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Benefice Letter

It has been said that if you want to understand a nation, then you need to know the sport that they play. Whether it's pétanque, sumo or cricket, these sports reveal the values and preferences of different cultures. Great Britain has been responsible for developing a large number of sports that have been taken up internationally, but perhaps the most idiosyncratic of these is cricket and I would say especially the 5-day format where teams compete in variable weather and deteriorating playing surfaces to showcase the range of skills, concentration and moments of inspiration that make, for me, cricket so compelling.

This summer, we play host to the contest between Australia and England for the Ashes, a small urn representing "death of English cricket" when beaten for the first time by Australia in 1882 at the Oval. I will listen enthralled to the matchless commentary of Test Match Special (when I can!) as the story of this competition is slowly revealed.

I recently came across a quote from Douglas Jardine, the England captain of the notorious "Bodyline" tour of Australia of 1932/3 who said, "Cricket is battle and service and sport and art." That really struck me as a very apt description, not only of cricket, but also perhaps of life.

As we live, we are in a constant struggle to chose how we want to live. Whether to be self-centred, focussed on meeting my own wants and needs above any consideration of others, or whether to be altruistic and looking to enable others to meet their needs too. Writ large, these choices for nations can mean the difference between war and co-operation.

Serving others and working together to achieve a cherished aim are mong the most satisfying aspects of life. Building community, family and relationships with a range of people with different experiences and knowledge from ourselves, who enrich and deepen our own lives.

Sport perhaps is the weakest link to a manifesto of life, but even here, the choices are about choosing to obey the agreed/ received rules of behaviour. They provide a level footing for all, but if abused or stretched to breaking point, then something precious is lost.

Life as art might be seen to be stretching things too far. Yet, I would contend that a life well lived, with deep committed relationships to others sharing the deepest challenges and celebrating the highest

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joys, approaches something like an art form. We can marvel at those we know whose lives are so rich and fulfilling. As John Ruskin said, “where love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.”

The Bible, for Christians is not so much a rule book for life, as a rich tapestry of biography and inspiration that speak of how life should be, and can be restored to be, if we are serious about making lasting change on the basis of the realisation of the damage we cause. A concept the Bible calls repentance. Even relationships can be rebuilt through the courageous and life transforming choice of forgiveness. Jesus says “I have come so that you might have life in all its fullness” John 10:10. Following his example gives us the freedom to fully express ourselves on the cricket pitch of life.

May you know art and beauty in your lives, have the courage to fight for what is right and the commitment to help others on the way. And if you have the radio on, enjoy the sport!

Matt Boyes

Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle

Church Registers

Bentley

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday 25th May | Wedding of Lianne and Callum |
| Thursday 31st May | Funeral of Maurice John Sherfield |

Binsted

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| Sunday 14th May | Baptism of Brodie Cousins |
| Sunday 14th May | Baptism of Alexander Tolstoy |
| Thursday 18th May | Funeral and Burial of Katherine Littleboy |

Froyle

- | | |
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| Sunday 14th May | Baptism of Annabel Harrap |
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Youth Update

I love the summer term, it's chilled, relaxed, we get to do our activities outside and we have lots to look forward to in the summer holidays. But this term also comes with its challenges! GCSE and A-level exams take priority, and they're not exactly fun, albeit important. Our year 6s are enjoying their final term at primary school which is a bittersweet experience. And there's hayfever... So my first thing to say in this update is well done to all our brilliant young people who are ploughing through this challenging time, looking forward to next steps, welcoming new opportunities and saying goodbye to some much loved times.

This summer I have a lot planned! The magazine has lots of flyers and info on our summer activities for our children and young people, but here's a summary:

Mondays, 4-5:30pm, Long Sutton school

Plugged In

Year 3+

(Contact Gemma to sign up – gemma@benbinfro.co.uk)

Friday 14th July, 5:6:30pm, Bentley School

four:twelve Summer BBQ

Year 4-7 and their grown-ups!

(Contact Gemma to sign up – gemma@benbinfro.co.uk)

Sunday 16th July, 11am, Bentley Rec

Bentley Marquee Service & Messy Church

For the whole family!

(Just turn up!)

10th, 11th & 12th August

Youth Summer Fun Days (pool party, GoApe, pizza making + more!)

Year 5-7

(Contact Gemma to sign up – gemma@benbinfro.co.uk)

Wednesday 30th August

Older Youth Go Karting

Year 9+

(Contact Sam to sign up – sam@benbinfro.co.uk)

We're very much looking forward to welcoming you to any of our groups and activities. I pray you all have a wonderful end of term and a great summer and then we can't wait to welcome you back in September!

Gemma Ball

Pastoral Assistant (Youth) & Administrator

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 July	2 9:30am Bentley Worship with Children's Church (age 0-11) 11:15am Froyle Pet Service (family) 6:30pm Upgear (year 8+)
3 4pm Plugged In (year 3+)	4	5	6 12:30pm Binsted lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	7 12:30pm Bentley lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	8	9 11am Binsted Pet Service (family)
10 4pm Plugged In (year 3+)	11	12	13 12:30pm Binsted lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	14 12:30pm Bentley lunchtime club with Gemma (in school) 5pm four:twelve BBQ (year 4-7)	15	16 11am Bentley Marquee Service & Messy Church (family) 6:30pm United at Butser Hill (year 7+)
17 4pm Plugged In (year 3+)	18	19	20	21	22	23 6:30pm Upgear (year 8+)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 August	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 four:twelve Summer Fun Day 1 (year 5-7)	11 four:twelve Summer Fun Day 2 (year 5-7)	12 four:twelve Summer Fun Day 3 (year 5-7)	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Upgear Summer Fun Day (year 9+)	31	1 September	2	3 9:30am Bentley Worship with Children's Church (age 0-11)

four:twelve



SUMMER BBQ

YEARS 4,5,6&7

PARENTS, CARERS & SIBLINGS WELCOME!
FRIDAY 14TH JULY
5-6:30PM

Join the young people and four:twelve team for a summer celebration! With a BBQ, games, and a chance to find out about next years plans.

Let us know if you're coming for catering purposes!
gemma@benbinfro.co.uk



PLUGGED IN

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



Learning
to code



Minecraft



Scratch



Creating
characters



Designing
games

Projects



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*

Contact:

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more+





Sunday 16th July

11am

Bentley Rec

Join us for our Bentley Marquee Service on Bentley Rec at 11am.

Followed by a family picnic (bring your own) and classic Messy Church crafts and games!



BINSTED COFFEE SHOP

@ THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE

(Church Street, Binsted GU34 4NX)



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

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US

COFFEE, TEA and HOME-MADE CAKES ONLY £2

ALL WELCOME

(CHILDRENS' TOYS AVAILABLE)



FREE WI-FI





Prayer Week 2023

Courage in the Face of Change

We had a wonderful week in May for our annual Prayer Week. Our theme was 'Courage in the Face of Change' which seemed to be a very poignant theme for everyone, and Bentley church hall was filled with prayer stations created by lots of people from our church family across the benefice. Someone was praying in the hall almost every hour of that week (except overnight!), using the prayer stations to guide and inspire the prayers.

We had classes from both Bentley and Binsted school also come to the hall to spend time engaging with our prayer stations. The children were so well behaved and respectful, but more importantly they all came away with a positive experience,

whether that was someone praying for or with them, or simply the joy of making a bee to stick on the bee hive!

Prayer week doesn't stop at the end of the week, as a church we like to pray all the time. In May you would have received a Prayer Request card with your magazines – we are still very much committed to receiving those cards and praying for whatever need you have. It can even be a thank you prayer!

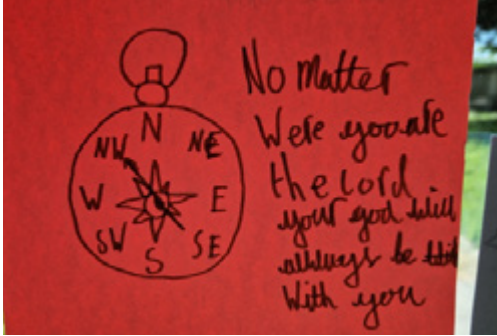
'Courage in the face of change' also doesn't end in prayer week, we need to continually ask for courage from God to help us with the ever-changing world around us. Our theme at the Bentley Marquee Service

(Sunday 16th July, 11am, Bentley Rec) will also be around courage, so do come along and explore for yourself what that might mean to you.

Thank you to everyone who took part in Prayer Week, we are already looking forward to next year! And if you missed out at all, some of the prayer stations have been moved to Binsted Church so do go and have a look.



Blessings,
The BenBinFro Team



"Tales of the Unexpected"

at Holy Cross Church, Binsted
on Saturday 16th September 2023
4:30 – 6:30pm



Come and discover more about the heritage and history of our village church. Hear some fascinating facts about the building, discovered during the repair works!

More details to follow in September's Parish Magazine.

Wine and nibbles will be provided.

Donations gratefully received for the Church Appeal.



United 2023

- United A: Wednesday 26 July – Sunday 30 July
- United B: Tuesday 1 August – Saturday 5 August

Kent Event Centre, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF

Join us as a family to celebrate everything God has been doing in our lives, churches, and communities. We'll encounter him afresh together and take his blessing back home – to see the nation changed. With impactful teaching, worship, Holy Spirit ministry, community, connection, and transformational encounters with God. There will be programmes for all ages, with New Wine Kids groups and LUMINOSITY for 11-18s.

Find out more and book tickets at new-wine.org/unityed





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 June 2023 draws:

JUNE 2023

1st prize Graham Clague

2nd prize Dennis Smith

3rd prize Linda Wells

Details of the July & August 2023 draws will appear in the September magazine.

REMINDER TO TICKET HOLDERS: Many ticket holders will have needed to renew their subscriptions in June and should have received details by email or in the post, unless they pay their subscriptions by standing order. Thank you to those that have renewed their subscriptions. If you still wish to participate and have not yet returned the renewal form, please do so as soon as possible so that you can be entered into the next draw.

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



Introducing Bentley Amateur Dramatics (BAD) Company: Bringing the Magic of Theatre to Bentley and Beyond!

The performing arts scene in Bentley has a new kid on the block in the form of the Bentley Amateur Dramatics (BAD) Company. The new group invites residents of Bentley, Binsted, Froyle and beyond to save the date for two unmissable performances of "Sudden Death at Bentley Towers," a thrilling interactive murder mystery set in the 1950s. Join us on the 13th and 14th of October for an evening of intrigue, suspense, and detective work that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Directed by the talented Antonia Demetriadi, this immersive production will transport the audience back to the golden era of radio drama. Sudden Death at Bentley Towers unfolds as a gripping radio play about the Maltravers family. However, when a shocking murder occurs, the audience becomes an integral part of the investigation, mingling with the cast during the interval to gather clues and interrogate the suspects.

To stay updated on all things BAD and to receive further details about the upcoming production and ticket availability, join our Facebook group. Simply visit <https://bit.ly/3qrnfsN> Or scan the QR code. For those interested in helping with the production please email antonia.edits@btinternet.com.

Bentley Amateur Dramatics (BAD) Company is excited to embark on this artistic journey, showcasing the talent of the local community and welcoming theatre lovers from near and far. Save the date - 13th and 14th of October - for an unforgettable evening of entertainment and mystery.





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.

GARDEN OPEN and CRAFT SALE

*WHEATLEY HOUSE
(Between Binsted
& Kingsley)*

Saturday 19th August
1.30 - 5.30pm

Sunday 20th August
1.30 - 5.30pm

Colourful, sweeping borders with panoramic views over Alice Holt Forest and beyond. Local crafts including Wood Turning, Jewellery etc in Old Barn and stone garden sculptures & mosaics in the garden

Plant Sale

Teas with delicious homemade cakes available in the Barn

(Proceeds to Binsted Church Spire appeal)

No Dogs in Garden Please, but good dog walks in the surrounding countryside.

Entrance: Adults £5.00 Children Free

Entrance Proceeds to National Garden Scheme Charities (Main beneficiaries Marie Curie Cancer Care and MacMillan Nurses)

Anti-social behaviour and criminal activity in Bentley



Bentley
PARISH COUNCIL

It is regretful to report that we are seeing a rise in vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Bentley village over the past couple of months; with beautiful weather comes not-so-beautiful conduct by a small minority. This has included loud boisterous behaviour in the evenings, along with littering and vandalism to property, particularly around the Recreation Ground and Business Park.

Over the same period we have also witnessed the theft of two vehicles from outside residents' homes in the village. These thefts are worrying and we hope it does not mark the beginning of an increase in criminal activity in Bentley.

We have expressed our concern to the police and recently met with our community police officer, PCSO Jessica Ponsford. With immediate effect, she has agreed to increase evening patrols through the village.

PCSO Ponsford also asked that we advise residents to **report ASB or any suspicious activity by calling 101**. She told us that the more incidents that are reported the more police support will be forthcoming. Therefore, we ask you to make use of this service and report suspicious activity or incidents of ASB.

Finally, to address the littering issue on the Recreation Ground, we are in contact with Norse to try and increase the bin collections, but it would be most helpful if people could take their litter home with them if they see that the bins are full.

Emma Wadey
Clerk & RFO, Bentley Parish Council

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For further information on the parish council and parish events please go to www.bentleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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The Bentley Trust Fund

Many of you may know someone who needs help. By contacting, or suggesting they contact The Bentley Trust Fund you may well be able to help them in a very practical way. The Bentley Trust Fund was set up many years ago to assist the residents of Bentley its purpose being to provide financial help to people and families living in our village.

The Bentley Trust Fund has funds available to help any resident of Bentley who has an immediate need of modest financial assistance, for example :-

- the purchase of school uniforms, school trips
- the purchase of household items i.e., cookers, fridges, carpets

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from the involvement of the Trust, please contact Sue Davies in complete confidence on 01420 23535 or sue.davies26@hotmail.co.uk





Binsted Cricket Club

Hi folks – hope you’re having a fabulous summer?

As I write this in early June, the wet weather that blighted the early part of the season has been replaced with blue skies and sunshine. The cricket has picked up too. After a difficult opening game against Tilford and another loss against local rivals the Rowledge Casuals, Binsted CC bounced back with two strong wins and we are now chomping at the bit for our next match.

Rowledge Casuals was a disappointing result, where Binsted struggled to make inroads into a strong batting line up and allowed the opposition to post 220-2 in their 35 overs. In the Binsted innings, too many wickets were given away too cheaply and we never threatened to get close, finishing on 170-9 with top scores in the 30s from Will Cronk, Scott Sanderson and Jonny Mitchell.

The next game was organised at short notice against Odiham & Greywell, the first time the two clubs have played each other. This time the batting performance was much improved with most players contributing and Will Cronk and Huw Ross retiring on 50+ runs, leaving Binsted with 208-5 from their 35 overs.

The Binsted bowlers ripped into the visiting batters from the off and they never recovered, finishing on 106 all out after 24 overs. Jay Patel, who took two wickets in two balls in the first over and 3-18 overall, led the attack brilliantly with several others bowlers chipping in, including debutants Michael Knight and Tom Norsworthy with one apiece.

The following week, the batting form continued away at Medstead. On a lightning fast outfield with short boundaries, the Binsted batters tucked and sprayed 4s and 6s to all parts. Three players retired on 50+ runs (Will Cronk, Huw Ross and Ben Krempel) and Kieran Cook finished on 46 not out, setting Medstead a mammoth 283-4 from 35 overs.

The bowlers were also on form again with 6 players, including the irrepressible James Dineen, taking at least one wicket, limiting Medstead to 130 all out. While early record keeping for BCC was decidedly sketchy, the club statistician suggests this may be the largest winning margin (153) we have recorded since ‘re-forming’ in 2015.

Long may the good form continue – and it will need to! We have a few tough fixtures coming up in June and into next month, leading up to our club tour to Weymouth on 14-16 July.

Before we sign off for this month, a quick reminder that EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join us at the Rec for our Friday Night Socials every week at 6.30pm. There is a BBQ and Bar with Senior and Junior cricket practice & coaching, and the Croquet club will be there too. 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.

All the best,
Binsted CC



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 to see the schedule of classes and register your entries online by 6.00pm on Friday 14 July. Or see the printed schedule delivered to homes in Bentley, and available at Bentley Stores and The Star. There is no charge for entries. Bring your exhibits to the Flower Show marquee at the Fête and sign in on Saturday 15 July between 8.00-10.45am. All entries welcome – beginners and experts alike. We look forward to seeing you.

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



Saturday 15th July - Bentley Fete – We will be running the Garden Club plant stall so please put aside any excess plants and bring them along so that we can sell them at the Fete. If you can spare a few minutes to help on the day, it would be much appreciated.

Regrettably we were not able to fill the coach to go to Stansted Park flower show in June, so we are reluctant to heavily subsidise another coach to visit the Chelsea Physic garden in London.

Garden visits by car in the summer months will be advertised through emails or WhatsApp. Please contact the committee for details. Phone numbers / email on the back of your membership cards.

Tuesday September 4th - Our next evening meeting will be on as usual in the Denis Smith room at the Bentley Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm when Ray Broughton will be giving a talk on Growing herbs .

Ray is a very experienced plantsman, Wisley trained and having spent many years as head of horticulture at Sparsholt, he now is now Chief Examiner at Wisley Botanic Gardens. Don't miss this!

Visitors are welcome at a charge of £2.

HELP NEEDED...

Last year we welcomed over 1000 visitors and 100 dogs to join in the fun activities on offer. We were thrilled to be able to donate £4,000 to local charities and good causes. We can't do that without YOUR HELP!

Let us know if you can be part of the team and volunteer to take a shift on a stand or help to set up/ clear down for the Fete?


DONATIONS NEEDED...



Bakes & Cakes - we are looking for Tray Bakes (to be cut), Chocolate Brownies, Decorated Cupcakes and Biscuits for the tea rooms. **Whole Cakes** are also needed to sell. Anything goes...Sponges, Fruit Cakes, Lemon Drizzles, Gingerbread Loaves. NO NUTS OR FRESH CREAM PLEASE. GLUTEN & DAIRY FREE cakes also welcome!

Tombola Prizes - we are happy to take any good quality gifts, toys and home ware off your hands for our tombola stall.



 **Bottle Stall** - all donations of fizz, wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, olive oil, shampoo ... anything in an unopened bottle is very welcome!

Plant Stall - Do you have a glut of seedlings growing or just too many vegetable plants than you know what to do with? If so, please donate these to our plant stall!



Pre-loved Books - A great excuse to de-clutter your bookshelves.

If you can help or donate, please contact Alix Arrowsmith on 07717 753346 or email thebinstedfete@gmail.com

Find full Fete information on www.binstedfete.co.uk



IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES...

Thursday 6th July

Flower, Produce, Craft & Photograph Registration, Binsted Recreation Ground, 6-8pm Come along & meet the fete team for a chat, a glass of something cold (BYO) & to register your competition entries. Please bring ALL photography entries with you (no other entries should be brought at this time)

Friday 7th July

"All Hands on Deck" - Fete Set Up, Binsted Recreation Ground, 6-8pm

Can you spare an hour or two to help with putting up gazebos, setting out chairs & tables and hanging bunting? All hands (young & old) very welcome!

Saturday 8th July

9am-midday - Final set up on Binsted Recreation Ground.

Bring your Flower, Produce, Craft & Children's competition entries to the marquee for judging **by 10am**. Entries arriving after this time aren't guaranteed to be judged. All cars cleared from the Recreation Ground by midday.

The Fete...

12.30pm - Dog Show Registration Opens

1pm - Fete Opens

1.15pm - Dog Show Commences

3.15pm - Competition Awards Ceremony outside the Pavillion

3.30pm - Grand Raffle Draw

4pm Fete Closes

**All offers of help to clear up after the fete will be
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED!!**

Find full Fete information on www.binstedfete.co.uk



CURTIS MUSEUM & ALLEN GALLERY

(01420 82802)

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Sunday

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

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

ALLEN GALLERY EVENTS

Summer Exhibition: Rediscovering the Allen Gallery.

A public exhibition of work in progress to explore and redisplay the Gallery's highly significant collection of ceramics. The exhibition will be an opportunity for the public to view and comment on the themes being researched, as well as the plans for the Gallery spaces.

There will also be drop-in events, courses and activities throughout the summer for all ages, please visit the Allen Gallery website for more details. FREE. 23rd July – 12th September.

The Allen Gallery Project.

Hampshire Cultural Trust is organising a Fundraising Appeal. **Donate a ceramic leaf to our painted tree** to help us move one step closer to our aim of redeveloping the Allen Gallery. Each leaf is made by a local ceramicist and is unique, with funds raised directly supporting the Allen Gallery project.

You can also make your own free air-dry clay leaf for our tree. Drop in sessions every Tuesday and Saturday from 2-4pm. On a pay-what-you can basis we invite you to contribute to our fundraising appeal for the Rediscovering the Allen Gallery project. In the main Exhibition space, 13th June – 29th October 2022

U3A Photography Group exhibition in the café space. FREE. 25th July – 1st September.

Project Thrive! This FREE gardening and creativity project for young people is a new summer programme in partnership with the South Downs National Park. There are only eight spaces on this special programme, during which you will get to grow your own plants and design natural products for sale. The workshops will be led by gardener Leigh Johnstone, also known as the Beardy Gardener to his many social media followers and the organisations with which he works. Leigh is creating a special Giving Garden at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival this summer and we are delighted to welcome him to Alton to deliver *Project Thrive! for our local community*. Please register via the website. [Project Thrive! | Hampshire Cultural Trust \(hampshireculture.org.uk\)](http://ProjectThrive!|HampshireCulturalTrust.hampshireculture.org.uk). 24 July, then every Monday throughout the summer holidays.

Meditations.

In this evening talk, Farnham-based ceramicist **Ashley Howard** talks about the influence of Japanese culture and ritual on his oeuvre, with particular reference to work produced for exhibitions at Winchester and Guildford Cathedrals. Wednesday 19th July, 7pm. £5 per

ticket. Please book online, some additional tickets will be available at the door.

For any questions about our summer programme, please email allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

CURTIS MUSEUM

Dolls' House Weekend

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.

Weorod.

The Anglo-Saxons are coming. They will be making camp just outside the Curtis Museum on Saturday August 12th.

"Come along to the Curtis Museum and find out more about the Anglo-Saxon history and archaeology of the Alton area with **Weorod**. It is always a terrific day, with lots to see both inside and outside the museum. The Museum displays include the internationally important Alton Buckle and associated finds – and outside in the War Memorial gardens Weorod will offer replica artefacts, ancient crafts and even some timed displays throughout the day – weather permitting of course!"



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Mistletoe

A friend of mine who lives in Scotland came south recently (to get warmed up I suppose) and told me he was impressed by the amount of mistletoe he had seen growing in the trees. He said he never sees it where he lives.

It's very common round here. For instance, as you drive between Holt Pound and Bucks Horn Oak on the A325 you see large, spherical clumps high in the trees. The most prominent example I have seen grows on a tall tree at the front corner of the Bat and Wicket property, in front of the Holt Pound Oval. Most fittingly the host tree is a cricket bat willow! Even in high summer the mistletoe is clearly

visible through the willow's foliage. It is evergreen, so it sticks out like a giant sore thumb in the winter.

There are many species around the world, but the only one you'll see growing wild here is *viscum album*, European mistletoe. Unlike ivy, mistletoe is parasitic, or, more precisely, *hemiparasitic*. That is to say

the seedlings can survive stuck to the branches of their hosts for the first year, but, to grow to full size, they need to tap into the host sapwood and draw water and nutrients from there. This is because they have incomplete systems for photosynthesis.

People can become seriously ill from eating the familiar white berries. They contain the toxin viscumin, a ribosome inactivating protein, abbreviated ominously to RIP. Some birds have immunity to the poison and enjoy the berries, especially the mistle thrush which is named for its favourite food.

With all this you'd hardly expect it to be particularly popular with the human race. And, as usual, you'd be wrong. What you see at Christmas with people kissing under the mistletoe is a mere vestige of its former importance. One practice with the kissing business, that thankfully seems to have been dropped, was that with each exchanged kiss the beau plucked a berry from the bunch. Of course nowadays, knowing the toxicity of the berries, Health and Safety would put a stop to that, wouldn't they?

Going back past the Victorians, who, after all, invented Christmas as we know it, then the importance of mistletoe to medicine and spirituality expands.

According to Pliny the Elder, the Celts considered it a remedy for barrenness in animals and an antidote to poison,

and sacred when growing on oak trees (where it is rare). He describes a Celtic ritual sacrifice and banquet at which a druid dressed in white would climb an oak tree to collect mistletoe using a golden sickle. This legend is often referred to in the popular Asterix comic books, where the druid Getafix is often seen collecting mistletoe with a golden sickle.

According to the 13th century German Prose Edda, the goddess Frigg had everything and everyone swear an oath not to hurt her son Baldr, except for mistletoe, because "it seemed too young" to her for that. After this at the thing, other gods had fun by shooting at him, or hurling stones, without him being injured at all. Loki, wishing him dead, tricked Baldr's brother, the blind god Höðr into throwing mistletoe at Baldr, killing him. I suppose the best part of that story is the message - 'avoid mistletoe'.

Winston Graham, novelist creator of 'Poldark', reports a Cornish tradition that mistletoe was originally a fine tree from which the wood of the Cross was made, but afterwards it was condemned to live on only as a parasite.

Who knows.

Ben Hamlin
Tree Warden
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School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

In the exciting Summer Term Silver Birch class have an exciting time planned. They are preparing for the Summer Performance of "Pirates of the Currybean". The parts have been learnt well by all the fantastic actors and the class are busy preparing the staging and set so the Wickham Institute looks fantastic! Please contact the school for tickets- the evening performances are on 13th and 14th July at 630pm. There will be fantastic performances and lots of excellent jokes.

Year 6 have also received their leavers hoodies and are looking so bright and colourful in school. Mr Jennings and Mrs Fisher are presenting them below:



On Saturday 17th June 2023, we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Binsted C of E Primary School. To mark the occasion we opened our doors to parents, pupils, neighbours and the wider community and the school received a blessing from Bishop David, a truly special and memorable day for us all.



At Binsted, we are always busy and looking ahead with excitement. The summer term is always packed full. We have our Year 6 play Pirates of the Currybean with their excellent supporting cast from Years 4 and 5, we have more school trips and we have our settling in sessions for the 2024 Year R class.



We have had an excellent sporting term with our girls'

cricket team playing in the County finals at the Ageas Bowl, in Southampton.

September will be here in no time and we cannot wait to greet our newest cohort of children and their families. Our 150th year is a time of exciting changes. We will also be greeting our new teacher Miss Sarah Pidden, who will be teaching Year 1 and 2 in Rowan Class. Miss Pidden joins us from Bentley school and we are delighted to welcome her to the Binsted team. We are also very excited to welcome back a very popular member of staff – Mrs Sandra Norwood. Mrs Norwood will be teaching Oak Class (Year R) alongside our very experienced current part time teacher, Mrs Hannah Andrews. Between them they have taught at Binsted for over fifteen years and we are truly delighted to have Mrs Norwood back again with her specialist knowledge of Early Years.

In Beech Class Miss Victoria Dewey will teach Years 3 and 4 and moves up with the children that she has got to know so well since joining us in April this year. Mr Henry Jennings will be teaching Years 5 and 6 in Silver Birch and this will be his year 9th year at Binsted School.

We have had to say farewell to Mr Hill who is moving to the private sector and to Miss Webb who has a promotion in a larger school. We are very appreciative of all the work they have done for the school and look forward to hearing about their future success.

The teachers are led by Mrs Sharron Morton who has been at Binsted for 10 years. They are supported by our wonderful team of LSAs – Mrs Randall, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Brooking and Miss Jones – the majority of whom are Mums of former students. We also have the SEND team of Mrs Bowden as SENCO and Mrs Benwell who is our ELSA specialist and provides support academically and emotionally on a one to one or small group basis. We all could not live without Mrs Lucas and Mrs Kiely in the school office and we are delighted that Laura Leadbitter who runs the breakfast club will be taking over the after school club as well in September.

We have spaces at Binsted School at the moment in some year groups so if you would like to find out more about our wonderful nurturing school and to be part of the next 150 years (!) please contact us on 01420 23200 and we would be delighted to show you around.



THE HOLY CROSS BINSTED

The Binsted Spire Saga still requires £40,000

As reported in recent months, the repair work to the church spire is on-going and the costs have increased yet again due to the challenges of working on the century's old oak timbers on the spire to securely install the new weathervane.

Consequently, our costs have increased by almost £10,000 in the last six weeks.

The replacement weathervane, identical in design but made from more durable materials, has been fabricated.

We have also treated sections of the spire for deathwatch beetle and we still have to lay tiles on the floor of the bell tower.

Thanks to all of you who have already donated towards our appeal. We have raised over £15,000, which is an incredible start.

Unfortunately, with the extended timelines and the additional the costs have increased, so our fundraising target has increased to £50,000, leaving us, now, just over **£40,000** still to raise.



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.

Our church is quite a landmark, the highest point in Hampshire, a grade 1 listed building built in 12th Century, and it belongs to us all.

Every week the scaffolding is up, the more expensive the project becomes, so we are progressing as fast as we can to complete the work. We hope to remove the scaffolding and the safety enclosure in July, returning the graveyard back to normal for the first time in over a year.

**Please scan the QR Code to donate
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Please don't forget to gift aid, if applicable.

For further information go to the BenBinFro website: www.benbinfro.co.uk; or find a leaflet in the church porch.

THANK YOU

What's new at Binsted Parish Council ?



In June, we said a sad 'Farewell' to Lisa Spindler. Lisa has done a great job as our Parish Clerk for the past two years and her shoes will be hard to fill. She's brought huge energy and personality to the role; has delivered a lot of projects to improve parish facilities; and organised several very enjoyable community events, including those for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the recent Coronation. Thank you, Lisa!



Mike Mordecai has now joined as our new Clerk. Mike lives in Alton and already knows Binsted quite well, not least because his son has played football at Binsted Football Club for several years. Mike brings considerable experience in local government. We're looking forward to working with him.



We've also welcomed Jason Lock as a new councillor. This brings us back to our full complement of nine parish councillors. Jason has lived in Binsted village for seven years and has a farming background. He enjoys local cricket and is a welcome addition to our Holt Pound Oval Working Group.

Our May AGM confirmed the membership of the following councillors on our various Committees and Working Groups:

Finance Committee: Cllrs Alison Melvin and Geoff Clarke

Local Plan Working Group: Cllrs Jenney De Sousa, Val Moynan, Pip Eldridge, Nikki Hall

Transport Working Group: Cllrs Dominic Hearne, Alison Melvin, and Val Moynan

Holt Pound Oval Working Group: Cllrs Graham Jones, Geoff Clarke, and Jason Lock

BPC's representative on the Wickham Committee: Cllr Graham Jones

BPC's representative on the Alice Holt Forum: Cllr Val Moynan.

Would you like to join our Working Groups as a non-councillor?

We are currently looking for non-councillors for some of our Working Groups: for our Transport Working Group and the Holt Pound Oval Working Group - plus we need help from someone with town planning expertise for our Local Plan Working Group. If you're interested in any of these, get in touch by emailing clerk@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk. Minutes and future meeting dates for our different committees are on our website.



We need your views – how would you like Binsted Parish to evolve over the coming years?

Hold your phone camera over the code to fill out the questionnaire or collect a hard copy from Binsted pavilion



Have
Your
Say!

ALL completed entries will be entered into a prize draw to win £250!

Please fill out the survey by 31 July, to help to shape Binsted's 'Parish Priority Statement' ahead of its submission to the South Downs National Park Authority this Autumn. All completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw at the beginning of August to win £250! Please tell your friends, neighbours and young people you know - we want to hear views from anyone who lives or works in any part of the parish. You can complete the questionnaire online (using the QR code, or link on our website.) Or get a paper copy from Binsted Sports Pavilion.

WELCOME TO BLACKNEST FIELDS

BLACKNEST FIELDS SUMMER CALENDAR

Butterfly Meadows Circular Walk Tuesday 18th July 12-2.30pm

The 'Friends of Blacknest Fields' invite you to join them on a 3.5 mile circular walk through Alice Holt Forest taking in the butterflies of Alice Holt as well as both Blacknest Fields and the Bentley Station Meadow Reserve.

Free and open to all, please register your interest to receive further details by emailing: BNF@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk

Family Picnic and Meadows Day Saturday 22nd July 12-3pm

An afternoon of family fun to enjoy with neighbours and friends. Free and open to all, please do come along to enjoy the meadows and the wildlife that calls them home. We will be joined by representatives from the South Downs National Park, local conservation organisation Hive Helpers and flora and fauna enthusiasts who will be hosting fun activities for the whole family. Please BYO picnic and chair / rugs.

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Time to visit Blacknest Fields ...

By July, the meadows at Blacknest Fields are bursting with wildflowers and butterflies. It's the perfect time to visit. We're organising two events in July - the guided 'Butterfly Walk'; and the 'Meadows Open Day', at which South Downs rangers and other wildlife experts will be running fun nature activities. Both events are free, but you need to book by emailing BNF@binstedparishcouncil.org.uk. Alternatively, you can visit the Fields on your own at any time – and you can follow the route of the Butterfly Meadows Circular Walk by downloading a printable copy from the Parish Council website ([Blacknest Fields – Binsted Parish Council.](#))

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BINSTED PLACE OPEN GARDEN

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1 – 5pm

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Teas will be served in aid of the Wickham Institute, village hall funds.

Entry and teas by donation.

Dogs on leads only please.

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A Beautiful Day Poem *by Francis Duggan*

In the blue sky just a few specks of gray
In the evening of a beautiful day
Though last night it rained and more rain on the way
And that more rain is needed 'twould be fair to say
On a gum tree in the park the white backed magpie sing
He sings all year round from the Summer to Spring
But in late Winter and Spring he even sings at night
So nice to hear him piping in the moonlight
Spring it is with us and Summer is near
And beautiful weather for the time of year
Such beauty the poets and the artists inspire
Of talking of Nature could one ever tire
Her green of September Mother Nature wear
And the perfumes of blossoms in the evening air.

Sudoku Games

Sudoku game EASY

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

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

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

Sudoku game HARD

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

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May
2023

WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum

23.8°C (28th) to 14.4°C (6th)

18 days above 20°C and 1 day below 15°C



Nighttime minimum

0.6–C (3rd) to 10.9°C (5th)

12 nights below 5°C

Rainfall



Total for month

2.73 inches (44.0 mm) over 8 days



Wettest days

0.81 inches (20.6 mm) (9th)

0.58 inches (14.8 mm)

fell in the half hour hailstorm

Wind



Dominant wind direction

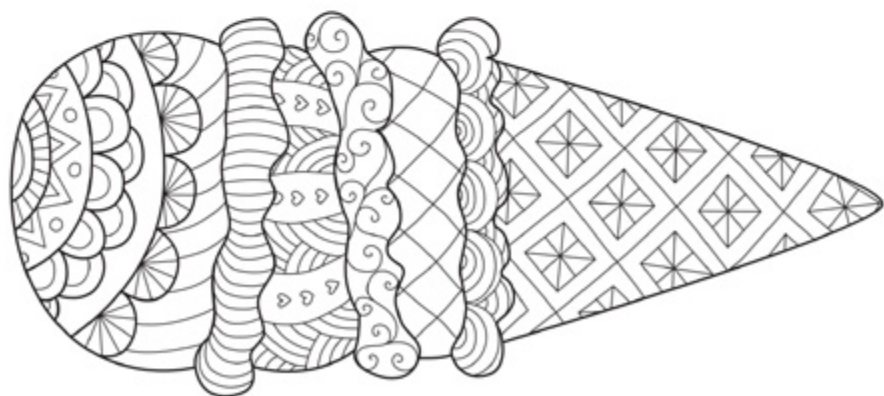
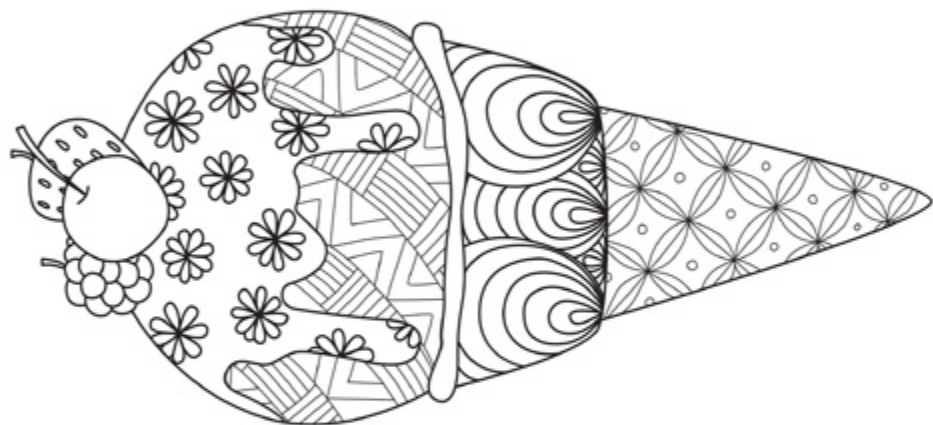
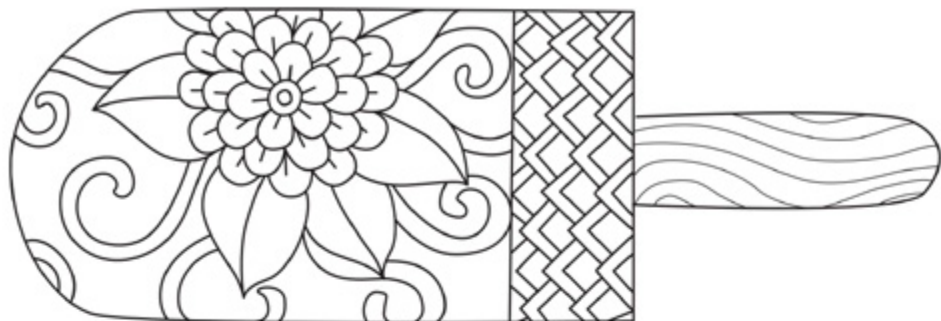
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Maximum gust

19 mph (29th)

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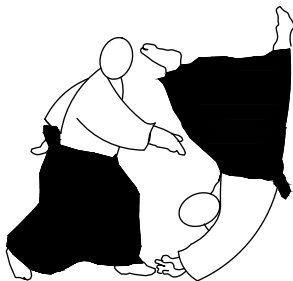
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