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Benefice Letter

100 years ago this month the German mark lost so much of its value, that 1 mark was worth 1000 US cents. The hyperinflation that Germany suffered in 1923, where a wheelbarrow full of notes was worth more than what it carried, utterly devastated the country. Under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, the main industrial areas, the Saar and Rhineland, were occupied by France and their production was used to rebuild that former enemy. The Peace realised the dreams of many nations to have self-determination and independence, but within 10 years all were under different kinds of authoritarian regimes. The roots of democracy were too thin and the structures of government were too weak to stand, under the enormous pressures to rebuild.

As a species, we are very prone to resort to war, despite its enormous cost, to seek to resolve our issues or greed. Conversely, we fail to devote similar amounts of money to building peace. The Marshall Aid plan after the Second World War, is perhaps, an exception. But due to politics, this largess was limited to the countries of Western Europe. The economic miracle of how Germany emerged after the Second World War compared to after the First, is well documented.

If the peace is not built securely, we are sowing a bitter harvest that will be reaped in due course. Germany of the 1920's became embittered and angry and a message of "being stabbed in the back" and "victims of an international conspiracy" used anti-Semitic tropes to create the atmosphere in which the Nazi party was to be born and thrive. With deadly, monstrous, consequences.

The war in the Ukraine continues, with unrelenting devastation and destruction visited on the Ukrainian people and their culture and nation. Russia too, is suffering an unimaginably high death toll among its young fighting men, as well as, increasingly, attacks and sabotage on key infrastructure within Russian borders. There is no sense to this aggression, no victory to be won over controlling devastated, flattened cities and homes. Evil can only destroy, never create.

We pray for a swift end to this war and for peace to reign once more. True peace though, is not just the end to hostilities, it is the building of a just and thriving society. Where the displaced are homed, the injured treated, where loss can begin to be accepted in a caring and supportive environment. It is where children can go to school and play outside safely. It is the sharing of meals,

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lives, homes with those we love and those in need. It is everything in its right place and all working together so that all may thrive. These are just some of the rich meanings of the Hebrew word "Shalom" which translates so weakly as "peace" in English.

In Jesus's first sermon recorded in Luke 4, he takes as his text Isaiah 61 *"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, because the LORD has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the broken hearted and to announce that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD's favour has come."*

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. May he give us wisdom to not just fight injustice, but to truly build peace. In the Ukraine, in our society and in our homes. For blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God. May Shalom fill you and bless you always.

Matt Boyes

Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

Church Registers

Bentley

Saturday 29th April Wedding of Louisa and Nick



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(Church Street, Binsted GU34 4NX)



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Youth Update

The Big Sleep Out in May was an amazing experience! I took 7 young people and 2 other leaders to Winchester Cathedral to sleep out in cardboard boxes to raise money for Trinity Winchester, a charity that combats homelessness. We had an amazing evening enjoying the food, entertainment and especially building our shelters for the night. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations of cardboard, tape and tarpaulins, and especially thanks to those who donated directly to Trinity Winchester. We have raised over £1100 and this money will go a long way.



It was a dry night, a little windy, but the cathedral itself sheltered us from the wind! After a bedtime story we got ourselves ready for bed. Our shelter was like a little house with lots of rooms; the 9 of us spread between 6 'rooms'. The tarpaulin over us created a roof which basically created corridors between the boxes – that was especially helpful for us to store our things and keep them dry! With over 200 people sleeping out overall, there were a few snorers, but that didn't bother us. Most of us woke up with the birds singing and the sun rising at around 5:30am, and I even had to wake some of our group up as we packed up around them because they were sleeping so soundly! We had a brilliant time and you can see some photos above. Well done everyone!

In June we're excited for Plugged In – our brand-new trial youth group using digital tools to engage our young people. We are diving into the Bible and then creating games, characters or scenes on a computer in response to the story. Coding is a huge industry so not only will we be learning bible stories, but we'll also be building on IT skills which are vital in today's world. This is running through the summer term but hopefully we'll be able to continue the group in September!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at various groups through June.

Gemma Ball

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Youth & Children at Ben Bin Fro



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WHAT'S ON IN JUNE?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 May Bank Holiday Half Term			1	2	3	4 9:30am Bentley Worship with Children's Church (age 0-11) 6:30pm UNITED Bake Off (year 7+)
5 4pm Plugged In (year 3+)	6	7	8 12:30pm Binsted lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	9 12:30pm Bentley lunchtime club with Gemma (in school) 5pm four:twelve Youth Club (year 5-7)	10	11 6:30pm Upagear (year 8+)
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PLUGGED IN

Come along to hear some amazing stories from the Bible and get digitally creative!



Mondays 4pm - 5:30pm
Long Sutton Primary School, RG29 1ST

Dates:

5th June, 12th June, 19th June, 26th June,
3rd July, 10th July, 17th July

*Bring a laptop
For KS2 and above*

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more+



And I was there...



Like many local residents, I watched the coronation ceremony and thoroughly enjoyed hearing King Charles III uttering his vows, Queen Camilla looking and sounding resolute and the Archbishop of Canterbury

vigorous and impassioned both in delivery and reflections. It all took me back 70 years when I was lucky enough to be present at Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation.

I had been chosen by my school's Cadet Corps to represent them. I travelled to London the day before, stayed overnight in an Army Barracks, was awakened at 4am, and set off at 6am armed with sandwiches and water for the day. We were marched in our cadet uniform to our position standing at the front of the Victoria Memorial opposite Buckingham Palace. We were not allowed to leave our position all day, except for toilet visits. We cheered when the Queen and the royal procession went past, but we had to wait all day for the return of the procession. We stood in our uniforms,

coping with the rain and not a lot to watch because it was all happening away in Westminster Abbey.

Food was difficult to find because the country was still on rationing (when I went to university in October 1955, I had to take my Ration book, although this practice was ended in November of that year.) But I did enjoy the day – what a terrific experience especially during that rather drat immediate post-war period.

I have many times looked for a familiar face on black and white television, but the cameras were set on more

interesting things than cadets in army uniform. What a splendid day and I was privileged to be a part of it. Yes, I was there...!

Harold Fish



LEARN, LAUGH & LIVE WITH ALTON u3a?

Would you like to meet new people and enjoy new activities? Would you like to share your particular hobby or subject with others? Would you like to set up a new group with friends?

Alton u3a is a friendly, peer-led community for those with some free time on their hands, and we always welcome new members and new group leaders. We run a wide range of different groups, both in-doors and out & about, plus arrange monthly coffee mornings, speakers & teas, day trips and concert outings.

There are over fifty different groups, with several options available each day, and annual membership costs only £20 - £55 (depending on the frequency and location of the activity). Choose from various art & craft, literary and other academic groups; music groups; bridge & table-top games; plus several out-door activities, and purely social events. We will be trialling some weekend activities too for the "MOTOs" (members on their own.) You need never feel lonely or bored again!

Alton u3a's new 2023/24 Annual Programme ("The Blue Book") will be published in early July, and will be available at The Allen Gallery, The Curtis Museum, The Library and Alton Community Centre (ACC); alternatively please request a copy via alton.u3a.members@gmail.com.

If you would like further information about any of the groups please contact the group leaders who are listed in the programme, or come and talk to us at upcoming summer events in the Public Gardens and Anstey Park. Postal membership applications are welcome as soon as possible (and some groups do have limited numbers), or register in person at our open afternoon from 2pm on Saturday 12th August at the ACC. Activities will run from September through to next May.

We look forward to meeting you!

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



First of all, thank you to everyone who helped, produced plants and came and bought plants at our plant sale last month.

Our next regular monthly evening meeting will be on Tuesday 5th September when Ray Broughton will give a talk on growing herbs. That does not mean that there is nothing planned during the summer though!

Sunday 11th June

Coach outing to Stansted House Flower Show, leaving Bentley Memorial Hall @ 10.30am. Cost £20 per head to include entrance fee.

It is a great day out.

If you are interested in coming, please contact Trish Cardy (01420 22325 / trishcardy@yahoo.co.uk)

Saturday 15th July

Bentley Fete – We hope to run the Garden Club plant stall so please put aside any excess plants so that we can sell them at the Fete. If you can spare some time to help on the day, please let one of the committee know.

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**April
2023**

WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum

20.2°C (29th) to 9.3°C (14th)

17 days above 15°C and 1 day below 10°C



Nighttime minimum

-4.6°C (4th) to 11.5°C (28th)

8 nights below 0°C

Rainfall



Total for month

2.73 inches (69.4 mm) over 19 days



Wettest days

0.57 inches (14.6 mm) (11th)

Wind



Dominant wind direction

South South West



Maximum gust

31 mph (10th)

Parish Weatherman



Items needed

- TINNED VEGETABLES (CARROTS, PEAS, SWEETCORN)
- UHT MILK
- APPLE JUICE (LONG LIFE)
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED CUSTARD
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- TINNED MEAT (PIES, STEWING STEAK, HOT DOGS)
- SPONGE PUDDINGS (LONG LIFE)
- PASTA SAUCE
- CHOCOLATE SPREAD
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- WASHING UP LIQUID
- CLEANING SPRAY
- SHAMPOO
- SANITARY TOWELS

Items not needed as we have plenty in stock: Tinned tomatoes, Pasta, Baked beans, Soup

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.



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 May 2023 draws:

MAY 2023

1st prize Jacci Corney

2nd prize Joan Longhurst

3rd prize Jill Hilson

Details of the June 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.

Update from Bentley Parish Council



Bentley
PARISH COUNCIL

On the evening of Tuesday 25th April, we held our Annual Parish Assembly at the Bentley Memorial Hall. An enjoyable and well attended evening and opportunity to hear all about the activities of the many clubs, groups, and institutions in the parish. To begin the meeting, I gave a brief report about the activities of Bentley Parish Council. We also received reports from district councillor David Ashcroft and county councillor Mark Kemp-Gee and we would like to thank both David and Mark for their help and support on matters affecting the parish over the past year. I also made a special presentation to our retiring district councillor, Ken Carter, who has represented us valiantly during the past sixteen years. Ken, thanks for all the time and energy you have given to supporting Bentley.

To conclude the parish council's contribution to the evening, Jenny Turner gave an update on preparations for the King's Coronation this weekend, which will include a tea party at the Memorial Hall on the afternoon of the Coronation, and on Sunday, The Coronation Big Lunch at the Recreation Ground, featuring a cricket match with the newly formed Bentley Archers cricketers in action. In addition, a new bench to commemorate the event is ready for installation on Carter's Meadow and coronation mugs from the Parish Council were donated to all pupils at Bentley School. We were also informed that

St Mary's Church bells will be ringing out on the morning of the Coronation.

And it was to the Church that we received our first report, from the Reverend Matt Boyes, our new vicar; a very accomplished debut speech followed. Matt gave an outline of the new benefice structure, and he included a warm welcome to residents and friends to attend Sunday morning services at St Mary's.

Following Matt we heard from Becky Miffing, acting head at Bentley School. Becky, who

has taken charge this term following the departure of Katy Pinchess, gave us a run down of the activities and achievements of the school, which are a great testament to the efforts of the staff, Katy and Becky of the past few years. Becky also announced the arrival of the incoming head, Vicki Hallett, starting at the beginning of the next academic year,

After the school report, we received a report from Carmella Reece of the 2nd Bentley Scout Group. As always, an impressive palmarès of achievements during the past year and a taste of the activities and expeditions to come later this year. In addition to the well established sections in the group a new junior section, Squirrels, has been added for 4-7 year olds. We wish the Scouts continued success.

Following learning about what the youth of Bentley have been up to, we next heard from Linda Fuller, who gave us a brief overview of the activities of the Phoenix ladies. The group have a healthy membership and a full, monthly programme of events.

Next Hugh Chissell rose to tell us about last year's Bentley Fete and Flower Show, which was back after missing a couple of years. A hugely successful event as usual, with excellent weather to match. He did note that the number of stalls were down on previous years and hopes more will appear at this year's fete. Last year's hot weather had also affected horticultural showings at the Flower Show; doesn't look like that will be a problem so far this year! Hugh went onto report on last November's Bentley Bonfire Night;

another great success with both impressive fireworks display and themed bonfire.

Trish Cardy followed to tell us about the activities of the Gardening Club. Although membership had dropped during lockdowns, over the past year it has increased to 25 with some returnees and, encouragingly, a number of new members, keen to learn from the experienced old hands!

Continuing the gardening theme, Bill Whitfield gave us a humorous account of exploits at the allotments. All allotments are allocated, and Bill informed us that the fashion for re-wilding, prevalent recently, has been suspended in favour of more traditional horticultural husbandry.

Our last contribution was from Jim Hannon of Bentley Archers Cricket and Sports Club, who told us about progress in forming the new cricket club. The Archers will be putting out a senior team against local clubs in the area this season as we begin work to improve playing facilities at the Recreation Ground.

So, on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank all who attended, especially our speakers. If you're interested in getting involved or joining, please get in touch directly with these groups or call the parish council and we'll pass on your details. Finally, we look forward to meeting you at next year's Annual Parish Assembly.

Cllr John Fuller

Chairman to Bentley Parish Council

Sudoku Games

Sudoku game EASY

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

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

Sudoku game HARD

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

The summer term is now in full swing and we have already been very busy with lots more exciting things to look forward to! Here are some of the things we have been doing over the last month.

Eco-Schools

We have been working towards earning the Eco-Schools award and are hoping to achieve this by the end of the school year. We're very passionate about looking after our planet so our Earth Day celebrations on Wednesday 26th April gave us the perfect opportunity to think about how to do this. Everyone came to school in earth coloured clothing to help us raise some money to make our new nature reserve which will



help to increase biodiversity, benefitting nature and our school community too. Each class got involved in creating our Eco Code – a set of rules to help us all look after the planet. Nature Club carried out a bioblitz to find out what is already living on our site and were very lucky to be joined by Sue and Barry from Froyle Wildlife as well as Dr June Chatfield OBE, who is a biologist. Thanks to their

expertise, Nature Club were able to identify a range of species including the Budapest Slug, Wolf Spider, Lords and Ladies and Ground Ivy.

*Madame Jones
Eco-Leader*

Basketball Competition

On Wednesday 26th April, eight children from Year 5 and 6 made up a team of basketball players who went to compete in the Hampshire Basketball Final at Solent University after winning their previous round all the way back in November!

“We think we played amazingly despite the tough competition. After playing eleven games we were worn out but overall we were really proud with our performance. A very big thank you to Mr Goddard and Mrs Bowler for taking us to the event and to Miss Pidden for organising it.”

By Oscar, Poppy and Max



Binsted Cricket Club

A rather slow start to the season this year. Two of our first three fixtures were called off (the first because both sides were struggling for players, the second because of the coronation).

The other resulted in fairly heavy loss at the hands of Tilford. As in recent years, we bowled and fielded well and restricted them to 180-7 in their 47 overs. It was the batting that let us down though, and despite some stubborn resistance from young Finn Hinshelwood and some lusty late blows from James Dineen, we were bowled out for a mere 87.

If you wish, you will be able to follow our results via the BCC website at <https://binsted.play-cricket.com/Matches>. There have been one or two changes to the fixture list too, so we have shared an up-to-date version below.

A reminder that you can join us at the Rec for our **Friday Night Socials** from 6.30pm every week. There will be Senior and Junior cricket practice & coaching, Binsted Tennis and Croquet club will be there, and of course **there is a BBQ and this year a Bar**, courtesy of the Binsted Inn. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** – you don't need to be a member of the clubs and you don't need to play, you can join in as much or as little as you wish.

Binsted Friday Night Social Starts 6:30pm Friday 12th May

All abilities & newcomers welcomed and encouraged!

...or come and watch the action from the comfort of your picnic chair or blanket!



**Binsted Cricket Club
Seniors Net's & Junior*
Coaching**

All abilities welcome to join us for a fun, social evening

For more information about BCC contact:
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or
Paul Knight
paulknight1957@gmail.com

* Juniors from Year 5 upwards please



**Binsted Tennis &
Croquet Club**

Members welcome to join us for a fun, social evening

For more information and membership options for BTCC contact:
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or
Sue Clarke
sueclarke5501@gmail.com

BBQ

Village Bar

Children's Playground

Picnic Tables



Binsted CC

Senior fixtures 2023

Date <small>(Sunday unless indicated)</small>	Versus	Venue	Time
22 April 2023 <i>(Saturday)</i>	Headley CC	Away	1.00pm
30 April 2023	Tilford CC <i>(Bank Holiday Weekend)</i>	Away	1.00pm
7 May 2023	Game TBC	Away	1.00pm
14 May 2023	Brook CC	Away	1.00pm
21 May 2023	Rowledge Casuals CC	Home	1.00pm
28 May 2023	Game TBC <i>(Bank Holiday Weekend)</i>	Home	1.00pm
4 June 2023	Medstead CC	Away	2.00pm
11 June 2023	Lord Wandsworth College (Staff XI)	Away	1.00pm
18 June 2023	No game - Father's Day		
25 June 2023	Vagabonds CC	Home	1.00pm
2 July 2023	Herriard CC	Away	1.30pm
9 July 2023	Headley CC	Away	1.00pm
16 July 2023	TOUR (Friday 14th to Sunday 16th July)	Weymouth	
23 July 2023	Fairlands CC	Home	2.00pm
30 July 2023	Lynchmere CC	Away	2.00pm
6 August 2023	Irascibles	Home	1.00pm
13 August 2023	West Meon CC	Home	2.00pm
20 August 2023	The Sandrock T20	Home	1.00pm
27 August 2023	Geoff Thorne XI <i>(Bank Holiday Weekend)</i>	Home	11.00am
3 September 2023	Rowledge Casuals CC	Away	1.00pm
10 September 2023	Cron dall CC	Away	1.00pm
30 September <i>(Saturday)</i>	BCC CLUB DINNER/PARTY	The Binn	6.30pm



Bentley Flower Show

Saturday 15 July 2023

www.bentleyflowershow.weebly.com

Please visit our website

www.bentleyflowershow.weebly.com to register your entries online by 6.00pm on Friday 14 July. There is no charge for entries. Sign in and bring your exhibits to the Flower Show marquee on Saturday 15 July between 8.00-10.45am.



Section A Flowers

- 1 One stem of your favourite Rose
- 2 One stem of a Floribunda (Cluster) Rose
- 3 One stem of a scented Rose
- 4 A bowl of Roses
- 5 Five stems of Dahlias, one or more varieties
- 6 A bowl/vase of mixed Flowers from your July Garden
- 7 A display of Flowers, all one colour, with at least 6 stems, mixed or single variety
- 8 A vase of Sweet Peas
- 9 One stem of a Lily (Lilium)
- 10 Five stems of annuals and/or Biennials
- 11 Five stems of Herbaceous Perennials
- 12 Three tall flower spikes (eg. Delphinium Acanthus /Foxglove/Hollyhock, mixed or not)
- 13 Five Violas, Pansies, Pinks, mixed or all one variety
- 14 A bunch of fresh Lavender
- 15 Three stems of a Flowering Shrub
- 16 Five Clematis blooms – one or more varieties, sprays acceptable
- 17 A succulent/cactus in a pot
- 18 One named flowering Pot Plant (indoor or outdoor)

Section B Floral Arrangements

- 19 An arrangement of flowers/foilage in a recycled container
- 20 A small Posy
- 21 A Coronation Arrangement
- 22 A vase of flowers from a wildflower area in your garden (must be from your garden only)

Section C Fruit and Vegetables

- 23 Display of any July Produce on a tray/trug/basket/box from your vegetable garden or allotment
- 24 A Lettuce
- 25 Three Onions as grown, washed but not peeled or plaited
- 26 Five Shallots up to 50mm diameter as grown, washed but not peeled or plaited
- 27 Seven pods of a Legume variety, mixed or not (Peas, Beans – Broad, French, Runner)
- 28 Five Potatoes
- 29 Three Courgettes – max 15 cm
- 30 A Cucumber – longer than 20 cm

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

Section D Produce

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

Section E Children's Classes

- 54 11 years and under A Sunflower grown by the child
- 55 Yr R Under the Sea artwork (A3)
- 56 Yr 1 Castles (cereal box size max)
- 57 Yr 2 Space rockets (cereal box size max)
- 58 Yr 3 Local art and photographs (A4)
- 59 Yr 4 A design for a Viking artefact
- 60 Yr 5 An Egyptian Style Mask
- 61 Yr 6 Pop Art (A4)



WAYMARKS...

Maintaining Binsted's Rights of Way network

The Binsted Rights of Way volunteer team met up with our HCC Community Ranger Megan at the Parish Council offices on 21st April, when she finally delivered the Path Warden training that we have long been waiting for. It was great to meet Megan in person and to take the opportunity to ask the many questions that arise when we are inspecting the paths of this parish and others. We also took the opportunity to go for a walk along some Rights of Way close to the Binsted Pavilion, to identify the kinds of issue we should be looking out for, and which ones we can solve ourselves.

In fact, we had just received an email earlier that week, to the address highlighted at the foot of the page, which identified a problem on a local walking route, so we decided to take Megan down to see it. It is Wyck Lane, which is the track that turns right off Church Street as you are heading South from Binsted. It starts as a made track, going past some cottages, but rapidly descends into an extremely muddy track going down to the two ponds at the bottom of the slope – it does continue quite a distance, all the way to Wyck, but we stopped at the ponds. It really is quite a beautiful spot (as long as you don't look at the track itself!), and the

route is definitely an important link to several local footpaths which are official Rights of Way. But looking at this track on the Ordnance Survey map, it is shown by green dots, which makes it an “Other route with public access”, which does not fall under the jurisdiction of HCC Countryside Services. We took several photos of the quagmire and after a short discussion, decided that the Hampshire Highways department would be our next port of call. Our report has now been submitted and we are awaiting a response - watch this space for updates.

Last month, I mentioned the major project to resurface parts of Bridleway 62 between its eastern end in Frith End and the end of the Straits Inclosure. The Binsted volunteers were asked to work with Megan to install tree protectors on the Friday before work was due to start. This turned out to be a major effort, involving 8 metre long, one metre diameter plastic water pipes. These had to be cut in three by hand and then in half lengthwise (fortunately with a chainsaw!) in order to form the half pipes that would protect the trees. Then, these had to be transported manually to the site of those very privileged trees and secured to them using wire. By the end of the day, we were wet and muddy, rather weary, but still smiling – a great team effort - and boy, did we sleep well that night! It was very gratifying that, right on cue, the

following Monday morning saw the heavy plant arriving at the eastern end of the Bridleway – the contractors have indeed started the resurfacing work.

The Binsted volunteers are regularly inspecting the parish’s paths, but if you would like to report a problem on any of the Binsted Rights of Way, whether it is a fallen tree, a broken stile, a collapsed fingerpost or simply some overgrown vegetation, 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.



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ALLEN GALLERY EVENTS

As part of its ongoing project to Rediscover the Allen Gallery, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Hampshire Cultural Trust is continuing its research programme to uncover the stories behind the Gallery's specialist ceramics collection, and will be sharing the first stages of this work at an exhibition from late July to early September. Alongside this, there is an extensive programme of workshops, activities and events that will be running throughout the summer. Please visit the website for more details.

Fostering exhibition, 10 June – 23 July

Over a series of eight workshops, children aged 4 – 17 and their fostering families have been working with professional artists round Hampshire. The children have learned new skills in ceramics, textiles, mark making (lines, dots, patterns etc in artwork) and colourful collage to create their own unique pieces representing their aspirations, things they enjoy and what makes them happy.

This exhibition, which is touring the County in 2023-4, alongside the #openyourdoor campaign, has been made in partnership between Fostering Hampshire Children and Hampshire Cultural Trust to celebrate these

creative and inspirational children and young people. FREE

Project Thrive!

This summer we will be delivering a FREE weekly gardening and creative programme for young people, in partnership with South Downs National Park Authority. This is a small group project based in the historic setting of the Allen Gallery garden and with additional sessions working with wardens in the South Downs National Park. Spaces are limited, please email the Gallery for details.

allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

Botanical Canvases

10 June. During this 3-hour workshop with artist **Jennifer Fynn**, you will explore uses of pattern and colour to create your own canvas inspired by the gallery's permanent collection. Age 16+. £30 per person.

<https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/event/botanical-canvases>

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Alton Regency Week. 17th – 25th June

The Gallery will be hosting various events, including:

Tea and Promenade to Evensong at St Lawrence Church. 18 June, 4.15 - 6.30 pm.

Local Heritage Walk 21 June, followed by picnic lunch at the Gallery provided by Dill cafe, with Regency games and tours of the collection in the afternoon.

(Some activities are bookable in advance via the Jane Austen Regency Week website.)

22 June. Evening talk by Sue Dell on **Jane Austen in North-East Hampshire.**

CURTIS MUSEUM

Don't forget

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Saturday 22 July 2023, from 10.30am until 4pm

Sunday 23 July 2023, from 10.30am until 4pm

This event will be attractive to all those interested in dolls' houses and their accessories. For more information please contact the Community Manager on 01420 82802. FREE. Donations welcomed.



Field Maple

Bentley Primary School has its own wood at the north end of the playground. What an asset!

It's just half an acre but it harbours more than 20 varieties of trees; broadleaf and conifer, tall and short. I know this because I was invited to help take stock of what they have there. I reckon the oldest specimens must be at least 50 years old. They didn't all turn up there by accident. So the school has acknowledged, for at least that long, that knowing trees is important to a child's development.

I want to talk in particular about the maples we found. There is the 'marmite tree', the sycamore, you love 'em for the helicopters (technically samaras) or you hate 'em for how easily they spring up and how quickly they grow. There is also the Norway maple, an altogether more stately version of the sycamore, with its distinctive corrugated bark that the poet John Clare described as "ribb'd like corduroy".

But the stand-out maple here is the only true native to Britain, the field maple, *Acer campestre*.

They share the same distinctive maple shape to their leaves, but not so large, and more rounded. They turn a lovely golden brown in the autumn.

The samaras perform the same function as they do for other acers, but are half the size of a sycamore. Nevertheless they have efficiently populated the floor of the school's wood.

They are not uncommon round here, as single trees or in hedges, but they don't get the attention they deserve, and were once wont to have. Field maples were much loved, particularly for their wood. A harp made from maple was found in a Saxon barrow at Taplow in Buckinghamshire, and another, wrapped in a sealskin bag, was discovered among the treasures of the Sutton Hoo ship burial in Suffolk. At that time *campestre* was the only show in town.

The name 'maple' has an interesting etymology. Most of our trees have Saxon names (the Normans, of course, doubled the vocabulary of the English language, whilst seemingly ignoring the trees altogether). But 'maple' undoubtedly derives from the old British or Welsh word 'mapwl' meaning a knob in the middle of something...No, bear with...It refers to the knotty growth on

the trunk of the tree that arborists call the *bruscum*. These were highly valued in Roman times and in the middle ages for making bowls and tables, and still fetch amazing prices when they come to auction. So the tree got named after its most valuable asset.

Incidentally, the Saxon word was probably close to the Dutch word 'maeser' meaning a knot of the maple wood, and found its way into our language as mazer for a large drinking bowl for posh banquets, but also, measles, because the rash resembles the markings on the tree's trunk.

My favourite folkloric link, though, has to be to the custom, reported by one Richard Folkard (isn't it funny how often people have names that tell you something about them), that in parts of the country, as close as East Grinstead, there was the belief that the field maple would bless children with longevity if they were passed through the branches.

Should you observe families, in the school wood, and behaving bizarrely, then this might be the explanation!

Ben Hamlin
Tree Warden
binstedtrees@gmail.com



THE HOLY CROSS BINSTED

We need your help to raise £30,000

As reported in recent months, the repair work to the church following the storm damage last year has identified some additional work which Binsted church has to pay for.

The weathervane has been removed from the top of the spire, and a replacement, identical in design but made from more durable materials, is currently being fabricated and in mid-May we will be treating sections of the spire for deathwatch beetle.

We have also had to install a new floor in the tower. We're delighted that the concrete had cured in time for the bell ringers to ring for the King's Coronation.

Thanks to all of you who have already donated towards our appeal. We have raised over £10,000, which is an incredible start.

Unfortunately, some additional work has had to be done and some of the costs have increased, so our fundraising target has increased to £40,000, leaving us **£30,000 still to raise.**



BINSTED CHURCH APPEAL

If you haven't done so yet, please will you support this village project to fully restore the tower and spire, and then we can start to improve the church facilities.

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THANK YOU



School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

Wow! My first few weeks as part of the Binsted team have flown by. Let me introduce myself.... I'm Miss Dewey, the new Rowan class teacher. I feel incredibly lucky to be working in such a lovely school. Having come from a central Southampton school I am loving life in a village school especially the drive to school, which is far more picturesque than sat on the M27 during rush hour!

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Rowan class. We finished off our topic on life cycles by planting runner beans and we are really enjoying watching our caterpillars grow big and strong in anticipation for entering their chrysalis. With the weather improving I also hope we might be able to start planting our class vegetable patch, this week.

We have now begun our new topic, which is Rocks, where we have been identifying different types and discussing how they are formed. Our text has been a non-fiction book called 'The Street Beneath our feet' which we discovered had a very unusual, yet imaginative layout. Next week we begin to complete some independent writing surrounding the Coronation. I wonder if a certain bear from Peru will get an invite to the palace for a marmalade sandwich again?

The children themselves received a very special invite to the Binsted Coronation Celebration. It was the perfect excuse to wear our party outfits and celebrate. We made crowns and flags to mark the occasion and enjoyed some very delicious cake. It was so lovely to celebrate this special moment in history as a school community.



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BINSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023



Binsted School is delighted to be welcoming Bishop David to bless the school on the afternoon of Saturday 17th June to mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the school in 1873.

The Foundation Deed references that “The school aims to serve its community by providing education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice” and we are proud of our links with Holy Cross Church and the Diocese.

We hope to be joined on the day by many from the local community, so please do save the date, as we are planning various festivities for the afternoon.

Sudoku Answers

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

Sudoku game EASY

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

Sudoku game MEDIUM

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

Sudoku game HARD



What's new at Binsted Parish Council?



A sad farewell: Very sadly, this June we're saying 'Farewell' to Lisa Spindler, who's done a great job as our Parish Clerk for the past two years. By the time you read this, we hope to have been successful in finding a suitable successor - watch this space! The past two years have been busy and challenging. We're proud of the progress made, both in terms of the wide range of projects delivered across the parish, and in terms of having rebuilt our team of nine councillors. Thanks, Lisa!

We're delighted to have won funding from EHDC's first 'Green Grants' to enable us to install a water refill station, bike rack & pump, and extra benches and 'bug hotels' at Binsted Recreation Ground. Just in time for the summer!

We need your views about the parish of Binsted's future needs: Our 'Local Plan Working Group' is developing a 'Parish Priority Statement' for submission to the South Downs National Park Authority this Autumn. Please help by letting us have your views about our parish's future needs. The questionnaire can be accessed from this QR code, or directly from our website www.binstedparishcouncil.org.uk - or if you prefer a pen and paper version, there are copies at Binsted Pavilion.

Calling for greater respect for our volunteers! Amidst all the difficult economic, environmental and political challenges that currently surround us, it can be easy for people to blame parish councils for the state of their local areas. Even in genteel Binsted, tempers get frayed and frustrations boil over. The Parish Clerk, councillors and other volunteers are quite often on the receiving end of sharp or misdirected complaints. Our nine parish councillors are unpaid volunteers, as are the teams maintaining our Rights of Way, and delivering the wildlife projects at Blacknest Fields. We are all committed to do what we can to strengthen our local communities in challenging times. We also want people to feel able to step up to be volunteers, without worrying that they might be subject to disrespectful comments.

The parish council has therefore joined its voice with that of over 1,200 other town and parish councils nationally, by signing the new 'Civility and Respect' pledge, that calls for everyone to stand up for civil and respectful conduct. Please show us your support by volunteering where you can, and by treating everyone who's working for the community with respect.

**Alison Melvin, a.melvin@
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BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+ CLUB

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Trevor Blaber

We are sorry to announce the death of Trevor Blaber, who died after a short illness on April 19th 2023.

A service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held on 15th June 2023 at 2:30 pm at Holy Cross Church Binsted GU34 4NX (Extra car parking is available.)

He will be greatly missed and always remembered by his family and many friends.

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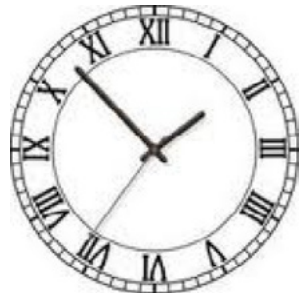


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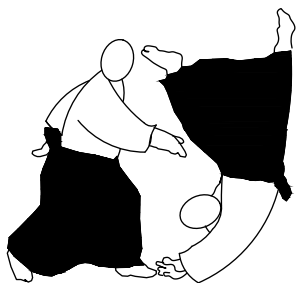
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