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# Benefice Letter

This is my first contribution to the Parish magazine since becoming the Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle. I am delighted to be joining such a generous and creative community and am humbled by the warm welcome my family and I have received. We look forward very much to meeting many of you in the years to come and to assure you that I will work for all members of our community, those with faith, those without and those seeking to find answers to the big questions of life.

I have been ordained within the Church of England for 22 years and have served in a wide variety of contexts, in rural, suburban and urban parishes. My last role prior to coming here, was working as a Chaplain and then a Governor at HMYOI Feltham, the largest young offenders institution in Western Europe. I have worked with some of the most dangerous and inspiring young people in our society and have witnessed countless examples of rehabilitation and restoration within the lives of those young men. Faith is now, rightly, considered by the policy makers, as a powerful protective factor in helping offenders to change their lives and not reoffend after their release.

Prison is a difficult and challenging environment and I have worked with incredible colleagues whose work is largely unseen and unrecognised by society at large. It has given me real insight into crime and criminal behaviour and how that for many, difficult life circumstances and limited opportunities have led to disastrous consequences. The writer of the Proverbs says “hope deferred makes the heart sick” and for many growing up without hope or a vision for how life might be different, this sickness has led to moments of madness or plans to become rich by any illicit means and there is rightly a punishment for their anti-social behaviour.

I have also seen so many who have come to the end of themselves and through guilt, remorse, or the last flickering glimmer of their original hopes that life could be better, have trusted that God might be able to help them. I have witnessed hardened criminals weep with regret and ask forgiveness of their victims and their loved ones. I have seen restoration and the rebuilding of trust and a fierce determination that now things will be different and short cuts cannot be taken in the road to recovery.

Now as your vicar, I am delighted to serve this community. The challenges and issues will be very different! Yet I do believe, in the heart of all of us, is a common regret for mistakes made, relationships that have not worked, decisions with unintended consequences and that guilt can keep us from achieving our full potential. This can also keep us from forming significant friendships or relationships because we do not want to hurt, or be hurt again.

The Old Testament writer of Proverbs writes, *“My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart, for they will give you a long and satisfying life. Never let loyalty and kindness get away from you! Wear them like a necklace, write them deep in your heart. Then you will find favour with both God and people, and you will gain a good reputation.*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:1-6.*

If you want to find out more, you are guaranteed a warm welcome in all our churches.

May God richly bless you and yours

*Matt Boyes*

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# Youth Update *October 2022*

Welcome to October! We are entering my favourite time of year, autumn and winter. I love jumper season, wearing boots, wrapping up in a scarf, drinking all the hot drinks, the warm autumnal colours of orange, yellow and red, and the anticipatory build up in the church calendar of Christmas! And this October is going to be a good one.

September was a whirlwind of a month, getting back to our regular groups and catching up with each other. At Upagear, we started a film series on the book of Deuteronomy called 'Wellness God's Way'. The first 3 sessions have been great, and our teenagers especially enjoyed dinner every Sunday provided by some wonderful ladies in our church family. Deuteronomy sounds like a scary, rather boring book of the Bible, but did you know it's the book Jesus quotes the most in the New Testament? If Jesus quotes it, it must have some relevance for us today.

At four:twelve, we have been making the most of the daylight on Friday evenings. We've been learning about the minor prophets in the Bible, Elijah and Ezekiel so far. And of course, amongst this we've been having a lot of fun outside playing Capture the Flag and competing in Mini Olympics!

Looking ahead into October, at Upagear we are continuing our Deuteronomy series on Sunday evenings. We're also looking forward to meeting up with our other youth group friends from Odiham, Alton and Four Marks for a time of worship and games on the first Sunday of October.

At four:twelve, half term cuts us a bit short, but we are very excited for Pumpkin Carving on the 16th October. This will really get us into the autumnal spirit!

If you have a young person who would be interested in any of our groups, please do get in touch!

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# Welcome

**A huge and warm welcome to Revs Matt Boyes, the newly appointed vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle.**

Following the wonderful Institution and Induction service on Wednesday 7th September, Matt has begun to work with the team and is settling in well. We'd like to offer a big thank you to everyone involved in the search and recruitment of Matt, and for all the hard work in getting the induction service planned and organised. We are very excited for the weeks, months and years ahead of us.



Please continue to hold Matt and his family in your prayers during this time of transition.

Blessings, The BenBinFro Team



**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

# Christmas Cards



Christmas is fast approaching!  
We are delighted to have our Christmas cards ready for sale.



This year we are using sketches and drawings of Holy Cross Church from two very talented artists in our village – Pam Smith and Sue Beyfus.

The cards will be on sale at the weekly Wickham Coffee Mornings each Wednesday or can be obtained from:



Stella Croom-Johnson on 07740861256  
([binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk](mailto:binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk))  
or Cathie Weldon on 07828083535  
([churchwardenbinsted@benbinfro.co.uk](mailto:churchwardenbinsted@benbinfro.co.uk))



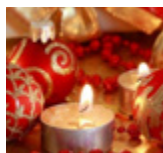
## Holy Cross Church, Binsted Storm Damage Repair Update

Work to repair the storm damage at Holy Cross Church is going well and the roofs and external render are looking much better, although there is still some work left to do on them.

A lot of the damaged plaster inside the church has now been removed and restoration work is under way. Sadly, the church remains closed and whilst it's difficult to predict when it will reopen at the time of writing this article, we're hoping this will be as soon as possible in October. Please keep an eye on the weekly Pew Sheet for any changes.

Please bear with us while the repairs are being carried out – the work is being done as quickly as possible and the church will look wonderful once it's all finished.

Thank you for your understanding.



# Save the date...

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

## Binsted Church Christmas Fair



It does seem strange writing this while we are still enjoying late summer weather, however deadlines for the October issue of the Parish magazine have prompted me to advertise our annual Christmas Fair.

We hope to repeat the success of last year's fair with support from parents of Binsted Primary School who will again organise a Santa's Grotto. The stalls and activities will be distributed between the Wickham Institute and inside the newly repaired Church building.

Please get in touch if you would like to get involved and help run a stall. New ideas are welcome but our usual favourite stalls always make a great profit; however, they will need new merchandise. So please look out old jewellery, nearly new gifts, books, offer to bake a cake or donate a superb raffle prize.

We are also specifically asking for:

Donations of children's books (in good condition please!)

Donations of Christmas chocolates (well within date please!)  
for sale at this year's fair.

Delivery to Meadowbank House, The Street - next to Cobdens.

I look forward to hearing from you. 07799094088

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# **BINSTED VILLAGE**

## **AUTUMN / HARVEST SUPPER** **SATURDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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.**







**AGM**

**Do you...**

want to know how much money the Fete  
team raised this year?

have an idea where that money should best  
be spent?

want to join the team for 2023?

come along to the  
Fete Annual General Meeting  
7.30pm drinks for 8pm start  
Friday the 11th November 2022  
Binsted Pavilion, Gu34 4PB

More details are available

Online: [www.binstedfete.co.uk](http://www.binstedfete.co.uk)

Facebook: Binsted Fete and Flower Show

# Bentley Memorial Hall Association

Presents

## The Duke



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bentleybees@btinternet.com)**

**or buy tickets at the door**

# 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](mailto:angela1dunne@sky.com)



## BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB

**Well, what a summer we have had!  
Record temperatures and very  
little rain. In the whole of July we  
only had one day where there was  
any measurable rain and then only  
0.4mm/0.002ins. I hope that your  
gardens/vegetables have survived.**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel most  
of the outings during the summer for  
a number of different reasons.

### **Tuesday 4th October 2022**

Our Autumn schedule will start with  
our regular monthly meeting on  
Tuesday 4th October 2022, as usual  
at 8pm in the Denis Smith Room at the  
Bentley Memorial Hall. Our speaker  
will be Brian Pettit, who will be giving  
a talk entitled "The New Forest flora  
and fauna".

At this meeting we will have  
our outdoor flower of the month  
competition as well as the usual raffle.

We hope as many of you as possible  
will be able to come.

This meeting is also open to non-  
members at a cost of £2.

# Sudoku Games

## Sudoku game EASY

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

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 MEDIUM

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

## Sudoku game HARD

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



# School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

It has been fantastic to welcome all the children back to our lovely school. They all looked so smart and ready to begin school on the 5th September! In Silver Birch class our Year 6 have made a brilliant start to the term. It is amazing what they have remembered over the Summer and it has been fantastic listening to their recounts of a lovely, hot summer.

This term our topic is The Victorians. In History we will be focusing on the life and experiences of a child in the Victorian era before going onto study the industrial revolution and how it affected the lives of ordinary people. In Science we will be studying Evolution and Inheritance and relating this to our study of The Creation in RE.

In English we will be beginning with the poem Moth by Isabel Thomas before reading our class text Cogheart by Peter Bunzl. We will write recounts, explanation texts and narrative texts based on our reading. In RE we will be looking at the Creation story and discussing it's meaning and importance in the Christian world. In Art we will be printing to make William Morris style designs for T-shirts.

## AUGUST 2022 WEATHER STATISTICS



### Temperature



Daytime maximum	35.6°C (12 <sup>th</sup> ) to 21.7°C (25 <sup>th</sup> ) 7 days above 30°C and only 7 days below 25°C
Nighttime minimum	4.7°C (7 <sup>th</sup> ) to 17.9°C (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 16 nights below 10°C and only 1 night below 5°C



### Rainfall



Total for month	1.36 inches (34.6 mm) over 5 days
Wettest days	0.6 inches (15.4 mm) (17 <sup>th</sup> )



### Wind



Dominant wind direction	South West
Maximum gust	18 mph (12 <sup>th</sup> )



## In memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It was with deep sadness that we heard the news of the death of our Queen. She was the longest reigning British monarch and her reign was the second longest in history. Through her life, she witnessed momentous changes in our society and world. From the dark days of the Second World War to her Accession to the throne whilst rationing was still in place. She oversaw the rebuilding of society in the 1950's, the jet and nuclear ages, and the rise of information technology. 15 Prime ministers served throughout her reign and the country is vastly different now from than in 1952 when her father, George VI died and she became our Queen.

With the advance of medical science and higher nutrition standards, an age of 96 is becoming more common than even half a century ago. She had not been born to be Queen, but the abdication crisis of 1936, saw her life change fundamentally. She vowed to the country at her Coronation that she would serve the nation to the best of her ability, whether her life be short or long. This vow was kept.

Many have spoken of her devotion to duty, but duty alone does not explain fully the impact of her life and work. Inspired by a deep personal faith and a knowledge that this was the work that God had called her to perform, she relied on God's grace and wisdom to live and reign to the best of her ability.



The length of one's life does not define the quality of it. A long reign is no guarantee of happiness for the individual or their realm. Yet, with our late Queen, we had a monarch who had a profound Christian faith, which she chose to display more frequently in recent years in her Christmas addresses. She upheld her nation in prayer, offered counsel to Prime Ministers and leaders of other nations. She encouraged and celebrated those that she met. She leaves a legacy of constancy, respect and faithfulness. As all humans, she was flawed, and the dynamics of the personal lives of members of her family overshadowed her achievements at times.

Through the preparation of her state funeral and her being finally laid to rest, we had time to pause and give thanks for her long life, well lived. For her devotion to the nation and the peoples of the Commonwealth. For her service and inspirational words, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. For being an enduring symbol of our nation and for her compassion. For being a person who responded to the call of God on her life with faith and hope.

Psalm 1 begins, *"Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither."*

The Queen is dead. Long live the King!

Revd Matt Boyes

*Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle.*





# WAYMARKS...

## Maintaining Binsted's Rights of Way network

After the long spell of warm, dry weather, including some heatwave conditions, the few days of torrential rain that we have had in August, followed by more rain and thunderstorms in September mean that the footpaths and bridleways of the parish can be muddy in places and that vegetation has started to encroach again. The volunteers of the Binsted Rights of Way team will be out trying to keep footpaths clear and passable. If you are out walking in the Parish, why not take a pair of secateurs with you, even if it is just to snip off a bramble trailing across a path or a tree frond at head height, which is making you stoop as walk along? Every little helps, and the volunteer team will be ensuring that the more major obstacles are cleared as soon as they can manage.

As we expected, there have been very few working parties to address major structural issues on the parish Rights of Way this summer. The only effort of any substance was actually a series of working parties to improve the surface of about 200 metres of the Shipwrights Way (footpath 44), close to its junction with the A325 in Bucks Horn Oak. In winter, the surface was often very soft and muddy because of accumulated material from the surrounding trees. On five separate days, volunteers gathered to remove excess soft material from the path and replace it with compacted scalplings to stabilise the surface. This was performed on extensive patches of the footpath, which is heavily used by walkers and

cyclists. The result looked impressive and then, as the compacted scalplings change colour and set, the repairs blend into the rest of the path – magic! The true test, of course, will come with the return of wet weather in the autumn and winter, but naturally we have high hopes.

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 – this requires you to create an account and log in to the site first. Alternatively, you can use the volunteer team’s own email address to do so – it is [BinstedRoW@gmail.com](mailto:BinstedRoW@gmail.com). One final way of reporting a Rights of Way problem is to do so on the Binsted Community Facebook group. The volunteer team will try to identify problems reported there and deal with them promptly if we can – in all cases, please give as much location information as possible.

## Alton's Autumn Walking Festival

Alton's Autumn Walking Festival is upon us and will run from 4th – 9th October. Although there are a large number of walks, with varying themes, some of them may well be fully booked by now. You can check on the Walk Alton website for walks which still have spaces available on them. The individual entries for each walk provide full details about the route, the walk leader and the themes and landscapes that will be experienced.

Autumn is a marvellous time to walk out on the local footpaths and bridleways – let's make the most of the extensive network in our lovely parish.



# Can You Help Support Alton Foodbank



With the current cost of living crisis and media coverage around choices that may face many between keeping warm this winter or eating, it is widely anticipated that demand on foodbanks will increase significantly.

In the year to March 2022, foodbanks in the Trussell Trust network, which includes those in Alton and Farnham, distributed over 2.1 million emergency food parcels of which 832,000 went to children. This included some 1,800 food parcels in East Hampshire and 2,200 in Waverley, the latter an increase of almost 35% on pre-pandemic numbers.

As a Benefice we look to support the Alton Foodbank and if your circumstances allow, please do consider donating tinned and dried foodstuffs or toiletries or even second-hand school uniform in good condition. We have a collection point in Bentley church (and there will be one in Binsted once the church re-opens). Alternatively, there are drop off points at Alton Maltings and Sainsburys and Waitrose, Alton amongst others.

The foodbank is currently in need of:

Soup (tins and packets)	Tinned	Tuna
spaghetti		Pasta Sauce
Tinned vegetables		UHT milk
Rice		Fruit Juice (long life)
Tinned rice pudding		Jam
Tinned custard		Cereal
Tinned fruit		Laundry Conditioner
Tinned meat		

We will endeavour to include details of items needed in future magazines. If you are in need yourself, please do visit <https://alton.foodbank.org.uk/alton-get-help/> where there is advice on how to get help.



## A tree for all seasons

**W**hen I was young furniture was dark brown; tables, chairs, sideboards, everything. Had it been that way since Jacobean times? Then the Beatles, heralds of their times, released Norwegian Wood and overnight (or so it seemed to me) naked pine was the only cool thing. When in the 90's my employer transferred me to Chicago we were able to take our cherished pine dining table with us. Within weeks of getting it there, however, the table had curled up at the edges so that it was difficult to stop your meal sliding away. We had moved from Cornwall, where damp was the default state, to the Midwest prairie where, alternately, ferocious central heating and equally ferocious air conditioning maintained the indoor humidity at arid. **Not Norwegian Wood in Chicago, then.**

All woods are different; as different as the trees they come from. This has always been how it is and mankind has always been able to find a wood with pretty much the ideal properties for the job in hand.

420,000 years ago someone near what is now known as Clacton left a spear made of yew wood. Then as recently as Tudor times the armoury of Henry VIII's flagship the Mary Rose stored longbows made of yew wood. At one time there was an export ban on yew wood because of its strategic importance. Today these mystical trees are largely overlooked, except by thrushes and crows in the autumn.

Also starting around Tudor times, Alice Holt has been shaped by the need for vast amounts of oak timber to build the navy's ships. The era is commemorated in the pathway known as the Shipwright's Way, which heads south from Bentley Station.

But the utility of the equally abundant ash wood is perhaps less known. Ash has a similar life cycle to oak and renders a similar timber with many uses. It is an excellent fuel, even when green, and would have been coppiced in Roman times and reduced to charcoal for the pottery kilns in Abbott's Wood. Horse-drawn vehicles of all

designs were built on ash frames because of its combination of toughness and relatively low density. The tradition persists to this day in the frame of the Morgan Motor Company's Plus Six sports car (yours for just shy of £85,000).

2,000 years ago the chariots had to cope with much more challenging combinations of speed and road surface, and that's where hornbeam comes in. One of the toughest woods available in Europe – its English name is derived from the Saxon for hard wood- was the material of choice for Ben Hur's chassis.

Of course there are also aesthetic considerations in the choice of wood for high quality furniture and high quality musical instruments. The Saxon kings liked to be buried with their favourites, usually made from Field Maple.

I believe most people are aware now of the importance of trees as moderators of the growing burden of carbon dioxide on our atmosphere. But that role comes to an end when the trees are cut down. That pine table, which, incidentally, is perfectly flat again now, does not absorb carbon dioxide any more, nor does it give off oxygen. But it continues to store the carbon its tree(s) had absorbed right up to the day the lumberjacks passed through. What I must not do is cut it up and burn it, nor let it rot, or the carbon dioxide will finally be released. No, my grandchildren are just going to have to live with Norwegian Wood.



## **BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+ CLUB**

Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley  
Memorial Hall 01420 22197

### **Congratulations to the Winners**

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

#### **OCTOBER 2022**

1st Prize Mrs Penelope Robinson

2nd Prize Peter & Sally Clarke

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](mailto:bentleymemorialhall@gmail.com) for further information.



## The Air Ambulance

### **Did you know you can support Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance via the clothing bank at Bentley Memorial Hall?**

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance is the independent Charity that brings an advanced critical care team to the most seriously ill and injured patients in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, giving them the best chance of survival and recovery, when the worst happens.

The Charity's clothing banks are placed across the region and collect unwanted clothing. Each tonne of textiles, including clothes, shoes and hats, bags, belts and bras, that is donated, will guarantee at least £210 for the life-saving Charity, ensuring they can continue to provide critical care to the most seriously ill and injured people in the region.

We have over 60 banks in Hampshire. For more information and to find other local clothing banks go to <https://www.hiowaa.org/recycle/> and help ensure the Air Ambulance can carry on saving lives for many years to come."

## **BINSTED RECREATIONAL TRUST FUND**

# Can we help in these times of financial hardship?

**The Binsted Recreational Trust was established in 1968 with the objective of supporting the Wickham Institute, the local church and the youth of Binsted. The trustees have decided that, exceptionally, this remit can be interpreted as allowing us to offer financial help to residents of Binsted with children (as opposed to a specific child) who are suffering financially as a result of the increases in the cost of living.**

The areas where we see a need to help families might be where any child is unable to partake in any out of school activities (such as trips or camps) where there is a cost to the parents which they are unable to meet. Any budding musicians who are unable to afford an instrument could also approach us.

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The three Trustees are Kathy Ogilvie Thompson 01420 23125 or 07710623784, Nick Carter 01420 489122 or 07885201736 and David Sinclair 01420 23262 or 07775557955. Any one of these can be approached in total confidence that any discussions and personal details will be kept confidential by the trustees. Alternatively, the head of any child's school could be used as a go-between. The two local schools' contacts are: Bentley – Katie Pinchess 01420 525010 or Binsted - Sharon Morton 01420 23200.

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### ALLEN GALLERY

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This is a drop-in session on Tuesday 25th October, any time between 11am and 1pm. (Accompanied) children £3.

#### EXHIBITIONS

**Ceramicus** returns to the Main Exhibition Space from **1st to 30th October** 10.30 - 4pm. This talented group of local potters will be exhibiting a range of techniques, colours and surfaces in their work. The exhibition gives visitors a chance to buy unique items, direct from the artists, for the home or as a gift. FREE.

From **1st October, Walk Alton** will be showing entries from the Alton Walking Festival Photography Competition. This exhibition runs until **20th**

**November**, in the Café area.

FREE.

#### TALK

##### Mary Russell Mitford

Margaret Simmons will talk about this interesting woman, born in Alresford in 1787. At the age of 10 Mary won her father a lottery ticket worth £20,000, but by the 1810s the family was in financial difficulties. Mary became a writer of plays, poetry and novels – including *Our Village*, a series of scenes of village life. She was a prolific writer, helping to support the family. Her poetry also garnered praise, and she became a friend of Elizabeth Barrett Browning among others.

**13th October**, 7.30pm. In the Gallery.

FREE, donations welcome.

### Quakers and the Museum and Gallery

The front garden wall of Alton's Quaker Meeting House (in Church Street) has the date 1672 - hence this year is its 350th anniversary. To celebrate this heritage the Museum and Gallery are displaying various items with Quaker connections. The Curtis family, after one of whom the Museum is named, were Quakers for over 200 years. The Gallery is home to a comprehensive collection of ceramics from about 1500 to the present day, and several of the pieces have a Quaker background. Among these are 5 items by Richard Champion, a Quaker potter, working in Bristol from 1773 to 1782.



There are also paintings and other items associated with botanist William Curtis. These include a jug and goblet designed by him. A loving cup designed for the Queen's Jubilee is also on display. It was produced for the Crowley brewery (Crowley being another of Alton's Quaker families.)

**The CURTIS MUSEUM** also has several Quaker related items on display. A Trail has been produced so that these objects can be identified by visitors.



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

**September 2022**

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2<sup>nd</sup> prize Jill Hilson

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# 'Full house' at Binsted Parish Council!

We're delighted that, for the first time in many years, Binsted Parish Council has its full complement of nine councillors. Meet the team:



Cllr Geoff Clarke - lives in Binsted village - new to the team, so roles not yet formalised.



Cllr Jenney de Sousa - lives in Isington - new to the team, so roles not yet formalised.



Cllr Pip Eldridge - lives in Binsted village - new to the team so roles not yet formalised.



Cllr Nikki Hall - lives in Holt Pound - leads the Planning Committee.



Cllr Graham Jones - Binsted village - Transport Group; Binsted Rec Users' Group; Fete & Wickham Institute liaison.



Cllr Chris Meade - Rowledge - Vice-Chair; Transport & Holt Pound Oval and allotment liaison.



Cllr Alison Melvin, Council Chair - lives in Frith End - Finance Committee; and Blacknest Fields.



Cllr Val Moynan - lives in Isington - Binsted Rec Users' Group; liaison with Alice Holt Forum.



Cllr Clair Walley - lives in Binsted village - Binsted Rec Users' Group and allotment liaison.



Parish Clerk Lisa Spindler lives in Froyle and works at Binsted Pavilion Monday -Thursday.

We also have a new Finance Officer - Sally Laker - joining us in September.

**Our team aims to serve the best interests of our parishioners and to help ensure that our large, beautiful parish is as resilient as possible against future challenges.**

**You're welcome to contact us - our details are on our website, at [www.binstedparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.binstedparishcouncil.org.uk).**





# An easier way to find planning applications

A new feature of the Binsted Parish Council website is that it now shows details of all planning applications being made in the parish – those made to East Hampshire District Council's planning authority, as well as those made to the South Downs National Park authority.

As soon as either planning authority authorises a new planning application, the details appear on our parish council website, at <https://binstedparishcouncil.org.uk/planning-applications>. You'll find all the relevant documents and can look at a map to see where the property is. Entries also show the deadline for making comments, and the status of the application, as shown in the examples below:

East Hampshire - 49576/003 Registered

**Single storey rear extension with external alterations**

Homefield, Fullers Road, Rowledge, Farnham, GU10 4LB

Status: *Registered* Date validated by authority: 11th August 2022  
Deadline for comments: **6th October 2022**

[View on map](#) [View documents](#) [View all details](#)

South Downs - SDNP/22/03419/HOUS Application in Progress

**Proposed single storey rear extension.**

Kings Leigh Church Street Binsted Alton Hampshire GU34 4NX

Status: *Application in Progress* Date validated by authority: 9th August 2022  
Deadline for comments: **9th September 2022**

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South Downs - SDNP/22/03324/FUL Application in Progress

We hope you'll find this a useful facility – do take a look and give us your feedback!

## Have you recently moved to the parish? Join the community cheese and wine social being held, 7.00 – 9.00 pm, Friday 14 October.

Community groups are holding an informal 'welcome' evening, for all who're new to the area, and for everyone interested in finding out what activities are going on across the parish. As well as sampling some (free) cheese and wine, you'll hear what's going on, and how to get involved. There will be representatives from local sports clubs, the Fete team, churches, Binsted Eco Network, the Wickham Institute and the parish council. It'll also be a great chance to meet other people who are new to the area! Do come along.

Please confirm your interest by RSVPing to [angela1dunne@sky.com](mailto:angela1dunne@sky.com) by Friday 30th Sept..

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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*

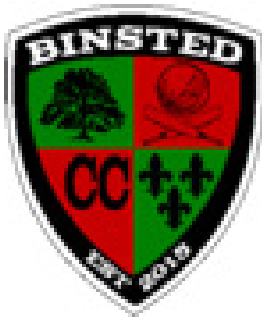
**7.00** Choose your Tipple & help yourself to Cheese

**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](mailto:angela1dunne@sky.com) by Friday 30th Sept.



# And now, the end is near...

## Hello folks

It has been a little while since we last wrote – a combination of cancelled fixtures and summer holidays meant there was either not much to report on, or not much time to report on it.

However, the last few weeks have seen us return to a more regular schedule and, indeed, by the time you read this we will have played our final match of the season. So, it feels like a good time to provide a final update for the year.

It has been a great season all in all – plenty of good matches against friendly opposition, played in stunning sunshine and great spirits, with some of the most extraordinary cricket teas you would ever see. Having a fully functioning pub was a real bonus too. Our ground has looked absolutely stunning these last few weeks and we are really lucky to have the Binsted Rec as our home ground.

Results are somewhat secondary to all of that, of course, but a quick summary follows of the games we have played since the last update in June:

- Rowledge Casuals (123-9) vs Binsted (127-7) – **WON by 3 wickets** – Ben Krempel 5-17, Will Butler 50 not out
- *Vagabonds – cancelled*
- *Medstead – cancelled*
- Lord Wandsworth College (150-7) vs Binsted CC (148-7) – **LOST by 3 wickets**
- *Irascibles – cancelled*
- Herriard (170 all out) vs Binsted (174-4) – **WON by 6 wickets** – George King 60, Rhys Pritchard 61
- Fairlands (170-6) vs Binsted (162-9) – **LOST by 8 runs** – Ben Hinshelwood 52 not out
- Lynchmere (122-9) vs Binsted (123-3) – **WON by 7 wickets** – George King 53 not out
- Grayswood (217-5) vs Binsted (153-6) – **LOST by 64 runs**
- Wood Street Village (75 all out) vs Binsted (200-8) – **WON by 125 runs** – Ben Krempel 64
- Geoff Thorne XI – all day T20

memorial match – **WON both games**

- Rowledge Casuals (142 all out) vs Binsted (142-7) – **WON by 3 wickets**
- Crondall vs Binsted – to be played

When we include the 4 games completed in April, May and June, this leaves us with a record of Played 13, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 3 with one game to go – our traditional season-closer at Crondall. Not a bad record at all, by Binsted's rather questionable standards.

As well as seeing many of our regulars turn out for the club this year, it has been really helpful to have several new players join us, some for just one or two games and some for quite a few. Our younger players (12+) were also regularly involved with the senior team and put in some stellar performances for us.

This boost in player numbers meant that, even during the summer holidays, we have been able to field fairly competitive teams. Hopefully the trend continues next year, and we continue to attract new players, as some of us are definitely overdue for retirement!

After the season finishes in mid September, work starts on the pitches at the Rec to get them in tip-top condition again for next year. We also have a few weeks to prepare for our end-of-season party and awards evening – a great way to bring the 2022 season to a close. And then a bit of a break from cricket... until indoor nets start again February.

As ever, if you fancy getting involved with the club in any capacity whatsoever, please drop me a line at [ben.krempel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ben.krempel@hotmail.co.uk)

For now – all the best, and we look forward to catching up again next year.

Ben Krempel & all the members of Binsted CC

### Sudoku Games Answers

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

### Sudoku game EASY

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

### Sudoku game MEDIUM

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

### Sudoku game HARD

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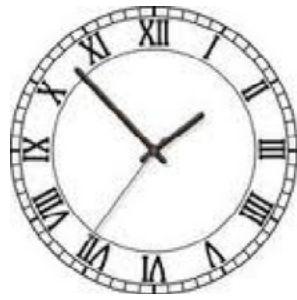


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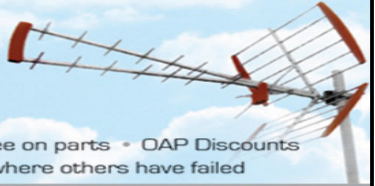


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30th October 11am Froyle Benefice Service

