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Benefice Letter

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them"

As someone with a keen interest in military history, it was with a large measure of awe and respect that, by becoming Vicar of the benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle, I learned that I would become the custodian of the grave of Field Marshall 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. In this month, where we gather to remember those who have died in the World Wars and other conflicts. The significance of what we do seems even more pertinent, given the current situation in the world.

Writing to his troops before the D-Day landings of 6th June 1944, Montgomery said.

"On the eve of this great adventure I send my best wishes to every soldier in the Allied team.

To us is given the honour of striking a blow for freedom which will live in history; and in the better days that lie ahead men will speak with pride of our doings."

As we read the roll of honour at the services of Remembrance in our parishes, we will remember the names and number of young men who died on land, in the air and at sea fighting for the freedoms we treasure, but sometimes fail to protect. War is evil, but sometimes becomes tragically necessary. When diplomacy and the actions of politicians fail, war becomes the only option when faced with naked aggression and inhuman barbarity as we see in the Russian invasion of the Ukraine.

As Christians, we are instructed, *"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord."* Romans 12:17-19.

We remember this month the cost of war and the cost of freedom. Our villages suffered the loss of so many young men: sons, husbands, fathers who would never see their homes again. We pray for peace in our world and for an end to bloodshed and war. For a swift end to the conflict in the Ukraine and other parts of God's earth. We pray for leaders with integrity, compassion and commitment who will wisely work for the good of all. And we remember the warning, that all it takes for evil to prosper, is for good men to do nothing. May we remember. May we also resolve to seek and strive for peace and to pray for that promise of God, that one day men will not train for war anymore.

Matt Boyes
Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

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Youth Update *September 2022*

In September and October I had the joy of leading both Bentley and Binsted school harvest services. Both schools always impress me with their generous donations to the foodbank, their creativity in what they present, their thoughtful reflections on the harvest season and God's provision, and of course the absolute joy in their voices singing the Harvest Samba! At each harvest service I shared my reflections on God's creation, how he didn't have to make all the beautiful plants, flowers, animals, but he did because he loves us and wants us to enjoy the gift of creation. But actually we, me and you, are also God's creation and as much as we are encouraged to look after our planet, we also need to look after each other. Many people are struggling through this season so let's keep an eye out and be good neighbours to those around us.

At four:twelve we had a lot of fun carving pumpkins in October! There was a lot of mess, but it was totally worth it. In November, Bentley fireworks clashes with four:twelve on the 4th so we decided to skip that one – I'll be at the fireworks instead so come and say hello! And on the 18th November, we will be testing our taste buds with different branded products...

We met with our friends in Alton, Four Marks and Odiham at the start of October for our first United gathering for a long time! Around 25 of us met to play games, eat pizza and get to know our leaders! We played a game where we had to match the fact to the leader – who has a pink toothbrush? Who is colourblind? Who lived in the Caribbean?! We are really looking forward to meeting again on the 6th November for a bonfire, hotdogs and smores. We might even bring a guitar...

As always, do get in touch if you have a young person who would like to get involved.

Gemma Ball

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

Church Register *August/September*

Bentley

21st August 2022 Baptism of Lydia Tallent

9th September 2022 Wedding of Sophie Clark and Matthew Barker

10th September 2022 Interment of Ashes of Mary Cole

15th September 2022 Interment of Ashes of John and Betty Bryan-Brown

17th September 2022 Wedding of Hollie Cousins and Christopher Vernon

24th September 2022 Wedding of Marina Lanaghan and Freddie Comber

30th September 2022 Funeral and Burial of Dennis Roy Thompson

Binsted

12th September 2022 Interment of Ashes of Pamela Joyce Annels

Froyle

29th September 2022 Thanksgiving service for Michael Adlington

WICKHAM INSTITUTE/ BINSTED CHURCH HARVEST SUPPER

On Saturday 8th October 2022, for the first time since April 2019, we were able to come together for a village supper in the Wickham Institute.

We were treated to cottage pie followed by an array of different crumbles all home cooked. This was followed by three sessions of a quiz style “head and tails” game where a donation to the funds enabled participants to win a cash prize.

This was a fundraising event with the net proceeds being split equally between the Wickham Institute and Binsted Church. The church proceeds will go towards fabric projects such as the East Window appeal and the cost of the replacement of flooring in the church tower. The net proceeds amounted to £1,253.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all and our thanks to Hilary Spicer and her team of helpers for all the hard work they put in to make the evening go so well.



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 almost finished so we're hoping this area of scaffolding will come down soon.

Most of the damaged plaster inside the church has now been replaced and 'all' that's left to do is for the builders to decorate it. Several areas were found where old repairs had reached the end of their life, so the underlying issues are being addressed which has added a further delay to re-opening the church. We're currently planning on mid-November and are hoping to be able to use the church for Remembrance. If we still can't open the church we'll hold an Act of Remembrance followed (weather permitting) by a short outdoor service. Please check the Benefice website <https://www.benbinfro.co.uk/> for the latest information about this.

Work has now started on the tower which also has both historic damage and storm damage. The floor in the ground floor ringing chamber has been condemned and we have been forbidden to enter the tower until it's been made safe. Sadly, this means that our bell ringers can't practice or ring, so it's going to be rather quiet for a few weeks. The clock has also been deliberately stopped to protect it and will be restarted once the work is complete.

We'll get the church open again as soon as we can, and it will look really smart.

Thank you for your understanding.

Stella and Cathie (Churchwardens)



Remembrance Sunday at BenBinFro

13th November 2022

At BenBinFro we try to make sure you are able to take part in an Act of Remembrance wherever you live in the benefice. See below further detail of the Remembrance Sunday services for 2022.

Bentley

10am Remembrance service at the church, followed by a procession to the war memorial for an Act of Remembrance.

Binsted

10:50am Short service of Remembrance at the war memorial outside the church. Bring a chair. Should the church be open, any change of plan will be published on the church website.

Froyle

10:50am Act of Remembrance at the war memorial, followed by a Remembrance service in the church.

Kingsley

10:50am Short Act of Remembrance starting in the church and processing to the war memorial.



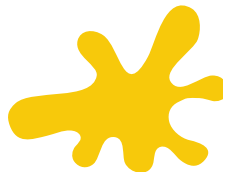
Sunday 20th November

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.





Binsted Church Christmas Fair



Saturday 3rd December 2022

2-4pm



Please support this Church community event as funds will be going towards the continuing upkeep and vital repairs for Holy Cross Church.

The stalls will be spaced out between the Wickham Institute and inside the Church

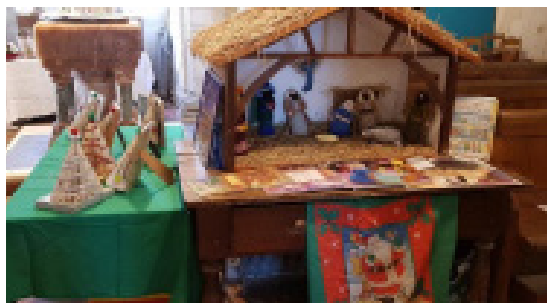
There will be the regular favourite stalls and more including a children's book stall and Santa's grotto [organised by FOBS]

Donations of homemade cakes, chocolates, old jewellery, mince pies, nearly new gifts and raffle prizes are needed... and any extra pairs of hands

Christmas wreaths will be available for Pre-order

Small size £15 Medium size £20 Large £25

Please contact angela1dunne@sky.com or 01420 22922





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

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



Tuesday 1st November 2022

Our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday 1st November 2022, as usual at 8pm in the Denis Smith Room at the Bentley Memorial Hall. Our speaker will be Pauleen Weeks, who will be giving a talk entitled "Hardy Geraniums and their use".

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

Date for your diary – Tuesday 6th December 2022

Our AGM and Christmas get-together will take place on Tuesday 6th December 2022 as usual at 8pm in the Denis Smith Room at the Bentley Memorial Hall.



School News - Binsted CE Primary

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



We are now fully into autumn again, with fresh mornings, conkers on the floor, leaves changing colour... and a few wet-breaktimes here at Binsted! We loved celebrating autumn with our harvest festival on the 23rd of September, thank you to everyone for your generous food donations. We are also really proud of our Hockey team who came second in a local tournament this month!

In Beech Class this half-term we have been learning about shell structures in DT, learning to read musical notation in music, and in computing we have been learning how to create an effective poster and use photo editing techniques with relevant software.

Our main focus topic this term is the Romans; in history we are learning about what the Romans did for us and why they invaded Britain.



We have also been learning about all things eco for the Great Big Green Week. We have been brainstorming, creating and applying ideas to build a greener classroom and school for the children now, and in the future.

Benjamin Hill

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023?



Why not book one of our 'Open Mornings' to have a short tour of the school, and meet our Headteacher, Mrs Katy Pinchess, who is happy to answer any questions you may have.

We would love the opportunity to show you around our great school! Bentley welcomes children from within our catchment area and beyond.

Visit the school website at www.bentleyprimaryschool.co.uk and click on School > Open Morning Bookings to select a date and time which suits you.

Or call us on 01420 525010

We look forward to welcoming you to Bentley!



BENTLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Bentley School Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022

3-7PM

**BENTLEY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL,
GU10 5JP**

FREE ENTRY

**Shopping, food and drink, Santa's
grotto, kid's stalls and lots more!**

Please bring cash for kid's stalls
Donations welcome

Charity number: 1046944



Sudoku Games

Sudoku game EASY

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

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

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

Sudoku game HARD

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



September 2022

WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum

27.1°C (12th) to 15.4°C (29th)

2 days above 25°C and 16 days below 20°C



Nighttime minimum

0.0°C (29th) to 14.8°C (2nd)

17 nights below 10°C and 8 night below 5°C

Rainfall



Total for month

2.35 inches (59.6 mm) over 5 days



Wettest days

0.68 inches (17.2 mm) (8th)

Wind



Dominant wind direction

North North West



Maximum gust

18 mph (27th)



Alton's trees

As part of the Alton Autumn Walking Festival I was asked to organise a tree walk round the town, to include the Flood Meadows north of Lenten Street and St Lawrence's churchyard. Looking at the map it made sense to me to take in the Public Gardens as well, and to start and finish in the Market Square. I needed to consult a map because I'm sorry to say the territory was unknown to me, despite living close by for several decades.

I was delighted with what I discovered – an embarrassment of riches when it comes to trees! Although the route was still short of two miles we were to pass by 330 trees of 50 distinct species. These are heady numbers for a country tree warden like me. I know them to be accurate because Alton Town Council has taken care to survey all the parks for which it is responsible, and the details are published on their website.

Naturally, not all these trees are native, however you define that description, but they are all doing well, by and large. Of course, this year's drought has had its

impact. For starters the River Wey was dry at this time. The resident ducks and moorhens are left waddling about in the mud, more harassed than ever by the local dogs.

The horse chestnuts have been particularly badly affected. Those leaves left uneaten by burrowing moth caterpillars were brown and shrivelled. Nevertheless the trees were full of conkers. I urge children to collect as many as you can (and adults too) because the shrivelled leaves will not be able to replenish the trees' energy stores so we cannot expect such a bumper crop next year.

Otherwise, though, there was plenty to see, and the highlights for me were these:

Both in the Public Gardens and St Lawrence's, impressive *Wellingtonia* – *Giant Sequoia*, *Sequoiadendron giganteum*, once common throughout the world but, since the ice age, native only to California. These giants have a number of survival strategies for living longer and growing taller than any other tree.

Amongst these their bark is thick and soft and rich in tannin, to allow them to survive most forest fires.

If you follow the board walk beside the Wey through the Flood Meadows you will not miss a large, gorgeous willow. It is quite similar to our native white willow, but even more 'weepy'. It is, in fact, *Salix babylonica*, a species of willow native to dry areas of northern China, but cultivated for millennia elsewhere in Asia, being traded along the Silk Road to southwest Asia and Europe. It is the subject of the Chinese willow pattern which decorates many grannies' crockery. It grows rapidly, but has a short lifespan, between 40 and 75 years. The leaves turn a gold-yellow in autumn.

The most water-loving native tree, the alder, *Alnus glutinosa*, is also present in numbers in the Flood Meadows. The bark is dark and fissured and is often covered in lichen. Young twigs are sticky to touch-hence *glutinosa*. The leaves are vivid green, pear-shaped, deeply veined and slightly indented at the tip. Alder is the only British native deciduous tree to develop cones. Soft and porous, alder wood is only durable if kept wet, and its value to humans is down to its ability to withstand rotting in water. Historically, it has been used in the construction of boats, sluice gates and water pipes. The piles upon which both Venice and Amsterdam were built are made from this wood. It thrives in damp, cool areas such as marshes, wet woodland and streams where its roots help to prevent soil erosion and mitigate flood damage.

All this, and more, just a few miles away.



The foodbank is currently in need of:

- Tinned potatoes
- Rice (dry)
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned custard
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat (pies, stewing steak, hot dogs)
- Tuna
- Sponge puddings (long life)
- Biscuits
- Pasta sauce
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Jam, marmite, chocolate spread
- Cereal
- Shampoo & hair conditioner
- Deodorant
- Sanitary towels / pads / tampons

Above is the list of items the foodbank is currently asking for.

We have collection points in Bentley and Binsted churches, there is also a collection point in Froyle village hall, or you can take your donations to Alton Maltings where there is a drop box outside the main door.

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.

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

Great News!

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT) an initial grant for the re-design and development of the **Allen Gallery and Garden**. The Gallery holds a nationally significant collection of ceramics.

HCT will apply for a full grant of £1 million at a later date, which will be used to enhance the visitor experience in the Gallery and boost Alton as a place to live, work and visit.

The Gallery is one of the local community's focal points. As well as the permanent display of ceramics, it hosts a wide range of exhibitions on a variety of mainly local subjects, and activities for many age groups. There is also an important annual display of works by the artist W H Allen, from whom it gets its name. The new project aims to enhance these features.

Planning will take until December 2023, physical redevelopment thereafter, and the whole project will hopefully be completed in 2025. Closure of the Gallery will be kept to a minimum.

Watch this space.

ALLEN GALLERY EVENTS

EXHIBITION

Echoes of Iceland

In 2019 a group of professional textile artists spent the month of May at the Icelandic Textile centre in Blönduós on the northern coast of Iceland. They were there to explore the landscape, the culture, its textile heritage, local materials and the current production and use of textiles. In using the facilities available at the centre they were able to make a wide-ranging, extraordinary body of work in response to their findings. This exhibition is about that trip. It includes work made whilst in Iceland and pieces that have been constructed since. The work includes felting, weaving, knitting, stitching and basketry techniques, much of it using found and local materials.

The group are; Delia Salter, Tara Kennedy, Annette Mills and Jennifer Jones.

5th November – 15th January 2023 FREE entry

TALK

The History and Development of Southampton City Art Gallery and its Permanent Collection

A Talk by Tim Craven, Senior Curator at the Art Gallery, and an artist himself.

10th November, 7.30 FREE, donations welcome.

What's happening to Bentley's Neighbourhood Plan

It would be true to say that our attempts to organise the Neighbourhood Plan for Bentley could be likened to one of the celebrities on Strictly Come Dancing. All along the process we have tried to keep in step with the EHDC Local Plan but while we have made some progress, irritatingly, we have now been given a new set of guidelines to follow.

Just to recap, where and how many new houses are to be built in Bentley, as in all other parishes in East Hampshire, is determined and approved by the District Council, in accordance with the EHDC Local Plan. Following instructions from the UK Government to increase the number of new houses to be built across the UK in 2019 EHDC started to update its Local Plan, which in turn required Parish Councils to update their Neighbourhood Plans.

To the frustration of many in EHDC the Government has once again changed the goalposts which has

caused EHDC to largely restart its Local Plan again. Regrettably this could leave local parishes exposed to unwanted proposals for development and the Bentley Neighbourhood team therefore decided at a recent meeting that it will be best for Bentley if, regardless of the position of the EHDC Local Plan, it continues with our Neighbourhood Plan with the intention of completing it early in the New Year.

We will provide an update on progress before the end of this year via the Bentley Parish Council website and the Bentley Village Events Facebook page.



Calling all wildlife enthusiasts - we'd love your help with some hedge planting and wildlife recording!

Over the summer, it was wonderful to discover just how much amazing wildlife there is at the parish council's 'Blacknest Fields' site. Clouds of butterflies, moths and bats, thriving populations of lizards and slow worm, and interesting birds and flora. It's been spectacular. Now, in autumn, we've some serious planting to do!



- The South Downs National Park has donated lots of tree and hedge plants to the parish council, through its 'Trees for the Downs' scheme, to improve habitats at Blacknest Fields. Which means it's 'all hands on deck', to plant 130m of new hedges.
- We've also won funding for some fruit trees, and will be planting a small community orchard, to help pollinating insects in the spring.

It would be great if you can join this community volunteer hedge planting party, to lend a hand. Children are welcome too. A soup lunch will be provided, to help keep everyone fuelled up! For planning purposes, ideally let us know you're coming by emailing BNF@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk. Or simply turn up on the day, with your wellies and gardening gloves.

Also - would any keen wildlife enthusiasts like to join our growing community of volunteer wildlife recorders?

We would love more people to get involved with the wildlife recording activity and learn about the various recording 'apps' we're using. Again, please get in touch if you'd like to find out more about this, by emailing BNF@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk.

Armchair enthusiasts can also get involved ...

The less energetic amongst you can enjoy some great wildlife photos on the [Blacknest Fields Community Facebook page](#). And anyone is welcome to join the 'Friends of Blacknest Fields' mailing list, to receive free periodic newsletters about progress and events being held at the site.

Lisa Spindler, Parish Clerk
clerk@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk | 07483 310631



Pumpkin Soup Recipe

Preparation time
less than 30 mins

Cooking time
30 mins to 1 hour

Serves 6-8

By Annie Rigg – BBC Food

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/pumpkinsoup_89904

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 bay leaf
- 25g/1oz unsalted **butter**
- 2 tbsp **olive oil**
- 1 medium **pumpkin** (prepared weight about 850g/1lb 14oz) deseeded and roughly chopped
- 1 medium-sized **floury potato**, such as Maris Piper, roughly chopped
- 1 litre/1¾ pint vegetable or chicken **stock**, a little extra may be needed
- 100ml/3½fl oz **double cream**
- 3 tbsp **pumpkin seeds**
- salt and freshly ground **black pepper**

Method

- Put the onion, carrots, garlic bay leaf, butter and half the olive oil into a large pan. Cook over a low-medium heat for about 10 minutes until the vegetables are tender but not coloured.
- Add the squash and potato, mix to combine and cook for a further 2-3 minutes. Pour in the stock, season well and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to a gentle simmer, half cover the pan with a lid and continue to cook for about 40 minutes until the squash is really tender when tested with the point of a knife.
- Pick out the bay leaf and blend the soup until smooth using a stick blender.
- Add the cream and a little more stock if the soup is on the thick side, taste for seasoning, adding more salt and pepper as required.
- Meanwhile, heat the remaining oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and add the pumpkin seeds and fry quickly until the seeds start to pop. Remove from the pan.
- Ladle the soup into bowls and serve with a swirl of cream and the toasted pumpkin seeds.

SPORTS TODAY

Monday, July 30th 2029

Latest news and bulletin updates

Jim Hannon

BENTLEY STAR SHINES AS ENGLAND REGAIN THE ASHES

Ashes 5th test LORDS 30.7.2029

Ben Archer took another step to cricketing immortality today with a breathtaking innings of 142 not out to help steer England to an unlikely series defining win at Lords today. From a position of almost certain defeat, somehow Archer found the courage and determination to help guide his side to one of the greatest turnarounds in living memory.

England started Day 5 on 98 for 5 trailing by an almost impossible 345 where a draw was seen as difficult at best. Archer took the game by the scruff of the neck in the morning session with some textbook cover drives off of some good Australian bowling and it was evident very early that he had not given up on a classic win, beautifully backed up by the now aging England captain Ben Stokes (38) with a gutsy 97.

The afternoon session saw Archer convert his innings



PICTURE ABOVE: BEN ARCHER CELEBRATES REGAINING THE ASHES.

to a memorable century, much to the delight of the Lords crowd including his parents and colleagues from his beloved Bentley Archers Cricket Club who watched on with immense pride...

The stuff of dreams and legend, there is no fathomable reason why this could not be a headline in the future with the help and support of the local community we will make some young boy or girl's

dream come true. Men and women's cricket and football are of equal priority. Support the formation of Bentley Archers Cricket & Sports Club by getting involved.

More to follow...

Look out for further information about our imminent meeting at the Memorial Hall.

Any questions

do email me on:

james.hnnn@gmail.com



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 October 2022 draws:

October 2022	
1 st prize	Sue Clarke
2 nd prize	David Leonard
3 rd prize	Georgina Beare

Details of the November 2022 draw will appear in the next magazine.

Remember each number only costs £12 (£1 per month) and you have three chances to win each month!

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2nd Bentley Scout Group



2nd Bentley Scouts have joined the nation in mourning the loss of our beloved monarch and Patron, HM The Queen. Her outstanding example of service, encouragement and kindness was an inspiration to us all.



Throughout seven decades HM The Queen encouraged Scouts to do their best and do their duty to help other people. With her own shining example of selfless service, she was someone we could all aspire to.

She also encouraged Scouts to gain skills to succeed in life. The Queen's Scout Award was the pinnacle of a young person's achievement

here in the UK, helping our young people discover new talents and find their vocation. 2nd Bentley have a long history of our young people achieving the Queen's Scout Award and now look forward to them achieving, in due course, the King's Scout Award.

Following the news of her passing all our sections took time to reflect on her life and service to us all.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along to our Jumble Sale the weekend prior to Her Majesty's funeral and stood with us in a moment of remembrance. We thought long and hard as to whether we should hold it on that day, but went ahead with the support of our District Commissioner and the Parish Council and the support of the community helped us raise about £1500, thank you.

Squirrels

We held our first preliminary Squirrels meeting for parents in September and look forward to our newest section starting weekly meetings hopefully this month. We're really looking forward to helping both the young people and their families on their Scouting Journey.

October saw us hold a fund-raising Quiz for our four Explorers heading for the World Jamboree in South Korea and the alternative Project23 expedition to Europe next year. Their journey through Scouts, like many other 2nd Bentley Scouts, is taking to them to a life changing adventure. Something for the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to aspire to.

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Meet the Councillor



Bentley
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Cllr Chris Mace

My wife and I moved to Bentley in 1998 when our older daughter was eighteen months and our younger daughter was born a few years later. Both our daughters benefitted from attending the excellent Bentley School and we all have made lifelong friends from our time there.

Within a day of moving in I had a call to help at the village fete on the skittles and “Splat the Rat” stands which I enjoyed. Over the years I have been keen to support, protect and evolve our beautiful village by developing our Village Appraisal in 2000, our first Neighbourhood Plan in 2016 and I also served on the Parish Council between 2001 and 2011 – the last four years as Chairman. During this time, we put in the play area on the recreation ground and extended the footpath between Bentley and the station so that villagers can walk safely.

My career has been enjoyable, rewarding and quite varied as I have worked in retail, hospitality, manufacturing and distribution, the wine industry (spending a lot of time travelling in Europe, South Africa, USA and Australia), telecommunications and education.



Since retiring in March I have re-joined our Parish Council and have specific responsibility for Trees and Planning. I am also leading a group that is refreshing our Neighbourhood Plan so that it helps us to control the evolution our village for the next 15 years or so.

My hobbies and interests include cycling, travel and clay shooting. Cycling ventures this year include riding up through Wales from Chepstow to Caernarfon in May and then around the North Coast 500 (miles) in Scotland in June. I am also one of the founding members of the Bentley Cycling Club – if anyone is interested in joining us then do contact me.

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NO APPEAL FOR INCINERATOR PLAN

Veolia has not submitted an appeal against the refusal for their plan for an enormous commercial incinerator in the rural Wey Valley. Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee turned down the plan on February 23, with an overwhelming majority of twelve votes to three.

The company could have appealed within six months of that refusal, but that deadline was passed on September 8. However, the Parish Councils will continue to monitor any future plans for the current Veolia site. They will also be checking all revisions to Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan to ensure that the capacity offered by the county's three existing incinerators continues to be more than enough for Hampshire's needs, especially if the currently poor recycling rates are improved.

The No Wey Incinerator campaign group is immensely grateful to all the supporters who backed the campaign with sound objections, the circulation of leaflets and financial donations, which meant expert consultants could be employed to defeat this unacceptable proposal.



BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+ CLUB

Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley Memorial Hall 01420 22197

Congratulations to the Winners

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Pack a Shoebox Gift for a Child in Need

This year we are collecting shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes full of goodies will be taken to Ukraine, and countries around Ukraine who have taken in refugees, and given to the children at Christmas.

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Sudoku Games Answers

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

Sudoku game EASY

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

Sudoku game MEDIUM

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

Sudoku game HARD



Two weeks in the life of a bell ringer

Monday 5th September

16:30 - Bentley to oil bearings and adjust the ropes, prior to quarter peal before the service of institution of Rev. Matt Boyes. Simon & John from the Bentley band came to help.

Home to find a message on the answerphone. Despite a promise from the builders to give us seven days notice, the scaffolding needed for access to repair the ringing room ceiling is going up on Thursday 08-Sept!

Hasty return of call to Andrew to confirm requirements. Ringing room needs to be cleared for the work. I can't do Wednesday, previous engagement, so it has to be Tuesday. Also it means we cannot hold our usual Thursday practices for an indefinite period (Sunday service ringing already stopped due to the building works).

Quick email to Simon at Bentley to see if we can move our practice there.

Urgent email sent to Binsted band asking for help 14:00 tomorrow to clear the tower.

Rapid reply (affirmative) from Simon.

Email Binsted band and regular visitors to inform them that practice transferred to Bentley for next 3 weeks at least. Also email the local ringers branch members to let them know practice transferred.

19:45 - Bramshott for their weekly practice.

Tuesday 06th September

14:00 – Binsted clear tower. Andrew, Brenda, Kaye & Jacci came to help. Took photos first, so we could put things back more easily. Boxed everything up that we could, moved table to Prayer Corner. Put benches and other large items under the beams at the side. Removed bellropes. Stopped the clock and set hands to 12:00 (the standard "signal" that a public clock is not working). Covered the bell

bearings and clock with dust sheets. Boxes and bags now stored away from tower.

Wednesday 7th September

18:00 - Bentley to ring quarter peal for institution of Rev. Matt Boyes, due to start at 18:15. Had a chat with Matt before we started ringing, while waiting for one ringer who was late due to being let down by child care. Eventually started 18:35, had to ring fast to finish in time. Left bells "up" ready to ring for Friday's wedding, except for the Tenor which was rung "down" so that it could be chimed by Matt during the service. Spoke with a few people after the service, had a good chat with the Archdeacon about bells & ringers. Simon from Bentley and Anita from Binsted also took part.

Thursday 8th September

Heard on radio news that the Queen was unwell. As the news was not getting better through the day downloaded the ringing / flag guidance documents

from Church of England and The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Oh dear, all a bit confusing and contradictory especially timings in places. Bells to be rung fully muffled if possible, then muffles removed for proclamation of the King, then muffled again until after ringing on 19th September, when muffles are to be removed. Similar rules for the flag, half mast, then full mast, back to half mast, back to full mast. Clearly whoever came up with all that, had no idea what it actually entails, with both Bentley & Binsted I've got to do at least 10 trips up and down the towers in a matter of a few days - and what about access to Binsted tower due to building works? And (oh no!) we left five bells at Bentley "up" (ready to ring) for the wedding on Friday.

So start thinking about what to do. The official announcement of the death of Her Majesty is made after 16:00, meaning everything starts tomorrow according to the guidance (phew!), except the flag which should go up at half mast immediately. According to the documents Friday is D-Day (oh come on, surely they could do better) and the next day is D-Day+1, and so on. By the time I've got answers about access it's late and starting to get dark, so decide there's no point in putting the flag up until tomorrow morning when the builders are there to ensure H&S requirements met.

Ringers start "crying-off" ringing tonight, so email everyone to cancel the practice at Bentley I've just arranged.

19:30 - Bentley, in case anyone hasn't heard and turns up to ring, and to ring five bells down. Meanwhile the wedding rehearsal is going ahead in the Church. Anita speaks to the Vicar & Churchwardens, ringing for the wedding has been cancelled. Happily, the wedding itself is still going ahead. Disappointing because the wedding is the marriage of the daughter of Sue, one of the Binsted band, but can't be helped. I ring bells down slowly one at a time to sound a little like tolling. Then ring up the Tenor ready for tolling tomorrow. One ringer arrives, so at least we can tell him there's no practice and he doesn't hang around fruitlessly waiting for everyone else.

Friday 9th September

09:00 - Binsted to meet with the builders manager to explain what is required. Get up the tower to raise the Union flag to half mast. The scaffolders have only just started work, so it turns out it would not have affected practice yesterday, but due to the sad events that is pretty much irrelevant. Speak to the scaffolders to ensure I have access to toll the Tenor bell at 12:00. Have the opportunity to speak with Cathie and Matt to explain and agree what we are doing.

To mark the announcement of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth the guidance is to ring for one hour, stopping at 13:00.

12:00 - Anita & Kathy go to Bentley to toll the tenor at, no significant problems here, as the bell could be rung normally. It is rung slowly, open, not muffled for 1/2 hour. This is so that the tolling stops before the wedding guests arrive.

11:45 - Binsted to toll the tenor bell. Not so easy here as the scaffolding means the ringing room can't be used. I thought about ringing the bell by pushing the wheel, decided this was too dangerous on my own. So decided to try to ring from the clock room, fully muffled the clapper and fitted a length of old rope. With a coil of rope on the floor, I put a piece of rag into the rope to show roughly where the sally would be as there wasn't one, and rang the bell wearing thick gloves as there was no sally or tail end, but still got two huge blisters. It was very difficult due to the low ceiling and unsuitable rope configuration but I managed to toll for one hour. With hindsight this was more difficult than ringing on the wheel would have been!

Check the guidance on-line, it has been updated, not as confusing or contradictory now. Can't understand why they are continuing with the D-Day business, surely while editing the guidance they could have helped hugely by putting the actual dates in instead?

14:30 - Newton Valence to ring a muffled quarter peal in memoriam HM Queen Elizabeth.

Jacci from Binsted rang a quarter peal at Seale. Kaye & Brenda from Binsted helped at Frensham with one hour muffled ringing and Simon helped with ringing at Grimsby.

Saturday 10th September

11:00 – Binsted. Flag raised to full mast at 11:00 to mark the start of the proclamation of King Charles III

Simon rang in a quarter peals at Alton All Saints and Blackmoor.

Sunday 11th September

Ring a Quarter peal at Bentley for the proclamation of King Charles III, prior to 11:00 service.

13:00 – Binsted. Flag lowered to half mast again at 13:00 to mark the end of the proclamation of King Charles III.

Simon rang in a quarter at Alton St Lawrence.

Monday 12th September

Email from Simon. Matt has approved a practice at Bentley on Thursday, bells to be fully muffled as per the guidance.

Bramshott practice cancelled.

Wednesday 14th September

Simon lends me his key to Bentley tower, go to Bentley to fully muffle the bells using

Binsted's muffles as Bentley don't have any.

Email everyone to confirm practice tomorrow approved & is going ahead.

19:00 – Selborne. Muffled quarter peal in memoriam HM Queen Elizabeth, with Anita & Marie from Binsted.

Thursday 15th September

Practice at Bentley goes ahead, a good turnout and some good ringing. Matt calls in to see us - which is much appreciated by all.

Friday 16th September

19:30 - St. Mary's Liss to help their learners ringing muffled in memoriam.

Saturday 17th September

09:00 - St Peter's Liss, bell maintenance work.

15:30 – Chawton, to ring a half peal in memoriam. Half peal because one of the band didn't want to ring a full peal. Anita also took part.

Sunday 18th September

General ringing before 09:00 service at Bentley. Ross, Bryony, Richard & Simon from Bentley and Jacci, Kathy & Anita from Binsted also rang.

Simon rang in a quarter at Holybourne.

Monday 19th September

Ringing required for one hour prior to the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II at 11:00. Organise a

quarter peal at Bentley, starting at 09:45. This is to allow those who wish to get home to watch the funeral on TV. Also means I should be able to toll the Tenor at Binsted just before 11:00

After a false start the quarter is successful. Simon, Brenda, Marie & Anita also rang. But the re-start means we finish later than expected. Dash up to Binsted in time to toll the Tenor for 10 minutes up to 11:00. Even harder this time as decided to try chiming the bell. Even less successful than previous tolling! But at least managed to toll the bell.

Jacci helped with ringing at Seale, and Kaye at Frensham.

Tuesday 20th September

08:00 – Binsted. Take the flag down, at the end of the period of official mourning. Decide not to leave flag up, raised to full mast, mainly to ensure the builders can get on with their work uninterrupted. The builders have removed the disused clock weight shaft from the ringing room, discovering a large hole in the floor, asked by Churchwardens to have a look and see how bad it is - not good!

11:00 – Bentley, to remove the muffles, and tighten a loose stay.

Phew! Hopefully can get back to some semblance of normality now! Jack Reglin



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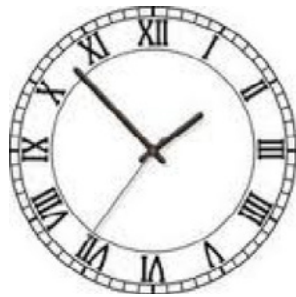


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For more detail on our Remembrance services, check the Remembrance article inside the magazine or take a look at our website.

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9:30am Bentley Morning Worship
with Children's Church
11am Oakhanger Holy Communion

13th November 10am Bentley Remembrance
Remembrance 10:50am Froyle Remembrance
Sunday 10:50am Binsted Remembrance
10:50am Kingsley Remembrance
5pm Bentley Live@5 Big Praise

20th November 9:30am Bentley Holy Communion
11am Froyle Morning Prayer
4pm Messy Church

Saturday 26th 6:30pm Froyle's Advent by Candlelight
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