

Great Bentley Parish News

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EDITORIAL

Another lovely full magazine again this month and thank you so much for responding to the earlier deadline. Special thanks to Carole who got most of this tome typed up and the office junior who completed it accepts full responsibility for any errors.

On the last day of April two ambulances were called to a three car crash at Lufkins Corner, scene of another accident just two days earlier. Not only is the crossroads sign **STILL** down but also the giveaway sign as you approach from Clacton. The Frating and Great Bentley County Councillors are aware of this and are trying to implement a successful outcome. Any lobbying you can do might speed things up just a little bit.

We have included on page 4 a plea for your response to the Consultation document issued by Essex County Council regarding the possible expansion of Great Bentley Primary school. I hope you will respond in any of the ways open to you to express your views as the deadline has been extended to allow readers of the magazine to participate. If implemented places will double from 210 places to 420 over a seven year period from 2024.

This month we have four FREE tickets to the Tendring Show. All you need to do is answer the Quiz on page 29 and email the answers or post them to me by 12th June. First two winners will receive a pair of tickets....see article about pairs on page 21!

A village favourite, the Carnival, returns this year so please go along and support this. So much effort and organisation goes into our village events.

Village Show returns this year and we include a list of all the classes and where you can obtain your free schedule, including entry form. I say this every year, please enter something if you can as there are classes to interest everyone.

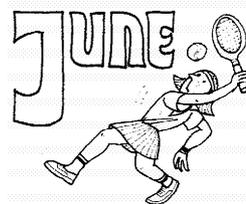
Thank you to the Parish Council who organised the Annual Parish Meeting and you can read about this on page 32. It really was an interesting and inspiring meeting. Congratulations to the winners of the Pride of Great Bentley awards. Thank you to Councillor Alison Clarke for writing about this meeting and to the Parish Council Chairman Pippa Dennits for her report. You may wish to see first hand what is achievable by going along to the Manningtree Earth Festival, see page 32.

As I write this the Bentley in Bloom team are out getting soaking wet planting the summer displays. Thanks everyone. We know they will look amazing and brighten our days and they are appreciated.

Councillor Lynda McWilliams has sent a reminder that refuse collections remain as normal over the Jubilee Bank Holiday.

I was about to hit the hay last night (Monday 23rd) when I suddenly recognised a familiar face on television. It was our very own Jeremy Spake, from Great Bentley, who featured in the Programme "Airport", where, as I recall he lost an entire Russian orchestra! "The Airport, back in the Skies", was a really interesting documentary and Jeremy was the ideal presenter, very slick and knowledgeable. We hope to see you back in Great Bentley soon Jeremy.

Last but not least, after months of planning, please do join us for some real village time together as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. What an amazing lady Her Majesty is. Last chance to buy your Afternoon Tea Tickets is 1st June. The band for the evening is amazing and we have something for everyone throughout the day. Sunday is picnic on the green for anyone who would like to join in. Hope to see you all there,
Mary Maskell



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FRONT COVER

Planting the oak tree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Mick Dorling, retiring tree warden (32 years service)
Dorothy Nowak, Bentley in Bloom
Peter Harry, Parish Councillor
David Gofflifer, Conservation Group
Sue Shimali our new tree warden.

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THE MONTHLY LETTER JUNE

Congratulations on your Platinum Jubilee, your Majesty!

Queen Elizabeth II has always been a part of my life and not just because my father worked in Buckingham Palace.

She inspires me because of her faith, her service, and her commitment to her role as Queen here and across the Commonwealth. She has like all of us, had the ups and downs of family life, the joy of weddings and grandchildren and great grandchildren. The loss of loved ones, especially Prince Philip. Yet she has the strength and commitment to keep on working.

The role of Queen is lifelong and the way she has dedicated herself to it is outstanding!
Every blessing, Sharon

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'.



ORGANIST 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 WEBSITE

stmaryschurchgreatbentley.co.uk

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**

DOCTOR MICHAEL GEORGE

**There will be a thanksgiving
for the life of
Dr Michael George
on Sunday 26th June
2pm
at St Mary's church.**

**Refreshments will be available
In the church hall afterwards.**



**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 June. 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:-

June 5th Local Leadership
June 12th Rev Tom Osborne
Holy Communion
June 19th Ann Beeton
June 26th Lin Dickinson

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

Sandwiches for Hope @ Trinity, 8th June

Each Wednesday following the first Friday of the month at 10am we collect sandwiches and take them to our Church in Clacton for those struggling to buy food for themselves.

Other Events in June:

Coffee & Chat 3rd June

Colin Johnson Memorial Service Saturday 4th June 10.30am This will be a memorial service for his life and work in our village. Members of his family from Australia will be there and all are welcome to remember Colin and his strong faith. The service will be led by our former Pastor, David Bavister.

Saturday 18th June 11am to 5pm Young mums are having a fund-raising event to support research into diabetes. Come and help them raise money for this Charity

Messy Church 7th June 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.

July Flower Festival 2nd & 3rd July - see advert.

ST MARY'S SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday 5th June

9.30am Jubilee Service

Tues 7th Bible Study, Church Hall, 10am

Sunday 12th June

9.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Club

Thurs 16th Knit & Natter, Church Hall, 2-3.30pm

Sat 18th Coffee Morning in the Church Hall
10-12 noon

Sunday 19th June

9.30am Holy Communion

Tues 21st Bible Study, Church Hall, 10am

Sunday 26th June

9.30am Family Service

**ROTAS FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH
FOR JUNE**

Sidespersons Rota

5th Chris Aplin
12th Hannah Justice
19th Richard Wainer
26th Rosemary Branch

Prayer Rota

5th Nicky Justice
12th Vicar
19th Wendy King
26th David Branch

Coffee Rota

5th Lyn Gordon
12th Edna Black
19th Zonia Wood
26th Rosemary Branch

Cleaning Rota

4th Linda Hayes
11th Jennie Moss
18th Wendy Smith
25th David & Rosemary Branch



GREAT BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Essex County Council is considering expanding Great Bentley Primary School and would like to have your views.

A public consultation started on 28 April 2022 and was originally planned to end on 26 May 2022. ECC has already received numerous responses to the consultation, and there was a good attendance at meetings held at the school on Wednesday 18 May.

However, to ensure that all interested people have a chance to respond the consultation deadline is being extended until Friday 10th June 2022.

About the consultation

The public consultation is taking place between Thursday 28 April 2022 and Friday 10 June 2022. The proposal is to expand Great Bentley Primary School and increase its capacity from 210 places to 420 places over a seven year period, with the first larger intake being admitted to the school in September 2024.

Take a look at the [consultation document](#).

Have your say

You can contact ECC by:

- completing the [online form](#)
- email: school.organisation@essex.gov.uk
- post: Essex County Council, School Organisation and Planning, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH

If you have any questions or would like further information about the consultation process or the expansion proposal you can call or email Kevin Wilby, School Organisation Officer, on 03330 131147 and kevin.wilby@essex.gov.uk. Alternatively you may contact the chair of governors of the school, via the school office.

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

SATURDAY 9th JULY
Show starts at 9am

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Essex County's Premier Agricultural Event

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- Lifestyle & Art Show Marquee
- Main Ring Entertainment
- Huge Food Pavilion
- Livestock & Equestrian Shows

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 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

Good Neighbours AGM

Thursday 16th June
 Village Hall
 7.30pm
 All very welcome.

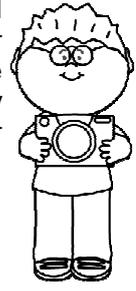
FOR SALE

Gents Bicycle

Make: Professional
 Model: Commuter 20 inch wheels.
 Gents 6 gear bike includes stand, pump and rear pannier carrier.
 Very good condition reason for sale now not needed.
 Originally bought from Cycle King, Colchester.
 £70 ono
 Contact Malcolm 07811749356

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

WASTE COLLECTION
PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE
NO
CHANGES TO WASTE
COLLECTIONS DURING
THE JUBILEE
BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Great Bentley Methodist Church
 in the centre of Great Bentley Green

Flower Festival
 Title "Green Planet"

Light Lunches, Strawberry Teas & Stalls

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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£15 per hour - minimum charge £30

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Creepy Crawlies

Magic Moments

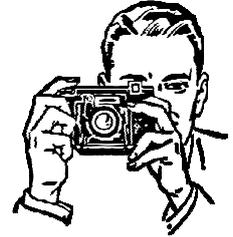
Sporting Chance

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)

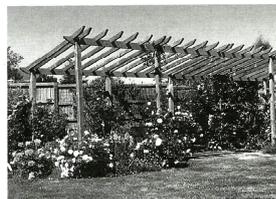
All other enquiries: 07749 652127

Tendring Village Open Gardens and Wildlife Day

Saturday 11th June
10.30am - 4.30pm

£5 per person - U16's free

Tickets on sale on the day at the
Village Hall, The Street, Tendring, CO16 0BG



At St Edmund's Church:
Filled with floral arrangements
Observation bee hive
Plant sale
Seed swap
Wildlife photography display

Open Gardens throughout the village

At the Village Hall:

TICKET SALES (CASH/CARD)

Tea/coffee/homemade cakes

Cubs/Guides wildlife displays

Toilets

Free Parking



Raising funds for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, MIND and St Edmund's
Contact Rachel on 01255 830304 for more details

DEADLINE FOR JULY MAGAZINE

TUESDAY 14th JUNE

Material to Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage, The Green, 250524 **AND**
Carole Allington, Poplar House, Station Road, 251086.

Please mark all material - "Parish Magazine"

email: carole@pncallington.co.uk **AND** marymaskell@sys3internet.net

IMPORTANT - PLEASE SEND ALL INFORMATION TO BOTH OF US

GREAT BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL RECYCLE SCHEME

We currently take:

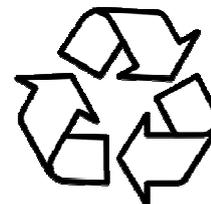
Crisps and multi pack packaging
Cakes, biscuits and crackers wrappers
Sweets and chocolate wrappers
Pringles tubes, lids and foil seal (no other brand)

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

We don't take

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



The friends of Elmstead Church would like to invite you to their

Annual Arts & Crafts Weekend

set in the beautiful grounds of
St Anne & St Laurence Church
Church Road
Elmstead Market CO7 7AR

Saturday 11th June 10.30-5.30

Sunday 12th June 12 noon-5.30

Art work for sale at reasonable prices by
local artists & Crafters

Light lunches, Teas and Homemade cakes
served all day
(eating area in a tent)

Free entry to all areas

Registered Charity No.299309

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 24th June.

Everyone Welcome.



to new residents at Louise Cottage,
St Mary's Road.

Sharon and Chris at Eldene, Aingers Green



THANK YOU

ST MARY'S MAY FAYRE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the St Mary's church fair on what turned out to be a very wet Saturday. £1,400 was raised for church fund's which is a credit to everyone's resilience!

100 CLUB

The winners of the Spring draw for the 100 Club were

1st Barbara Colley
2nd Comer Mead.

Congratulations to them.

St Mary's Church COFFE MORNING

Saturday 18th June

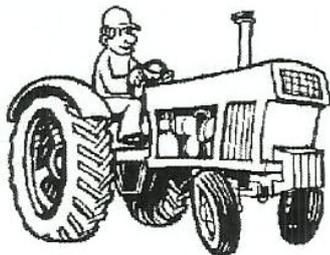
St Mary's Church Hall

10.00am - 12noon

Refreshments
Cake Stall: Plants/Produce
Raffle



In Aid of Church Funds



Farming Diaries

With the farming year in full swing now and nearly all cropping in the ground the work load varies greatly depending on what the farmers are growing. Cereal growers will have, or will be in the next few days applying their final fungicides to ensure they prevent any disease creeping into the crop which could dramatically affect the quality of the final yield. The quality of the harvested yield is very important as the millers and the bread makers have very stringent specifications which farmers work to all season to ensure their produce meets the standards required. Protein levels in the wheat grain can affect the quality of bread or too much nitrogen in barley can make it impractical in the brewing industry so it is important that farmers get these levels correct. After their final fungicide cereal growers will begin to look ahead to harvest ensuring that their grain stores are cleaned out ready to store the harvested crop and looking at trial results and varieties for the coming season ahead.

Farmers who have root crops such as potatoes, carrots, onions or sugar beet are much busier at this time of the year. They will be concentrating on weed control to avoid competition between weeds and the crop. Competition between weeds and the crop can mean that the crop is unable to access nutrients, fertiliser and water all which are vital in their growth and development.

You will often see irrigators applying water to potato and onion and turf crops. Applications of water are precisely planned with the use of neutron probes measuring the soil moisture deficit so that not too much water is applied which would result in lazy root development. Equally, potato crops must not dry out when the tubers are forming as this would lead to the development of scab making the potato unsellable.

Farmers are also trying to prevent disease coming into the crop which can dramatically impact yield in the same way as the wheat example given in last month's article. Blight is the biggest concern to all potato growers with total crop destruction occurring if it is not controlled. This comes at a cost of around £3bn per year to the potato industry. Farmers' use various tools including national forecasting services which are e-mailed to them directly as the weather conditions that cause blight occur, using local knowledge and assessing crops regularly as and when spores start to move around in the air.

Potato farmers have a narrow window from planting the potatoes to harvesting them to ensure that weeds and disease are controlled and making sure they have enough water and the right nutrition. Salad varieties such as Charlotte or Maris Peer will only be growing for around 90 days at which point they will be desiccated (the crop is 'topped') to prevent further growth to ensure they meet the stringent supermarket requirements (similar to the cereal standards mentioned earlier) which stipulate a specific size, skin finish and skin blemishes. Other varieties such as Maris Piper or Estima are left to reach maximum size as their markets require large potatoes for chipping or baking.

You will notice in the local area that there has been an increase in the number of fields in which maize is being grown. Some of this maize will be grown to feed cattle on farms, but a large proportion of it will be going into a local A.D. Plant (Anaerobic digestion plant). A.D. plants are becoming more widespread across the country. They carry out a natural process where plant and animal materials (biomass) are broken down by micro-organisms in the absence of air – hence the term anaerobic digestion. The A.D. process is when the biomass, of which there are many suitable forms including food waste, slurry and manure are put inside a sealed tank or digester. Naturally occurring micro-organisms digest the biomass, which in turn releases a methane rich gas (biogas) that can be used to generate renewable heats and power; this helps to cut fossil fuel use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The remaining material also known as digestate is rich in nutrients so it can be used as fertiliser. The AD process is not a new technology, it has been used in the UK since the late 1800s, but now an increasing number of AD plants are being built in the UK to generate clean renewable energy.

**WE WELCOME
NEW ADVERTISERS
ALL ON PAGE 38**

Jon Evans Golf Studio

For any golf advice/lessons for all levels,
beginners to advanced.

Michael Clark Residential

Thinking of moving home? We are based at
Southgate House, Plough Road Centre.

Fir Tree Restaurant

Recently refurbished and in Thorrington.
Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Thought for the Month

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden,
And keep out the weeds,
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words and kind deeds





Great Bentley Pre-school
www.greatbentleypreschool.co.uk
information@greatbentleypreschool.co.uk

Sports Day and Picnic

If you saw a large group of children and their parents on The Green on Tuesday 24th May, it was us having our annual picnic get together and sports day. And what a lovely get together it was. A big thank you goes to the Cricket Club committee for always supporting us in this event and allowing us to use their facilities.

Autism Coffee Meeting

Our next coffee morning is arranged for Thursday 9th June at 9:30. 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.

Primary School Transition Sessions

Our cohort of children that are due to start Primary School in September this year, start the transition sessions this month that we provide at Great Bentley Primary School. This has always been such a beneficial experience for the children before they attend the Primary School. It helps to reassure them of any anxieties they may have about 'big school', prepares them for new expectations and helps them to become confident and familiar of their new environment and teachers, all while still being supported by Pre-School staff that they already have a trusting relationship with. We are so excited about being able to attend these sessions again as we haven't been able to do so for the past 2 years, so a big thank you to Mrs. Whyte and everyone else within the school for working with us to provide this opportunity for the children.

Carnival

A long time coming but Carnival month is finally upon us, I hope you all have the date in your diary - Saturday 25th June, we'll see you there.

September Term Registers

I know it's hard to believe but as we break up for summer next month, I will be starting to look at the registers for the next term which starts in September. Although we are full at present on most sessions, there are a lot of places released once the older children move onto Primary School. Already we have lots of new interest and we also have lots of existing children wanting to increase their sessions too, if you would like to become part of our Village Pre-school then contact me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Queen's Jubilee

We have a fun week planned to celebrate this special historical event with all the children, we hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating this momentous occasion too.

FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

Fund raising on Wednesday evening is under way although to date the weather for bikers has not been good.

Bookings for the Grand Garage trail have started to come in. The price remains the same £7.00 per entry (or £10.00 on the day) Call Beverley on 250724 to book! The date will be 16th July -10 am to 3pm.

At the Village Show on September 3rd I shall again be organising a vintage tractor display . Book your entries in to me on 250799 preferably evenings! In addition to tractors there will be one or possibly two Suffolk Punch horses on show during the day. If you have not seen one of these magnificent endangered species close up I recommend you do so. They are here with the support of the Suffolk Horse Society based at Rendlesham in Suffolk .

This makes the 4th time of being promised for horses to appear but being let down at the last minute, however I do feel more confident this year!

Litter picking continued through the early part of the year although attendance numbers have been down recently. We have just ordered 2 new signs for use in the Aingers Green area of the village to warn drivers that a litter pick is taking place!

Any questions or info call me on 250799
Michael Dorling.



GREAT BENTLEY CRICKET CLUB

GREAT BENTLEY



CRICKET CLUB

We are in full swing with record numbers again for Colts training on Friday nights. Come along and support and enjoy a chilled beer or glass of wine from the bar.

JUNE FIXTURES

Wed1: U14 Away v Witham 6pm
Fri 3: U14, U12, U11, Kwik Cricket Training
Mon 6: U11 Away v Wivenhoe CC 10am
Tue 7: U12 Away v Elmstead CC
Thu 9: U11 Away v Brightlingsea CC 6pm
Fri 10: U14, U12, U11, Kwik Cricket Training
Wed 15: U11 Home v Frinton CC at Bromley
Thu 16: U14 Away v Eight Ash Green 6pm
Fri 17: U14, U12, U11, Kwik Cricket Training
Sun 19: U11 Away v Tendring
Sun 19: T30 Men's Home v Kelvedon 1pm start
Tues 21: U11 Home v Tendring 6pm Bentley
Wed 22: U12 Away v Coggeshall 6pm at Airfield
Thu 23: TBC U14, U12, U11, Kwik Cricket Training
Sun 26: Drysdale Annual Match
Mon 27: U14 home v Abberton 6pm at Bromley
Tue 28: U12 home v W Bergholt 6pm at Bentley
Wed 29: U12 home v Elmstead 6pm at Bromley



GBCC 250 NOT OUT Sunday 17 July 2022

We are delighted to announce that in celebration of 250 years of Cricket on Great Bentley Green 1771 – 2021, we are hosting a fixture against the MCC.

The programme of events for the whole weekend are:

Fri 15th July: T20 Mens Home v Frinton Barflies
Sat 16th July: Inter-club matches
Sun 17th July: Colts Training followed by MCC Match

Are you a Gt.Bentley Cricket Club veteran and would like to share any memories/pictures please contact: Carol Kerridge on 07748 802690 or e:kerridgecarol@gmail.com

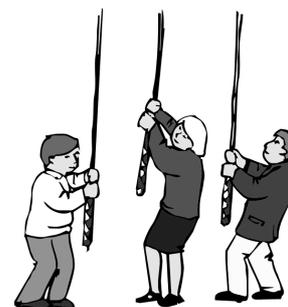
We have great facilities on the biggest village green in the UK run by a committee of local residents, dedicated to keep the game of Cricket a part of the village life.

For more information, come along to the Club House on The Green, or email Peter Giles peter.giles@uwclub.net or Carol Kerridge: 07748 802690 kerridgecarol@gmail.com

BELLRINGERS UPDATE

June is a particularly busy month for the bell ringers this year. We will be joining in with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations by ringing the bells prior to the events on the village green on the 4th of June. This is a 'once in a lifetime' and historical celebration, and as such all ringing records dedicated to the event will be collated and sent to Her Majesty.

In addition, we rang the bells on Monday the 16th of May to commemorate the life and service to the village of Dr Michael George.



Roger Carey-Smith



**Weeley
Veterinary
Centre**

PET NOTES



It is with enormous delight I can announce that Weeley Veterinary Centre will open on Monday 26th September.

You can register from Monday 25th July using the registration link at www.weeleyvetcentre.com

Opening a practice from scratch is the hardest thing I have ever done and I am relieved to finally be able to tell everyone the opening date. Since going public last year I have received the most incredible support from thousands of pet owners and know everyone's expectations are very high. I have been blessed with finding the best possible team to join me who share my enthusiasm and commitment to serving our local community. We are all excited about welcoming pet owners through our doors.

I think the last few years have demonstrated how important it is for the person in charge to be on the front line as it were. I have no intention of shutting myself away in an office; I still truly love being a vet and want to spend the vast majority of my time doing what I love, i.e. being hands on with my patients. Weeley Veterinary Centre is a first opinion small animal veterinary centre treating dogs, cats, rabbits and small mammals. It will offer a full range of services, including consultations, blood testing, ultrasound, x-ray, surgery and much more. We will offer everything the public expects and more including veterinary acupuncture for which we are happy to take referrals from local practices.

I'm really pleased with every part of the building having put a lot of thought into it. It was important to me that WVC is "cat friendly" so I designed separate cat and dog wards in addition to separate areas in the waiting room. I also spent last summer making "butterfly pillows" named after the material I recycled from one of my daughter's outgrown butterfly print dresses. These pillows will be spritzed with relaxing pheromones and given to every patient in the cat ward. If they are as effective as I'm expecting we may find none of the cats want to leave!

It was also essential to design a practice in which euthanasias are as supportive as possible. I am proud of our quiet room which will allow pet owners to say goodbye in a less clinical setting and give them the option to exit directly into the rear car park rather than walking back through our waiting room.

It may sound strange but I am also very pleased with our customer toilet. My theory is that when you visit a shop, restaurant or hotel it's always impressive when the toilet is nice. Many veterinary practices don't even have a customer WC and my hope is that people using ours will think "Gosh, they even care about the toilet."

Overall I wanted to create an environment which will be pleasant for our patients, pet owners and my colleagues. Having worked in a few practices I am aware that behind the scenes is often considered less important than the areas the clients see. I have put several special touches in areas our clients won't see exclusively for the benefit of my team.

Until recently the premises were a family home though in a former life it was the village store and Post Office. In addition to revamping the existing building, an extension has been built complete with an eco-friendly green roof. The main car park will be at the rear.

There are lots of surprises to come but I'd like to tell you about Sean... He is our sausage dog bench outside the main entrance. On occasion it will be necessary for clients to wait outside, for example, if their dog has a cough which might be infectious to others in the waiting room. I found Sean when my daughter and I were shopping in Braintree two summers ago and fell in love with him. I hope local residents and our clients enjoy him as much as we do. If you are passing and would like to take a photo with him, please go ahead there's no need to wait until we are open. If you do, I'd love to see your photos which you can send to me by emailing hello@weeleyvetcentre.com

Weeley Veterinary Centre is easily accessible at 26 Colchester Road, Weeley, Essex, CO16 9JT situated next door to the ambulance station. Registration is recommended early due to the anticipated high level of demand.

I would just like to say again how much I appreciate everyone's support and an enormous thank you to everyone involved in getting me to this stage. I look forward to welcoming you to Weeley Veterinary Centre soon.

Dr April Young MRCVS



Flying the Union flag on Great Bentley Green.

There are designated days when the Union Flag must be flown on UK government buildings and within local authorities.

The Union Flag is the national flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories. It is a symbol of national unity and pride. The first Union Flag was created in 1606 and combined the flags of England and Scotland; the present Union Flag dates from 1801. There are designated days when the Union Flag must be flown these are by command of Her Majesty the Queen, and cover UK government buildings and local authorities.

In England it is possible to fly more than one flag on the same flagpole the Union Flag should always fly on the top.

The following dates are to be used for 2022:

6 February	Her Majesty's Accession	Union
1 March	St David's Day	Welsh
14 March	Commonwealth Day	Union
17 March	St Patrick's Day	St Patrick's Cross
21 April	Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen	Union
23 April	St George's Day	St George's Cross
2 June	Coronation Day	Union
2 June	Official celebration of H.M. Birthday	Union
13 November	Remembrance Day	Union
14 November	Birthday of the Prince of Wales	Union
30 November	St Andrew's Day	St Andrew's Cross



The Union Flag should also be flown on the day of the opening of a session of the Houses of Parliament by Her Majesty and the day of the prorogation of a session of the Houses of Parliament by Her Majesty. Flags should be flown on these days even if Her Majesty does not perform the ceremony in person.

Malcolm R Channing



GREAT BENTLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

GBYFC Chairmans Update – May 2022

May marks the end of another season for the club. All of our managers have been delighted with their respective teams progress throughout the course of the season. We look forward to conducting our first awards day since the pandemic on Saturday 11th of June where all age groups will be presented with seasonal trophies and awards decided by the coaches, parents and players.

The club would like to place on record its thanks to everyone involved in the running of the club including the Parents of the Players, our loyal Sponsors, the Carnival Committee and the Parish Council for their continued support. A particular thanks to our Treasurer, Secretary and all of the Coaches who donate much of their spare time to assist in the day to day running of the club.

The Under 4's are continuing to learn new skills and have lots of fun every week, the boys are really enjoying their football and are already making great improvements and friendships as a result! They particularly enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt in the woods setup by coach Lee Barrett.

Our Under 8 Blues coached by Lee Barrett continue to make great progress, finishing the season unbeaten in the last 8 games, with some more impressive performances! The boys have been superb all season and have achieved huge success, well done boys!

Alex Jones, Manager of our Under 8 Reds team has taken time at the end of the season to reflect on the progress made by the team throughout the season. Respect for both teammates and opposition players, win or lose has been a highlight. At the end of every match hands are shaken and best wishes passed on for the remainder of the season. The appreciation of being a part of a team and not focussing on the individual has left Alex feeling very fortunate to be responsible for the group and he feels extremely proud of them all.

Our Under 10 team finished the season with a 4 match unbeaten run which was a great way to end the season for the boys and Manager Lee Jennings.

The U15 Reds, coached by Matt Lambert unfortunately went out of the Challenge Cup this month after 2 postponed games and then a narrow 2-1 loss to FC Clacton. This was in spite of an early goal from Evan Brady and a penalty save by goalkeeper Charlie Jansma. The team continues to train hard until the summer break before preparations for next season.

On behalf of everyone at Great Bentley Youth Football Club, we hope that you all enjoy your summer.

**GREAT BENTLEY CARNIVAL
AND FETE
Saturday 25th June from 11am onwards**

Join us for a fun filled day!

**Craft Stalls Mobile Bar Book Stall Raffle
Face Painting Silent Auction BBQ
Refreshment Tent Challenge Yourself Activities
PLUS
Birds of Prey Alliance Performance Ensemble
Girls on Tour**

Alan Goggin, County Councillor

Great Bentley Notes – from May meetings report

1. April 19. Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner. He reports +900 police. Reductions in homicide, burglary, theft, antisocial behaviour. Increase in drug driven violence and crime as well as domestic abuse. Worrying number is 18 illegal handguns captured. Aim is to try and stop todays 13 year olds turning in to todays 23 year olds!
2. April 19. Attended cabinet meeting. A key item was the presentation and approval of the new plans for libraries as mentioned in previous notes. Repeat pledge to keep all 74 libraries. Possible initiatives. Community hub options. Library ticket for all under year 7 children as a starter
3. March 24. AG chairs scrutiny committee. Action meeting. Available you tube!
 - Economic Renewal Investment Fund – [ERIF]. £100 million investment fund over next 20 years. New land and property projects. Central Govt and private sector funding. Jobs, growth, adding to economy of Essex.
 - Buses update. Electric changes. Pre Covid 40 million journeys in Essex. Currently only 12 million. Rural areas hit worse. Need to return and then grow numbers.
 - Local Highways Panel report discussed and then passed/presented to portfolio holder. Important to AG is that he has visited my division. Changes recommended.
4. Speed and volume survey carried out on B1027. April 20 to April 26. South east of Avocet place in 40MPH zone. Good compliance with average speed of 35.9 Eastbound & 34.9 Westbound. Volume 4602 east & 4427 west each day.
5. April 25. Climate commission meeting. Energy and waste. Target of carbon neutral. Some retro-fit existing buildings.

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FACEBOOK: - Alan Goggin Essex County Councillor - Established 1947.

“Report it” tool for road or highways issues – essexhighways.org



Essex County Council

Annual Parish Meeting – PC Chair’s Report - Pippa Dennitts

We’ve had no Annual Parish Meeting since 2019 due to the pandemic, so it is lovely that this is one of those things which is returning to some kind of normal. This last year has also been one of change for the Parish Council after nearly two years of online meetings, returning to meeting in person, two changes of Clerk and a change of Councillor.

I’d like to thank Karen Paradise for supporting us in the role of Clerk for several years and then Denise Humphris who helped us with a period of change before going back to a role in education. I’d also like to welcome Grahame Walkingshaw our current Locum Clerk.

I’d also like to thank Jonathan Hills who stepped back after many years on the Parish Council and to welcome our newest Councillor Alison Clarke. This is Alison’s first time as a Parish Councillor and she is already getting involved in several key projects.

There are many others who support the work the Parish Council does for parishioners on a volunteer basis who I would like to say a very big thank you to, including;

- David Golifer who keeps on top of all things related to our footpaths and public rights of way
- Alan Gosling who has provided diesel for the Parish Council Tractor
- Mick Dorling who has recently stepped back from his role as our tree warden

The new housing developments which are in progress and those recently completed signify a change for the village and the opportunity to welcome new faces and I’m really pleased to welcome Sue and Faris Shimali who have recently moved to one of the new developments and have taken over the role of tree wardens. It is wonderful to see newcomers volunteering their support.

We also enjoy consistent and positive support from both our District Councillor, Lynda McWilliams and our County Councillor Alan Goggin, so again thanks to them.

It has been a difficult couple of years for everyone as we went through the Covid pandemic, but at the same time it was wonderful to see our village spirit come to the fore as people set out to support one another in so many ways. Even now as we watch with deep concern the war in Ukraine, again we see members of our parish doing what they can to support those in need. That village spirit is something to be proud of and to applaud.

As a Parish Council we often find ourselves addressing ongoing challenges for the parish and we have taken a new approach to that this year by forming small working groups to get to grips with particular issues. This has proved particularly productive with the South Side Track working group, which is made up of Councillors and members of the public working collectively to find a long-term solution to the issues there. We are looking forward to seeing their progress in the coming year and will build on this approach as we address other challenges.

Another ongoing area of concern is vehicles speeding in the village and I’m really pleased that we have purchased some mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SID’s) which will soon be seen around the parish, and the completion of several of the village gateway features which are also aimed at reducing vehicle speed as they approach all sides of the village. The remainders of these should be completed in the coming year.

Of course, a very large feature of our village life is centered around the village green and it has been fantastic to see so much activity returning here with the football club and the cricket club on a regular basis. Also we are very much looking forward to the return of the Village Show this year, along with the Jubilee Celebrations. Thank you to everyone who involves themselves in the committees and organisation for these and all of the other events, groups and clubs which make our village life so active and enjoyable.

Finally, I would like to thank my vice chairman Luke Edwards and all of my fellow councillors who each contribute a considerable amount of time and efforts to support the parish.



FOOTBALL NOTES



Essex & Suffolk Border League

Div 2

Tue Apr 19 th	Lawford Lads	A	W	9 – 1	
Sat Apr 23 rd	Tiptree Jobserve Res	A	W	1 – 0	Tommy Thompson Cup S/F
Tue Apr 26 th	Brightlingsea Town	A	L	3 – 0	
Fri May 6 th	Brightlingsea Town		W	4 – 2	Pens after 1 – 1 at 90min Tommy Thompson Cup Final

With the reserve team fixtures finished, the 1st team had some additional supporters for their last 2 league games of the season. Both were mid-week and both away.

The game at Lawford Lads finished 9 – 1, with GB in control from the first whistle. GB played some nice 2 touch football, taken straight from Tuesday evening 7 a side training sessions on the green. Scorers were Archie Herbert x 2, Kirt Firkins x 2, Ryan Grace x 2, Jake Vaughn & penalties from Blake Keogh-Kedar & Charlie Dorling. The Lawford consolation goal was a soft penalty awarded by referee Mr Rob Giles. However, as in previous games that he had officiated in for us this season he had an excellent match overall. "Except for the soft penalty".

The Border League changed our fixture for Sat 23rd which was to have been away at Brightlingsea Town in the final league match. Instead, the 1st team and supporters travelled to the Colchester Utd training ground at Florence Park Tiptree to play Tiptree Jobserve Res in the Tommy Thompson Cup semi final. A comment was made during the game that it was a "bruising encounter". GB came out winning by a single goal on the day scored by Chris Bowles. Unfortunately Chris suffered a re-occurrence of an injury to his ankle, so had to be substituted in the second half.

So on to the final league game of the season. Away at Brightlingsea Town. The venue was changed by Brightlingsea to the Clacton FC stadium "under the lights" with a 7.45 KO. A good sized crowd watched an entertaining game. GB had Chris Bowles out injured & the GB management team took the opportunity to rest some players ready for the Tommy Thompson Cup Final because our second place in the league was already assured.

It was great to welcome Jake Bell back into the squad. Jake had missed most of the season and had to have an operation on a troublesome knee. He played the full 90mins and looked like he had played all year, having an excellent game. The final score was 3 – 0 to Brightlingsea Town who were overall the better team on the night.

After the game, Brightlingsea were presented with the league winners trophy and players medals by Border League officials.

This just left the final of the Tommy Thompson Cup to play. Again against Brightlingsea Town. Played at Little Oakley FC ground on Fri May 6th "under the lights" with a 7.45pm KO. A crowd estimated around 250 people watched a very entertaining game on a warm spring evening. GB looked the better team from the start. Aaron Clifton opened the scoring in the first half. Brightlingsea finally equalised in the last 10 mins of normal time. Unfortunately Ryan McMahon was sent off along with ex GB player Darryl Wallace after a minor scuffle. The game went straight to penalties and then became "The Jake Allwood Cup Final".

Jake, our young goalkeeper, had not only had an excellent 90 mins. He took and scored one of our penalties, he then went on to save 2 of the Brightlingsea penalties, leaving Connor Jones to convert our winning penalty. The final score was 4 – 2 to GB. Other scorers in the penalty shoot-out were Joe Hurd & Toby Britton. A great end to the season.

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 & 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 & a chat.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat Jun 25th Mick Taylor Memorial 5 a side tournament. Followed by BBQ & Bar Carnival Day
Sat Aug 20th GBFC 125th year Anniversary Party at the Clubhouse. Live band "Contraband"

Stay Safe

Follow the Bulldogs

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

RECORDED CRIMES - 7

From 31/03/2022- 25/04/2022

CRIME TYPES-

ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY - BURGLARY - CRIMINAL DAMAGE
- DOMESTIC- MAL COMMS- OTHER X2

INCIDENTS REPORTED – 24

INCIDENT TYPES -

ABANDONED 999 - ASSAULT- ATTENTION TO - CONCERN x 6 - DOMESTIC X3 - DISP CIVIL- DRINK DRIVE- DRUGS X2- HIGHWAY DISRUPTION X 2 - MISSING PERSON X 2- ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION X 2 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES x 2

THEFT OF/ THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE.

Car theft/ theft from seems to be on the up.

If you are selling a vehicle be cautious of those that want to buy, do not leave the vehicle unattended especially with keys in the ignition.

Do not leave any valuables in the vehicle, especially in sight.

They are easier to remove than replace, if you are unfortunate enough to be a victim.

Always be vigilant.

CCTV is always a good investment to give you peace of mind.

LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER

In these difficult times with the cost of living going up and the effect it will have on some, It is important we look out for each other.

Check in on your neighbours, especially the vulnerable and elderly from time to time. Some have very little callers, if any.

SCAMS

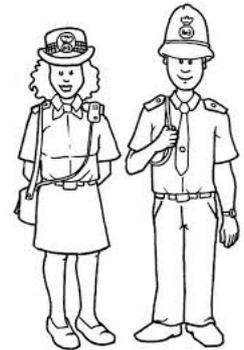
If you are effected by any scams, please go to www.actionfraud.police.uk/reportingfraud for online form to report to action fraud, or by ringing **0300 123 2040** Monday to Friday 8am - 8pm.

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

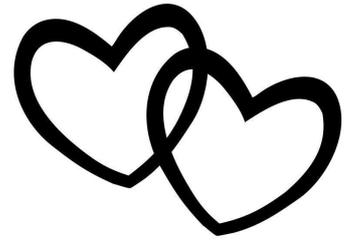
Reporting incidents the correct way.

To report an incident **please ring 101**

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



BENTLEY GREEN PLAYERS LOVE BEGINS AT 50



After such a long break of being able to celebrate together with our village "Players" they performed to full houses on both the 6th and 7th of May after an absence of four years. If you were unable to attend I can promise you, you missed an absolute treat. I have not laughed so much in ages and the whole audience was as one in participating in the humour, there was an amazing atmosphere throughout the performance and the interval. It was so good to see so many of the "regulars" performing tonight, including Bev, Ross, Chris and Donna and also to welcome back Steve Webb, Rachael Allen, Aline Robinson and to welcome Gabrielle Tyler from Clacton.

The opening scenes introduce us to Clive (Chris Whiteman), who is about to celebrate his 50th birthday, and Anita (Rachel Allen) who have been married for 28 years. What could possibly go wrong? With best friends Jack (Ross Olding), and Claire (Bev Adams) to support them all seemed to be going well.... I have to say that Jennie Moss as prompt was being called into action on several occasions and this could have put us all a bit on edge but actually it made it all the funnier, almost as if they were doing it deliberately to get an extra laugh; there were definite times in the performance where it almost felt like a pantomime with the audience laughing at their mishaps. They certainly played this to their advantage. Unfortunately this did cause a few repeat prompts as the actors couldn't hear over the laughter which slowed the pace a little.

Anita was rather stuck up and we all felt that Clive was truly not happy in their relationship. Bev as Claire, really thought that she had at last "hooked" her man and as ever her timing in all of the action was impeccable, one of her best ever performances surely. One or two of her lines really brought the house down. Her facial expressions and those of Anita too often rendered the script almost superfluous. Poor Jack (Ross) was left reeling from the shock of this sudden relationship he was hoping to wriggle out of but Claire was not letting this opportunity pass her by. Despite being best friends with Anita and Clive Debanks their "support" for this troubled couple was at times debateable and gave some of the best humour of the evening delivered both vocally and facially. Clive and Anita were so well acted and kept in character throughout. Their daughter acted by Gabrielle Tyler was not actively encouraged by "Mum" to try and resolve the crisis in her own marriage and the family interacted well throughout.

The three ladies who were being "interviewed" for a prospective relationship with Clive, from the Lonely Hearts Column all had very different personas and brought even greater dimensions to the plot. Annabel decides that she is far too young for Clive aka Roy Orbison in his attempt to look a bit more "with it" and to belie his 50 years. She decides her Mum would be a better option for him to pursue a relationship with. Pippa with her pill popping sales talk as a representative from SUPERVIT had us in stitches and could have definitely sold ice to the Eskimos. We could all see there was a future for Emily and Clive, she really was making the most of her time spent with him and here the plot really thickens as the photographer from the paper, played excellently by Steve Webb, assumes incorrectly that they are husband and wife....not surprisingly by their amorous advances before he can even leave the room!!

There were no curtains so changes on set were delivered by the crew swiftly and when necessary. The set was well constructed and of the period thanks to Roy. One problem I found was that I was humming along to the 60's music but trying desperately to remember, along with my companions who recorded the relevant hits! I did get Roy Orbison right!! Well done to stage manager, set crew, to Matt Plummer and Liam Olding for the lighting and sound flawlessly executed. Not sure who was in charge of the doorbell but when this was slightly out of sync it made it all the funnier. To Jennie Moss as prompt, to Ruth Wylie, wardrobe coordinator and Richard Upston as props co-ordinator. A special mention to the brilliant Goldfish Susie! Credit must go of course, to Peter Harry who directed and produced "Love begins at 50" and for reviving our village amateur dramatics production after such a long time.

M & S, part of the Saturday audience.

ELECTRICAL GENERATING PROJECTS

The local press, social media and internet sites have been promoting several electrical generating/supply projects which are all running at the same time. There is a need to increase the capacity of the UK Power Network. Following a Webinar I joined last Friday it became clear they are also interlinked. The webinar concentrated on the Babergh and Tendring Districts. Slides of Ordnance Survey maps showed the corridor of intended route of the North/South East Anglia Green link. The exact route has not been finalised as decisions on routing East or West of some affected villages had yet to be determined. A concern for our Parish was the fact that we were on the edge of an area that was being considered for underground electrical pipelines from an offshore windfarm and a new electrical substation.

East Anglia Green is a project to provide more electrical capacity (40GW by 2030) through a “cleaner, fairer, more affordable system” (their words) and be carbon neutral by 2050. This project is the installation of a new power line between Norwich and Tilbury, through use of pylons and underground cables in AONB eg Dedham vale. This will also include a new 400KV substation in the Tendring area. In our area the proposed route is primarily West of A12. But crossing between Stratford St Mary and Langham, heading to a position East of Ardleigh and West of Little Bromley. This is also the preferred position of the new 400KV substation just North of the existing substation. The Power line then routes west back across the A12 between Langham and Colchester towards Great Horksley, then Southwest via Aldham and West of Marks Tey.

Sea Link is an undersea cable project between the Suffolk coast (Sizewell area) and the coast of Kent.

North Falls Windfarm An offshore wind turbine project in the area of the established Galloper and Gabbard Windfarms, with the generated power coming ashore between Frinton and Clacton with a new substation in the Tendring area. The proposed solution for the substation would be located within a scoping area which is 20 kilometres from the coastline and within 4 km of existing substations near Ardleigh and Clacton and connecting power lines. This scoping area included Great Bentley, but not Aingers Green!!

Five Estuaries Windfarm This is a similar project to the North Falls Windfarm; offshore and collocated with Galloper and Gabbard Windfarms. The power would again come ashore between Frinton and Clacton and connect to a new substation in the Tendring area. The scoping area this time is slightly different, skirting both Great Bentley and Aingers Green.

The webinar presentation showed a proposed new addition power line to the national grid, with a substation in the Ardleigh area that will link with the North Fall and Five Estuaries Windfarms. As yet only proposals, no decisions, but it would appear that Great Bentley will escape any major construction works or upheaval.



P.H.



NEWS FROM THE OAKS

Hello Everyone! Have you got your cuppa at the ready? Sitting comfortably?...Yes, so have we so we will begin ...

How have you all been? We hope you are all okay? We are seeing red, white and blue when we close our eyes at the moment as we are currently getting ready for the Jubilee like so many of you most probably are. Are you excited? We are so very excited! We want it to be the most amazing time for all of us so if you want to pop and say hello we always like to meet new people and there's always, always tea and

biscuits.

We've been busy, we've baked of course and ate them... that's the best part right? We made giant NYC cookies!

We've some new faces here at The Oaks so we have welcomed them in to the family.

We have also teamed up with the lovely Mrs Stacey and the children in year 5 at the primary school working on the 'Archie Project' which helps children understand dementia a little more and to show them that it's not such a scary place after all. We all loved spending time with the children via Zoom it really brought smiles to everyone and we are making this a regular thing which is going to be amazing.

Right, we had best get on with a list that we need for the Jubilee celebrations... oh yes, Jodie our activities lady has just asked us to put something in the magazine about her recent Facebook post (we think that's what she called it?) asking for anyone should they see anything they think will make our little jubilee party extra special we would be so grateful for any donations.... She's told us to try and word it as best we can without sounding cheeky but as we are hearing someone bringing cake out for us we hope we haven't rushed with writing this request and don't come across as being cheeky but you know how much we love cake so we had best go and get a slice.

Oh yes one last thing.... 'If Cinderella's shoe fitted then why did it fall off' that got us thinking too!

See you all soon!

With love from all of us at The Oaks xx

Annual Parish Meeting & Pride of Great Bentley Awards

The Annual Parish Meeting is a parish event which (under normal circumstances) takes place every year between March & June. Although it is organised & hosted by the Parish Council, it's a meeting for the parishioners and is a great opportunity to have informal discussions and put ideas forward to the Parish Council.

Our Annual Parish Meeting took place on 12th May 2022 in the village hall & it was great to see so many members of the public attending to hear from our speakers Lee Heley – Corporate Director of Project Delivery for TDC and John Hall – Chair of PACE Manningtree.

Both speakers were very informative and knowledgeable, with a focus on practical actions we can take to reduce our impact on climate change. Some of these came through in the ideas put forward by those attending when we discussed the sorts of projects the Parish Council could be focusing on in the future, so you may see these show up on future Parish Council Meeting Agendas.

We also had our first 'Pride of Great Bentley' awards which were nominated by members of the public for those who they felt go out of their way for others.

Awards were made to:

Tracey Abram – with this nomination:

I would like to nominate Tracey Abram who really deserves some recognition for all the help and support she gives me and my family..

She is also a retired practice nurse and now volunteers as a coast guard in Walton and helps us pretty much full time so she's never really retired and has always helped people as long as I can remember! She regularly litter picks and does her best to improve our environment including religiously recycling through the Tending recycling scheme. She also recently volunteered at a Ukraine donation station in Frinton and donates blood regularly. She truly is a super Mum/Granny and I don't know how she gets it all done! She is so selfless and improves our lives massively.

The next award was made to:

Mick Dorling – with this nomination:

I would like to nominate Mick Dorling. Mick has been our tree warden for decades and planted so many trees in and around the village. He has instigated and watered for Bentley in Bloom and planted daffodils all over the village too. As Chairman of FOG he has also done so much for looking after the green. I do so hope he will receive this accolade as he now retires as our tree warden.

And finally to the Plummer Family with this nomination:

If possible I would like to nominate the whole Plummer family for a Pride of Great Bentley award. They are always happy to support with village events from everything to the Bentley Green Players shows to the lighting of the Christmas lights and too many other things to mention. It would be wonderful for them to receive this recognition and thanks for all they do.

Next year's Annual parish Meeting will be on 13th April 2023.



THANK YOU

The Plummer family would like to thank the Parish Council and particularly the kind person who nominated us for our award at the recent Annual Parish Meeting. We would like to pass on our thanks to everyone who helps us in any way with the things we do within the village.

Kevin, Jackie, Matt & Katherine

COMMEMORATION OF THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE ON GREAT BENTLEY GREEN JUNE 22nd 1897

The celebrations was commenced by the ringing of the church bells (conductor W.J. Nevard) and was continued through the day most heartily.

At 2.00pm the parishioners assembled when the school children (about 230) were marshalled up the aisle carrying their flags (Union Jacks), giving the church, which was crowded, a bright appearance. The "Old Hundredth" was then sung,

special prayers said and a lesson read ...

After the service a procession was headed by the ministers of religion, the Parish Council, Church wardens and the School Board followed by Great Bentley Brass Band under Mr G. Wright and school children, the smaller ones riding in wagons kindly lent by Mr Barker. After marching round the green the children formed up in front of the Old Rectory where the younger ones were each presented with a medal and the elder with a book ("Queen Victoria & her people"). Buns for each child and lemonade kindly prepared by Mrs Barry ... During the afternoon and evening some maypole dancing was performed which did great credit to both Conductress (Mrs Atthill) and the children.

Taken from Essex County Standard - Saturday June 26th 1897





Wildlives

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre

'Catkins', Frating Road, Thorington, 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!**

No happy ending for Blossom badger

June 2022

Baby birds continue to arrive, both abandoned orphans and victims of cat attacks.

Natalie from the RSPCA brought in a young badger who had been found collapsed in a garden. Blossom had a badly infected wound to her rump and also had a lot of old, healed injuries. Natalie helped Rosie to clean the wound, and Blossom was started on a cocktail of antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and painkillers. But despite the treatment and being offered all the badger delicacies that could be thought of, she refused to eat anything. John from Colne Valley vets looked at her wound and agreed it was healing well, but suddenly she deteriorated to such an extent that she sadly had to be put to sleep. On examination post mortem she was found to have a horrendous tooth infection, leaving just a shell of a tooth filled with pus. This accounts not only for her refusal to eat, but also for her injuries; if a member of a badger clan is unwell, the other badgers sense this and attack them. Judging by her old healed injuries as well as the fresh one, this had been going on for some time as the others detected blood poisoning/sepsis and tried to remove the weak member from the clan.

Update

Thanks to Peter, the sparrowhawk with the broken clavicle recovered fully and was successfully ringed and released.

The kestrel from last month's newsletter has regained his weight and has moved to a flight pen to build up his strength, especially his wing muscles. He is flying reasonably well but still has a little way to go before he is ready for release.

The fox cubs continue to thrive, and will soon be looking for their new homes. Hopefully construction will be starting on our new release pen at the site where they will go.

What a lovely pair

Jimmy: 'I'd love a monocular telescope for Christmas so I can watch the wildlife in the garden.'

His sister, Doris: 'Father has a pair of binoculars in the cupboard, use them instead.'

Jimmy: 'Binoculars? Boo! They're too big and clumsy. A monocular is much easier to use. Anyway, why do you call it a pair of binoculars?'

Doris: 'Because it has two eye pieces, side by side.'

Jimmy: 'Yes, I suppose it has two mini telescopes side by side, designed for the use of both eyes, therefore binocular. But there's only one item, it's still only one instrument, so why do you call it a 'pair' and refer to it as 'them'? We have a microscope at school and I focus on something using both eyes as well, but we don't call it a pair of microscopes, it's just a microscope.'

Doris: 'That's the way people say it - a pair of binoculars, like saying a pair of scissors. Are you grumpy this morning?'

Jimmy: 'But isn't that the same? Scissors has a pair of blades which work together to cut something. One blade on its own won't work without the other, it would be just a piece of metal. I can understand a pair of blades but not a pair of scissors. How can a pair of something be one item?'

Doris: 'Stop being so picky, you know I'm right. It's the same with glasses, pliers and pincers, they're all in pairs.'

Jimmy: 'No they're not. We're doing Spanish at school and the Spanish word for glasses is 'gafas', not a pair of gafas. Spectacles do have two lenses but they are held together in a frame, a single metal frame. Our front door has two glass panels but we don't call it a pair of panels. And the pair of pincers example is daft. You should go crabbing near Clacton Pier. I've been nipped by a crab with pincers, thankfully nipped by just one pincer, its left one. A crab has two claws which work together to grip things, so they act like a pincer, not a pair of pincers although a crab does have a pair of pincers, one at the end of each front leg, left and right. But the left one is not the same as the right one, that's why a crab has a pair of pincers.'

Doris: 'All right, all right. Get dressed. We're off to Marks and Spencer's to buy you a new pair of trousers for school.'

Jimmy: 'Why are you buying two trousers?'

Doris: 'Stop it Jimmy, we're buying one pair of trousers, not two. I'm making a list. You need a pair of underpants and two pairs of socks as well.'

Jimmy: 'You're doing it again. I can understand a pair of socks because one sock goes on each foot. But underpants is a garment with two holes in it, one for each leg. It's not a pair. And trousers in Spanish is 'pantalones', not a pair of pantalones. If you are going to buy a pair of trousers, you should say that you are going to buy two trouserses. Can I have a belt to keep them up? Why did I say 'them'? Sorry, a belt to keep 'it' up.'

Doris: 'No, Mother would like you to wear a pair of braces, nice colourful ones like Uncle Albert used to wear.'

Jimmy: 'A pair of braces? So now I've got a pair of underpants at the top of a pair of legs covered by a pair of trousers held up by a pair of braces slung over a pair of shoulders.'

Doris: 'Look, if a garment is designed to be worn over two similar parts of the body, it is called a pair, right? Like a pair of shoes or a pair of gloves. It's not difficult to understand, is it? And cheer up, you're getting on my nerves.'

Jimmy: 'Something worn over two similar parts of the body? Then why don't you say a pair of brassieres?'

Doris: 'Don't be cheeky. That's different, a brassiere is an item of clothing for a lady.'

Jimmy: 'What? An item like a pair of tights? I'm just trying to understand why you keep saying a pair of something.'

Doris: 'Then you'll just have to sleep on it.'

Jimmy: 'That's another one. Why is it you go to bed in the summer wearing a nightie, then in the winter you insist on wearing a pair of pyjamas? Why don't you have a pair of nighties?'

Doris: 'You're being silly, hurry up, the bus will be here in a minute. We're meeting Cousin Doreen. She's taking her twins to McDonald's.'

Jimmy: 'Is that a pair of twins she's got, or does that mean she's got four kids? Anyway, I'm not wearing braces, I'll look daft. And they shouldn't be called braces, it sounds plural even though there's only one of them.'

Doris: 'Well they can't be called a brace, can they?'

Jimmy: 'Why not?'

Doris: 'Because a brace means two pheasants, a brace of pheasants.'

Jimmy: 'So a 'brace' means two, and 'braces' means one?'

Doris: 'Yes, a brace means a pair but a pair of braces is only one item.'

Jimmy: 'Have I got this right? You can have a pair of braces which can mean four pheasants or a pair of braces which can mean an elastic harness that holds Uncle Albert's trousers up.'

Where does Father keep his binoculars?

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CAN YOU HELP?

I am a descendant of Kate Sizer's family. Kate Sizer was a writer whom you featured in the Great Bentley Parish Magazine a couple of years ago.

I have been sent the article ("Taken from 'More Memories of Great Bentley People and Places', Kate Sizer and The Mill") via the Ancestry website.

Kate Sizer has been of interest to me since I first saw a one-woman show about her, in Great Bentley maybe 40 years ago. A friend who lives in Witham saw it advertised and told me about it (my surname then was Sizer) and I attended with my father, David Sizer.

I clearly remember the actress talking about the fact that Kate had taken to a wheelchair for no apparent reason.

The following day my father and I walked round the local church and its churchyard and were astonished at the number of Sizers we found there.

In recent times I have browsed the internet to see if the script for that one-woman show was available; it is not, but I have enjoyed reading one of Kate Sizer's books that I found second-hand on the internet.

It's a long-shot I know, but having discovered your magazine and local history skills, I wonder if either of you would know who delivered the show, or whether the script is still available? I was not yet married so this was pre-1989. I think the show took place in a room with a bar in it, rather than a theatre.

I would be most grateful for any light you can shed.

Many thanks

Jenny Schaefer nee Sizer

If you can help please contact Mary Maskell

01206 250524

email: marymaskell@sys3internet.net

GREAT BENTLEY VETERANS CLUB

Firstly, and most relevant to us 'the Club' and indeed the wider village community. Tony Rampling is 98 years old next month. He has a distinguished record of military service and we all wish him good health and happiness on his birthday and the years to come.

Welcome to Michael White and Sylvia Lloyd who have joined the group. Great to have you on board (no Peter, Liz and Bob, not literally on board) and increase our number to 22.

It was great to see 8 colleagues this morning (Saturday 14th May) for bacon rolls and coffee in The Plough – thanks to the owner and staff for having us. We sat outdoors for the first time in glorious sunshine, which put us all in a good mood for the weekend.

I don't wish to use surnames in the summary of this morning, so as not to embarrass anyone. I said bacon rolls loosely, as Kevin 'F' decided to have a full English. Kevin thinks he deserves it after his one lap around the village earlier this morning. One person who will remain incognito told me he is on a speed awareness course. I thought he meant for being guilty of speeding; however, it is a qualification required to be a speed marshal in the village. Happy hunting Mr S. and I hope you fail to catch anyone, as no one should be speeding! You just like pointing a gun. Mark S. has an excuse for not being at the Cricket Club next week as he is off on holiday to sunnier climes. Although I fail to imagine anywhere sunnier than N.E. Essex at the moment. Must be the spectacular views, scuba diving, whale watching, sailing and tropical cocktails which are more appealing than Clacton Sea front.

Good news! The Cricket Club is the venue for our next social gathering which will have taken place by the time you read this! But I will give a report next time.

Our club is open to all ex-military and those still serving, any rank, gender or age, RBL and tri-service. It's informal, nothing serious, just an opportunity for like minded people to get together for some social banter.

By David Flinn B.E.M.

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 5

Year five had the wonderful opportunity of being invited to the Colne High School to take part in a sports event. The children were taught by the GCSE Sports students in a wide variety of activities and sports. They were able to work in group with year 5 children from other schools and many of our class made some new friends. Some of the children wanted to share things they had learnt and how much fun they'd had. Maddie said 'It was amazing and really fun'. Billy 'They did my favourite sport - basketball'. Danerys 'I learned a great trick of shoulder pass in basketball'.

Year 6

Well we have certainly worked our socks off over the past few weeks! We have been recapping and honing our maths, SpaG and reading skills in preparation for the SATS, which the children have coped admirably with.

Over the past week we have balanced the SATs with a range of relaxing art, music, PSHE and ICT lessons with plenty of extra play, 'pub quizzes' and 'the pirate game'. The children have said they have enjoyed this more than a normal week, which I hope shows that we've got the balance right for them.

Congratulations to all young coaches. Our second cohort were fortunate enough to watch Ipswich Town beat Charlton convincingly at Portman Road and thoroughly enjoyed the match.

News from the Photography Club

Children attending the Photography Club have enjoyed taking pictures of Lego Men in their own miniature world. They used the backdrop of plants, trees and equipment in the school grounds to help them and consolidated their learning of the photography skills of 'The Rule of Thirds' and 'Depth of Field'. Great fun was had by all.

Song of the Earth

Last term, the children at Elmstead, Frinton on Sea and Great Bentley enjoyed learning "Song of the Earth" written by Stave House Music founder, Ruth Travers. We recorded the children in singing assembly and then layered the recording, resulting in over 600 voices all singing together. Great Bentley choir learned and recorded the harmonies. Paired with beautiful artwork from children at all three schools, we hope you enjoy this song with a powerful message about the future of our planet"

<https://youtu.be/ioIE42fri3U>.

GARDENING NOTES



In June we should no longer have to worry about frost and will be able to plant out tender plants but as we are told to expect the unexpected these days it is worth checking the weather forecast for the next 14 days to make sure an overnight frost is unlikely. June is a busy month, harvesting produce, ours will mainly be new potatoes, broad beans and peas, as well as making new sowings and planting out either your own seedlings or plug plants. If you planted your shallots on the shortest day they should be ready to harvest on the longest day. Use a fork to gently lift the bulbs to break the roots and leave them to dry off in situ before lifting them a few days later. Clean off any soil and store them in a dry sheltered place to allow any remaining

green foliage to wither. After that they should be separated and prepared for storage and or immediate use.

Water conservation will be important as you need to try and make any water in the soil last as long as possible. In some cases this will be by mulching. There is a difference of opinion as to whether it is best to water in the morning or evening. We prefer to water the greenhouses and coldframes in the morning on the basis that we do not want them to be too humid overnight and possibly provide ideal conditions for fungal spores. All other areas such as raised beds, pots or open ground plants will wherever possible, be watered in the evening to allow the water to penetrate the soil before the sun warms the soil and causes the water to evaporate.

As ever, with any 'rule' there are always exceptions. One is chrysanthemum plants in pots. These are always watered in the morning and only if the leaves are looking limp. It is easy to cause root rot in potted chrysanthemums by over watering and this is the reason for trying to be sparing with watering. On a related subject you should never feed a plant that has dry roots. It should be watered first and when turgid, fed. This applies to both granular and liquid feeds. When using slow release fertilisers just try and ensure plants fed in that way do not get too dry.

We have been fortunate to have had a good harvest from sprouting broccoli, rhubarb, asparagus and swiss chard this spring. Owing to the building works we have missed the sowing dates for winter greens. It will be interesting to see if the later sowing materially affects the quantity of the harvest or only puts it back by a few weeks.

If you have been part of the #No Mow May you will have to decide whether to leave the area 'wild' for a longer period. In many ways, it is similar to leaving the mowing of grassed areas with naturalised bulbs until the foliage has died down thus returning the goodness to the bulbs for next year's growth.

When you do mow the grass, it will at first look very pale and blanched but can recover quite quickly especially if you give a nitrogen based fertiliser (preferably organic) to green it up. The cessation in mowing may be slow to produce a significant increase in wild flowers unless there is natural seeding adjacent. You can always introduce wild flowers to some areas in seed or plug form.

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GREAT BENTLEY GARDENING CLUB

By the time you read this we will have had our Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on 14th May. This event was kindly sponsored by Shrublands Nursery at Alresford and Clacton Garden Centre. We will report on this and our May meeting next month. A visit to a garden in Ardeleigh is planned for mid-June. Further details to follow.

GREAT BENTLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 9th June 7.30pm Village Hall "Flood and Fire" What's happening in the world?
A talk by Adrian Wright.

Adrian is well-known locally for his talks on the 1953 floods and whether they could happen again.
Visitors Welcome Members £2. Visitors £3.

GREAT BENTLEY ART CLUB

The Great Bentley Art Club will meet twice a month (on a Tuesday) in the Village Hall between 2pm and 5pm on: **Tuesday 7th June** - Subject - Buildings of your choice. Just in Gt Bentley there are several interesting period buildings i.e. the Mill House, the Churches, thatched cottages and old farm buildings. Plus victorian cottages originally used by agricultural workers, the Primary School and old Village Hall and several vintage photos in our local history books for historic source material.

Tuesday 21st June - A members meeting to discuss our programme for the following 6 months. During the summer we usually visit some local areas to paint and draw outdoors. Then in September we return to meetings in the Village Hall. The subjects are a suggestions only, as some will have their own projects. New members are always welcome.

BENTLEY GREEN LADIES CLUB

TUESDAY 7th JUNE Village Hall at 7.30pm
A JOURNEY FROM ACTOR to AUTHOR Talk by Nicky Mathews.
New members would be very welcome.



Surgery News

June Opening Hours

The Surgery will be closed on Thursday, 2nd June and Friday, 3rd June for the Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's amazing 70 year reign. As always if patients need urgent medical help this can be obtained by calling telephone number 111.

Surgery News

I am very pleased to let you know that Dr Rebecca Lloyd-Jones joined the Surgery team as a Salaried GP on the 6th May. She replaces Dr Sayomi Gunawardena who worked with us at the Practice for 2 years.

Holiday Check List

As more and more people start to travel abroad, I thought it would be helpful to remind patients about some important information.

- Please ensure you download the NHS app in good time, so you have your Covid travel passport available for your travel date. This is normally required along with your passport at the airport when you check in. A paper copy can be requested for anyone who is unable to download the NHS app by telephoning 119. Please ensure you allow plenty of time to do this before your holiday as it can take at least 2 weeks to receive the paper copy.
- For anyone who has changed their name since receiving their passport, please ensure you get your passport updated prior to your travel date so that the details on your passport match your Covid travel passport.
- If you need to check if your vaccinations are up-to date for travel, a Travel Risk Assessment form can be completed and submitted via the Great Bentley Surgery website. For patients who do not have access to the internet, a paper copy can be collected from reception for completion. Please remember to do this at least 1 month in advance of your holiday, to ensure you are able to receive any vaccinations in time for your holiday.
- Please remember to order any repeat medication prior to your holiday ensuring you allow at least 3 working days for us to process your request.
- Don't forget to buy your sunscreen!

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 22nd June for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then this is available by contacting 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group Meetings

There will not be a Patient Participation Group meeting in June.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager



SUNDAY 5TH JUNE - 12NOON TO 3PM

VILLAGE PICNIC ON GREAT BENTLEY GREEN – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC TABLES AND CHAIRS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE MARQUEE 12 noon – 3pm

COME AND JOIN IN WITH THE NATIONWIDE BIG JUBLIEE LUNCH

DJ MICHAEL BIRD WILL PROVIDE MUSIC

TENDRING PRIMARY RECYCLE SCHEME

This month I would like to tell you about the wonderful and forthcoming Manningtree Earth Festival, being held on Sunday 26th June, which TPRS will be attending.

It is a free event, spread around a variety of locations in Manningtree from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m., and aims to entertain, inspire, educate and empower. The festival will be fully inclusive with something for people of all ages, including live music, food and drink stalls, vendors of eco products, mindfulness and relaxation. There will be a full programme of activities and workshops to interest and engage people at all stages of their journey towards caring for the Earth. Plastic Free Manningtree Mistley and Lawford, PACE Manningtree (Practical Actions for Climate and Environment) are just two of the organisations involved in the creation of the event.

The main spine of activities will be on South Street, Manningtree extending to the Market Square and the Beach and Sailing Club in Quay Street, up past the Wholefood Store and Winyl, to the Red Lion and Masonic Hall, then Hill House Garden through to the Methodist Hall at the top of South Street (where the Tendring Primary Recycle Scheme stalls will be situated). Road closures will be in place to enable people to wander and explore in safety.

The event will be divided into a number of zones, with the main ones being

1. Food Zone: based at the Wholefood store and Cafes on South Street: local food etc.
2. Energy: based in the Methodist Church Hall; Solar PVs, Heat Pumps, Insulation, *Switch* etc.
3. Transport: based in the Market Square; EV's, E-Cargo Bike, Bus, Train, Walk, Cycle etc.
4. Waste: based in the Methodist Church Hall; Refuse, Reuse, Repair, Refill, Recycle etc.
5. Water: based at the Sailing Club; Water Quality, Pollution, Water Capture, Recreation etc.
6. Clothes and Stuff: based at the Red Lion; Fabrics, Check Labels, Second-hand, Washing etc.
7. Wellbeing: based at Hill House Gardens; Conservation Groups, Plant Stalls, Bug Hunts etc.

In the Waste Zone - which is where we will be found - Tendring District Council will be able to clarify not only what is allowed in your kerbside waste, but also what happens to each of the waste streams; where they go and what they produce.

Essex County Council Lawford Waste Recycling Centre in the meantime, will have representatives to explain what additional items you can recycle at the Centre, and what can't be taken; whilst Plastic Free Manningtree will be focusing on single use plastics.

Refill Schemes such as Unsealed, Clacton will also be there, as will the Wholefood Store, Manningtree; whilst local Repair Schemes will also be in attendance. Home composting advice can also be found, and with so many aspects covered in just this category alone you can begin to see what a comprehensive and superb event this is going to be.

So, whether you would like to learn more about how Tendring Primary Recycle Scheme works or to see what else you can be doing to help our beautiful planet, do come along on the day. We would really love to see you.



June Barker

FOR SALE

10 Square Glass Wedding Table Vases. Each vase has its own decorative pebbles and pastel coloured rose inside. All the vases measure 4 inches (10 cm) circumference and 10 inches (26 cm) tall. Used only the once. As each individual vase costs £10, I am looking for £100 o.n.o. for all 10 but would be willing to sell separately if required.

Two canvas fold up garden chairs one green and the other pink, both hardly used and in very good condition. £5 for both chairs.

Tel: 01206 251606

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FIREWORKS

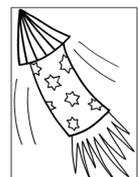
**THERE WILL BE A
DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS
ON SATURDAY**

4th JUNE

AT

APPROXIMATELY

10.15pm



COOKERY CORNER



COOKING WITH SALMON

Often referred to by nutritionists as a “super food”, salmon is an oily fish rich in beneficial omega-3-fatty acids which the body cannot produce. It is also a good source of protein which is important for maintaining bone health, preventing muscle loss and helping the body to heal and repair. It is cheap, readily available, and tasty and quick to cook. It can be smoked, grilled, baked, fried and even microwaved. But salmon is also quite a delicate fish, so beware of overcooking.

SALMON TERIYAKI

Teriyaki is a cooking technique used in Japanese cuisine in which foods are broiled or grilled with a glaze of soy sauce, mirin and sugar. Sake is an alcoholic drink made from fermented rice. Mirin is a type of rice wine similar to sake but has more sugar and less alcohol.

4X150g thick fillets of salmon skinned 150g button mushrooms 150g beansprouts
2tbsp vegetable oil

For the marinade: 3tbsp soy sauce 4tbsp sake or sherry 2tbsp mirin
1tbsp caster sugar

This will serve four. Mix the marinade ingredients in a pan and stir over a medium heat until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat and add the salmon before marinating for only ten minutes. Heat half the oil in a wok or large frying pan and fry the mushrooms very quickly on a high heat. Add the beansprouts and cook a further two minutes, stirring. Set to one side and keep warm. Drain the salmon but reserve the marinade in a small pan as this is the Teriyaki sauce. Heat the rest of the oil in the frying pan and quickly fry the salmon on a high heat for one to two minutes on each side until lightly browned. Pour away the excess oil. Add a little of the sauce over the fish and cook for two minutes, basting. Simmer the remaining sauce in the pan until it thickens. Divide the vegetables between four plates and put a fillet on top of each. Pour the sauce over the top and serve with boiled rice.

POTTED SALMON

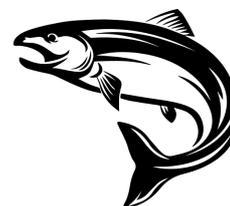
500g salmon fillet skinned 340g can goose fat 2tbsp fresh coriander
2tbsp crème fraiche 2tbsp classic vinaigrette ½ tsp sea salt
freshly ground black pepper

This will give you six to eight portions as a starter, and can be made a day or two before needed. Cut the salmon into chunks and melt the goose fat in a medium saucepan and heat gently to just below 100 degrees which will take about five minutes. Add the salmon and poach very gently for about five minutes until pale pink and lightly springy when pressed. Remove the pan from the heat and leave the fish to stand for another five minutes in the fat. Lift the salmon out of the pan using a slotted spoon, transfer to a large bowl and flake finely using a fork. Mix in two to three tablespoons of the fat, season with salt and a little pepper and leave to cool completely. Stir in the coriander, crème fraiche and vinaigrette, and spoon into small ramekins or other small bowls and chill until just firm. Serve with hot toast or crusty bread. Goose fat can be rather rich for some tastes, and I have used butter instead with equally good results.

SMOKED SALMON SALAD

100g fine asparagus tips 200g smoked salmon flakes 250g packet ready to eat mixed grains
2 eggs ½ tsp Dijon mustard 3tbsp olive oil 1 small lemon

This recipe serves two. Juice the lemon. Hardboil the eggs, drain and hold the pan under cold running water for at least a minute, peel and cut the eggs into quarters and leave to cool. Break off any hard parts of the asparagus stalks and blanch in boiling water for a few minutes until tender. Drain and refresh with cold water then drain and cool. Divide the mixed grains and rocket salad between two plates and arrange the asparagus tips, egg quarters and salmon flakes on top. Whisk together the lemon juice, olive oil and some seasoning and pour over the salad. Serve immediately.



M.E.



The Platinum Jubilee



1. At which London address was the Queen born? And on which date?
2. What was the Queen's childhood nickname?
3. What are the Queen's middle names?
4. A gift on her 18th birthday, what was the name of her first corgi?
5. In which year did she marry Prince Phillip?
6. In which commonwealth country was she staying when she became Queen?
7. Who was her first Prime Minister?
8. On which date in 1953 did the Coronation take place?
9. Which Archbishop of Canterbury crowned her?
10. The first televised Christmas message was broadcast in 1957, from where?
11. Which actress played the young Queen in series 1 & 2 of 'The Crown'?
12.and which actor played Prince Phillip?
13. Which of her children was born in 1960?
14. Which Commonwealth country has received the most official visits?
15. Buckingham Palace is the London home of the Queen, but which palace remains the official residence of the British Monarchy?
16. Which year was described by the Queen as her "Annus Horribilis"?
17. Balmoral Castle, the Queen's private residence, stands near which river?
18. Which actress played the Queen in the 2006 film, 'The Queen'?
19. How old was Prince Phillip when he died?
20. How many great grandchildren does the Queen have?



The winner of the competition this month will receive tickets for the Tending Show.

Please send your entries to Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage, The Green
or email marymaskell@sys3internet.net



GREAT BENTLEY RUNNING CLUB

Yet again it has been a very busy month for many of the club members.

Some of our runners headed for Poland to take on the Krakow marathon. The adventurous 6 Caroline Talbot, Rob Dyer, Sarah and Paul Davison and Mags and Tom Komorowski even went out and did the local park run on the day before the event. It turned out to be hilly! Perhaps not such a great idea when facing 26.2 miles the next day.

All did really well but Caroline wins the record for the biggest ever PB – knocking off a staggering 1 hour and 41 mins from her previous marathon time. Rob stuck with her the whole way supporting her towards this impressive achievement. Sarah also did excellently, completing in under 4:15 despite limited training and Paul nailed himself a 5 min PB finishing in just over 3:09! Mags continued to show her determination and talent, completing in under 3:45 knocking off almost 4 minutes and in her own words was “a dream come true!” Tom also got a PB (something in the Polish water?) and was under 3:50. They all agree that it’s a great course, brilliant facilities and fantastic atmosphere.

Claire Poole and Andrew Hart took on the Balquhidder Sterling Mhor 10k run! (Try saying that in a hurry). Claire reckons it is the best 10k route she has ever run with incredible scenery but is it is definitely NOT a PB course 2k flattish, 4k up and 4k down!!

Larina Marsh jeffed an unsupported trail marathon around Roding which was apparently a trail for experienced trail runners only 25 runners took part. (For those who don’t know ‘Jeffing’ is a combination of running and walking. Generally 90 seconds of each alternating).

One of our members Craig Mitchell puts on his own charity races. The Layer 5 is one of Craig’s events. The adult race is a 5 mile, out and back, multi-terrain course. David Balfour was the 1st Bentley (42.38) then Louise Balfour (47.38) Frank, Brian and Max (52.24) and (52.26), me (53.08) (I was super chuffed as just wanted to be under one hour)! Sue Wright (54.35), Belinda Palmer-Barnes (55.40), Amanda Ali (1:06.26) and John Bush (1:08).

Charlie Keitch celebrated his 100th parkrun at Colchester Castle taking it easy (for him!) 24:13. Saving his legs for the 1st of the Harwich 5k series and tapering for the imminent Halstead marathon.

Now for all manner of other races that kept us busy over the bank holiday weekend....

Charlotte Mills and Grainne Hallahan ran Lee Valley Velopark (10k and half marathon respectively) Charlotte achieved her first sub 60 10k and placed #10 female for that distance. Grainne used it as a training run rather than a race (1:54:30)

Last Sunday saw the Heritage run in Suffolk. Both 10km and half marathon options were available Craig Mitchell, David Balfour, Debs Hollidge and Mags Komoworska took part. Feedback was that it is a lovely challenging route but unfortunately the marshals and race signs were very bad, resulting in multiple wrong turns and extra distance.

Now for a super crazy duo who took on the Isle of Wight Challenge. A trail race along the island’s stunning coastal path. It’s along the spectacular southern cliffs, past the iconic Needles, and up to historic Cowes at the half-way stop which is just what Helen Coe did, coming in as 4th female out of 48! Rob Dyer completed the full Island challenge, carrying on to historic Ventnor, and back to complete the epic 106km journey. Apparently the elevation was severe and in the pictures of him at end he shows every metre of the ascents!



Paul Carlisle

'NORMAL'

I write in response to the article entitled 'Progress' in the May Parish News which asked the question 'are we really back to normal?' I think if that question was asked to the people of Ukraine they would give anything to be back to normal in their own country because in my experience.....

You never know how good 'normal' is until you haven't got it!

Judy Bishop

A FEW NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

CLACTON AIRSHOW

With 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 been agreed that the Red Arrows will appear on both days.

NEW CHAIRMAN IS ELECTED AT TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tendring District Council (TDC) has elected a new chairman following the authority's annual meeting. At its meeting held on Tuesday, 26th April, full council voted for Cllr Peter Harris to be chairman. Cllr Harris had been Vice-Chairman for the past year and replaces outgoing chairman Cllr Jeff Bray. Cllr Val Guglielmi was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR TENDRING COMMUNITY FUND

Cash grants are available to support organisations working in their local community. Grants can be awarded from the Tendring Community Fund to help groups deliver initiatives, with both capital and revenue projects eligible.

Schemes should particularly look to tackle issues such as social isolation and unemployment, or improve education or health outcomes or the environment, and support Tendring District Council's (TDC) key priorities. Applications will also be given more support if they have match-funding from other partners, such as charities, businesses or public sector bodies. Set-up by TDC the Tendring Community Fund has a total pot of £356,000 available. Grants of more than £25,000 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. This has come under my Cabinet portfolio for Partnerships. I have said, "It is recognised the fantastic work community groups do around Tendring, and this funding is one way of helping them to achieve those positive outcomes for residents."

Applications for the first round of funding must be made by 5pm on Monday, 13 June. Bids are made by downloading an application from www.tendringdc.gov.uk/community/grants-funding/community-funding and submitting it to Aimee Moore at amoore@tendringdc.gov.uk; applications could take up to four months to be agreed. For bids in excess of £25,000 the applicant is advised to contact Aimee Moore in the first instance.

TENDRING BEACHES AWARDED TWO BLUE FLAGS

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. Seaside Award beaches have amenities at a high standard where they are provided, and a Blue Flag is an even higher globally recognised accreditation for quality beaches, considering factors such as water quality and availability of nearby facilities.

Alex Porter, TDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, said the awards recognised the beauty and quality of seafronts around the district. "This is why we invest so much of our time, effort and indeed money into them, ranging from our Beach Patrol service in the high season, regular upgrades to seafronts, or creating and protecting them with new beaches and cliff stabilisation works".

Keep Britain Tidy's Chief Executive Allison Ogden-Newton OBE said: "The success of these beaches in reaching the very high standards demanded is testament to all those who have worked so hard to protect and improve our blue spaces – from beach managers and volunteers to local residents and businesses. The huge commitment needed to maintain marvelous beaches worthy of these awards cannot be underestimated.

LIFEGUARD SWAPS BONDI BEACH FOR ESSEX SUNSHINE COAST DURING VISIT TO CLACTON

A lifeguard from Australia's famous Bondi Beach experienced the sandy shores of the Essex Sunshine Coast during a recent visit to Clacton. Trent Maxwell – better known as Lifeguard Maxi from hit TV show Bondi Rescue – visited Clacton's West Beach on the 1st May as part of his UK and Ireland Live Learn Survive tour.

The visit was organised by Tendring District Council's (TDC) Beach Patrol team, who themselves provide safety cover along the Essex Sunshine Coast during the summer months.

CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEGUN ON STARLINGS SITE IN DOVERCOURT

Tendring District Council is using the site of the former Starlings garage and Queens Head Hotel, which burnt down a number of years ago, to create a new public space in the town between Milton Road and Orwell Road. The plans include a 51-space car park, public toilets, and landscaping. The proposed design will enable the site to be used as an event space, providing capacity in the town centre for one-off events such as a Christmas market or travelling fair.

Fencing around the construction site has been decorated by a local street artist, and TDC is looking at ways to keep the artwork on display once the project is completed. Work is due to finish on site late summer this year.

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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NET ZERO BY 2050?

Alison Clarke Like many others, I have often felt helpless in the face of global warming. However, having listened to the chair of the Manningtree Practical Actions for Climate and the Environment (PACE) group at our annual parish meeting on 12 May, I realise there is plenty I can do.

So what is global warming? Basically, increasing levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the atmosphere have resulted in higher temperatures all over the world. Experts consider that anything above 350 parts per million (ppm) of CO₂ will result in these higher temperatures, leading to extreme weather patterns such as floods, droughts and fires. These, as we all know, are already becoming more common.

By 1990 carbon emissions had reached the level of 350ppm, which is just about a safe operating space for humanity. By 2021 they had risen to 412ppm. If we don't all act now to change our habits, they will rise to more than 470ppm over the next 30 years which would be extremely dangerous to humans and animals.

Total emissions therefore need to fall substantially over the next 30 years to avoid a complete climate crisis. That involves halving emissions by 2030, followed by another halving by 2040 and a further halving by 2050.

As the average Essex resident currently emits about 7.7 tonnes of carbon per year (compared to the average person in China who emits about 1.6 tonnes), we all need to take action now.

At an individual level, there is plenty that we can do. For instance, we can cut down our consumption of meat so that we only eat it two or three times a week; we can drive less and take public transport or, if feasible walk/cycle to where we want to go; we can think about where our food has come from (look at the labels in the supermarket before you buy) and try to buy produce from this country; avoid buying cheap clothing made elsewhere in the world and recycle where you can; to save water, think about installing water butts in the garden; and to save energy, consider installing solar panels and/or a heat pump if resources permit.

Collectively, there are also lots of steps we can take. In Manningtree, for instance, they have introduced community allotments producing local seasonal food; they have introduced a repair café where people can bring items for repair rather than throwing them out; they are involved in monitoring the River Stour for untreated sewage; they have set up a wild gardens scheme; they have an e-cargo bike delivery scheme; and have installed a car charge point.

Many of these changes result in other benefits, including better health and weight loss as a result of changing our diet leading to greater mobility; increased biodiversity from sustainable farming and more tree planting; increased flood protection from zero-tillage farming; reduced household running costs from solar panels and electric vehicles.

If you would like to know more, Manningtree is holding an Earth Festival on 26 June from 12 to 8pm to promote all the above steps. There is plenty of information on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ManningtreeEarthFestival/>.

You can also contact PACE via their website if you would like further information about the actions they are taking: <https://www.pacemanningtree.co.uk/#:~:text=PACE%20Manningtree%20is%20a%20local,to%20protect%20our%20local%20environment>.

To avoid feeling overwhelmed, focus on one change at a time, then pick another before going onto another and so forth. But remember you don't have to do any of them perfectly. As the saying goes:

“We don't need a handful of people doing sustainability perfectly: we need millions of people doing it imperfectly”.

Alison Clarke

BENTLEY IN BLOOM

All ordered flower baskets will by now have been delivered and on display! Thanks to everyone who supported the supply of floral displays for this year and to the two businesses The Plough and Bentley Green Property Consultants who have participated this year

Are you going to be booking
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SESAW NEWS

There goes Kenneth, the smallest dog at SESAW, strutting around the garden like the big boss. He is oblivious to me, quietly sunning myself whilst engaged in a little bird watching. Of course I have no chance of catching the blue tits as they dart in and out of an old nesting box. Those conscientious parents enter with fat grubs and exit with their babies' white droppings. I'm glad I'm a cat!

A robin accompanies Tanya as she loads the wheelbarrow with the dogs' evening meals. He helps himself to the dinners, flying back and forth to his family. Blackbirds forage about the garden for food, probably descendants of those nursed back to health by Mother. Avian Flu restrictions were lifted at the beginning of May, just in time for our geese. The female is sitting on a clutch of eggs and woe betide anyone who gets too close!

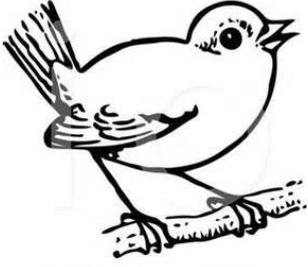
Turning to the animals awaiting rehoming, this is an appeal for Polly, a devoted mother cat and her one remaining kitten. She was found in a poly tunnel with five offspring, all but one now rehomed. Why? Because, like me, they are black and so they are overlooked. If you are the person who can offer them a loving home, please leave a phone message or email straight away.

It's nearly dark and time for a snack before patrolling the grounds. One of my ex-SESAW pals who now lives outside Hadleigh says he is tantalised by Nightingales singing at night. He will have to resign himself to dinner in the kitchen, just like me, Ollie (the Black) Cat.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Stoke Road, Leavenheath,
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Robin dinner

NATURE NOTES



Further to last month's weather and blackthorn blossom topics, early May brought different conditions with long-awaited rain. The special smell, after such welcome moisture has fallen on dry ground, is like that of newly ploughed soil and flavour of some root vegetables. I have only recently learned that this is petrichor – that literally means stone fluid that flows from the gods. The key component of which is the chemical compound geosmin that is derived from harmless bacteria.

Another nice scent is the subtle perfume of massed fruit flowering, starting with various Prunus and pears in succession, tree crops that have been affected by the late frosts. In most recent days it has been the turn of apple blossom with a better chance for a good fruit setting from a bumper display just going over its peak as we reach mid-May.

Recently the Tendring Wildflower Group has been invited to submit detailed descriptions of local wild apple trees, most readily spotted when in flower. This is being organised by the Orchard Network to better understand the links between wild crab apples and cultivated ones [*Malus sylvestris* and *domestica*]. The study includes close descriptions of the differences in leaves, blossom and other parts. The presence of hairs, smaller rounded leaves and even rudimentary thorns show the influence of wild crabs. Cross pollination between wild and cultivated apples has produced seedlings with a range of characters. Discarded cores also produce seedlings, especially along roadsides. The evolution of apples with human intervention goes back some three thousand years. The Chinese Tian Shan wild apple forests and populations in Kazakhstan and the other three Central Asian 'stans are the seat of aboriginal apple populations. Trans-Eurasian exchange routes such as the Silk Road facilitated this - long before container ships docked at Felixstowe! Natural hybridization also occurred before prehistoric human intervention that makes our study all the more complicated.

How apple trees that have not been deliberately planted have arisen is another intriguing aspect. Most fallen fruit is eaten by birds or mammals and undamaged seeds expelled after being digested. But natural regeneration of many trees is very much a chance event subject to many hazards notably pathogens and grazing by mammals large and small. Few small seedling trees survive in woodland, with some exceptions such as Sycamore, yet paradoxically neglected land often turns into scrub and secondary woodland. This is largely linked to shading by the existing tree cover. All the woodland "wild" apples studied so far have probably been more than a hundred years old, maybe older as often multi-stemmed due to coppicing. As not very tall they presumably established when conditions more open and resolutely survive, not changing much over the decades so long as their woodland home or old hedge remains unthreatened.

For anyone interested further in this I would recommend going on the internet and reading Robert Spengler's 2019 Origin of the Apple.

DRB

Update on housing developments in Great Bentley

Further to my update on applications for housing developments in Great Bentley a couple of months ago, the following is the current state of play, as far as I am aware:

1. Site south of Weeley Road – This returned to planning committee on 12th April 2022 and sadly the reserved matters and engineering operations have been approved. It's not entirely clear when they'll start work but I was told by a Taylor Wimpey employee that it was likely to be sometime around the beginning of August.
Planning application: 21/00977/DETAIL and 21/00978/FUL
2. Construction of 26 houses at land at "Moorlands Farm" with associate access, parking, public open space, landscaping and other works.
Planning application number: 21/02176/FUL
3. Construction of 6 houses on land south of Michael Wright Way next to Heckfords Road. This was refused by the Planning Committee and the developer has lodged an appeal.
Planning application number: 21/01560/FUL
4. Construction of three houses, garages and access at The Moors, The Green
This has been refused by planning committee.
Planning application number: 22/00286/FUL

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*The Queen's
Platinum Jubilee
Beacons*



THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE
BEACONS
2ND JUNE 2022


2nd June 2022

Great Bentley Parish Council is proud to be part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons and Associated Activities on June 2, 2022

The Parish Council has announced plans to light a Beacon for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the evening of Thursday, June 2, 2022. The Beacon is one of thousands being lit in the UK and the Commonwealth, and forms part of the official programme announced by Buckingham Palace for the Jubilee Weekend.

The Beacon will be lit on the Village Green near the memorial at **9.45pm**, and it will be one of over 2,022 lit by charities, communities and faith groups all over the UK. Prior to lighting the Beacon at **9.35pm** John Roy and Rod Richardson will play *Diu Regnare*, a unique tune specially written for the occasion by Piper Major, Stuart Liddell, the world's leading piper.

In addition, beacons will be lit in all 54 Commonwealth capitals and the Principal Beacon lighting will take place in a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace on Thursday evening. This will take the form of a lighting installation with The Queen's Green Canopy 'Tree of Trees' sculpture and projections onto the front of Buckingham Palace. This innovative new way of taking part in the beacon lighting will reflect the Royal Family's long history championing environmental causes.

Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster of The Queen's Jubilee Platinum Beacons said; " Building on a long tradition of lighting beacons to mark significant royal celebrations, thousands of beacons will be lit across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth They will enable local communities to join together to pay tribute to Her Majesty as part of the official programme of events.

" For the first time, town criers, pipers, buglers and choirs from the UK and the Commonwealth will come together to join in the celebrations in their own individual and special way. It is wonderful to see the range of support for beacon lighting, which will highlight both the diversity and unity of the nation and the Commonwealth. The Queen has lit up our lives for 70 years through her dedicated service and commitment. We would like to light up the nation and the Commonwealth in her honour."

The Chair of the Parish Council said; " We are proud to be part of this momentous celebration. It is only appropriate that this unique milestone in history is marked with beacons and music. We are honoured to be part of this special event for Her Majesty, The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth on her Platinum Jubilee."



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons and Associated Activities have been conceived and organised by Pageantmaster Bruno Peek and his dedicated team.

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Thurs 2nd **LIGHTING OF BEACON** see p. 37
Fri 3rd **COFFEE MORNING**, Methodist Church
4th - 5th **QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION WEEKEND** See p.35/36
- Tues 7th **LADIES CLUB**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
ART CLUB, Village Hall
- Thurs 8th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7pm
Thurs 9th **AUTISM COFFEE MORNING**, 9.30am, Village Hall
Thurs 9th **HISTORY SOCIETY**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sat 11th **OPEN GARDENS & WILDLIFE DAY**, Tendring Village
Sat 11th/Sun 12th **ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS WEEKEND**
St Anne & St Lawrence Church, Elmstead Market
- Tues 14th **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**
- Thurs 16th **KNIT & NATTER**, St Mary's Church Hall, 2pm
Thurs 16th **GOOD NEIGHBOURS AGM**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 18th **COFFEE MORNING**, St Mary's Church Hall, 10am
Tues 21st **ART CLUB**, 2-5pm, Village Hall
Fri 24th **MAGAZINE COLLATING**, Church Hall, 9am
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Sun 26th **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR DR MICHAEL GEORGE** 2pm
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