

# Great Bentley Parish News

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## EDITORIAL

As I write this, there are rain clouds on the horizon but whether they pass over Great Bentley and deliver a good few heavy showers, remains to be seen. I am tempted to change my address to Caldew Cottage, The Brown and if I did I am sure Bill the postie would share the joke. Gardeners and farmers alike are despairing but I guess the challenge of growing any sort of crop is what keeps us on our toes. However this brings us on to entries for the Village Show and especially in the fruit, flower and vegetable sections. If not a grower please try and enter something, the craft and photo sections are always popular. The children always put us adults to shame with their inventive models, baking and art work and it really is such a wonderful village day, so please join in.

We also have St Mary's Flower and Art Festival to look forward to. If you would like to exhibit some art then please contact Carole Allington ASAP 251086. Its so good that these "normal" events are continuing after a two year break. We need to support them all if we can to ensure their survival.

I have to say that we are rather low on content this month so the regular plea goes out to you all to submit a little something to help us out. Thanks in advance. As the Cricket Club celebrated 250 years of cricket on the green in July we were not able to include very much and so we have rectified that this month. Some great photos included, thanks to various photographers.

We have tried to avoid the "C" word but would you believe that we now include dates for your diary for a Christmas concert and Operation Christmas Child. See page 2. Moving on swiftly as its only September!!

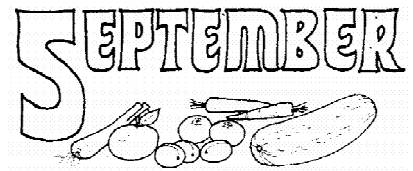
Congratulations to April (who writes our Pet Notes every month), as she opens her own veterinary practice at Weeley at the end of the month. See page 10.

A major topic of conversation that seems to dominate village life at the moment is the doctor's surgery. I emailed Dr Bhatti for an update on the likelihood of a new village surgery and she replied very promptly. This is included in the Surgery Notes on page 23.

It was with great sadness that I learnt of the death of Stan Tricker and just five days later of his wife Barbara. They were true Great Bentley people with such a wealth of knowledge. Every month when we collated the magazine Barbara would arrive on her bike with a plastic Tupperware box containing her 1 2 3 biscuits which she would have made that morning. Our thoughts go out to Tim, Helen and Roo. Funeral arrangements are on page 22.

Hope to see you at The Show on 3rd September,

**Mary Maskell**



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## FRONT COVER

### The Great Bentley Team for the match against the MCC

Left to right back row - Adam Cuthbert, James Peace, Greg Wainer, Josh Fowler, Jo Fowler, Michael Giles, Mike Wright

Left to right bottom row - Lily Wainer, James Snowdon, Alex Youngs, Barney Morton, Ed Kerridge

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## SAMARITANS PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Afraid Christmas is being mentioned yet again this month! Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child 2022 is underway.

Boxes for you to fill will be at the back of the church from **Sunday 4th September**. You can also find leaflets there to give you an idea of the goodies needed to pack into these special boxes that bring hope to so many disadvantaged children.

If you are not able to fill a box but have odds and ends you can leave these at the back of the church in the marked designated container  
Please return boxes by **Monday 7th November**.

Thanks in advance.  
**Wendy King**

**DONATE £5 PER BOX:** A donation of £5 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online, or give by cheque or cash using the pre-paid envelope in the leaflet. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!

### Shoebox Gift Ideas

#### SPECIAL ITEM

- Football with pump
- Doll
- Cuddly toy

#### TOYS

- Toy cars
- Skipping ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

#### ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewellery and watches
- Torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)

#### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons and markers
- Notebooks
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators

#### DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

### FUNERAL

16th August  
Stephanie Sadler



### ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNDAY CLUB

For children of primary school age.  
We meet on the second Sunday of the month. We start in church for a little while then go to the church hall for a story and crafting, then we join everyone back in church to tell and show them what we have been doing.  
If you would like to join us  
Please ring  
Mary Maskell 250524

### St. Mary's Church Facebook Page

St. Mary's Church now has a 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'.

### ST MARY'S CHURCH WEBSITE

stmaryschurchgreatbentley.co.uk



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**Search for GtBentleyMethodistChurch**

**Greetings to you all**

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

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

The leaders of worship are set out below:-

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>September 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Church Leaders</b>     |
| <b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Rev Tom Osborne HC</b> |
| <b>September 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Maggie Woods</b>       |
|                                  | <b>Harvest Festival</b>   |
| <b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Anne Scott</b>         |

**For Harvest Festival** we shall prepare the Church on Saturday at 11am, Gifts please to be suitable for the Food Bank plus fruit to give colour. Food bank needs are tinned fruit, tinned and packet custard, Long-life Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Instant Mash, tinned sponge puddings, small jar/packet instant coffee, hot chocolate powder.

**On Sunday** More gifts will be brought and there will be a Bring and Share meal after the service. Please indicate on the list at Church whether you can come to the meal and what you are able to bring. We shall arrange distribution of the gifts on the Monday

**Coffee & Chat** September 2nd. Thanks for the help last month when £185 was raised for the Air Ambulance.

**Prayer Meeting** We meet for prayer on the second Wednesday of each month 9.45 for 10am at our Church.  
This month 14<sup>th</sup> September

**Sandwiches for Hope @ Trinity, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**Adventurers Club and Messy Church.** Please look out for details of start up in September nearer the time.

**ST MARY'S SERVICES**

**Sunday 4th September**

- 10.00am Joint Benefice Service at St Osyth
- Tues 6th Bible Study, 10am, Church Hall

**Sunday 11th September**

- 9.30am Holy Communion and Sunday Club
- Thurs 15th Knit & Natter, Church Hall, 2-3.30pm

**Sat 17th/Sun18th Flower & Art Exhibition**

**Sunday 18th September**

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- Tues 20th Bible Study, 10am, Church Hall

**Sunday 25th September - Harvest Festival**

- 9.30am Family Service
- 1pm Shared lunch with St Osyth in St Mary's Church Hall

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

**Sidespersons & Readers**

- 4th Service at St Osyth
- 11th David Branch & Rosemary Branch
- 18th Jennie Moss
- 25th Richard Wainer

**Prayer Rota**

- 4th Service at St Osyth
- 11th Carol Kerridge
- 18th Vicar
- 25th David Branch



**Coffee Rota**

- 4th Service at St Osyth
- 11th Wendy Smith
- 18th Lynda McWilliams
- 25th Lyn Gordon

**Cleaning Rota**

- 3rd Mandy Miles & friend
- 10th Edna Black
- 16th Carol Kerridge & Lea Howlett
- 24th Bev Adams

## St Mary's Church Hall

Looking for a venue

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## PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES FOR GREAT BENTLEY SHOW 2022

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Magic Moments

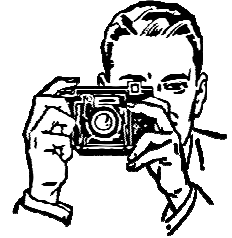
Sporting Chance

On Four Legs

East Anglian Skies

Up the Creek

Open ...



## MARY ALLINGTON

Mary Allington, wife of Reg and mother of John, sadly died on Sunday 12th June after a long battle with illness throughout the year.

She passed away peacefully at home in the presence of Reg and John, who wish to thank all those who sent their kind condolences.

They must thank also Jason, paramedic from the Weeley Ambulance station who attended her and dealt with the situation with such kindness.

The help received in the preceding weeks from staff from the Saint Helena Hospice must also be gratefully recognised. At her funeral on 20th July donations to the hospice were made in lieu of floral tributes and I have a receipt of thanks for the total of £335 donated by family and friends from the village.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church

9.30am

Everyone welcome

Please bring donations  
of food suitable  
for the Food Bank



## DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER MAGAZINE

**MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER**

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

Please mark all material - "Parish Magazine"

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**IMPORTANT - PLEASE SEND ALL INFORMATION TO BOTH OF US**

## Chameleons on Tour 2022 - The first year back

I think over the last couple of years we all have not been able to do something we love, for me it was making theatre and bringing it out into the community. I hadn't realised how much I had missed the creative process, the working with the venues, the creation of marketing, costumes, set and props. It is funny how it is like riding a bike, you never forget how to do it!

Our journey of creating James and the Giant Peach was a 3 month process to be able to tour for 3 weekends. We had three new venues this year and Great Bentley was one of them. I had a feeling that the space in the grounds of St Mary's Church would work and I was right - it made a lovely venue and we had some really great acoustics as we used the walls of the church to help us amplify the sound.

I cannot thank the committee enough, namely Wendy, Mandy and Annabel for supporting us on the day to make the 'get in' flow seamlessly. I know these ladies and others were the backbone of promoting the show locally and their hard work paid off as we had just under 100 in the audience and that was on the day of the Tending Show!

As I moved to Great Bentley in 2021 Chameleon's Web is now a resident of the village too. It is so lovely to know that we have a beautiful venue right on our doorstep and I hope we can continue to include it in our summer tour for many years to come.



**Suzanne**  
**Artistic Director - Chameleon's Web Theatre Company**

### FOOD BANK

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

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

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

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



We have run out of:

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

You can also save your small change into a jar and donate it to the foodbank when it is full or leave food at the back of St Mary's Church

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

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

Jennifer Ford  
01255 821199

email:  
weddings.stosythchurch@hotmail.com

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



### THANK YOU

Thank you to Sarah Townes who found my passport and took it in to Tesco's. Thanks also to Shireen, who works there and took the time to phone me so that I could collect it straight away. I am so glad I live in this caring village.

**Mary Maskell**

## St Mary's Church Flower and Art Festival



We look forward to seeing you at our annual event on 17th/18th September.

Please can you help us?

We would be very grateful for Tombola and Raffle prizes which can be left at the back of the church.

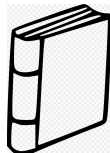
Cakes, jams and preserves can be brought on the weekend.

Any queries please ring Wendy Smith 250098



### JIGSAW PUZZLE & BOOK HIRE

As the nights draw in and you have time to sit down a bit more and/or clear out your cupboards, why not bring your jigsaw puzzles and books along to the Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church on **15th October and donate it. We will hire it out for £1.** A great way to recycle.



BAT AND MOTH EVENING

FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER from 7pm

St Mary's church hall and church yard.

We hope to have a bit of crafting for the children early on.

3 moth traps will be set up and several bat detectors will help to identify the type of bats we have locally.

Everyone welcome.

## Annual Grand Garage Trail

Saturday 10th September  
from 10am  
£7 per entry pre-booked  
(£10 on the day)



Closing date for pre-booking is August 26th

To book or for further information contact:

01206 250177

Proceeds go towards the upkeep of the village green



## GREAT BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL RECYCLE SCHEME

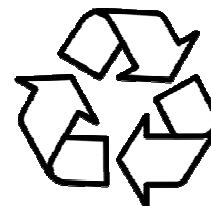
### We currently take:

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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I feel that I must write in support of Judy Bishop's letter in last month's Parish News.

Like Judy I have only recently learnt of the proposed new Tesco Supermarket from an acquaintance newly moved into our village.

Rumour has it that it is being proposed as a solution to the traffic problems surrounding our small parade of shops. Rumour also has it that the proposed site is the parcel of land along Heckfords Road and in front of the new Admirals Green development. Again rumour has it that this parcel of land was gifted to Hills Building Group as part of the land purchase for the Admirals Green development in order to build a much needed new Health Centre, but I'm told that *recollections now differ*.

If this development were to go ahead it wouldn't really solve any of the traffic problems in our village. Most of the problems are caused by inconsiderate drivers traversing through the village, trying to bulldoze their way across the green and past the parade of shops, unwilling to exercise a little consideration.

Great Bentley and its neighbour, Frating, are a well known cut-through for the A120, not helped by traffic trying to turn right at the Heckfords Road / A133 junction which can cause lengthy tailbacks. How much worse would this all become with a full scale supermarket en route?

Also, if this development were to go ahead, not only would the Tesco express probably close but how long would it be before we lose the butchers, the deli, and the post office? Yes, maybe there would be less traffic parked outside the shops but the road between the Plough and Thorrington Road would become gridlocked with all the cars already parked along that road??

As Judy has said, why has this only just come to light? I would suggest that a public meeting needs to take place with all the relevant parties before any further progression of this proposal.

Speaking to one of our doctors I'm told that our small surgery is taking hundreds of new patients every month. This is, of course, unsustainable. A new Health Centre is needed far more than another "small business killing" supermarket.

Terry Beech.

### THE DEANERY CHOIR

**Please see Dr Bhattis' response ref new surgery on page 23.**

'The Deanery Choir will be supporting the worship of the Holy Communion service at St George's Church, Great Bromley, on Sunday 11th September at 10.30am.



Into the Choir diary is our arrangement of 'A Living Christmas' at St Mary the Virgin Church, Great Bentley, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, at 7pm. It comprises over one hour listening to the carols of living composers, poems and readings. There will be a retiring donation. Further information will follow nearer the time.'



## Great Bentley Pre-school

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

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Although we still have a few days of the summer holidays left the new academic year is not far away, I hope you have all had a wonderful time so far and enjoyed the fantastic weather that we have been lucky enough to have.

When we do return, I would like to say a big hello to Emily and Emily, Penelope, Eliza, Axel, Fionn, Anwen, Isabella, Anika, and Hallie, who all begin with us this month.

I can promise you will all gain lots of wonderful and exciting new experiences within your time at our Pre-School, we are looking forward to welcoming you all as families as you start this new journey with your child, and we look forward to working with you all over the coming terms.

That brings me on to wish our recent group of children that left 'Good Luck' as they start their new Primary Schools. We hope you have lots of fun and we get to hear how you are getting on from time to time.

### **Facebook Page**

Just a reminder we have our own Facebook page. This is a great tool to keep you up to date with what's going on as we will post reminders, events that are coming up and what the children have been getting up to. Just like 'Great Bentley Pre-school' and all our updates will appear on your newsfeed.

### **Registers**

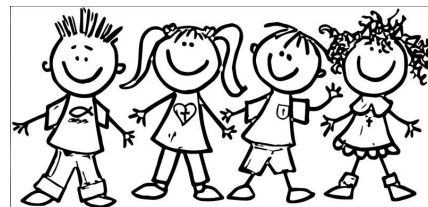
I still have some limited availability if you would like to join our Pre-school, please contact me via our FB Messenger or email where I will happily give you details.

Not much else to report this month as we have all been on our summer break.

So, for now enjoy the rest of the summer holidays and we will look forward to welcoming back all our children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Thanks for reading.

**Julie Wiles**



**Learn to mosaic**  
Beginner's Workshop  
with Rachel Shilston  
From £55 per person



Great Bromley Village Hall, Parson's Hill, Colchester. CO7 7 JA      **24th September**  
10am to 1.30pm

**TO BOOK:** Visit the website at [rachelshilston.co.uk/mosaic-workshops](http://rachelshilston.co.uk/mosaic-workshops)

*Welcome*

Welcome to the new residents of 54a De Vere Estate, Gary, Joy, son Lewis and Dexter the dog.





## GREAT BENTLEY VETERANS CLUB

Eight members of The 'Club' met at the Fusilier in Aingers Green for breakfast on 13<sup>th</sup> August. We were joined by new member, Steve Newall and although he lives in Brightlingsea, we welcome anyone brave enough to venture to Great Bentley. So, surrounding villages are most welcome. Anyway, how could we turn away a staunch, proud ex-member of the Worcester and Sherwood Foresters (WFR) Regiment? The draw was made from our small raffle which raises a little fund for us. Arguably, worst prize went to Chris Teates who won the mystery prize - a tin of SPAM. What we would have given for a tin when we were serving and starving on exercise! I must admit I always worked in an office for my 25 years, so my manoeuvres were always in cosy locations. There was quite a variance of military experience today. Abbreviations with titles in full: Chris Teates, RAMC – Royal Army Medical Corps, Michael White and Michael Dorling who are true veterans post war days, John Wharton, AGC who is still a serving Major (with 8 days remaining before he retires) in Colchester Garrison. Shame about the leg John but no one believed you injured it skiing in this weather. Kevin Flinn and son of the author, ex-Welbeck college fame, Bob Starsmere ex-Royal Navy who somehow changes the subject to cooking each time we meet. Steve Newall our new joiner today. And yours truly, ex RAOC, AGC, RLC which is quite a misuse of the alphabet for Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Adjutant General's Corps, Royal Logistics Corps – phew. It is great to see and chat with veterans, serving colleagues and British Legion. So, if you are out there and fancy joining us for ad hoc, off the cuff Club get-togethers, please get in touch with me on 0742 114 1131.

David Flinn, BEM

## Patient Participation Group To Welcome Guest Speaker

Following my article in the July issue of The Parish News appealing for new people to come along to our Patient Participation Group Meetings I am delighted to report that it has been a long time since we have had the need to put out so many chairs such was the response! We had a very productive meeting during which we welcomed Diane Miles as our new Chairperson and Paula Randell who is happy to take the minutes. We can now look forward to continuing our meetings without worrying how much longer we could keep going, it is more vital than ever that we keep strong and offer our unfailing support for our Doctor's Surgery as they cope under huge pressure which is only likely to increase with all the new builds.

It is great that we are in a position whereby we can return to inviting Guest Speakers to join us and I am pleased to say that we will be welcoming our Local MP Sir Bernard Jenkin to our next meeting.

I do urge you to come along and take the opportunity to ask questions and voice your concerns about issues that worry YOU. Let us impress upon Sir Bernard how much we value our Doctor's Surgery and share their frustration that they just cannot make any headway in seeking premises that allows them the space and facilities to care for and meet the needs of their patients.

Do please come along and join us on **Thursday 15th September at 6 30pm** in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served and we do have plenty of chairs!!

Judy Bishop 01206 251702



## 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 23rd September.

Everyone Welcome.



**Weeley  
Veterinary  
Centre**

## PET NOTES



September is finally here and a new chapter of my life will begin when **Weeley Veterinary Centre opens on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**. My team and I look forward to serving you and your furry family members for many decades to come.

This month I'd like to raise awareness of **stick injuries** in dogs. Exercise is important and playing fetch with your pooch is a great way to make it more enjoyable for both of you. When out and about it can be very tempting to pick up a stick and throw it because a) it's free and b) it's fun but did you know it can cause serious injury to your best friend?

Q. What is a "stick injury"?

A. Any injury caused by a stick. They are common and can be very serious, potentially even life threatening. I have seen the following injuries:

- The dog ran onto the stick as it landed which caused it to become impaled
- The stick became wedged between the big teeth at the back, across the roof of the mouth
- The dog attempted to swallow the stick and it pierced their oesophagus (food pipe)



- -A very unwell dog was diagnosed with a pyothorax (pus in the chest caused by a bacterial infection) caused by chewing a stick a few days/weeks earlier. A splinter had travelled through the poor dog taking the infection with it. I'm pleased to report the dog survived but it was stressful, and they required costly treatment.

The key message here is: Prevention is better than cure.

Q. What are the common symptoms of a stick injury?

A. Depending on the nature and site of the injury, you may notice one or more of the following:

- Your dog is distressed (unsettled, panting, pawing at mouth)
- Lots of salivation/bloody saliva
- Reluctance to eat
- Swelling and/or abscess, especially of the face and neck



Q. How can stick injuries be avoided?

A. Please don't feel you must stop playing fetch. Simply swap the stick for a dog-safe toy available, for example, a frisbee.

My team and I look forward to meeting you and your pets soon.

Photo from last month's first informal get together of the new team at Weeley Veterinary Centre.

**Dr April Young MRCVS**



## BELLRINGERS UPDATE

The bells have been rather quiet in August due to certain key members of the band being away, however, I'm happy to say that the band was able to continue ringing prior to Sunday services.

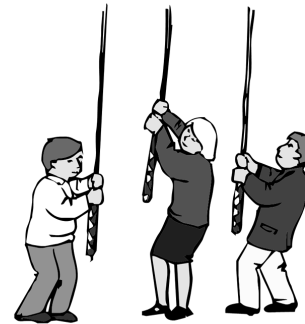
Our regular Monday practices will re-commence on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, however, this is for a district practice rather than one for teaching. We will continue with teaching new members from the 29<sup>th</sup> August.

You may have heard the bells ringing at 09.00 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, this was 1260 changes of Little and Plain Bob Minor rung to celebrate the wedding of Gemma Carey-Smith to Milan Shah in Villiers Barn later that day.

Please contact me if you are interested in watching what we do or if you would like to learn this ancient and quintessentially English art.

Remember:

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



**Roger Carey-Smith**

**07422880921**

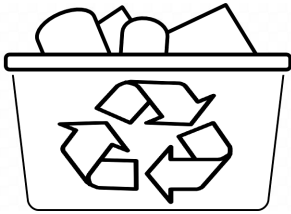
## SESAW NEWS

The volunteers are wilting and the dogs have flopped down in the shade as I write this in the middle of another heatwave. Hopefully it will be cooler when we have a stall on the Green at the Cavendish Fete on 3rd September, open 1-5pm. The following week our £1 Sale will be held at the Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach, Gt. Cornard, CO10 0WD. Doors open at 11am on Saturday 10th September, these sales are always popular so don't miss it!

Like many rescues, we are full to overflowing with more waiting to come in. Ten year old Iffy and five year old Winnie arrived last summer as their owner was ill. Sadly, they could not return home and are now looking for a calm, quiet household. Both are loveable, friendly cats that love to lie in the sun. If you can give this pair a loving home with a warm window sill where they could bask and watch the world go by, please visit us, 10am to 1pm, Friday to Sunday but check first to avoid disappointment. You can also email [info@sesaw.co.uk](mailto:info@sesaw.co.uk) or leave a clear message with your name and number on 01787 210888. Please speak slowly so anyone can hear your contact details, even a little chap like me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Reg.Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.

Tel: 01787 210888 [www.sesaw.co.uk](http://www.sesaw.co.uk)



## TENDRING PRIMARY RECYCLE SCHEME

As many of you will be aware, for the past year we have not had a central sorting hub which has proved to be incredibly difficult.

We only have a handful of main sorting and boxing volunteers and for the whole of this period, come rain or shine, they have been working either in tiny garages, or on driveways, in front gardens, or in recent weeks outside at Tendring Primary School in a tiny area, often sorting in the dark and with the use of head torches! It has been far from easy!

However, we finally have some good news to share and about which we are very excited .....

If all goes well, by the time this goes to print we hope to be back in our original sorting cabin at Tendring Primary, although this time we will be on the school field. It will give us a central base once more, with room, space and all-weather cover for which we are truly grateful. I look forward to being able to give you more details next month.

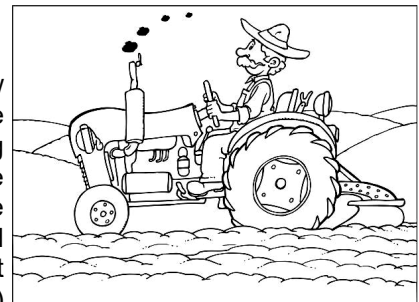
If you would like to come and learn more in the meantime however, do come along and see us at the Tendring Primary School Fete on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 12 – 4 p.m. There is always lots to see and do at the fete, and you will also be able to learn more about the Scheme and our work, along with the plans we have for the future. Everyone is welcome and we would love you to come and say hello.

Enjoy the last of the summer until we meet again.

**June Barker**

## Farming Diaries

You may have noticed that the gentle purr of the combines has now stopped, harvest for most has finished in record time for many due to the very dry weather we have experienced. Usually farmers would be following up straight behind the combine drilling oilseed rape (OSR) but the severe lack of moisture has put plans on hold. If we get steady rainfall to allow the water to percolate through the soil rather than heavy rain which would rapidly run off, farmers may consider drilling OSR. If however this does not happen growers may wait and drill into September (depending on variety) or change cropping plans completely and not grow OSR this year.



A great deal will happen between when the new seasons' crops are drilled and when they are harvested. The weather as you know plays a key role in a plant's development and any deviation from the usual pattern of weather can have a significant impact on harvested yields even from such an early stage as drilling in the next couple months. If we have a poor autumn where we still get little rainfall or the opposite farmers could continue to have difficulty drilling crops, they may not be able to apply the crop protection products to suppress and control weeds which would compete against the crop for light, water and nutrient resources. Even if the rest of the year is relatively 'normal' in terms of the weather patterns we would expect to experience the initial setback when the crop was established that can have an effect on yields.

Although harvesting of cereal crops is now finished, the harvesting of root crops such as potatoes is still well underway and will continue into October. Locally in Great Bentley a large number of potatoes are grown but they are also grown across the Tendring Hundred area so you won't have to travel too far before you see a harvester lifting potatoes from the ground. These potatoes could go to local farm shops, to the supermarkets for the loose or pre-packed market or be sent for processing. In some supermarkets they have the name and the location of the farm on packets of pre-packed potatoes so why not have a look and see which area your potatoes come from. Hopefully they are locally sourced and from the surrounding area.

Sugar beet will begin to be harvested and again like potatoes you won't have to travel too far before you see a field where sugar beet is being lifted. It will continue to be lifted until mid-January and be sent to the British Sugar Factory at Bury St Edmunds to be processed into the various 'Silverspoon' branded sugar you see on the shop shelves.

**Vicki Brooks**

## **A FEW NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

### **ANNUAL VOTER INFORMATION CHECK BEING ISSUED**

The time has come around again when letters are being sent out to households across Tendring asking people to check their electoral register details, to ensure Tendring's Electoral Registration Office holds the correct information for those who may wish to vote at upcoming elections.

Residents who get a white letter do not need to respond, as long as all the information is correct; while households who receive a yellow letter must confirm their details and submit any changes that may be needed. The easiest way to confirm the details or make changes is online, using the details provided in the letter. Alongside the letters, emails and text messages will also go out asking those who need to update or to confirm their details.

Ian Davidson, Electoral Registration Officer for Tendring, said it was vital that everyone checks their details are correct.

It is important not to lose the chance to vote and to confirm all the details for your household as your vote matters. Details required include your nationality, whether you are on the open register, and if you have a postal or proxy vote.

While text and online is the most efficient means for you to confirm or update your details, households can still complete the canvass form by phone or by post. To reply by post residents will need to provide an envelope and stamp.

### **TENDRING4GROWTH BUSINESS FORTNIGHT TO CHAMPION LOCAL FIRMS**

A series of business events are being held by Tendring District Council this Autumn.

The TENDRING4GROWTH Business Fortnight will see seminars, networking events and a skills fair take place to champion different sectors and fantastic hidden businesses from across the district. In total nine events will be held across 11 days in October, with full details available at [www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business). Events are free, but attendees are asked to book in advance, some events can also be joined virtually. The fortnight will launch on Monday, 3rd October with a breakfast event. Keynote speakers are Paul Milsom from Milsom Hotels, Allistair Hunter from DS Group, and Tom West from RentMy.

This will be followed the next day with an event around the Tourism, Cultural and Creative sectors, and on Wednesday with a seminar on being part of the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme – for which TDC has just achieved a Gold Award.

The ever-popular skills fair returns to the Princes Theatre on Thursday, 6th October, inviting residents to look at trying their hand at various jobs and careers within key sectors across Tendring.

Week two begins with a Women in Business event, followed by a workshop on Reducing Your Carbon Footprint to encourage local firms to get green. There are also events on green energy and Freeport East, a Field to Fork drop-in for businesses.

Further details will be released soon. Please check [www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business).

### **ESSEX PEDAL POWER - ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN CLACTON AND JAYWICK SANDS**

An event, held at Clacton Greensward on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022, saw residents, volunteers, local organisations and partners all come together to celebrate a year of the Essex Pedal Power project.

The successful community-based initiative has made cycling more accessible for people living in Clacton and Jaywick Sands, with over 280 new bikes currently distributed to eligible residents, and a further 1,000 over the next year. Also adapted bikes are being provided for applicants with a disability.

The £2.7 million pilot scheme is a partnership of Active Essex Local Delivery Pilot, Essex County Council, SELEP, The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS), Tendring District Council, Community Voluntary Services Tendring, Bikeability Trust, Raleigh Bikes, See Sense, Sport England, Cycling UK and local community groups. The project also includes a £1.7m upgrade of the cycling path between Clacton and Jaywick Sands.

Since launching in June 2021, Essex Pedal Power has already made a positive impact to the lives of those who have received a bike, as well as creating new community cycling groups, a brilliant cohort of volunteers and regular learn to ride training sessions.

Essex Pedal Power has given the free travel option to be able to access education, training and employment opportunities.

Some residents who have taken up this opportunity have said Essex Pedal Power has opened opportunities beyond cycling. Their health and wellbeing has improved, with many stating they have lost weight, are more physically active and their mental health has been positively impacted, just by getting outside and cycling on a regular basis.

Due to the pilot's success, Essex Pedal Power will launch in Colchester later this year, and in Harwich next year.



**COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FUTURE USE OF SMALL PARCELS OF LAND ACROSS TENDRING**

Tendring District Council’s Cabinet has tasked officers to look at what 70 small pieces of under-utilised land, owned by the authority with a combined total of 10 hectares and being a mixture of open and brownfield space could be used for.

One option could be to build council homes – to help reduce the number of households on the housing register – to build more garages, which are in high demand; or to sell the land, using the money generated to support other council priorities. Alternatively, the sites may be kept as open space. Officers will not explore all the sites at once, but instead will focus first on those which are the larger areas.

Cllr. Lynda McWilliams

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

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

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**GREAT BENTLEY ART CLUB**

The Gt Bentley Art Club will resume meeting in the Village Hall again in September on the following Tuesday afternoons between 2pm - 5pm on the following dates.

Tuesday 13th  
Subject - Cartoon Drawing.

Tuesday 27th  
Subject - Still life in Sepia



The subjects are suggestions only as some may have their own projects. We will have a small tent at the Gt Bentley flower show on Saturday afternoon on the 3rd of September, so if you would like to know more about our art group, which has been running for just over 50 years now, please drop by for a chat, we will be very pleased to see you.

**WANTED**

**PLEASE DOES ANYONE HAVE  
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01206 250524**

**or Carole  
01206 251086**



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# FOOTBALL NOTES

## Friendlies 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Thur July 14 <sup>th</sup>	West Bergholt	Won 1 – 0 (H)
Sat July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gas Rec 'A'	Won 9 – 0 (H)
Sat July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Alresford Colne	Lost 3 – 1 (H)
Sat Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	Dedham Old Boys	Won 2 – 1 (H)
Tue Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Brightlingsea Regent U 23s	Lost 2 – 1 (H)



Reserves will have played in 3 friendlies during the last 2 weeks of August (after magazine deadline) in readiness for Border div 3 commencing the first week in September.

During all 5 friendlies, GB have played a squad with a mix of 1<sup>st</sup> and reserve team players, to give everyone some competitive match time minutes. Obviously this has meant that sometimes the 11 players on the pitch at any one time are not the managers best option tactically but we are one club and all players are treated the same.

Even during the games against Border premier league sides and the well organised Brightlingsea U23s, GB have not looked out of place and have played some very controlled and attractive football. We have a squad that is still very young but you can see them maturing every season. Mixed in with a few of our more senior players we could be on for a good season.

The first league games will have been played after magazine deadline, with games against Holland Res, Thorpe and Gosfield. This should give us a clue were we should fit in Div 1.

Our 125 yr celebration event will have taken place on the 20th, with more details next month. A special thanks to local businesses and individuals within the village that have wanted to support their local football club. The prizes donated for the raffle have been unbelievable. Full details next month.

Follow GBFC on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest news.

Stay safe                      Follow the Bulldogs



On 18<sup>th</sup> September 212 groups of horse riders and carriage drivers will be riding on the roads of the UK to highlight to other road users the need to pass horses **Wide and Slow**. The aim is to help educate drivers on how as riders we would like to keep ourselves safe.

Ride number 31 will start from Edens Farmhouse, Weeley Road, Great Bentley at 11.00 and progress through the villages of Great Bentley and Aingers Green, stopping at the Fusiliers for a quick refreshment stop part the way round.

## TRAVEL BY TRAIN

This poem was written by Jean Ward, an intrepid train traveller who now lives in Lawford. You may see it on your travels as it's being used in some posters on the railways!

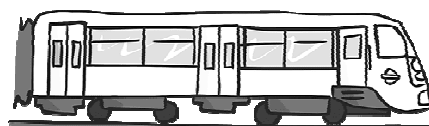
What can you gain when you travel by train?  
 You can look out, you can think,  
 You can nibble and drink.  
 You can read, you can write,  
 You can sleep if you like.

With like-minded souls, you can laugh, you can talk,  
 You can look at your routes if you're out for a walk.  
 You can give some advice or maybe put right,  
 An idea that you've had for many a night.

You can't hear the baby, the telly, the phone,  
 You can daydream or sleep dream or knit on your own.  
 Such comfort and peace, just clickety-clack!

But listen, dear traveller, a word of advice,  
 Planning is needed, cheap tickets sell fast  
 And some rural places are too big a task!

So, what more do you gain when you journey by train?  
 Time to yourself or shared with a friend,  
 Countryside passing without any stress  
 No traffic hold-ups or roads in a mess!  
 Try out the train and see what you think,  
 It's a great way to travel and feel in the Pink!



# POLICE REPORT

## RECORDED CRIMES- 5

From 28/06/2022- 21/07/2022

**CRIME TYPES** - Assault - Theft - Theft of motor vehicle - Non crime investigation x 2

## INCIDENTS REPORTED – 24

INCIDENT TYPES- Abandoned 999 x 2 - Alarm - Concern x 2 - Disturbance - Domestic x 3 – Drink Driving x 2- Driving complaint - Fire - Highway disruption x 3 - Hoax call - Information- Nuisance vehicle - Other x3 - Road traffic collision - Threats

## Here's why you should NEVER swim in quarries or lakes to cool off during a heatwave

The lovely sunny weather is proving to make bathing in lakes enticing, which has been reported by a neighbouring village and happens all over the country . The water may look harmless, but all the dangers are **beneath the surface**. The water itself has the potential for disease and toxins and you could be jumping into unknown **obstructions and weed beds**.

Taking the plunge in lakes and quarries is extremely dangerous, for reasons you may never have considered.

For one, you never know the temperature of the water when you dive in.

Quarry water is normally far colder than river or sea water, and can send your body into shock or leave you too exhausted to swim within minutes of jumping in.

The water can be so cold because of its depth, with underground springs pumping extremely cold water into the quarry.

If you can't stand up in a lake or quarry, there will be no way to recover from the shock of the temperature - and you increase your risk of drowning.



## SCAMS

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

If you are affected by any scams, please go to [www.actionfraud.police.uk/reportingfraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reportingfraud) for online form to report 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.**

## Fly Tipping.

**Fly tipping is still a big problem in most villages.**

**If you suspect anyone of fly-tipping contact the police on 101 or email [recycle@tendingdc.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@tendingdc.gov.uk)**

Tending district council web site has lots of information regarding carrier licence and what to check for when paying someone to remove your rubbish.

## Traders

If you are looking for a reputable trader, a list can be found on [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

## Reporting incidents the correct way.

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

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

## CRICKET FIXTURES

28th August	H Jeff Wright Memorial T20
4th September	Away Chappel & Wakes T30 Colne 12.30pm
8th September	Colts Award Evening 5pm onwards. BBQ and live band
18th September	Home West Bergholt T30

£225 donated to St Helena Hospice, club matched face painting total.

GREAT BENTLEY



CRICKET CLUB

### **The day Great Bentley Green became the Home of Cricket.**

Great Bentley welcomed the Marylebone Cricket Club, more commonly known as the MCC to the village on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, to play a one-day match against our very own village cricket team. The match was the climax of months of preparation for the celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of cricket being played on The Green -- the first recorded match being played in 1771 between The Essex Gentlemen and Tendring Hundred for the prize of eleven hats!

The day had begun early with a breakfast BBQ and a training session for the growing number of children who are taking up the game in the village. All the children were presented with a medal to commemorate the occasion.

At 11am, to the sound of a peel of church bells being rung to celebrate the event, as is traditional, the two captains, Alex Youngs of Great Bentley, Darren Eckford of the MCC and the umpires, went to the middle to toss a coin to see who would bat or field on scorching hot day. Eckford won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket expertly prepared by the club chairperson, Peter Giles and his grandson Jack.

As the sun shone brightly and the crowd of over 200 made up of invited guests, villagers and local cricket enthusiasts looked on, Michael Wright had the honour of bowling the first ball to MCC opener Ahmed from the "Pavilion end". Josh Fowler bowled the second over from the "Surgery end" to Robinson. Both MCC batters soon got into their stride hitting square cuts, pulls and drives often sending the ball racing to the boundary. Bentley captain Youngs used all the bowlers in his armoury throughout the morning session trying to break what was becoming a formidable partnership. While there were a couple of half chances no wickets fell and the MCC reached 227 without loss at lunch.

Lunch, provided by The Fusiliers pub and sponsored by Gibbons Farms, was served in the marquee, and went down extremely well. Perhaps it was the excellent food (or the odd glass of wine!) that reinvigorated the Bentley team but after lunch the wickets began to tumble with Ahmed finally out for an incredible 135 including two towering sixes in one over, closely followed by Robinson who fell for 92. When MCC batter Hills fell to a fantastic running overhead catch by Barney Morton off the bowling of James Pearce with the score on 282-5 the MCC declared. The pick of the bowling was from the excellent James Pearce who took four wickets for 31 in seven overs, the other wicket falling to the bowling of Greg Wainer who was, like the other Bentley bowlers, unlucky not to take more.

The Great Bentley opening batters Michael Giles and Joe Fowler started well chasing 283 to win but Fowler, who had picked up an injury fielding, fell to a leaping slip catch by Fernandes off the bowling of the very impressive Watts with the score on just 10. That wicket bought Barney Morton to the crease who set about making a match of it with some swashbuckling shots while at the other end Giles stoically kept the MCC bowlers at bay. Once Giles fell on 28, tea was taken at 78-2 - just after play was interrupted by the arrival of the local Police helicopter landing on the green much to the excitement of the children – some who were lucky enough to climb aboard.

After tea, James Snowdon fell for a quick fire 13, including three fours in three balls, Adam Cuthbert was clean bowled by Essex second XI player Fernandes for 4 then shortly after Morton fell, also bowled by Fernandes, for an excellent 84. Morton was applauded from the field, not only by the partisan crowd, but also the appreciative opposition. Despite the best efforts of the remaining Bentley batters; Greg Wainer, Ed Kerridge, Josh Fowler and Michael Wright, who all put up strong resistance the wickets were falling with a regularity that suggested only one result was likely. When Bentleys last batter, Lily Wainer, came to the crease there was a mountain to climb to save the game; the score was 178, nine wickets had fallen, the MCC surely has too many overs to get just one more wicket. However, through some classic defensive batting and hitting out when offered the chance, as the match entered the final over one wicket was still needed. The fielders closed in surrounding the batters looking for that vital catch but, very fittingly, the club captain and the only female player on the field held out and the match ended in a well-earned draw. An amazing end to what was a glorious day for both the club and cricket. For the record Great Bentley ended on 192-9 with Sharam and Fernandes taking four wickets a piece for the MCC.

The club would like to thank the MCC, all the sponsors and all those that donated their time and energy to help make this an incredible and memorable day.

The club is open to all abilities so even if you've never played before if you or your child are interested in playing. For more information, come along to the Club House on The Green, or email Peter Giles [peter.giles@uwclub.net](mailto:peter.giles@uwclub.net) or Carol Kerridge: 07748 802690 [kerridgecarol@gmail.com](mailto:kerridgecarol@gmail.com)



# Wildlives

## Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre

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

[www.wildlives.org.uk](http://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!**

### Heatwave continues to cause issues

September 2022

The unprecedented heatwave continues to cause problems for our wildlife. Even when it rains it will take at least two weeks to soak into the hard ground and soften it. So please do continue to feed the wildlife, especially as many of the autumn fruits that should have been developing have shrivelled in the drought. We have many hoglets that are over their required weight and are ready for release, but they are having to stay until we get enough substantial rain to ensure their food supply.

#### Buzzard on arrival

A juvenile buzzard was found by a film crew making a drama series in the Fingringhoe ranges. He was picked up by two of the crew after he was found collapsed and brought to Wildlives, where he was found to be emaciated and starving. After being built up with fluids and hand-feeding little and often, he picked up quickly and was soon ready to go into a flight pen. As the Wildlives flight pen is currently full of other recovering birds of prey, Peter took him to one of his flight pens. He was ringed and successfully released at full weight and flying strongly.

A gull was found in Colchester town centre entangled high up in netting, The fire brigade successfully went up and rescued him, but were unable to reach another one that was trapped, so sadly the second will die a slow death out of reach of rescue. The first was brought to Wildlives but was found to have a completely necrotic foot and a smashed thigh, so had to be put to sleep. This was completely avoidable if only people would stop irresponsible and thoughtless use of netting.

The barn owl featured previously made a brilliant recovery after he completed his cage rest for a broken clavicle and moved to the flight pen. Simon ringed him and contacted the landowner where he was found. He was taken to a tree there where barn owls had been nesting, but ignored the tree and flew off out of sight.

## It's dirty is that stuff



Two old and grumpy neighbours having a chat over the garden fence.

Bob - 'Why are you building another shed, Ted?'

Ted - 'I'm going off-grid mate, I'm gathering free solar electricity for my new electric car.'

Bob - 'New car? Nothing wrong with your Hyundai, mate. It's getting on a bit but still a nice car.'

Ted - 'Dirty ain't it, my car, diesel you see. We were forced to buy diesel cars all those years ago. Back then, the government said that unleaded petrol was dirty and the reduced emissions from diesel engines was good for the environment. Now, my diesel car is dirty so I will charge my new electric car using free solar energy.'

Bob - 'Free solar electricity? But it's freezing, mate, we haven't had any sun for weeks.'

Ted - 'Ok, ok, I know it's cloudy but I'm doing it anyway. I don't want to be dirty.'

Bob - 'Nah, neither do I. We didn't cause this global warming, did we. I blame that Industrial Revolution.'

Ted - 'What revolution?'

Bob - 'The industrial one all those years ago, all those tall chimneys chucking smoke into our air, we couldn't breathe because of that Benz bloke. And that American Ford bloke, he was as bad. What did these people ever do for us?'

Ted - 'Didn't they invent the motor car?'

Bob - 'Yes, ok, they invented the motorcar but look what the car has done to the environment. They didn't think of the environment back then, did they, they just made a profit.'

Ted - 'It's the engine what causes the problem, ain't it, all that gassy stuff and smelly oil. It's dirty.'

Bob - 'But what about all those other puffing and hissing machines they invented years ago, smoke everywhere, burning all that wood and coal, stoking the boiler all day. Who would want to do that?'

Ted - 'Watt.'

Bob - 'Who would.....ahhh, nearly got me there. I know what Watt is, mate.'

Ted - 'Ye. That Watt bloke started those dirty steam engines, all that burning, all that smoke. They should tear down all the statues of these so-called heroes and rip up all those £50 notes what had their pictures on them. They caused all those pea-soupers, that smog. We couldn't breathe but they lived in big houses in the countryside, nice clean air.'

Bob - 'Ye, and that what's-his-name, him with the big hat. What did we need a big ship for? He didn't care, he had to go ahead and build the first something, or the fastest something, or the biggest something. But on the other hand I suppose those inventions did make life easier for everyone, and like, put Britain on the map as an industrial nation. Those blokes didn't realise that they was changing the climate, did they?'

Ted - 'Ok, perhaps they didn't realise it but they didn't think about us either, that we would suffer years later. Those great big steam trains taking holiday-makers to the sea-side. I blame them, selfish they was, enjoying themselves in the sunshine. Just because they was working six days a week they thought that they could go off to Blackpool or somewhere by steam train. They should be ashamed of themselves.'

Bob - 'Ye, and those farmers with their big noisy steam engines, threshing and ploughing. On the other hand, it did improve production, you know, made life a bit easier because farming was a tough job.'

Ted - 'Exactly, and the car at that time wasn't bad either, they was much smaller you see and fewer of them, but as I said earlier, a lot stinkier, that blue smoke coming from the exhaust. That stuff made me feel funny.'

Bob - 'Ye, not like cars today. My diesel car doesn't smoke, although I'm told it's dirty and that I am a horrible person because I haven't got an electric car. And, don't forget, our cars today earn £37 billion in fuel duty.'

Ted - 'Serious money Bob. Remember that Telford bloke? He made lovely bridges, he did. It wasn't his fault that making iron for those bridges was such a filthy job, all that smoke polluting the atmosphere.'

Bob - 'Ye, not any more though. No more tall chimneys. No more dirty industries for us. Reduce the amount of energy we use, that's what we should do mate, buy foreign eco-friendly machines, like electric cookers and that.'

Ted - 'Ye, my Jan's bought one of those eco-friendly hairdryers. Made in Germany, I think it was.'

Bob - 'Ye, I'm the same. I've stopped doing jobs around the house so I don't have to charge up my drill.'

Ted - 'But if the government wants us to use less electricity, why is it making us buy electric cars? And what about dirty rubber tyres, dirty plastic trims, dirty leather seats, dirty brakes. It's not the fuel that should go, it's the cars.'

Bob - 'Didn't think of that Ted. What we need is someone to invent a machine, you know, something revolutionary, someone like that Isambard bloke I mentioned, him with the big hat. He was full of ideas, he was.'

Ted - 'Ye, we need a new machine. We need someone who can invent the first something, or the fastest something, or the biggest something.'

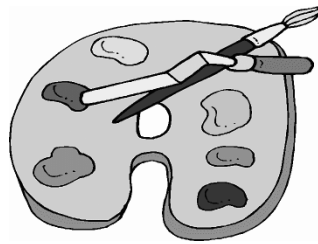
Bob - 'Good thinking Ted. But a machine what doesn't use electricity, that's what we need.'

Ted - 'Ye, dead right Bob, electricity gives me a migraine. It's dirty is that stuff.'



**St Mary's Church  
Great Bentley**

# **Flower Festival & Art Exhibition**



**Saturday 17th September  
10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Sunday 18th September  
11.00am - 4.00pm**



**TOMBOLA - RAFFLE - LUNCHES  
REFRESHMENTS**

**Floral Theme:  
'Childhood Memories'**

## STAN AND BARBARA TRICKER

We are very sad to announce the deaths of **STANLEY CHARLES TRICKER** (The Toolman) on 2nd August 2022, aged 96 years, and of his beloved wife of 74 years, **BARBARA MURIEL TRICKER** on 7th August 2022, aged 97 years.

Much loved and missed by Tim and Laurel, Helen and Phil, Andrew and Angela and their families. Also by their many friends and relatives.

Cremation will be at Weeley Crematorium on Monday 12th September, 11 a.m, and afterwards refreshments will be at St. Mary's Church Hall..

Family flowers only, please, but donations, if desired, to Edensor Care Centre, 3-9, Orwell Road, Clacton-on-sea, CO15 1PR. A donation box will be available at the Crematorium.



## GARDENING NOTES

The parched landscapes this summer have been more reminiscent of driving through southern France than our green and pleasant land. For gardeners, this summer has been all about managing water. Unlike the hot summer of 1976, which was preceded by a dry winter, we were fortunate in this area to have had good rainfalls last winter which meant we entered the summer with reasonable levels of water in reservoirs. So, at the time of writing, we still do not have a hosepipe ban, but many are trying to do their bit to conserve available water.

The result is a number of failed or smaller harvests which can be disappointing after all the earlier work put in to establish plants earlier, and for local horticultural shows, predictable lower numbers of entries in their first year operating since 2019. On a positive note, at least the shows have been happening and there is always next year!

We are now in the new bungalow but a lot of the planting is only weeks or months old, requiring supplementary watering. More established planting is better able to cope with drought but planting that is less than 2 years old is very vulnerable. Fortunately, one of the design features we decided was worth the investment was a 5000 litre underground rainwater harvesting tank and water tanks on the garage, greenhouse and sheds. This has helped enormously.

Reading up through this winter on the various ways of improving water management for your garden would be a good investment for the next dry summer, whenever it comes.

It is useful for watering purposes if a plant is in a slight saucer shaped depression to enable supplementary watering to go down to the roots instead of running away from the plant. Mulching around plants will help to retain moisture in the soil and root ball.

Alternatively bury a small flower pot or a bottle with the bottom cut off and the cap off next to the plant and water into it. Works well but will need the mulch and soil cleared from it to be fully effective.

We heard an interesting tip from Lucy Chamberlain the BBC Essex gardening advisor who suggests it is better to water early in the morning especially for those plants that are eaten by slugs and snails. Her view is that as slugs and snails are nocturnal and feed at night the presence of damp soil makes their feeding easier.

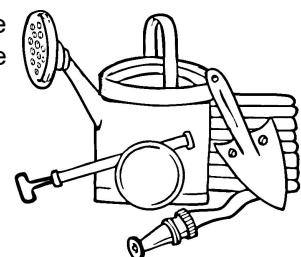
As it is often necessary to increase humidity in the glasshouse during the day the benefit of watering in the morning is that by evening the humidity level will have dropped back. At evening/night too high a humidity level could help to cause/worsen Botrytis and Tomato blight. It all becomes a bit academic in the recent 30-degree centigrade temperatures when greenhouses have needed watering twice a day. If forced to water in strong sunshine take care not to splash foliage or fruit.

Winter squashes and pumpkins will benefit from having the fruit placed on tiles or slates to prevent rotting and they will benefit from a late feed.

Pull out spent crops and either feed to chickens, compost or if diseased dispose of. This removes some possibilities for pests or disease to multiply.

Having spent the last few weeks ensuring maximum ventilation to the greenhouse it will now be time to close doors and ventilators to keep the temperature at night higher and remove shading provided to deal with the summer sun.

A.O.



# Surgery News

We are fast approaching flu vaccination season and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is eligible to **call us from the 5 September 2022** to make an appointment for your annual NHS flu jab. Flu vaccinations will be available this year to all patients aged 50 and over and those under 50 with chronic health conditions.

Although I cannot give you exact dates as I write this Newsletter, the Flu Clinics will start in late September and will be running on a Saturday. We will of course continue to provide vaccinations opportunistically during normal routine appointments for eligible patients, (subject to deliveries of the vaccine being on time), so there is no need to book a separate flu appointment if you are seeing a clinician for a face to face appointment.

Flu is an unpredictable virus that can cause mild or unpleasant illness in most people, BUT it can cause severe illness and even death among vulnerable groups including older people, pregnant women and people with an underlying health condition. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please give us a call. We are unable to provide private vaccinations, but many local pharmacies do.

***By having your flu jab, you are not only helping yourself, but you are also helping to protect the wider population from this nasty virus which can easily spread to vulnerable people who are much more at risk from complications.***

For those patients eligible for a Covid booster vaccination, we are hoping to be able to give this along with the flu jab, as long as we receive delivery of the vaccine in time.

## **Surgery Premises Update**

We have been asked for an update on what is happening with regard to our Surgery premises. Please see the article below from Dr Freda Bhatti, our Senior Partner.

*To clarify, there will be no new surgery development in Great Bentley or elsewhere in the foreseeable future. The process of building a new surgery is immensely complicated and involves not just the Doctors but a developer, Clinical Commissioning Group (now Integrated Care Systems) and NHS England. Unfortunately, any development proposal that has been made has not fulfilled certain criteria in that process. There are many obstacles that must be overcome and there is little point being too specific, other than to state we have not been successful with the plans proposed to date. That is not to say we will not succeed one day in a new surgery building for Great Bentley and surrounding areas. The new Integrated Care Systems (our one is Suffolk and North East Essex - SNEE), established on 1 July 2022 with the end of CCGs, have been instructed by NHS England to place emphasis on improving primary care estates, as like us, many GPs nationally function out of buildings no longer fit for purpose for the modern day demands placed on GPs.*

*As to expansion – yes we are considering that option but have not advanced further as that is again dependent on many factors including NHS England agreement on any plans, but also the financial burden that would place on the Partnership.*

## **Surgery Training Afternoon**

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Tuesday, 27 September for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon then they can contact 111 for assistance.

## **Patient Participation Group**

The next PPG Meeting will be held on Thursday, 15 September at 6.30 pm at Great Bentley Village Hall.

**Sue Mitson**  
**Operations Manager**

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**Entries for the Village Show need to be completed by 28th August and returned to Shirley Scillitoe, The Warren, Sturrick Lane**





## The Great Bentley Show



1:30 p.m. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

**Calling all adults, children & dogs!**

**START Baking, Making, Growing, Picking & Snapping!**

To enter any of our varied show classes see our Schedule or visit the Show website to print off an entry form

**All COMPLETED FORMS** to be with the Entry Secretary at The Warren, Sturrick Lane by 8.00pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August

*Grand Prize Draw at 4.30pm  
followed by Presentation of Awards & Prize Money in our  
Super-sized Exhibition Marquee*

Flowers Produce Photography Art Cookery (and more!)

Companion Dog Show Tombola Tractor Display Stalls

Harmonettes Tea Tent *Grand Prize Draw*

Ice-creams **Big Easy 5 Jazz Band** *Riverside Fish & Chips*

*Wine Club* Games & Competitions **Gin Tasting**

**Suffolk Punch Horses**

And much, much more for all the family!

For any further information contact our Secretary 01206 250158

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# COOKERY CORNER

## HEARTY AUTUMN SOUPS

Quite a few of our friends, as we all get older and have more time on our hands, are making their own soups. Following a recipe or inventing your own combination of ingredients will produce a tasty bowl or more which is a quick meal and very much appreciated after a hard day or a long walk. Also it is an excellent way of using up all the little forgotten bits of vegetables lurking in the fridge or those half used packets of pasta or noodles and sauces at the back of the cupboard. These recipes will serve four to six and can also be successfully frozen.

### PEA AND HAM (LONDON PARTICULAR)

1 ham hock about 1kg    1 large onion    1 large carrot    1 celery stalk    300g dried green split peas  
bouquet garni    handful chopped parsley    1tsp white peppercorns

Soak the hock overnight in cold water (essential if it is smoked) Also soak the peas, although now this is not always necessary. Peel and cut the onion in half and rinse the hock under cold running water discarding the soaking liquid. Peel and halve the onion, peel and cut the carrot and trim and slice the celery. Put the ham in a large pan with the vegetables, bouquet garni and peppercorns. Cover with cold water and bring to the boil. Using a slotted spoon skim off any scum that rises to the surface. Reduce the heat and simmer gently for 2 to 3 hours, topping up with boiling water if necessary and skimming off any more scum that appears on the surface. This could also be done in a pressure cooker or slow cooker. When the meat is falling off the bone, remove the pan from the heat and lift out the ham, leaving it to cool slightly. Strain the liquor through a sieve into a clean pan and discard the vegetables and herbs. Rinse the soaked peas and stir them into the poaching liquor. Bring the liquid to the boil and simmer gently for 1 to 2 hours until the peas are really soft. Pull the meat from the bone and shred into small pieces. Puree the soup, reserving a little of the ham, and adding a little water if the soup is too thick. Check the seasoning and mix the reserved ham with the chopped parsley. Reheat and ladle into bowls, sprinkling with the ham and parsley.

### SCOTCH BROTH

500g stewing lamb    1 carrot    1 leek    2 celery sticks    500ml chicken stock  
1tbsp light soy sauce    95g brown rice or pearl barley    2tbsp light olive oil

Peel the carrot, clean the leek and celery and dice all the vegetables, also cutting up the celery leaves. Trim the lamb of as much fat as you can and cut into cubes. If using the more traditional pearl barley it may need soaking beforehand. Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Add the carrot, leek, celery sticks and leaves and cook on high for 5 minutes, stirring often. Add the lamb, stock, soy sauce, rice or pearl barley and 1 litre of water and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and leave to simmer for 1 hour. Season to taste and serve with soft buttered rolls.

### PUMPKIN SOUP WITH HONEY

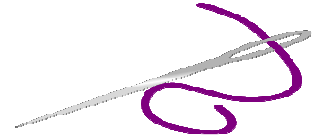
1kg pumpkin or butternut squash    75g unsalted butter    1 small onion    1 carrot  
1 garlic clove    3 heaped tbsp clear honey    750ml vegetable stock    75ml double cream  
lemon juice    3 sprigs sage

Finely chop both the onion and carrot and peel and crush the garlic clove, de-seed and peel the pumpkin or butternut squash and cut into cubes while renaming the recipe. Gently melt the butter in a large saucepan or casserole dish. Add the onion and carrot, stir a little and cover. Cook over a low heat for about 4 to 5 minutes, then add the cubed pumpkin, honey and sage. Stir again, replace the lid and continue to cook very gently for 10 minutes. Pour in the stock, bring to the boil and cook for about 10 minutes until the vegetables are soft. Turn off the heat and leave the soup to cool slightly then remove the sage and sieve the soup, reserving the liquid. Put half the cooked vegetables into a blender with enough of the reserved liquid to blend into a smooth puree. Pour this into a clean saucepan and repeat with the remaining vegetables, adding the puree to the first batch in the saucepan. Pour any remaining liquid into the blender and whizz to pick up the rest of the puree, and add that to the pan also. Bring to the boil slowly then stir in the cream without boiling any more. Season to taste with a tablespoon of lemon juice, a teaspoon of salt and some freshly ground black pepper. Serve in bowls with a swirl of cream and crusty bread.

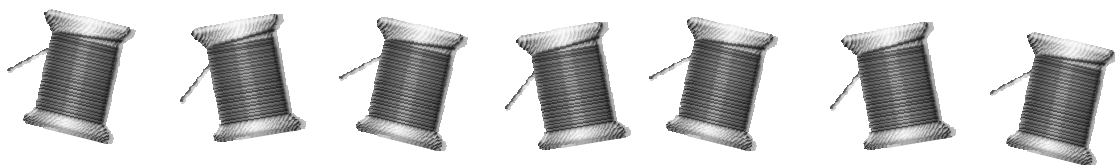


**M.E.**

# It's a Material World



1. What do the initials PVC stand for?
2. For which textile are Honiton and Nottingham famous?
3. Which crop does the boll weevil attack?
4. The leaves of which tree provide the diet of the silkworm?
5. Who plays the Coronation Street character Sean Tully?
6. Which Suffolk town is the centre of UK silk production?
7. Which textile shares its name with a river which flows across the border of Scotland and northern England?
8. It's called cotton candy in the US, what do we call it?
9. Which waxy substance is found in sheep's' wool?
10. Which dye was traditionally used to colour denim?
11. Which bandleader was famed for his call of 'Wakey, wakey'!
12. Which Scottish town is well known for the production of shawls and material with a Persian design?
13. Name the material associated with the 5th wedding anniversary.
14. .... cotton took its name from the Indian city now known as Chennai.
15. Which trade name is connected with the iconic wax jacket?
16. Which products are made in the towns of Axminster & Wilton?
17. Which cotton fabric gets its name from the city of Mosul in Iraq?
18. From what material are traditional German lederhosen made?
19. From what is 'vellum' made?
20. Which popular fabric derives its name from the French town of Nîmes?



1.polyvinyl chloride 2.lace 3.cotton 4.mulberry leaves 5.Anthony Cotton 6.Sudbury 7.tweed 8.candy floss 9.lanolin 10.indigo 11.Billy Cotton 12.Paisley 13.wood 14.Madras 15.Barbour 16.carpets 17.muslin 18.leather 19.animal skin, usually calfskin 20.denim (serge de Nîmes)



# GREAT BENTLEY RUNNING CLUB

The week ending Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August was all about the Ekiden Relay Race with just a smattering of Parkruns on the Saturday.

But those that did Parkrun certainly did so in style. We had Rob Dyer completing his 100th Parkrun at Felixstowe – a fine achievement. And there is more to this story. He and Caroline Talbot, another of our runners, had just got married the day before and many of us had been to Jimmy's Farm to celebrate this event. A slightly smaller group assembled in the Felixstowe sunshine the following morning for the 09:00 race start. His daughter, Isabel Dyer, joined him and completed her first adult Parkrun and sister Sophia ran off on her own and got a PB of 36 minutes. And possibly setting some kind of family record for participation at Parkrun, it was also a first ever Parkrun for Mrs Caroline Dyer!

As Rob says, Parkrun on a wedding hangover can't be beaten! But he sincerely hopes not to ever repeat this series of events!

Martin Owen and Tim Ballard also put in good performances at Harwich, with Tim running a season's best at 18:12 and coming in as second runner home. Mark Jasper ran his 50th Parkrun and Natalie Martin joined him at Clacton by celebrating double that with 100 Parkruns. Scott Young put in some Parkrun tourism in the Manchester area and ran Peel Parkrun in 26:09 despite having fought the heat with generous amounts of liquid refreshments the evening before.

Now onto the event of the year – Ekiden!

For those who have ever wondered, the name 'Ekiden' is a Japanese word that has its origins not in athletics, but the postal service. Eki means 'station' and Den 'to communicate' and refers to the stagecoach passing of letters as footmen passed letters across the country. It consists of a marathon distance race shared out amongst a team of six. The first leg is 7.2k with the rest alternating between 5k and 10k. This combination makes up the marathon distance of 42.2k. Each runner carries a baton to pass to the team mate who takes over on the next leg.

And cross the country we certainly did – GBRC together amassed enough miles to have run all the way to Hartlepool with ten teams competing in the 26.2 mile relay.

One of our members produced a spread sheet which calculated our team groupings with the idea that we would all finish the event at approximately the same time. There were considerable reshufflings just before the day of the run as the inevitable drop outs occurred. Many team changes followed as we tried to keep the teams as equal as possible.

The proof of the pudding was definitely in the eating. The team selections meant there was only 14 minutes between our first and last runners with some very competitive performances put in by everyone. Special mention goes to Vicky Presland who was 14th fastest woman overall for her 10k leg. Given the level of the competition this is quite an achievement. Our mixed ability teams took 66th, 67th, 70th, 72nd, 75th, 83rd, 84th, 91st, 96th and 99th place. Amazing what a difference 14 minutes can make in positioning



Massive thank you to the hard work of Lisa Briggs for organising – it's a huge undertaking and everyone appreciated the hours of admin that these sorts of events require.

**Paul Carlisle**

## House for Rent - Gt Bentley

Unfurnished house on De Vere Estate -  
2 double bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet,  
lounge, kitchen/diner, utility area,  
large garden.  
Available from mid September.

Call 07766 561532.

>>> **Could YOU be a Blood Runner?** <<<




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## NEW HIGHWAY CODE FROM 29th JANUARY 2022

Many places are surrounded by little lanes. We all get to use them for driving, cycling, walking, horse-riding ... the new Highway Code has introduced some changes that make it easier for everyone to avoid accidents. The sensationalist media are widely misreporting this, so here are a couple of tips especially relevant for rural roads.

Available free here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-high-way-code>.

Main changes include:

- introducing a hierarchy of road users which ensures that those road users who can do the greatest harm to others have the greatest responsibility to reduce the threat they pose to others; this means most responsibility is with large vehicles, most vulnerable users are horse riders, motorcyclists, pedestrians, the elderly, disabled and children.
- clarifying existing rules on pedestrian priority on pavements and that when turning drivers and riders should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross the road or going straight on.
- establishing guidance on safe passing distances and speeds when overtaking cyclists or horse riders, and ensuring that they have priority at junctions when travelling straight ahead.
- Suggestion to open car doors in a way that lets you see possible oncoming cyclists - known as the Dutch Reach.

## Notes from Alan Goggin

### Essex residents thanked for support of Homes for Ukraine scheme

Our leader, Cllr Kevin Bentley, has thanked Essex residents for their generosity in welcoming Ukrainian arrivals into their homes.

As of yesterday (28 July) 1,408 people have arrived into Essex from Ukraine under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.

There are a total of 1,081 sponsors in Essex, matched with 2,471 Ukrainians. Of these 1,408, or about 57%, have arrived in Essex. These numbers continue to increase.

Generous Essex residents have helped the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) reach an important milestone. It was announced yesterday more than 100,000 people from Ukraine have now been welcomed into homes across the UK.

Cllr Bentley said: "Since the start of this dreadful war, residents of Essex have gone above and beyond to provide support for our Ukrainian friends, first in contributing to the humanitarian aid efforts and more recently by opening up their own homes to welcome people from Ukraine with open arms.

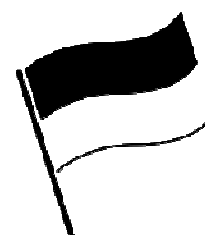
"The Government has announced 100,000 Ukrainians have arrived in the UK under the Ukraine Family and Homes for Ukraine schemes. Essex has played a huge part in this, and I want to thank the people of our county for their astounding generosity. They have responded to what is a humanitarian crisis on a scale that many of us have not seen before in our lives with our county's trademark hospitality and kindness.

"Getting these schemes up and running in a relatively short timeframe has been an enormous task and I must also praise our partners across the public and voluntary sectors for their efforts, as well as all the staff involved.

"Of course, we know there is more work to do, and we will continue working hard to ensure Ukrainians who arrive into Essex have all the support they need, both as soon as they arrive and for as long as they are in this county."

[Find out more about how you can support Ukraine.](#)

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## GREAT BENTLEY GARDENING CLUB

24 members and guests visited the garden at Moverons Farm, Brightlingsea on 9<sup>th</sup> August, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. This was our last visit of the year and we now move on to the **Members Autumn Show, AGM and Social Evening on Tuesday 20th September** in the Village Hall.

Do please enter as many exhibits as you can in the Show. It's been a very difficult growing season and you may not have your usual amount of fruit and veg, so why not try entering the floral and the art and craft classes. There is a category for everyone. If you do not yet have a schedule please contact Bob on 01206 251433 or bob.newman@mac. Please note that staging of entries is from 7.00pm and must be completed by 7.45pm. No late entries can be accepted as judging will commence promptly at 8.00pm

Meanwhile the AGM will take place. Members please attend this meeting as the future of the Club depends on you. Also the Committee could do with some more help. Can you consider joining them? It would not take up much of your time.

Once the business part of the evening has concluded we will continue with a Social Evening until the Show judging has finished. Wine/soft drinks and nibbles will be provided.

We then look forward to our autumn meetings (in the Village Hall at 7.30pm) on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October when we will have a speaker from the Colne Valley Tea Company, and on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November when Darren Lerigo will make a return visit and treat us to another of his entertaining talks. Guests will be very welcome at both meetings. Do come along.

## BENTLEY GREEN LADIES CLUB

August's meeting began on a reflective note as we held a minute's silence in memory of our friend and long standing member Stephanie Sadler who sadly passed away in July.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Sandra Price, an experienced and skilful member of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arranging Societies). She created 5 wonderful flower arrangements and, as she worked her magic, she told us about her experiences as a NAFAS representative designing floral arrangements for many cathedrals and other high-profile venues. (She also turned out to be a very good teller of jokes!)

We welcomed guests and some new members to the meeting, and the evening finished with a very special raffle when 5 lucky ladies went home with one of Sandra's stunning arrangements.

**Date for your diary:** Next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

New members & guests welcome.

**In the Land of the Maharajas** with Cherry Mullins.

One woman's journey through India. A fascinating look at one of the most beautiful Continents in the world. Told through slides and laced with personal stories including a wonderful encounter with a Maharaja.



## GREAT BENTLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September — 7.30pm Village Hall

"The Story of an Evacuee Made Good"

A talk by Bryan Thurlow

Bryan has talked to the History Society on a previous occasion. Some of you may remember "The Perennial Mr Potter". Bryan, an actor by profession played the part of Mr Potter and very funny and entertaining he was. This should be a good evening. Visitors Welcome. Members £2. Visitors £3.



## NATURE NOTES

Just south of Colchester is the Abberton Visitor Centre, that was rebuilt when the reservoir was extended. While views of water in the middle distance are all around, from a balcony a much closer pond can be overlooked. On a recent bright afternoon visit we took our tea outside there and were soon entranced by two families of moorhens and little grebes. Aspects of feeding young that I had not seen before were witnessed from this vantage point.

A nearly full-grown moorhen still with brown plumage, indicating it was born earlier this year, was seen picking up food from the water and offering it to fluffy black chicks with red faces. They were probably younger siblings from a later brood. While I have heard of larger young birds helping care for smaller family members, I had not seen it so clearly before.

The little grebe family comprised a chestnut-cheeked adult, presumed to be the mother and four swimming young, each with a single light vertical line down their neck - a marking peculiar to grebes. She was busy diving and repeatedly coming up with a small fish that was given to the young in turn. The fish were probably small roach or rudd. An opportunity to watch this without the need for binoculars was remarkable enough. But to cap it she waited alongside the youngster, to ensure the fish was swallowed without mishap. If dropped into the water, she would dive to retrieve the fish and give it back to be eaten successfully at the second attempt. Normally we are not able to see in detail such moments of care and attention. This watery theme might serve as an antidote to the present parched scene of Mid-August drought.

DRB

### JACKIE'S FACE PAINTING ADVENTURES



1. June

A little bit belatedly, thank you to everyone involved in the village Jubilee celebrations and also to everyone who stopped at the face-painting tent. All the proceeds were 'a donation to St Helena's Hospice' and an amazing £223 was raised during the afternoon and evening! Thanks to everyone for their generosity and patience, and also to the committee for organising the whole day for so many to enjoy.

Finally, special thanks go to Kevin and Louise for putting up their gazebo for the face painting. As the temperature went down in the evening, it was really good to have some cover. Some much needed coffee was also provided by a gentleman who 'popped home' for a couple of mugs of coffee - I very much hope he received these back later. Carnival was brilliant too with another £100 donated to the Hospice.

2 July

Earlier in the year, I was invited to face-paint for St Helena's Hospice at the Cricket Club 250th Anniversary celebration which started early on Sunday morning, 7th of August. It was a fantastic day, though extremely hot, and very busy. I arrived to find a gazebo had been put up already, and kept everything a lot cooler. The committee had also agreed to match any money given, which resulted in a fantastic total donation of £250. Thank you so much to everyone involved!

3 August/September

This is another busy month in the face-painting season, and after Brightlingsea Flower Show (Bank Holiday Monday), there will be the Gt Bentley Flower Show on Sat September 3rd, followed by the 'Rice and Spice' event at First Site in Colchester on September 10th. If you happen to be at any of these events, do stop and say hello. More donations will be forwarded to St Helena after these events.

### RESTAURANT 43 - SET MENU

#### WED - SAT LUNCH WED & THURS EVENINGS

3 Course £27.95

##### Starters

Homemade soup of the day served with crusty bread and salted butter

Chicken liver parfait, onion marmalade, pickled onion, salad leaves & crusty bread

Roasted beetroot salad with goats cheese, croutons, rocket & balsamic glaze

##### Mains

Spinach & Garlic ravioli, fresh tomato, basil & roasted garlic sauce, wilted spinach & toasted pine nuts

Roasted breast of free range chicken, thyme roasted fondant potato, wilted spinach, seasonal vegetables & a thyme jus

Mussels in a cream white wine sauce, crusty bread & French fries

##### Deserts

Brownie sundae with chocolate chips, caramel & chocolate sauce

Classic crème Brulee with fresh raspberries & shortbread

Trio of ice creams: Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla



**CLACTON ARTS & LITS AT THE PRINCES THEATRE  
ON MONDAY NIGHTS 3rd October - 6th March 2023**



**October 3rd** - We start our season in great style with the **BRITISH ARMY BAND COLCHESTER**. The band was formed as a result of Military Music Optimisation in September 2019. Incorporating the Bands of the Parachute Regiment, Army Air Corps and the Queens Division Colchester Essex.

**October 10th** - Presenting **DAME STELLA RIMINGTON, Ex Director General of MI5**, with her talk **OPEN SECRET**. Dame Stella worked in counter-subversion, counter-espionage and counter-terrorism and was the only person to become Director of all three branches. She was appointed Director General of MI5 in 1992 and retired in 1996.

**October 17th** - This evening **TOM HEAP** presents '**CHILL-THE HEROES HACKING CLIMATE CHANGE**'. Best recognised as a Countryfile and Costing the Earth presenter, Tom also spent time as the former Rural Affairs Correspondent of BBC News.

**October 24th** - Presenting **CLASSICO LATINO**. Blending the passion and vitality of Latin music with the sound and virtuosity of the classical tradition, Classico Latino brings a fresh perspective on the world of Latin-American music.

**October 31st** - Tonight **DARYLL PLEASANTS** presents **ANIMALS SAVING ANIMALS - CONSERVATION DOGS**. With over 30 years dog training experience within the Royal Army Veterinary Corps and working in Africa as a combat tracker, Daryll founded the wildlife organisation Animals Saving Animals, which provides specialist Anti-Poaching/tracker dogs.

**November 7th** - This evening we present **PUTTING ON THE BLITZ**. The **BARBERSHOP QUARTET** are Britain's premier 1940's quartet all your favourites in four-part harmony, solo and duo numbers using professional backing tracks recreating all the glorious sounds of the 1930s and 40s.

**November 14th - FOR VALOUR - THE STORY OF THE VICTORIA CROSS** presented by **MARK SMITH** the Medals and Militaria expert seen on the Antiques Road Show. Mark will explore the instigation of the VC along with stories of those awarded the country's highest award for bravery.

**November 21st** - We end the first half of the season with the number one selling operatic trio, **TENORS UNLIMITED** the **RACK PACK** of **OPERA**. Touring throughout the UK and the USA they offer a wide-ranging repertoire from 'Nessun Dorma' to Freddie Mercury's 'Barcelona' and many more popular classics.

**January 16th** - The New Year starts with the **LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA** with their **OPERA EXTRAVAGANZA**. **Philip Blake-Jones** brings together singers from the major companies for a programme of outstanding opera with a period set and costumes for an added visual impact. A programme of Handel, Mozart, Rossini to name but a few.

**January 23rd** - This evening **ELIZABETH SIMONS** presents **A LOT MORE THAN JUST CROSSING THE POND**. As part of the Clipper Round the World Race in 2010, Elizabeth found out it was a lot more than 'a challenge of a life time' as advertised, sailing across the North Pacific for 35 days in a force zero to a force 12.

**January 30th** - Presenting **AN EVENING IN THE COMPANY OF MICHAEL PORTILLO**. With a plethora of experiences in his life from politics to working on TV and Radio exploring social and industrial history, Michael will provide an informative insight into what makes Great Britain the country it is today.

**February 6th** - This evening's presentation is **A NIGHT WITH STEVE REID WILLIAMS**. As a piano player, guitarist and singer, the diversity of Steve's musical output is wide and varied. Steve is currently the full time keyboard player for pop legend Leo Sayer, 80's icon Paul Young, and The Overtones.

**February 13th**—Local historian and current curator of the Harwich Museum, **DAVID WHITTLE**, presents **FUN AT THE SEASIDE; Rail Ferries in Harwich - a glimpse of times gone by**. Harwich although small has played a vital part in our UK history and David will share some of those stories.

**February 20th** - Presenting international award-winning classical harpist **OLIVER WASS**. Oliver holds a first-class master's degree from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and in 2006 he became the first harpist to win the Guildhall Gold Medal.

**February 27th** - Tonight's penultimate presentation is **THE NEW HISTORY OF HENRY VIII'S QUEENS** by historian, author, broadcaster, and award winning emerita of history at the University of Rosehampton. **PROFESSOR SUZANNAH LIPSCOMB**. Suzanne has presented a series on the BBC, ITV and Channel 5.

**March 6th** - To the delight of many, our season ends with the return of the band **THE ZOOTS**. In 2009 Jamie Goddard formed the group which now has a repertoire of over 250 legendary hit numbers to entertain us from the past 6 decades. Tonight, it will be the turn of the 70's.

**Prospective new members are able to download membership application forms from our new website at [www.clactonartsandlits.com](http://www.clactonartsandlits.com), in addition we plan that members will be able to view any last minute programme changes that may occur.**



# FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

Bookings are being taken for the Grand Garage Trail on the 10th of September from 10am to 3pm

Bookings need to be in by the 3rd September (show day) to be included in the Trail map!

Maps will be on sale at the Deli and on various roads on the day.

Gt Bentley show day should see a good collection of vintage tractors on the Green! Bookings are coming in! To reserve a spot book your vehicle in with me on 01206 250799.

Confirmation received on Sunday that the two Suffolk Punches will be attending the Show! Treat yourselves to a close look at these endangered animals! Information will be available with the owners who will be in attendance!

Have a Good day at the Show!!

**Michael Dorling.**

## COMPANION DOG SHOW

(held under Kennel Club rules & Regulations

in conjunction with the

**GREAT BENTLEY SHOW**

**Saturday 3rd September**

Judge: Pamela Joyce (Ranch star)

Entry Fee: - £1.50 per class or £1 for 5 or more entries (paid on the day)

Special awards for Best in Show: Reserve Best in Show: Best Puppy and Best Opposite Sex:  
Best Novelty: Rosettes and Cards to fifth place.

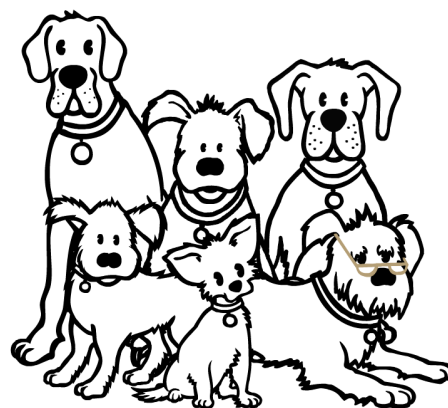
Judging starts at 1.30pm

### PEDIGREE CLASSES

- 1) Best Puppy (6-12 months)
- 2) Any Variety Sporting
- 3) Any Variety Non-sporting
- 4) 4) Open

### NOVELTY CLASSES

- 5) Best Veteran (Dog/Bitch 7 years and over)
- 6) Best Child Handler (up to the age of 16)
- 7) Best Crossbreed/Mongrel
- 8) Best Rescue Dog or Bitch
- 9) Dog most like its owner
- 10) Prettiest Bitch
- 11) Handsomest Dog
- 12) Dog/Bitch with waggiest tail
- 13) Dog/Bitch in best condition
- 14) Dog/Bitch the judge would most like to take home.



**ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY**

## SEPTEMBER DIARY

- Thurs 1st **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7.00pm, Village Hall
- Fri 2nd **COFFEE & CHAT**, Methodist Church
- Sat 3rd **GREAT BENTLEY SHOW & DOG SHOW**
- Tues 6th **LADIES CLUB**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 8th **HISTORY SOCIETY**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Fri 9th **BAT AND MOTH EVENING**, St Mary's Church, from 7pm
- Sat 10th **ANNUAL GRAND GARAGE SALE**, see p. 6.
- Sat 10th **SESAW £1 SALE, GREAT CORNARD**, See p. 11.
- Sun 11th **DEANERY CHOIR**, Great Bromley, 10.30am
- Mon 12th **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**
- Tues 13th **ART CLUB**, Village Hall, 2-5pm
- Thurs 15th **PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**, 6.30pm, ,  
Mitchell Room, Village Hall
- Sat17th/Sun 18th **ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL**
- Tues 20th **GARDENING CLUB, AUTUMN SHOW, AGM & SOCIAL  
EVENING**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Fri 23rd **MAGAZINE COLLATING**, Church Hall, 9am
- Sat 24th **TENDRING PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE** 12-4pm
- Sat 24th **LEARN TO MOSAIC**, See p. 8
- Tues 27th **ART CLUB**, Village Hall, 2-5pm