums@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk. FREE ENTRY. (Donations welcomed.)

As a taster for Dolls' House Day, we are currently displaying a small layout of "feather" furniture in the Childhood Gallery.



'Doll's house furniture - bedstead, table and six chairs - all made of feathers, which belonged to the late Mr Wooldridge, lawyer, Winchester; and said to have been in his family for 200 years.' Mr Wooldridge was probably Charles Sylvester Wooldridge who died in the Spring of 1941, aged 82. He was born in Winchester in 1859 and his father, Charles Wooldridge, was also an attorney and solicitor and born in the city. His mother was Margaret Sophia Bromley of Southampton.

I suspect that the '200 years' is a bit out, hence the use of 'said to have been'.

(Thanks to Local Historian Jane Hurst for Accession info.)



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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

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

MAY 2022	
1 st prize	Peter Wonson
2 nd prize	Mark Walden
3 rd prize	Sarah Boswood

Details of the June 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. The more people that participate in the 100+ club, the more money that is paid out in monthly prizes.

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



Binsted Eco Network is an information network for people who're interested in the state of the planet, whether they live in Binsted or the surrounding area between Alton, Bordon and Farnham.

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- **Some of also meet up informally** – typically, for coffees on the First Friday of each month; and for 'green drinks' at

a local pub one evening per month. Our summertime diary is as follows:

Friday 3 June, THERE ARE NO 'First Friday coffees' (because of the Jubilee)

Thursday 23 June, from 18:00 - Midsummer Community Picnic at Blacknest Fields. Bring a picnic, a rug and some drinks to share - and join the Community Picnic at Blacknest Fields. Erica and Juliet from 'Hive Helpers' are arranging the honey-tasting, and there will be some children's' activities. It's free to attend, and there's no need to book. With limited carparking on-site, please park at Blacknest's Jolly Farmer pub and follow the signposting. Event will still go ahead if wet, but we'll adjourn to the Jolly Farmer's Skittles Alley.

Friday 1 July, 10:00 - 12:00, 'First Friday coffees.' We're meeting for coffees and chat at Alison's house - Wisteria House, Frith End, GU5 0QY.

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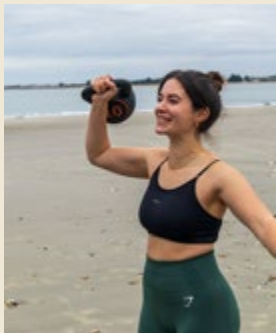
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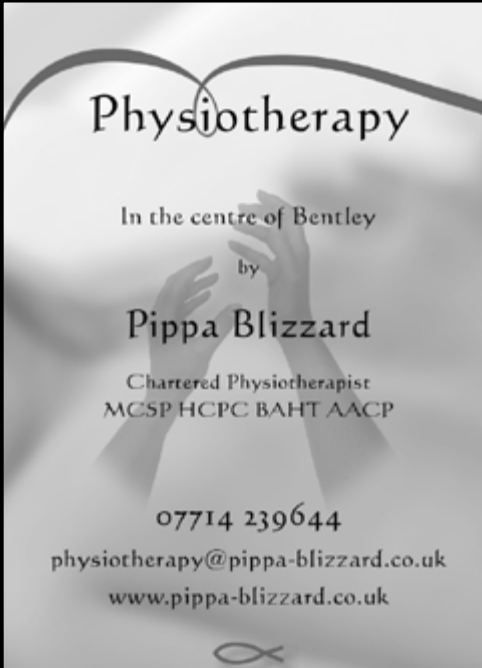


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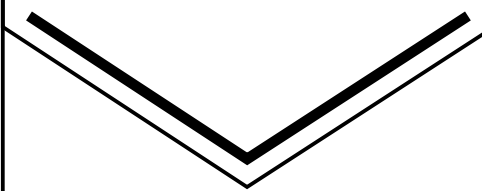
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