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EDITORIAL



Well, who would have believed that the weather would have been so wonderful over the whole Easter weekend and it was very much appreciated, I am sure. Fingers crossed for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and don't forget to BOOK YOUR TICKETS for the Afternoon Tea. A lovely event suitable for all age groups and numbers will be limited. See page 21.

We seem to have had a bit of a Carfest this last weekend. The Corbeau Seats Rally appears to have been a great success. I was working in my greenhouse with the door open and every now and then four or five rally cars would proceed down the green and I have to say, well within the speed limit in fact better behaved than the normal through traffic. Later in the day a lovely selection of vintage cars were parked up on the edge of the green, many sporting the Union Jack.

This weekend as you receive the magazine don't forget the Bluebell Woods Open Day at Thorringtonhall Woods where you will be able to enjoy a stunning display of bluebells, wildlife and birdsong. The bluebells in flower in the spinney at present are the Spanish variety, not the native ones but look very impressive. Thanks to the Bentley in Bloom Team for the winter/spring displays which still look so colourful. There is an annual Bluebell Service at the woods in Little Bentley at 3pm on page 12.

Well at last we seem to be getting back to normal with more events, clubs and organisations returning to their scheduled slots. May is quite a busy month and of course there will be plant sales for Gardening Club/Hospice and the Gardening Notes bring our attention to some a little further from our Parish Boundary, but I know all will be well worth attending.

Bentley Green Players will be presenting their first production for a couple of years, at the Methodist church hall on 6th/7th May. Please do go along to support them.

At St Mary's church during April there was a three day Essex bell ringing course. Lovely to hear that and for so many people to want to perfect this ancient craft.

Also at St Mary's church on 7th May the May Fayre is offering a BBQ, refreshments, the usual raffle, stalls and of course the first of this years plant stalls. Something for everyone so do come along.

It was with great sadness that I learnt of the death of Dr Michael George our village doctor for 34 years. The funeral has taken place but there will be an opportunity to celebrate the life of this well loved and respected village gentleman in the weeks ahead. We will let you know in due course.

Mary Maskell

2022

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**St Mary's Church
Good Friday
Workshop**

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THE MONTHLY LETTER - MAY

Dear friends,

Over the past couple of days I've been trying to take a picture of a daffodil. On my phone, I have a seasonal picture on the home screen and the weather has changed so that having a picture of a log fire doesn't seem entirely appropriate now! This year, the daffodils have been really lovely and seem to bring a real sense of joy about them. As I finally got a picture earlier today, which didn't have shadows in the wrong direction and all the other things, it reminded me how things have moved on. The snowdrops, which are the earliest spring flowers, seem so shy. To see the beauty of the flowers you have to bend down and hold them up. Daffodils now hold their heads up and look out on to the world.

As I reflect on this week as the second anniversary of the first lockdown it seems that the world is moving through the stages of shyness to beginning to hold its head up and look out once again. We are still being quite cautious in our approach and the confidence is there to some degree but a long way to go in others. The war in the Ukraine reminds us of the fragility of so many aspects of the world as well.

Through it all God has been walking alongside us in Jesus. From the times of almost hibernating to the cautious confidence God is there. Jesus is encouraging us to look out and beyond the world through the Holy Spirit now. God calls us to look forward with radical hope to a new and transformed world. A world that we cannot begin to imagine because of its perfection. This is a world of hope that it may be difficult to comprehend at this time and totally understandably so.

Jesus walks alongside us, shows us his vulnerability in facing the cross and then the hope that we saw on Easter Day was almost incomprehensible. As we look at the daffodils that are out this year, maybe we can begin to see that sense of radical hope and begin to comprehend the glimpses that this can bring. There is much that is wrong with the world, and it is right that we stand alongside those in such great need. It is also right that we pray for the hope of Christ to shine through, to stand with confidence and to dream for the world to be a better place.

Let's take some confidence from God's creative and imaginative world! The daffodils (and other spring flowers) are there as signs of hope for us today and every day. Jesus walks alongside us wherever we are and the Holy Spirit prompts and breathes new things into being. Let us give thanks to God and pray for the hope that we have in Christ to be seen right across the world.

God bless,
Chris

There is an old-fashioned saying that really summed up our celebration of Easter this year – 'This joyful Eastertide!'

There was a well-attended Lent course, Palm Sunday, the Liturgy of the Passion, Stations of the Cross, Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Children's Activities when they created the Easter Garden, followed later with the Passion Readings then Sunday our Easter celebration with robed choir. We are also blessed with some amazing flower arrangers who put their skills to work, the Church looked truly wonderful.

Thank-you to everyone who played their part in making Easter so joyful.

Alleluia Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Every Blessing
Sharon

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Greetings to you all

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

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

The leaders of worship are set out below:-

- May 1st Gill Bavister**
- May 8th Maggie Woods**
- May 15th Robert Taylor Christian Aid week**
- May 22nd Rev Crawford Logan**
3pm Wesley day celebrations
- May 29th Rev Tom Osborne Holy Communion**

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

Sandwiches for Hope @ Trinity, 11th May

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 May:

Coffee & Chat 1st May

No Coffee & Chat this month due to our halls being used for the village play. Please support our local drama Group.

Messy Church 10th May 3.30

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

ST MARY'S SERVICES IN MAY

Sun 1st - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9. 1-20: John 21.1-19:

10.00am Joint Benefice Service

Tues 3rd Bible Study, 10am in St Mary's Church Hall

Sat 7th **MAY FAYRE**, 12 noon - 4pm

Sun 8th - 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9. 36-end: John 10.22-30:

9.30am Holy Communion

Sun 15th - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11. 1-18: John 13.31-35:

9.30am Holy Communion

Tues 17th Bible Study, 10am in St Mary's Church Hall

Thurs 19th 2.00-3.30 Knit & Natter, St Mary's Church Hall

Sun 22nd - 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16. 9-15: John 14.23-29:

Sat 28th **Coffee Morning**, 10.-12 noon

Sun 29th - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16. 16-34: John 17.2-end:

ROTAS FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH FOR MAY

Sidespersons Rota

- 1st Linda Hayes
- 8th Rosemary Branch
- 15th Jennie Moss
- 22nd Lyn Gordon
- 29th Annabel Stearn

Prayer Rota

- 1st Nicky Justice
- 8th David Branch
- 15th Vicar
- 22nd Wendy King
- 29th Carol Kerridge

Coffee Rota

- 1st Mary Maskell
- 8th Mandy Miles
- 15th Chris Aplin
- 22nd Maddie
- 29th Annabel Stearn

Cleaning Rota

- 7th Bev Adams
- 14th Nicky Justice
- 21st Edna Black
- 28th Mandy Miles & friend



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.

THANK YOU



FOOD BANK

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



Memorial Service For Colin Johnson.

Due to past COVID restrictions we were unable to give Dad the send off he deserved.

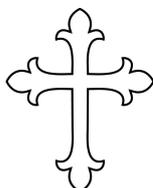
We would like to invite you to celebrate Dads life with us in Great Bentley Methodist Church on Saturday 4TH June at 10.30.

Colin lived in Aingers Green for 55 years, Both him and his late wife Maureen were active members of the Methodist Church, they also helped set up the very first Great Bentley carnival and local youth club.

So if you would like to remember him with us, we would love to see you at the church on the 4th.June.

Thank you

Helen, Susan and Families.



Rivers do not drink their own water,
Trees do not eat their own fruit,
The sun does not shine on itself
And flowers do not spread their fragrance
for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.

No matter how difficult it is.....
Life is good when you are happy;
But much better when others are happy
because of you.

Pope Francis



St. Mary's Church Facebook Page

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

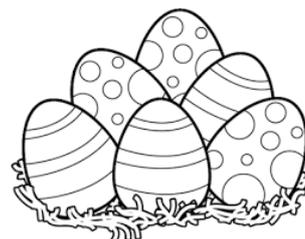
Here we will be posting news of upcoming services, as well as any forthcoming events or fundraising. Please like and follow the page to keep up to date with our news, the page name is 'St. Mary's Church Great Bentley'.

facebook

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

16 children joined us for a morning of fun and amusement. We had a morning of craft, followed by an easter egg hunt, after which we led the group in a time of singing and the Easter bible story.

A good time was had by all. **See front cover.**



**GREAT BROMLEY
ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR**

**Sunday
22nd May**

at Great Bromley Village Hall, Great
Bromley, CO7 7JA

**ENTRY - £1. (Before 9.30am £2)
No Concessions.**

Hot Food and Drinks available.

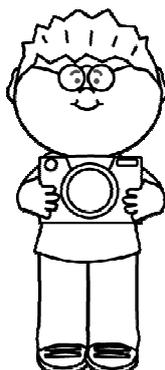
**E Mail nigel@garden-shows.com
07802 282193**

**Table Bookings only in Advance.
£25 each or 2 tables for £50.**

**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



Great Bentley Tuesday Carpet Bowls Club

The Great Bentley Tuesday Carpet Bowls Club is now back in full swing, members enjoying their exercise and the social and happy atmosphere.

We are always looking for new members who would like to be part of a vibrant Village club, we meet every Tuesday afternoon between 2–4 pm (including a break for tea and biscuits) in the Great Bentley Village Hall.

The first two visits are free after that it's £10 membership and £3 weekly, this covers the cost of the Village Hall and Insurance.

No experience or equipment is required as all Bowls are supplied.

You are welcome to come along or you can contact the Club Secretary Hilary on 01206 250969 or 07535107335



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Creepy Crawlies

Magic Moments

Sporting Chance

On Four Legs

East Anglian Skies

Up the Creek

Open ...



ANGLIAN ARTS PROJECT EXHIBITION

At St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Road,
Little Bentley CO7 8SE.

An Exhibition of work by nine invited professional
artists and artist craftsmen, including painting, prints,
jewellery, pottery, fused glass, textile art,
and wood craft.

Saturday 14th May until Tuesday 17th May

Open daily 10.30am – 4.30pm
All work is for sale No charge for admission

Ample free parking

www.anglianartsproject.co.uk

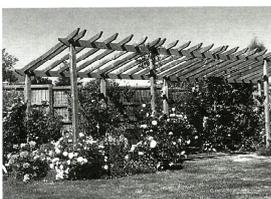


Tendring Village Open Gardens and Wildlife Day

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 JUNE MAGAZINE

THURSDAY 12th MAY

Material to Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage, The Green, 250524 **AND**
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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

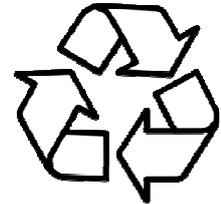
We currently take:

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

We don't take

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

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



BINS CAN BE FOUND AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

FRINTON FESTIVAL 2022 26th - 29th May

Thursday 26th May 5pm

Frinton Festival Orchestra

Frinton Free Church - Tickets £20
(£10 for adults accompanying 6-18s at £5)
Robert Max (conductor) with Mathilde Milvidsky
(violin) and Tendring Community Music Centre.
Johann Strauss, Mendelssohn and Brahms.

Friday 27th May 5pm

Echo Ensemble

The Naze Tower - Tickets £15. (£10 for 8-25s)
Babel by Noah Max performed live amidst local
artworks.

Friday 27th May 8pm

Barbican Piano Trio

St Mary's Parish Church - Tickets £20
(Free CAVATINA tickets for 8-25s)
Beethoven, Martinu and Brahms.



Saturday 28th May 7.30pm

Barbican Piano Trio with Alinka Rowe

St Mary's Parish Church - Tickets £20
(Free CAVATINA tickets for 8-25s)
Haydn, Suk and Brahms.

Sunday 29th May 3pm

Ian Bostridge sings Schubert's Die schone Mullerin

St Mary's Parish Church - Tickets £20.
Preceded by Lucasta Miller discussing Keats: A brief
Life in Nine Poems and One Epitaph with Clive Brill.

Sunday 29th May 6.30pm

Frinton Festival Choral Evensong

St Mary's Parish Church. No tickets required -
all welcome. email Duncan@musicltd.co.uk if you
would like to sing.

TO BOOK

Email: frintonfestival@gmail.com.
Call 07775084293. Website: frintonfestival.com

The Frinton Festival is supported by Bartleet Family
Fund, managed by Essex Community Foundation.

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 27th May.

Everyone Welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Plough Inn

7pm
Monday 9th May

£2 per entrant
6 in a team

Please ring 01206 250563
to reserve your place



Welcome

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



Closure of Rail crossings at Footpath Nos. 8 & 12 at Great Bentley

The Secretary of State has approved the closure of the rail crossings at Footpath Nos. 8 & 12 in Great Bentley. The Footpaths in question are No. 8 which runs from the Green to St. Mary's Road and No. 12 which runs from Birch Avenue also to St. Mary's Road. In the case of Footpath No. 12 this means that the complete Footpath will be closed. There is maybe some justification for closing the crossing at Footpath No. 8 as it is fairly close to the footbridge at the station. It would however have been handy for residents of the new estate to visit the village centre thus avoiding the traffic on Plough Road. There is however no justification provided at all by the Secretary of State for closing completely Footpath No. 12 as it is about 300 m east of the station and has recently been equipped with a new stile plus dog gates. It could also if required be equipped with pedestrian traffic lights as are installed at the rail crossing on Footpath No. 4 which runs from the Church to Frating Abbey Road. Footpath No. 12 is also a very popular route and is regularly used by walkers. The Secretary of State also states that the closure of the crossing on Footpath No. 8 would benefit the developer of the land, which probably means more housing in the future. The Parish Council, the District Councillor and the Ramblers Association have been very active in opposing the two closures but unfortunately without success.

David Gollifer



Make your Will this June and support your local hospice

This June, St Helena Hospice's Wills Month returns, giving local people the opportunity to make or amend their Will whilst supporting the hospice.

Three local solicitors have waived their usual fees and will write or amend individual or mirror Wills in return for a suggested donation to St Helena Hospice.

Rachel Joy, St Helena Hospice fundraiser, said: "Having a Will is really important, whatever your age or circumstances, yet more than 50% of British people do not have a valid Will. If you haven't made your Will yet, or need to update it, June is the perfect time to do so.

"We are hugely grateful to Birkett Long, John Fowlers Solicitors, and Fisher Jones Greenwood, our participating solicitors. Thanks to them, all the money raised from Wills Month will go towards ensuring more local people receive the comfort, dignity and compassion they deserve, right to the end of life.

"1 in 5 patients and families cared for by St Helena Hospice are supported by donations made from gifts in Wills. When the time is right for you to remember a charity in your Will, please remember St Helena Hospice."

To find out more about Wills Month or to book your appointment with a participating solicitor, please visit www.sthelena.org.uk/willsmoonth2022



Appointments must be booked via the online booking form on the St Helena Hospice website or by calling the fundraising team on 01206 931 468.

CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

GREAT BENTLEY GARDENING CLUB

The Members held a Spring Show at our April meeting. The number and quality of entries was impressive. Thank you to everyone who took part to make it such a successful and enjoyable evening.



Our **Plant Sale** is taking place in May after an absence of two years. Please come along on **Saturday 14th May** to the **Village Hall 10.00am – 12.00pm**. Half the proceeds will be donated to St Helena Hospice and half to the Gardening Club.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when our speaker will be Peter talking about Houseplants.

New members would be very welcome.

ART CLUB



The Great Bentley Art Club will meet in the Village Hall between 2pm and 5pm on

Tuesday 10th May - Subject - Farming.

Ideas i.e. farm buildings, views of cornfields, livestock, farmers going about their work - or just a pile of turnips! Farm machinery has evolved greatly over the decades and can be a very good drawing subject.

Tuesday 24th May - Subject - Pets

Most people have photos of much loved pets, which is always a popular subject for drawing or painting.

The subjects are suggestions only, as some may have their own projects. New members are always welcome.

Some village residents may remember that the Great Bentley Art Club was originally founded in the early 1970's by Harold Lambert a local artist. Membership numbers grew over the years and there were always annual exhibitions in the village hall. In October 2011 the Art Club celebrated their 40th anniversary and that annual exhibition was opened by Dora George, a close relative of Harold Lambert. Autumn 2021 would have been the Art Club's 50th anniversary year, but because of existing lockdown restrictions we were unable to celebrate that occasion. Perhaps this year will be a good time to revisit the Art club's long history.

Mary Pilgrim, a veteran club member, who has been our treasurer for several years, recently decided to step down, delegating the task to another person (giving her more time to paint). We would all like to thank Mary very much indeed for her dedicated service and hard work for the club over the decades. During our first April meeting, Mary was presented with a large Orchid and some chocolates, as a small token of our thanks and appreciation for her many loyal years as acting treasurer.

GREAT BENTLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 12th May
7.30pm Village Hall

“Everything Stops for Tea”

A talk by Andy Schooler.
The history of tea and some musical associations.

Visitors Welcome
Members £2. Visitors £3.

BENTLEY GREEN LADIES CLUB

Our speaker for April was Eve Relegous with her talk entitled “Magic of the Musicals”. Having once been a theatrical agent, Eve recounted many anecdotes from her experiences in ‘show business’ and brought back memories of shows past and present. Many of us were left with a real desire to visit London’s West End once again and treat ourselves to a night at the theatre!

NB Regrettably our monthly meeting scheduled for **Tuesday 5th May** at St Mary’s Church Parish Room has been cancelled

GREAT BENTLEY VETERANS CLUB

When 8 veterans met on Saturday 2nd April, the chat naturally included tales of our service days (can't avoid it), however, in the space of an hour and a half we covered a myriad of subjects as conversation flowed. And, I do believe the reason why a number were missing is because they didn't want to be named in this article!

The 40th Anniversary of the Falklands war this month was on our minds as a number of us have seen service on those beautiful islands. Conversations included anything from village parking, mentioned by Michael Dorling after completing his morning inspection of the Green, to where we go on our holidays (Suffolk recommendations by caravan club Kevin Flinn). I think an underground car-park, under the cricket pitch is the only solution to parking, with work beginning 1st April 2023. Or perhaps a sillier solution is to Park in the well-kept, free of charge Village Car Park at the station. Sorry, I diverse.

Talking of holidays! Would you believe that Bob Starsmere ex-RN was on another cruise and missed his bacon sarnie rendezvous? Can he not stay away from the water? We think he only sails so that he can check out the galleys on these floating hotels. I will refrain from mentioning Jim Fulton and his football team again, otherwise I will 'drop myself in something' and give Jim the opportunity to have a go at me and my beloved team when we next meet. Thanks Jim for bringing along your colleague and new member Neil Turner who is most welcome. Jim and I have known each other in Merville Bks for the past 20 plus years and by coincidence live a stone's throw from each other in the village, which we didn't know about until recently. Welcome also to new joiners Liz Harry and Kev Edgcombe. We have a great cross section of Royal Navy, Army & Royal Air Force colleagues currently living in this village. Additionally, we would love to welcome any Royal British Legion (RBL) members out there.

All ages, male and female, tri-service, still serving, RBL or veteran are welcome to attend. If you are not on my list, please contact me on 0742 114 1131 or see the notices on the Facebook group 'Spotted Great Bentley' where you can respond. The group now has 20 members enjoying likeminded company.

By David Flinn

Thorringtonhall Wood Bluebell Open Day

Saturday 31st April

10am to 3pm

Sunday 1st May

11am to 3pm

Adults £2 Senior school pupils £1

Dogs on leads please

Refreshments available in the church

Competition for the youngsters.
See details on the day.

All proceeds to the upkeep of the Church.



St Mary's Church

COFFE MORNING

Saturday 28th May

St Mary's Church Hall

10.00am - 12noon

Refreshments

Cake Stall: Plants/Produce
Raffle



In Aid of Church Funds

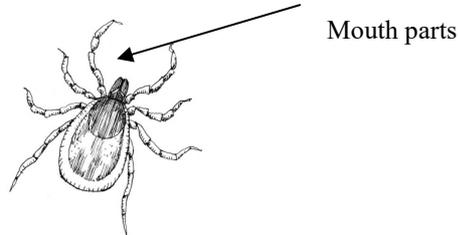


PET NOTES



May is **Big Tick Month**.

I was going to share a photo of a tick and annotate it but feared many readers wouldn't want to see it whilst leafing through this magazine so opted for this drawing instead. I hope it doesn't make your skin crawl too much.



When a tick attaches to a pet (or human!) the mouthparts will be hidden from view with only the body and legs visible. Before feeding, the tick will be approximately 2mm long so very difficult to spot. It becomes bigger and more noticeable as it feeds.

The reason I wanted to include the picture above is to demonstrate why you should never attempt to remove a tick without the proper equipment. Often owners bring their pet to see me following attempted removal using a credit card. What usually happens is they scrape off the body and legs but the mouthparts are left behind, causing ongoing inflammation and potentially infection.

Q. Why are ticks a problem?

- A. Ticks cause irritation and inflammation but can also carry diseases, such as Lyme Disease.

Q. How are ticks removed intact?

- A. Using a tick hook. They are incredibly satisfying to use. I simply slide the hook between the tick and the skin and gently twist, never applying pressure to minimise the risk of the mouthparts detaching.



Q. How do I prevent my pet getting ticks?

- A. In my experience ticks are less common than fleas and mainly affect dogs walked in woodland. It is a good idea to check your dog thoroughly at the end of every walk, remembering ticks will be very small when they first attach. You may also wish to use a tick preventative, such as a collar. Your vet will be able to advise the best individualised approach for your pet.

An important update on **Weeley Veterinary Centre** will follow in next month's magazine. Thank you for everyone's ongoing support.

Dr April Young MRCVS

LITTLE BENTLEY HALL WATERWAYS & GARDENS

OPEN DAY AND FAMILY BBQ

We invite you to join us for this open garden day and family BBQ at Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Gardens, Church Road, Little Bentley, Essex, CO7 8SD

**Saturday May 14th
11.00am - 4.00pm**

Colchester & Harwich North Essex Conservatives

The Gardens considered one of the finest private gardens in East Anglia will be open exclusively in aid of the local Conservative Association to members, family and friends for this Private Event.

This will be the only opportunity to visit these wonderful Gardens this year.

We will have a number of Plant and Garden Furniture stalls to visit. Best of all is the Garden.

BBQ will include local meat and salads, and sweets. Vegan option available to pre-order.

For tickets please contact
Nigel Dyson, Bentley Manor, Little Bentley, CO7 8SE

Tel: 07802 282193
nigel@garden-shows.com

Come and Join us for Bluebell Service in Little Bentley Woods

Sunday 1st May at 3pm

Meet at St Marys Church, Church Road, Little Bentley CO7 8SE at 2.30pm for short walk to the Wood.

Transport available for the less able.

Ponies, Dogs etc are all welcome.

This wonderful annual gathering is a short open air informal service for all Denominations in the middle of a private 100 Acre Bluebell Wood. Afterwards you are all welcome to walk around the Bluebell wood, and then meet back at the Church Hall for Tea and Refreshments.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

BENTLEY IN BLOOM

The orders for 32 hanging baskets - booked by residents for the coming year - has been placed with Deans and will be collected and delivered around mid May by group members. We do make a small profit on these baskets which goes towards our increasing annual cost so we appreciate the support of residents!

Some of the ground displays were not up to expected standards during the early part of this year but since the covering of last months snow seem to have taken on a new lease of life!

Planting up of ground displays will take place in mid May, if anyone can help out they will be very welcome. Call Jenny on 252182 or Dorothy on 250204.

**Michael Dorling
Bentley in Bloom.**



ALAN GOGGIN'S REPORT

1. Discussion with resident regarding parking at the pharmacy area. Recommended taking to Great Bentley Parish meeting in either verbal or written form. Copies to Clerk and PH. Also approval of ECC Locality fund application form.
2. March 4. Local police training day at Colne Yacht Club. Alan Goggin welcomed and with help of Cllr Chapman (Town & District) Cllr McWilliams to welcome and discuss how all 3 levels of Councils can work together with local police for best results. Local community police, bobbies and key ranks. Attendees from all over Tendring and my division. Alresford PCSO there.
3. March 10. Alan Goggin attends scrutiny committee including presentation from Louise McKinlay. Repeated pledge to keep 74 libraries. Briefing on Library consultation from cabinet member. 2,000 replies over whole of Essex. Approximately 50% of responses from resident who are currently "non-users". Less than 2% from teenagers reflects usage issues. Of top 10 requests something like 8 already being dealt with. Will take some time to analyse. Public requests include look at longer hours, more book titles. Possible initiatives. Community hub options. Library ticket for all under year 7 children as a starter.
4. Member ECC community initiative grants. Planned to carry over for the first few months. With some amendments may possibly be available next year.
 - Economic Renewal Investment Fund - (ERIF). £100 million investment fund over next 20 years. New land and property projects. Central government 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 Alan Goggin is that he has visited my division. Changes recommended.
5. Colne School Zebra Crossing and road/pavement works. UPDATE. Completed in Q4 as per LHP scheduling. Positive comments from residents and parents. Now that completed next is to try and bring forward pavement and road repairs around site.
6. Sports Centre. Brightlingsea Colne College. Despite ECCF not being involved in long standing agreement between Sigma and RDC, Alan Goggin was asked questions at last two council meetings. As such Alan Goggin has had incidental discussions with some TDC staff at Colne, plus TDC officers and Cabinet members. No credit assumed but I am pleased to believe that there could be a financial statement. I understand that £25K is being made available for joint use. Tendring residents have a decent choice of locally supported (by TDC) facilities. Many disappointed with late timing.
7. April 23. Tendring Youth Services group—YSG. Funding from active Essex.
8. March 31. Alan Goggin attends Funding briefing and update from section 106 and 278 funds. Impact on Highways with £19.4 million agreed for 20/21 and £21.4 million received.
9. Disappointed to hear that drain in B1027 has broken again. I will visit but key is that it has been reported. I will remind ECC of circumstances then and now. I will try and escalate the engineers decision which is key.
10. April 1. Members briefing. Two key parts.
 - Residents health Focus on prevention. 30% of health outcomes down to individual lifestyle and 40% related to Economic facts. Surprised that only 20% due to clinical care.
 - New Health and Care bill repercussions. Major change and risk!
 - Means test moved from £23,250 to lifetime cap of £86,000.
 - Huge unknown numbers and cost for ECC infrastructure.
 - Government health and Care levy at 1.25% NHS.
 - Not retrospective.
 - Not daily living allowance - bed & breakfast items.
 - 50% of residents in care homes are "private funders."

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Essex County Council

Progress?

So, are we really back to normal? Bad driving and speeding all around; aggressive attitudes; half a day needed to hang on to phone calls to service industries; appointments for face to face talks with doctors(rare); restaurants and food outlets crying out for customers and staff, seem to have taken the attitude that selfish and noisy behaviour is acceptable and special occasion places, seem to have no control over loud and loutish behaviour and certainly call for no dress code.

Where oh where is there a café or restaurant that have a 'no dogs allowed' policy. Even for a coffee and a cake it is deemed necessary to put up with smelly, sniffing, dogs – in some, allowed to lick the plates clean! We won't go in to how unfair it is, if you suffer allergies to animals.....

Even over the Easter period, especially the lovely sunny Easter Sunday, we had to put up with people disturbing the day with noisy lawnmowers and hammering and sawing – as if there is no other day to make a racket.

Final observation – a trip up the A120 to Colchester confirmed my worst fears. The plastic strips and rubbish has returned, after having been fairly clear in earlier months. What a dirty arrogant nation we are.



Name and address withheld.

BELLRINGER'S NEWS



What a busy month it's been for the bell ringers in March & April!

We were visited by the Essex Ringing Course on the 7th, 8th & 9th of April this year, and you will have heard the bells ringing most of the day! The course is run each year, barring lockdown, this year's being the 31st in total!

The course is organised and run by volunteers and relies on the availability of available church bells, helpers and of course students. The course is based in Coggeshall and runs across 20 or so towers in Essex. The students will study and practice many different aspects of ringing from basic skills to a more advanced ones, or could be learning specific methods where the order of the bells ringing changes with each pull of the rope.

The students pictured here had spent 3 days learning to ring and control a bell, a vital part of ringing, as it must be learnt in a way that ensures not just certain skills, but their safety and that of others.

If you would like to learn more about bell ringing, would like to see how it is done or learn this ancient art, then please visit us at the May Fair on the 7th of May when there will be some demonstrations. Alternatively you can contact me using the details at the bottom of this article.

Remember:

You do not need to be strong!

You do not need to have played a musical instrument!

We are a friendly sociable group!

Roger Carey-Smith
07422 880921
great-bentley@eacr.org.uk

FOOTBALL NOTES

Essex & Suffolk Border League

		Div 2	
Sat Mar 19 th	Frinton & Walton	A	W 4 – 2
Sat Mar 26 th	Hatfield Peverel Res	A	W 3 – 0
Sat Apr 2 nd	Kelvedon Social	H	W 4 – 2
Sat Apr 9 th	Ramsay & Mistley	H	W 5 – 1

Tommy Thompson Cup
Tommy Thompson Cup Qtr final

Essex & Suffolk Border League

		Div 4	
Sat Mar 19 th	Ramsay & Mistley Res	H	W 7 – 2
Sat Mar 26 th	Gas Rec	A	D 0 – 0
Sat Apr 9 th	Stillwaters	H	W 7 – 0



The good news from GB continues this month. The 1st team winning 4 – 2 at Frinton and Walton ensured second place in league Div 2 and automatic promotion to Div 1 next season.

On the day, a good team performance overall, with goals from Jake Vaughn, Connor Jones, Steve Ball and a penalty converted by Blake Keogh-Kear. After he had been cynically tripped from behind went through on goal. The Frinton player was lucky to have been only shown a yellow card when he should have been sent off with a straight red.

This season, the management team of Jack Murray, Lee Barrett and Greg “Brains” Taylor have crafted together a group of young players that have shown a fantastic desire to win football matches and have a great team spirit on and off the pitch.

A week earlier, on Mar 26th. The 1st team had progressed to the qtr finals of the Tommy Thompson Cup beating Hatfield Peverel Res 3 – 0 away. Scorers were Jake Vaughn x 2 and Kurt Kirkins.

GB completed the double over Kelvedon Social on the green. Winning comfortably 4 – 2. However, we picked up a couple of nasty looking injuries to Jake Vaughn and Kurt Firkins. With Kurt having to leave the field after we had used all 3 subs meant we had to play out the last 15 mins with 10 men. Scorers on the day were Chris Bowles (pen), Jake Vaughn, Joe Hurd and Connor Jones.

1st team last home game of the season was the Tommy Thompson Cup Qtr Final against Ramsey and Mistley from Div 3. GB took an early lead when awarded a penalty which Joe Hurd converted. Archie Herbert and Ryan Grace added to the tally. At half time GB led 3 – 0. The second half disappointed, with both sides playing some poor football. The only highlights being a second goal from Joe Hurd and the final goal from Jake Vaughn. At this moment in time the date or opponents for the semi final have not been released.

The reserves only had 3 games left to play this season. Hosting Ramsey and Mistley Res on the green, they once again went on a goal scoring spree winning 7 – 2. Scorers were Elliot McMillan with his second hat trick of the season, another brace from Harvey Evans and Mark Gridley. The away game at Gas Res was always going to be a tough fixture and a goal less draw was a fair reflection of the game.

Before the games on Sat Apr 9th, both teams, officials and spectators observed a minutes silence to remember the life of David Plumb, who had passed away earlier that week. David had been a life long supporter of football in the village. A true gentleman.

On April 9th. For some obscure reason the Border League in its infinite wisdom decreed that the reserves kicked off their last league game of the season at 1 00pm followed by the 1st team Quarter final game at 400pm. We appealed that other teams in Div 4 still had league matches to play. Also in the Tommy Thompson Cup draw, the possible team that we would meet in the semi final was a round behind us with the round still to play.

All to no avail. So we had to erect our gazebo for both the GB sides to change in and offer the changing rooms and showers to our opponents.

The reserves game itself was a farce. GB leading 7 – 0 when Stillwaters decided that they had too many players suffering from cramp and other muscle issues and asked the referee to stop the game 20 mins early. Scorers at that time included yet another hat trick from Harvey Evans, a brace from Elliot McMillan and single goals from Sam Winney and Lewis Evans.

It was also disappointing for the players that the Border League were unable to present the league winners trophy and medals, as is normally the case at the last game of the season. They have since responded by offering to present them at the presentation dinner at Clacton Golf Club.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat May 14 th	Cup Final Day	Richard Morton Cup	Morton Allstar X1 v Great Bentley	2 00pm KO
Sat May 21 st	Presentation Dinner at Clacton Golf Club			
Sat Jun 25 th	Mick Taylor Memorial 5 a side. Followed by BBQ and Bar			
Sat Aug 20 th	GBFC 125th year Anniversary Party at the Clubhouse. Live band “Contraband” food vans			

**Stay Safe
Mel**

Follow the Bulldogs

POLICE REPORT

RECORDED CRIMES - 12

From 01/03/2022- 30/03/2022

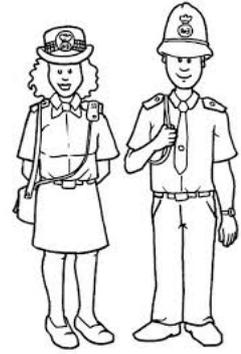
CRIME TYPES- Attempted theft of motor vehicle - Domestic - Harassment without violence x 2 - malicious comms x4 – Other criminal damage to a residence - Theft x2 - Threats.

Incidents reported – 30

From 01/03/2022 - 30/03/2022

Types reported - Abandoned 999 x2 - Assault- Attention to - Domestic x4 -

Concern x4 - Drugs - Information x2 - Fight - Obstruction - Stray horse - Suspicious circumstances - Threats- Road traffic collision with injuries x2 - Highway Disruption x3 - Civil dispute- Hate crime - ANPR hit - Burglary residence - Other



Over a six month period in 2021, there were almost 150 intelligence reports submitted about cannabis edibles across the eastern region - including Peterborough and Cambridgeshire - and police are concerned that this figure could rise as county line gangs use the sweets to entice young people into working for them.

“We’d also continue to encourage anyone with information about drug dealing activity in their local community to report it. All information is vital in helping us to build an intelligence picture across the region so we can then take appropriate enforcement action and protect people from further harm.”

Fly Tipping.

Fly Tipping continues to be a big problem in the village. If you see anyone fly-tipping try to obtain their vehicle registration and report them.

#CrimeNotToCare is helping ensure residents to do the right thing with their rubbish and to reduce the amount of household waste that is fly-tipped by rogue traders who offer to take people’s waste away for money and then dump it. Giving waste to a ‘man with a van’ who offers to get rid of it cheaply could end up proving costly for people which can result in a fine and/or criminal record.

Remember - if it’s your waste, it’s your responsibility. If your waste is found dumped, even if someone else has done it, you could be held responsible for the crime.
Protect yourself by asking a few questions:

1. If you use a trader to remove your waste, ask to see their waste carriers registration number issued by the Environment Agency

Whether you find someone through social media, an advert or even someone approaching you directly – you need to check they are a registered waste carrier. It is illegal for them to take your waste if they are not and they could be a rogue trader.

Ask for their waste carrier number and vehicle details, check online at the [Environment Agency website\(link is external\)](#) or contact the Environment Agency directly on 03708 506 506 for a free instant waste carrier check

2. Ensure that you receive a transfer note or receipt before your waste is taken away

3. Check where your waste is going

Being a registered waste carrier means the person can legally remove your rubbish, but you still need to check what is going to happen to it. Don’t be afraid to ask questions and ask for paperwork that shows where your waste is going.

A legitimate waste carrier should not object to you asking these questions

4. Protect yourself by taking care with your waste

- Make a note of who you have given your waste to, their waste carrier details and vehicle details.
- You should never leave any waste such as an old washing machine or scrap metal on your drive or in the street for someone to remove. They may not be a registered waste carrier, and could take the bits they need and dump the rest.

- You should never leave items out for others to re-use. You can donate good quality items to your local reuse organisation or charity shop, or give items to someone who could make use of them.

If you have any concerns or any information regarding rogue waste traders contact recycle@tendringdc.gov.uk

Scams

Scammers are constantly finding new ways to trick people and phone scams are changing all the time. If you've been the victim of a scam don't be embarrassed to report it. It can happen to anyone.

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.

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk

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/>

If residents have any concern on suspicious vehicles/activity/ drugs in the village, please feel free to contact me, with as much detail as possible, including contact details.

Email- julia.brandon@essex.pnn.police.uk

FLAG FLYING

Since the flag pole has been on the village green appropriate flags have been put up on behalf of the village by Barry Spake . Over this period of time Barry has accumulated all the flags and has religiously raised them at around 8am on official flag flying days . Unfortunately Barry's health is such that he is no longer able to continue.

Consequently the village needs someone to take on this task for the future!

There are around 15 official flag flying days over the year observed on the Green.

On behalf of RBL and the residents I would like to thank Barry for his dedication to this task and to his attendance at every memorial day service on the Green as time keeper among other duties!

If there is anyone who can take on the task of flag flying duties for the village please call me on 250799.

Michael Dorling.

GREAT BENTLEY GARDENING CLUB

PLANT SALE

Saturday 14th May
10.00am – 12.00pm
at the Village Hall

Refreshments Raffle Cakes

50% of proceeds to
St. Helena Hospice



FOR SALE

Ladies Falcon Shimano Bike
26 inch wheel 10 Gears
White. Used twice
£60 ono
(Cost £150 in Halfords)
Telephone 01206 250747
07933605654



DOCTOR MICHAEL GEORGE

Taken from Bentley Folk November magazine 2001

The subject of this month's 'profile' is probably one of the most well known male workers of the village, and is surely one of the most respected.

Doctor Michael George has somewhat reluctantly allowed our persuasive Editor to place him under the public spotlight.

Michael was born in Ilford in October 1936 and educated in local schools there, including attending grammar school at the Royal Liberty School, Romford. Almost as early in life as he can recall Michael had decided that he wished to one day become a doctor.

The ambition was achieved through studying at King's College (London) part of London University and then Westminster Hospital Medical School. He became Doctor George in 1961 and holds the qualifications BM (Bachelor of Medicine), BS (Bachelor of Surgery) and DRCOG - which stands for Diploma in Obstetrics of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists - little wonder that it is abbreviated!

In 1961, the same year that he qualified, Michael married Dora, his wife now for forty years, who was a Nurse and whom the Doctor describes as a 'great organiser'. In fact the couple had known each other since Michael was a Boy Scout and Dora a Girl Guide, and they had been friends during their teenage years. In 1967 Doctor George was appointed to join the medical practice here and it was then that he and his family moved to Great Bentley. The Doctor has thus been ministering to our medical needs for 34 years, although since his sixtieth birthday he has been semi-retired and working two days a week. Michael and Dora have five children, all of whom attended the Great Bentley village school and subsequently the Colne High School at Brightlingsea (now the Colne Community School). Their five children, in "arrival" order are twin daughters Lesley and Helen, then a third daughter, Celia and finally twin sons Stephen and Neil. In fact, Dr and Mrs George missed by just one week having all five children under four years of age!

Lesley is now a Pharmacist working for SmithKline, Beecham whilst Helen is running her own advisory company to the food industry. Celia is married to an ex Bush-pilot who flew members of the Mission Aviation Fellowship to their appointments in Tanzania but is now working for a drug advisory company in England. Stephen is an Engineer with Rolls Royce (Aero Engines) and Neil is a Chartered Accountant.

Celia has two sons, David aged 8, Michael aged 6 and twins aged 3. Stephen and Caroline have a son Daniel and a new baby on the way. Helen has a son Matthew aged 2½.

Since coming to Great Bentley Michael has been involved with various other organisations in the village apart from his medical duties. These include being President of the annual Flower Show, (the Great Bentley Show as it is now known) for five years, also serving as Chairman of the Governors of the village school and a Governor and Vice-Chairman of governors of the Colne High School. He has cycled in the 'Tour of Tendring' cycling event for five years and covered fifty miles around the peninsular course.

The Doctor's other interests include walking and (up until 10 years ago) sail boarding.

Probably his most preferred leisure interest however is music, and he is a keen viola player, being a member of two orchestral groups, the Colne Philharmonic (at Halstead) and the Sudbury and district Symphony Orchestra. Computers are the latest hobby.

Dora, as well as being a long time keen golfer, has devoted many years to the Guiding movement, starting as 'Brown Owl' with the 1st Great Bentley Brownie pack, and is still involved in the administration of the Guiding association.

Incidentally, I understand that her father was the founder and first President of the local Art Club.

Michael says that he has invariably been greeted with friendship when out and about in the village and at the same time this has not affected the professional Doctor and patient relationship inside the Surgery.

I questioned him regarding the raffles which are held periodically at the surgery in aid of the local Hospice, but he refused to take any credit for these, saying that the work and effort was put in by the staff at 'The Hollies'.

Finally, when quizzed as to whether it is fact or myth that casual acquaintances ask for medical advice or a diagnosis when encountered outside the surgery, Doctor George says that this is a very rare occurrence indeed.

There is no doubt at all that after he finally hangs up his stethoscope, Michael/Doctor George will be kindly remembered in the village for many years to come.

DONALD WALKER

FROM 2001

DR MICHAEL GEORGE'S RETIREMENT PARTY

On Saturday 20th October over 200 people gathered at Great Bentley Village Hall to say farewell and thank you to Dr Michael George who is retiring from the Great Bentley Practice after 34 years loyal service. People had come from the ten surrounding villages which the Practice encompasses as well as a large number from our own community. A wonderful selection of food had been supplied for which Mrs Chris Aplin records 'Thank you' to everyone who so kindly donated to make such a splendid assortment for the buffet. All the food was used and any left over either went to St Helena Hospice or was frozen for the Church Christmas Bazaar in November.

Peter and Judith Clayton enthralled everyone with their musical interlude and Cyril Pettican gave a brief resume of the doctor's career and thanked him publicly on behalf of all those present. A presentation followed and everyone was able to see how the donations to the retirement fund has been spent. A book on Churches, classical CDs available in 2002, a fleece and W.H. Smith tokens covered the hobbies enjoyed by Dr George. A watch and a modern clock were also given and Mrs George was delighted to receive an arrangement of flowers. Dreena Williamson gave a vote of thanks and Colin Ladley proposed a toast. Thank you to everybody who contributed or helped in any way. Everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves and we wish Dr Michael and Mrs Dora George a long, healthy and happy retirement.

This was a huge example of the high regard in which Dr Michael George was held.

I do remember we doctored (pardon the pun) the magazine delivered to the home of Dr George by leaving out the piece about the collection to mark his retirement and inserting something to fill the gap! ED

Sadly he passed away on Monday 4th April. There will be a private cremation service for family only.

There will be thanksgiving for Dr George's life, we will publish full details when available.

Our first meeting of 2022 took place in March. Not a great deal has taken place over the past few months for obvious reasons and in an attempt to boost our profile and fund raising, we have again received permission from the Parish Council to fund raise on Wednesday evenings, this will probably have started by the time you read this.

We have also agreed to attend the Village Show in September with the display of vintage tractors.



Our litter picking team has also volunteered to litter pick on the green for the two days of events organised for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Our organiser Ken Drew has written to food outlets Costa and McDonalds, asking if any grants are available to help towards our litter picking efforts. Sadly, this drew a blank response. Just as a reminder the group has spent over £1,000 on litter picking equipment since its inception and it would be nice to have a bit of funding back to offset this cost.

The annual Grand Garage Trail will take place on the 16th of July (one week after the Tending Show) information available from myself or Beverley Adams on 250724 who will be taking bookings. The price remains at £7 per entry with all proceeds going to the upkeep of our village green.

The committee also discussed various projects that affect the green. One of the main items was the installation of a facility to store gas underneath the green at Green Corner. It appears that nobody knew of this proposal. The most obvious question was why it needs to be sited under the green and not at a newbuild site.

The committee has recently objected to the access of new homes onto the green at The Moors.

No further news from the PC for protection of the green along the Southside Track. First addressed by us in October 2019.

**Michael Dorling
Chairman**



Wildlives

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre

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

www.wildlives.org.uk

Opening hours: n/a 07802 767016

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

Fox cubs abound

May 2022

The original 'magnificent 7' cubs have made an excellent recovery from a serious setback when they first arrived, and are now enjoying life in one of the rehab pens, being incredibly inquisitive and playful.

An adult male kestrel was found by a member of the public collapsed in his garden in Bury St Edmunds. He was brought directly to Wildlives. As we have seen with all the birds of prey admitted this year, he was severely underweight at 150g when he should be 200-240g. He had swelling on the left wing by the ulna/radius. Once swelling had reduced with medication he was found to have an old calcified break. At the time of writing he is in a flight pen so he can be monitored to ensure that the healed break does not impede his flight.

Little Peace was found by a member of the public when he got up in the morning to find a newly born fox cub in his garden. Unfortunately he picked her up and handled her, then took her to the vets where many more people handled her before she arrived at Wildlives. Before a vixen gives birth she prepares multiple earths for her litter. Sometimes she changes her mind about which one to use, if the first choice is in an area that is too busy, or disturbed. She then moves the cubs, one by one to her next choice of the pre-prepared earths. Sometimes she drops one on the way. The vixen will return for the cub, so we advise people to pick them up with gloves, place them in an open topped box on a hot water bottle covered by a towel and keep well away for a couple of hours., by which time in 90% of cases the vixen will have recovered her offspring. If she has not after this time then contact Wildlives as intervention may then be necessary. Peace is now making extremely good progress.

Baby birds are now starting to arrive, including the robin nestling pictured left. Several came in during the recent snow. Usual advice is that if you find a baby bird it should be left alone, as its parents will continue to look after it. This applies to any little birds that are hopping around, flapping their wings, and fully active. If a bird falls out of the nest before it is fully feathered and/or before it can walk, the parents will consider it to be doomed and concentrate their efforts on the nestlings still in the nest. In these circumstances it needs intervention to stand any chance of survival. Place it in a box with a towel-wrapped hot water bottle – little birds without proper feathering would normally be snug under a parent, and will become hypothermic quickly – and call Wildlives for advice.



SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY: 2PM IN A MARQUEE ON THE GREEN

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VILLAGE PICNIC ON THE GREEN – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

COME AND JOIN IN WITH THE NATIONWIDE BIG JUBLIEE LUNCH

DJ MICHAEL BIRD WILL PROVIDE MUSIC



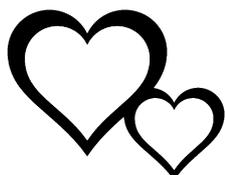
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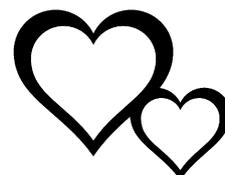
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GREAT BENTLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Chairmans Update – April 2022

The Under 8 Reds had a nail biting game against Little Oakley FC, taking the lead early being 2-0 up then at half time it was level 2-2. The game ended 4-3 to Great Bentley scoring the winning goal with the second from last kick of the game. We have a great bunch of boys who are learning new tactics every week with Manager Alex James.

Our Under 10's have played out two draws, one of which included great hat-trick coupled with a spirited team performance during a 3-3 draw against FC Clacton. A 2-1 win on Sunday 10/4 against Bures puts the team in good spirits in the run in to the end of the season.

The U11's are starting to find their feet in the top league, with the added help of an excellent team building experience at Essex Outdoors in Mersea. All of the boys are really enjoying their football and making great improvements in the process.

The U15 Reds completed their league season with a 7-3 loss to Great Bradfords with goals from Charlie Dobson and Evan Brady. They finished 5th in the U15 C League for the 21/22 season which is a great achievement. After Easter the team is involved in the U15 Challenge Cup which they have won previously so the boys are hoping to mount a good challenge in that.

The West India Docks

Some people in the UK regard the year 1965 as part of a period of economic growth, a stage during which Harold Wilson's Labour party enjoyed almost two terms, a time when petrol for the car cost around five and sixpence per gallon in pre-decimal currency, or 28p today, that's 6p per litre. Music was super although The Beatles needed 'Help' and the Rolling Stones 'Can't Get No Satisfaction'. That era was the swinging sixties with work opportunities available as most major regions embraced industries characteristic of those areas be it mining or milling, factory or farming and the capital, London, enjoyed a vast range of trades and enterprises which have spanned hundreds of years, one such industry being the London docks which, some years earlier, had been the busiest dockyard in the world.

When listening to Richy's account of his working life around the Isle of Dogs, there is no doubting his respect for the men who, over countless decades, had contributed to the development of a system of employment deeply embedded in tradition and a living testament to the regard these men had for their fathers before them who plied their skills as dockers and stevedores at the West India Docks. He was one of many men who unloaded a wide range of merchandise onto barges or lorries for further destinations or for quayside storage. Like so many of his fellow workers in 1965, Richy was in his 20's when he began working on the Thames but only being able to do so because his father before him was a docker which meant that Richy could take the family 'book', an all-important document which acted like a passport providing an opportunity to continue the tradition. In the early days before he became established, his average wage was around £10.00 per week but was not a regular or guaranteed wage. "Looking for work was an everyday necessity," he recalled, "along with a crowd of other men in the same position as I was. It wasn't easy."

"I shall never forget going on the stones," he said to me with a hint of nostalgia as he described how he waited early each morning for the barrier to open hoping to be selected by the foreman ganger for a day's work but also acutely aware that, should he be fortunate enough to get that opportunity to show his skills, he would be back *on the stones* again the following day. "It was a hard life being a temporary worker, just filling in for a gang member," he insisted, adding, "and men not selected would go to an indoor meeting place and would hand in your book to be stamped to prove you were willing to work in other docks or wharfs or wait to be dismissed for the day." One can only imagine the camaraderie and mutual accord these men held for each other and it is understandable that, during these difficult times, friendships were forged within those working groups, unbreakable family bonds which would remain with them for life.

Eventually, owing to an absence due to a ganger's sickness, Richy was selected to cover that absentee. "I got two weeks work from a foreman which meant a welcome increase in wages," he grinned but knowing that after that period of full employment he would once more be waiting at the barrier. What followed was a difficult period of uncertainty, many 'temps' like Richy having to wait each morning for that 'pointing' from the foreman ganger, waiting for him to make that choice but one day - "The same ganger picked me out again for work in the hold of a ship. During that shift, I was busy working when one of the gang said that I was wanted on deck. I climbed up onto the deck to find the foreman ganger. He offered me a place in the gang, a permanent job replacing a member who was retiring." He gladly accepted as it gave him regular work and made *going on the stones* a thing of the past. He was with that gang for many years earning a regular living wage but increasingly aware that trade around the Isle of Dogs was in serious decline owing to the development of containerisation at the Tilbury and Felixstowe docks, a more modern facility which provided improved efficiency and deep-water moorings.

"It was hard work, manhandling some really dirty goods on occasions but also the work was dangerous when working in confined areas or labouring beneath suspended loads. Men got seriously injured by falling cargo and it was a time before any protective clothing was available. But sometimes it was funny as well," he continued with a laugh, "on one such time the load was a mature elephant which, while being slowly and carefully lifted out of the hold, suddenly became agitated resulting in the poor animal relieving itself. The lads all ran for cover but it was too late." The procedure today is far more animal friendly, we agreed. However, dockwork was also very skilled when packing freight on a ship as the stevedores were responsible for ensuring the cargo was stable when in rough weather at sea. I asked about pilferage. "No, I don't think so," said Richy with a smile, "but there were always tales of people thieving but most of the time we were hard at it because the ship needed to be under way as soon as possible as there was always traffic on the river in those early days." What about the strikes, I asked. "Nobody liked being on the picket line, but it was obligatory, all of us had to be in the union. As expected, the press gave us a hard time when we had to ask the lorries to turn back," he said with a shrug of the shoulders, adding, "but some owner-drivers had bills to pay and a family to feed. For them we stepped aside." Happily enjoying reflection, he picked up his beer, glanced at me whilst sporting a cheeky smile and began, "The thing was, all those years working on the Thames, I never once fell in the water." There was a pause. "Good job as well," he chuckled, "I can't swim."

He opted for a transfer to Tilbury following the closure of the West India in 1980 working as a dock driver for a further ten years until his retirement. Now in his 80's but still a tall attractive man, Richy has doggedly retained his irrepressible cockney persona, his appealing sense of humour and still, quite manifestly, enjoys recounting his fond memories of that dockland life on the Thames. His pride as being part of that time-honoured tradition lives on.



"I will never forget those lads in the docks, they were a good sort."

JE



I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the lovely weather we were lucky enough to have.

Staffing

We are pleased to say, that with our ever-growing Pre-School, we have a new team member that joined us at the beginning of the new term. Karen has worked in childcare for many years, is level 3 trained, full of enthusiasm, has a wealth of knowledge and will be a great asset to our group. Welcome Karen, we all hope you enjoy your time with us and enjoy being part of the community.

Carnival

Next month its Carnival time – Saturday 25th June, which we are very excited to be taking part in after a 2-year absence. Put the date in your diary as we hope to see lots of you supporting this Village event.

Summer Trip

We are busy organising our summer trip for this year, which will be so lovely to be able to do after not having one for the past 2 years. This is always a lovely day that we all look forward to as we get the opportunity to share it with family members too.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoys the long bank holiday weekend we have this month, and the sun continues to shine for us all.



Thanks for reading
Julie Wiles

YOUTH HOSTELLING PART 3

The following day we were back at Falmouth Beach. This was for a special visit of the Radio 1 Road Show. The Guides didn't know anything about this until we arrived at the beach and they saw a stage set up. We hadn't been there long when a group of musicians came on stage. By this time the beach was quite crowded. We then heard the sound of a helicopter.

This landed on the shoreline and a man got out and went up on the stage. He introduced himself as Philip Schofield and he was the DJ for the Radio 1 show. He said the show was going "live" on the radio. He then introduced the group as "TAKE THAT". I can't remember much about the show except that the Guides were in awe of the performance. They cheered and clapped when asked and were also quiet during the music and talking.

Time went very quickly and after about an hour "TAKE THAT" and Philip Schofield said farewell and waved goodbye. After all the excitement we settled down and had lunch. We stayed for the rest of the day and then went back to the Hostel. That evening we decided to visit Falmouth town itself the next day. I realised that the Guides had not had much time to spend their pocket money, so a visit to the shops was called for.

Our day in Falmouth town went well. The Guides went round the shops in groups with a leader and we met up for lunch in a park. While we were in town I managed to go to the harbour and book tickets for us all to go to Truro by boat the next day. We didn't stay long in Falmouth as we had to get packed and ready for our departure from the Hostel. Most evenings we had walked along the beach at the bottom of the cliff or the Guides had played ball games in front of the hostel on the greensward. However this evening we had a sing song round a pretend campfire before returning to bed.

The next day we did our usual packups after breakfast, then brought our rucksacks down ready to leave. I checked the room was clean and tidy and we had not forgotten anything. We had enjoyed our stay at Pendennis Castle and thanked the staff for taking care of us. We then walked down to Falmouth harbour and boarded a boat to Truro. We had a few hours to spare before our train so we went to the Cathedral. We had a good look round and then I asked one of the clergy if there was somewhere we could put our rucksacks while we went round town. He very kindly found us a small room and off we went on a fleeting trip around Truro. It wasn't very long before we were back at the Cathedral and collected our luggage. We made our way to the station and waited for our train.

This soon arrived and we all went on board. We had a very pleasant journey to London and the crossing to Liverpool Street Station went without a hitch. In no time at all we were all back in Great Bentley. We had a wonderful week which has stayed in my memory all these years. "No rain" the whole week, all that wet weather gear stayed dry in our rucksacks!!

Barbara Fookes



Surgery News

May Opening Hours

Due to the May Bank Holiday we will be closed on Monday, 2 May 2022.

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Thursday, 26 May for staff training.

Patient Consent

We often have people phone us on behalf of family members. We cannot discuss any patients' confidential information with anyone else unless we have express written consent. This includes even just confirming an appointment time or date. Our staff often experience disgruntled patients as a result, but they would be breaking the law if they complied and are absolutely right to refuse. If there is frequently a need to discuss someone else's details and they are happy for us to do this, they just need to write to us expressing consent to talk to the named family member and we will note this on their record.

Call-backs

Can we please request that patients always have their preferred call back telephone number to hand when calling the Surgery. Our team frequently have to wait for patients to find and read out this number which at busy times can cause longer waits for patients on the phone. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

Prescription Requests

We are again receiving a large amount of urgent requests for patients requesting their regular medication. As you can imagine with over 10,000 patients registered at the Practice our prescription clerks are extremely busy processing all the requests they receive. In order to help us can you please remember to allow 3 working days for us to process your request.

Patient Participation Group Meetings

The next meeting of the PPG will be held on Thursday, 19 May at 6.30 pm at Great Bentley Village Hall.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager

CLACTON & NORTH EAST ESSEX ARTS & LITERARY SOCIETY

WHY NOT JOIN?

If you would like to become a member of this wonderful society for the new winter season please contact Mr D. Needham, 113 Holland Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 6HB. Telephone: 01255 429287 for further details.

The society also runs a number of coach trips during the summer months.

Non members £10 per event. Season tickets (for all 16 performances) £50

Samples of programmes 2021-2022 held at the Princes Theatre, Clacton on Sea.

October 18th - 'A Evening in the Company of Jules Hudson', writer, broadcaster and TV presenter. Jules grew up in Colchester and attributes his love of history to the Essex town. Now living in the West country, he is know to many as a presenter of Escape to the Country and Countryfile diaries.

October 25th - Peter Slack, a dairy and sheep farmer living in the Peak District presents, 'I'm not lost, I just don't know where I am'.

January 10th - Louise Reed presenting 'Meet Dr Elizabeth Garret Anderson' Britain's first woman doctor who qualified in 1870. Then 'Meet Gwen Raverat' the granddaughter of Charles Darwin, who had a successful career as an artist and author.

January 31st - Helen Sharman, CMG OBE, Astronaut. Helen became the first British person in space at the age of twenty-seven on a Russian Sayuz spacecraft. She spent eight days orbiting the Earth, living and working on the MIR space station.

TENDRING PRIMARY RECYCLE SCHEME

Continuing on from last month's theme in which I explained the origins of the Scheme and how it works for the benefit of those who are either new to the village or newsletter, this month I would like to tell you about some of the other aspects of our work. Concentrating on the items we pass on to charities and to other local organisations.

Before I do though, can I just pass on a plea to all reading this, whether you are reading about the Scheme for the first time or know us of old.

Many of you will be aware that sadly we lost our central hub last year. The hub was where all our main sorting, boxing and despatch took place and which was so crucial to our operation. We have continued to function since, but in incredibly difficult circumstances, and unfortunately that situation continues as we have so far been unable to find new premises. Sorting therefore is now routinely taking place outside peoples houses in all weather conditions, or in tiny and cramped garages. It is not easy. Cars are often being used for storage, and the Scheme may even have to end because of a lack of dedicated space, which would be tragic.

So, this is where you come in. Do any of you know of anywhere which might be able to provide us with a new home? As a local community initiative, the space would need to be free, within the Tendring area and big enough to house roughly 50 or so large wheelie bins. The premises would also need access for our couriers to be able to collect and daytime and evening access for our volunteers to be able to sort. We know this is a big ask, but if you can help in any way, we really would be incredibly grateful. You can reach us by either emailing tpsrecycling@gmail.com or ringing 07808239141. Thank you in advance.

With regard to the other aspects of our work however, we try to support as many charities and local community organisations as we can. It is another way of keeping items out of landfill and continuing their useful life. We accept working pens and stationery items for example, which are sorted into bundles by two of our wonderful volunteers, and these are then passed on to organisations such as Brownie groups, schools and playschools for reuse.

Drink can ring pulls, beer bottle tops and natural corks are other items we accept, and these are sent to Nina's Haven – a small, locally based UK charity who rescue abandoned and sometimes mistreated dogs from Croatia and then rehome them in this country. Whilst plastic drink tops are collected to pass on to SchoolCycled, an initiative designed to educate children about recycling, fragile ecosystems and sustainability. The tops are exchanged for 'earth tokens' which can be cashed in for recycled furniture and play equipment.

Bras, new and old, are another item on our list, and these are forwarded to either Smalls for All (a charity supporting girls and women – often in difficult situations – in Africa); whilst bras in a more worn condition are sent to Against Breast Cancer, a charity who raise vital funds for breast cancer research.

Foreign coins, watches and old jewellery are all gratefully received to raise funds for Parkinson's UK; whilst used postage stamps are collected to raise funds for Myaware, the only charity in the UK to support those suffering from Myasthenia Gravis.

And if you are having a Spring clean and clearing out your bathroom cabinet, we can help there as well, by taking your unused or partly used toiletries which are now passed to a local food bank. Please just mark your bags accordingly, so that we can differentiate between new or part used, as opposed to empty items intended for the Personal Care Scheme.

Medium to large suitcases which are no longer needed are also welcomed by one of our members who works with care leavers in Suffolk, who often leave care with their belongings in nothing more than a dustbin bag or two. An indignity nobody should have to experience. We would be unable to take them ourselves due to lack of space, but a post on our Facebook site would reach the lady concerned.

Much bigger household items can also be offered meanwhile on our Facebook site. Some will be refurbished and upcycled, whilst for others they will simply be an enormous help.

Old pots and pans can also be offered and are often rehomed by local playschools for mud kitchens, whilst old pillows and duvets, are welcomed by animal rescue trusts. Poignantly, Carte D'Or ice cream tubs are accepted, to be transformed by one of our members into beautiful baby cribs for angel babies.

As you can see, the list of items we can take, rehome and save from landfill is both huge and diverse and the above is far from an exhaustive list.

There is no such thing as throwing '**away**'. Sadly, items will still be in existence often well after we are no longer here. So, save your items from landfill and help us to support charities and organisations along the way. Smaller items can be left at your local drop-off point, whilst larger goods can be offered to others on our Facebook page enabling them to live on.



June Barker

Children's Page

Fact of the Month: Maypole dancing is a tradition on May Day. It is believed to have started in Roman Britain around 2,000 years ago, when soldiers celebrated the arrival of spring by dancing around decorated trees thanking their goddess Flora.

The British May Day tradition of dancing around a maypole is around 600 years old and the activity often brings communities together.

Traditionally the dancers position themselves in pairs of boys and girls before beginning their routine. The dancers weave ribbons around a pole and creates a multi-coloured pattern which creeps steadily down the pole. The dancers would then reverse their steps to undo the ribbons. It is said that that the dance represents the lengthening of the days as summer approaches.



COOKERY CORNER

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA

Over the centuries people of many nations have left their country of origin for a variety of reasons, be it persecution, war, poverty or simply curiosity to see what is on the other side of the mountain or over the edge of the horizon. Italian people for example, have always been tempted to escape the harshness of the south to make better lives especially in America and Australia, encouraging others to join them. There are many parts of the world where large groups of Italian people have settled bringing with them their customs and familiar recipes. Fremantle in Western Australia is one such place which has a café on every corner selling delicious ice creams and cakes, with a table outside of elderly Italian men drinking coffee and setting the world to rights. One of the most popular savoury dishes, on the menu in almost every restaurant and pub is the “Chicken Parmi “. This is definitely our son’s firm favourite, and since he is flying over from Oz in May, we thought this would be a great chance to try it.

Chicken parmigiana or chicken parmesan consists of breaded chicken breasts or boneless fillet covered in a Napoli sauce and topped with mozzarella, parmesan or provolone cheese to which slices of ham or bacon are sometimes added. The amounts of each topping ingredient will vary according to taste or restaurant. This will serve four.

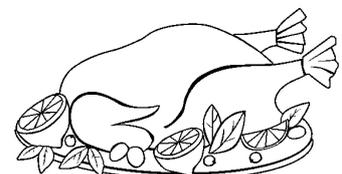
2 large skinless chicken breasts	2 eggs	a small onion	minced garlic
2 garlic cloves	butter	75g Panko breadcrumbs	
75g grated parmesan cheese	1tsp dried oregano or Italian herbs	chilli flakes	
250g mozzarella cheese	1tsp caster sugar optional	400g passata	
red wine vinegar	fresh basil		

Beat the eggs in a shallow bowl and stir in 2tsp each of minced garlic and fresh parsley. Halve each chicken breast lengthways and place on a chopping board, then cover with clingfilm and batter with a steak hammer or the back of a wooden spoon until it is the thickness of a £1 coin. Dip each piece of chicken in the egg, turning over frequently to ensure that each crevice is covered with the mixture. Cover the bowl with clingfilm and leave to marinate in the fridge for 15 minutes. It is then a good idea to prepare the pieces of chicken in advance and leave to settle in the fridge for an hour or two before cooking. Panko breadcrumbs are used in this recipe because they absorb less oil when cooked and result in a lighter more crispy coating. However, ordinary breadcrumbs can be used or you can make your own from any leftover bread. Place the breadcrumbs on a large plate, add a third of the parmesan cheese and mix thoroughly. Remove each chicken piece from the egg mixture and coat thoroughly in breadcrumbs. Do this twice so you have a good covering, then place separately on a large plate, cover with clingfilm and leave to settle in the fridge for an hour or two.

The sauce can also be prepared in advance and will even keep in the fridge for a couple of days if necessary. To make the sauce, crush the garlic cloves and chop the onion finely. Heat 1tbsp olive oil and fry the onion slowly until it is transparent, add the crushed garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add the passata, a splash of red wine vinegar, 1tsp herbs, and sugar if using before tasting and seasoning. Simmer for about 8 minutes or until the sauce has thickened a bit.

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees fan and prepare a shallow ovenproof dish large enough to hold all the pieces of chicken comfortably. Heat 1tbsp olive oil and a small knob of butter in a large frying pan and cook the pieces on a high heat for 2 to 3 minutes each side. Pour half the sauce into the dish and place the chicken on top with a few scattered chilli flakes and cover with the rest of the sauce (or have this in a jug on the table if preferred.) Top each piece with 2 to 3 slices of mozzarella and the remainder of the parmesan. Cover and bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Remove the cover and bake for a further 8 to 10 minutes until the cheese has melted and the chicken is cooked through. Scatter the basil over the dish before serving. A large mixed green salad, new potatoes or rice, and the ever popular chips always go well with this dish.

ME





Which animal am I?



1. I have stripes and belong to the genus *Equus*.
2. I am the larval stage of amphibians and grow into frogs and newts.
3. I am a primate and live on the island of Madagascar.
4. I am an antelope and a national emblem of South Africa.
5. Now extinct, but I was originally found on Mauritius?
6. I am a mammal made globally famous by the video game 'Sonic'.
7. I live in trees, and am apparently the slowest animal on the planet
8. My name can be translated from ancient Greek to mean 'river horse'.
9. A large bird of prey and the national emblem of the United States.
10. I am a venomous, semiaquatic, egg-laying mammal from Australia.
11. I am the giraffe's only living relative and am native to the Congo.
12. My many domestic breeds include Ragdoll, Manx and Cornish Rex.
13. My Latin name is *meles meles* and I live in a sett.
14. I am Gordon & I enjoyed helping Phillip Schofield in the broom cupboard.
15. I was called Guy and was a famous resident of London Zoo (1946-78)
16. I am a lizard, Boy George sang about me and I can change my colour.
17. I have species called leatherback, green and Ridley's.
18. I have species called chinstrap, Adelie and gentoo.
19. I am a UK mammal with the latin name *sciurus vulgaris*.
20. I am the largest member of the crow family resident in the UK.



1.zebra 2.tadpoles 3.lemur 4.springbok 5.dodo 6.hedgehog 7.sloth
 8.hippopotamus 9.bald eagle 10.duck-billed platypus 11.okapi 12.cat
 13.badger 14.gopher 15.gorilla 16.chamaeleon 17.turtle 18.penguin
 19.red squirrel 20.raven



GREAT BENTLEY RUNNING CLUB

So just how did we get through March so quickly? The beautiful blue skies and promise of more daylight running hours certainly has put an added extra spring into the Bentley team's; with hard winter months training paying off as proven by the weekly race reports.

Just a quick comment in support of our wonderful NHS. Eileen Shafford (our Club Treasurer) has recently had a hip operation – we are so pleased to learn that the operation was successful – and is already looking to start running again! Eileen will come back even faster and stronger, of that we are certain!

Well the Spring race session has certainly got underway – for some they just could not hang up their cross-country shoes and travelled hundreds of miles towards Devon looking for knee deep mud and hills aplenty. Yes, we are talking 'The Grizzly' on the 6th of March apparently named after Grizzly Bars produced in a factory by John Barrington. As a bit of background ... the race started in the village of Beer in 1988 with just 27 runners covering a 6 mile course. Within a few years though the race has grown both in distance and runners and moved to nearby Seaton with two distances – 20 miles and the 'Cub' distance of 9 miles. Our brave runners took on the mud and mountainous terrain with Vicky Presland winning the 20 mile race in an astonishing 3.20.35 along with Sarah Davidson and Kathy Bishop. Whilst continuing her 50th birthday celebrations in earnest Vicki Law, armed with a chocolate cake to feed all, took on the 9 mile challenge alongside Super Mum Barbara Law, Lindsay Buttery, Caroline Talbot, Emma Welham, Donna Harris and Maddison Allen – I do believe for some there was even a post-race glass of Prosecco or two and a hot tub involved – now that is style.

Nearer to home Sue Wray completed the Colchester Kawasaki self-navigation 10 mile route in a great time of 1.47. Meera Rajoo-Oakley meanwhile took on the challenging off-road race – Hadleigh Legacy 10k in 55.55 alongside Leno Harvey 1.07.10 and Michelle Auer 1.11.10. Sue Wray completed both the trail event at Mersea Island and tried out the new park run at Old Rendelsham Forest which apparently got a big thumbs up.

And a couple of Saturdays ago saw the Great Bentley Park Run Takeover at Highwoods Colchester. Under the guidance of Yolanda Arnold the event received fantastic positive feedback.

Other achievements this month included a chilly Chelmsford 10k where Michelle Auer achieved a 1.11.10 time and Louise Balfour once again gained a PB: 56.11 going on to win Dave Wrights Colchester 7.5 Women's race in 1.10.48 the following week; brilliant running. Our captain Mags did the same smashing out a further two PB's at Tarpley 20 in 2:50:24 subsequently followed by a PB at Cambridge Half Marathon – 1.41:30 and Dave Wrights Colchester 15 miles – 1.59.47.

A popular distance this month saw two other ladies travel to Brentwood to gain PBs for their half marathons – Lisa Briggs 1:54.56 and Norma Smith (under the guidance of Caroline Searle's training plan knocked off an impressive 30 minutes) 2.10.35: that was even with the notorious 'Death Hill' thrown in!

Going further afield, another well done to Inga Hayden Cooper on completing 5 laps of Debden Airfield in 2:58.40 – 5 times with flying feet too!

This month Maddy Allen one of our youngest members at 18 together with her friend Milly Presland took it upon themselves to raise money for the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis running 4km every 4 hours for 48 hours. The statistics literally speak for themselves as Maddy has averaged just 3 hours sleep and running 48.9 km – an amazing achievement for such a worthwhile cause which is affecting so many innocent people. Well done Maddy!

Paul Carlisle

A FEW NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

EXCITING CALENDAR EVENTS TAKING PLACE SOON ACROSS TENDRING

Clacton Airshow

- In the height of the summer, it will be 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. There are ongoing negotiations with the Red Arrows about appearing on both days, with the RAF display team already included in the event on its initial calendar for the year.

Clacton to host tour series round

- The Tour Series, which is a fun, free and family-friendly cycling event, will be putting on a spectacular show by the sea this spring when it heads to Clacton. Britain's leading men's and women's riders will head to Tendring for round five of the 2022 series on Thursday 19th May. Clacton will become only the third venue after Colchester and Stoke-on-Trent to have hosted the Tour of Britain, Women's Tour, and Tour Series. This is new for 2022 and the round will take place in the heart of Clacton, starting and finishing in sight of the sea on Pier Avenue. It will pass through the town centre before running alongside the town's Ferris wheel, Pavilion and Pier on Marine Parade East. Not only will fans get to see the action multiple times during the hour-long men's and women's races, the 1.4 kilometre circuit will offer two sightings per lap to anybody watching from the Town Square. Highlights of both the men's and women's races will once again be broadcast on ITV4.

JUBILEE BEACON TO BE INSTALLED IN CLACTON

It is really pleasing that a planning application was approved to make it possible to install a beacon for Clacton, which means that through the lighting of the beacon Clacton will join in with all Tendring's Parish and Town Councils, the rest of the country and others worldwide on the 2nd June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee reign of 70 years.

The beacon will also be used to celebrate the very special event of Clacton's 150th birthday. The funding for the beacon is making it possible for Clacton to use the beacon for future events. It is 7.4 metre-tall (24 feet) steel structure and will be erected at the entrance to the Martello Car Park, on Marine Parade West.

Jeff Bray, TDC Chairman, welcomed the approval of the planning application.

"Having this beacon will allow Clacton to join in with towns and villages across Tendring, Essex and the world in the Jubilee beacon celebrations," Cllr Bray said.

(Sadly, when a group of Great Bentley village residents heard the beacon was not going to be lit in honour of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, they volunteered and asked permission to light Gt Bentley's Beacon on this very rare and special occasion; the group were told that the Parish Council would not give its permission).

FUNDING TO HELP JOBSEEKERS TRAIN AS HGV DRIVERS

Funding is being provided by Tendring District Council (TDC) to support jobseekers in the area to train as lorry drivers.

The council is providing £15,000 to pay for the Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) training for at least five residents and is working with both the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to identify people for the training, and lorry firms in terms of recruitment.

The scheme, being delivered in partnership with Essex County Council, means training provision is in place locally. The funding will be available for those in receipt of Universal Credit, with candidates identified by the DWP as part of their ongoing work supporting claimants into employment. Some other councils in Essex are also doing similar schemes.

PROMENADE RE-OPENS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF £2.25MILLION CLIFF STABILISATION SCHEME

Two sections of the promenade along the Clacton and Holland-on-Sea seafront have opened after a multi-million pound engineering scheme to stabilise the cliffs was completed.

Tendring District Council (TDC) funded the £2.25million project to shore up around 160 metres of cliffs in two sections close to York Road and Russell Road.

Works were needed to restore the cliffs, which had slipped, to protect the roads above, Marine Parade East and Kings Parade, as well as the lower promenade and beach huts below.

Repairs have been made to the promenade as part of the works, while replacement bases for beach huts along that section were also installed. To allow the work to take place 38 beach huts were temporarily removed during the scheme.

Works began in June 2021. The scheme has an engineering design life of 65 years but is expected to last for at least a century.

MEMORIAL TREES PLANTED TO HONOUR REFUGEES FROM THE KINDER TRANSPORT

Two native oak trees have been planted in the Harwich area as part of a nationwide campaign to mark the 80th anniversary of the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) - the national charity providing social and welfare services to Holocaust refugees and survivors in the UK.

80 Trees for 80 Years is seeing native oak trees planted around Britain in honour of people and places that symbolise the enormous contribution made to every walk of British life by refugees who escaped from Nazi Europe.

The Tendring trees have been planted in Jubilee Park, Parkeston, and Cliff Park Dovercourt, in recognition of refugees on the Kindertransport who first arrived at Harwich International Port, and then where they stayed in a local holiday camp until sponsors came to give them a new home.

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant said: "Harwich and Dovercourt residents opened their homes and showed the Kinder such hospitality in their time of need, and this is being demonstrated again with our community's response to the situation in Ukraine". These trees link refugees of all nationalities, which is a key aim of the Harwich Kindertransport Project.

COUNCIL SIGNS FAMILY FRIENDLY EMPLOYER CHARTER

Tendring District Council (TDC) has shown its commitment to being a flexible workplace by signing up to the Family Friendly Employer Charter.

The scheme, run by Essex County Council, allows employers to demonstrate they offer a family-friendly workplace and encourage working parents to be confident they will be supported by the organisation. Under the terms of the charter TDC commits to considering flexible working arrangements in line with business needs, and support employees in a variety of different ways.

TDC is one of 13 original signatories from across Essex with County Hall now encouraging more employers to sign the charter and take steps to embed the family-friendly ethos into their employment practices.

To see which Essex employers have signed up to the charter or to find out more please visit www.essex.gov.uk/family-friendly-charter/family-friendly-employer-principles

YOUR VIEWS WANTED TO SHAPE FUTURE OF OPEN SPACES

The district has a wide variety of open spaces, from allotments to play areas and parks to recreation grounds, with four Green Flags held by Tendring District Council (TDC). Each can provide opportunities for sport and leisure, tourism, wildlife and biodiversity, helping community well-being and the local economy.

The council is now looking for up-to-date information on these open spaces to ensure there are enough of them, and of the right type, which a public survey forms part of this work. Consultants are now carrying out a review.

Michael Talbot, TDC Cabinet Member for Environment, encouraged people to have their say.

"While we can look at various pieces of data about our open spaces, what is invaluable to us is that lived-in experience – what do people who use our parks and playgrounds think of them. Or perhaps you don't use our open spaces; and the reasons why could also be really helpful.

To take part in the survey go to www.tendringdc.gov.uk/consultation.

Responses must be made by 31 May 2022.

Lynda

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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GARDENING NOTES



May is often a warm and welcoming month in terms of good weather and garden colour but just a word of caution about potential cold nights. The weather forecast cannot be accurate for all locations. You may live in a frost pocket and will experience temperatures several degrees lower than a short distance away. Better to spend time needlessly covering up than having plants damaged that will almost inevitably reduce the eventual crop at the least. Remember anything that has been raised with protection will need hardening off and if in doubt about the weather conditions for the weeks ahead you can always delay transplanting until early

June.

From the middle of the month the majority of seeds can be sown direct outside which reduces the need for pricking out and potting on. Do not allow seedlings to become overcrowded, thin them to provide more space and allow them to achieve their potential. The thinnings from lettuce and greens can usually be transplanted if you require extra plants. Remember to water the seedling rows ahead of thinning to ensure the plants are turgid and also after thinning or transplanting to settle them in. Check whether growing plants need additional support.

We have mentioned previously the need to consistently water in new hedging, trees and roses, and to keep them watered for a period after planting. Having just planted the first five metres of mixed edible hedging and a couple of fruit trees in early April at our new bungalow, we were reminded of this having recently re-read the cultural instructions that accompanied the plants which we acquired from Ken Muirs', our local fruit nursery. It recommends that for the first couple of years in dry weather you use at least five litres of water per metre of hedging twice a week. Ideally the hedge should be planted in a double dug trench. If double digging is too physical for you, you can single dig the trench and dig a deeper planting hole by breaking up the bottom of the trench for slightly more than the root area of the new plant. We did this and kept the trench about 50mm down below the surrounding area to ensure watering is effective. Avoid small holes in solid clay at all cost as the planting hole is likely to become an impervious pot and the roots will drown.

Once the hedge is established it should be fed annually with something like Growmore. It is a good idea to trim new hedges at least once a year as this will promote lateral growth, resulting in a denser hedge. This generally means they will need to be trimmed before they reach the intended height. Whilst this will delay the hedge reaching this height it will result in a denser and healthier hedge.

We were interested to see the Great Bromley Women's Institute page in the April Messenger supporting #NoMowMay, to promote the growth of wild flowers in your lawns for the benefit of insects and pollination. We will be supporting this project.

Do not forget to look out for local open gardens whether under the NGS banner or not. The NGS scheme makes large sums of money that are donated mostly to health charities. Many of the open gardens will have plants for sale at reasonable prices. Also, the local horticultural societies will be holding plant sales to make funds to keep the societies going. Three local ones we know of are Lawford, 7th May and both Ardleigh and East Bergholt on 21st May.

A.O.

Thank You

I have received several donations of clothing for hope@trinity in recent weeks that took my breath away, much of it has already been taken to hope when Jackie and I deliver the growing number of sandwiches. The queue is beginning to form when we arrive and there is no shortage of help to unload the car and carry boxes and bags to the entrance, where there are familiar faces but the need and support that hope@trinity provides to those who find themselves in situations they could never have anticipated is increasing. Thank you for your kindness which is much appreciated by Jackie and myself but most importantly by the volunteers and the men and women who benefit from your generosity, never doubt we can and do make a difference.

Judy Bishop

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE SATURDAY 4th JUNE

DON,T MISS OUT

**HAVE YOU BOOKED
YOUR TICKETS?**

**THE QUEENS JUBILEE
AFTERNOON TEA
SATURDAY 4th JUNE
PLEASE RING BEV 01206 250724
(IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT
PLEASE ASK WHEN BOOKING)**

**ONCE THE TICKETS
HAVE GONE
THAT'S IT!!!**

SEE PAGE 21



BEATING THE BOUNDS SEPTEMBER 2022

PLEASE IS ANYONE WILLING TO
ORGANISE
THIS HISTORIC EVENT?

CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE
ABLE TO DO SO.

A SMALL GROUP WOULD BE IDEAL

01206 250524
marymaskell@sys3internet.net



SESAW NEWS

“Didn’t we have a lovely time, the day we went to Long Melford?!” One of our volunteers was singing a parody of a Fiddlers’ Dram song after our Easter Fair last month. Not everyone remembers a 1970’s hit but the fantastic response to our event was reminiscent of our pre-pandemic fundraisers. Familiar friends (and dogs!) arrived to browse the stalls, enjoy a snack - and the icing on the cake? Nearly £4,500 raised including a generous donation from an anonymous supporter.

Mum said it would be too cold for me to attend because there was a constant flow of fresh air through the building to blow away the virus. It was fortunate that our volunteers were on hand to help rescue a fledgling found on a nearby footpath, popular with dog walkers. The fluffy bundle was quickly brought home to Mum who identified it as a Tawny owlet. It is coming along nicely and will eventually be returned to it’s home territory for a soft release.

We are looking for more enthusiastic people to join our fundraising team and reliable volunteers to care for the animals one morning a week. Please leave a message on our answerphone or send an email if you would like to help.

There are still spaces on the Nayland 10K family-friendly run on Sunday 10th July, starting at Little Garth School, Nayland, CO6 4JR. This raises money for local charities including SESA W, there are routes to suit all ages and abilities through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Book your place at www.nayland10k.co.uk The only place I’m running to now is the kitchen where Mum is preparing dinner for all the dogs including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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

NATURE NOTES



The British are famous for our weather lore: today, 15th April has been the warmest day of the year. The earlier, lovely 24th March proved a "false spring" as in the meantime there was snow on 1st April and more frosty nights than in all the winter months. Days have been often bright but with a chill, "lazy" wind, so called because it goes through rather than round folk. This spell of cold and angry weather has borne out the traditional name for it of Blackthorn Winter. The thorny blackthorn or sloe bushes have been in full white flower in hedgerows and are now fading - to allow in warmer weather.

As well as the welcome first arrivals of summer birds such as: chiffchaff, blackcap and swallow, three other larger birds have caught my attention. Jackdaws, that twenty or so years ago were in decline, have recently teased me by putting sticks right down the chimney in hope of forming a nest platform. To discourage them I have used these sticks with some other wood to make a small fire for a short time when they were active, mostly around breakfast time. After a few days this brief smoke seems to have worked and they have gone elsewhere with their sticks.

On that earlier, sparkling day in March, already mentioned, I had my best view ever of a Kite flying quite low overhead. Previous fleeting views have been from a moving car or train. Large birds-of-prey wheeling in flight locally usually are Buzzards or Marsh Harriers, only themselves becoming a familiar sight in recent years. Kites, long confined to central Wales, have spread eastwards, aided by introductions in the Chilterns. Although breeding in Suffolk and West Essex they mainly pass through Tendring on passage but local breeding maybe just a matter of time. Less broad-winged, the rufous, forked tail with flexing tips is most distinctive.

The third bird, the Mediterranean Gull has a far-reaching call, quite unlike other gulls. It has been passing over in recent days in small flocks with other more familiar Herring and Black-headed Gulls. They have full black hoods in summer as distinct from the brown masks of the familiar but misnamed Black-headed Gull. The mature birds unlike most other gulls have no black markings on their wings. When flying overhead in good light their translucent white outstretched wings can be seen. They are not part of the roof-top colonisation in local coastal towns with larger Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Coincidentally they also have over the past twenty years have arrived, spreading across Europe to breed locally in the Walton Backwaters on saltmarsh edges.

In a time of mounting fresh concerns and environmental pressures it is reassuring some traditional weather patterns remain and birdlife as with other nature can surprise us given half a chance.

DRB

For your diary: Sun 29th May 11-4 – Gt Holland Pits nature reserve open day & pond-dipping – organised by Tendring EWT local group

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

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

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email:

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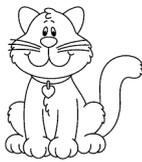




ROBO PETS

Age Concern are able to provide a mechanical dog or cat for people with Alzheimers etc which responds with pet noises and moves its head in response to being petted etc.

If you are interested please contact dementia@ageconcerncolchester.org.uk for a Robo Pet Referral form.



ANNUAL GRAND GARAGE TRAIL

SATURDAY 16th JULY

£7 PER ENTRY

FOR INFORMATION
PLEASE TELEPHONE

01206 250724

PROCEEDS GOING
TO THE UPKEEP
OF THE VILLAGE
GREEN



The Great Bentley Show Saturday 3rd September 2022

YOUR VILLAGE SHOW NEEDS YOU!

After an absence of 2 years, we are pleased to announce that plans are already under way for the Great Bentley Village Show 2022.

For those of you who are perhaps new to the village, the Show takes place on the green under a large exhibition marquee and attracts visitors & entrants from all over East Anglia. Our aim is to stage a traditional country show that encourages Horticulture, Hobbies and Arts & Crafts all year round, while providing an entertaining event for all the family (dogs included!)

The financial support of our Vice-Presidents is vital to our survival, and we look forward to inviting lots of you to join us this year.

Please help us to maintain this tradition by becoming a Vice-President, (minimum donation £10)

.... no work involved unless you want to volunteer...

please contact the Treasurer by email nowakdr@live.co.uk



Crossstitchers, **cake bakers**, Pastry makers, **Picture snappers**, Picture painters, **Veggediggers**, Lego builders, Pot planters, **bread risers**, Tailwaggers, Winepressers, Knitters, Flower growers, **Flower arrangers**, Fruit pickers, ARTISTS & CRAFTERS
Gin Makers, Quilters, **Cookie cutters**, Jam boilers &&&&&.....

To enter any of our 189 show classes, visit our website to see the 2022 show schedule & print off an entry form

Grand Prize Draw at 4.30pm followed by Presentation of Awards

Companion Dog Show Tombola Stalls Displays Donkey Rides
Tractor Display Harmonettes Grand Prize Draw Scouts' Tea Tent
Riverside Fish & Chips Ice-creams **Big Easy 5 Jazz Band**
Village OrganisationsAnd much, much more for all the family!

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 3

On Wednesday 23rd March we visited Legoland Windsor resort. It was an early start to the day, with the coach leaving at 7am! We were all very excited and arrived at Legoland just before 10am. Our first stop was to Miniland. We got to see lots of different countries and landmarks all made out of Lego! Next, we had our Lego robotics workshop where we made our own Lego robot come to life through coding! We showed great listening skills and we de-bugged our coding where needed.

After our workshop, we headed to Lego City driving school to earn our driving license behind the wheel of a Lego car! We all showed great driving skills and all got to take a driving licence home! Lastly, we got to watch Lego Mythica journey in 4D! The Lego creatures came to life by wearing special glasses and we even got sprayed with water and snow!

Mrs Upston and the Year 3 team were incredibly proud of the children's behaviour and how they represented Great Bentley Primary school. A big thank you to our parent helpers that came along. We couldn't have gone without you.

Year 4

Year 4 have consolidated their learning in their Science topic this term by creating fact files about different animals. They have enjoyed doing some research about the animals they met at the zoo and using photographs that they took on the trip. Some children included a dichotomous key and children recognised which animals were mammals, birds or reptiles. A super term of learning.

Year 4 have been working on Batik flags ready for the Platinum Jubilee. They designed the flags in their sketch books then transferred the design to a piece of fabric. They then dropped wax on their design and finally put them in a dye bath. We are excited to see the finished flags after the holidays.

GREAT BENTLEY CRICKET CLUB

The season has just started, so please see below our diary for May. Come along and support and enjoy a chilled beer or glass of wine from the bar.

MAY FIXTURES

Sun 1: T30 Mens Home v Coggeshall 1pm
Tue 3: U14 Home v Witham 6pm Bentley
Fri 6: U14, U12, U11, Kwik Cricket Training
Sun 8: U10s Away at B'sea 10am
Sun 8: T30 Mens Away v Sudbury 1pm
Fri 13: U14, U12, U11, Kwik Cricket Training
Sun 15: U10s Away at Wivenhoe 10am
Tue 17: U12 Home v Eight Ash Green 6pm
Fri 20: U14, U12, U11, Kwik Cricket Training
Sun 22: U11 Away v Elmstead CC 10am
Sun 22: T30 Mens Home v Witham 1pm
Tue 24: U14 Home v Eight Ash Green 6pm Bentley
Wed 25: U14 Away v Abberton CC 6pm
Thu 26: U12 Home v Coggeshall 6pm at Bromley
Fri 27: U14, U12, U11, Kwik Cricket Training



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 the 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

MAY DIARY

- Sun 1st **THORRINGTONHALL WOOD**, Bluebell Day, 11am-3pm
- Sun 1st **BLUEBELL SERVICE**, Bentley Woods, 3pm
- Thurs 5th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, Village Hall, 7pm
- Fri 6th/Sat 7th **BENTLEY GREEN PLAYERS**,
Love Begins at Fifty
- Sat 7th **ST MARY'S CHURCH MAY FAIR**
- Mon 9th **QUIZ NIGHT**, The Plough
- Tues 10th **ART CLUB**, 2pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 12th **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**, Village Hall
- Thurs 12th **HISTORY SOCIETY**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 12th **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**
- Sat 14th **GARDENING CLUB PLANT SALE**
- Sat 14th **LITTLE BENTLEY HALL OPEN GARDEN DAY.**
- 14th-17th **ART EXHIBITION**, St Mary's Church, Lt Bentley, p. 6
- Tues 17th **GARDENING CLUB**, 7.30pm Village Hall
- Thurs 19th **PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING**, 6.30pm
Village Hall
- Sun 22nd **ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR**, Gt Bromley
Village Hall
- Tues 24th **ART CLUB**, 2pm, Village Hall
- Fri 27th **MAGAZINE COLLATING**, 9am, St Mary's Church Hall
- 26th-29th **FRINTON FESTIVAL**
- Sat 28th **COFFEE MORNING**, St Mary's Church Hall, 10-12 noon
- Sun 29th **GT HOLLAND PITS OPEN DAY & POND DIPPING**,
11-4pm

JUNE

- 4th - 5th QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION
WEEKEND**
- 25th CARNIVAL**