

Great Bentley Parish News

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EDITORIAL

I do hope that you enjoyed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as much as I did. Every time I look at the photographs I smile and just think how lucky we are to live here in Great Bentley. Thank you to everyone involved in organising the events on the green, the street parties, and private celebrations that took place over the four day Bank Holiday. Special thanks to Kevin and Matt Plummer for organising the lighting of the beacon on the green on Thursday 2nd June and to our two pipers. This was an event which took place all across the nation and the world and was requested by the Queen's Pageant Master. If you enjoyed the Boxted Silver Band who played on the green they will be at the Methodist church on Saturday 2nd July. See page 3 for details and tickets can be booked by ringing Robert Taylor on 250087. We have produced a "Colour Supplement" of photos and a few black and white images from the Jubilee weekend, apologies for all the ones we were unable to include.

On Saturday July 9th, the Tendring Show will take place after the enforced postponements of the past two years. Poster with details inside and congratulations to the two lucky winners who won the two pairs of tickets donated in lieu of the Shows advert being published. That very same night we have an open air theatre production of James and the Giant Peach in St Mary's churchyard. **Book quickly as numbers are limited.** See page 6.

Also in July we have the MCC fielding a cricket team against Great Bentley on Sunday 17th to celebrate 250 years of cricket being played on our village green. Everyone is able to join in and this is an all day event with details on page 9.

Another massive new feature we have been asked to promote is the opening of the Lost Kingdom of Wyvernwood a theme park which opens its doors this month at Alresford, on the 15th I believe.

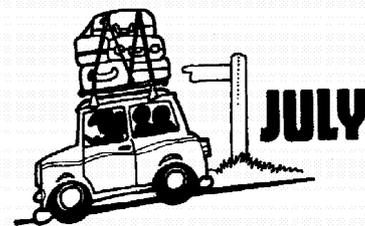
Congratulations to Great Bentley Bellringers who recently entered a competition and came second. A great achievement. We all love hearing the bells ring out at various times throughout the year.

This is the time of year when we are all so busy in the garden, on the allotment and in between watching all of the new families of birds and mammals being fed by diligent parents. I love watching the hedgehogs in the garden as it begins to get dark and they certainly know where their feeding station is. I can never get over the speed at which they can move, approximately four miles an hour I have just read. On a sad note I see that figures recently revealed have stated that it is estimated that 2,100 breeding pairs of Turtle Doves now nest in this country compared to 125,000 in 1970. A very worrying statistic and I have to say I have not heard one calling this year. On the plus side visits to Barn Owl nesting sites with David Wilkin the Barn Owl Man to ring the young chicks, so far indicates good numbers for 2022.

At the time of writing talk in the village is focussed on the closure of the railway level crossing. How will we get to Aingers Green or ferry our wheelbarrows to the allotment site over the steps? I asked our Tendring District Councillor to check this out and it would appear that the closure of the crossing refers to the two footpaths E45 and E46 **NOT** the actual level crossing. I can however see that this would have silenced those who are up in arms about the amount of traffic coming through our village!!

If you get this magazine delivered quickly please remember that there will be **ROAD CLOSURES ON CARNIVAL DAY.**

Enjoy the lovely weather,
Mary Maskell



2022

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Jubilee Celebrations

**Afternoon tea
in the marquee**

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THE MONTHLY LETTER JULY

What a wonderful celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

The village looked amazing with flags, bunting and great opportunities to celebrate and enjoy time together.

The Queens Jubilee Service allowed us to celebrate her position as Head of the Church of England and give thanks for all that she has done for the Church and for the Country. It was also good to see the smile on the Queen's face when she was on the Palace balcony watching the flyover.

However you celebrated – I do hope that you enjoyed time with friends and family over the 4 day weekend.

Every Blessing
Sharon

ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNDAY CLUB

For children of
primary school age.

We meet on the second Sunday of the
month.

We start in church for a little while then
go to the church hall for a story and
crafting,

then we join everyone back in church
to tell and show them what we have
been doing.

If you would like to join us

Please ring

Mary Maskell 250524

PIANIST FOR OCCASIONAL SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

We have an organist who plays at our regular services, weddings etc but we need help for when she is unable to attend. Could you help us on those occasions?

Help would be given to adjust to playing the organ.

If you could help please contact
the Church Warden

Wendy Smith 01206 250098



St. Mary's Church Facebook Page

St. Mary's Church now has a new facebook page!

Here we will be posting news of upcoming services, as well as any forthcoming events or fundraising. Please like and follow the page to keep up to date with our news, the page name is 'St. Mary's Church Great Bentley'.

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St Mary's Church COFFE MORNING

Saturday 16th July

St Mary's Church Hall

10.00am - 12noon

Refreshments

Cake Stall:

Raffle



In Aid of Church Funds

ST MARY'S CHURCH WEBSITE

stmaryschurchgreatbentley.co.uk



**GREAT BENTLEY
METHODIST
CHURCH NEWS**

Hire our warm, large or small halls with fully serviced kitchen.

Ring 250087

Don't forget our Facebook page.
Search for
GtBentleyMethodistChurch

Greetings to you all

We welcome you to worship at Church or on Zoom with us during July. If you would like to join our Zoom service by Computer or iPad please ring 250087 for the connection.

Morning worship will be held at **10.30am** unless otherwise stated.

The leaders of worship are set out below:-

July 3rd	Rev Crawford Logan
July 10th	Rev Marion Cole
July 17th	Worship leader Di Bignell
July 24th	Deacon Janet Jenkins
July 31st	Maddie Whittle

Prayer Meeting We meet for prayer on the second Wednesday of each month 9.45 for 10am at our Church. This month 13th July

Sandwiches for Hope @ Trinity, 13th July
Each second Wednesday of the month at 10am we collect Sandwiches and take them to our Church in Clacton for those struggling to buy food for themselves. Collection at our Church before we go to Clacton at 9.30.

Other Events in July:

Flower Festival see other advert 2nd & 3rd July
Boxted Silver Band (As played on the Green on Jubilee Saturday) Saturday 2nd July 7.30 pm Tickets from Robert Taylor 01206 250087

Messy Church 12th July 3.30 welcomes children and their parents/carers for activities on a Christian theme. Arrive after school. We finish with a simple meal and leave at approx 5pm. No charge, but a donation towards the food and craft materials is welcome.

ST MARY'S SERVICES IN JULY

Sunday 3rd July - Trinity 3

Galatians 6. 6-16: Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

10.00am Joint Benefice Service at St Osyth

Tues 5th Bible Study, Church Hall, 10am

Sunday 10th July - Trinity 4

Colossians 1.1-14: Luke 10. 25-37:

9.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Club

Sat 16th Coffee Morning in the Church Hall 10-12 noon

Sunday 17th July - Trinity 5

Colossians 1.15-28: Luke 10.38-end:

9.30am Holy Communion

Tues 19th Bible Study, Church Hall, 10am

Thurs 21st Knit & Natter, Church Hall, 2-3.30pm

Sunday 24th July - Trinity 6

Colossians 2. 6-15: Luke 11.1-13

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st July - Trinity 7

Colossians 3.1-11: Luke 12. 13-21

9.30am Family Service

ROTAS FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH FOR JULY

Sidespersons Rota

3 rd	St Osyth
10 th	Lynda McWilliams
17 th	Mandy Miles
24 th	Annabel Stearn
31 st	Linda Hayes

Prayer Rota

3 rd	St Osyth
10 th	Nicky Justice
17 th	Wendy King
24 th	Carol Kerridge
31 st	David Branch

Coffee Rota

10 th	Hannah Justice
17 th	Lyn Gordon
24 th	Zonia Wood
31 st	Rosemary Branch

Cleaning Rota

2 nd	Edna Black
9 th	Bev Adams
16 th	Mandy Miles & friend
23 rd	Carol Kerridge & Lea Howlett
30 th	David & Rosemary Branch



COMMUNITY CRAFT EVENT

Great Bentley Village Hall

16th July

10.30 till 3.30

Raising funds for Great Bentley
Primary School

We have over 20 craft stalls, tombola,
face painting, food, drinks and
plenty more

FREE ENTRY



Village Hall

AGM

Monday 4th July at 7.30pm

In the Village Hall

Everyone welcome.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

If you are interested in
joining a Creative Writing Group
please contact

Ruth Wyllie
ruth.wyllie@gmail.com



TENDRING SHOW
2022
Brought to you by Tendring Hundred Farmer's Club

SATURDAY
9th JULY
Show starts at 9am

CLAIM A FREE CHILD TICKET ON-LINE

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!
Essex County's Premier Agricultural Event

- Over 250 Tradestands & Exhibits
- Large Countryside Area
- Lifestyle & Art Show Marquee
- Main Ring Entertainment
- Huge Food Pavilion
- Livestock & Equestrian Shows

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LAWFORD HOUSE PARK
Near Manningtree, Essex, CO11 2ND

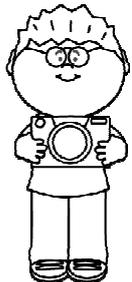
Purchase tickets online at www.tendringshow.co.uk
Tickets can be purchased in advance at a reduced rate
Charity No. 803015

Disabled facilities available
Well behaved dogs welcome

PHOTOGRAPHS REQUIRED

We are trying to improve St Mary's Church website and would be grateful to anyone who has any photos of special services that they have had in the Church that they could share with us. If you would be happy to have these pictures on our website and possibly used on any other promotional material for the Church we would be grateful. Any wedding, or baptism photographs would be greatly appreciated but also any pictures you may have of other festivals at the Church.

Please email them to
nicolajanejustice@gmail.com
07941 357122



GOOD WISHES

To all friends of Anne Wilson of De Vere Estate, she has been hospitalised for weeks and wants to let everyone know that she is doing well and hopes to be home as soon as possible. We, her immediate neighbours and friends, would like to wish her a very speedy recovery, thank you,

Carol and all her neighbours!

FOOD BANK

We have run out of, or running extremely low on the following items.

If you could add one item to your shopping it would make a world of difference.

We have collection points in all major supermarkets, or you can drop to us Mon-Sat 10-2. We are next to BM at Tollgate Stanway .

Pasta sauce
Tomato Sauce
Long life Juice
Long life milk
Squash/cordial
Tea bags
Razors
Shaving gel/foam
Toilet rolls
Size 5,6,7 nappies



We have run out of:

Shampoo
Washing powder/gel/pods
Washing up liquid
Toothbrushes
Deodorants male and female
Can openers

You can also save your small change into a jar and donate it to the foodbank when it is full...

Great Bentley Methodist Church
in the centre of Great Bentley Green

Flower Festival

Title "Green Planet"



Light Lunches, Stalls & Strawberry Teas

Join in the fun Quiz guess the place

Saturday 2nd July 10am to 5pm

& Sunday 3rd July 11.30am to 5pm

Plus Saturday 7pm Concert by

Boxted Silver Band tickets £10



St Mary's Church Hall

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email; linda.bear@sky.com

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES FOR GREAT BENTLEY SHOW 2022

Creepy Crawlies

Magic Moments

Sporting Chance

On Four Legs

East Anglian Skies

Up the Creek

Open ...



CHAMELEON'S WEB THEATRE COMPANY Presents An Outdoor Production of

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

By Roald Dahl
Adapted by David Wood.

Saturday 9th July
4.30pm (gates open at 3.30pm)

St Mary's Church,
The Green, Great Bentley CO7 8QG

Box Office: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chameleonsweb

Telephone Box Office: 0333 666 33 66

(a telephone service fee of £1.80 will be added to all completed bookings.)

£14 Adults: £11 Concessions:
£45 Family (2 adults, 2 children)

All other enquiries: 07749 652127

St George's C of E
Primary School PTA

Summer Fete & Plant Stall

Saturday 16th July

12pm - 4pm

St Georges C of E Primary School
Brook Street, Great Bromley

Raffle: Craft: Plant sale
Games: Face painting:
BBQ: Bar: Bouncy castles:
Cake sale: Stalls: Street Food:
Displays & Attractions

See more at:

[https://www.facebook.com/
stgeorgescofeprimaryschoolpta/](https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgescofeprimaryschoolpta/)

DEADLINE FOR AUGUST MAGAZINE

FRIDAY 15TH JULY

Material to Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage, The Green, 250524 **AND**
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Please mark all material - "Parish Magazine"

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IMPORTANT - PLEASE SEND ALL INFORMATION TO BOTH OF US

GREAT BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL RECYCLE SCHEME

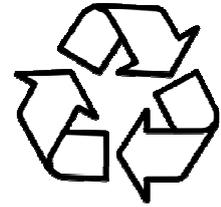
We currently take:

Crisps and multi pack packaging
Cakes, biscuits and crackers wrappers
Sweets and chocolate wrappers
Pringles tubes, lids and foil seal (no other brand)

We don't take

stretchy plastic such as bread bags etc
cheese wrappers
toiletries
pet food pouches

If you could help by sorting the wrappers first this would be amazing especially with COVID current restrictions this would go some way to safeguarding the spread.



BINS CAN BE FOUND AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE WORKING GROUP

Following on from the talk at the annual parish meeting in May about climate change, the parish council has decided to set up a Climate Working Group.

The aim of the group will be to consider the steps that we can take locally in order to meet the climate change challenge facing us all. This might include taking measures to reduce our carbon emissions, to encourage greater bio-diversity and/or to facilitate more recycling. Other suggestions that were forwarded by residents at the annual parish meeting included:

- Recycling / repair / upcycling facility, group or club (toys, furniture etc)
- Reducing the mown area of the Green
- Allowing the buttercups to grow for longer
- Cycle path to Thorrington
- Cycle parking in the centre of the village

It will, of course, be up to the group itself to establish its specific terms of reference.

The council has agreed that, at least in the first instance, the group will consist of Councillor Dennitts and myself, but we would very much like 2-3 interested members of the public to join us so that we reflect as wide a range of views as possible. Given the importance of climate change, we're sure that local residents have plenty of ideas.

It is up to us to decide how often we meet but we would anticipate no more than once a month and the meetings may even be more irregular than that. The workload for local residents who join us can be as great or as small as you can fit into your current commitments. The important thing is that you get involved and tell us what you think.

If you are interested in joining us, please email the clerk at:

clerk@greatbentleyparishcouncil.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Councillor Alison Clarke
Councillor Pippa Dennitts



COLLATING YOUR VILLAGE MAGAZINE

We are back to collating the magazine in the Church Hall from 9am to 11am.

We have a break for tea, coffee and biscuits.

If you could come along to help us that would be wonderful, a warm welcome awaits you.

We will be collating again on Friday 29th July.

Everyone Welcome.



Welcome to Ken and Nichola Halfacre and family who have recently come to live in Linnet Way.

Janey and Darren to 5 Weeley Road, Aingers Green.

Dawn and Graham, 24 De Vere Estate

The young couple and new baby at No. 8 De Vere Estate





Great Bentley Pre-school

www.greatbentleypreschool.co.uk

information@greatbentleypreschool.co.uk

I can't believe it's that time again when we are in the last month of the academic year, this also sadly means it is that time again when we have to say goodbye to lots of our children as they start the next step in their educational journey.

This is always the hardest part of our job and can be quite emotional as we bid farewell, some of the children can be with us for nearly 3 years at such an important time of their development and many bonds and attachments are made during this time. It's always an absolute pleasure though to see how they have all developed, progressed and matured within their time at Pre-school and to know we have been a part of that. We hope you have all enjoyed the challenges and experiences we have shared in your time with us and that you all will take away lots of happy memories.

The whole team at Great Bentley Pre-school would like to wish every one of them good luck in their next step and hope they enjoy and have lots of fun at their new 'big school'.

Summer Trip

We have our summer outing this month to look forward to which is on Wednesday 6th July and at Brightlingsea beach where we hope to have a funfilled day, fingers and toes crossed we continue with this glorious weather we are having as I type.

This is a great day out in the Pre-school calendar as it is open to all Pre-school children that attend the group, we invite parents and carers to come along too so we can all enjoy a day out together, we just hope as many as possible can join us and the weather is kind.

Autism Coffee Meeting

Our next coffee morning is arranged for Thursday 14th July at 1:00.

Please come along if you have a child on the autistic spectrum, maybe just going through the assessment stages, or have any concerns or worries about your child.

You do not have to have a child attending the Pre-school to come along, we are here to support and listen to everyone.

Leavers Assembly

As mentioned earlier we will be saying goodbye to lots of our children and their families this month so they can begin the next stage of their education. We are planning to do a little show for parents, carers, grandparents, etc. on the last day of term which is Thursday 21st July.

We hope to see many of their extended family there as we wish our little ones farewell and good luck for their continued journey.

September Term Registers

Registers for September are already looking quite full. If you would like to become part of our Pre-school or would like any information, please contact me through our email address at the top of this article or through FB messenger.

We will be shut and on our summer break from Thursday 21st July until Monday 5th September, please bear this in mind if you are thinking of enquiring as we would love to meet you before we do break up.

Finally

Allison and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and commitment over the past year, they really are a fantastic, dedicated team.

We would also like to thank the parents for their continued support and wish you all a happy and healthy sun filled summer.

Thanks for reading

Julie Wiles

Great Bentley CC vs MCC 250th anniversary



Sunday 17th July 2022

Ice cream van 



Face painting 

All day BBQ from 9:30am



Bar open all day from 11am

Kids cricket coaching 9:30am to 10:30am

Raffle and silent auction

MATCH COMMENCES 11.30AM

**Please come and celebrate the 250th anniversary
of our special village club!**

Everyone welcome!



Date for your diary: Monday 25th July

Registration opens at www.weeleyvetcentre.com

This month I'm going to talk about the bane of many pet owner's lives.... grass seeds.

The shape of a grass seed resembles an arrowhead. The sharp pointy end can penetrate the skin and the fibres cling onto the fur then prevent the seed from moving backwards once penetration has taken place. Seeds usually penetrate the skin between the toes (the interdigital area) or enter the ear canal however I have also removed them from under the eyelid, inside the gum and under the skin elsewhere on the body. The seeds may continue to burrow, causing inflammation and infection of the sensitive tissues.

Location of seed(s)	Symptoms
Interdigital area	Acute onset lameness A painful, red swelling between the toes with or without pus draining Sometimes a second hole elsewhere (often on the other surface) if the seed has travelled through the foot, forming a sinus Licking of the affected foot
Ear canal	Shaking and/or rubbing ear Painful reaction to ear being touched Sometimes discharge and/or malodour coming from the ear
Eyelid	Squinting/keeping the eye closed Rubbing the eye Sometimes ocular discharge Sometimes swelling of the eyelids
Gum	Inappetance or difficulty eating Sometimes rubbing the mouth
Skin elsewhere	Sometimes a visible abscess with or without drainage A word of warning: Seeds have been known to have go unnoticed until they have penetrated the chest or abdomen. Symptoms in these more serious cases include coughing, lethargy, fever and inappetance to name a few. When the chest or abdominal cavities become infected, known as pyothorax and peritonitis respectively, these conditions are life threatening.

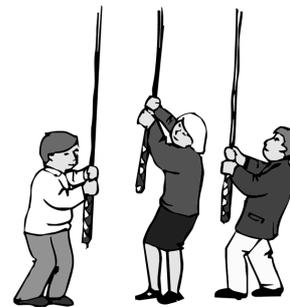
My top tips for avoiding grass seed problems:

- Avoid walks in long grass
- Keep fur trimmed short, especially around the ears and paws, as this will give seeds less to hold onto and hide in
- Check your dog's body carefully for grass seeds after every walk
- If you have any concerns at all, seek veterinary attention at the earliest opportunity

Dr April Young MRCVS

BELLRINGERS UPDATE

You will have all heard the bells ringing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations prior to the events on the village green on the 4th of June. For us, it is an honour to have been able to do this for such a 'once in a lifetime', and historical celebration. Ringing to celebrate this momentous event was a very busy time for us as some of our group helped celebrate in other villages by ringing their church bells.



A week later, a group of us from the Great Bentley bell ringing members entered a competition and achieved 2nd place! This is the first time in 23 years that we have entered a ringing competition and naturally feel proud of our success.

I pondered recently about how much has changed during my lifetime, and about the things that we took for granted that perhaps no longer happen. The ringing of church bells to announce services and events in England has taken place for hundreds of years, and as such we are lucky that this still happens in our village. Some village churches in Essex no longer have bells ringing regularly, whereas we have sufficient members to ensure the bells are rung as and when required. However, we still actively recruit and always have new members learning this ancient art.

If you would like to see what we do or learn to ring church bells, please contact me on the number below. Remember:

- You do not need to be strong
- You do not need to have played a musical instrument
- There is no home and away kit!

Roger Carey-Smith
07422880921

SESAW NEWS

There was an excellent atmosphere at our village Jubilee celebration last month. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed meeting visitors at the SESAW Pets' Corner and gift stall. Our volunteers are holding a Table Top Sale at Newton Green Village Hall, CO10 0QS, 11am-2.30pm on Saturday 2nd July. They will be selling jewellery and accessories, glass, china and homeware, pet goodies, books and more. Try a new, fun card game – Cardola, three go's for £1! There will also be homemade cakes and refreshments, free admission and parking.

We have many animals for rehoming including a pair of older cats that arrived last summer because their owner was ill. It was hoped Lord Iffy and Winnie would return home, sadly circumstances changed and they are now looking for a calm, quiet adult household. Both cats love to lie in the sun and would appreciate a sunny window sill to bask and watch the world go by. If you can offer this deserving pair a loving home, please leave a message on the answerphone.

Mum says we are now open to visitors from 10am to 1pm from Thursday to Sunday during the Summer. Please check with Facebook or the website if you have a long journey. I have a short journey to the kitchen where dinner is ready for all the dogs, including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Reg.Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Tel: 01787 210888 www.sesaw.co.uk

ALAN GOGGIN NOTES

- May 31. Visit St.Marys Rd. Great Bentley. Report standing water and damaged kerb. Picture to Highway plus discuss Cllr. Builders works?
- May 31. Visit B1027 Thorrington. Defective temporary manhole cover – perhaps Anglia Water? Picture to Highways plus discuss Cllr.
- May 24. Visit. Colchester Sports Park. Presentation regarding E.Cargo delivery bikes. The last mile delivery. Intro in Town Centres and villages.
- May 24. Liaison meeting Alresford Parish and Brett Aggregates. Visit. New plans and routes for HGV's discussed.
- May 24. Discussion with resident regarding Passport delays for wedding abroad. Referred to MP. Point Clear.
- May 23. Discussion with resident regarding special needs school placing for daughter. Referred to portfolio-holder Education. St.Osyth.
- May 23. AG circulated via Clerks detail re Ukraine refugees. In Essex 829 registered sponsors, 1232 requests for homes involving 1,876 individuals. County Council dealing with finance as instructed by central government. Officers at Stanstead, Southend & H
- May 21. Visit. Emergency repair pothole B1029. Completed Saturday morning.
- May 16. Discussion Thorrington resident and special needs placement. Forwarded with points to portfolio-holder.
- May 14. Visit. Social event but opportunity to speak with 3 local MP's regarding national and local concerns.
- May 14. AG requests that new LHP brochures are sent to each clerk for forwarding to their respective Councillors. Suggest as "first read" for all projects.
- May 12. Longstanding item of chevron sign replaced at Gt. Bentley following reporting.
- May 11. Issue re locality fund payment to Alresford. Paid during extension period £2.5K
- May 10. CIF grant for Brightlingsea Free music Festival. CIF £5K.
- May 2. Visit. New business venture in Alresford. Met with owners re new major tourist attraction. Very impressed. Huge project. Issue with road entrance to site.

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cldr.alan.goggin@essex.gov.UK or alan@agoggin.co.uk

FACEBOOK: - Alan Goggin Essex County Councillor - Established 1947.
"Report it" tool for road or highways issues. <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us>

You can tell us about maintenance issues online by using our highways reporting tool. If you think there's a risk to public safety, do not report it online, please call us immediately on 0345 603 7631



Essex County Council

Great Bentley Parish Council

Reduced DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Great Bentley Parish Council at the Community Resource Centre Plough Road, Great Bentley at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th June 2022.
Full DRAFT minutes will be available on the PC website presently

22/30 Annual Parish Meeting

To note the positive feedback and report circulated following the APM.
To consider the following proposals:

- (a) That a small group of Cllrs is allocated to review funding options for a 'Happy To Chat' bench as an addition to the Village Green and to bring a proposal back to the Parish Council.

Cllr Alison Clarke proposed that the green working party take this away and report back to the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Alison Clarke
Agreed by all

Seconded: Cllr Roger Adams

- (b) Cllr Pippa Dennitts proposed that the Parish Council form a Climate Working Party of up to 3 Cllrs & 2 members of the public to consider potential actions and bring proposals to the Parish Council for consideration.

Cllr Pippa Dennitts & Cllr Alison Clarke volunteered to form the Climate Working Party and ask Cllr Luke Edwards & Cllr Peter Harry if either of them wished to be the third member of the climate working party.

Proposed: Cllr Pippa Dennitts
Agreed by all

Seconded: Cllr Alison Clarke

22/32 Great Bentley School Expansion

Cllr Pippa Dennitts proposed that the Parish Council confirm agreement of comments circulated and submitted to the Parish Council Committee Members.

Cllr Kevin Plummer informed the meeting that this could be an opportunity to get new footpaths for areas around the school. The Parish Council agreed that these comments would be added to the consultation comments.

Cllr Robert Taylor informed the meeting that this could raise issues with parking. Cllr Kevin Plummer informed the meeting that the new classroom expansion would lead to a doubling of parking spaces.

The Chairman noted that the Parish Council is in favour of the proposed expansion of the school.

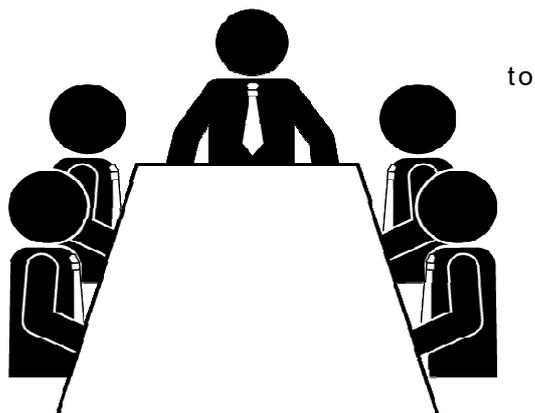
Proposer: Cllr Pippa Dennitts
Agreed by all

Seconded: Cllr Alison Clarke

22/34 Southside Track

To approve the proposed project put forward by the south side track working party, and ask Cllr Robert Taylor to write a rough draft for the clerk forward to Essex and Tendring councils and Open Spaces Society to get their comments on the principle of this project.

Cllr Robert Taylor reported that the track becomes muddy every year and that it could be improved with a hard surface (gravel not tarmac). Cllr Robert Taylor proposed that the main section should become a concrete track/ limited tarmac surface.



Cllr Roger Adams proposed that this was agreed to in principle; however, he has concerns over the actual cost & positions of turning bays.

Cllr Kevin Plummer proposed that we move to the next stage of this and submit proposals to Tendering District Council and Essex County Council for feedback.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Plummer
Unanimous

Seconded: Cllr Roger Adams

22/43 **Memorial Bench – Dr Michael George**

Cllr Pippa Dennitts proposed that the Green Working Party discuss this further. The Parish Council agree to this in principle and would like to consider this to be a “happy to chat bench” in consultation with Dr Michael George’s family.

Proposed: Pippa Dennitts
Agreed by all.

Seconded: Cllr Roger Adams

22/38 **Planning/Housing**

[22/00621/FUL](#) – Land to the South of Michael Wright Way, Great Bentley – Proposed erection of six detached dwellings, associated garaging and infrastructure and additional public open space.

Comments: Resubmit objection on this planning application showing previous objections and loss of Public Amenity Space.

Proposed: Cllr Roger Adams
Agreed by all

Seconded: Cllr Alison Clarke

[22/00695/FUL](#) – **Admirals Farm, Heckfords Road, Great Bentley** – Proposed revised application for the construction of a new mixed-use building consisting of medical wellness and polyfunctional facilities E (E) and retail (Use Class E(E) alongside vehicle access, Parking, Landscaping and other associated works).

Comments: The Parish Council would object to this planning application for the following reasons:

Negative impact to the rural aspect of the entrance to the village and Conservation Area

There is no traffic impact statement.

Originally 84 houses - now others added taking the total to over 110 houses. 9 exits onto Heckford Road within 200yds - safety aspect.

Michael Wright Way is designed as an s shaped road - this creates a pinch point at the entrance to any retail area.

Light up retail area - negative aspect on rural landscape. Light Pollution.

Increased use of the dangerous pedestrian crossing on Heckfords Road near blind bend.

The impact of a retail area (Tesco) on the nearby playground.

Approving this application would result in the loss of the opportunity for land for a Drs Surgery in the future

The Parish Council would object to this planning application.

Proposed: Cllr Roger Adams
Agreed by all

Seconded: Cllr Alison Clarke

TDC Lynda McWilliams informed the meeting that she will be calling in the planning application for the new “Tesco” development and the 6 new houses in South of Michael Wright Way as these developments were not in keeping with the character of Great Bentley.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL NOTES



After a break of nearly 3 years due to covid restrictions, Clacton Golf Club hosted our presentation dinner & awards evening on Sat 20th May.

80 members, family & friends sat down to an excellent meal in superb surroundings. Our guests of honour were Alison Stanford and Mick Willmore from the Essex and Suffolk League. They had to work for their dinner though because they were to present the Tommy Thompson Cup medals and league Div 2 runners-up medals to the 1st team and the league Div 4 winners trophy and medals to the reserve team.

Following a well received overview of the season from chairman Andrew Walker, it was over to the team managers who presented the well deserved players awards to the successful individuals.

It was then over to the dance floor for the rest of the evening. Music and lightshow provided by Peter Everitt.

On FA Cup Final day Saturday May 14th. The inaugural Richard "Rigger" Morton trophy was competed for on the green. A team comprising past and present GB players faced a team put together as "Team Morton X1".

Players and spectators alike enjoyed a good hearted game which was won finally 4 – 2 by team GBFC. A BBQ and a few drinks followed before everybody settled down to watch the FA Cup Final in the clubhouse.

Pre-season training got underway on the green Tuesday 28th June. With both teams gaining promotion, next season promises to provide tough competition.

GBFC would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their support this season. These are all local businesses and we would ask you to support the people that support us.

Manningtree Body Repairs Centre

Restaurant 43

The Plough

Morton and Murray Builders and Bricklaying

U Learn Driving School

GMP Plant Hire

I C Buying Procurement Services

Always Warm Heating Ltd

If you or anyone you know has played for GBFC in previous seasons, everyone is welcome to attend the 125 yr celebrations taking place at the clubhouse on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 20th August. We have a live band in the evening, late bar and food vans attending. Please come along for a drink and a chat.

Follow GBFC on facebook and twitter for all the latest information

Stay Safe

Follow the bulldogs

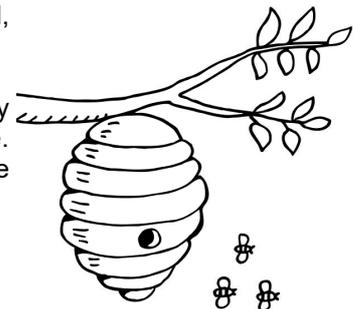
Swarm Collection Service for Honeybees and Removal of Bumble Bee Nests

Not sure what to do if you have a swarm come into your garden? At Colchester Beekeepers' Association we send out experienced local beekeepers to inspect the swarm or colony of honeybees and safely remove them ensuring all bees are collected. We are affiliated with the British Beekeepers' Association, insured to remove swarms, and follow our club's risk assessments.

All swarms collected are fully examined for pests and diseases before being re-homed to our new members who have yet to have their own bees, other members who may have lost their bees over the winter, or they are set up in our club's teaching apiary sites used to carry out practical classes and courses to beekeepers of all levels.

If you would like to speak to us to get advice and/or have a swarm removed, please contact Morag on 07826 794045 or Dave on 07966 189990.

If you think you have a bumble bee nest on your property, they are usually completely harmless and go about their work without needing to bother anyone. However, if you would rather they were collected and re-homed then please contact Alan on 07941 903243.



FOOD BANK

The container for the food bank is at the back of the Church.

We are at present up to full capacity for pasta and tins of baked beans. We would however welcome rice, tinned fruit, tinned custard and rice. Biscuits, cereals, coffee, sugar, toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, dog and cat food, tinned vegetables and fruit and jam. We could also do with more washing up products, fairy liquid, cloths, washing powder, dishwasher tablets etc. Also items for personal hygiene including soap, deodorant, shaving foam and sanitary products etc.

The Foodbank is there to help all in need and will be especially helpful in these difficult times.

If you could benefit from this service please do give Win Pomroy a ring, she will be pleased to help you. She organises this service in Brightlingsea.

Call Win on 01206 303902
or 079704 80968



POLICE REPORT FOR MAY

RECORDED CRIMES- 13

From 01/05/2022- 30/05/2022

CRIME TYPES -

Assault x 6 – Blackmail - Criminal damage - Domestic x2 - Harassment without violence- Other - Theft from motor vehicle.



INCIDENTS REPORTED – 23

INCIDENT TYPES -

ABAND 999 x 3 - Animal related - Assault- call on - concern x 2 - Domestic x 3 - Fraud- Hate crime - Highway Disruption x 3 - Information x 2 - Nuisance - Road traffic collision A133 - Section 165/59 - Special event - Theft from - Threats.

SCAMS

Scams are an everyday occurrence, that do not just happen online.

If you are effected by any scams, please go to www.actionfraud.police.uk/reportingfraud for online form to report to action fraud, or by ringing **0300 123 2040** Monday to Friday 8am - 8pm.

The information you give to Action Fraud can help track down the scammer.

Responsible dog ownership.

Always clean up after your dog.

Tendring has approximately 1,000 dog waste bins and litter bins across the district for the disposal of dog waste. You can be issued with a fixed penalty notice, currently £75, if you are witnessed not clearing up after your dog or you can be taken to court and face a fine of up to £1,000.

To report a dog bin that needs emptying please go to Tendring District Council website where a form can be filled in and submitted online.

Fly Tipping.

Fly tipping is still a big problem in most villages.

If you suspect anyone of fly-tipping contact the police on 101 or email recycle@tendringdc.gov.uk Tendring District Council web site has lots of information regarding carrier licence and what to check for, when paying someone to remove your rubbish.

Reporting incidents the correct way.

To report an incident please ring **101** or for **Emergency 999**

Or report it online <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/>

The Enchanted Lost Kingdom of Wyvernwood casts its spell in the East

A unique adventure park, set in more than 20 acres in Alresford near Colchester, is preparing to open its magic portal to an Enchanted Lost Kingdom, providing the perfect family day out.

Wyvernwood has existed in this quiet and beautiful countryside location for centuries and has only been recently rediscovered by the outside world. From this summer it will be possible for visitors to come and see this Enchanted Lost Kingdom and experience the magic and awe themselves.

Wyvernwood's Experiences Director, Nick White, was previously the Experience and Entertainment Manager at the world-famous Hamleys toy store in London as well as spending over a decade with Merlin Entertainments as part of the team managing Shrek's Adventure and the London Dungeon.

He explained: "Wyvernwood is like no other visitor attraction in the United Kingdom. It offers an extraordinary world full of wonder and is perfect for children aged 2 to 12 and their families to explore for the day. It will give them the opportunity for a digital detox while connecting with nature."

There are numerous play areas and adventure activities, including a 9-metre-high Enchanted Castle, a Captain's Galleon, Goblins' Tunnels and Dragon Karting. There is a 'Little Kingdom' for smaller children and a birthday party tepee for youngsters to celebrate with their friends."

The awesome inhabitants of Wyvernwood play a central role in their guests' experience as they search the Kingdom for adventurers to help them solve puzzles, decipher riddles, and take on quests such as finding missing treasure.

"Wyvernwood is where magical and mystical creatures live and thrive," said Nick. Guests will enter through a Magic Portal into another world, a world inhabited by fabulous fairies, fierce dragons, wise wizards, menacing goblins, a warrior princess and a heroic captain.

"Children can scale the castle walls, set sail in the galleon, find missing treasure, soar with the dragons and flutter with the fairies. They can also make their dreams come true at the Magic Wishing Well and, if they dare, we want them to discover what lies deep within the goblins' lair!

"Once families have explored the adventure activities in the Castle Grounds, they can venture along the Dragon Trail, past the huge maize maze, to the Wellbeing Woods where they'll discover the Land of the Fairies, find the Captain's Campsite, and help Merlin create magic potions in the Wizard's Domain."

Wyvernwood will be open from this summer at St. Osyth Road, Alresford, Colchester, Essex, CO7 8ES with the entrance via the B1207.

Tickets for Wyvernwood and further information about the Enchanted Lost Kingdom can be found at www.wyvernwood.co.uk.

The Hollies Surgery, Great Bentley, Patient Participation Group.

Doctors Surgeries should all have a Patient Participation Group the purpose of which is to establish a link between patients and their Doctors Surgery by way of regular meetings to discuss and share information. Our Great Bentley Group has been running successfully for several years, we meet in The Village Hall on a Thursday evening at 6 30pm for an hour or so once a month. However following COVID 19 when we could not meet of course we now find ourselves struggling somewhat after that long enforced break and are now holding them every other month. We need new people to come forward to consider becoming a part of The Committee, health and family restrictions see two of our dedicated and loyal members unable to fulfill their roles any longer. Now the restraints of the pandemic are hopefully behind us all the various help, support, advice, multi purpose or specialised organisations be they volunteer or NHS initiatives that play a vital part in the community are beginning to become active again. There is a wealth of information regarding the many facets of the NHS locally or nationally that we need to be aware of, sadly there is always the chance that we may find ourselves requiring someone or something out of the blue when life comes up and hits you in the face when you least expect it. Our Doctors Surgery in Great Bentley is under enormous pressure with the seemingly never ending push to build more and more housing but with NO thought given to the infrastructure to support it. As busy as our GP's are we are extremely privileged to usually welcome one of them to our meetings and they are very generous with their time, providing up to date information and answering our questions. Those of us who attend the meetings are, in the main, getting older we should like some input from younger people, can you be that person? Information regarding PPG Meetings is included in the 'Surgery News' which you will find in The Parish News Magazine delivered monthly.

Please give some thought as to how by participating actively in our PPG Group you can make a difference and keep our Group going. We MUST support and cherish our wonderful Doctor's Surgery which we are so fortunate to have in our midst NEVER take them for granted.

Remember the purpose of our PPG is to offer the opportunity for airing issues, concerns, suggestions, experiences, praise and ideas 'in house' so to speak. You will be made most welcome.

Judy Bishop 01206 251702



NEWS FROM THE OAKS

Hello everyone!

We hope you are okay.... Are you comfy? Got a cuppa? Okay, we will begin.

Where shall we start? The Jubilee, who saw our decorations? Wasn't it so lovely to fly the flag!

We had the most amazing time and you may have heard our party with music and lots and lots of giggles. It was truly an amazing time and the weather was beautiful too oh, and we had some 50's style dancers here, they were a treat!

We want to also thank those who so kindly donated decorations, your kindness never goes amiss we promise.

We've been in the kitchen and we have been baking 'duffins' which are a muffin and doughnut style cake. Chocolate moose chunks with cream and strawberries and we are this week baking cinnamon doughnut twirls... remember calories don't count here at The Oaks.

We're getting good at our quizzes including the 'would you rather game' that is funny and also 'what's your favourite'

We've been pampered of course, we are always pampered I think the staff think we are all royalty so we will take that! Ha ha.

We've some exciting news as we are working with the school but we will tell you more next time.

Anyway we hope you are all okay and we will speak to you soon!

With love from all of us at The Oaks xx

Plant Based, a Growing Food Sector

There are new food sections being created in our supermarkets. Quite a substantial amount of space is now being made available for items that are categorised as 'Plant Based', 'Dairy Free' or 'Free From'. In some stores this is essentially an expansion of areas previously signed as 'Vegetarian/Vegan' but now with many more products. These can include such items as 'incredible plant burgers', 'no bacon rashers', 'chicken style bites' and 'fishless fingers'. There are also vegan versions of milks, cheeses, yogurts and spreads. This is in response to an increased demand for such foods by the latest findings of climate change reports which recommends a reduction in the consumption of meat and dairy foods. There has also been interest in vegan foods and lifestyles circulating on social media which has also driven up demand. However with the quite large quantities that these foods are being sold in, it is obvious that they are not just being consumed by vegetarians and vegans.

There is a new category of consumer that has been defined by the term 'flexitarian' which are those that are either making a point of having meat free days or are supplementing their normal meals with some plant based protein foods. Contrary to some opinions there is no requirement for everyone to become vegans, reductions such as these done on a worldwide scale would have a massive impact on reducing greenhouse gasses. Of course there are some people that will take the opportunity to go the 'whole hog' and become vegans, (whoops! definitely the wrong term of phrase).

I have been a vegetarian for close on fifty years and although I have always been keen to see this diet and lifestyle become more popular I didn't ever imagine that one of the main reasons for this to happen would be in response to climate change. In the same way that some people are already up for buying an electric car or having heat pumps installed in their homes, there are also some that are prepared to adjust their diet in order to 'save the planet', definitely the cheaper option. There are a number of ways this can be done.

The most obvious way is to just substitute the meat item with a plant based analogue product. In doing this there will always be judgment made as to whether it measures up to the 'real thing'. There may well be disappointment on both taste and mouth feel, although some products are achieving a very close match. It is a considered opinion that plant based sausages are more acceptable in this respect than burgers. There are very many meat style burgers out there, though others are burgers in name only. They could be more accurately described as plant based patties and could have base ingredients of anything from mushrooms to beans, falafel, diced vegetables or nuts and grains, so should not be compared directly to a normal burger. Whilst these products are convenient and quick to prepare they may contain fairly high amounts of salt and fat. Reducing meat consumption can also be achieved by the use of 'Quorn' mince and chunks. This is something that can be kept in the freezer and used in recipes that would normally require minced and diced meat. Flavouring can be enhanced by including plenty of vegetable stock, herbs or sauces. The soya versions of these type of products now only seem to be available at health food stores. There are also meat style thin slices that come in various different flavours and can be handy for making up rolls and sandwiches.

I feel more prominence should be given to meat free packet and tinned products. The packet products consist of a dry mix that when water is added can be formed into sausage or burger shapes. Tinned items are handy to have as a stand-by item in your store cupboard and once used the empty container can be recycled. These were once commonly available but are now only likely to be found in independent health food shops and on-line suppliers. They have the advantage of not having to use energy for freezing to be transported, displayed and stored.

Probably the healthiest way to increase consumption of meat free meals is to create your own plant based savoury dishes. The number of ingredients and combinations that can be used to create a tasty and satisfying plant based meal are numerous. Protein can be derived from such things as beans, lentils, chick peas, nuts, mushrooms and various grains. Many of these items are not grown in the UK and may be thought of as not being very climate friendly due to the need for them to be transported long distances, but because they are dry seed products they are able to be imported by sea rather than air, thus reducing their carbon footprint.

Dairy free products have also seen a massive increase in sales. Plant based milks range from Soya, oat, almond, coconut or rice as their base ingredient. It is generally considered, and also from my own experience, that the soya and oat milks are the best for general use being particularly good when adding to tea and coffee. Yogurts are also made from a variety of plant ingredients and include the live cultures that are associated with the dairy equivalents. Plant based cheeses face the same sort of judgment as the veggie meat products as they will struggle to compete on taste and the sheer variety of dairy cheese. They are now however becoming available in different flavours such as 'mature' and 'smoked'. They may not yet be found on cheese board selections but are quite acceptable for adding to dishes where dairy cheese would normally be used. Plant based cheeses are also available in ready sliced packs similar to the sliced processed dairy cheeses that are handy for making sandwiches and adding to burgers.

There will no doubt be even more plant based products becoming available in the future and the hope is that the variety will increase and will include foods that are more than just meat or fish facsimiles.



Roy Parker



Wildlives

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre

'Catkins', Frating Road, Thorrington, Colchester CO7 8HT

www.wildlives.org.uk

Opening hours: n/a 07802 767016

Outside of Wildlives' hours, please call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999 or log on to our website for advice on what to do with a sick animal until we are open again in the morning. **See the web site for extra pictures too!**

Soon there will be no more hedgehogs in the UK

July 2022

Left, mother and baby hedgehogs brought to Wildlives for no reason. Two of these babies are dead because it was too much trouble to leave them in peace.

Baby birds continue to flood in, including a song thrush and many gull chicks which are hand-reared and released.

Hedgehogs have been listed as endangered in the UK for several years, and the situation has not improved. Soon you will have to tell your grandchildren that Mrs. Tiggerwinkle no longer lives here, because people killed her children and drove her out of her home. This year has been a disastrous year for hedgehogs. Every life matters, and Wildlives has seen a continuous stream of hedgehogs with catastrophic injuries caused by cars and strimmers – both completely avoidable. There are now fewer hedgehogs to be seen squashed on the roads, but this is simply due to the fact that there aren't many hedgehogs. Watch out for hedgehogs when driving at night, and check long grass and undergrowth before strimming. A few minutes caution can make the difference between life and death. We have also had several calls from people who have a hedgehog with a litter in their gardens who call because they 'don't want them'. It is illegal to disturb nesting wildlife deliberately, and there is no reason to do it. Hedgehogs in your garden will eat pests and cause no harm to anyone. One Mum and newborn babies had already been deliberately disturbed, being placed in a box before even calling Wildlives.. Rosie made up an enclosure where she could be immediately put in the quiet with her 4 babies, as stress can cause her to abandon or eat them. She was left in peace with a regular supply of fresh food and water, and not disturbed again for several weeks. Sadly the damage has already been done and she had eaten two. The other callers who have rung have been persuaded to leave the little families alone.

Emma and Bones from Essex Wildlife Trust were concerned to see a tawny owl chick perching very low to the ground. It is normal for them to spend some time out of the nest to exercise their wings, but usually much higher up. This one was being stalked by cats and there were no taller trees in area where he could be placed. After some deliberation it was decided to intervene, and he came to Wildlives. That night there was a torrential storm so the decision proved to be fortuitous – if the cats hadn't killed him he would have been saturated in the storm and become hypothermic.

Colchester

SUGARCRAFT

Association



Meetings are held at Stanway Community Centre (also known as Stanway Village Hall) (CO3 0RH) at 7.30 pm on the last Thursday of each month

Demonstrations from experts and workshops

Wide range of skills catered for — you do not have to be an expert!

Membership benefits include a monthly newsletter, sales stall and discount at Almond Art

In-house competitions

Social events include a Christmas buffet after our November meeting, a New Year Dinner in January, and a garden party in August

Each meeting includes a cuppa and biscuits, a chat and a raffle

Newcomers and visitors always welcome!



Membership: £40 p.a.
Guest: £5 per meeting

DATE	DEMONSTRATOR
May 26, 2022	Jubilee Celebration/Evening Tea:
Jun 30, 2022	Sue Albins: <i>Edible Cake Lace</i>
Jul 28, 2022	Linda Garnham: <i>Ballerina Model</i>
Aug 2022	Summer Garden Party:
Sep 29, 2022	Anne Reynolds: <i>Autumn Theme</i>
Oct 27, 2022	Jan Chandler: <i>Chocolate Bombs</i>
Nov 24, 2022	Christmas Party and Georgie Godbold: <i>Brussel Sprout Wobbly</i>
Dec 2022	No meeting:
Jan 26, 2023	Ann Skeggs: <i>Cupcake Bouquet</i>
Feb 23, 2023	Christine Clark: <i>Bas-relief</i>
Mar 30, 2023	Sally Browne: <i>Easter Theme</i>
Apr 27, 2023	A.G.M. and In-house Demo:

All details are on www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk or ring Sue on Colchester 251955.

The Final Run

(To a time when diesel trains no longer run)

The tracks are there, the metal, wood
But quieter now the scene
and the passage of the wheels on steel
less noisy than it would have been
Before the final run
Before the time had come
Before the fall, it had to come
The diesel days are done

I'll not forget the day I met
the sight of Deltic engines
Earth a-shaking, senses waking
Roaring through the stations

Now gone the days of hearing clear
approaching sounds of thunder
it's not the same this quieter game
I used to feel the wonder
Before the final run
Before the time had come
The writing on the wall was clear
The diesel days are done

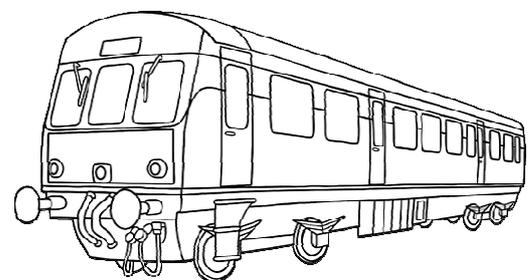
They had to go, of that no doubt
And right it has to change
We need our share of cleaner air
We need to rearrange

But how I'll miss the sight and roar
of diesel freight-train dragons
When powering up the eastward rise
and hauling fifty wagons
I hear the sound of fading thunder
see the final run
Pistons pumping, heartbeat thumping
Diesel days are done

(Name and address supplied)

THE ANNUAL
GRAND GARAGE TRAIL
SET FOR 16th JULY HAS
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ANOTHER TIME





The Great Bentley Show
1:30 p.m. Saturday 3rd September 2022

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!

A great village event for all to enjoy on our wonderful green.
 Our marquee will have entries and exhibits on show from all ages demonstrating the best in arts, crafts, flowers, vegetables, fruit, plants, baking, photography, and much, much more.

To enter any of the classes pick up a 2022 show schedule from
Dani's Deli The Warren', Sturrick Lane
'Fairfield', The Path Great Bentley Post Office
OR visit our website to print off the entry forms.

Companion Dog Show Grand Prize Draw Donkey Rides
 Tractor Display Tombola Stalls Entertainment
 Grand Marquee Ice-creams Tea Tent Refreshments

For further information contact our Secretary 01206 250158
 Or visit our website at www.greatbentleyshow.co.uk



SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 5

Over the half term Year 5 have been researching, planning and building either motor powered or water powered fans. They have worked hard to draw exploded diagrams and measure and cut precisely and accurately. We will be having a DT day soon to complete our projects which are all really looking forward to.

Year 6

Year six have been working on Newspaper Reports, performing poetry, consolidating and extending knowledge on percentages, experimenting with the number of lightbulbs in a circuit and designing block tiles in art as part of their unit on William Morris. We are now rehearsing the script and songs for the Year 6 production.

Photography Club are exploring the sunny school grounds and experimenting with different angles that images can be taken from.



GARDENING NOTES

Both our vegetable and flower plots in the garden of our new bungalow are flourishing and we are very much looking forward to entering the local shows this year for the first time since before lockdown. Two dates for your diary are the Arleigh show on Saturday 20th August at the village hall (2-4:30pm) and the Lawford show on Saturday 3rd September at the Ogilvie Hall (2-5pm). Why not come along and see what can be achieved, have a chat and be inspired! There are handicraft, cookery, photography, floral art and special children's classes as well as fruit and vegetables to admire.

Our Dahlias and Chrysanthemums planted out last month have settled in well due in part to the rains we had in June which has also meant that the rainwater tanks and butts began this month full enough to cope with a dry spell if it comes.

You may be well into vegetable harvesting and clearing some crops such as early potatoes, spring cabbages early peas and broad beans. This enables the soil to be reused for winter greens including sprouting broccoli and leeks. You can be succession sowing more salads and possibly a later row or wigwam of runner beans as well as french beans.

It is possible you will be searching cookery books or the internet to find extra recipes for surplus vegetables. If that does not deal with any glut you will be looking to relatives, friends and neighbours to take excess produce. If you are growing too much of a particular item, try not use all the seedlings you produce. It is better to dump some rather than go to the effort of transplanting, nurturing to harvest and then disposing of the crop, a lesson we have learnt the hard way and our remaining chicken now often does well from some tasty treats.

We mentioned watering earlier, please remember that most plants perform better with occasional good soaks as opposed to a flashover with the rose whether on a can or a hose. The flashover can result in only the top surface of the soil being damp and the roots staying near the surface where they can be prone to drying out in the sun.

Once the summer fruiting raspberries have been harvested, cut down the canes from which the fruits were picked and tie in the new canes which will provide next year's fruit. Continue to stake, tie in and protect other crops as necessary. Keep an eye out for pests and diseases and treat as appropriate.

Watch out for potato blight. The sign is brown lesions on the leaves. If you are unlucky and notice it cut back the foliage on the affected plants and keep a close watch on any adjacent plants. By trimming the foliage you might be in time to prevent the disease running down into the potato tubers. Leave them a few weeks (unless they are first earlies) and then harvest them normally. Be careful and try to store them separately from other potatoes as well as checking them regularly. It is possible that early removal of the foliage will stop the blight spreading to other rows of potatoes. Once you notice it in your garden or on a neighbour's garden be particularly vigilant as it spreads very quickly.

Garlic will be ready for harvesting when approximately half the leaves have turned yellow. Once lifted should be stored in a warm but airy place to dry before being placed into storage.

A.O.

Andy we are sad that our Village Show on 3rd September clashes with the Lawford Show. Good luck with your entries.

Hopefully in 2023 the dates will mean we will see you back in Great Bentley. ED



Surgery News

Social Prescriber

We are very pleased to let you know that Sophie, our Social Prescriber is now running a clinic on a Thursday afternoon from the Surgery. Sophie is able to offer patients support with the following:-

- Weight management – ideal for patients with a BMI over 25, people that want to lower their blood pressure and patients who are pre-diabetic.
- Support following a bereavement.
- Befriending services for patients who are feeling lonely.
- Advice for carers of organisations that they can contact for help.
- She is also able to signpost patients who wish to improve their physical health by signposting them to exercise groups for all abilities, walking groups and support to stop smoking.

If you would like to book either a face to face appointment or a telephone appointment with Sophie, then please contact reception on telephone number 01206 250691 who will be able to help you with this.

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Tuesday, 26 July for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon then they can contact 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group Meeting

The next PPG Meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 July 2022 at 6.30 pm at Great Bentley Village Hall.

The PPG are currently looking for new Committee members. If you are interested in being on the PPG Committee, please contact myself at the Surgery on tel. 01206 250691 and I will pass your details onto the PPG Secretary.

The PPG are also looking for new members to join them. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PPG then please visit the Great Bentley Surgery website and click onto Patient Participation Group Registration. Once you have completed the form with your details you just need to click submit.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager

GREAT BENTLEY VETERANS CLUB - 30th JUNE SOCIAL

No doubt this July magazine will reach you early by the end of June. So, the veterans 'Will Meet Again' (no Vera Lynn pun intended), in the Cricket Club on Thursday 30th June at 6p.m. or 18:00hrs for the Royal Navy! Bring some £1 coins for the lucky draw. This is a reminder to all you in the village to join us who are still serving in the military or now retired veterans, tri service, male, female and any nationality. Contact David Flinn B.E.M. on 0742,114 1131 if you wish to join our 'new' Village Club which now has around 22 members.



Are you going to be booking your wedding at St Mary's Church?

If so, your first point of contact is our new Wedding Coordinator

Jennifer Ford

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weddings.stosythchurch@hotmail.com

The wedding co-ordinator is for St Osyth and Great Bentley



TENDRING PRIMARY RECYCLE SCHEME

Roughly 4 weeks ago many of you may have seen a BBC Panorama programme about recycling, which focused on the operations of the company we work with called TerraCycle.

The programme was hugely disappointing, with the programme makers seemingly determined to discredit the company, and to generally portray them in a bad light.

I would like to look at some of the things which were said therefore and to reassure anyone who now has doubts.

Shortly after the programme started, they featured a family who firmly believed in the value of recycling. The family lived in West London and had one week's collection of items such as bakery wrappers, cheese and biscuit packaging which they wished to take to a TerraCycle drop-off point.

They looked at the TerraCycle website and found that each waste scheme in their area needed to be taken to a separate drop-off location, which is unusual and certainly not typical. As most TerraCycle drop-off points accept multiple schemes, I can't help feeling that this was unfair. The family then undertook a 10-mile round trip to deliver just 35 grams of wrappers, which with the carbon footprint involved would be ridiculous.

They had set out with slightly more recycling, but had found that one of the drop-off locations had been closed, which was due to the closure of that particular scheme. The reporter however said that the drop-off had been closed down by TerraCycle – which was misleading. To be fair however, it could be said that maybe more could have been done to ensure that the website had been kept up to date and part of their journey avoided.

At Tendring Primary Recycle Scheme we try to remove unnecessary journeys such as these and to keep them to a minimum. Through our 24 drop-off points across the whole of the Tendring area our model is designed to take as much as we can, and, as much as we can possibly pass on to other charities etc. to help reduce the individual footprints.

The reporter was later seen talking to the CEO of TerraCycle, Tom Szaky, and seemed doubtful when it was explained to him that people frequently drop-off 2kgs of items at a time. He didn't seem to grasp that usually recycling is saved until reasonable amounts are reached, and schools, offices, groups and businesses for example, collect en masse. He seemed determined to disbelieve.

Further doubt was later cast when it was revealed that TerraCycle waste had been discovered in Bulgaria, whilst the company have always guaranteed that all of the waste they receive is recycled in this country. They had however outsourced some of their work to an outside facility via a waste broker, who had in turn broken the terms of their legal commitment and passed it to a sister company who shipped the waste by mistake. The mistake was created by a temporary fork-lift truck driver employed by the sister company and Professor Ed Kosior, Plastics Recycling Consultant, confirmed that with the high turnover of staff in the industry, it is perfectly feasible that this happened.

On discovering the situation, TerraCycle tracked the waste, recovered it at great expense, returned it to the UK and recycled it. TerraCycle have now terminated all dealings with the company concerned and are considering legal action.

We in the meantime continue to have complete faith and confidence that the waste we send will continue to be recycled in the UK. In all the years we have been dealing with TerraCycle we have always found the company to be completely honourable.

We were heartened to read that following the programme, TerraCycle apparently received a large influx of applications from prospective collectors who could clearly see the value of this excellent company, and wanted to increase the number of drop-off points to avoid people elsewhere potentially having to travel miles. This in turn will lead to more being saved from landfill and is a wonderful result.

We have always maintained that recycling should most definitely be a last resort, and with this in mind TerraCycle have recently developed a Re-use and Refill Solution called Loop, in conjunction with Tesco, again proving their worth and commitment to more sustainable solutions.

The full 90-minute interview between TerraCycle and the BBC can be found on terracyclefacts.com and from there you can see the full responses given and compare it to the programme aired. You can then draw your own conclusions.

I hope that this has helped to allay any concerns or doubts which might have arisen and we look forward to seeing your wonderful collections of bread bags, cheese packets, toothpaste tubes and much, much more, as always.

And when you have finished with your sun tan cream in this present heat, don't forget that we can take the plastic lid and any trigger spray pump associated! Enjoy the long summer days ahead and keep cool.



June Barker



COOKERY CORNER

SUMMER DESSERTS

Early summer months mean luscious soft fruits which are delicious eaten on their own or with cream and ice cream or made into dishes for teatime treats and garden parties. No doubt many will have been enjoyed at the thousands of Jubilee parties in early June this year. The first two recipes are for one but the ingredients can be easily increased to cater for more.

FRESH FRUIT WITH CHOCOLATE DIP

35g dark chocolate 1tbsp milk 175g mixed soft fruit

Packets of prepared fruits are sold in supermarkets, such as summer fruit grazing trays or tropical fruit selections which give you a wide variety of options. Cut larger pieces into bite size chunks and arrange the fruits on a small decorative plate. Break the chocolate into pieces and put it with the milk into a heatproof bowl. Set this over a pan of barely simmering water and stir until it has just melted. Remove the pan from the heat and stir the chocolate until you have a thick glossy sauce. Carefully remove the bowl from the pan and pour the chocolate into a small bowl. Serve immediately with the fruits to dip into the bowl of sauce.

ROASTED STRAWBERRIES WITH LEMON RIPPLE

110g strawberries 15g butter 1 orange 1tsp caster sugar 3tbsp crème fraiche
2tsp lemon curd

Preheat the oven to 220 degrees. Zest and juice the orange. Hull the strawberries. Unlike me, you might already own a strawberry huller, but a small sharp knife can be angled to cut in a circular fashion around the green leafy top of the fruit into the flesh underneath removing the stem and leaves. Spread the strawberries in one layer in a small ovenproof dish and dot with butter. Mix 1tsp of zest and 1tsp of orange juice and sprinkle over the berries together with the sugar. Roast for ten to twelve minutes until soft but still retaining their shape. Spoon the strawberries and juices into a dish. Gently swirl the lemon curd into the crème fraiche and spoon alongside the strawberries. A colourful summer dessert.

LEMON POSSET

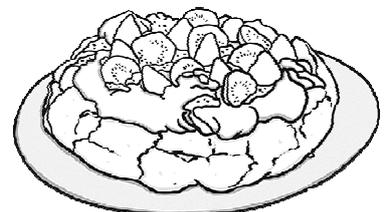
300ml double cream 100 caster sugar a large lemon, juiced fresh berries to serve

This will serve two and needs to chill in the fridge for about three hours. Pour the cream into a saucepan and bring gently to a simmer, stirring now and then. Add the sugar and stir until it is dissolved. Add the lemon juice a little at a time, checking the sweetness and adding more juice or sugar as necessary. Simmer for two minutes then remove from the heat. Whisk well and pour into two heatproof glasses or dishes. Leave to cool completely and chill in the fridge for about three hours until set. Serve topped with a few berries.

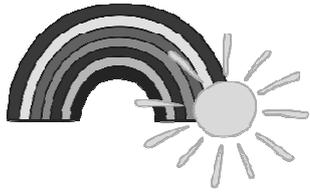
PAVLOVAS WITH STRAWBERRIES AND LIMONCELLO CREAM TOPPING

2 medium egg whites 110g caster sugar ½ tsp cornflour ½ tsp white wine vinegar
150ml double cream 2tbsp Limoncello 150g strawberries, hulled and sliced

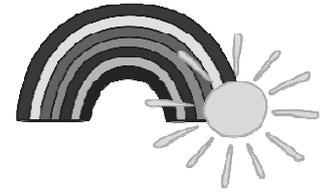
Limoncello is a lemon liqueur produced in southern Italy. If you do not wish to use it, your Pavlovas will still be delicious. Preheat the oven to 140 degrees. Line a baking sheet with a double thickness of greaseproof or non-stick baking paper and draw on four 9cm circles. Whisk the egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Continue whisking while adding the sugar gradually. Mix the cornflour and vinegar in a small bowl and gently fold into the whisked egg whites. Divide the mixture into four and spoon in mounds onto the circles. Bake on the bottom shelf of the oven for forty to fifty minutes until the Pavlovas are dry and crisp. Carefully remove from the greaseproof paper and leave to cool. Whip the cream with the Limoncello until thick and spoon in the centre of each meringue base. Decorate with sliced strawberries.



M.E.



Rainbow Quiz!



1. Which Prime Minister was brought up in Kirkcaldy, Scotland ?
2. Who was the lead singer of 'Simply Red'?
3. Which English artist painted The Blue Boy?
4. Which C20th artist had both a blue and a rose period of work?
5. Which river is China's second longest after the Yangtze?
6. Which sport do the Green Bay Packers play?
7. In which children's book does Violet Beauregard appear?
8. Who stars in the 2003 film 'School of Rock'.
9. Which Irving Berlin song did Bing Crosby perform in 'Holiday Inn'?
10. What is 'Purplebricks'?
11. What is the stage name of US singer born Alecia Beth Moore.
12. Who wrote the 1962 novel 'A Clockwork Orange'?
13. What is the 6th colour of the rainbow?
14. Eric Clapton, Ginger Baker & Jack Bruce made up which band?
15. Sciurus Carolinensis is better known as which woodland animal ?
16. How is the disease yellow fever transmitted to humans?
17. Anna Sewell's well-loved horse?
18. The White Witch appears in 'The Chronicles of Narnia' by which author?
19. Who is Harry Potter's godfather played by Gary Oldman?
20. Which TV programme connects Lucy, Cookie, Henry & Goldie?



1. Gordon Brown 2. Mick Hucknall 3. Gainsborough 4. Picasso 5. Yellow 6. American Football
 7. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 8. Jack Black 9. White Christmas 10. Estate Agents 11. Pink
 12. Anthony Burgess 13. indigo 14. Cream 15. red squirrel 16. mosquito 17. Black Beauty
 18. C.S. Lewis 19. Sirius Black 20. Blue Peter



GREAT BENTLEY RUNNING CLUB

One of our members, Dave Jones, took on the massive Iron Man challenge. For those not in the know an Ironman Triathlon is one of a series of long-distance triathlon races organised by the World Triathlon Corporation (WTC), consisting of a 2.4-mile (3.86 km) swim, a 112-mile (180.25 km) bicycle ride and a marathon 26.22-mile (42.20 km) run, raced in that order. It is widely considered one of the most difficult one-day sporting events in the world. Many of us followed his progress live on-line. Having travelled to Hamburg for the event he spent a gruelling 15 hours and 13 minutes of cycling swimming and running.

And another gruelling challenge: a crazy quartet took on the epic TRANS-PENNINE 100. Three men – Paul Davison, Tomasz and Rob Dyer and an incredible lady Fiona Gosling had qualified to take part. This is a flagship Long Distance Walkers association (LDWA) 100 mile event. Entrants must have completed at least one fifty mile run prior to being allowed an entry. Tom described it as brutal (100 miles can't be anything but brutal in anyone's eyes!) but a very scenic route in Dark Peak area. There were very helpful marshals at every one of the 16 checkpoints, and great encouragement from the Great Bentley support team. Whilst only 3 of the 4 completed the full 100 miles (Rob had to retire due to a foot injury at just over 62 miles and by all accounts it looked quite a mess) this does not diminish the incredible achievement by all participants. 62.4 miles is not to be sniffed at either!!

Steven Cartwright tackled 'Round the Herriot Way'. This required a 52 miles walk over 4 days. He described some of the scenery as stunning but quite demanding at times (although it would be possible to do this as a run for anyone that way inclined). Apparently it was notably chilly on the tops of the mounts too.

Martin Owen left his comfort zone back at home and tackled the Trail Pursuits half marathon in the Lake District. This was a full weekend festival with races, camping, yoga, guest speakers and movies – sounds like fun! Martin loves a half marathon, and whilst he expected serious hills he actually got even more than he bargained for as they had altered the original route from 400m elevation, to 800m, before finally settling on 1400m, finishing over the 3 Wainwrights of Red Pike, High Stile and High Crag. It was a busy event and this meant 75% of the route was impossible to run (due to congestion and footing) and mostly ended up as a hike, and was over 15 miles too! Running in those conditions would be challenging!

On the Jubilee bank holiday Friday the Hare and Tortoise jubilee race took place – a trail 5 mile loop in Brightlingsea. There was an option of 1, 2, or 3 loops. Sue Wray opted for the whole shebang and finished as 3rd lady for that distance. Another GBRC lady, Grainne Hallahan had a whole weekend of running over in Cork. This started with the Glen River parkrun where she just missed out on a top 10 place, claiming 2nd female in 24:43. The following day she ran two legs of a marathon relay (just over ten miles) and her team came in 79th out of 477 teams. Grainne described it as a brilliant event with an awesome atmosphere and will definitely go back.

And finally to far flung parkrun updates. Richard Moor ran Moors Valley parkrun in 21:18 – how cool he found a parkrun that could be named after him. Simon Leggett travelled not so far to Maldon (21:47) and Rob Blackman to Kesgrave (19:04) and an impressive third place. Felixstowe parkrun had 3 Bentley runners – Martin Cotton (28:18), Sammy Cotton (32:14) and Donna Harris (30:24). Three other parkruns having blue representation were Exeter Riverside by Rob Ferguson (22:27), Sizewell by the Vicky and Phil Presland – Vicky 22:58 and Phil 25:46 – a shout out to Phil for his furthest run since injury. Finally Robin and Meera Oakley ran Leazes parkrun with Robin making the top 10 (22:28) and Meera claiming 1st female! Also a nod to Mark Jasper who continued his winning streak at Clacton (winning by around 1 minute), cracking out 18:44 in spite of the ridiculously windy conditions along the front.



And finally a reminder that the club will hold its annual 5 mile race on Friday 1st July. The main race goes off at 7.30pm and there will be a brief road closure on Plough Road while we get the runners away. There is also a children's race on the green from 6.30pm. This will also mean a road closure to allow the children to get to both sides of the green.

Paul Carlisle

A FEW NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Firstly, A HUGE THANKYOU to the great team, led by Lorraine Mann, who gave and made it possible to have a fantastic and fun weekend of celebration in honour of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. It was a truly **BRILLIANT** weekend with so many residents, their families and Great Bentley's friends saying how much they enjoyed the many aspects of celebration that had been made available. Again, many, many thanks to you all.

Air Show Reminder

Don't forget the return of the Clacton Airshow, now in its 29th year, and taking place on the 25th and 26th August with twilight flights on day one. It has now been agreed that the Red Arrows will appear on both days.

Beach Awards

Six beaches in Tendring have been handed prestigious awards by Keep Britain Tidy – including two with Blue Flags.

Beaches at Brightlingsea, Dovercourt Bay, Harwich, Frinton, Walton-on-the-Naze, and Martello Bay in Clacton have all been given Seaside Awards in recognition of their quality.

In addition, the beaches at Dovercourt Bay and Brightlingsea kept their prestigious Blue Flag status.

40th Anniversary Falklands War and 78th Anniversary of D-Day Landings

Services were held at Tendring's Clacton War Memorial in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the end of the Falklands War, and on Monday 6th June to commemorate the 78th anniversary of the D-Day Landings with the laying of wreaths.

Tendring Car Park Awards

Tendring District Council (TDC) facilities have been awarded The Safer Parking Award Scheme - Park Mark - from the British Parking Association.

A sign of safety means each car park has passed a phase one review assessment relating to the quality of lighting, cleanliness, security measures and quality management.

The Car parks are: Elm Grove and Ipswich Road in Clacton; Jaywick Sands Beach; Tower Street, Brightlingsea; Wellington Road, Harwich; and Walton-on-the-Naze High Street.

A Park Mark means residents and visitors can be confident in using Tendring's car parks.

Residents are reminded that as well as free car parks, the Householder Parking Permit allows free parking after 11am at most TDC car parks, except July and August – visit the TDC website at www.tendringdc.gov.uk/householder-parking-permits for details.



Many thanks

Cllr. Lynda McWilliams

Ward Councillor to the Parishes of Great Bentley, Little Bentley and Frating and TDC Cabinet Member with the portfolio for Partnerships.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns; I am always very pleased to help and hear from you.

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GREAT BENTLEY GARDENING CLUB

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in May. £750 was raised, half of which has been donated to St. Helena Hospice and half to Gardening Club funds.

Peter Wetherell of B'Leaf Plant Shop came to our May meeting. He brought with him a selection of his beautiful plants, about which he spoke with a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm. It was a very enjoyable and informative evening for all who attended. Do go and visit Peter's lovely shop in Dovercourt High Street.

Following a talk by Ed Fairey at our November meeting about Open Gardens and the origins of the National Garden Scheme, we arranged a visit to his garden at Mayfield Farm, Ardeleigh on 20th June. We have no meeting in July.

Another garden visit has been arranged for **Tuesday 9th August at 2.00pm** to Moverons Farm, Brightlingsea. The cost is £8.00 which includes tea/cake. Guests will be welcome on this visit. We will meet at the Village Hall car park at 1.30pm and will car share as far as possible to the venue. Anyone wishing to come please contact **Bob on 01206 251433 or bob.newman@me.com**

BENTLEY GREEN LADIES CLUB

Our speaker for June was Nicky Matthews with her talk entitled "From Actor to Author". We enjoyed an interesting and varied evening listening to Nicky, daughter of Jack Watling, accompanied by her husband, the actor Seymour Matthews.

Date for your diary... next meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th July with **Barbara Faulkner**, 'When the Clock Strikes Twelve'.

GREAT BENTLEY ART CLUB

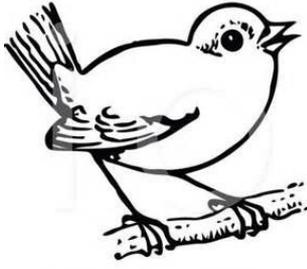
Future Great Bentley Art Club meetings for 2022/2023.

The Art Club will be taking a short break during the summer. Therefore our formal meetings in the Village Hall will resume again in early September.

But we will be joining in with the Great Bentley Show on the village green in early September where we plan to have a small tent on site to display a few examples of work and welcome enquiries from anyone who might be interested in joining our long established group, originally formed just over 50 years ago.

As soon as we have agreed our new programme of meetings, the dates will be made available. We very much look forward to seeing you at the village show this year.





NATURE NOTES

“Rising with the lark” and “The early bird gets the worm” are appropriate expressions for this month’s notes. In a weak moment I agreed to participate again in the British Trust for Ornithology’s breeding bird survey after a gap of over a decade. A local one-kilometre monad square was allocated on the border of Thorpe and Beaumont. Mostly cereal and potato arable fields with footpaths and tracks, it includes access to the Backwaters at Beaumont Quay with length of seawall and borrowdyke behind, part-way towards Landermere.

Late May sunlight encouraged a start before eight o’clock with a Song Thrush and Robin singing near Thorpe Lodge. The urgent rattling of a concealed Lesser Whitethroat from a thicker hedge, emphasised that identification was going to be mostly by song. It is probably the prime example as a skulking bird, along with the explosive little Wren, that takes some effort to see. Its better-known Common Whitethroat cousin is more confiding, perching nearer bush tops to perform its scratchy little song. It proved to be the commonest bird with upwards of ten territories found during my visit. That is gratifying, as a few years ago there were concerns over this summer hedgerow visitor.

Skylarks were a pleasure to hear over most of the fields whose edges I covered and though hardly concealing themselves are not always easy to see overhead. Two Yellowhammers were in Golden Lane, that along with Skylark farmland conservation measures are meant to assist. It was good to have at least one pair of swallows, that have so declined in recent years and similarly six house martins that were probably from the village, seeking flying insects. Sadly, no Swift were seen or heard during my two-hour ramble. Chaffinch once deemed amongst our commonest birds seem to have declined, with the characteristic male call only heard in three places. Goldfinch were the only other finch noted, proving the most successful seed-eater, now utilizing garden feeders. Blackbird song was not as frequent as might be expected, similarly no Blackcap and only two Chiffchaff, both summer warblers so characteristic near my home, on other side of the village. Perhaps this is due to my allocated square having less trees and more open country that they prefer. The peak of the singing season and especially the Dawn Chorus, has already passed as this is written just over a fortnight later in mid-June. A welcome male Cuckoo was repeatedly heard and eventually seen, its marking and resembling a bird-of-prey. A male Kestrel and a Buzzard, now remarkably an almost everyday sight, were both seen being harassed by a Carrion Crow. As with other Corvids Jackdaw and Rook on an upward trend, though the latter were hardly seen on my walk.

Some fifty noisy Starling, including birds-of-the-year flew back and forth from an overhead wire to long grass at Beaumont Quay, showing that their breeding largely was already done. House Sparrow and Collared Dove were around the barns and behind the seawall two Reed Warblers made their reeling medley subtly different than more abrasive range of the Sedge Warbler, that confusingly can also be sometimes heard here. As I left, the tide was beginning to cover the mud dislodging a brilliant white, now so familiar, white Little Egret - an unknown bird here a generation ago. A shelduck flew over perhaps to a nest burrow nearby and a mediative Wood Pigeon unmoved in a low hawthorn let me pass.

DRB

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joan Latham
and Angie Bowman who both
won 2 pairs of tickets to the
Tendring Show.

We hope you have a lovely day.

Why not all the baked beans?

It happened again that very morning. Donald's wife, Tabitha, had placed her breakfast cereal bowl erroneously in the dishwasher. Nothing annoyed Donald more than to see her bowl positioned in the middle of the upper tray making more awkward the packing of the rest of the dishes. He really adored his strikingly elegant wife but sometimes thought that Tabitha did things on purpose just to annoy him. Surely she had noticed every day his constant need to re-align her bowl at the front of the rack before placing his own next to it but no, she persisted with her uncaring indifference. In most other respects she was so meticulously considerate but then she would do something exasperating, like the occasion when, as he entered the kitchen from the garden, he found that she had washed the cutlery drawer but, for a reason only apparent to herself, she then rearranged the allocation of spaces for the knives and forks so when Donald opened the drawer in search of a knife, it was not where it used to be. This thoughtlessness was so infuriating and seriously tested his self-perceived easy-going nature.

Sundays for Donald and Tabitha always began with a brisk lunchtime walk in the countryside followed by a traditional Sunday roast, an important culinary occasion for both of them and prepared as they had done so for years, most frequently choosing roast chicken, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, stuffing and Donald's favourite; lots of Oxo gravy. Well, it used to be Oxo gravy but recently Tabitha had been talking to her sister who chooses to prepare her gravy by adding flour to the residual chicken stock in the roasting tray, rather like the method used by Donald's mother when he was a little boy, a similar methodology perhaps but his mother's gravy, he fondly recalled, was much tastier than that of his sister-in-law. When asked about the change of procedure, Tabitha smilingly answered that she just wanted to try something different so Donald, not wanting to appear pedantic, thought it was best that he kept silent but found it all so bloody irritating, he being far more comfortable living within the confines of an established routine and therefore highly sceptical of unnecessary change. He also disliked modern throwaway consumerism as he abhorred wasting food, a shameful practice he thought and one which denied people a joyous diversion when creating flavoursome meals using leftovers. Some may say that a simple meal of cold chicken from the Sunday roast may not be their most imaginative repast but, for Donald, Monday and cold chicken were not only synonymous but also dutiful. However, during the preparation of a recent Monday's chicken supper, matters became a little more fraught.

Donald as usual sharpened his carving knife, stroking it slowly but firmly across his father's old whetstone, he, Donald, needing to address his compulsion to habitually hone the blade before each usage rather than the need to address any lack of keenness of the edge. He set about the precision carving of the cold chicken, placing Tabitha's chosen chicken leg in the centre of the platter and his preferred wing laid neatly by its side. He then completed the task with slices of breast arranged neatly in a perfect curve encircling the leg and wing and, having done so, he stepped back to admire his work. Satisfied with his presentation, he handed the platter to his wife and retired to the dining room to pour, as custom would dictate, two medium glasses of wine, a Sauvignon Blanc for Tabitha and a red Malbec for himself. Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Tabitha served the cold chicken onto two hot plates, adding crispy fried potatoes and hot juicy baked beans after which and using oven gloves, she entered the dining room with the plates in hand to join her husband. She placed each plate on the table, sat down and took a sip of wine having firstly clinked the glasses gently whilst making a toast. They began eating their meal but Donald became a tad alarmed when he noticed that, although there was ample chicken breast on his plate, his chicken wing was missing, it was on Tabitha's plate surrounded by a largish portion of baked beans. Tabitha talked about something but Donald failed to hear, becoming more concerned as to why the chicken wing was on Tabitha's plate. Having finished the portion of his favourite Heinz Baked Beans in a rich tomato sauce but still in want of a little more moisture, he decided instead to squirt some tomato ketchup on the last of his potatoes in order to finish the remaining few morsels. The meal at an end, they both parked their cutlery, Tabitha pushing her unwanted baked beans to the side of her plate along with the remaining bones of the chicken wing, Donald's chicken wing. As darkness fell outside, they cleared the table.

Donald began the task of preparing the dishes for the dishwasher, becoming crotchety again when he found it necessary to adjust the position of Tabitha's breakfast cereal bowl. He threw in the bin her rejected baked beans and the bones of what should have been his chicken wing, gave the plates a quick rinse and loaded them into the lower tray. He then began the task of scouring the pans in hot soapy water, beginning with the larger of the two followed by the smaller one, a stainless steel pan sitting on the hob with the lid on and a serving spoon inside. Donald removed the lid whilst simultaneously grasping the serving spoon only to find three baked beans clinging to the tip of the spoon. He peered into the pan. There at the bottom of the pot, lying cold and redundant was a layer of his favourite Heinz Beans in a rich tomato sauce, unused scrummy beans for which, owing to the lack of them on his plate several minutes earlier, he had reluctantly substituted that squirt of yukky tomato ketchup. Stoically, he emptied the delicious contents into a bowl for future use and silently but vigorously scoured the now empty pan.

In his usual methodical manner, Donald finished the clearing up leaving the carving knife until last. He thoroughly dried the knife avoiding contact with the cutting edge and, as always without looking, opened the cutlery drawer in order to place the knife to the right in its allotted compartment. The once dedicated space for his knife was already occupied by a tin opener. He stood motionless, in silence, peering at his reflection in the kitchen window.

A voice called out from the lounge. "You're very quiet in there, dear. Is everything alright?" **JE**



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported them to make the Jubilee celebrations on the green become a reality.

Thanks to those businesses, clubs and village groups who supported us financially and to the various councils and the Grassroots Charity. Without this generous sponsorship the event would not have taken place.

To the cake bakers, sandwich makers, shoppers, electricians, litter pickers, race organisers, music makers, kite flyers, car enthusiasts, face painters we couldn't have done it without you.

Special thanks to the band The Gifted, what a night we had.

Last but not least thanks to George Wright for the firework display.

Without certain guys who undertook many practical tasks the event certainly could not have taken place!

From all of this we have so many happy memories to share.

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

The Jubilee Committee

Chairman Lorraine Mann, Secretary Bev Adams,

Treasurer Jackie Plummer, Amanda Cordell, Carol Kerridge, Katherine Plummer, Mary Maskell.

THANK YOU

A Huge Thank You to the Jubilee Committee for organising such a fantastic celebration on the green for the Platinum Jubilee.

We are so lucky as a village to have you, your faith that we will all want to celebrate, 'nearer the time', your organisation skills, your energy, hard work and long hours put in for us all. The army of sandwich makers, cake bakers, table setters, children's race creators, Scout and Guide group leaders, History and Garden Club stallholders and the wonderful booking of the band for the afternoon.

It was a wonderful day on Saturday, a blustery sea of red white and blue, so good to see everyone out socialising, meeting new people and forgetting the past 2 1/2 years.

The band in the evening were fabulous, the marquee full of dancing, smiling, happy people.

Thank you again for all the hard work, you made a weekend to remember for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2022 and everyone I have spoken to about the weekend is so grateful.

Joanne Herbert

We would like to thank very much all those involved in organising and providing the village celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Unfortunately, we couldn't participate in all that was on offer but we were able to attend the Tea in the Marquee on the Saturday.

The food supplied was superb, very fresh and a good variety with certain intolerances/allergies catered for. Also, how lovely to be waited on instead of a mad scramble around a buffet table. To the cake and scone bakers, the sandwich makers and those who supplied the drinks - thank you. Not forgetting the musical accompaniment which added to the convivial atmosphere.. We take our Jubilee hats off to everyone.

Hilary & Mike Webster

Many congratulations and my grateful thanks for providing a really delicious Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea. You all worked very hard to make it a day to remember and in such a happy atmosphere. Thank you to all concerned.

Chris Aplin

JULY DIARY

- Fri 1st **RUNNING CLUB 5 MILE RACE**, 7.30pm
& children's races
- Sat 2nd/Sun3rd **FLOWER FESTIVAL**, Methodist Church, see p.5
- Mon 4th **VILLAGE HALL AGM**, 7.30pm Village Hall
- Tues 15th **LADIES CLUB**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Thurs 7th **PARISCH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7pm, Village Hall
- Sat 9th **TENDRING SHOW**, See p. 5
- Sat 9th **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH**, St Mary's church,
see p. 6
- Thurs 14th **AUTISM COFFEE MORNING**, Village Hall, 1pm
- Fri 15th **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**
- Sat 16th **COMMUNITY CRAFT EVENT**, 10.30-3.30. Village Hall
- Sat 16th **SUMMER FETE & PLANT SALE**, St George's School,
Great Bromley, 12-4pm
- Sat 16th **COFFEE MORNING**, St Mary's Church Hall, 10-12
- Sun 17th **CRICKET CLUB ANNIVERSARY**, see page 9
- Thurs 21st **PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**, 6.30pm,
Village Hall
- Fri 29th **MAGAZINE COLLATING**, 9am St Mary's Church Hall