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Flags have become a major talking point over the last 6 months, with many supporting the “Raise the Flag” movement. The flag of England is the famous St. George’s Cross, of a red cross on a white background and it is a flag with a rich history but also stirs controversy. St. George, the patron saint of England, is celebrated on 23rd April and is honoured by many countries, cities and territories around the world. His story is a mix of history and legend.

The most famous story about St. George is his defeat of the dragon. The medieval legend is that a dragon terrorised a country and was only appeased by the people offering human sacrifice. St. George meets a princess who had been chosen to be the next victim, moved by her tears, he fights and defeats the dragon and saves the country.

St. George was, by tradition, a soldier and a member of the Praetorian guard, the personal bodyguards of the household of Caesar. He was martyred for his faith under the anti-Christian persecutions of Diocletian. As a soldier-martyr he caught the imagination of many Christians in the Middle Ages who valued his bravery and sacrifice. The story of the dragon was much later and reflects the ideas of chivalry, but also significant Christian themes.

St George’s Day comes a couple of weeks after Easter this year. Christians celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus for the sins of the world, that God himself lived among us and laid down his life to save us. In the book of Revelation, Satan is portrayed as a dragon seeking to destroy Jesus. Jesus describes the whole work and agenda of Satan “to steal, kill and destroy” all that God has made and loves. As Jesus is betrayed, arrested, tortured and killed, Satan believes that he has won and is secure as prince of the earth.

Yet, on Easter Sunday, the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive. He has broken death and defeated all that was thrown against him. He in turn “leads captivity captive” and will destroy all the works of the evil one. Jesus defeats the dragon, the enemy of life, so we can be set free if we believe and trust in his death and resurrection.

The flag of St. George, is a martyr’s flag, showing he died for his faith in the one who restores all things and rescues us. It is a fitting flag for a nation that believes in God and in the unconquerable love of God. May we live up to these values.

A very happy Easter to you all

Matt Boyes

*Rector of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle*

# Easter Saturday

## Easter Night Vigil

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

9pm

St Marys, Bentley

GU10 5NA



From the earliest records of church services, we learn that Christians gathered to hold a vigil before the great Paschal (Easter) celebrations.

During this vigil, they reminded themselves through scripture how God, in his loving kindness, had prepared us for the great gift of salvation through his beloved son, Jesus.

Our Easter vigil, follows the meditative service of Compline, the final service of the day, as we await the dawning of Easter Day



# EASTER EGG HUNT

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

Calling all pre-schoolers and those at primary school

Join our big Easter Bentley Village Quiz and win yourself an Easter Egg.

The questions can all be answered from clues that can be found around Bentley, and you can always ask a grown up to help you!

Bring your completed quiz to Saturday Café at the Memorial Hall to claim your free Easter Egg

Quiz sheets will be available via Bentley School, Dottie Tots and at Bentley Church or from Saturday Café on 4th April.

**EGGS TO BE CLAIMED FROM SATURDAY CAFÉ,  
BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL BETWEEN  
10.30 AND 12.30**



## Saturday Café



**Bentley Memorial Hall**

**Saturdays 10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Coffee, tea and cakes**



We look forward to seeing you for a catch up and lively chat.



On most Saturdays. Look out for the banner outside the Hall.

# Meet the Team

*Nick Caddick*



*Pictured: Nick Caddick*

## 1. Quick-fire questions!

**Tea or coffee?** Coffee

**Winter or summer?**

An English Summer – not too hot!

**Sunrise or sunset?**

Sunrise is more uplifting.

**Sweet or savoury?** Savoury – stews, cassoulets, casseroles, tagines - lovely!

**Apple or android?** Android!

(Not the Evil Empire)

**Air guitar or air drums?** Air guitar – memories of howling along, as a teenager, to Bohemian Rhapsody.

**Movies or books?** Books

## 2. What's your favourite way to start the day?

A full English breakfast is a pretty wonderful start.

## 3. Tell us more about your role at Benbinfro and how you ended up here?

I moved to Bentley as a teenager in the 1970s but it was only some 30 years later, after doing the Alpha course, that St Mary's, Bentley became a part of my life. Alpha made me feel that, despite all my questions and doubts, I was part of something bigger.

For some years now, I have been one of the Churchwardens for St Mary's, Bentley – working as part of the team of clergy and volunteers to run services and to maintain our fabulous and ancient church building and its churchyard. It has been a privilege and a joy.

## 4. What things in your role do you look forward to the most?

In church, I love the music and also christenings where, as a congregation, we say “we welcome you” to a newly baptised child. It is always very moving. I also enjoy the practical tasks involved in maintaining the church building and churchyard sometimes by myself but often as part of a team of “volunteers”.

**5. Outside of parish life, what things do you get nerdy or excited about?**

As I'm now too old to play rugby and I was always rubbish at cricket, it has to be my horses!

**6. What's your most embarrassing moment?**

There are quite a few possibilities! But high up there is the occasion when my mother happily informed the then vicar (Yann) that his trusty new churchwarden (me) had been rejected for confirmation aged 13 for asking too many questions and not showing much interest in the answers.

**7. If you could invent one thing to make your life better, what would you invent and why?**

Something that would make coffee taste as good as it smells when it is freshly ground.

**8. To finish, what is your go-to bible verse when you need some encouragement, and how can it help encourage others?**

John 20, verses 24 to 28. Thomas, who doubted - despite being one of the disciples, despite living with Jesus, despite hearing him preach and despite witnessing his miracles. It was only when he saw and touched Jesus' wounds that he believed. To me, his response - "My Lord and my God" - are among the most moving in the Bible. I find it encouraging. It is not wrong to have doubts or to ask questions, although it is good to try to listen out for answers!



# He is Risen:

## A Poem about the Resurrection

*By Jamie Trunnel*

He is risen—  
After darkness had its say,  
on the third day the tomb's stone door  
rolled away.  
Again Jesus walked, talked, touched, and ate.  
In awe, witnesses testified,  
“Death is not his fate!”

He is risen—  
The once scared, fleeing disciple crew  
turned around realizing  
the prophecies were true.  
With a faith immensely greater than fear,  
they sacrificed it all to  
make the Good News clear.

He is risen—  
Jesus bore the world's sin upon the cross,  
sacrificing himself so no one would be lost.  
His work was sufficient,  
but a response is required;  
by grace we are saved  
when our belief transpires.

He is risen—  
Faith sends an invite to start anew.  
Give Christ your burdens and notions untrue.  
Accept his forgiveness and salvation at the end.  
Love the transformation the Holy Spirit extends.

He is risen indeed!  
When Jesus rose, a new creation began  
for all who believe and trust in God's plans.  
Through his power, our darkness is rolled away—  
“Jesus is the light,” his resurrection proclaims!

*by Jamie Trunnel ©2020, [ascripturedlife.com](http://ascripturedlife.com)*

# Easter 2026

## **Palm Sunday**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March



11am Benefice Holy Communion at Binsted

## **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April



6:30pm Choral Service at Froyle

## **Good Friday**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



12pm Good Friday Reflection at Binsted

## **Easter Saturday**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April



10am Easter Garden Making at Froyle

9pm Easter Night Vigil at Bentley

## **Easter Sunday**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April



6:15am Sunrise Holy Communion at Bentley

9:30am Holy Communion at Bentley

9:30am Holy Communion at Binsted

11am Holy Communion at Froyle

11am Holy Communion at Oakhanger



**FREE**



**Sunday 19th April**

**Froyle Church, GU34 4LB**

**4-6pm**

**Supper included**

Messy Church is a brilliant afternoon of fun, crafts, games, messy play, singing and stories. The whole family are invited and there is something for everyone. Come along, we'd love to meet you!

**Messy Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 4-6pm.**

It's free and we even sort supper for you!

[admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org)



**Easter Saturday**

**Easter Garden Making  
& Egg Hunt**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am - 12pm**

**Froyle Churchyard**

**GU34 4LB**





# UPAGEAR

## Youth group

School years 7+

A welcoming and fun space for young people to gather, to build friendships, and explore Christian faith and values with significant snacks!

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 6–7:30pm  
(please note the time change for this term!)

Bentley Church Hall

[admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org)

## four: twelve

YOUTH CLUB



**WHO?** OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL YEARS 4–6.

**WHEN?** FRIDAY 17TH APRIL – 5–6:30PM

**WHERE?** BENTLEY CHURCH HALL

**WHAT?** FUN & GAMES, SHORT BIBLE TEACHING, GROUP ACTIVITIES, TUCK SHOP.

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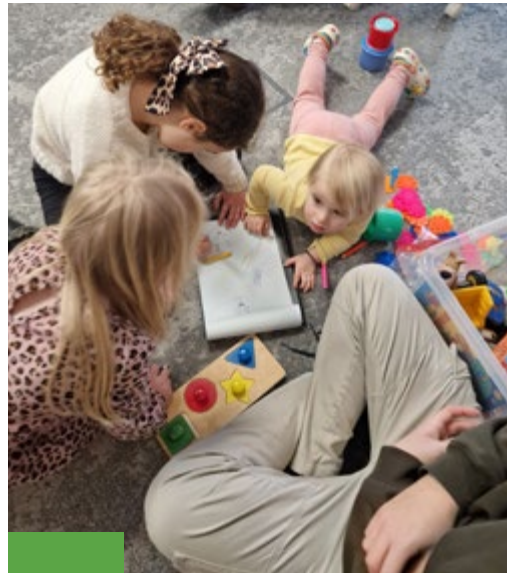
1 Timothy 4:12 – “Do not let anyone treat you as if you are unimportant because you are young. Instead, be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith, and your pure life.”

20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

# Benefice Weekend away

**At the time of writing, the BenBinFro church family have just returned from a weekend away together. Sixty of us stayed for two nights at the De Vere Hotel in East Horsley where we spent the weekend in worship and prayer, but we didn't forget to carve out time for a good chat and a drink or two! Our timetable included prayer meetings, talks, children's groups and a discussion session, but also lots of time to enjoy each other's company including a walk, frisbee golf, swimming and the BenBinFro version of Richard Osman's House of Games. Our main event was listening to what Emmy Wilson (pioneer of Alpha in Prisons) had to share with us. We had four slots scheduled to listen to Emmy and learn from her wisdom and experience. She talked about the Holy Spirit and shared lots of amazing stories of how the Holy Spirit has transformed so many lives.**

The weekend also saw the return of Gemma Wemma to lead the dedicated children's sessions. Gemma, although still working with us as benefice administrator, took the time to spend the weekend with the children to give our hard-working youth and children's team a break so they could rest and enjoy the sessions with Emmy. The children were also learning about the Holy Spirit, who He is and what He does and how we can thrive in our



spiritual lives and faith by ensuring we have the right conditions to grow. Just like how a plant needs the right conditions to grow, so we need to talk to God, spend time with other Christians, worship and read our Bibles. They also spent time practicing listening to God. The children asked the Holy Spirit to speak to them and they were able to give a card to a grown-up in the church with a message from God. The grown-ups were so impressed and grateful to the children who encouraged them with their messages from God. The children were learning about the church and how each member of the church family has a gift or skill that God has given them to equip the church – the children certainly proved their worth and it is our prayer that our children know the value they have in their church, but also in the wider community, schools, villages, and more!

We had a brilliant time and there will be more to say in the May magazine, but for now here are a few pictures.

Blessings,

*The BenBinFro Team*



# Good Friday

## Time of Reflection

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

12-3pm

Holy Cross, Binsted  
GU34 4NX



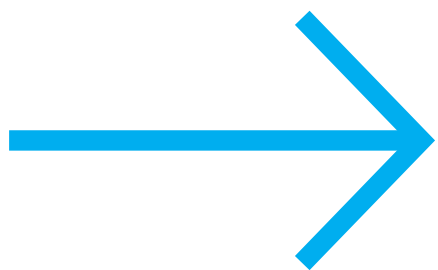
Come along to a time of reflection this Good Friday. We will host 3 hours of prayer, readings and reflections to mark the significance of the day Jesus died on the cross.

Please don't feel like you have to join for the whole time, you are very welcome to dip in and out as suits you.



# Notice of APCMs

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**THURSDAY**

16th April

**Froyle AGM & APCM**

7:30pm in Froyle Church

**TUESDAY**

21st April

**Binsted AGM & APCM**

7:30pm in Binsted Church

**SUNDAY**

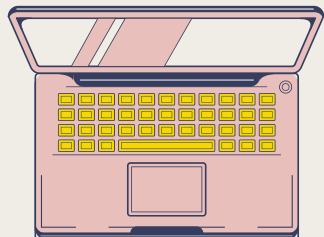
10th May

**Bentley AGM & APCM**

following the 9:30am  
Morning Worship service

# Work from home

*at Bentley Church Hall*



Come along to our 'working from home' sessions at Bentley Church Hall. We have structured days with quiet times for focussed work through the day and the opportunity for a social lunch to beat the loneliness, share ideas, and cheer each other on.

Come any time between 9am - 5pm to suit you.

Don't worry if you need to take calls or sit in a meeting - we have a separate space set up so you won't disturb the others!

9am - 5pm

Dates:

April 14th

April 28th

Bentley Church  
Hall  
Church Lane  
GU10 5NA

FREE lunch

Structured but flexible  
work days

Tea & coffee

WI-FI

chat to Becky or Gemma  
or email [admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org) for more info

# Work from home

*at Bentley Church Hall*



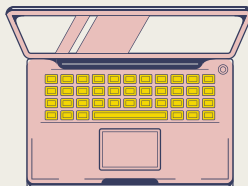
We want to hear from you! Our Working from Home days are very popular with new people coming to work in the church hall every time. But we want to serve our community in the best way we can.

***Have your vote!***

What DAY of the week would you come work from the church hall?



chat to Becky or Gemma  
or email [admin@benbinfro.org](mailto:admin@benbinfro.org) for more info



# **BENTLEY**

**COME DINE WITH ME**



**25th  
April 2026**  
**THREE COURSE  
MEAL WITH WINE  
£35 PER PERSON**

**Join us for a fun evening.  
We will meet at the Memorial Hall at 7pm  
for a glass of fizz, and you will then find  
out where you will dine.**

**Come as a couple or by yourself.  
It is a great way to meet new people in  
the village and support fundraising for  
St Mary's Church.**

For more information or tickets please contact  
**Linda Fuller [lindafuller1105@gmail.com](mailto:lindafuller1105@gmail.com)**

**We live and die;  
Christ died and  
lived!**

**John Stott**



**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**





**WICKHAM INSTITUTE  
SPRING SUPPER  
SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
7.30 PM**

**Come and join us for good home-made  
food and pleasant company.**

**Tickets cost £20 each and can be booked by  
calling 01420 23157 or emailing  
treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk**

**Early booking is recommended as this is always  
a popular event.**

**Please note that you will need to provide  
your own drink.**



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# February 2026

WEATHER STATISTICS



## Temperature



### Daytime maximum

17.8°C (25<sup>th</sup>) to 5.5°C (18<sup>th</sup>)  
16 days above 10°C



### Nighttime minimum

- 0.1°C (14<sup>th</sup>) to 9.4°C (26<sup>th</sup>)  
1 night below 0°C

## Rainfall



### Total for month

4.68 inches (118.9 mm) over 25 days



### Wettest days

0.6 inches (15.2 mm) (3<sup>rd</sup>)

## Wind



### Dominant wind direction

West South West



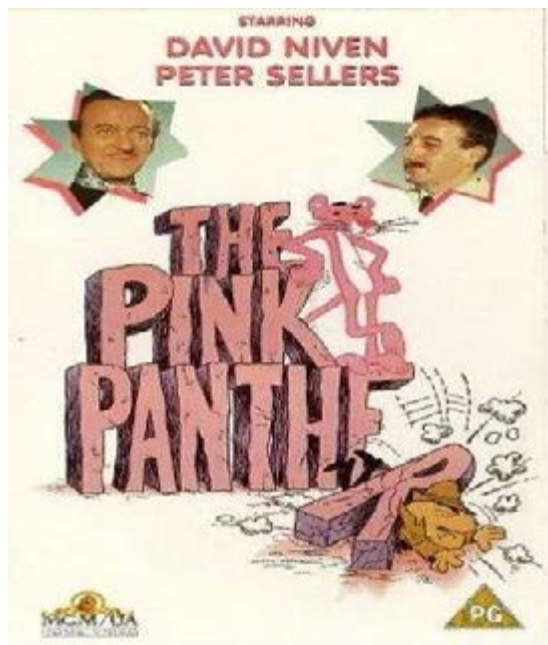
### Maximum gust

20 mph (26<sup>th</sup>)

*Parish Weatherman*

# **Bentley Memorial Hall Association Presents**

## **The Pink Panther (Original 1963 version)**



**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> April, at the Memorial Hall**

**Doors/bar open 7.30**

**Film starts at 8pm**

**Buy tickets at the door, £7**

**Includes free selection of lite-bite snacks**

***YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE.....***

***SO SEE THE PINK PANTHER TWICE !!!***

**Save the date!**



**Bentley**  
PARISH COUNCIL

# The Annual Parish Assembly

**Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.30pm**

in Bentley Memorial Hall

This is not a parish meeting, but your opportunity to meet with your Parish, District and County Councillors to hear what is happening in your village, as well as guest speaker(s) representing Bentley clubs, associations, and establishments.

*All welcome!*

**An agenda will be  
available on the evening.**

**Light refreshments will be  
served after the meeting.**



# Newcomers and survivors

**We all know the story of Sycamore Gap, including the fact that many saplings are now growing from the remains of that one violated tree. This happens everywhere and all the time, with or without our intervention.**

I was in Alice Holt in mid-February, at the corner of the anglers' car park, where a Goat Willow (aka pussy willow) had been felled. It was not obvious how it had offended to warrant felling, but the stump was fighting back with a spray of shoots growing from its base. It was the only willow I saw that day that was already in bud burst; already showing flashes of that pure white fluff that we know it by. For this one to be out so early

was remarkable, and a testament to the ongoing vitality of the roots of the stump.

Not far away were the remains of a Common Beech, blown over by the wind, almost completely uprooted and laid flat. This was nature's doing, not ours. But I counted 21 stems growing bolt upright from the fallen trunk, the largest of which had a girth of 60 cm and a height of 23 m. All of this

was sustained by what few roots remained anchored in the ground. Mature trees often blow over, and a proportion continues to grow in this new “recumbent” position. The term “phoenix tree” has been coined to describe them. Whilst wind blow is the bane of foresters’ lives, in the case of phoenix trees something rather wonderful can arise from the devastation. Being able to regrow as a phoenix tree, and so survive is clearly an advantage.

These trees occur across many woodland habitats, and involve most broadleaved tree species to varying degrees, plus several conifers, notably larches.

Many of our mature native broadleaved woodlands date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and are now reaching the stage where they are increasingly likely to blow over. This makes it a good time to draw attention to the phenomenon, so that owners and managers can be on the lookout for likely phoenix trees and can adjust management accordingly. Phoenix trees are less well known to the public, which is a shame, because they are universally interesting and attractive trees, and more could be done to understand and celebrate them.

And willows have yet another strategy for propagation, to help them overcome their relatively poor performance at growing from seed. They root from cuttings with relative ease. I have an imported willow in my garden, Coyote Willow, *Salix exigua*. I first saw it at Wisley Gardens, and liked its grace as it swayed in the breeze. And I saw how the gardeners cut it back ferociously in the winter, only for it to regrow strongly in the spring. So I do the same, and simply stick the cuttings in the ground. Every year some of the cuttings take, and produce foliage.

The wild Crack Willow, *Salix fragilis*, has evolved this strategy to a further extent. You will find *S. fragilis* all along the banks of our rivers, arching over the water. Not as elegant, nor weeping, as a White Willow, but even more enthusiastic about getting its ‘feet’ wet. Its twigs are especially brittle and snap off with little provocation. They then float downstream until they snag in the bank, and the tip is buried in the mud. This can be the start of another Crack Willow. Another newcomer.

Ben Hamlin *Tree warden*  
Binstedtrees@gmail.com

# BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL



The perfect venue for celebrations, children's parties, meetings, exercise classes or exhibitions. The Hall is conveniently located in the centre of the village and has kitchen facilities and ample car parking.

Downstairs accommodates events for up to 100 people across two rooms.  
Upstairs accommodates events for up to 40 people and is ideal for meetings.

## Your Hall Needs You



We are always looking for new Trustees to help run the Memorial Hall. Without new blood, the existing Trustees will wither away with age and the Hall will die.

If you want the Hall to continue to be part of village life, please consider becoming a Trustee.

For more information, please contact  
[bentleymemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:bentleymemorialhall@gmail.com).

## The Bentley Memorial Hall 100+ Club

The winners of the March draw of the Bentley Memorial Hall 100+ Club are:  
1st David and Ann Wilson    2nd Bruce and Lizzie Powell    3rd Patricia Cardy

**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 to 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.

To join the 100+ Club, please e-mail a request to [bentleymemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:bentleymemorialhall@gmail.com).

**For room bookings and additional information about the Hall, please visit our website**

[www.bentleymemorialhall.org](http://www.bentleymemorialhall.org).

# Bentley CE Primary School - Food Day

On Wednesday 25th February, we had a special Food Day at Bentley CE Primary School to help everyone learn about how our food choices affect our planet.

We are on the Eco Council, and the Food Team started the day by leading an assembly. We shared what we had learnt from our Young ACAN trip to Alton College. We even made an interactive quiz for the school! We found out some shocking facts, like how 1 billion meals are wasted every day around the world, and that 20 million slices of bread are thrown away every single day in the UK. We learnt that there is actually enough food in the world to feed everyone if we are not wasteful.

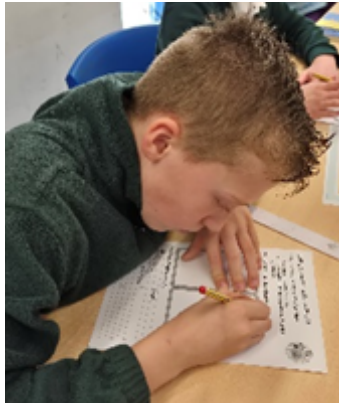
During the day, every class took part in different food activities. We thought about how to make a 'naked' packed lunch, which means having as little packaging as possible or using packaging that can be recycled. For example, instead of bringing individual packets of crisps, we could bring crisps from a big bag in a reusable pot.

Some classes learnt about seasonal food. We were surprised to find out that carrots and onions can be grown all year round here, but other foods are

seasonal. We talked about strawberries and realised that if we want them in winter, they have to travel all the way from warmer countries like Egypt, Morocco or Spain. All that transport adds to our carbon footprint. We thought carefully about how we can choose fruits and vegetables that can be grown locally instead.



Year 1 and Year 2 also explored different types of milk. They tasted soya milk, coconut milk and almond milk. They rated them out of five, thinking about the taste, where they come from and how they are made. There were some funny surprised faces! After lots of careful tasting and talking, coconut milk was their favourite. Some of them even asked for a second taste.



We really enjoyed having a whole day to focus on food. It has made us think twice before choosing our usual meals and snacks, and we are going to keep helping our school make planet-friendly food choices.

Year 6 Eco-councillors



## News from **Binsted Parish Council**

Many thanks to everyone who attended the public meeting last month at the Wickham Institute to hear the A31 Alliance Group's presentation on the Draft EHDC Local Plan. It was a really well attended and lively event, with a lot of questions and concerns being raised. The Plan could see 20,000 new houses across the District; 12,000 homes along the A31 between Bentley and Ropley; and nearly 2,000 in Binsted Parish, and have far-reaching consequences and pressures on infrastructure such as roads, schools, GPs, utilities and damage to the environment.

If you were unable to attend the meeting but want to find out more, as well as how you can have your say on the plans, then please have a look on our website, which has a copy of the presentation and other useful resources-

<https://binstedparishcouncil.org.uk/consultations>

More information about the work of the A31 Alliance can be found here: [www.savejaneaustrucountry.org/](http://www.savejaneaustrucountry.org/)

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### **Annual Parish Meeting at the Wickham Institute Save the Date - Evening of Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**An opportunity to find out what's been happening across the parish and plans for the future. There will be guest speakers, with food and refreshments provided.  
More details to be provided nearer the time.**

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# Help Binsted Primary School secure £5,000!

This summer, South East Water is challenging the community of Binsted to come together to save water. If the village can reduce water use by just **five percent** between **1 April and 30 September**, **Binsted Primary School** will be awarded **£5,000** to fund new outdoor wooden lockers, and plants and tools for the Gardening Club.



## The goal

A five per cent reduction means **saving eight litres of water per person, per day**. To put it simply, that's **less than one standard bucket of water**.

## How to get involved

There is power in numbers! If the whole community plays their part, it can make a huge difference. There are lots of ways to help:

- **Make small changes:** Shower for one minute less, wait for a full load before running the washing machine, or swap the hosepipe for a watering can. Click here for more water-saving tips: <https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/binsted-challenge/#smallchanges>

- **Claim free devices:** South East Water is giving away lots of free devices to make saving water even easier. From Leaky Loo strips to spot hidden toilet leaks to water-efficient shower heads, order for free here: <https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/help/save-water/free-water-saving-devices/>

- **Pledge support:** It takes real community spirit to hit this goal together. Pledge support here: <https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/binsted-challenge/#pledge>

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# Sudoku Games

Sudoku game EASY

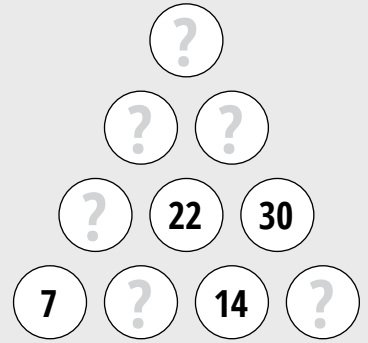
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		2			9			8
		6	4		7			
7	6	8			5			9
	3	1				4	5	
4			3			7	8	1
			8		4	3		
1			2			8		
	5			1	3	6		

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

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

Sudoku game HARD

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

Sudoku game answers shall be in the next edition of the Bentley & Binsted Parish Magazine

# Bentley & Binsted

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**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, last year we had a shortfall of over £3,000, 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](mailto:bentleytreasurer@benbinfro.co.uk) or you can donate online by either:

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



# School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

## Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch class have had a very exciting Spring term so far! We have been on lots of exciting adventures, including the Science Museum and a trip to Parliament where we were lucky enough to sit in on a debate in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We are about to

embark on our 5 day residential next week - setting sail to the Isle of Wight for a week of amazing activities and fabulous friendship building. Take a look at our pictures to see what we've been up to... and look out for some of these faces in Parliament in 20 years time!





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As promised, listed below are the lucky winners  
of the March 2026 draws:

#### March 2026

1<sup>st</sup> prize Lois Kerry

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Tom Wyllys

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Andrew Croom-Johnson

Details of the April 2026 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  
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If you would like to participate an application form can be obtained  
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[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

## CURTIS MUSEUM 2026

### April events.

**Object of the Month:** While the Allen Gallery is closed for refurbishment, the Curtis Museum will showcase each month a highlight from the ceramics collection in the Hampshire Cultural Trust stores.

**This month's object** - Remember the **Natwest Piggies?** Drop in to see our set of all five ceramic Natwest piggy-banks, along with some of the advertising from the day. While you're here, have a go at drawing and designing your own piggy-bank.

**Stepping Stones -Young People's pottery sessions,** (ages 10 -16).

Saturdays 11 April, 25 April, 02 May, 16 May, 23 May.

The Curtis Museum will be hosting free clay workshops for young people. Delivered thanks to support from the Museums Association Wellbeing Fund, these sessions aim to support young people's wellbeing with creative and engaging art and heritage projects led by an experienced tutor. More details and pre-booking (essential) via the Museum website as above.

### Detective Bunny's Easter Egg Hunt.



Join Detective Bunny on a code breaking adventure and win a chocolate prize!

28th March - 12th April, 10am - 4pm, £2 per Trail.

Can you find the hidden eggs? Find the eggs scattered around the Museum, discover some Easter facts and crack the code to receive a special Easter prize!

**Thursday Craft Club** (drop-in) and **Tuesday clay workshops** (please pre-book via the website). Look out for family films and other fun activities throughout the school holidays!

**April Talk - Mike Dawes** on **The Commonwealth** War Graves Commission. Thursday 9th April.

This talk, courtesy of the Friends of the Museum, will be held in Room 7 of the Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton GU34 1HN.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30. FREE, donations welcomed.

# Church Registers

## Bentley

Sunday 23rd November 2025	Baptism of Lexi McMullan
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Funeral and burial of Sadie Searchfield
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Funeral and burial of Shirley Hudson
Sunday 14th December 2025	Baptism of Felix Bladon
Sunday 11th January 2026	Baptism of Arabella Fullard
Tuesday 17th February 2026	Interment of Ashes of Mike Ewin
Thursday 26th February 2026	Thanksgiving service for Ann Joy

## Binsted

Sunday 23rd November 2025	Baptism of Emilia Renders
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## Froyle

Sunday 15th February 2026	Baptism of Ted Matthews
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## Sudoku March Answers

Sudoku EASY

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

Sudoku MEDIUM

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

Sudoku HARD

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



# Blacknest Fields




## 2026 spring socials get underway

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am - 1pm join our 'Easter Social'.** A very gentle version of a conservation work party, where the emphasis will be social, simply to enjoy being outdoors in nature. Children welcome.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10am - 12pm - May Day Social ('Bringing in the May' & Pub Lunch).** A chance to celebrate May Day at The Fields. We plan to 'bring in the May' by gathering greenery to make garlands and 'May flower baskets', to welcome the start of warmer days. Option to stay for a pub lunch at 'The Barn Owl' afterwards for any who would like.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6am start.** Dawn Chorus Day Walk & Breakfast at The Fields. Join us to celebrate the Dawn Chorus, with a circular walk into Alice Holt 'Lodge Inclosure' and back to cook up a little breakfast at the Fields. Numbers for this will be limited. No dogs.



People of all ages welcome and hot drinks will be provided. Please let us know if you plan to join and we will send you further details:  
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In the event of inclement weather check out our Facebook page for advice on whether the event will go ahead or not and we will email everyone who has signed up. Due to the nature of the site, long trousers and sensible boots and clothing are advisable #BeTickAware



Blacknest Fields Community Page

# Hidden Gems of Bentley Walk

**Interest in the Hidden Gems of Bentley guided walks has been fantastic, with the first event in April proving very popular. These relaxed two-hour strolls explore the people, stories and historic corners that make Bentley special, led by local historian Brigid Fice, NHS Wellness Walks Leader Steve Baker, and Jade Bower from the Bentley Wildlife Group.**

Upcoming walks take place on 24 May and 14 June, meeting at 2:15pm at the Bentley Book by the Memorial Hall and finishing with a complimentary cuppa at St Mary's Church.

Demand has been high — only a few places remain for May and June is filling fast, so early booking is recommended.

A £5 donation supports village projects.  
Booking via the QR codes or links.



19th April

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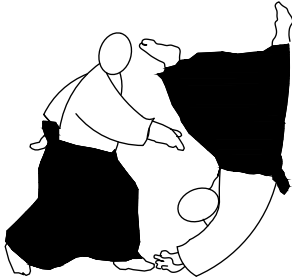
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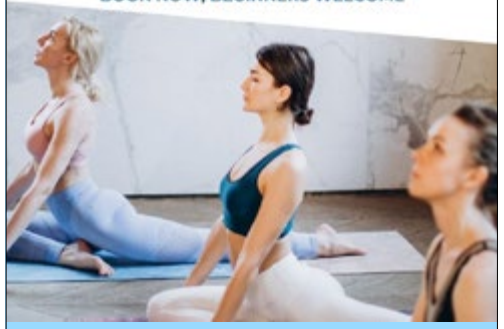
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*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!*

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**Easter Sunday** **9:30am** Bentley Easter Holy Communion  
**9:30am** Binsted Easter Holy Communion  
**11am** Froyle Easter Holy Communion  
**11am** Oakhanger Easter Holy Communion

**12th April** **8am** Binsted Holy Communion (BCP)  
**9:30am** Bentley Morning Worship  
**11am** Froyle Holy Communion  
**6pm** Kingsley Praise

**19th April** **9:30am** Froyle Morning Worship  
**11am** Kingsley Holy Communion  
**4pm** Messy Church at Froyle Church

**26th April** **9:30am** Bentley Holy Communion & Children's Church  
**11am** Binsted Morning Worship  
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