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Benefice Letter

80 years ago this month, Russian Soviet troops entered Kyiv and the German army retreated. The German advance had been halted at Stalingrad at huge cost to both sides during the harsh Russian winter. Now in a fighting retreat, the Germans were being pushed out of what had been Russian territory. It is a cruel irony that 80 years later, independent Ukraine is fighting for its survival against Russian armies. Many Ukrainians had joined the German army, as there was no love lost towards Stalin especially after the terrible events of 1932-3, where Stalin had requisitioned unreasonable amounts of Ukrainian grain. In the terrible famine that followed, known as the Holodomor, between 3.5 and 5 million Ukrainians died as a direct result of Soviet policy.

Vladimir Putin, in describing the modern Ukrainian state as being “Nazi”, is deliberately reminding the Russian people of the cost of life that it took to rid Russian soil of German invaders. The “Great Patriotic War”, as the Second World War is known in Russia, is invoked to inspire the sacrifice and struggle of the Russian people. The war is thus as much ideological, as it is a brazen attempt at grabbing land and destroying a neighbouring state.

The poet Steve Turner says, “History repeats itself. It has to. Noone listens.”

As we gather for Remembrance Day this year, we remember with pride and sadness, the young men from our villages who died in the world wars to defend the freedoms we enjoy and to counter tyranny and evil. We rightly should honour their memory, and as the Rolls of Honour are read out, we are reminded of local people uprooted from these beautiful Hampshire hills, and who died on land, at sea and in the air. Their sacrifice, and the hard-won victories must be remembered, so that history does not repeat itself again.

In the book of Psalms in the Bible, several songs are included that call the people to remember the faithlessness and failures of the past, as well as the great

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reversals and victories. Remembrance, bringing into the present from our memory, is a healthy discipline. It grounds us. It does not allow us to fall into the trap of triumphalism, as we also recall the stupidity and costly waste of war. It also is not a celebration of nationalism, but an intimate local event fulfilling the epitaph written on the Kohima monument in India,

“When you go home. Tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.”

May we give our todays to work for the peace and prosperity of the human race, to call out injustice and tyranny, and protect the weak and vulnerable. May the God of peace surround you, and fill your hearts and homes with his peace. Never forgetting that it is through sacrifice, that we can live.

Matt Boyes

Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle and with responsibility for Kingsley and Oakhanger

Church Registers

Bentley

Saturday 9th September	Wedding of Philippa and Ben
Sunday 10th September	Baptism of Emily Eveson

Binsted

Saturday 9th September	Wedding of Tessa and Titus
Sunday 24th September	Baptism of Clementine Womersley
Sunday 24th September	Interment of Ashes of Eric Crumplin

Froyle

Saturday 30th September	Thanksgiving Service for Rosemary Ryall
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Youth & Children

at Ben Bin Fro



WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER?

Contact Gemma for
more details:

gemma@benbinfro.co.uk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 7pm Upagear (Year 8+)	2 12:30pm Binsted lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	3 12:30pm Bentley lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	4	5 6:30pm Bentley Praise Service (youth+adults)
6	7	8 7pm Upagear (Year 8+)	9	10 5pm four:twelve Youth Group (year 5-7)	11	12 Remembrance Sunday 6:30pm Kingsley Praise Service (youth+adults)
13	14	15 7pm Upagear (Year 8+)	16 12:30pm Binsted lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	17 12:30pm Bentley lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	18	19 4pm Binsted Messy Church (families)
20	21	22 7pm Upagear (Year 8+)	23 12:30pm Binsted lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	24 12:30pm Bentley lunchtime club with Gemma (in school) 5pm four:twelve Youth Group (year 5-7)	25	26 9:30am Bentley Holy Communion & Children's Church (all ages)
27	28	29 7pm Upagear (Year 8+)	30 12:30pm Binsted lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	1st December 12:30pm Bentley lunchtime club with Gemma (in school)	2	3 6:30pm Bentley Praise Service (youth+adults)

Curious about faith?

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.

Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

Time:

7pm (dinner provided!)

Date:

Thursdays, starting 12th October

Place:

Bentley Church Hall, GU10 5NA

Contact: admin@benbinfro.org

Stay Curious
Try Alpha



Remembrance Sunday

at BenBinFro

Sunday 12th November 2023



Bentley

10am Remembrance Service in the church
Followed by an Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Hall

Binsted

10:50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside
the church, followed by a Remembrance Service in the church

Froyle

10:50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, followed
by a Remembrance Service in the church

Kingsley

10:50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside
the church, followed by a Remembrance Service in the church



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**

ALL WELCOME

(CHILDRENS' TOYS AVAILABLE)



FREE WI-FI





School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

Oak class(Reception) have settled in well at Binsted School. They have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and refurbished outdoor area. The children have been learning their school routine and taking responsibility for their own belongings and respecting others, including making new friendships. The children have been making progress in learning their new phonic sounds and counting up to 10. We have been planning lessons around the children's interests and so far the children have been wanting to learn more about dinosaurs, volcanos, worms, superheroes and all things seasonal. They particularly enjoy role play. Currently the children are rehearsing their harvest song ready for the harvest service at the church. We have lots of exciting things to come, the whole school will be doing a mental health day and a month looking at black history and inspirational figures. Key Stage 1 and Reception will soon be practicing their nativity play, which we are all very excited about. Christmas is not too far away now!

By Mrs Andrews and Mrs Norwood, Oak Class





Come along to Messy Church!

Messy Church values itself on being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Sunday 19th November at Wickham Institute, Binsted 4pm

3rd Sundays at 4pm

Swapping each month between Binsted and Froyle

Binsted - Wickham Institute, GU34 4NX

Froyle - St Mary's Church, Froyle, GU34 4LB

(Keep an eye on our website and parish magazines to check the venue)



We have brilliant crafts and activities to get stuck into - you may get messy! Learn Bible stories and how they relate to us today, sing songs and spend time together as a family.

A hot supper will be provided to save you the trouble - yum!

Email: Nick Carter - nick.carter1945@outlook.com



The Real Nativity

Friday 15th December
Holy Cross Church, Binsted
6:30pm

We're getting in early - save the date for Binsted's Real Nativity!

We're very excited for the return of this amazing event after a break due to Covid. But this Christmas, join us for a festive evening singing carols and watching the Christmas story unfold in front of our own eyes. Wrap up warm, it's likely to be a chilly evening, and bring a torch!

Join us afterwards for Christmas Refreshments.

If you would like to be involved (in costume or behind the scenes), please contact Andy Gill (by text message please) on 0771 3316391.

There are a few key roles still open!

Christmas Cards

Christmas is fast approaching!



We are delighted to have our Christmas cards ready for sale.

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



The cards will be on sale at the weekly Wickham Coffee Mornings each Wednesday, at our Christmas Fair on 2nd December or can be obtained from



Stella Croom-Johnson on
07740861256

(binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk)



Sudoku October Answers

Sudoku EASY

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

Sudoku MEDIUM

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

Sudoku HARD

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



2ND BENTLEY SCOUTS

GETTING READY



CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY
11 NOVEMBER
10.30 TO 3PM**

**YUMMY TREATS
AVAILABLE AT
THE COFFEE
MORNING**



**JOIN US AT
THE BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL
BENTLEY VILLAGE, GU10 5NB**

**A WONDERFUL SELECTION OF
CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND TREATS
FROM LOCAL CRAFTSPEOPLE**

FREE ENTRY

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS 2ND BENTLEY SCOUT GROUP
AND BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL



The Bentley Memorial Hall Association 100+ Club

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

- 1st Jim Munro
- 2nd Sarah Ward
- 3rd Russell North

Congratulations to the winners.

We welcome new members to the 100+ Club. Each number costs £12 per year (£1 per month) and there are three prizes every month!

50% of membership fees go towards the 100+ Club prize fund while the remaining 50% goes to the Memorial Hall to help with our running costs. The more people who join the 100+ Club, the more money paid out in monthly prizes.

If you would like to join, please e-mail a request to bentleymemorialhall@gmail.com.

For further details, please visit our website www.bentleymemorialhall.org.

Saturday Café – All Welcome



Between 10.30 and 12.30 on most Saturday mornings, there is a community café in the Bentley Memorial Hall.

Come and have a chat and sample the free coffee, tea and cake (payment by voluntary donation). Look out for the banner outside the Hall.



Advent by Candlelight

Friday 1st December
St Mary's Church, Froyle
6:30pm

Come along to our beautiful Advent by Candlelight service in Froyle to kickstart the Advent season and get into the Christmas spirit. Usually on the Saturday before the 1st Sunday of Advent, we've changed the date this year to be on the Friday.

An evening full of carols, choral performances and the re-telling of the Christmas Story followed on by festive refreshments.



AGM

Do you...

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

have an idea where that money should best be spent?

want to join the team or volunteer to help with the Fete in 2024?

come along to the
Fete Annual General Meeting
7.30pm drinks for 8pm start
Friday the 10th November 2022

Binsted Pavilion, Gu34 4PB

More details are available

Online: www.binstedfete.co.uk

Facebook: Binsted Fete and Flower Show



2nd Bentley Scout Group says **THANK YOU!!**

Hello, we would like to say several big thank yous to the community and our fabulous range of supporters!

- Thanks to all of you that donated to us your fantastic ready to sell Jumble, the village, as usual, did us proud and we had a vast array of quality jumble to sell to the 'jumblers'.
- Thank you to everyone that came along to buy, we hope that you all got some fantastic bargains, even if you are not sure what to do with that rather odd vase that you purchased!!
- Massive thanks to everyone that came to help out, it is a huge coming together of people to get all the jumble ready for the sale and in some kind of 'shop' order for the gates to be opened at 2pm, special thanks to Bob for his constant hard work to get it all sorted!
- Special thanks to the tea ladies who did a marvellous job at keeping the troops watered and refreshed during the day and serving teas to the hoards that turned up to buy.
- Thank you generally to the community for letting us take over the rec.
- Thank you to whoever sorted the weather, we are truly blessed!

Some of the better leftovers were sent to Resurrection Furniture. All the remaining textiles go in to the Bentley School Recycling Bank for which the school receive additional funds. Other items are then recycled in other ways. The Jumble Sale is a massive recycling effort of many items that would otherwise go into landfill.

Next Jumble is 18th May 2024.

We do hope you will support our 'Getting Ready for Christmas Fair' that we are holding in conjunction with the Memorial Hall and the Community Coffee Morning on the 11th November 10.30pm to 3pm. We are looking for raffle prizes if anyone has anything they can donate to us. We do have a couple of spaces for additional stalls if you would like to get in touch. melissa@2ndbentleyscoutgroup.org.uk

The money that we make at all these fundraising events gets invested directly into the group, we are currently having to renew our tents, and subscriptions to the UK Scout Association together with running costs are still rising for us.

So THANK YOU!! We couldn't do what we do without the support of our local community.

Melissa and the 2nd Bentley Scout Group Team 07974377736

Bentley & Binsted

PARISH MAGAZINE

The parish magazine for Bentley & Binsted is distributed to all the houses in our two villages.

Most of the costs for producing the magazine come from advertising revenues, but we are still left with a shortfall of close to £2,000 every year, which Bentley and Binsted PCCs need to cover.

It costs us around £1 to produce each copy of the magazine and we publish 10 editions per year. If you feel that you are able to contribute towards the costs of producing the magazine, please contact the magazine treasurer at bentleytreasurer@benbinfro.co.uk or you can donate online by either:

- scanning the QR code below
- or go direct to our donations page at: <https://tinyurl.com/2tv9rtxu>.



Thank you for helping us keep the magazine as something for everyone in Bentley and Binsted.



Alton Camera Club

Alton Camera Club's 2023-24 season is well under way and members have enjoyed talks, field trips, studio evenings and keenly contested competitions.

The season opener, at the beginning of September, saw fourteen new members walk through our doors for our Introduction Evening. The talks programme got under way with Tony Worobiec who spoke on 'The Art of Composition'. Jeanette Lendon from Jet Black Squares revealed tips and tricks to get creative shots from Smartphone cameras and create stunning images and video content, and Kev Sandall gave an insight to 'A Judge's Perspective', with tips on how to take better

pictures and impress competition judges. This led us nicely onto our first challenge competition, 'Song Titles', in early October.

Our buoyant field trips programme continued with trips to RHS Wisley, the deer rut at Bushy Park and the final Autogross meeting of the year at Four Marks. Upcoming trips include Winkworth Arboretum and the Living Rainforest at Newbury. We look forward to practical sessions on Lightroom, portrait photography and light

painting. Club member Mike Beaumont will share tales of his African adventures in his talk 'Africa – Land of the Giants' and we'll explore the world of professional commercial photography with advertising photographer Joe Lenton.

Alton Camera Club meet every Wednesday at 7.30pm at Holybourne Village Hall GU34 4HD. New members are welcome throughout the year. Please see our website www.altoncameraclub.org.uk for more details.





Photograph: Alton House Hotel Lynne



Photograph: Alton Secondhand Books, Olwen



Photograph: St Lawrence Church, Kelvin



Photograph: Geoff Corbett



Photograph: Lynne Harles



Photograph: Graham Dewey



Photograph: Renee Smith



Photograph: Watercress Line



Photograph: Andrew Sorrell



Photograph: Steve Emmerson

Bentley CE Primary

I am writing to introduce myself to you all. My name is Vicky Hallett and I am the new Headteacher at Bentley CE Primary School.

I have been working in education for over 20 years, many of which have been in the local area. My last school was The Butts Primary in Alton as deputy headteacher and also acting head for a period of time. As I have been local, I have heard lots of wonderful things about Bentley and therefore when the position of headship was advertised, I knew I had to apply!

I live in Basingstoke with my husband Paul, my 8 year old daughter Emily and our crazy cat called Luna. When I am not in school, I try and spend as much time with my family and friends as possible - whether it be having fun at a water park, making pizzas or chilling out with popcorn and a movie! I am also part of a running club in my community, I am not fast, but I find spending time with friends, exercising in the fresh air is a wonderful way to unwind.

One of the things that attracted me to Bentley was its sense of community - us all working together to create the very best education for our children. I look forward to finding out more about the wider community of Bentley.



Sudoku Games

Sudoku game EASY

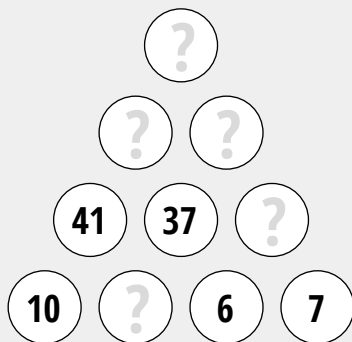
		1	9	7				6
8		9			2			
	7		3					
7	3					5		
	9		4		6		3	
		8					2	1
					5		8	
			2			9		3
2				3	9	6		

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!

Number Pyramid

What are the missing numbers?



Sudoku game MEDIUM

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

Sudoku game HARD

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

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

Allen Gallery Main Exhibition Space.

An exhibition by **Alton College Graphics and Photography A Level students**. There will be some workshops during the show, with details available on the website. There will also be the opportunity for school groups or other interested parties to visit, please contact the Allen Gallery in advance for any larger group visits. 11th November - 31st December. FREE

Allen Gallery Cafe area.

Contemporary Needlework - a display of work by local textile artist **Hilary Kimber**. 8th November - 10th December; FREE.

Hilary has also kindly offered to run some workshops for beginners and more advanced stitchers, on Saturday 11th & Wednesday 15th November. Please pre-book online. There will be a free follow-up workshop for those wishing to mount or frame their work on Wednesday 22nd November; from 2 - 4 pm.

TALK

The Palaeolithic of Dickett's Field, Holybourne Down

by Dr Julie Scott-Jackson and Dr Patrick Cuthbertson.

Thursday November 9th at 7.30. In conjunction with The Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery. **FREE** but donations always welcome.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

We will be holding various drop-in activities from **November 14th - December 30th**.
Festive Trail - Can you find the festive items hidden in our Gallery collection? Drop in and pick up a trail. **FREE**. 10.30 - 4

Patterns on Paper - drop in for the opportunity to make simple paper decorations, with patterns inspired by the pots and tiles in the Gallery collection (decorations £2 per sheet). 10.30 - 4.

On Tuesday 19th December there will be our regular Make & Take, with an opportunity to make small seasonal clay items to take home. 10.30 - 11.15 and 11.30 - 12.15. £5 per session. Please book via the website. <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery>

Film Night. Join us for another in our increasingly-popular Cinema shows on Saturday 18th November; at 7pm. Details will be available from the website/Gallery near the time.

CURTIS MUSEUM

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

We will be holding various drop-in activities from **November 14th - December 30th.**

A Link to the Past - Help us create the longest paper chain, moving through the years in our museum. FREE.

Create a Cracker – Come and buy, build and fill your own cracker. Cracker 50p, fill it with a hat, joke, snapper and tie, buy a prize to go inside.

Wheatley House

GU35 9PA (Between Binsted & Kingsley)

'Informal Plant Sale.'

Saturday 4th November 1pm – 4pm

Do come and help yourself to some of our over enthusiastic perennials!

Refreshments available.

Proceeds will be donated to the Binsted Church Spire Appeal.

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



Our next meeting:

Tuesday November 7th - as usual in the Denis Smith room at the Bentley Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Our speaker will be Simon Golsac who will give a talk on Holme, the making of a Public Garden in Wareham.

Visitors are welcome at a charge of £2.

Note for your diary:

AGM and Christmas social – Tuesday 5th December

All club members are invited to our AGM and Christmas get-together which will take place on Tuesday 5th December 2023 as usual at 7.30pm in the Denis Smith Room at the Bentley Memorial Hall.

Please bring a plate of buffet food to share. Wine and soft drinks will be provided by the club.



Maybe it's
because it's a
Londoner..

The London Plane is a real city slicker, and the capital's most common tree.

We know that trees do more than just capture carbon to fight the cruel effects of a changing climate. They also help:

- Prevent flooding
- Reduce city temperature
- Reduce pollution
- Keep soil nutrient-rich

The London Plane is a star when it comes to reducing pollution and providing shade.

The origins of London plane (*Platanus x hispanica*), a hybrid between Oriental (*P. orientalis*) and Western plane, or buttonwood (*P. occidentalis*), are uncertain but most likely happened in the 1600's in Spain. It was first planted in England around 1680 at Ely in Cambridgeshire, and at Barnes in Surrey and both trees are still there today, the latter one going by the name of Barnie. There is a huge specimen, thought to be the largest of its kind in Britain, in Mottisfont Garden, and forms part of the National Collection of plane trees which stand in the grounds. Capability Brown was very fond of them for his grand garden designs, and none grander than Petworth House.

Planting of the new hybrid across London started in the late 18th century and by the 1920's London plane represented around 60% of the trees in London though that has now dropped significantly. They are still common in cities and parks across Europe, Asia, South Africa and North America, in part because they are adept at trapping particulates such as airborne pollutants on both bark and leaf hairs and can survive in very poor compacted ground. However, they can grow to a considerable size; 'Barnie' was measured in 2017 and was then 35.2m tall and had a girth of 9m!

Planes are not native to the UK, but Oriental plane is found across south-east Europe, Asia, and India. They have simple palmately lobed (handshaped) leaves arranged alternately along the shoot. After pollination by wind, female flowers develop into spiky fruits, comprising a dense cluster of seeds with stiff hairs, which aid dispersal by wind. The fruits slowly break up over winter, to release their seeds, long after the leaves have fallen. Mature trees have distinctive bark which sheds in patches to give an attractive

camouflage-style appearance though on old trees the trunk develops a more evenly coloured appearance.

According to the London Tree Report, the London plane tree is one of the most 'important species' in Inner London (but not Greater London) along with birch (*Betula spp.*), lime (*Tilia spp.*) and apple (*Malus spp.*). The report also notes that London plane trees make up the largest leaf area of all tree species in Inner London, potentially bringing the most benefits for air quality and shade.

The wood used to be popular for making veneers called 'lacewood', as it is an attractive golden-brown colour with dark brown flecks.

Since it only arrived here in more enlightened times, there is no English folklore associated with planes. The Roman naturalist, Pliny the Elder, found them commonly around him,

and was able to recommend that the seeds, pounded with vinegar and honey, removed 'freckles, cancerous sores and chronic pustules on the neck'. Well, anything's worth a try, isn't it?

In Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*, Lucie Manette sits with her ageing father beneath a plane tree growing close to their lodgings in Soho Square. They watch the moon rise through the branches and then Lucie sees her father safely to bed.

'So, the sunrise came, and the shadows of the leaves of the plane-tree moved upon his face, as softly as her lips had moved in praying for him.'

Don't we need more London planes round here?

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Triathlon Challenge

Four eight year old children from Beech class at Binsted CE Primary School are undertaking a super Triathlon challenge for BBC Children in Need this October. They will each be covering the distance across the English Channel to France using a combination of swimming, cycling and running - a total of 21 miles no less. The final one mile of running will take place at Binsted Rec on Friday 3rd November, where they will be joined by the whole school. If you would like to support Alba, William, Oscar and Benedict they would be most grateful for donations to their group Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/kerry-wilson-1697048734417>





Binsted Parish Council – planning matters

When people talk about parish councils, it's most often about their involvement in the planning system. For good or bad!

This is a quick update on some of the recent planning activities in which Binsted's parish council has been involved; and to highlight that we're still seeking help from parishioners willing to give the council a hand with planning matters.

Planning decisions affect peoples' lives and the value of land. The planning system tries to balance private interests in developing land against wider public interests.

For big complex planning applications, parish councils' role is mainly to act as a liaison point for local communities and, occasionally, to represent our area at planning hearings.

- In September, we spoke at the Regulatory Committee for Veolia's Anaerobic Digester application which, although of less concern than the previous incinerator application, still causes various local worries. Although HCC unanimously approved this application, we were glad we spoke, to highlight issues with potential smells, traffic, screening and so forth, and to ensure these concerns are documented and included in future monitoring and in the remit of the Liaison Committee that will be set up, in which Binsted hopes to play an active part.
- During October, we have been focused on responding to Farnborough Airport's plans to increase its numbers of flights by 40%. Our rural area is already suffering disproportionately from aircraft noise, due to our location on Farnborough's recently introduced flightpaths, in combination with rises in air traffic already happening at Farnborough. We feel it is important to ensure that dispersed rural communities' concerns about aircraft noise are heard in the wider debate about airport growth, particularly given the upcoming consultation about the national 'Airspace Modernisation Strategy', which plans to double UK aircraft flights by 2030.

Smaller planning applications can also be contentious. The simple fact is that a parish council is not the decision maker, and our comments only count as a single voice when planning authorities tot up the number of objections or expressions of support. However, to make it easier for you to spot planning applications, Binsted Parish Council's website automatically shows South Downs and EHDC applications; and we're also trialling sharing them on Facebook. Do contact the Clerk if you see an application you're concerned about - although quite a few planning applications inevitably fall into the 'we'd rather it didn't happen but there's no valid policy reason to object' pile.

Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans provide frameworks for long-term development, taking account of residents' views about how they'd like their local area to evolve.

- **Binsted's first 'Parish Priority Statement'** has recently been completed and submitted to South Downs National Park. It's on the Binsted Parish Council website, if you'd like to take a look. Thanks again to everyone who completed our summer survey to give your inputs to this.
- **Details of EHDC's new Local Plan** are expected to become known during November. We'll need to see how it fits with our Parish Priority Statement and with SDNP's Local Plan updates. (We're always navigating the complication that Binsted parish has two planning authorities).

Can you help? We'd love to hear from anyone with a background or interest in planning, to reinforce the council's expertise in this important area. Please get in touch for a chat !

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September 2023

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Temperature



Daytime maximum

33.6°C (9th) to 17.8°C (19th)

6 days above 30°C and 9 days below 20°C



Nighttime minimum

4.3°C (22nd) to 16.1°C (11th)

12 nights below 10°C

Rainfall



Total for month

1.91 inches (48.6 mm) over 14 days



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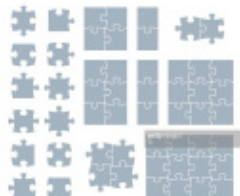
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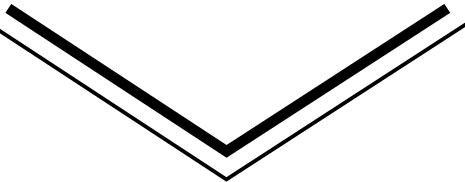
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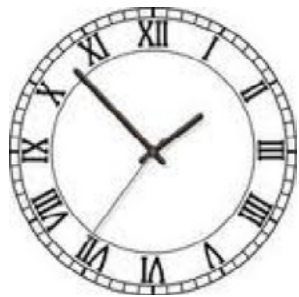
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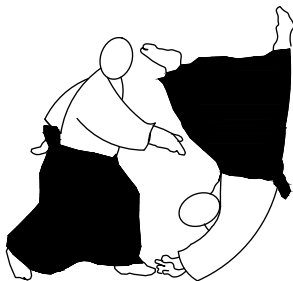
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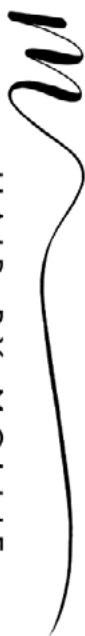
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November Services


Our service pattern has changed so please take careful note of the times and locations of our upcoming services.


5th November 9:30am Binsted Holy Communion
11am Oakhanger Holy Communion
6:30pm Bentley Praise

12th November 10am Bentley Remembrance
Remembrance 10:50am Froyle Remembrance
Sunday 10:50am Binsted Remembrance
10:50am Kingsley Remembrance
6:30pm Kingsley Praise

Each parish's Remembrance services are slightly different so please check the notice inside the magazine for full details.

19th November 9:30am Froyle Morning Worship
11am Kingsley Holy Communion
4pm Binsted Messy Church 

26th November 9:30am Bentley Holy Communion & Children's Church 
11am Binsted Morning Worship
6:30pm Froyle Evensong

Children's Provision 
While all of our services are family friendly, the services indicated are especially catered towards children.

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