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Benefice Letter

As summer draws to a close, some of us have been considering how this time of year gives us even more of a moment to reflect on endings and beginnings than we do at New Year. For in September we see the culmination of much hard work, both in the classroom and the fields and are about to take steps forward that will lead us into the next year.

For many, this is the month for a whole new start, arriving at school or college for the first time. Whether it is Reception Class in primary school or Freshers Week at university, there will be excitement and a degree of nervousness. For others it may be the end of exams and the start of a new course or even a first job.

It is also when we celebrate the results of the countryside's labours in our farms and fields with our Harvest Festivals. There has been haymaking and harvesting in our area throughout the summer months but now nearly all is gathered in and there must be relief that crops have survived the driest summer in 200 years. But even as the tractors ferry their final loads from the fields the cycle is already just about to start again, with preparations in hand for ploughing and sowing next year's crops. In gardens too, the keen horticulturists in our region will be taking stock of thirsty borders and deciding what they can grow next year, as well as hastening to plant daffodils bulbs before the end of the month and tulips by late November.

At a time when we are constantly unnerved by news of troubles around the world, by serious concerns about the impact of climate change and are still reeling from the long-term shock of the pandemic, the constancy of the environment around our benefice is reassuring. We are perhaps more fortunate than those living in conurbations in that we can see the cycle of life performing before our very eyes every day. The fields will be ploughed, they will be sown and planted, and the crops will do their best to grow, despite the rain or lack of it. The sheep will graze and the ram will tup the ewes in November to ensure there is lamb for Easter.

And we find this reassurance in the Bible too, for instance in Exodus 12:2, *This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.* We are ready and eager for a new start because we believe and trust in God. An appropriate thought for our benefice as a whole, given that we too are facing a new beginning in the very near future with the arrival of a new vicar to lead us forward. We hope we can build upon the solid foundation that has been achieved in the last few years, uniting all our churches in faith and community.

The Benefice Team

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Youth Update *September 2022*

It's September, it's a new term and our youth ministry has some very exciting events lined up!

CHILDREN'S church

Children's Church is back on Sunday 4th at the 9:30am Bentley morning service



Messy Church is back on Sunday 18th September at 4pm at the Binsted Village Hall (Wickham Institute). Supper is provided!

YOUTH CLUB



four:twelve is back on Friday 16th at 5pm at Bentley School Hall

UPAGEAR

Upagear is back on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm at Bentley Church Hall



And I'll be back in Bentley school on Friday lunchtimes for Year 6!

At four:twelve we have things like Pumpkin Carving, Capture the Flag, Messy Games and Tube Hockey lined up – as well as trips to Flip Out and GoApe!

At Upagear, which is for our older youth, we have more of a focus on discipleship and learning about our faith together, of course with fun, games and food in between. This September we will be following a course looking to deepen our knowledge and grow as disciples.

As always, do get in touch if you have a young person who is interested in coming along to any of our groups, or if you have any questions.

Gemma Ball

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

Church Register *June/July*

Bentley

Thursday 16th June Wedding of Natalie and Vasos

Friday 1st July Wedding of Amelia and Henry

Monday 18th July Interment of Ashes of Richard Sharkey

Thursday 21st July Wedding of Laura and Jamie

Binsted

Friday 3rd June Wedding of Helen and Stuart

Friday 24th June Wedding of Sophie and Harry

Saturday 9th July Wedding of Janette and Jason

Saturday 16th July Wedding of Louise and Samuel

Friday 22nd July Funeral of Anthony Boswood

Froyle

Friday 24th June Funeral of Maisie Pritchard

Friday 29th July Interment of Ashes of Keith and Betty Waring

Saturday 30th July Wedding of Charlotte and Alejo

Saturday Café

Most Saturday mornings in the Bentley Memorial Hall from 10:30 to 12:30.
If the banner's up, it's on.



Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Chat

Donations welcome



Our New Rector

Following the announcements in our church services about the appointment of the new Rector for our benefice, subject to everything going through in time, **Bishop David is planning to hold the installation service for Revd Matt Boyes at St Mary's Bentley at 7:30pm on Wednesday 7th September.**

We'll be providing more details nearer the time.



THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE

(Binsted Village Hall)



BINSTED COFFEE SHOP

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

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US

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



HOLY CROSS CHURCH EAST WINDOW APPEAL



A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the concert by Cantique on 23rd July in aid of the restoration of our East Window. We had a wonderful evening of choral music, superbly sung by Cantique to a packed church. This was followed by light refreshments in the churchyard. Our thanks too to the Cantique singers who performed such an enjoyable programme to such a high standard.

The evening raised the highly respectable sum of £2000 and as we can claim gift aid on most of this the final tally will be well over this amount.

If you would like to contribute to the East Window Appeal but didn't make it 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.

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



BINSTED VILLAGE

AUTUMN / HARVEST SUPPER **SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2022** **@ 7.30 PM**

Join us for a homemade cottage pie with crumble dessert supper at the Wickham Institute.

Vegetarian main and gluten free desert options will be available.

Tickets cost £15 per person

Please call 01420 23157 / 01420 23146, email treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk or call in at the Wickham Institute Wednesday morning Coffee Shop.

Net proceeds will be split between the Wickham Institute and Binsted Church East Window appeal.

Please bring your own drink and there will be some fun fundraising games on the night, so please remember to bring some cash with you.

We look forward to seeing you.



Tech Fundraising

As you may know, over the last few months we have been fundraising as a worship team for some new tech equipment and cabinet to store it in.

I have been blown away by the generosity from you all and I am delighted to say we have raised enough money to be able to purchase all of the new equipment. We had several huge parcels arrive in the post, and since then we have installed and used the equipment in all a few services already like the marquee services at Bentley and Binsted, as well as at Live@5 and Bentley morning services. The worship team has really enjoyed learning and using it all, and like me are incredibly grateful for all your support.

As well as this we have already been able to train and introduce some new team members on this equipment and it has been a huge help in getting them up to speed and started in the band.

With all the equipment purchased and being used we now just need to raise funds for our new cabinet to store it all. Although quotes are still being finalised, the approximate cost of this is £2500.

Again, it would be amazing if you felt able to help and support us as we continue fundraising, 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, is and will be greatly appreciated by the worship team and the wider church community!

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

Thanks so much for your generosity and continued support!

Sam Ball

Pastoral Assistant (Worship)

TWO EXTRA NIGHTS



in the
Wickham Institute

on

**Wednesday 5th
October at 7.30pm**

and

**Wednesday 12th
October at 7.30pm**

In aid of the repairs
to the East Window
in Binsted Church

£20 for both sessions

Email
angela1dunne@sky.com

Bentley Memorial Hall Association

Presents

The Duke



Friday 14th October

At the Memorial Hall, tickets £7.00

Doors/bar open 7.15.

Film starts at 8pm

For tickets please contact

Glyn Barfoot 01420 23068

Or email: bentleybees@btinternet.com

or buy tickets at the door

Holy Cross Church, Binsted

Storm Damage Repair Update

Unfortunately, as the repair work has progressed, further significant damage has been uncovered. Some of this work is urgent to protect the church. This will result in an overrun of the current work, anticipated to be approximately an extra 4 – 6 weeks.

Hence the church will remain closed until further notice. Church services will be held elsewhere in the Benefice and notice of this will be given.

We are all so sorry about this, but the church will look amazing once it's been sorted and we are looking forward to being back up and running in the Autumn.

Thank you for your understanding.



Karamoja Famine Appeal

As you may know for many years the churches in the Alton area (Deanery) have been supporting the churches in the province of Karamoja in north east Uganda. The two dioceses that make up this region cover an area larger than Wales. Most people are subsistence farmers and cattle herders. They have reported to us that after very poor rains and low harvest yields if any, there is a famine in this region. People have begun to die from starvation. Already 900 people are reported to have died but the number may be much higher. We are trying to raise at least £5,000 to support relief efforts. Please give generously to this Emergency Famine Appeal.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Ogilvie Thompson. Mobile 07776178690

Alton Karamoja Deanery Link Committee Secretary
AC No 40968999 Sort Code 090666

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.

Bentley is officially a Plastic Free School!



Last January Bentley School's Eco-Council set out on its journey to become a Plastic Free School. Following the Surfers Against Sewage programme, with support from Madame Jones, the team of 13 children from Year 1 to Year 6, started working through the 5 objectives to reduce the amount of single-use plastic produced in school. Activities included a litter pick called a 'Trash Mob' as well as writing and interviewing our MP Damian Hinds last November. Along the way, the Eco-Council have involved their classmates with an assembly, surveys and regular class updates. Last Autumn, the Eco-Council even produced a video for the East Hampshire COP26 event to inspire other schools to participate in the scheme.



For the final objective to become a Plastic Free School, we had to reduce three items of single-use plastic in our school. The children chose: cling film in lunchboxes which we successfully reduced by 70%; polystyrene pots for ice-creams in school

Bentley CE Primary

lunches which were replaced by a large tub of ice-cream and a scoop and finally sweets in plastic wrappers at PTFA events which were replaced by new plastic-free pick and mix sweets at the school's summer BFest event!



Achieving Plastic Free School status is just the start for us as a school. Eco-Council will continue working alongside Surfers Against Sewage to reduce our reliance on single-use plastic in the school. However, right now huge congratulations must go to all the Eco-Council representatives who have participated in this award and especially Nic, Luke and Eva in Year 6! Power to the Pupils!



Sunday 18th September
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.



Sudoku Games

All you need to do is to fill in all of the squares in the puzzle so that each column of 9, each row of 9 and each 3 x 3 square includes every number from 1–9.

No prizes – just a huge amount of satisfaction!

Sudoku game EASY

4			9	1				
		9		7	4	2	5	
	5	8	3	4		1	9	
6	9	1						
		3	9	6	4	7		
						9	6	3
	8	7		2	6	5	3	
3	1	5	8			6		
			1	5				9

Sudoku game MEDIUM

			9				6	7
	9					2		8
4	6			7	8			
3	2			9	4		7	
7			6		3			2
	1		7	8			4	3
			8	5			1	6
5		1					9	
6	7				9			

Sudoku game HARD

9		6		1	3			8
	5	8					9	
	3						1	
	6		8			9	2	
		3	4		9	1		
	4	9			6		3	
	9						8	
	1					6	7	
4			9	6		3		1

WAYMARKS...

Maintaining Binsted's Rights of Way network

The long spell of warm, dry weather, including July's scorching heatwave, means that the footpaths and bridleways of the parish are very dry and easy to walk. Many parts of Hampshire have had no measurable rainfall in the whole of July. During hot weather, you just have to pick the right time of day for a walk, particularly if you have a canine friend with you. I hope there weren't too many walkers and dogs out and about on the 18th and 19th of July, when temperatures were at unheard of, record-breaking levels!

As we expected, due to the loss of our HCC Community Ranger, there has been very little in the way of more substantial maintenance working parties this summer, since we rely so heavily on HCC to supply the specialist tools and materials – we provide the hard labour! The two larger projects we had in mind, which involved rebuilding flights of steps, are still unscheduled. Until we have a replacement HCC Ranger, I fear that we will be very much on our own and restricted to tasks that we can carry out already, such as cutting back vegetation and the like. Let's hope that the next few months bring some good news on that front.

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's Autumn Walking Festival

Alton's Autumn Walking Festival will run from 4th – 9th October this year. There will be a large number of walks, for which you can book places on the Walk Alton website. There are a wide range of themes for these walks, including railways, trees, bats, foraging and even ghost walks in the town. They are of varying lengths, from 2 mile town walks to the 11.5 mile Six Hills of Alton walk. Do take a look at the website and find one that looks appealing to you. Booking is open now.

Local walking resources

There is a new addition to the free walking leaflets available free of charge from the Binsted Inn, which all continue to prove popular – what better than a pub lunch followed by a good walk? The latest is a Summer 2022 special, a nice figure of eight walk of just over 6 miles, incorporating Binsted, Wheatley, South Hay and Wyck. Do try it out, if you have the time.



JUNE 2022 WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum	30.7°C (17 th) to 15.7°C (5 th) 1 day above 30°C, 6 days above 25°C, and 5 days below 20°C
Nighttime minimum	1.9°C (2 nd) to 13.8°C (24 th) 24 nights below 10°C and 8 nights below 5°C



Rainfall



Total for month	0.92 inches (23.4 mm) over 14 days
Wettest days	0.02 inches (0.4 mm) over 1 day



Wind



Dominant wind direction	South West
Maximum gust	20 mph (8 th)

JULY 2022 WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum	37.9°C (19 th) to 22.6°C (1 st & 5 th) 4 days above 30°C, 20 days above 25°C, and 0 days below 20°C
Nighttime minimum	4.9°C (4 th) to 18.7°C (31 st) 16 nights below 10°C and 1 night below 5°C



Rainfall



Total for month	0.02 inches (0.4 mm) over 1 day
Wettest days	0.02 inches (0.4 mm) (22 nd) the only day it rained!



Wind



Dominant wind direction	South West
Maximum gust	19 mph (24 th)

Harvest time

We're coming into harvest time for the next generation of trees. From what I can see it should be a good harvest this year. After all, adult trees have been able to survive the drought better than other plants and most set their seeds before the dry weather started.

We have a target this year to plant 400 seeds and nuts, and I ordered starter pots to match. Both primary schools, Binsted and Rowledge are signed up to 80 pots each. They will be out collecting in September or October. We're looking therefore for only six individuals or groups to collect and plant 40 pots each. Contact me at binstedtrees@gmail.com if you want to join in.

Actually 40's quite a lot when you think you will have 40 young trees to find a home for in a year or so. But the choice is so extensive that you can plan a crop of a variety of species for many different situations.

The choices are these:

Pods – e.g. Indian bean tree a tree with a bright future as our climate changes, laburnum (remember, though, these are poisonous)

winged seeds – e.g. silver birch, field maples, sycamore, Norway maple, hornbeam

nuts – e.g. hazel, oak (acorns), sweet chestnut, horse chestnut, walnut, beech

fleshy fruits – e.g. elder, crab apple, rowan, holly (but I always feel the wildlife should have first pickings, especially with yew)

cones – e.g. pine, alder (leave all cones in paper bags to dry out, then give the bag a shake to release the seeds)

All the above are growing somewhere in our parish, and most can be harvested from the ground around the parent trees, so no need to go climbing.

Let me make a few comments that may guide your choices:

I have to admit that my favourites are all in the winged seed category and very easy to propagate. In a way this is because they are not particularly popular with seed eaters and so must find their own way in the world. This they do by taking to the air to fly away

from the mother tree. I have my own hornbeam which every year gives me saplings throughout the garden without any effort on my part. Field maple may be a poor man's acer but they're no less beautiful for that. And they're free.

Nuts have the advantage that they come with their own food supply and so are not dependent on the medium they are initially planted in. A simple test of viability is to drop them in a bucket of water. The floaters are no good (not like witches, then).

A special word finally for alder. Such a fascinating tree. No conifer but it bears cones. Tap them and a mass of tiny black seeds drop out. You'll find alder in damp places few other trees enjoy – along the banks of the Wey, or at the foot of our many hangers where water drains down from the clay banks. They have this special ability to grow on poor soils and work with their fungus partners to improve it. The flip side of the droughts we will have to endure is that we will also see more flooding as a result of intense rains. We need more trees like this, and willows to grow on the flood plain and mitigate the damage.

For more information go to <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/grow-from-seed/>



BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+ CLUB

Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley Memorial Hall
01420 22197

Congratulations to the Winners

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

1st Prize Christine Goodyear

2nd Prize Bruce & Lizzie Powell

3rd Prize Richard Greenway

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 PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRAL EVENING



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Are you new to the Community of Binsted, Blacknest, Station Road, Frith End, Bucks Horn Oak or Wyck ?

Do you know someone who is new to the area who might like to find out more ?

Perhaps you arrived in this area during Covid and are still trying to get to know what goes on here !

Maybe you have lived here for a while and want to know more about what goes on !

Perhaps you would like to get more involved locally !

So a Community Welcome Cheese and Wine evening is being planned for 7-9pm Friday 14th October at the Wickham Institute

7.00 Choose your Tipple & help yourself to Cheese

7.30 *Local speakers from the community to give a brief introduction (Parish Council, what goes on in The Wickham, Holy Cross Church, Social events, Sports Clubs, Community focus, The Fete)*

8.00 Meet, Greet & Chat

9.00 Finish

Please confirm your interest by RSVPing to
angela1dunne@sky.com by Friday 30th Sept.



the **2022**
Binsted
fete



Thank you for coming to this year's
Jubilee Celebration
&
The Binsted Fete



It was amazing to see so many of the Parish coming together to enjoy community and family fun across both events.

The Jubilee Celebration will go down as one of the most joyous parish events for many years. Families and friends were able to get together again to enjoy a spectacular evening of pageantry. Thank you to Binsted Parish Council for making this possible.

Binsted Fete welcomed record numbers from far and wide, who enjoyed a packed programme of events, stall and games. Look out for notices of the AGM taking place in November, and put **Saturday 8th July 2023** in your diary for next years fete!

More details and photos are available

Online: www.binstedfete.co.uk

Facebook: Binsted Fete and Flower Show



CURTIS MUSEUM & ALLEN GALLERY

(01420 82802)

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Sunday

Curtis 10am – 4.30pm. Allen 10.30 – 4pm

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

ALLEN GALLERY

Monsters, Myth and Magic continues until 25th September.

There will be an extra Anglo-Saxon Activity Day on Saturday 17th September to include a ticketed evening performance. Further details from the Gallery nearer the time.

Our new exhibition in the Café area is

Penny Peters



My Life in Quilts

Penny says –

“This is a selection of my quilts from the early eighties to the present day using various quilting techniques. They are mostly my own design, and

some have been inspired by others.

I learned dress-making as a girl from my mother and started quilting in the seventies. I have always loved sewing and I enjoy quilting because there are so many different styles and techniques to try - something for everyone! It is also a social activity. There are many quilting groups such as The National Quilters Guild and numerous local groups.”

20 August -25 September

FREE, donations welcome.

NEW

Coffee with the Volunteers.

A drop-in coffee morning on the first Wednesday of every month. A chance for volunteers to meet up, and for would-be volunteers to find out what's involved and perhaps decide to give it a try. From 11am.

Starts 7th September.

TALK

The popular series of talks sponsored by The Friends of the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery kicks off with **Lizzie Dunford, the Director at Jane Austen's House in Chawton**. Lizzie will be speaking about the recent Restoration of the Roof.

Thursday 8th September at 7.30, FREE, donations most welcome.



**THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE
(VILLAGE HALL), BINSTED**

www.wickhaminstitute.co.uk



The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the July & August 2022 draws:

July 2022

1st prize Cathie Weldon

2nd prize George Read-Ward

3rd prize Kaye Hicks

August 2022

1st prize Alan Shelley

2nd prize Joan Longhurst

3rd prize Tammy Yates

Details of the September 2022 draw will appear
in the October magazine.

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.

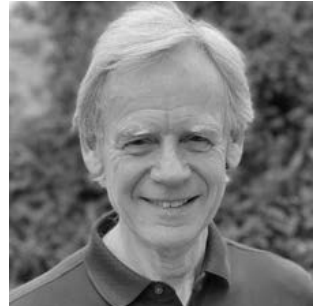
Meet the Councillor



Bentley
PARISH COUNCIL

John Fuller (Chairman)

As for many residents of Bentley, the village is an adopted home: I was born and brought up in Leicester. Linda and I moved to Bentley, via London, in 1986, slightly complicated by the fact that at the time we were also living and working in the Middle East. However, in the spirit of many new Bentley residents, that didn't stop us immediately getting involved in the annual Fete and Flower Show, manning the crazy golf stall the following year.



The first of our two children, Christopher, arrived as we arrived here, our daughter, Louisa, came along three years later. Both have moved away now, but count Bentley as home.

Once permanently living in Bentley we both wanted to play a part in village life. I joined the Fete committee and the Recreation Ground committee. The fete is a great institution in Bentley and I urge anyone new to the village to get involved, even if just helping out on the day.

Eventually, I retired from work in the oil and gas industry, thinking life would now become more relaxed: Don't believe anyone who tells you retirement gives you more free time!

I joined the parish council as I retired. My first job was to steer our emerging Neighbourhood Plan through examination to its implementation in 2016. Thankfully, by the time I got involved the hard work had already

been done. That experience "qualified" me to be planning officer for the parish council, a position I've held for the past six years.

Away from councils and committees, I've been a lifelong gardener, although the Middle East did make that rather difficult for a while. I've also enjoyed cycling for many years and try to get over to France each summer to climb a few cols. More recently I've taken up bell ringing, at which I'm fairly hopeless, but my colleagues at Bentley Church are patient and forbearing. If you've never tried it, come along and have a go!

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Bentley Jubilee festivities

Bentley celebrated the Queen's platinum jubilee in style with a large number of residents and friends of the village participating in the festivities.

Events kicked off on Thursday 2nd June when villagers gathered at the Memorial Hall and marched to the stirring sound of a piper in full highland regalia up the road to the Star. There our Jubilee village choir joined with the Ancora choir and sang the specially commissioned Jubilee song for the Commonwealth honoring the Queen's 70 years at its head. The procession then moved on to Cater's meadow where a bonfire was lit at 9 pm forming part of a chain of beacons stretching over all of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth as well. The church bells at St Mary's rang out and the piper played to those gathered to watch the beacon burn.

On Friday there was a hotly contested golf competition organised by Dick Davies for the golfers of the village. For garden enthusiasts a garden trail was laid out with a circular walk around 7 colourful village gardens. Tea with scones and cake were served to refresh the garden visitors, on what turned out to be quite a warm day, raising money for St Mary's Church.

This was the build-up to the Jubilee picnic which took place on Sunday afternoon on the Recreation ground, decorated with bunting, village street signs, and

portraits of the Queen produced by Bentley Primary School children. There were even a few life-size cutouts of the Queen to make it a Royal Garden party. Families and groups of friends gathered to eat and drink under cloudy but not too damp skies. Musical entertainment was provided by Ancora whose repertoire finished with a rousing rendition of Land of Hope and Glory. The stage was then taken by the Jubilee village choir led by Hilary Vail. The choir sang a selection of songs from various decades of the Queen's reign. With Abba's Dancing Queen, we even got some of the audience up and dancing too! It looked like everyone had a good time.

Many thanks to all those who made the celebrations such a success; with particular thanks to Ancora and Hilary Vail, to Ady who operated the sound system, to Dick Davies and Robin Wellend-Jones with their trusty band of fete veterans, who built the bonfire, put up the tent and decorated the Recreation Ground (and cleared it all way again) and to Lucinda Edwards and Clare Silk for coordinating the publicity. Many thanks to the open garden crew; to Martin Cavenaugh, Helen Curwen, Linda and John Fuller, Lizzie and Bruce Powel, Libby and Tony May, Masha and Richard Tyrell and Robin and Catherine Welland-Jones for sharing their wonderful gardens.



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"A day without laughter is a day wasted"



So said Winnie the Pooh and if what I've heard about 2nd Bentley Scout and Explorer summer camp is true then no days were wasted at all. Laughing till their sides hurt, singing in the evening and again in the morning. If there had been any rain at all, then as well I'm sure. Both sections camped together at Broadstone Warren in Sussex, a short hike away from Pooh Sticks bridge.



Other activities included Pioneering, Abseiling, Climbing, Zip Wire, Go Karts, a day trip to Brighton with time on the per and of course camp fires. Lots of fun and I'm sure great memories.

Earlier in the month we held our presentation evening where it was wonderful to see so many achievements being recognised with the awarding of activity and challenge

badges across all our sections. Each section also presented their Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer of the Year Shields. All four young ladies well deserved. We were also able to thank Rebecca Batten, for her assistance in sifting through the challenge of the lease for the Pavillion, with the District Commissioners Commendation Award. There were also a number of 5 years Service Awards for leaders and executive committee members. These were in addition to the Award of Merit presented to Lee Robinson at Group Camp in June for his tireless work as Beaver Leader at Bentley and more recently in District roles in addition to being our Group administrator.

Our final thanks of the evening were to Bob and Su Wilson who had stood down as Group Scout Leader and Assistant Group Scout Leader respectively

in May 2020, however this had been our first opportunity to publicly thank them with some gifts from the Group of flowers, a meal voucher and a Bentley memento. Their contribution to the Group over many years has been immense, thank you both.

We also enjoyed an afternoon at a very warm Bentley Fete serving burgers and sausages at the BBQ. A number of people asked us about Squirrels, a new section for 4-6 year olds, which we're pleased to say we hope to launch in September with an open evening for interested parents on the 29th September at the Pavilion from 7-8pm. I am sure once we start running weekly sessions they will have just as much fun as our other sections do.

As always we are always pleased to welcome new faces to the Group whether they are young people or those looking to volunteer to help in numerous ways. Contact us at

admin@2ndbentleyscouts.org.uk

Apart from Squirrels starting in September all sections will be back after summer with more challenging activities and we will of course be holding Autumn Jumble Sale at the Pavilion on Saturday 17th September

Winnie the Pooh has another thought which I think sums up being a member of 2nd Bentley Scout Group

"We didn't realise we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun."





What to do about the South East's increasing drought risk?

If heatwaves are climate change's swift and deadly invasion troops, then drought is its slow but crippling undercover agent. This summer, Britain is experiencing both.

After the blistering heatwave that set the UK's new record 40.3C high temperature, it's no surprise to learn that July was the driest July on record in southern England since records began in 1836. Hampshire is amongst the worst-affected counties, and Odiham was Britain's driest place, with zero July rainfall. As I write this, the UK faces another heatwave, with the Met Office warning 'little meaningful rain' is forecast. Europe has it worse. Which piles pressure on our already-strained food system.

Nature too is suffering. Tragic wildfires recently devastated Hankley Common, home to all of the UK's native reptile species, rare species of dragonflies, and rare birds such as woodlarks and nightjars. Not all of Hankley's large common has been destroyed, but the animal rescue teams that are currently onsite, looking for survivors, are finding desperately few, and it'll be many years before the burnt habitat recovers.

It's scary we're already seeing such big climate shocks today, at just over 1 degree of warming above pre-industrial levels. And it's hardly surprising that we can feel powerless to do anything about climate change, or about its damage to our wildlife. We clearly need to start managing water as if it really is a precious resource ... but what's the point, we might ask, if water companies fail to fix water pipe leaks that lose over 20 per cent of our public water supply?

Yet studies of people who do take action on climate change show that taking action has a much more powerful impact than we might think. As Henry Ford famously said: *'Whether you think you can, or can't, you're right!'* If enough people believe we're powerful and take action to beat climate change, we will. If enough people think we're powerless and can't stop it, we won't.

As far as drought's concerned, there's loads that can be done. And not just *'showering with a friend'*, as was famously taught back in 1976! There are technological fixes, like efficient, aerated taps; and landscape-restoration, like creating ponds and restoring wetlands, to hold water in the landscape for longer.

Binsted Eco Network can't fix the drought! But the 300 households who subscribe to our free fortnightly newsletter are making quite a difference, both by getting involved in local wildlife projects like the landscape restoration at Blacknest Fields, and by keeping informed.

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Binsted Parish Council's had a busy and productive summer

We have some new councillors

It's nice to have some really good news to share: In May, Val Moynan from Isington joined our team of councillors; followed by Graham Jones from Binsted village, who joined the team in June. As this article goes to press, two further parishioners are expected to join the team in September. This means that, by the time you read this, we hope we will have EIGHT councillors – just one recruit away from reaching our full complement of Nine.

Getting the council team up to full strength is particularly important in Binsted, because it's such a large parish. There's a surprising variation in the sizes of Parish Councils. At 7,000 acres, Binsted is one of Hampshire's biggest parishes, and has about 2,000 residents – which means that each of

our nine councillors is 'responsible' for nearly 800 acres, and some 220 people. Whereas quite a lot of local parishes which have similar numbers of councillors have a much smaller parish area, or far fewer residents, or both. It's nice to find out why our parish patch always seems so busy!

We'll include some 'mugshots' of the council team in next month's edition. In the meanwhile, let me reassure you that, in the nicest possible way, our entire team is incredibly ordinary! Which I feel is exactly what a parish council should be like. Parish Councils are places where ordinary people can come together to make decisions about issues they care about: protecting the environment, keeping facilities in good repair, improving local services ... Our topics rarely make headline news, but the discussions feel

human and grounded. We focus on the things people talk about when they bump into neighbours in the street: a temporary footpath closure, or whether unwelcome planning applications will disfigure the area.

It will be great if we can recruit a final, ninth councillor, and finally reach full strength. It doesn't matter whether you're currently in work, an at-home Mum, someone who's retired, or a young person seeking volunteer experience at the start of your working life ... if you think that you might be sufficiently 'ordinary' for the role, do email Lisa Spindler, our Parish Clerk, at clerk@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk. Or talk to any of the existing councillors. The role of being a councillor is more rewarding than you might expect, and we'd be excited to hear from you.

We're also 'buzzing' with excitement about Blacknest Fields (pardon the pun!)

The Parish Council's work to transform its site at Blacknest Fields into a place for nature recovery received a boost this summer, with news that South Downs National Park has agreed to fund our '*Get Blacknest Buzzing*' project, a new three-year project to expand the range and abundance of pollinators and wildflowers at our Blacknest Fields site. This funding will help us to make

improvements in the management regime, to make the site even better for butterflies and other pollinators; and it will also enable the parish council to run some outreach and education activities.

In fact, the 8-acre site's already a great place to see butterflies, and we've spent the past few weeks working with some fantastic local volunteer wildlife recorders, to develop a baseline of wildlife found at the site, so we'll be able to measure how the site's wildlife profile changes in the future.

The results of the moth survey were particularly spectacular – thanks to local expert Martin Angel, we found 56 species of moth, including some spectacularly large and beautiful hawkmoths.

Do take a look at the amazing wildlife photographs taken by Sarah Womersley, on the Blacknest Fields Community Facebook page. And, if you want to be kept up-dated about future events and developments at Blacknest Fields, do also send your email address to Clerk@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk, to join our new 'Friends of Blacknest Fields' group.

Alison Melvin, Chair, Binsted Parish Council

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Over the last two years, we know that many new people have moved to the area and may not know that we exist! We would welcome new members and if you would like to join us our next meeting is:

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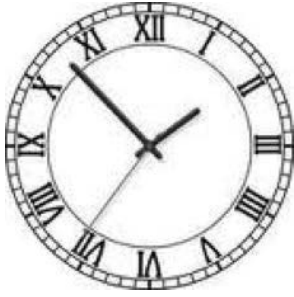
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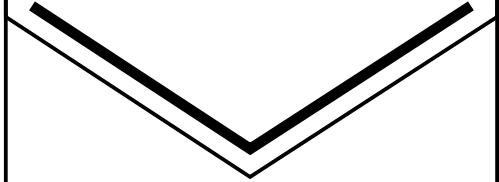
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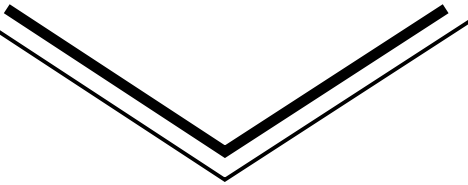
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9:30am Bentley Morning Worship
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11am Oakhanger Holy Communion

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11am Bentley Morning Worship
5pm Bentley Live@5 Big Praise

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11am Froyle Morning Prayer
4pm Messy Church

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