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Benefice Letter

Dear All

Did you madly wave a flag, dine on Coronation Chicken and wear a silly hat during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations? Or maybe you just quietly enjoyed watching the coverage on television, of not just the spectacular parades, but the massed crowds of cheering spectators.

There are some who think that street parties, chains of fiery beacons across the nation and lines of fluttering bunting are frivolous frippery and a waste of time and expense, but are they? Reflecting on what we have seen recently, it seems that investing in a few hours and in some cases, days, of joy and celebration creates much more than fleeting pleasure. Looking around our benefice there were parties large and small, cakes of all sizes and much singing and cheering. Around the country there was every kind of activity to mark the occasion, from eccentric knitted tableaux topping postboxes to enormous record breaking street parties and everywhere there were smiles, laughter and cheers. People came together to plan, bake, make and cheer in one nation-wide gigantic party, which helped all of us put the fears of the last couple of years behind us. It was a celebration not just of the Queen's reign, but our ability to endure and survive too.

So, was it all worthwhile? Cynics may scoff, but when communities united to celebrate, they created lasting memories for all generations as they decorated gardens and streets. Everyone brought their best selves to the parties, whether they were helping to hang bunting, arrange red, white and blue flowers, or try to recreate the winning Platinum Jubilee Pudding. The crowds in streets all over our island, whether be it The Mall or in villages, were good natured, laughing, singing and cheering even when the weather turned into a typical British summer.

And underlying all the jollity was a serious message recognising that devotion to duty is honourable, that constancy and faith are to be applauded and admired. In a world where there are currently so many challenges facing us, it was heartening to be reminded that we can be strong. When the bunting comes down, we are left with pride in our communities and faith that we will endure no matter what may happen. May we build upon this firm foundation and face the next 70 years with confidence.

The Benefice Team

Youth Update

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?
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

September dates for four:twelve will be in the next magazine!

Also, a huge thank you to those who supported our young people for the Big Sleep Out this year! It was a huge success and we have raised over £700 for Trinity Winchester which goes towards helping those experiencing homelessness. Take a look at a few photos...

Gemma Ball

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





Church Register

Bentley

- Friday 29th April Wedding of Connie and Philip
- Sunday 1st May Baptism of Ada Green
- Friday 6th May Wedding of Sarah and Callum
- Saturday 7th May Wedding of Jennifer and Patrick
- Tuesday 31st May Funeral and burial of David Bown

Binsted

Tuesday 3rd May Interment of Ashes of Ailsa Burrows





THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE

(Binsted Village Hall)



BINSTED COFFEE SHOP

WEDNESDAYS 10am – 12noon (during term-time)

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COFFEE, TEA, HOME MADE CAKES ONLY £2

CHILDRENS' TOYS AVAILABLE

ALL WELCOME



WI-FI NOW AVAILABLE

ALL COVID REGULATIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME WILL BE OBSERVED



SUMMER BBQ YEARS 4,5,687

fourtwelve

PARENTS, CARERS & SIBLINGS WELCOME! FRIDAY 15TH JULY 5-6:30PM

Join the young people and four:twelve team for a summer celebration! With a BBQ, games, and a chance to find out about next years plans.

Email Gemma to register your interest for catering purposes! gemma@benbinfro.co.uk



Sunday 17th July 4–6pm Binsted Village Hall (Wickham Institute)

We're really excited to be back in person! Join us for all age arts and crafts, activities, stories and songs.

supper will be provided.





BenBinFro Prayer Week

It was a joy to run the Thy Kingdom Come annual prayer week again this year, and in person! We had over 10 prayer stations lovingly created by members of our church family across the benefice. The theme was *Sanctuary*, so there were a lot of tents to feel safe, a cardboard shelter to think about homelessness and lots of thoughtprovoking stations around the sanctuary of the church. There was also an especially comfy chair that everyone sat in at one point in the week!

Thanks to everyone who created a prayer station, to those who spent time in the prayer room, and to those who hosted the children from Bentley school. It was a fabulous week, full of prayer and worship!

Blessings,

The BenBinFro Team

A Mid Summer Night's Music

With music by (among others): Morley & Gibbons & Stanford & Rutter & Elgar



Saturday, 23 July, 2022 at 6.30pm Holy Cross Church, Binsted Gu34 4NX

In Aid of the East Window Restoration Appeal Tickets by Donation (including a glass of wine & nibbles)

CHAMBER CHOIR

From Stella Croom-Johnson 07740 861256 or Cathie Weldon 07828 083535

Intique

Conductor: Richard Walshaw



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:

Cathie Weldon – 07828 083535 (churchwardenbinsted@benbinfro.co.uk)

or Stella Croom-Johnson - 07740 861256 (binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk)

BENBINFRO SUMMER SERVICES

The summer months bring a slight change to our usual service pattern at BenBinFro.

There are 3 special summer services in July: 3rd July 11am Binsted Pet Service on Binsted Rec 10th July 11am Froyle Pet Service at Frolye Village Hall 17th July 11am Bentley Marquee Service on Bentley Rec

In August we have a reduced service pattern, with one Holy Communion service each Sunday. These are all at 10:30am.

> 7th August - Kingsley 14th August - Froyle 21st August - Bentley 28th August - Binsted

For the full summer service schedule, see the back cover of the magazine.



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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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.



BENTLEY & BINSTED PARISH MAGAZINE

We decided in 2017 to stop the magazine being a subscriber-based publication and instead distribute the magazine to all houses in our two villages. We planned to cover the loss of income by increasing our advertising revenues, largely through the extended reach of the magazine.

Sadly, the pandemic has reduced the advertising revenues and the magazine has run at a loss for the last couple of years, using up the financial reserves. The shortfall is currently covered by the two churches, but we want to keep the magazine as something for everyone and we would appreciate any support we can get to reduce the burden on the church finances.

It costs us around £1 to produce each copy of the magazine and we publish 10 editions per year. So, if you feel your magazine is of value to you and your community at £10 per year per house you can email the magazine treasurer at bentleytreasurer@benbinfro.co.uk or contribute online by scanning the QR code below or going to our donations page at:

https://tinyurl.com/2tv9rtxu



Thank you for helping us keep the magazine as something for everyone in Bentley and Binsted.



Sorry!

We are so sorry to cause any inconvenience, but the Church & Churchyard, unfortunately, will be temporarily closed on occasions over the next couple of months while the contractors repair the storm damage to our beautiful 12th Century church due to Health & Safety Reasons.

The good news is that it is being restored and will look even more beautiful than before when it is completed!

Benefice Update

The search for a new Rector

Sadly, we had no candidates respond to our recent advert, so we are just advertising the vacancy again and we now hope to be holding interviews towards the end of August.

Thank you to all who have stepped up to support Christopher and David by leading services or preaching and thank you all for your prayers for the recruitment process.

The Benefice Team

Bentley CE Primary

June 2022 Jubilee Celebrations at Bentley CE Primary School

We all enjoyed a wonderful Jubilee to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is what we got up to;

• We had a brilliant day of dance with a West End stage dancer who came and taught every class a 'decade of dance styles' representing all the years Queen Elizabeth has been on the throne. We jived, bopped and street danced our way through the day. There were clips of historic events throughout the decade interspersed through the dancing so we covered a lot of recent history too. Lots of fun!





 Every child created a beautiful portrait of the Queen and we displayed them all in our dining hall before sending them home as special memories. You will have seen the winning one by Harriet in Year 4 as it was used on all the Bentley village event Jubilee posters. Well done Harriet!

Bentley CE Primary



- We planted a beautiful apple tree in our school grounds. The Year 6 class took the lead to ensure the tree was well planted and this will remain a legacy of their final year at primary school forever. A big thank you to our super Gardening Team of volunteers for raising the funds to purchase the tree and in particular to Vicki Coombs for all her support for this project. We have named our tree 'Queen Elizabeth the Tree' and the whole school is making sure she is well watered in this summer heat.
- Every child decorated their own amazing crow to wear and every child was gifted a Union Jack flag. We know lots of children reused these in their family and community events over half term! Many parents chose to buy a special commemorative school mug for their child as a special keepsake of this celebration.

 On the last day before half term we put up the bunting and had a whole school picnic lunch altogether. The sun shone, the kitchen made extra yummy lunches and we had a super time with all our friends. Year 6 had secretly prepared a special Jubilee song to share and they led us all to sing 'God Save the Queen'. A lot of fun was had all round!





School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

Like the rest of the nation, Binsted joined in with celebrating our Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



We had an amazing party inviting family, friends and the local community to join us for tea and cakes.

We turned our hall into a museum covering the Queen's reign. I was very impressed with our Y6 who acted as school guides, showing our visitors around.



Lennie, the school dog, joined in too!

The children entertained us with poems, readings and songs. Y6 sang the Beatles, here comes the sun, Y4/5 Queen, 'we will rock you', Y2/3, sang and danced the 'Macarena' and YR/1'who let the dogs out'. The audience participation was amazing too!





We finished our celebrations with singing the national anthem.

The children will have lasting memories of being part of such a momentous celebration.

WAYMARKS...

Maintaining Binsted's Rights of Way network

The weather in May and June, with lots of warm, sunny days punctuated by the occasional heavy downpour, means that the footpaths and bridleways of the parish have dried out nicely and are once again a pleasure to walk along. On the other hand, these are naturally perfect conditions for the vegetation on them to grow apace, and the volunteers have been very busy ensuring the Rights of Way remain passable. We carried out a thorough inventory of outstanding problems on the Rights of Way network, so that we started with a clear picture of the work that needs to be done over the summer. This includes two larger projects, rebuilding flights of steps. One needs to be completed in conjunction with the Hampshire rangers, who have the equipment required and the skills to pass on to the volunteers. Due to the timing of crop harvesting, this will now take place in August. The second, much larger flight of steps, has been deemed too hazardous for the volunteers to tackle and will now be scheduled as a Rangers-only task.

Another outcome of the inventory is that the Rangers have already been busy in the Parish, with many bridges, stiles or fingerposts being improved or completely replaced. Maybe you have noticed some of them?

If you would like to report a problem on any of the Binsted Rights of Way, you can do so online on the Hampshire "Report a problem on a right of way" page. Alternatively, you can use the volunteer team's own email address to do so – it is BinstedRoW@gmail.com.

Alton Walking Festival

The biggest ever Alton Walking Festival came to an end on 31st May and was a roaring success, with most walks oversubscribed. Thanks are due to the organisers, walk leaders (some from our group), back markers and of course the walkers themselves, many of whom came from far afield. Photos and news from the Festival will be appearing on the Walk Alton website over the coming weeks.

Next on the agenda will be the Autumn Walking Festival, so keep a look out for news on that. The walks are certain to be as popular as ever and early booking is recommended.

Local walking resources

The free walking leaflets available free of charge from the Binsted Inn continue to prove popular – what better than a pub lunch followed by a good walk? The Three Horseshoes in East Worldham is now also offering a leaflet of walks around their local area. Try one out, but only after you've done all of the Binsted Inn ones!

Team news

It has been a case of swings and roundabouts for the Binsted Rights of Way volunteer group. We recruited a new volunteer to the team, who would be able to take on some of the Parish's paths following the departure of Ian Fleming. The next thing we know, Lou Aparo, our HCC Community Ranger, told us that she will be leaving her position in the summer. Recruitment of a replacement is underway, but there will inevitably be a gap when it will be much more difficult to get working parties organised and resourced to tackle some of the larger projects that we have identified. So it goes!



BOOK REVIEWS

Author of the month: Steve Chalke

Steve Chalke MBE is a British Baptist minister, the founder of the Oasis Charitable Trust, a former United Nations' Special Adviser on Human Trafficking and a regular contributor and commentator on TV, radio and other media.

Book of the month:

"Being Human: How to become the person you were meant to be", Publisher: Hodder & Stoughton, London, 2015, paperback, 308 pages.1994, 2001, paperback, 216 pages.

At the time of writing, very good/like new copies are available from www.bookfinder.com from £2.57 including postage and packing.

Life presents us with continual opportunities to think about two very special things. The first is what we do with our lives. The second is who we become while living them. So where do we find a good story – a convincing narrative that makes sense of it all?

Steve Chalke suggests that Jesus' good news about the kingdom of God is the best story to find ourselves in. Each one of us is called to be part of the drama of the coming kingdom. It's in this that we find a practical spirituality that helps shape our lives into everything we were meant to be. The book has 25 chapters – ranging from "Wake Up!" to "Better Together". For this reviewer, chapter 3 ("The Big Story") sets the scene splendidly. Steve Chalke is "fascinated by Jesus". He reminds us that Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth and the life". Real faith is about trusting Christ enough to walk in his way through life; it's about letting his story shape our actions, our attitudes, our responses and initiatives.

Jesus told a brilliant short story about a wise man who built his house on rock and a foolish man who built his house on sand. Jesus was trying to get

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people to think about who they were and where they were going in life; about who they wanted to become. Jesus said: "Follow me."

The "Better Together" chapter tells us about the Oasis Church in London's Waterloo. The ideas in it however are just as relevant to those of us who live in rural Hampshire.

We are all designed for relationship with other people and with God. This is what Jesus meant when he taught that he had come to offer "life to the full."

Happy reading!

BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+CLUB

Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley Memorial Hall 01420 22197 steve.fice@btinternet.com

Congratulations to the Winners

The winners for the July and August draw of the Bentley Memorial 100+ Club are:

JULY 2022			AUGUST 2022		
1st Prize	Mr & Mrs K Desmond	1st Prize	Christine Goodyear		
2nd Prize	Adrian & Linda Job	2nd Prize	Hew & Jean Pike		
3rd Prize	Ann Joy	3rd Prize	Peter & Sally Clarke		

If anyone is interested in contributing regularly towards the running of the Bentley Memorial Hall, with a chance to win prizes every month, you can join the 100+ Club. Please contact us on bentleymemorialhall@gmail.com for further information.





Binsted community – Happy and Glorious!



Residents from all parts of Binsted parish came together in style to celebrate the very special Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Binsted and Rowledge schools celebrated with parties before the holiday. The Jubilee Weekend itself got underway with a bang, under clear skies, with the lighting of a Beacon and Fireworks at Binsted Rec on the Thursday evening. Hosts of street parties and thanksgiving services held during the four-day weekend were also much enjoyed. As a lasting legacy, over 70 trees have been planted across the parish, in commemoration of the Queen's extraordinary life of service to our country.

A gallery of lovely photos from the Jubilee celebrations are on Binsted Parish Council's website, www.binstedparishcouncil.org.uk. Do take a look!

Events like the Jubilee show just what amazing things can be done when people come together as a community. Our Beacon and Fireworks event would not have



taken place unless the small number of volunteers in the Fete Committee had been willing to organise it. As a parish council, we're extremely appreciative of the Fete Committee's efforts. We'd also very much encourage anyone who can give some time to consider getting more involved with volunteer activities in the community – plenty of things need your help!

And... come and meet us at Binsted Fete on 2 July! The Parish Council will have a stand at the Fete, so do drop by and say hello.

Alison Melvin, Chair, Binsted Parish Council a.melvin@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk Tel: 07851 677 057



BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



JULY & AUGUST 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:

Saturday 16th July - Bentley Fete afternoon. Due to the lack of available helpers we will not be running the Garden Club plant stall this year.

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.

There has been a disappointing club support for this trip. Unless members who are interested contact Trish now, this trip is likely to be cancelled.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Trish Cardy (01420 22325 – trishcardy@yahoo.co.uk) or Andrew Croom-Johnson (01420 23157 andrewseajay@hotmail.com)

Alice Holt - a national treasure

We live alongside a national treasure. It is woodland of some 2,000 acres wholly within the Parish of Binsted.

It cannot be considered, in any sense, a wildwood, but, rather, it has a history of involvement with the local human population that stretches back to before the arrival of the Romans.

I recently read Roy Waight's excellent book, 'Alice Holt - A Brief History', which allowed me to understand what a complex history it has had and helps explain the complex nature of the wood as it now is.

It seems likely there has been a forest here since the end of the last ice age, and certainly since the 'big melt' of the fifth millennium BC. when the climate warmed dramatically and Britain was separated from the European mainland (Brexit v1, you might call it) by a tsunami of melt water coming down from what is now Norway. However, it was only with the arrival of Celts and subsequently Romans, that there was any largescale exploitation of the Holt's resources This came with the

establishment of a major pottery industry around Abbott's Wood. The white stone monument of a Roman pot that stands at a corner on the Shipwright's Way as it passes through Abbott's Wood is a wellchosen memorial.

It was not called Alice Holt at that time. The name comes from that of Bishop Aelfsige of Winchester who lived only a hundred years before the Norman Conquest. Holt is an old english synonym for 'forest', so Alice Holt Forest is an unnecessary repetition.

There are subdivisions of the Holt into Inclosures, the largest of which is Glenbervie Inclosure. It is here that all the visitor facilities - the café, Go Ape, the (hugely expensive) car park, etc. are situated. Even these have an historical context, as this part of the forest has had a recreational purpose all the way back to the hunting parties of the Norman kings. Lodge Pond, for instance, was created in the eighteenth century for the enjoyment of the 'great and good'. Now you can fish its monstrous carp provided only that you are a member of Farnham Angling.

Then there are other inclosures – Holt Pound, Abbotts Wood, Great Lodge, Goose Green, Straights, Willow Green – all of a similar size to Glenbervie, but only in Lodge Inclosure is there any real risk you'll bump into another person. What you will find there for sure is a huge variety of tree species, especially in the Arboretum accessible from Gravel Hill Road car park.

Lodge Inclosure is the home of the Forest Research Station, and its immediate surrounds are the only part of Alice Holt where the general public is not encouraged to walk. This leaves many miles of easy paths to explore and to observe the diversity of nature.

The stars of the show, though, for most of us, must be the deer. A sight of these beautiful creatures is always special. These days they consist entirely of roe deer and muntjac. The fallow deer and red deer were long ago shipped out to locations where there might be less leakage due to poaching. Indeed the struggle to preserve the Holt for the benefit of the few was long and hard, and perhaps most dramatic in the eighteenth century when gangs of

discontents blacked their faces and committed acts of poaching and vandalism as attacks on the institutions of state and church. The response of officialdom was the draconian 'Black Acts' of 1723.

Almost exactly two hundred years later, the Holt finally passed into the hands of

the people in the form of the Forestry Commission, and I personally thank them for the work that has been done since then to make its beauties available to all.

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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

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

	JUNE 2022
1 st prize	Trevor Blaber
2 nd prize	Janet Burton
3 rd prize	Keith Mentzel

Details of the July & August 2022 draws will appear in the September magazine.

REMINDER TO TICKET HOLDERS: Many ticket holders will have needed to renew their subscriptions in June and should have received details by email or in the post, unless they pay their subscriptions by standing order. Thank you to those that have renewed their subscriptions. If you still wish to participate and have not yet returned the renewal form, please do so as soon as possible so that you can be entered into the next draw.

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.



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

GARDENS OPEN AT BROADHATCH HOUSE, BENTLEY, GU10 5JJ

SUNDAY 10TH JULY

MONDAY 11TH JULY

TUESDAY 12TH JULY

2pm - 5.30pm

Large garden on the edge of Bentley with good views of Alice Holt. Divided into different areas by yew hedges and walls. Flower borders, mature trees, orchard, meadow and vegetable garden.

HOME MADE TEAS

ADMISSION £5.00, CHILDREN FREE, WHEELCHAIR ACCESS, NO PETS



OPEN GARDENS IN BINSTED

Binsted Place & Wheatley House, Sunday 3rd July, 12 -6pm

These lovely gardens will be in full bloom, with roses and traditional herbaceous borders and will be open in support of local charity:

CARDIAC REHAB

Refreshments/teas will be served at the Wheatley House barn. Free Parking on site. Disabled access.

Tickets: £7.50 in advance from Cardiac Rehab, or

£8.50 on the door.

Children free.

TICKETS: www.cardiac-rehab.co.uk/shop



Following the closure of Bentley Village Surgery some patients from the local area are now registered at Chawton Park Surgery in Alton. The surgery has a Patient Participation Group, with representatives from our villages, and one of the PPGs roles is to provide a better understanding of how the Practice works and to look for ways of improving communications between patients and staff? The PPG would like to contact patients from time to time to ensure a wide range of views is taken into account. To enable us to do this, please provide your consent for contact by text or email by completing a Patient Contact Form at https://www.chawtonparksurgery.nhs.uk/patient-participation-group

Patients without internet or access to a mobile phone can give written consent by writing to the PPG c/o Chawton Park Surgery.

After 3 years, time for a new Chair



Taking on the role of Chairman can seem quite daunting at the beginning but when you have a competent and well organised Clerk then the role is much easier.

From 2020, we had to cope with lockdown and to conducting our meetings on Zoom for well over a year. The biggest Zoom meeting I Chaired was the proposed development of 97 houses East of Hole Lane. We had something approaching 50 residents attending which was quite a challenge!

One of the first essential administration projects I undertook was to set up a 'proper' accounting system. We determined that a cloud-based system was perfect for the job, we can now produce clear accounting reports at a touch of a button.

To reach younger residents we decide that we needed to have a social media presence and also a more current website.

We now have Facebook and Instagram accounts with the number of 'followers' increasing every time I check, we currently have 246 Facebook followers and 140 Instagram followers.

After a lengthy period of reviewing other Parish Council websites and settling on a new web design company we selected the website style from their portfolio, updated our content and finally have our own new site and new email system.

I am also particularly pleased with the result of the pond rejuvenation, tree pruning, and replacement of broken fences and I think you will agree that the pond area looks better than ever.

I would like to say a special thanks to Emma for all her help and assistance. For a Parish Council to work effectively it is vital to have a competent and proactive Clerk. Also special thanks to John Fuller for his detailed knowledge on Planning and his well thought out and produced comments on the major planning applications which we had to deal with. Also, to all the councillors who have done their part and have supported me. I wish John the best for the coming 12 months.

I was asked by a former Chairman in the early days if I was enjoying the role to which I replied "not really enjoying it exactly"! However, I can say that our performance and progress as a Parish Council has been very satisfactory and I can at last say I enjoyed the experience.

John Goodyear

Cllr John Goodyear is now taking on the Vice-Chairman role, and Cllr John Fuller is our new Chairman.

Go to the website: https://bentleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-meetings/agendasand-minutes to view the full reports of the Annual Parish Assembly and AGM.

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MAY 2022 WEATHER STATISTICS			
l	Temperature	l	
Daytime maximum	24.9°C (17 th) to 14.6°C (30 th) 18 days above 20°C and only 2 days below 15°C		
Nightime minimum	0.1°C (9 th) to 12.3°C (16 th) 7 nights below 5°C		
٥	Rainfall	٥	
Total for month	1.74 inches (44.2 mm) over 5 days		
Wettest days	0.51 inches (13.0 mm) (15 th)		
- <u></u> ;	Wind	<u> </u>	
Dominant wind direc	tion South West		
Maximum gust	22 mph (25 th)		

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SATURDAY 16 JULY

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Section A Flowers

- One stem of your favourite Rose
- 2 One stem of a Floribunda (Cluster) Rose
- 3 One stem of a scented Rose
- 4 A bowl of Roses

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- 5 Five stems of Dahlias, one or more varieties
- 6 A bowl/vase of mixed Flowers from your July Garden
- 7 A display of Flowers, all one colour, with at least 6 stems, mixed or single variety
- 8 A vase of Sweet Peas
- 9 One stem of a Lily (Lilium)
- 10 Five stems of annuals and/or Biennials
- Five stems of Herbaceous Perennials
 Three tall flower spikes (eg. Delphinium Acanthus
- /Foxglove/Hollyhock, mixed or not)I3 Five stems of any other flowers not listed in this
- section, mixed or all one variety I4 Five Violas, Pansies, Pinks, mixed or all one variety
- 15 A bunch of fresh Lavender
- 16 Three stems of a Flowering Shrub
- 17 Five Clematis blooms one or more varieties, sprays acceptable
- 18 One named flowering Pot Plant (indoor or outdoor)

Section B Floral Arrangements

- 19 An arrangement of flowers/foliage in an unusual container
- 20 An arrangement for a circular summer table
- 21 A Platinum Jubilee Arrangement
- 22 A vase of flowers from a wildflower area in your garden (must be from your garden only)

Section C Fruit and Vegetables

- 23 Display of any July Produce on a tray/trug/basket/box from your vegetable garden or allotment
- 24 A Lettuce
- 25 Three Onions as grown, washed but not peeled or plaited
- 26 Five Shallots up to 50mm diameter as grown, washed but not peeled or plaited
- 27 Seven pods of a Legume variety, mixed or not (Peas, Beans Broad, French, Runner)

- 28 Five Potatoes
- 29 Three Courgettes max 15 cm
- 30 A Cucumber longer than 20 cm
- 31 Five Carrots, washed with tops left on
- 32 Three Beetroots, washed with leaves left on
- 33 Little and Large one small, one large of the
- same vegetable
- 34 An unusual or exotic vegetable
- 35 Three sticks of Rhubarb, leaves trimmed to approx. 7.5 cm
- 36 Five Gooseberries on a plate (stalks attached)
- 37 Collection of soft fruit (Quality not Quantity)
- 38 An unusual or exotic fruit
- 39 Collection of five different named Herbs displayed in a pot or jar

Section D Produce

- 40 Your favourite Pickle or Chutney
- 41 One pot of Jam or Jelly
- 42 One pot of Fruit Curd (eg. Lemon, Passion Fruit etc.)
- 43 One loaf of Artisan Bread
- 44 One pot of Marmalade
- 45 Drink (alcoholic) One bottle (eg. Sloe Gin or Wine)
- 46 Drink (non-alcoholic) One bottle (eg. Elderflower Cordial etc.)
- 47 6 decorated Cup Cakes
- 48 Anyone-Can-Bake-Cake: a traditional Victoria Sponge with jam filling
- 49 A Platinum Jubilee Cake
- 50 A Tea Loaf (see full recipe online)
- 51 6 savoury scones
- 52 6 home-made biscuits
- 53 A 'Little Nest Egg' a nicely presented nest of 6 eggs

Section E Children's Classes

- 54 Pre-School A Butterfly
- 55 Yr R Under the Sea artwork (A3)
- 56 Yr I Castles (cereal box size max)
- 57 Yr 2 Space rockets (cereal box size max)
- 58 Yr 3 Local art and photographs (A4)
- 59 Yr 4 A design for a Viking artefact
- 60 Yr 5 An Egyptian Style Mask
- 61 Yr 6 Pop Art (A4)



Bentley Fete & Flower Show 2022

Saturday 16th July – from 2pm



Don't miss the Fete this year, we will have The Glenn Miller Band, a cavalcade of Cars, a display by Springbox Gymnastics, and of course the Flower Show in the main marquee, plus so much more but this year entrance is by donation.

> And all this will be followed by a **Party on the Park** in the evening featuring a live band.



2nd Bentley Scouts Update

2nd Bentley Scouts would like to thank everyone that helped raise just over £2000 for the group at the recent Jumble Sale. Thanks to everyone that donated, helped before and on the day, it is always a fantastic team effort. The money will go towards supporting the sections activities and some new kit that is needed.

Date for the diaries, the next jumble will be on the 17th September! Other

fundraising includes running the BBQ at the Fete, running a water station at the Alton 10K run and our Scouts going on overseas adventures are planning a quiz for the 8th October, watch out for more information!

We were proud to support the 'lighting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon' procession last week and look forward to planting trees at Pax Hill as part of the Queen's Canopy in the autumn.

As we write plans are underway for Group camp in June and Summer camp in July which many of our young people are really looking forward to after a 2 year break. We are visiting Ferny Crofts in the New Forest next weekend and going to Sussex for Summer Camp with the Scouts and Explorers.

Please get in touch if you would like to join our group, young people (aged 4 -18 years) and adults!



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This exhibition offers an opportunity to see many of the incredible objects from the Alton Anglo-Saxon cemetery that are not normally on public display. FREE

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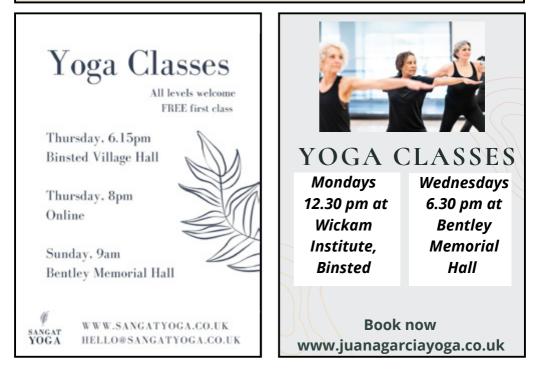


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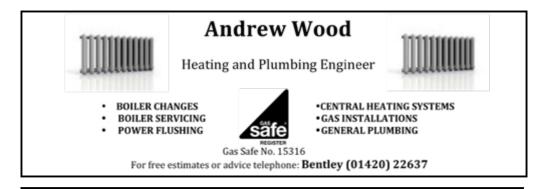
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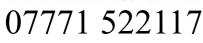
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- 10th July 11am Froyle Pet Service 11am Binsted Morning Worship 5pm Bentley Live@5 Big Praise
- 17th July 11am Bentley Marquee Service11am Froyle Morning Prayer4pm Messy Church
- 24th July 9:30am Binsted Holy Communion
 11am Kingsley Holy Communion
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 6:30pm Froyle Evensong
- 31st July 11am Binsted Benefice Service

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- 7th August 10:30am Kingsley Holy Communion
- 14th August 10:30am Froyle Holy Communion
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- 28th August 10:30am Binsted Holy Communion 6:30pm Froyle Evensong



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