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Benefice Letter

I always struggle at this time of year with the monotonous grey skies and the mud. February to me is the worst month, the last one of astronomical winter and with Christmas a memory, and spring not yet showing. Indeed, in Old English, February was called Solmonath “the month of mud.” More poetic, is the Finnish name helmikuu, “the month of pearls” from the frozen ice droplets that form from snow melt on the tips of branches.

The name February itself, comes from the Latin *februum* meaning “purification”. Perhaps this is something we need to reclaim in our modern world. After the indulgence of Christmas, and perhaps the breaking of New Year’s Resolutions, we might feel the need for some purification.

Our bodies have highly efficient ways of removing toxins through our liver, kidneys, digestive system, lungs and skin. Diets by themselves will not add to the detoxification that takes place, but we can become healthier by the lifestyle choices we make and help these organs to function fully. So by sleeping better, drinking water, cutting down on alcohol, sugar and processed foods and eating healthily we can begin to feel the benefits.

On top of this, perhaps we could all do with a spiritual detox too.

King David, one of the flawed heroes of the Bible, needed a thorough detox after being found out for having an affair with the wife of one of his soldiers and getting her pregnant. To make his situation worse, he had arranged for the husband to be put in the front line of the next battle, so that he might remove his rival. After his guilt is exposed, David prays the following prayer.

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin...Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.” Psalm 51:1-2 and 10-12

For Christians we can detox by confessing and seeking forgiveness from God. Confession is an act of supreme honesty between us and God, who already knows all that we have done. We do it, not to explain or inform him, but instead to remove the power of shame that disfigures us and scars our hearts if undealt with.

C.S. Lewis, the author of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* said, “To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” Forgiveness sets us free from our past and opens up new depths of relationships and possibilities

May your physical detox give you health benefits, increased energy levels and productivity. May your spiritual detox set you free to fully embrace all that the rest of this year will bring and give you peace and joy.

Matt Boyes

Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

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Youth Update *February 2023*

It's February! We hit the ground running in January with school assemblies, lunchtime clubs, four:twelve, Messy Church, United Youth and Upagear. And as I reflect on 2022, a verse from Proverbs encourages me in all the events and groups we run for our children and young people, "Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5). This verse reminds me how hard the youth and children's teams have worked this last year in getting to where we are now, a place of growth and prosperity, particularly in recovering from the impact Covid had on our groups. This can only happen through commitment, consistency, good planning and hard work, and we are very lucky in BenBinFro to have such committed people to make things happen.

We have had such a busy year, full of fun, joy, excitement and collaborative team work, and not forgetting Jesus at the centre of all we do. And in the coming year we have so much planned to not only have some fun, but to learn more about Jesus and dive into the Bible. Looking ahead we have lots of fun games planned, we'll be eating pancakes and testing our construction skills, digging into the life of Jesus and connecting up the dots in the bible through a course called Storylines. There are a few residential trips planned too – our annual weekend away to the Isle of Wight is planned for February half term, and we are very excited to be taking our teenagers away to a Christian youth festival, called Satellites, in the summer.

Thanks to everyone for all your support, planning and hard work in 2022, and we are very much looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2023.

Gemma Ball

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Holy Cross Church, Binsted

Further Storm Damage on New Year's Eve

Unfortunately, just when we were about to announce that most of the work to repair last year's storm damage in the main part of Holy Cross Church was complete, another storm on New Year's Eve has caused further damage to the church roof. Consequently, the church has had to be closed again and more scaffolding put up, while the church is made watertight, and the damaged tiles and roof repaired. Hopefully, this will only be for a short time and church services will be able to recommence for the Holy Communion service on 22nd January.

Work has now started on the tower which has both historic damage and storm damage which is why it's still surrounded by scaffolding. We're still awaiting permission from the Diocese to install a new floor in the ground floor ringing chamber, but thankfully, the insurance company have given permission for a temporary floor to be installed to allow the bells to be rung while we're waiting from the go-ahead from the Diocese. Our thanks go to our tower captain Jack Regin who has installed a very impressive temporary floor for us.

We have so enjoyed holding services again at Binsted since mid-November and through Christmas and hearing the wonderful bells ringing out once again! Let's hope we will hear the bells ringing again on 22nd or before?

The church will remain generally locked until the work on the tower has been completed as the builders are using the Westcote Chapel to store their equipment. If you need access to the church, once it is officially open again, then please ask one of the churchwardens and we'll be happy to let you in.

Thank you for your understanding – we're nearly there!

Stella and Cathie (Churchwardens)

Church Register

Bentley

Thursday 3rd November Funeral of Veronica Osgood

Wednesday 30th November Funeral and burial of Peter John James

Binsted

Sunday 4th December Baptism of Ella Stenlake

Froyle

Tuesday 13th December Thanksgiving service of Rosalind Dwerryhouse



BINSTED COFFEE SHOP



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(CHILDRENS' TOYS AVAILABLE)



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Lent and Easter at BenBinFro

Christmas doesn't seem all that long ago, but we're already looking ahead to Easter! Here's some info on our plans so far, more to come in March's parish magazine.

Ash Wednesday, 22nd February 2023

9:30am Froyle Ash Wednesday Holy Communion *with ashes*

7pm Binsted Ash Wednesday Holy Communion *with ashes*

Lent Lunches

Froyle Lent Lunches

Wednesdays (starting on Ash Wednesday), 12:30-2pm, and the donations go to the charity chosen by the hostess/host.

The first lunch is at Beech Cottage, Lower Froyle, courtesy of Caroline Findlay.

Bentley and Binsted Lent Lunches

Thursdays (starting on 2nd March), 12:30-2pm.

More details to be published across social media and in the next magazine

THE BINSTED SLIDES



ANOTHER CHANCE TO SEE
THE SLIDE SHOW OF VIEWS OF
BINSTED IN THE LATE 1880'S.

SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 4pm
IN THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE

Come and join us in the Wickham Institute for tea/coffee and home-made cakes together with an illustrated walk through Binsted using digital copies of the original hand tinted lantern slides made in the late 1880's (the originals now housed at the Winchester Archives) by the Rev. A. E. Wright who was a curate of Binsted Parish at the time.

Tickets cost £5 each and can be obtained by phoning or emailing Andrew on 01420 23157 / treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk.

Early booking is recommended as there are limited seats available.

Binsted Parish priorities in 2023: we need your input



With 2022 now in the rear-view mirror, it's time to look ahead and focus on what needs to be done in 2023.

Life is always full of surprises and - like all of us - parish councils rarely know in advance what issues will need to be addressed during the year! However, Binsted Parish Council's priorities for 2023 are clearly going to include:

- improving the condition and use of parish council assets, including looking anew at the best uses for the Holt Pound Oval;
- working with Hampshire Highways and the police to improve road safety, especially in Frith End and Blacknest; and
- developing a 'Parish Priorities Statement' for South Downs National Park.

For each of these projects, it's vital that Binsted Parish Council properly understands what improvements people living and working in the parish want to see. But it can be challenging to get everyone's views, especially in such a big, spread-out parish as Binsted.

On our side, we'll be working hard to involve parishioners in these conversations - for example, we'll be continuing to hold public meetings about Frith End and Blacknest traffic issues; to have regular meetings of Binsted Rec Users Group; and to get the new Holt Pound Oval Working Group underway.

On your side, don't be shy - get involved, and let us have your views - and those of young people in your families (who we're guessing may not always read the parish magazine!) Drop us an email with some ideas, or come along to one of the parish council meetings. We'd also love to hear if any non-councillors would like to be involved in a Local Plan Working Group to help with the task of developing a Parish Priority Statement / Neighbourhood Plan, which we'll be debating at our February parish council meeting.

It's great that, locally, people want to be involved in their community and want to help to achieve positive change. Let's make the most of that energy and make 2023 a positive year for everyone.

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Sudoku Games

Sudoku game EASY

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

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

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

Sudoku game HARD

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



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New Organ for Binsted Church



The current organ in Binsted church has done amazing service, but regular members of the congregation will know that it's not really powerful enough to fill the church with wonderful music.

It was installed in Victorian times, when church services were led by a robed choir in the chancel. Now we largely worship in the nave, unfortunately with no choir, so the organ does not provide adequate support for congregational singing in the main body of the church – and the location of the console makes it difficult for the organist to be part of the service and see and hear what is going on.



Over the last year our organist has been looking at possible solutions and has found that the cost of either moving and enhancing the current organ or installing a brand new pipe organ is much higher than we can justify. The PCC has accepted his recommendation that we should buy a high-quality electronic organ whilst leaving the existing organ in place at least for the time being. He's identified a suitable ex-demonstration instrument at a reduced price (Makin Thirlmere 2-30) and the PCC have agreed to buy and install this.

The new organ will be installed against the North wall between the Westcote Chapel and the wooden chest. This will give the organist a much better view of what is happening in the main part of the church as well as being able to see the main door which is vital when playing for weddings and funerals. In order to fit in the new organ, we'll need to take out 4-5 pews which will be redeployed inside the church where possible or sold. Thankfully, the cost for this new organ will be entirely covered by a legacy left to the church many years ago specifically for this purpose.

The church is also very short of power sockets, so we'll be installing some more of these near the new organ, and at the same time we'll put in some extras near where the keyboards are located so they no longer have to run off extension cables.

It's all very exciting and we're really looking forward to having the new organ.

If you have any questions, please contact either of the churchwardens, or our organist Andrew Hunter Johnston: Stella on binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk or Cathie on churchwardenbinsted@benbinfro.co.uk or Andrew (andrewhunterjohnston@gmail.com).

We'll be more than happy to tell you all about it!!



THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE (VILLAGE HALL), BINSTED

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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the
December 2022 & January 2023 draws:

December 2022

1st prize Marion Christmas

2nd prize John Kenwood

3rd prize Sam Barrow

January 2023

1st prize Graham Clague

2nd prize Sandie Baker

3rd prize Mark Walden

Details of the February 2023 draw will appear in the next magazine.

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

50% of the monthly purchase price of each number goes in prizes
and 50% to the running costs of The Wickham Institute. The more
people that participate in the 100+ club, the more money that is paid
out in monthly prizes.

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



Had I mentioned oaks?

Sometime in the last century, I found an oak growing beside a stream that ran past our Recreation Ground. You could say it had been unlucky to find a spot that was wetter than ideal, and where its roots were constantly compressed by the feet of children like me. Yet, by its girth I would guess it had reached a ripe old age. It was hollow. I could crawl inside and almost stand up, and above my head I could see the sky. Nevertheless I recall it would put out leaves and acorns every year. It eventually died and disappeared from the aerial photographs towards the end of the century.

Hollow trees are a marvel. They demonstrate one of trees' secrets for longevity. They grow, quite obviously, from the inside out, but only the

wood just below the bark is alive and conducting the two-way flow of liquids from the roots up to the leaves, and back again. The oldest wood, at the core, has done its job and retired. It no longer is needed to support the canopy. So long as the bark remains intact this deadwood is protected, but if the bark is damaged then there is an army of flora and fauna ready to invade. The tree has defence mechanisms to grow calluses over exposed, live sapwood, but it will not waste resources defending wood that is already dead and serving no useful purpose. (If you are tempted to ponder what lessons this might have for the human race, I leave that to you. I could not possibly comment!).

Anyway, the outcome is that the core wood is feasted on, first by bacteria and fungi, then by beetles, while the

sapwood continues to keep the tree alive, photosynthesising and fruiting.

I was out the other day walking what they call footpath 66. This runs from the end of Holt Pound Lane, just beyond the railway arch, to the end of Gravel Hill Road, always close to the River Wey. It's a lovely walk provided the river's not swollen. At the Holt Pound end of the footpath there's a meadow that sweeps down from the edge of Alice Holt to the river. Pretty much in the middle of the meadow stands an oak. Unlike the oak of my boyhood, this tree got lucky. High enough up the hanger that it should never be flooded, in splendid isolation to the north of the forest, enjoying full sunlight.

As I approached from the east it looked sound, although it is short for its considerable girth. It was full of leaf, as its kind have been this year even deep into November. Only as I walked round it did I see the full extent of its tragic state. The west side is as ravaged as the east side is healthy. The scarring and the damage spreads the full height of the bole and what branches are still attached are bald. I have to think it must have been a lightning strike that burned the bark and let the enemies in. There is already a large cavity at the base, and before long a small child will be able to crawl in.

Even so, we have to look again on the east side. There is still vigorous life. The battle for survival is not yet lost.



Thank you

Binsted Church Christmas Fair held on Saturday 3rd December was a great success. Grateful thanks go to all the stall holders and helpers and anyone who gave donations of items such as cakes, jewellery, gifts, raffle prizes, jams and chutneys... the list goes on.

Thank you to all the customers who came on the day and a special thank you to the children and their families who supported Binsted School's brilliantly decorated Santa's Grotto inside the Church.

The money raised after expenses is approximately £2,500 and will be used to help preserve our beautiful village church. Thank you.



Free Energy Surveys for small businesses in East Hampshire

Are you a small business worried about rising energy prices? Energy Alton is offering free, independent and tailored energy advice to small businesses across East Hampshire.

Energy Alton is a social enterprise run by volunteers that has been running a successful free home energy advice service for the past 10 years - which has now been extended to small businesses.

Trained volunteers are available to carry out free energy surveys at business premises. They will look at how a building could be improved to reduce heat loss and suggest a range of solutions, from draught proofing to insulation.

The survey will also cover advice around heating systems, hot water appliances and lighting plus how ventilation could be upgraded to reduce the risk of damp and condensation. It is followed up with a written report which details all the ways in which energy costs can be reduced plus information on installers and funding.

After a steep increase in their energy bills, The Kings Arms Youth Centre in Alton contacted Energy Alton for advice on how they could heat their building more efficiently. A volunteer surveyor identified several measures to reduce heat loss - including loft and internal wall insulation, secondary glazing, thermal curtains plus replacing oil filled radiators with more efficient programmable storage heaters.



Will Schofield, Operations Manager, said “Mike was brilliant and answered all my questions – it was good to have advice on different options. I didn’t have the time to research it all myself, so I really appreciated having a report which helped me create an action list.” Will is now getting quotes for much of the suggested work and is looking forward to a warmer and cheaper winter next year.

For more information or to arrange a free survey, email energyalton@gmail.com, call 07811 462 659 or visit energyalton.org.uk.

Who are we?

Energy Alton have been running a successful home energy advice service in Alton for the past 10 years. To date we have delivered home energy surveys to more than 100 households in Alton and have recently opened an Energy Café in partnership with Alton Town Council to provide advice to households struggling with their fuel bills.

Small businesses are being hit hardest by spiraling and unpredictable energy costs. Energy Alton has teamed up with Community Energy South to offer free and independent energy advice to small businesses across East Hampshire

What we offer

A free energy survey at your business premises by one of our trained volunteers. The visit lasts about an hour and we discuss:

- energy loss through the walls, roof, windows and floors;
- efficiency of your heating system;
- hot water appliances and controls;
- use lighting and energy use;
- damp, condensation and draughts;
- your fuel bills

A written report, showing actions that you could take to reduce your energy costs plus information about any funding support available.

A follow up phone call to see how you are getting along

Free webinars on energy savings and how recent developments in the energy markets may affect your business

Phone **07811 462 659** for a free a energy survey,

Email **energyalton@gmail.com**

or visit us at **<https://energyalton.org.uk>**

We cover Alton and the surrounding villages.





School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023 from Binsted Primary

It is amazing how after the build up at school towards Christmas, with our Nativity, Lessons and Carols and Christmas parties, we are suddenly into a new year!

We were delighted to start the term with a card from his Majesty King Charles. The staff and children wrote to his Majesty to pass on our condolences on the sad death of his mother and we wanted him to know that as a Church of England school we were praying for him, as he became our king.

The Queen's death was a momentous event for the whole school community. The staff and children have grown up with Queen Elizabeth as our Monarch and even though she was an old lady, it was still a sad event for us all.

We look forward to celebrating with the local community and the nation when his Majesty King Charles is coroneted on May 6th. Again, this will become part of our living history at Binsted.



It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of my beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles'.

Other news

Our lovely Bus driver, Mr Bissonnet is leaving us in March 2023. If you know of anyone who would be interested in his term time, part time post, please do contact the Admin office for further information.

We are also looking for possible general maintenance, approximately four hours a week, again term time. Both roles might suit the same person.





Recruiting - Binsted CE Primary

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

Binsted Church of England Primary School are looking to recruit a bus driver/ caretaker.

This is a varied part time role at our lovely village school, perfect for someone who is recently retired or looking for something term time. You will be responsible for driving the school bus from 7.45-9.00 in the morning, and again at home-time, 3.30-4.45. You will also perform 4 hours of caretaking duties each week. For more information and an application pack please contact the school office on: **01420 23200** or email: **adminoffice@binsted.hants.sch.uk**

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



Tuesday 7th February 2023

After our Christmas and New Year break, our regular monthly meetings begin again with our first meeting of 2023 being held on Tuesday 7th February 2023, as usual at 8pm in the Denis Smith Room at the Bentley Memorial Hall.

At the time of writing this article (4th January) the details of our speaker for this meeting have not yet been confirmed.

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

We will also be collecting your subscriptions for 2023, so please bring your £10 membership fee with you.

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.

WEATHER STATISTICS



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**November
2022**

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**December
2022**

Temperature



Daytime maximum
17.4°C (12th) to 6.4°C (29th)
only 3 days below 10°C



Nighttime minimum
-0.6°C (19th) to 11.3°C (7th)
3 nights below 0°C

Daytime maximum

13.6°C (23rd) to -0.2°C (11th)
17 days below 10°C and
2 days below 0°C
10 consecutive days below
5°C (7th to 16th)

Nighttime minimum

-9.4°C (16th) to 10.5°C (19th)
15 nights below 0°C
12 consecutive nights below
0°C (7th to 18th)

Rainfall



Total for month
5.05 inches (128.2 mm)
over 10 days



Wettest days
0.70 inches (17.8 mm) (15th)

Total for month

2.74 inches (69.7 mm)
over 18 days

Wettest days

0.57 inches (14.6 mm) (19th)

Wind



Wind direction*
South West



Maximum gust
31 mph (1st)

Wind direction*

South West

Maximum gust

25 mph (31st)

Parish Weatherman

*Dominant



WEATHER STATISTICS

FOR

2022



Temperature



Highest daytime

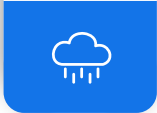
37.9°C (19th July)



Lowest nighttime

-9.4°C (16th December)

Rainfall



Total rainfall

22.3 inches (566.4 mm)
(wettest month was November)

Wind



Strongest gust

43 mph (18th February)

Parish Weatherman

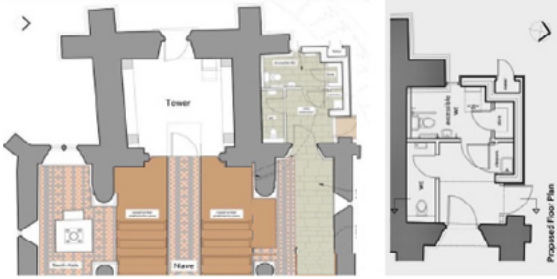
Are there any willing volunteers in Bentley or the surrounding area to help clean St. Mary's Church in Bentley?

We would so appreciate help - possibly only once every 3 months, depending on how many volunteer. It would involve cleaning just the main church building (i.e. not the church hall, kitchen or loos) and would be on a rota basis, either with another person or singly if preferred.

Would you please email Libby May at tony.libby.may@gmail.com if at all interested or have queries. Thank you so much

Keeping You Informed: Update on the Holy Cross Church Toilet Project

Last February, the toilet project committee and PCC confirmed the location of the proposed toilet block which will be outside the NW corner of the church. Since then, the church architect has been refining the design of these loos, and this month the project committee and PCC approved these initial designs.



The new outside door will provide disabled access as well as being an emergency exit..

We aim, if possible, to keep the new extension in the style of the current external north wall with Horsham slate roof and stone wall. As it's at the NW corner

of the church, the people who will see this extension the most will be our new vicar and his family!



The next meeting is planned for the end of January, to enable the project to move onto the next stage of the process with further drawings, material examples, quotes and then planning applications. There are likely to be many tweaks to the designs as the project progresses, and everything will be reviewed again before applying for the

required Faculty. One consideration will be the need to re-configure the west end of the church to facilitate better disabled access to the new toilets and safe provision of refreshments.

It's a slow process – so don't expect the loos to appear over-night!

If you would like further information, please do talk to one of the churchwardens.



BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+ CLUB

Congratulations to the Winners

The winners for the February draws of the Bentley Memorial 100+ Club are:

FEBRUARY 2023

1st Prize Bruce & Lizzie Powell

2nd Prize Glyn Barfoot

3rd Prize Bill & Chris Whitfield

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.

WAYMARKS...

Maintaining Binsted's Rights of Way network

The end of 2022 brought plenty of good news for the volunteers of Binsted's Rights of Way group.

First of all, we received an email from our new Community Engagement Ranger, Megan Cledwyn, introducing herself to all of the volunteers in Hampshire's South-East Area - this post has been vacant since June last year. This is great news for us, since the major projects we enjoyed carrying out on Binsted's footpaths and bridleways were all co-ordinated by our Ranger – it seems like a long time since we were able to make significant progress on any of the more complex problem sites in the Parish. We are looking forward to meeting Megan, introducing her to some of Binsted's Rights of Way and getting some working parties in the diary. I should temper this by saying that Megan's South-East Area is rather large, stretching across a roughly triangular area from Binsted in the North East, to Havant in the South and Alresford and the Itchen Valley in the North West - quite a territory, and she will clearly have her hands full. I will report back on the progress we are making during 2023.

Secondly, we learned that we have received a grant from the Binsted Fete Committee to acquire some more tools for the volunteers to use in keeping the Rights of Way clear. Many thanks to them!

Thirdly, some work to improve Bridleway 41 (from Blacknest Road to Bucks Horn Oak, alongside Blacknest Fields) was completed in mid-December. After an early test with torrential rain falling on ground frozen by ten days of sub-zero temperatures, it seems to be bedding in now and the notorious "soggy bottom" in a dip where the bridleway runs alongside the forest seems to have been all but eradicated.

Finally, we received word that the British Horse Society has won substantial funding to further improve the Bridleway 504/62 route that runs from Sickles Lane to Frith End, alongside the Straits Inclosure. This will extend the excellent work that was carried out during 2021. The work is out to tender, so we can expect progress on that as well, in the not too distant future.

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. 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.

Walking Resources

As I have mentioned in the past, one member of our group has produced a variety of excellent local circular walking route leaflets which are available from the Binsted Inn. We have come across a couple of other useful resources. First, a nice YouTube video of a circular walk in Binsted (in weather rather nicer than it is now!), which can be viewed via a link on the Home Page of the Parish website. Second, a website called Fancy Free Walks (fancyfreewalks.org), which covers the whole country, but has some nice local walks which are well researched and documented. Happy Walking!



Items needed

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned meat (hot dogs, stewing steak, corned beef)
- Rice
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Sponge puddings (long life)
- Shower gel
- Toilet rolls

Items not needed, as we have plenty in stock

- Tinned tomatoes
- Pasta
- Baked beans
- Soup

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.

Lent

The word 'Lent' originally came from a Saxon word meaning 'length'. It originally referred to the season of spring in the northern hemisphere, when the days were getting longer and signs of new life were appearing. In the Church, Lent is the time leading up to Easter, starting on Ash Wednesday which is the 22nd February this year. Lent is observed for 40 days, but if you do some maths, you'll notice there are actually 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. This is because Sundays aren't traditionally included in this time, Sundays are a day of Sabbath rest.

So why do we give things up for Lent? Lent is based on the time when Jesus was in the desert and fasted for 40 days before his ministry

began. The number 40 has a lot of significance in the Bible: the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years, and in the story of Noah's Ark, the rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights. Lent is a time to remember Jesus' time in the desert which was a period of prayer, reflection, temptation and self-sacrifice. The season of Lent is an opportunity to grow closer to God, to remember Jesus' life and death, and to focus more on him and less on ourselves and our busy schedules.

Giving something up for Lent is a common way to focus on God and to remember the time Jesus was in the desert and there are some ideas below. But Lent can also provide an excuse to take up something new, like building a prayer time into your day, writing a journal or

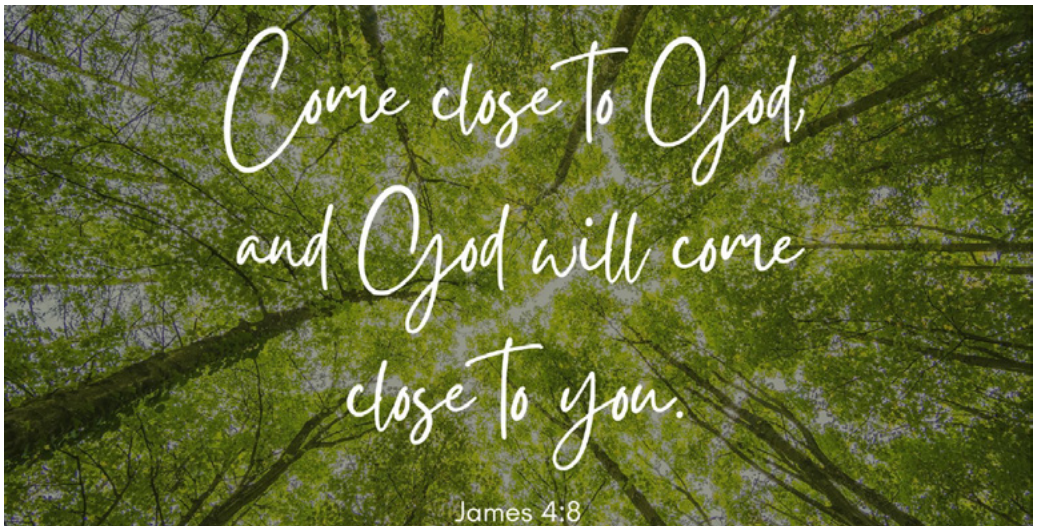
purposefully taking on a good deed every day. Whatever you decide to do this Lent, why not try to put God at the centre of your plans and see where it takes you.

10 things to give up for Lent

- Coffee
- Alcohol
- Junk food
- Sleeping in
- Hot showers
- Social media
- Buying new clothes
- Meat – go veggie!
- Take aways
- Screens

5 things to take up for Lent

- Daily prayer time
- Decluttering (40 bags in 40 days?)
- Exercising
- Listening to worship music
- Journaling



Bentley Memorial Hall Association (BMHA) News

Refurbishment of Upstairs Room

A major refurbishment of the upstairs room at the Memorial Hall is now almost complete.

We plan to fully open the room during February at which point it will be fully available for meetings, social and recreation events on weekdays and weekends. The improvements include:

- Removal of the bar (not used for many years) allowing more flexible space.
- Addition of toilet.
- New kitchen area with sink, microwave, and fridge.
- All new decoration and carpeting.
- Improved entrance via external stairs, on the west side near the Bentley Book.
- Improved heating and LED lighting.
- New chairs.

Here's how it looks, now almost completed, toilet on far right, kitchen on left, please excuse the mess.



We plan to rename this room the Patric Curwen room in honour of the huge contribution Patric made to the village over many recent years especially as chair of the Parish Council until he became ill.

The room will now be fully available at all times weekdays and weekends, bookable on the BMHA website, just look up the calendar tab to make a booking.

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It is now available to use when the Nursery School is operating because it has a separate external entrance at the side near the Bentley Book and Pollards cottages and a separate toilet facility.

Film Show – 24th March

BMHA will be running another film show on Friday 24th March, we will be showing 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' a great feel good comedy/drama. Make it a Bentley evening out and get together as a village!!

100+ Club Relaunch

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate via the Hall's 100+ Club. We will be relaunching the club to encourage new joiners in the near future – details in future editions of this magazine.

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ALLEN GALLERY EVENTS

Doing Time: 175 Years of Winchester Prison

tells the story of Winchester Prison over the last 175 years, shedding light on its history as the county jail for Hampshire and revealing how changing attitudes towards incarceration have led to a focus on rehabilitation and reform. Throughout February. FREE

Coming in March – our annual exhibition of works by W H Allen RA, after whom the Gallery is named. This year's exhibition is entitled "Over the Garden Wall", and concentrates on Allen's plant studies. FREE

TALK

sponsored by the Friends of the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery

How Safe are our Medicines? From Curtis to Covid

by John Taylor:

9th February 2023, 7.30pm

FREE, donations welcome.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

Gallery Trail: Find the figurines! All week there will be a trail through the Gallery. Find the figures and win a reward.

Make and Take - a playful creative session. Create your own artworks inspired by the Gallery collection. This is a fun and interpretative session for all ages, no experience necessary. Saturday 17th February.

Together at the Allen. Join us alone or with company at the Allen Gallery on Tuesday 14th February, 1.30 - 4.00. Make friends over a cup of tea and cake in the cafe, explore the unique Gallery collection and sketch or draw with our free art materials, or take in the peace and quiet of our hidden garden as winter draws to a close. Everyone welcome!

CURTIS MUSEUM

Nursery Rhyme Trail – do you remember any nursery rhymes? Come to the Curtis Museum and follow our free trail. All half-term (11th - 19th February)

Museum by Torchlight - Tuesday 14th February. 5.30-7pm. Bring a torch and explore The Curtis Museum at night at our popular family-friendly event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £3 per child (adults free). Last entry 7pm but we will be open until 7.30pm.

Bentley Memorial Hall Association

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Mrs Harris goes to Paris



A feel good comedy/drama

Friday 24th March

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Film starts at 8pm

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Chairman's Report for 2022



Bentley
PARISH COUNCIL

John Fuller **Chairman, Bentley Parish Council**

The newspapers and television have reported a grim picture of the world in the past year. They haven't been too optimistic about the future either. In saying this we have come to realise that the mainstream media do love to shock and catastrophise, and that some of the predictions and forecasts we've been fed in recent years have turned out to be far from reality. At the same time, some of what we've read in the newspapers or listened to and watched on television will have had a direct bearing on our own lives. Locally as well, there have been some events that will have affected us in one way or another. In this brief note I'll review some of the highlights, and lowlights, from the past year in Bentley and I'll try not to shock!

For many of us the closure of Bentley Village Surgery in March was both sad and disappointing. The Parish Council, under John Goodyear's chairmanship, tried to see if something could be done to save what has been a very important facility in the parish. At one point we were hopeful that it could be run as a satellite of the Wilson Practice in Alton, alas the numbers didn't add up and eventually the surgery closed.

Also, early in the year, we heard through residents in Station Road that Network Rail are planning to close the two existing footpath level crossings for safety reasons and build a new footbridge over the railway at Bentley Station. Although we knew of the tragic accident a few years ago at the

station crossing, Network Rail in their discussions with us made it clear that the plan was part of a national effort to close pedestrian level crossings. What has upset many of us is the proposed solution: A huge urban style footbridge with ramps and lifts, completely out of character with the rural setting of the station. As we move into the new year there is still no decision on the project. However, I would like to thank residents in Station Road for the campaign they've mounted and their continued vigilance.

In March we lost Patric Curwen. Patric had served on the parish council for many years and stepped up to be chairman from 2016 through to 2019, steering us through the early

stages of the new Local Plan when the Northbrook development proposal was being discussed. He brought both sage guidance and humour to council proceedings and is much missed. In his place the parish council elected Chris Mace, who has previously served on the council, including as Chairman. Chris was elected against two other, strong candidates and it is very encouraging for the future of the parish council and Bentley that we have such interest in coming forward to serve the community.

The other change on the parish council was the chairmanship in May; John Goodyear stepping down and me stepping up. John remains on the council as Vice-chairman and his contribution remains invaluable to us. He served as Chairman for three years, guiding us through the lockdowns and the change of parish clerk from Lorraine Jeffs, who moved on to become Town Clerk in Bordon and Whitehill, to Emma Wadey. This year he has also overseen the introduction of a new Parish Council website drawing on his vast array of IT skills; good job it wasn't left to me!

As the summer approached, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the first weekend of June. Although the weather was dull and cloudy, it was at least dry. The celebrations included a gardens open day on the Saturday, complete with cream teas, followed on the Sunday with a "Party on the Rec" and great it was to pitch our gazebos and get

together once again for a fine afternoon of picnicking. As a monument to the event, another face of the granite obelisk on the Main Road near the Pond was inscribed with the latest royal statistic. We also ordered a new bench for the occasion, which will soon be installed on Carter's Meadow.

The following month the Bentley Fete and Flower Show was held and how wonderful it was to have the great summer event restored to the Bentley calendar. The weather was warm and sunny, probably not quite as hot as the Met. Office and BBC would have us believe. Plenty of stalls, games, attractions and refreshments to keep a huge crowd entertained for the afternoon. Both the fete and flower show committees do a sterling job and their efforts are hugely appreciated.

In August we heard that the refusal decision for the incinerator on the A31 at Holybourne had not been appealed by Veolia. We had opposed the proposal for many reasons and it was a huge relief that the matter is now closed. Our thanks to the No Wey campaign team, who worked tirelessly to oppose the project.

With the beginning of autumn, it was with great sadness that we learned of the Queen's death. As with all such historic moments, people will remember where they were when they heard the news. For most of us the late Queen was the only monarch we've known; the longest reign of any constitutional monarch ever. She

has represented a constant throughout a changing world, the service and wisdom she has given as head of own country and the Commonwealth will be deeply missed. So as King Charles begins his reign, we wish him well.

Not content with a fantastic fete the Bentley Fete Committee don't sit back on their laurels. They get stuck into the bonfire night festivities. This November was no exception, with a fabulous fireworks display and a topically themed "Inflation" bonfire to match, they presided over another hugely successful evening on Carter's Meadow and our thanks to all the committee and their legion of willing helpers.

A week later the annual Remembrance Service was held at St Mary's Church. It was the first one conducted by the Rev. Matt Boyes, who we welcomed to the parish in September with his wife, Becky, and family. Matt replaced the Rev. Yann Dubreuil, who served the parish for eleven years. Yann and Hannah have been huge assets to the parish and our best wishes go with them to their new parish of Headley. Many of you will know that Yann has been very poorly over the past couple of months, but I understand he is recuperating well, and we all hope and pray he will soon be back to his former ebullient vitality.

The church service was followed by wreath laying at the Memorial Hall, which again was led by Sir Hew Pike.

Sir Hew unerringly brings the right tone to this commemoration and reminds us in the words of Edmund Burke of the connection between the past, the present and the future, and the sacrifices that so many from Bentley made during the two World Wars to defend the freedoms we value.

And so, as we move into the New Year what can we look forward to in Bentley?

A major project for 2023 will be to begin upgrading the Recreation Ground. We are seeing a rising interest in cricket in the parish and to progress this, the Parish Council has decided to support renovating the ground, including work on installing a new cricket square. The Bentley Archers Cricket & Sports Club, which formed during last summer, will be leading the cricket initiative. They have already affiliated themselves to Hampshire County Cricket and the ECB. This year they hope to start junior cricket for boys and girls between 4 and 11 on the Rec. They will also play a season of social matches against other village teams. This is an exciting prospect and we wish them well.

The Parish Council are making plans to mark the Coronation of King Charles III in early May. We'll keep you informed of what will be happening as plans crystallise. Also, a reminder that, as usual, we will be holding our Annual Parish Assembly meeting in April at the

Memorial Hall, inviting representatives from the various parish groups and clubs to tell us all about what they've been doing in the past year. We'll also be hearing from our county councillor, Mark Kemp-Gee, and our district councillors, Ken Carter and David Ashcroft, as well as from members of the Parish Council. If you are new to the village or want to get involved this is a great evening to meet other residents of Bentley and find out what's going on.

Finally, I would like to thank members of the parish council for all the hours of their own time they put into their council duties. With particular thanks to Emma, our Clerk, for her unstinting and professional energy, and keeping us all in order. So, as we head into the new year I wish you a happy and prosperous 2023, and hopefully the media predictions are not as dire as they would like us to believe.



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By Cassie Best (BBC Good Food - <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easy-pancakes>)

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 20 mins

Plus optional standing

Makes 12

Ingredients

100g plain flour

2 large eggs

300ml milk

1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil,
plus a little extra for frying

lemon wedges to serve (optional)

caster sugar to serve (optional)



Method

STEP 1

Put 100g plain flour, 2 large eggs, 300ml milk, 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to a smooth batter.

STEP 2

Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.

STEP 3

Set a medium frying pan or crêpe pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper.

STEP 4

When hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, keeping them warm in a low oven as you go.

STEP 5

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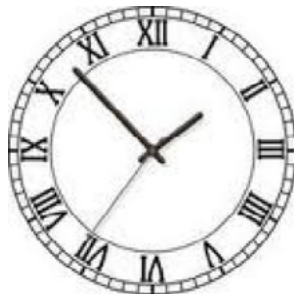


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