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Over the summer, we will be entering the fete season locally, with Froyle fete occurring on 6th July, followed by Binsted on 13th July and Bentley on 20th July, and ending with Kingsley on 31st August. These wonderful occasions are rightly a celebration of the life of our communities and bring people together from across our villages and from outside.

Our fetes are a showcase for artistic and culinary talents, for displaying our dogs, and an opportunity for village clubs and associations to raise interest and attract new members. Hopefully, the sun will shine, and all generations will come together and revel in the threads that join us all together.

In this beautiful corner of East Hampshire, village life is thriving, and many move into the area attracted by the experience of mutual support and sharing of life together. The quality of life displayed is of a very different order than that experienced in many towns and cities and is something we can be rightly proud of. Our thanks go, in particular to those on the fete planning committees who work so hard to make them possible.

The word fete has come to mean an outdoor event with an element of fundraising for local causes, but its origin is the French word for a feast. I love the idea that when we come together, we are feasting, being filled with good things to an extravagant level.

A key image of heaven, in the Christian tradition, is that of the feast. Where God's people from every tribe, nation and language come together and feast. Revelling in God's presence and love and celebrating the end of all that is evil. The Communion service, is another foretaste of this, that we Come Together in Union and this is the centre piece of our worship.

My prayer is that as we enjoy our village fetes, that we truly celebrate all that is good and come together and build our communities. May we also work to build community and break down the walls that separate us from others with God's help and strength. Each week in our church services we pray for our villages, for those in need and for the world. We come together as a visible sign of commitment and unity, and you are always welcome to join us.

May your summer be full of feasting and fetes!

Matt Boyes  
Vicar of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle



# **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**



## **Binsted's Church Pet Service**

In Binsted Church following the Village Fete

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 11 a.m.**



Bring your pets to this all-age service with hymns, songs, and a blessing for your pets.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

# THE BENTLEY FETE & FLOWER SHOW

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 20TH JULY 2024

**NEW** 1 PM - 5 PM

THE REC, SCHOOL LANE, BENTLEY, GU10 5JA

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON PACKED WITH  
EXCITEMENT FROM 12.45PM AT THE  
MEMORIAL HALL FOR THE STARTING  
PROCESSION & CAVALCADE!

🌸 FLOWER SHOW

🐾 DOG SHOW

🏠 GUEST STALLS

🏆 EXCITING NEW EVENTS IN THE ARENA

👊 PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS INCREDIBLE DAY OF  
FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT!



[WWW.BENTLEYFETE.CO.UK](http://WWW.BENTLEYFETE.CO.UK)



# CALLING ALL BAKERS!!



The Binsted fete is rapidly approaching (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm to 4pm) and once again the Pavilion will be hosting the teas. We need YOUR help to make this a real success and it would be wonderful if you feel able to contribute something baked (cakes, flapjacks, biscuits etc.). As they'll be sliced up they don't need to be perfect, so if you're not quite happy with something you've made for the show why not give it to the teas and try again for the show?

We're asking that donations are nut free, and if you're able to list the ingredients that would be really helpful.

We will have access to the Pavilion on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July to leave donations there, or if this isn't possible please contact me (Stella) on 07740 861256 or Tammy on 07711 086269.

Thank you so much for reading this. Please spread the word amongst other locals.

Stella Croom-Johnson



## **Cantique concert in Holy Cross Church**

At the end of May Holy Cross Church was delighted to welcome back the Cantique choral group for a concert of musical magic, interspersed with amusing anecdotes. Thank you to everyone who supported it, especially all those who gave their time and cooking skills on or before the day. It all helped to make the evening a great success. Some donations are still coming in but at the time of writing this piece (early June) the amount raised for the spire appeal stands at just over £1,300. Thank you and well done.



# 2nd Bentley Scouts - Group Camp

Akela and the leaders prepared and planned a wonderful weekend camp for the Group at Bentley Copse near Shere in June. We were blessed with dry weather which, let's be honest, is a miracle in itself this summer so far. We were in a different location this year which gave the volunteer helpers a great kitchen to create the much needed and very much appreciated fueling throughout the day.

**"Great fun, best one as it was my first time [on camp] with Scouts. Need knee pads for caving."**

*- top advice there for next time!!*

Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all joined together for the weekend. Squirrels and Beavers were invited to camp with parents as part of the family camp and we had lots of participation.

On Saturday evening everyone came together for a fun campfire led by our very own 'Bear' aka Keith with help from Will and Syd!

Favourite activities included climbing and caving for the Scouts and Explorers together with the age old top activity 'crate stacking', I think that the competitive nature of some of them brings about some epic falling! The cubs were particularly keen on the tree canopy zip line, well who wouldn't be? The activities were no doubt fun but the whole weekend gave our young people the opportunity to learn and try new things, develop team work, build self confidence and self esteem and develop deeper friendships with shared experiences.

Squirrels and Beavers had a go at archery, soft tomahawk throwing, go karting, caving and animal sculptures, and 2 beavers even got invested into the colony on camp by the camp fire which is pretty special.

We couldn't have done the camp without the support, time and dedication from our fantastic team of volunteers - much gratitude goes to you all.



**"It was good fun! Not a lot of sleep though."**

If you realise that you are missing out on something wonderful and would like to join in the 2nd Bentley Scout family in any capacity please do get in touch, we are currently looking for team members in the sections, trustees together with people to help with fundraising activities.

**A special thank you also goes to Ben Cardy who has made a kind donation to the group towards group camp. We are truly grateful.**

Melissa Salisbury, *Group Chairperson*  
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melissa@2ndbentleyscouts.org.uk





## **Bentley Flower Show**

Saturday 20 July 2024

[www.bentleyfete.co.uk](http://www.bentleyfete.co.uk)





## BENTLEY FLOWER SHOW

Please visit our website [www.bentleyfete.co.uk](http://www.bentleyfete.co.uk) to register your entries online by 6.00pm on Friday 19 July. There is no charge for entries. Please sign in and bring your exhibits to the Flower Show marquee on Saturday 20 July between 8.00-10.45am.

### Section A Flowers

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

### Section B Floral Arrangements

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

### Section C Fruit and Vegetables

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

- 29 Three Courgettes – max 15 cm
- 30 A Cucumber – longer than 20 cm
- 31 Five Carrots, washed with tops left on
- 32 Three Beetroots, washed with leaves left on
- 33 A Cabbage
- 34 Little and Large – one small, one large of the same vegetable
- 35 An unusual or wonky vegetable
- 36 Three sticks of Rhubarb, leaves trimmed to approx. 7.5 cm
- 37 Collection of soft fruit (Quality not Quantity)
- 38 Collection of five different named Herbs – displayed in a pot or jar
- 39 Home Garden Compost, displayed on a paper plate, covered

### Section D Produce

- 40 Your favourite Pickle or Chutney
- 41 One pot of Jam or Jelly
- 42 One pot of Fruit Curd (eg. Lemon, Passion Fruit etc.)
- 43 One loaf of Artisan Bread
- 44 One pot of Marmalade
- 45 Drink (alcoholic) – One bottle (eg. Sloe Gin or Wine)
- 46 Drink (non-alcoholic) – One bottle (eg. Elderflower Cordial etc.)
- 47 6 decorated Cup Cakes
- 48 An Apple Cake
- 49 6 Chocolate Brownies
- 50 A Light Fruit Cake (see full recipe online)
- 51 6 savoury scones
- 52 6 home-made biscuits
- 53 Six fresh eggs, attractively presented

### Section E Children's Classes

- 54 11 years and under Cress grown in a recycled container
- 55 Yr R Under the Sea artwork (A3)
- 56 Yr 1 Castles (cereal box size max)
- 57 Yr 2 Space rockets (cereal box size max)
- 58 Yr 3 Roman Mosaics
- 59 Yr 4 A design for a Viking artefact
- 60 Yr 5 An Egyptian sarcophagus
- 61 Yr 6 Pop Art (A4)



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



# Changes are afoot!

I have truly loved my time as Headteacher at Binsted School; it has been such a central part of my life for the last 12 years. I am very proud of how the school has evolved going from strength to strength throughout the passage of time. Binsted continues to be a good school in all senses not just our recent 'Good' Ofsted grade. We are grounded in our shared Christian values of Faith, Hope and Love valuing all of our community.

Over the years we have had huge fundraisers, building a new classroom in 2016, developing our playground environment, and latterly building our beautiful Forest room. All of these ventures would not have happened without the whole community coming together to support our school.

In the bible the book of Ecclesiastes says; there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens'

This is my time to move on to new challenges, including looking after my Grandson, walking more and fitting in further travelling. I am delighted that our new Headteacher will be Mr Jennings, who is our current Assistant Headteacher and I know that Binsted will continue to grow and evolve – it is Mr Jennings 'time for everything and his season'.

Thank you to the staff, Governors, friends, family, children and parents old and new for supporting Binsted School and me.

Mrs Sharron Morton  
*Headteacher*

# BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



Our next regular monthly evening meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd September when Elizabeth Sawday will give a talk entitled “Roses grow on you”.

This does not mean that there is nothing planned during the summer though!

**Saturday 20th July** - Bentley Fete – We hope to run the Garden Club plant stall so please put aside any excess plants so that we can sell them at the Fete. If you can spare some time to help on the day, please let one of the committee know.

**Wednesday 11th September 2024** – Trip to Chelsea Physic Garden. Cost £25 per head to include entrance fee. If you are interested in coming, please contact Trish Cardy (01420 22325 / trishcardy@yahoo.co.uk)

**Come visit**

## YOUR LOCAL CHURCH AT THE VILLAGE FETES

**Binsted Village Fete**  
on  
**13th July 2024**  
1-4 pm

**Bentley Village Fete**  
on  
**20th July 2024**  
1-5 pm

**Kingsley Village Fete**  
on  
**31st August 2024**  
11-3pm

**Free face painting**

**Crafts & fun Prayer opportunities**

# Name that hit record!

*Quiz night & Raffle*



*Top 20 hits from over 4 decades!*

## SAVE THE DATE

7pm on SATURDAY 5th October 2024

Bentley Memorial Hall

Tickets £12.50

Bring your own supper and drinks  
(including cutlery, crockery and glasses)

*In aid of fabric repairs to St Mary's Bentley*

Tickets and table reservations from Linda Fuller  
[Lindafuller1105@gmail.com](mailto:Lindafuller1105@gmail.com)

Book a table of 8 or come on your own and join in  
with others



*Are You Living Your Life? - Wendy Davies*

## Alton Camera Club

Despite it being the 'closed' season, members of Alton Camera Club have been busy on field trips and entering their images for various exhibitions and competitions.

Club member, Wendy Davies, has had her image "Are You Living Your Life?" chosen for the Women in Street Global Photography Exhibition in Singapore, bringing together the photographic work of female street photographers from around the globe. Congratulations also to Lynne Harles, whose image "North Transept" has been among those selected to represent the SCPF (Southern Counties Photographic Federation) at the upcoming National Inter-Federation competition.

Recent field trips have seen us visit the largest cemetery in the UK, Brookwood, set in beautiful, peaceful grounds. We also visited Portobello Road market and walked along the Regents Canal Towpath. Our step counts are always 'off the scale' at the end of our field trip days, but we ensure our strength is kept up by frequent coffee and cake stops.

We were kindly invited along to the Broadlands Equine Therapy and RDA Centre at Medstead. The weather was glorious and the stables were in full swing with riding lessons, hacks and mucking out taking place. We look forward to attending their Open Day on Saturday 20th July.



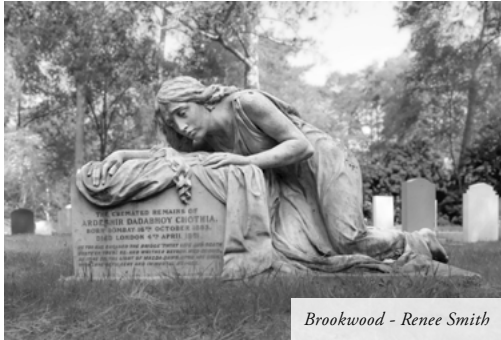
Alton Camera Club start the new season on Wednesday 4th September. We meet every Wednesday evening, 7.30pm at Holybourne Village Hall. We welcome enthusiastic photographers at all levels. You don't have to have an expensive camera, we also welcome mobile phone users. Please see our website [www.altoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.altoncameraclub.org.uk) for more details and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @Alton-CameraClub



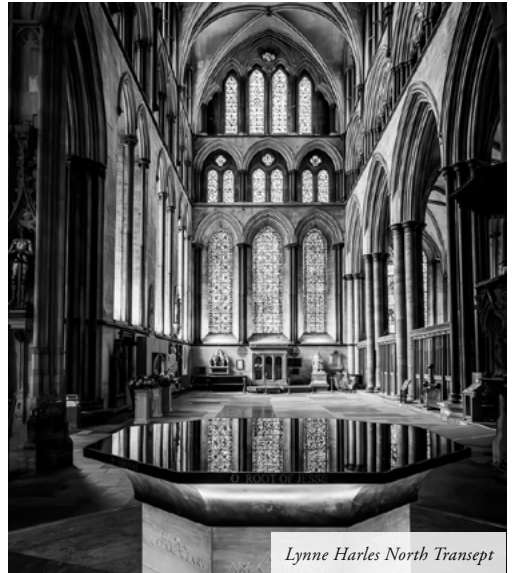
London - Adrian Corser



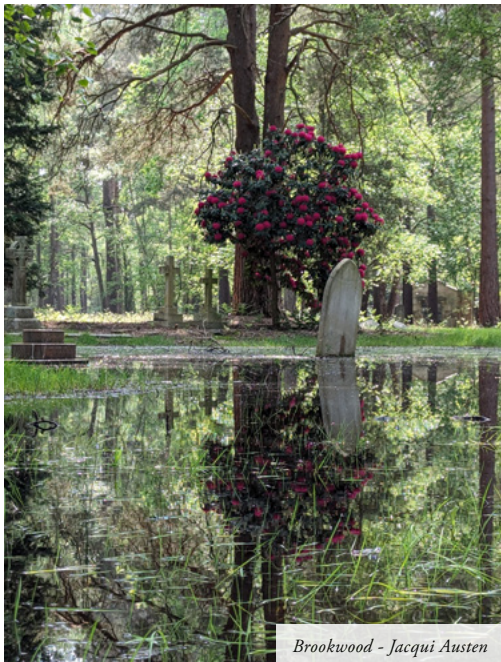
Portobello Road - Steve Emmerson



Brookwood - Renee Smith



Lynne Harles North Transept



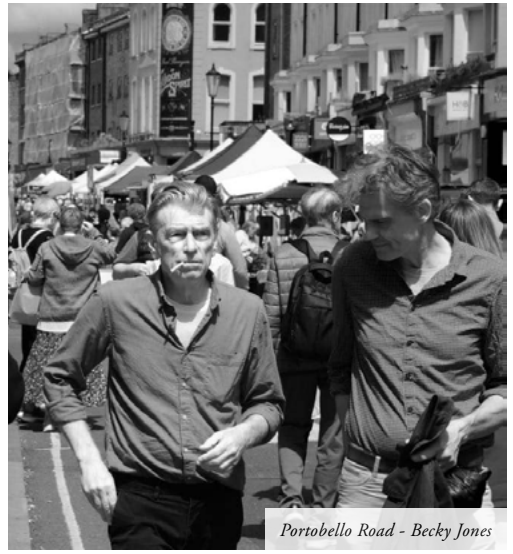
Brookwood - Jacqui Austen



Broadlands - Kelvin Perry



Andrew Sorrell - Broadlands



Portobello Road - Becky Jones

**Bentley Memorial Hall Association  
Presents**

# **The Holdovers**

**“Very touching story that opens the doors  
to challenging our views of ourselves”**

PAUL GIAMATTI  
DAVINE JOY RANDOLPH  
DOMINIC SESSA  
WRITTEN BY **DAVID HEMINGSON** DIRECTED BY **ALEXANDER PAYNE**

## **The Holdovers**

Discomfort And Joy

FOCUS FEATURES presents a MIRAMAX and EBAN FILM production in association with ALEXANDER PAYNE, writer "THE HOLDOVERS"  
PAUL GIAMATTI, DAVINE JOY RANDOLPH, DOMINIC SESSA. Screenplay by DAVID HEMINGSON. Directed by ALEXANDER PAYNE.  
Executive Producer: MICHAEL CASSELA. Editor: VICTOR TORRES. Production Designer: STEVE WARDEN. Director of Photography: COLE BIRDA.  
Casting: ANDREW GOLDBY, THOMAS ZADRA, CHRIS STANSON, TOM WILLIAMS. Produced by MARK JOHNSON, s.p.a., BILL BLOOM, DAVID HEMINGSON.  
Written by DAVID HEMINGSON. Directed by ALEXANDER PAYNE.



**Friday 27 September**

**Memorial Hall**

**Doors/bar opens 7.15 pm**

**Film starts 8pm**

**Tickets £7**

**Buy tickets at the door**

# 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 20 people and is ideal for meetings.

**\*Room for hire – 7 days a week**



Did you know the upstairs room in the Memorial Hall (Hugh Barton Room) now has its own entrance, kitchen and toilet facility? This means it can be used while the nursery is downstairs. The room is ideal for exercise classes, committee meetings and similar.

## The Bentley Memorial Hall 100+ Club

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

1st Bill & Chris Whitfield 2nd Adrian & Linda Job 3rd Adrian & Linda Job

**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).

\* The upstairs room has no disabled access and is not suitable for children.



# 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](mailto: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.

# 'Monty' would have been proud of Binsted's D-Day 80 service

Generations came together to commemorate D-Day 80 in the East Hampshire village where a giant of the campaign was laid to rest.

A group of Binsted Primary School pupils visited the village grave of Field Marshal Montgomery, 1st Viscount of El Alamein, before a special midday D-Day service in Holy Cross Church last Thursday.

The youngsters were accompanied by a veteran who was immensely impressed with their knowledge of arguably Britain's most successful World War Two commander.

The man who commanded all ground forces at the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944, would have been touched by the proceedings with exactly 100 villagers gathering in the church for a service led by Red Matt Boyes.

Bells were rung, the church was bedecked with flowers and pupils dressed in 1940s attire for the service, which included a reading by a veteran and three hymns, respectively for the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force.



The National Anthem was sung and a recording of Dame Vera Lynn's *We'll Meet Again* was aired. The youngsters in the pews swayed to the music, while there was hardly a dry eye among the more mature.

Binsted Holy Cross is immensely honoured to be the custodian of Monty's grave and his recently refurbished banner hangs in the church.

His grave – looking suitably smart and adorned with several poignant tributes from locals and those from further afield – attracts visitors throughout the year with tributes arriving from afar as China and Russia.

The service was a poignant commemoration not only of Monty, but also to all the men and women who were committed to the largest seaborne invasion in history.

The start of the liberation of occupied Europe, and the beginning of the end of World War Two, was thanks to their heroism and actions. We will remember them.

*By Paul Ferguson*

*Photo: Binsted Primary School pupils, dressed in 1940s attire, visited the grave of Field Marshal Montgomery, 1st Viscount of El Alamein, before a special midday D-Day service in Holy Cross Church last Thursday. (Mark Weldon)*

## Church Registers

### Bentley

Friday 24th May

Funeral and Burial of Leonard Davison

Saturday 25th May

Wedding of Holly Monaghan and William Jordan

### Binsted

Sunday 26th May

Baptism of Harry Boys

### Froyle

Friday 24th May

Interment of Ashes of Barry Cousins

# Ride & Stride at Holy Cross 2024

Every year Hampshire and The Islands Historic Churches Trust holds a 'Ride & Stride' Event to raise funds for the maintenance of churches in this area and this year's event will take place from 10am to 6pm on Saturday 14th September.

Please join in if you can – it's great fun and you don't have to cycle or walk: you can Ride (or drive) in a car and Stride up the church path. If that doesn't appeal any form of transport (bus, motorbike, horse etc) is perfectly acceptable!

The important thing is to get your friends and family to sponsor you. Half of the money raised goes to Hampshire and The Islands Historic Churches Trust and is then given out in grants (we received £4,000 from them last year). The other half is kept by your nominated church to help maintain its fabric.

Once again I will be Riding and Striding for Holy Cross Church Binsted, this year for the Fabric Fund, so if you're unable to participate on the day but would like to sponsor me please contact me on [stellaseajay@hotmail.com](mailto:stellaseajay@hotmail.com).

If you feel like getting sponsored and doing a 'church crawl' either on your own or with a group of friends then please contact me for more information and a sponsorship form.

Holy Cross has registered to be open for this event and it's much nicer for visitors if there's someone to talk to about the church. If you'd be willing to be on site for even a short time (30 mins-1 hour) please let me know. It's not onerous and in-depth knowledge of the church isn't needed.

*Stella Croom-Johnson*

**RIDE + STRIDE**  
for the heritage of churches

**SATURDAY 14 SEPT. 2024**

Over 400 churches & chapels in Hampshire & the Isle of Wight will be open.

- Have a family fun day out and discover the beautiful churches and chapels on your doorstep, by taking part in a sponsored cycle or walk.
- Enjoy a warm welcome along the way!
- Help to preserve our churches for future generations.

**join us**

Sponsor forms and more information are available from:  
**Stella Croom-Johnson**  
Tel: 07740 861256  
Email: [stellaseajay@hotmail.com](mailto:stellaseajay@hotmail.com)

or contact the County Coordinator Team at [rideandstride@hict.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@hict.org.uk)

find out more at [www.hihct.org.uk](http://www.hihct.org.uk)

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# WAYMARKS...

## **Maintaining Binsted's Rights of Way**

It certainly has been a very wet Winter and Spring, meaning that even in June, many of our footpaths and bridleways are still very waterlogged and muddy. Any new downpour often renders footpaths very tricky to navigate, because the water table seems to be so high. This, in combination with the welcome arrival of some warm sunny days, means only one thing – the need for some vigorous “vegetation management” on Binsted's Rights of Way! Man-eating patches of nettles and brambles have already been spotted. Fortunately, our team of volunteers is well equipped with both manual and electric tools, supplied by County and Parish councils, to help us

do this. If you encounter any problem areas, don't hesitate to report it, using the methods at the foot of this piece. We will do our best.

In previous years, some of the priority paths in the Parish have had vegetation cut back by contractors working for the County Council. It has now been announced that this will no longer continue, due to escalating costs. Although HCC will be trying to allocate additional resources to this task from within the Countryside Services team, it will inevitably mean that significant parts of this annual task will fall to the County's teams of volunteers to cope with, supported by the Community Engagement Rangers, of course.



Reduced budgets and increasing costs are also evidenced in a temporary shortage of vehicles used by the various Ranger teams. There is also a changed focus for the grants which were allocated to improvements on the Rights of Way network, to now support the larger scale vegetation cutbacks mentioned above. We will persevere of course, even tackling patches of nettles on a footpath in a neighbouring parish, which seems not to have its own team of volunteers.

Finally, on a much lighter note, I was perturbed in May that I still had not heard a cuckoo. In previous years, the cuckoo was the soundtrack to walks on many of my local footpaths, that distinctive call often heard faintly in the distance. In May, it was missing and sorely missed. Then suddenly, at the end of the month, the sound was all around, in three or four different places. And one day, quite unlike anything before, I had a cuckoo calling in the tree directly above my head – that is one loud bird. Welcome back!

The Binsted volunteers are regularly inspecting the parish's paths, but if you would like to report a problem on any of the Binsted Rights of Way, whether it is a fallen tree, a broken stile, a collapsed fingerpost or simply some overgrown vegetation, you can do so online on the Hampshire "Report a problem on a right of way" page – this requires you to create an account and log in to the site first. Alternatively, you can use the volunteer team's own email address to do so – it is [BinstedRoW@gmail.com](mailto:BinstedRoW@gmail.com). One final way of reporting a Rights of Way problem is to do so on the Binsted Community Facebook group. The volunteer team will try to identify problems reported there and deal with them promptly if we can – in all cases, please give as much location information as possible.



# 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](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum)

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

## ALLEN GALLERY

### **Open Art Exhibition: 5 July – 8 September**

Our Open Art Exhibition returns as we fill the gallery with a wide selection of work in a range of media. This all-inclusive exhibition encourages professional artists and those who may be making artwork as a hobby or just starting out, to share their ideas, inspiration and working practices with the general public. Works will be available to purchase. FREE entry

**Alton Arts Festival - Workshops:**  
*(Part of the programme of events delivered in partnership with Alton Arts Festival.)*

### **Playful Clayful**

**Sunday 7th July, 10.30 am & 11.45 am**

Sign up for an hour of working with clay in this loosely guided session, an opportunity for families and children of all ages to enjoy the playful side of this wonderful material. Tickets £5.00 per participant, suitable for anyone aged 5+. Please book on the Alton Arts Festival website.

### **Getting Started with Pastels**

**Friday 12th July, 11.00 am – 1 pm**

Come along for a lesson in "Getting Started with Pastels", tutored by experienced pastel

artist and teacher Sally Cox. You will learn the basics of colour and shading and get some great tips you can build on at home.

Please bring with you a photograph to copy, old rag & an apron or old shirt. Please book on the Alton Arts Festival website.

### **Alton Arts Festival Trail and Free Activities**

**Friday 5th – Sunday 14th July**

Drop in every day throughout the festival to enjoy our trail and celebration of local creativity! Including free, self led craft activities with an Alton theme and an Alice in Wonderland window display of needle-felted characters for the magical Street Stories trail. We are also delighted to host mini exhibitions of work by Alton College students, as well as paper and book arts for the festival.

### **Storytelling Workshop**

**Sunday 7th July, 2-4pm**

Join us for a very special FREE event as we go on a tour of the natural world and explore the power of storytelling. Free but please reserve in advance via the Allen Gallery website or by dropping in/calling 01420 82802.

### **Film Night:**

**Saturday 20 July, 7.00pm**

A surprise screening of a popular classic,

celebrating the Memories of the Palace  
Cinema Oral History Project

Join us at the Allen Gallery on Saturday 20th July for a special screening to celebrate the release of the book of the Memories of the Palace Cinema Oral History Project. Please visit the Allen Gallery website for details, or call 01420 82802. The film will be a popular classic. Title to be announced!

The film will start at 7.00pm, with the cafe and garden open from 6.30pm for wine and non-alcoholic drinks.

Tickets available via [www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery) or in person from the front desk.

## CURTIS MUSEUM

### The Curtis Museum dodo

This summer we will be celebrating the story of the Curtis Museum dodo. Drop in during Alton Arts Festival from 5th - 14th July to see - and vote for! - our entry for the Street Stories art trail. There will be a free trail all week, with both a fun and serious message as we consider how we can help protect endangered species. (Although it's too late for the dodo.)

## Dolls House Weekend

27/28TH July 10.30am - 4pm

A weekend of Dolls Houses to view and play with, items to buy, and a themed trail to follow. Plus lots of other activities for children and adults. FREE entry.

For more information please contact the Community Manager on 01420 82802 or email [alton.museums@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:alton.museums@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk).

The Curtis Museum acknowledges the support of The Vintage Cupboard, Four Marks, Alton. [www.thevintagecupboard.co.uk](http://www.thevintagecupboard.co.uk) Free entry. Donations welcomed.



## Sudoku June Answers

Sudoku EASY

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Sudoku HARD

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### Tennis

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### Croquet

Meet most Friday nights @ 6pm  
Welcome to come along and play  
before paying  
All equipment Provided  
Great Way to meet people  
Social Events During the year



Search "Binsted Tennis" for more details on the Web.

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# 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.



Save the date

An audience with

# Jonathan Viera



Details to follow

**6th  
December  
2024**

At St Mary's Bentley



**I recently visited the National Trust gardens at Stourhead, in Wiltshire. I read that, the original planting of the garden, in the eighteenth century was undertaken by a team of 50 gardeners, who planted and tended beech, oak, sycamore, Spanish chestnut, ash and holm oak. It's well worth a visit, as many of the original trees are now in their prime. But there are no ash now.**

In that same 18th century William Gilpin wrote:

*I have sometimes heard the Oak called the Hercules of the forest; and the Ash, the Venus.*

I have no argument with that. Just look at what we have at the left rear of Binsted Recreation Ground. Massive and majestic, a true Venus.

So where have the Stourhead ash all gone?

The main threat to ash trees is ash dieback, also known as Chalara dieback. This is a disease caused by a fungus called *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* (previously *Chalara fraxinea*). Ash dieback causes trees to lose their leaves and the crown to die back, and usually results in their death. It is thought that tens of thousands of ash trees will die, potentially changing the UK landscape forever.

When fully grown, ash trees can reach a height of 35m. Tall and graceful, they often grow together, forming a domed canopy. The bark is pale brown to grey and fissures as the tree ages. The tree is easily identified in winter by its smooth twigs that have distinctive black, velvety leaf buds arranged opposite each other. The leaves typically comprise 3–6 opposite pairs of light green, oval leaflets with tips up to 40cm long. There is an additional singular 'terminal' leaflet at the end. The leaves can move in the direction of sunlight, and sometimes the whole crown of the tree may lean in the direction of the sun. Another characteristic of ash leaves is that they fall when they are still green.

Ash is dioecious, meaning that male and female flowers typically grow on different trees, although a single tree can also have male and female flowers on different branches. Both male and female flowers are purple and appear before the leaves in spring, growing in spiked clusters at the tips of twigs.

Once the female flowers have been pollinated by wind, they develop into conspicuous winged fruits, or 'keys', in late summer and autumn. They fall from the tree in winter and early spring, and are dispersed by birds and mammals.

Ash trees make the perfect habitat for a number of different species of wildlife. The airy canopy and early leaf fall allow sunlight to reach the woodland floor, providing optimum conditions for wild flowers. In turn, these support a range of insects such as the rare and threatened high brown fritillary butterfly.

Bullfinches eat the seeds and woodpeckers, owls, redstarts and nuthatches use the trees for nesting. Because the trees are so long lived, they support deadwood specialists such as the lesser stag beetle. Ash is regularly accompanied by a hazel understorey, providing the ideal conditions for dormice. Ash bark is often covered with lichens and mosses. The leaves are an important food plant for the caterpillars of many species of moth, including the coronet, brick, centre-barred sawfly and privet hawk-moth.

People have worked with ash timber for years. It is one of the toughest hardwoods and absorbs shocks without splintering. It is the wood of choice for making tools and sport handles, including hammers, axes, spades, hockey sticks and oars. An attractive wood, it is also prized for furniture.

The young, green, immature seeds of ash are edible and have also been used in herbal medicine. Ash trees are in the olive family (Oleaceae) and produce oil that is chemically similar to olive oil.

Ash trees can live to a grand old age of 400 years – even longer if coppiced, the stems traditionally providing wood for firewood and charcoal. We cannot, we must not lose them.

# Confirmation Classes



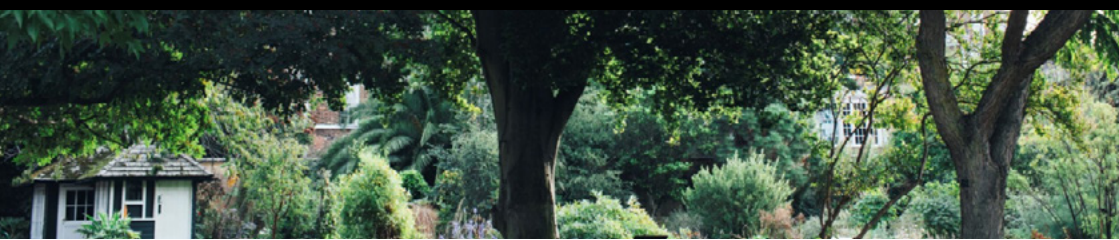
We are planning to have a Confirmation service by the end of the year and would like to know how many might be interested in taking this next step in their Christian faith.

Confirmation is the service where we take the promises made over us in baptism and make them our own. It is a very special service with the Bishop supporting and praying for the candidates as they make their Christian faith public. As a result of Confirmation, you are then able to receive Communion and are a full member of Jesus's church.

We run classes to explore faith and what it means to be a Christian, and to find out more about what Communion means. These are open to anyone who has been baptised and want to be confirmed. If you haven't been baptised, but would still like to take this step, then please join us, as we can baptise and confirm in the same service.

This is always a wonderful occasion for the individual and the church, celebrating what God is doing in our lives. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact Matt.

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## Chelsea Physic Garden

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Cost £25 per head to include entrance fee.

The time coach will leave Bentley Memorial Hall tba.

If you are interested in joining us for either trip,  
please contact Trish Cardy

(01420 22325 / [trishcardy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trishcardy@yahoo.co.uk))

# Bentley CE Primary

At Bentley CE Primary School, it has long been a tradition that the older children buddy up with the youngest. This year, we have loved watching the Year 6s take this responsibility with the utmost care and importance as they have built the confidence of each child in our reception class.

Throughout the year, the buddies have had many opportunities to spend time together. They have walked up to the church together numerous times with the older children holding their hands, making sure they always walk on the inside of the lane for their safety. In school, the Year 6s have created maths



games for them to play in their computing lessons and the Year Rs have created banners to celebrate

their end of SATs assessments. There have been many opportunities to share a book together, play a game of football or just have a chat. However, what makes these relationships really special are the moments of interaction that aren't planned by the teachers. Constantly, we see them running up to each other at the beginning of the day in the playground, cheering each other on when they see them running a lap of the playground for our 'Runtastic' challenge or giving each other a thumbs up when they have won an award in assembly.

Aside from being buddies, our Year 6 children have been incredibly busy this year. They have all had a responsibility in our school including being a house captain, pet leader, digital leader or eco-leader. Each role has involved care and dedication and we are very proud of each one of them.

The highlight of our year for Year 6 has definitely been singing at The O2 Arena in London with thousands of other children for the Young Voices event. The children loved singing songs from the musical 'Matilda' as well as doing the dance moves to 'The Dinosaur'!



In Year R, the children have really shown what a thirst for learning they have. They are working towards

their three end of year aspirations: to perform a story for their Year 6 buddy, to create a fairground game for Year 1 to play, and to grow, bake and shop for everything they need to make their own picnic.

One of Year R's biggest achievements this year has been to fundraise enough money to adopt a giraffe at Marwell Zoo. They decorated cakes and painted postcards to sell and advertised the sale with posters and by visiting all the classes. The best



part was being able to see 'their' giraffe on their trip to Marwell in May.

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## CALLING ALL YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS

The summer holidays are not far away and the Rotary Clubs of Farnham are again running a photographic competition for young people of two age groups, age up to 13 and age 14-18.

The subject is "Say It With Flowers". This can be a simple photograph of wild flowers, or single bloom or you can create a high or low key image, in colour or mono. There are many interpretations. Look for the not so obvious!



Two entries per person are allowed and the images must be all your own work.

The University of Creative Arts (UCA) in Farnham has very kindly offered to host the exhibition. There will be a Private View for competitors and their families in September and the exhibition will run for several days, open to the public. Dates to be announced later to all entrants. We are very grateful to UCA. There is an excellent photographic department at the University and we very much hope that one of the tutors there will judge this year's competition. Certificates will be awarded to all entrants and the first three winners in each age group will receive a prize.

This year, instead of asking you to print your own images, we ask that you email them to Judith Stephens at [jmsrotaryfarnham@gmail.com](mailto:jmsrotaryfarnham@gmail.com) We will have them printed for you but we do reserve the right not to print any which

are of very poor quality or in any way unsuitable. Be sure to email titles and your name, age and contact number (or that of a parent or guardian).



**Closing date for entries which is 15th August.**

Have a good summer and get snapping !!

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**May  
2024**

WEATHER STATISTICS



**Temperature**



**Daytime maximum**

27.2°C (12<sup>th</sup>) to 14.7°C (21<sup>st</sup>)  
12 days above 20°C



**Nighttime minimum**

1.4°C (5<sup>th</sup>) to 12.8°C (14<sup>th</sup>)  
6 nights below 5°C

**Rainfall**



**Total for month**

2.15 inches (54.6 mm) over 14 days



**Wettest days**

0.51 inches (13.2 mm) (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Wind**



**Dominant wind direction**

West



**Maximum gust**

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

*Parish Weatherman*

Binsted Fete

# FUN FAMILY DOG SHOW

Saturday 13th July 2024, 1-4PM  
Binsted Recreation Ground, GU34 4PB

Bring your four-legged friends along for a paw-fect day out at the Binsted Fete. Enjoy our traditional village fete with something for everyone - including stalls & activities, tractor rides & petting farm, grand raffle & much more!

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Entry to each class is limited so we recommend you register early to avoid disappointment. Online entry before 8pm on Thursday 11th July 2024 - £1.50 per dog, per category. On the day entry - £2 per dog, per category.







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As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the  
June 2024 draws:

#### June 2024

1<sup>st</sup> prize Kathy Ogilvie Thompson

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Joan Longhurst

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Roz Kohler

Details of the July & August 2024 draws will  
appear in the September magazine.

**REMINDER TO TICKET HOLDERS:** A few 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](mailto:treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk)



# Saturday 13th July 2024

## 1-4pm, Binsted Recreation Ground

### Help Needed...

Last year we welcomed over 800 visitors and 100 dogs to join in the fun activities on offer. We were thrilled to be able to donate £3,500 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. GLUTEN & DAIRY FREE cakes also welcome! NO NUTS OR FRESH CREAM PLEASE.

**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!

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## Bentley Wildlife Joins Team Wilder

Bentley Wildlife is delighted to announce a new partnership with Team Wilder, an initiative run by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT). This collaboration marks a significant step forward for our local group, and we're eager to share the exciting opportunities it brings.

Team Wilder is an integral part of HIWWT's ambitious 10-year strategy, launched in 2019, with a bold vision: to make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight 30% wilder by 2030. This strategy focuses on two key areas: managing and rewilding land, and inspiring the community to actively participate in creating wilder spaces.

Team Wilder embodies the community engagement aspect of this strategy. HIWWT recognises that effective nature recovery relies on a significant increase in public support. Studies indicate that even a 25% rise in people taking action for nature can influence the majority to shift their behaviours in its favour. This

is the driving force behind Team Wilder – a national movement empowering individuals to connect with nature and take action against ecological decline.

By becoming part of the growing Team Wilder network, Bentley Wildlife gains access to a wealth of resources and support so we can do more to facilitate local initiatives that will directly contribute to the overall aim of making Hampshire and the Isle of Wight wilder. Whether it's habitat creation projects, wildlife monitoring, or educational events, our efforts will add to the collective impact.

**Join Us and Make a Difference!**

We're actively seeking enthusiastic individuals who share our passion for nature to join this group. If you're interested in contributing and making a difference, please don't hesitate to contact us at [bentleywildlife@gmail.com](mailto:bentleywildlife@gmail.com).

**Bentley Wildlife Group**

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# Binsted Fete

Saturday 13th July 2024, 1-4PM  
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## Fun for all the family...

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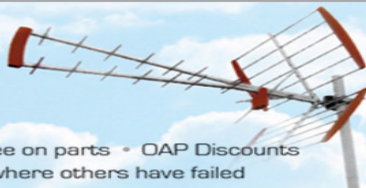
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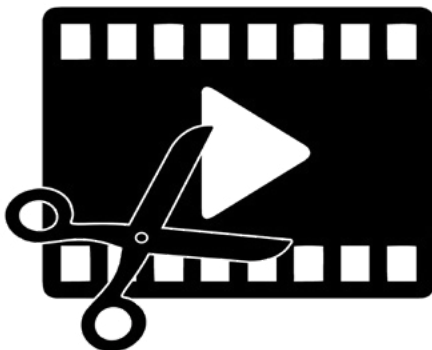
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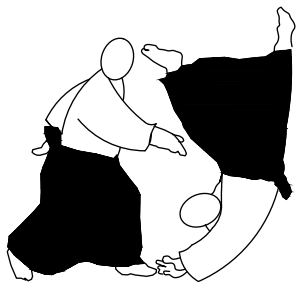


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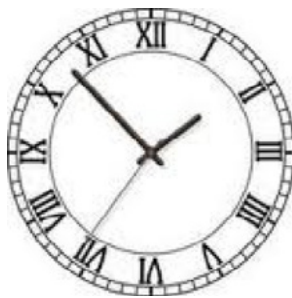
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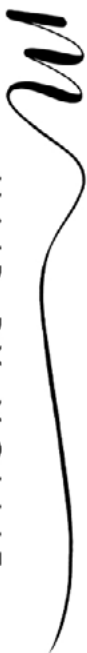
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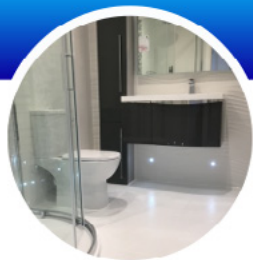
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# July / August Services



**7th July 11am** Froyle Pet Service   
(Outside Froyle Village Hall)

**14th July 11am** Binsted Pet Service   
(Binsted Church)

**21st July 11am** Bentley Marquee Service   
followed by Pimms, you are welcome to  
bring your own picnic (on Bentley Rec)

**28th July 11am** Bentley Family Service   
& Holy Communion  
**6:30pm** Froyle Evensong  
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**4th August 11am** Kingsley Holy Communion

**11th August 11am** Froyle Holy Communion

**18th August 11am** Binsted Holy Communion

**25th August 11am** Bentley Holy Communion  
**6:30pm** Froyle Evensong

**1st September 9:30am** Binsted Holy Communion  
**11am** Oakhanger Holy Communion  
**6:30pm** Bentley Praise