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EDITORIAL

One month has passed since I last wrote an editorial and it does not seem possible that our dear Queen Elizabeth has passed away. May she rest in peace. Many people have signed books of condolences here in our village, the bells have been tolled at appropriate and designated times fully muffled and the proclamation of the ascension of King Charles 111 was read by our Parish Council Chairman Pippa Dennitts on Sunday 11th September in front of a large gathering of villagers on the green. How wonderful it was that the Queen was able to see what high affection she was held in, when cities, towns and villages across the land celebrated her Platinum Jubilee. What happy memories we have to sustain us too, from that amazing weekend.

Here in Great Bentley it was so lovely to welcome back the Village Show after its absence during the Covid Pandemic. Unfortunately growing conditions this year have, to say the least, been challenging. However there was a good quality display in the gardening sections, the children as ever did us proud and the craft sections were equally well supported. Looking forward to 2023. We include the categories for the photographic section so that you can hone your skills and get entries ready for next year!

The Flower and Art exhibition at St Mary's church was a success with a good selection of art work and beautiful flower arrangements depicting childhood memories. A bat and moth evening had been held the preceding week and we learnt an awful about the bats who call St Mary's their home. Thanks to everyone involved in both of these events.

Please remember that sandwiches are required once a month for Hope@Trinity and full details are included on page 12. Such a worthwhile cause that brings comfort to so many people struggling during the current economic crisis. Winter will surely bring more hardship, so if you can help out Judy and Jackie would be really happy to transport your donations to Clacton.

Congratulations to the Football Club who celebrated their 125th Anniversary and to the Youth Football club who build on their great successes season on season. It's wonderful to see so many youngsters training and playing their matches on the green each week.

Thanks to June Barker who has faithfully kept us up to date with the Tendring Primary Recycling Scheme, sadly this is her last report. Thanks June.

It's that time of year again. Don't forget to book your flu jab.

Keep well everyone.

Mary Maskell



2022

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FRONT COVER

The Proclamation of
the ascension of King
Charles III
at the War Memorial

Photo by
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LETTER FOR OCTOBER

Dear Friends,

Can I reassure you all that the Art and Flower Festival went ahead with the consent of the Diocese. The Exhibition went ahead in a respectful way and a flower arrangement was included in honour of the late Queen Elizabeth. The days were well supported and were a time of fellowship for all.

As I write this our plans are being made for our Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church. All foods that were donated will be delivered to the Food Bank in Brightlingsea. Many thanks for all your donations.

Looking further ahead we will be holding an "All Souls" Service on Sunday 30th October at 3pm. The service is a time of quiet reflection for those in any type of need.

"Peace of the Lord be with you"

**Wendy King
Reader**

PS. Please can I remind you that all donations to the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes must be in by 7th November.

FLOWER AND ART FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

We would like to say thank you to everyone who supported this event in any way. Thank you to; the artists, flower arrangers, cake bakers, produce providers, refreshment team, raffle sellers and prize donators and tombola volunteers. Special thanks to those of you who came along to support us over this weekend. Thank you also to everyone who signed the book of condolence in Memory of Her Majesty the Queen.

We are pleased to announce that the wonderful amount of £1,530 was raised for the upkeep of St Mary's church.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

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|----|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Beach Holidays | Sue Albins |
| 2 | Holidays | Church |
| 3 | A day at the seaside | Bentley in Bloom |
| 4 | Bill and Ben | Bellringers |
| 5 | Cats Cradle | Knit & Natter |
| 6 | Television Test Card | Ladybirds Pre-School |
| 7 | School Milk | Parish Magazine |
| 8 | Grandparents | Methodist Church |
| 9 | On the beach | Adventurers Club |
| 10 | Living and growing with Grandparents | Rainbows |
| 11 | School Memories | Gardening Club |
| 12 | Coronation | Church |
| 13 | Teddy Bears Picnic | Ladies Club |
| 14 | Knitting Lessons | Wendy King |
| 15 | On the Farm | Edna Black |

Rev Sharon Miles

Sadly the Rev'd Sharon Miles is unwell and therefore if you have any queries regarding services or other church matters please contact the church wardens.

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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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METHODIST
CHURCH NEWS**

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Greetings to you all

Welcome to worship at Church or on Zoom during October at **10.30am** The leaders of worship below:-

October 2nd Robert Taylor
October 9th Rev Tom Osborne HC
October 16th Rev John Allison
Church Anniversary
October 23rd Rev David Chapman Chair of District
October 30th Rev Steve Sutton new minister at Frinton

Church Anniversary Each year we celebrate the anniversary of when our Chapel was built. This year we shall celebrate on the 16th October. Your stewards have decided to cook you a meal to be served after morning worship on that date. So please let them know if you wish to share in that meal so that enough food is prepared.

Coffee & Chat October 7th Thanks for the help last month when £198 was raised. Following the Coffee & Chat we felt we had to respond to the flooding emergency in Pakistan and so are sending the money to the DEC appeal where the Government will double the funds given.

Prayer Meeting. We meet for prayer on the second Wednesday of each month 9.45 for 10am at our Church
 This month 12th October

Sandwiches for Hope @ Trinity, 12th October
 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. Adventurers Club is running as usual on Friday Evenings. Messy Church after school on Tuesday 18th October for children with their Parent/Carer. We have activities followed by a simple meal and finish at about 5pm

Next Month

Autumn Fayre at our Church 12th November 10am
Remembrance Sunday 13th November. We shall all join at St Mary's at 10am for this village event when Rev Tom Osborne will preach.

Don't forget our Facebook page.
Search for
 GtBentleyMethodistChurch

ST MARY'S SERVICES

Sunday 2nd October

10.00am Joint Benefice Service

Sunday 9th October

9.30am Church Service

Sunday 16th October

9.30am Church Service

Thurs 20th Knit & Natter, Church Hall, 2pm

Sunday 23rd October

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 30th October - All Souls

9.30am Church Service

3pm All Souls Service

ROTAS FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH FOR OCTOBER

Sidespersons & Readers

2nd Linda Hayes
 9th Lyn Gordon
 16th Mary Maskell
 23rd Mandy Miles
 30th Annabel Stearn

Prayer Rota

2nd Wendy King
 9th Nicky Justice
 16th Chris Aplin
 23rd David Branch
 30th Vicar

Coffee Rota

2nd Hannah Justice
 9th Annabel Stearn
 16th Lyn Gordon
 23rd Mary Maskell
 30th David & Rosemary Branch

Cleaning Rota

1st Jennie Moss
 8th Linda Hayes
 15th Wendy Smith
 22nd Wendy King
 30th Nicky Justice



St Mary's Church Hall

Looking for a venue

Why not hire our hall

Beautifully stocked with fine bone china

£15 per hour - minimum charge £30

Please contact Lyn Gordon
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email; linda.bear@sky.com

What A Show!

Many thanks to the Great Bentley Show committee and the team of hardworking others for, once again, putting on such a great Village Show.

Great musical entertainment, the marquee packed with exhibits, Suffolk heavy horses, the Dog Show.....the list goes on.

Such a treat to get out in the sunshine with hundreds of others to enjoy the unique atmosphere of a genuine village country show. Brilliant!

Ken and Jill Drew

THANK YOU

The family of Stan and Barbara Tricker would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards, and attendance at Weeley and/or the vestry room.

Your support was so much appreciated.

I'm sure that Stan and Barbara would wish us to convey their thanks to Great Bentley as a whole for the huge part the village and its people played in their most wonderful lives.

Donations in memory of Barbara and Stan Tricker in aid of Edensor Care Home amounted to £530. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed.

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES FOR GREAT BENTLEY SHOW 2023

Coast to coast

Say cheese

H20

Flying High

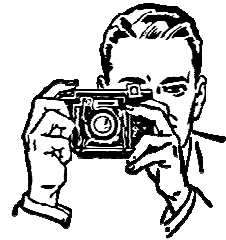
All the fun of the Fair

Gardener's Delight

Open

Children's Class

My Favourite Things



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

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

Jennifer Ford

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



DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Material to Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage, The Green, 250524 **AND**
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COMPANION DOG SHOW RESULTS

September 2022

It was really great having the Great Bentley Show with the Dog Show back again this year especially with the weather being really kind, it meant we had 65 dogs attend for showing and many others just popping in to say hello. There were 146 entries in total.

Grateful thanks go to our judge Pamela Joyce (Ranchstar) – our ring Steward Sara Cracknel - the crew who take the entries Donna Morphew and Lesley Shipp – to the flower show team for setting up our gazebo and to Derek Burdett in making sure I had a microphone.

Pedigree Classes

Best Puppy	Amy Cooper's Whippet - Domino
Any Variety Sporting	Long Haired Mini Dachshund- Denzel
Any Variety Non Sporting	Mr & Mrs Lott's Standard Poodle - Marlie
Open	Greg Plants German Shepherd Dog – Dexter

Novelty Classes

Best Veteran	Jennifer Goff's Wheaten -Tilly
Best Child Handler.	Milly Fairbanks with Isla
Best X Breed/Mongrel.	Michelle Baverstock's - Bella
Best Rescue	Freddie Stratford's Great Dane - Rosie
Dog Most Like it's Owner	Laura White's Dachshund - Hotdog4
Prettiest Bitch.	Jackie's Golden Retriever - Lola
Handsome Dog	Sam Lemming's Mini Dachshund - Woody
Waggiest Tail	Rebecca Neal's - Lucy
Dog in the Best Condition	Mr & Mrs Lott's Standard Poodle - Marlie
Dog the Judge Would Like to Take Home	- L.H. Mini Dachshund - Denzel

The Judge then judged the dogs for the following

Best in show was the Long Haired Mini Dachshund - Denzel

Reserve Best in Show was the Standard Poodle - Marlie

Best Puppy was the Whippet - Domino

Best Opposite Sex was the Long Haired Mini Dachshund - Woody

Best Novelty was Michelle Baverstock's – Bella

Thank you all for such a wonderful afternoon of dogs.

Lynda McWilliams

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

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 28th October.

Everyone Welcome.

St Mary's Church
COFFE MORNING
Saturday 15th October
St Mary's Church Hall
10.00am - 12noon
Refreshments
Cake Stall:
Raffle



**IN AID OF CHRISTIANS
AGAINST POVERTY**

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.

FREE
Greenhouse
6' x 10'

If you are interested you will need to dismantle it and provide more glass panels

Tel: 01206 251086

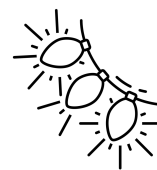
Welcome

To Fiona and Mark Hughes
to Jonquil, The Green

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON NEAR THE WAR MEMORIAL

Sunday 27th November
at 5pm approximately

Refreshments from 4.30pm including mulled wine
and a visit from Father Christmas



GREAT BENTLEY GOOD NEIGHBOURS

A Quiz Night

Saturday 26th November

7.30pm at The Methodist Hall
Great Bentley

Tickets £5 to incl. Tea,
Coffee and biscuits

Bring your own refreshments

Tickets from early November from

Yvonne Tel 01206 250 413



SAMARITANS PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Boxes for you to fill are at the back of the church
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

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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

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

FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES

Essex & Suffolk Border League Div 1 (KO 3 00pm unless stated)

Sat Aug 13 th	Holland Res	home W	4 – 0
Tues Aug 23 rd	Thorpe Ath	home L	2 – 0
Sat Aug 27 th	Gosfield Utd	home W	3 – 2
Sat Sept 3 rd	Cavendish 1 st	home W	4 – 0
Sat Sept 10 th	Silver End	home	Postponed



Essex & Suffolk Border League Div 3 (KO 3 00pm unless stated)

Sat Sept 10 th	Prettygate	away	Postponed
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Reserve team Friendlies

Tues Aug 16 th	Brightlingsea u23	home W	4 – 0
Tues Aug 30 th	Tending District	home W	3 – 0

The 1st team have started the league programme with 5 home fixtures which means we will be playing many away games later in the season.

The opening game of the 2022/23 season, saw a good performance all round with GB winning comfortably 4 – 0. Scorers were Matt Beured, Jake Bell, Archie Herbert and Blake Keogh-Kedar.

With the anniversary celebration event taking place at the clubhouse on the following Saturday, we played Thorpe Ath on Tues 23rd 6 30 KO. I've never seen so many spectators at a football match on the green. Tim Tricker estimated at least 150 people, including most of Colne Athletic and Brightlingsea Town players. Against the run of play, Thorpe scored the opening goal with a good header from a corner after 20 mins. Thorpe then spent the next 70 mins kicking the ball to the spinney or the southside green and wasting time wherever possible. Picking up 3 yellow cards for time wasting in the second half. We just could not get the equaliser. With a minute to go. We were awarded a corner which goalkeeper Jake Allwood came up for, to add the extra man, however Thorpe cleared the ball downfield and scored a second goal on the final whistle.

Sat 27th. We bounced back winning 3 – 2 against Gosfield Utd. Scores Jake Vaughn x 2 and Blake Keogh-Kedar.

Into September. A good display from a strong squad of 16 players now that we are allowed to use 5 subs saw a 4 – 0 win against Cavendish 1st. Harvey Evans scored 2 fine goals cutting inside the full back and shooting with his right foot into the top corner on both occasions. Other scorers were Jo Hurd and Lewis Mountney.

The last 2 friendlies for the reserves were against Tending District and Brightlingsea U23s. In both games GB looked a formidable side for the coming season in Div 3.

The reserves should have started their league programme on Sept 3rd but their opponents Sporting Rebels did not have a pitch available, so the fixture had to be postponed.

All football came to a halt on the weekend of 9th/10th September as a mark of respect for the sad death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

125 year celebration event

Sat 20th August dawned a glorious day as we gathered early at the clubhouse to set up for the much anticipated 125yr (now 127yr due to covid) anniversary of GBFC.

The marquee had been erected on the Friday. The outdoor bar was erected and stocked to supplement the club bar. George Wright delivered the lorry trailer to be used as a stage for the band and steps that had been borrowed from the village hall were installed to the trailer. Food vans turned up, started their preparation while we continued siting rubbish bins, tables and chairs etc. Lee Barrett started the afternoon with a coaching session for the GBYFC U6 juniors. This was followed by an U16 GBYFC team V GBYFC coaches. The coaches were determined to win this one and came out victors 6 – 2.

Last but not least the GBFC legends took to the field. Both teams comprising of players past and present. With roll on/roll subs, it allowed over 30 players to take part. It was a game that really was worth watching for both the football and some of the theatrical antics that took place.

Participants in the 3 games were all awarded commemorative special GBFC 125 yr anniversary medals. (none of which have appeared on e- bay yet).

All afternoon our ladies had been doing an amazing job selling raffle tickets, allowing the draw to take place before the evening finale. The array of raffle prizes was truly amazing.

Contraband arrived late afternoon. Set up on the "stage". Did a sound check which left everybody impressed, then started a 3 hour marathon set. Every song was applauded by the ever increasing number of people dancing in front of the stage. They finally left the stage after 3 encores just after 10 30 pm.

There are too many people that helped in the days before and on the day to mention individually but we thank them all. Without your help the day would not have been the outstanding success it was.

Thanks to the local businesses and individuals that generously donated the fantastic raffle prizes.

R43	Tesco Express
Nando's	The Plough
George Wright Farms	Wick Lodge
Derick Springhall	Always Warm Heating
Ipswich Town FC	Colchester Utd
Brett Vale Golf Club	Clacton Golf Club
Millersbarn Golf	Julian Jepson
Fitness 4 less	Clacton Pier
Riverside Fish/Chips	Verstegen Spices
X 3 Coaching	U Learn Driving Instruction
Mike Burgoyne	Street Cars
The Fusilier	RG Performing Arts
Love 2 Shop	Dani's Deli
Jump Street	



NATURE NOTES

The Tending Moth Group were invited to put up three mercury vapour lamps at dusk on 9th Sept in Great Bentley churchyard. Thirty-one species were attracted to their light frequency, identified, and released. This is a fair variety for the time of year though the general number, or biomass of moths, as with most insects, has greatly declined in recent years. The rollcall of names had a certain ring with: Setaceous Hebrew Character, Elbow Striped Veneer, Flounced Rustic or simply Snout just a few examples. The most notable species were Vestal, a scarce migrant that sometimes breeds in the UK on knotgrass and Orange Sallow that rely on lime trees. Three striking Box tree moths were less welcome, as an invasive species from the Far East. The medium-sized white moth with dark edges has only colonised W Europe since 2000 and severely defoliates evergreen box bushes. I have only this year first-hand experience of their impact on long cherished clipped bushes. A fine Convolvulus hawk moth Mary Maskell brought from her greenhouse, that obligingly rested on a lamp's white sheet allowed admiration of its large form.

Recent local butterflies continue the lepidopteran theme. While there is a decline in the familiar larger ones that used to throng buddleias – giving it the alternative butterfly bush name - there are some surprising expansions in range of others. Climate Change is probably a major factor in some of these changes. The reappearance of woodland species like White Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillary and even Purple Emperor is remarkable enough. But twice since July a very rare Queen-of-Spain Fritillary has been spotted at Great Holland Pits nature reserve. This Mediterranean species has been gradually spreading in the near continent and feeds on the humble Wild Pansy. The one seen later could even have been the result of breeding nearby.

Firmer evidence of another migrant breeding locally was confirmed recently with large dark banded green caterpillars on Wild Carrot at St Osyth. These were confirmed as larval European Swallowtail. The adults have a striking resemblance to the British Swallowtail, the emblematic insect of the Norfolk Broads. The latter's distribution is very restricted due to the caterpillar only feeding on Milk Parsley that virtually only grows in the Broads. Its European cousin is much less particular, utilizing a range of umbelliferous plants. Bob Seago, honorary warden at Great Holland almost certainly briefly saw a continental adult in flight at Great Holland. Although in the modern world like most wildlife, butterflies are being squeezed there are still surprises. To learn more about these do come to the following event.

For your diary:

Wed 19th Oct 7.30pm at Beaumont village hall – Bob Seago – “The Full Set – A Personal Quest for British Butterflies”- Illustrated talk organised by EWT Tending Group with refreshments & raffle.



Farewell September and thank you to everyone who has supported Weeley Veterinary Centre. I hope those of you who have already visited us were impressed and I look forward to welcoming pet owners whom we have not yet greeted.

October is here which means plenty of children will be excitedly planning costumes for trick or treating. Last year was the first time I took my daughter out and we were very impressed by everyone's efforts. It's wonderful to live in a community that embraces events for children and she is already looking forward to it. Your pets on the other hand may be less enthralled and a little consideration now will go a long way towards ensuring they have a fright-free night....

Take care when opening the door that pets do not escape. That is Plan A. Plan B is having them identichipped so that if the worst was to happen they can be traced back to you and reunited quickly.

Keep all those yummy treats somewhere safe, i.e. not in a tub by the front door. Some sweets can make pets very poorly and others, such as chocolate, can be fatal.



If you plan on dressing your pet in a costume, try it on them in advance. Not every pet will be willing to wear one. Going slowly by adding one piece at a time and giving lots of (pet-safe) treats may increase your chance of success.

Frequent trick or treaters ringing your doorbell may be upsetting for some pets. Consider keeping them in a room away from the excitement if possible. Calming diffusers can be very helpful (e.g. Feliway for cats or Adaptil for dogs) but speak to your vet for advice on stronger options.

Take care with candles and do not leave a lit one unsupervised. Risks include burns and accidental fire. You should also supervise battery operated items as these can cause big health issues if swallowed.

If you feel your dog or cat would benefit from a calming diffuser, it's a good idea to plug it in as soon as possible as it can take up to four weeks for the pheromones to build up in your home. I recommend leaving it plugged in (most will require replacement of the pheromone attachment every four weeks) until we reach January. This will provide a calming aid through Halloween, Bonfire Night, Christmas and New Year fireworks. I'll be addressing fireworks in more detail next month but plug ins are a good place to start and need to be done now.

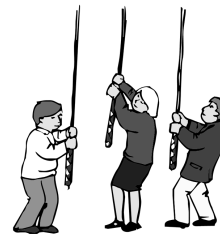
Happy Halloween everyone and stay safe.

Dr April Young MRCVS



BELLRINGERS UPDATE

We have all been rocked by the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd. As ringers, we often ring the bells to mark the death of certain dignitaries. The death of our monarch bears no comparison in terms of its importance and as such we have a duty to the bells to mark the occasion. Since the announcement of Her Majesty's death, all church bells throughout the country have been rung fully muffled, i.e. with leather pads covering both sides of the clapper to create a softer sound.



You may on occasion hear the bells being rung half-muffled, i.e. one side of the clapper has a pad on it to create a sound like an echo, on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. However, on the death of the monarch, the bells must be rung fully muffled. This is the only time that the bells are rung in this way and will continue to be rung in this way until after the funeral of Her Majesty.

The bells were rung, fully muffled, the day after the announcement of the death of Her Majesty, then on Monday the 12th September to commemorate her life. They were then rung at 10am on Monday the 19th of September to announce her funeral.

Once the period of mourning for Her Majesty is over, we will be ringing more regularly again, both during our regular Monday and alternate Wednesday evening practices. We will then also ring to celebrate the accession of King Charles 3rd.

We often ring the bells for other special occasions, to celebrate a local or national event or sometimes in memory of a particular person. Occasionally, a peal is rung on church bells consisting of around 5040 changes in the order of the bells. This takes about 2 hours and 50 minutes and requires huge concentration. In Great Bentley, we often ring what is referred to as a 1/4 peal, (i.e. 1260 changes rung without stopping), this takes roughly 44 minutes to complete. On Monday the 29th of August we rang 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles, (a 1/4 peal), in memory of, and to celebrate the life of Stephanie Sadler. Both Stephanie and her husband Terry were highly valued and respected members of our community, and when Stephanie sadly passed away recently, it felt right to mark the occasion in this way.

A really important part of bell ringing in our village is our sense of team work as we rely on each other so as to make our collective ringing sound pleasant to the community. The other really important side to ringing for us is that of the social aspect. We socialise as a group and enjoy each other's company both as Great Bentley ringers but also with other ringing bands in other churches. We also take part in meetings, barbecues and ringing competitions which help us to improve our art, but in a relaxed and friendly way. 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.

Apologies for the typo in last month's update which stated that you need to be strong to be able to ring church bells; this is not true as the ancient art of bell ringing is about learning & technique! As a band, we ensure that all our ringers are taught in a correct and safe way.

Roger Carey-Smith - 07422880921

SESAW NEWS

Life can be up one day and down the next. Before the sad loss of our Queen last month, our ladies were enjoying running a Rummage Sale in the middle of another heatwave. They raised over £1500 and some of the visitors were also interested in acquiring a new pet, much to Mum's delight.

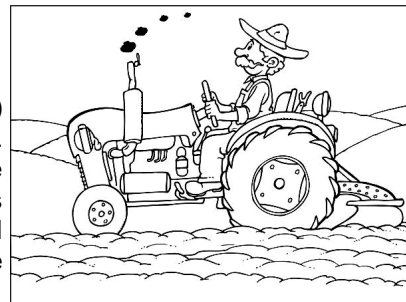
Now, in keeping with the melancholy mood, Autumn has arrived and we turn our thoughts to the months ahead. The Christmas Fair in November is our last event of the fundraising season and volunteer numbers have dropped so we have stopped accepting donated items until next year. Some of our supporters sell online so if you have anything special, please leave a message on the answerphone or email sue.wilson317@btinternet.com before bringing them in. We will, of course, continue to accept CLEAN bedding and towels but NO PILLOWS, CUSHIONS or FEATHER DUVETS.

Our volunteers enjoy their days at SESA W as can be seen in the photo. If you would like to help care for the cats, dogs, rabbits or chickens, please leave a clear message with your name and number on 01787 210888 or email info@sesaw.co.uk. New volunteers can be sure of a warm welcome from all of us, including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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

Tel: 01787 210888, www.sesaw.co.uk

Farming Diaries



With the little rain we have had in the Tendring Hundred (this is where I jinx it) you may notice that many farmers have delayed drilling winter cereal crops. Their concern is that the seed would start to germinate with the roots (the radicle) emerging from the seed first followed by the coleoptile also known as the shoot and that a lack of moisture in the soil would result in the seed shrivelling and dying. If adequate moisture is present the seed will germinate and begin to establish well.

Sugar beet is a root crop, which is drilled in March and is not harvested until October but it can stay in the ground until January. Sugar beet is lifted from the ground and sometimes stored temporarily in heaps before being loaded into lorries and transported to a factory for processing. The closest factory which processes sugar beet is at Bury St Edmunds and can be seen from the A14. Here the sugar beet is analysed for its sugar content and then processed into a wide variety of products including granulated sugar, icing sugar and jam sugar. When you go to the shops look out for 'Silverspoon' sugar products as the sugar in these will have come from sugar beet grown in East Anglia and in particular some of the farmers in Great Bentley and the surrounding area.

Within the local area many farmers carry out a good amount of environmental work on their farms. Habitats have been created, thousands of metres of hedgerows have been planted this year, areas of fields have been left for environmental benefit and supplementary feeding of birds occurs. Many of these areas wouldn't be able to be seen from footpaths and this has a benefit because they are not being disturbed by the public thus enabling wildlife to thrive. On farmland locally there are many skylarks, a pair of turtle doves, little owls, lapwings, several buzzards, kestrels, hedgehogs, and numerous hares along with hedgerow birds such as blue tits, great tits, robins, blackbirds, starlings. Having mixed farms like here in the village is great benefit for smaller birds who feed on the insects found in muck heaps.

Whilst a lot of environmental work is being carried out and maintained currently, more can always be done on farms. Simple improvements can also be made in people's gardens – growing bee friendly plants, providing habitats for birds, feeding and leaving water out for birds and other wildlife, creating hedgehog highways, not paving or decking over large areas and even by simply leaving an area of the garden to go wild will attract and help sustain wildlife.

Vicki Brooks

Help for Hope@Trinity

On our last visit to hope@trinity in Clacton our arrival was met with even more enthusiasm than usual by clients and volunteers alike as Jackie and I began unloading the car, for unbeknown to us we had timed our arrival perfectly....they were in dire need of sandwiches! We were able to meet that need there and then due to the generosity of the growing number of people who kindly make up loaves of sandwiches which Jackie and I have the privilege of delivering to 'hope' once a month. We both find it so rewarding to witness the pleasure and smiles of men and women of all ages who for a myriad of reasons find themselves in situations they could never have imagined would befall them when they realise and experience the care, support, practical help, acceptance and love they receive.

The increase in the number of people coming through the doors of hope@trinity daily is going up, recently it has reached 79 on any one day which is a staggering number, that is a lot of sandwiches! As an individual I have to say being involved with the issues of those who find themselves homeless and or vulnerable is the best thing I have ever done in my life.

Hope@Trinity needs many things to help and look after the people who come through their doors, men/women's clothing, underwear, socks, toiletries, blankets, sleeping bags or small tents, winter will arrive. I will happily receive any of those items here and Jackie and I will get them where they are needed. However what we need most is SANDWICHES! If you would like to help by making up a loaf of sandwiches we will be grateful if you place each round of sandwiches in individual sealed bags and mark them as to the filling so the volunteers know what they have to share out.

I take this opportunity to thank all the people who regularly bring us sandwiches, they make such a difference not just by receiving them but by actually being offered a choice!

The details of the monthly ' sandwich run' can be found in the Parish Magazine included in the Gt Bentley Methodist Church information and diary events.

Thank you for caring.

Judy Bishop 5, Morella Close, Great Bentley. 01206 251702

A FEW NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Our Ukrainian Visitors – from this local area of Tendring

I was very pleased to meet our Ukrainian visitors from the local area. Mary Maskell has achieved so much in helping and making them all feel welcome, and when she asked me to meet them as there have been a few concerns where help was needed from a District Council perspective, I was very pleased to accept the invitation.

I contacted the Assistant Director at Tendring District Council (TDC) who works with me through my Cabinet Partnership role and explained a meeting was being arranged. We agreed that one of our officers from Tendring would attend the meeting as well. It was an interesting meeting with these lovely people and a great opportunity to also meet their hosts. Hopefully we will all soon meet again.

Clacton Airshow had the WOW Factor

This was the 29th year of this event, with an impressive programme of flights, from fast jets and aerobatics to historic aircraft, taking to the skies above Clacton's seafront.

Storms did not occur on the first day of the event which meant all went very well. Then of course on day one there was the twilight display, with the parachute display team, a light display from the Firebirds and of course Otto the helicopter.

Out of the two days, Friday was the best that there has ever been seen for the Airshow regarding the number of visitors that were attending. It was amazing.

With the Red Arrows starting the event and being one down as unfortunately the pilot was not able to startup his Red Arrow - it goes to show it can even happen to the best!! But even so with just five red arrows it still was a very impressive and breathtaking sight. Not forgetting of course, the Lancaster Bomber from the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and much more.

A selection of images and video from Clacton Airshow is available at this Dropbox link, picture credit Clacton Airshow/TDC:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i23t4m4scgp70j7/AAAqnOKBgBBuO6JmkWSU963Pa?dl=0>

Cast Revealed for the Princes Theatre Pantomime

The pantomime this year is to be Cinderella, and the cast will have familiar faces, with many of last year's stars returning as they had so enjoyed performing to the Clacton audiences.

There will be the Hollyoaks and Eastenders actress Gemma Bissix, along with Katherine Victoria; while the ever-popular Jamie Riding returns as the Dame, the Wicked Baroness Daisy Hardup, and then there is the children's entertainer Graeme Mathews (or better known as Bam Bam to many) who will be back for a third year as Buttons. Also joining the cast will be Britain's Got Talent winner George Sampson as the Prince, Amy Sue as Cinderella, while Cleopatra Higgins from the girl group Cleopatra will play the Fairy Godmother to complete the line-up.

Anton Benson of Anton Benson Productions, which stages the pantomime at the Princes Theatre, added: "Our stars loved performing in Clacton last year so much that most of them are coming back again to stage the popular fairy tale story Cinderella – which promises to be a fantastic show."

Cinderella runs from 10 December 2022 until 1 January 2023, and tickets are available from the Princes Theatre box office online at www.princestheatre.co.uk or by calling 01255 686633

Tickets cost £15 (£14 concessions) or a family of four for £52.

Tendring Taxi Fares Increase

A request by cab drivers for an increase in fares was backed by members of Tendring District Council's (TDC) Licensing and Registration Committee on 21 July.

A public consultation was carried out which revealed that no objections were raised, and the fare increase came into effect on 11th August.

Both the Tendring Taximeter Forum and the Clacton Taxi Private Hire Group had requested a rise – the first major increase since 2018, despite the increase in fuel, vehicle maintenance, insurance and RPI inflation. A minor increase, of 10p per mile, was implemented in February 2022 before the current global issues with fuel prices.

Under the new fare scheme the standard rate for one mile will rise by 65p to £5.35 (up 13.8%), two miles will rise by £1 to £7.60 (up 15%) and three miles will go up £1.35 to £9.85 (15.9% increase). Each subsequent 235 yards (215 metres) will cost 30p instead of 20p – though the distance has increased – while a waiting time of 60 seconds remains at 30p.

These tariffs will keep taxi prices broadly equivalent to those currently implemented in Colchester.

Electoral Register Details

Letters are and have been sent out to households across Tendring asking residents to check their electoral register details.

The annual canvass is to ensure Tendring's Electoral Registration Office holds the correct information for those who may wish to vote at upcoming elections. Those who get a white letter do not need to respond, so long as all the information is correct; while households who have received a yellow letter **must** confirm their details and submit any changes if needed.

The easiest way to confirm the details or make changes is online.

Canvass is particularly important this year as it underpins the registration process ahead of district and parish elections next May.

While text and online is the most efficient means for residents to confirm or update their details, households can still complete the canvass form by phone or by post. With text or online options residents will receive an immediate confirmation of their response. To reply by post residents will need to provide an envelope and stamp.

Many thanks

Cllr. Lynda McWilliams

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

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

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cldr.lmcwilliams@tendringdc.gov.uk
Tel. No. 01206 617981

GREAT BENTLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB - CHAIRMAN UPDATE

All at the club hope that you all had an enjoyable summer.

Everyone at the Club wishes to offer our sincere condolences to the Royal Family following the recent death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

Over the summer our Mini Kickers, now moving up to Under 5's continue to enjoy weekly training sessions and are showing great progress! It's been wonderful to see them develop confidence and friendships at the same time, just in time for the start of their school adventures!

Our Under 9's Blues have continued to train throughout the summer and have enjoyed success in various tournaments. Lee Barrett's team were runners up in two and successful in their most recent, winning 5 out of 5 matches whilst scoring 18 and conceding 0! The boys continue to learn and adapt to seven a side football and we wish them all good luck in Year 4 at school.

Alex Jones' Under 9s Reds have been training hard all summer in preparation for the start of the new season ahead. The boys and the coaches are looking forward to getting back to playing games.

New coach Ben Friar's Under 11's were a bit short on numbers to begin with but now have two new coaches and have successfully held trials for new players to keep the team going. It's been a positive start for the new look team with two wins and 14 goals in the opening two friendlies.

The Under 12's have been working really hard under coach Ellis Obia and won two tournaments over the summer. They've also won all of their friendlies and are now raring to start the new season. They are looking for a goal keeper of school year 7 age, please contact the club if any players are interested.

The U16 Reds have both gained and lost players ahead of the new season. They lost 2 pre season friendlies to Wivenhoe and Harwich but had a great 4-2 win over local rivals FC Clacton with goals from Hoby Bird, Evan Brady and Jamie Lambert (2). The boys are excited about the first league game of the season away at Halstead. Coach Matt Lambert is optimistic for the new season.

Yours in sport,

Great Bentley Youth Football Club



What a wonderful first few weeks we have had back, it's been busy welcoming all the new children and getting to know them, they have all settled in well as they explore and become familiar with this new environment, and the older children have been great little role models.

Autism Coffee Morning

We have arranged for our first coffee morning of this term to be held on Thursday 29th September at 9:30.

These sessions are held to support parents with children on the Autistic Spectrum or for parents who are concerned and want to find out more about Autism. If you are worried or concerned about your child, going through the assessment stages, or have a child who has been diagnosed and feel you might like to share your experience please come along and join in the discussion.

You do not have to have a child attending the Pre-school so we would love to welcome you.

Staffing

I would just like to let you know that Caroline will be leaving Pre-School this month, Caroline has been part of the team for 10 years and has been a valued member of the Pre-school and community it serves.

Allison and I would like to thank her for her time she has given and wish her all the best for the future.

This brings me on to say how happy we are that we have Hayley joining our team, Hayley is qualified and has experience in childcare and is so excited to be restarting her career after having her family. She will be joining the keyworker team and is looking forward to meeting all the children and parents over the next few weeks.

I hope everyone enjoys the half term break at the end of this month and any Halloween festivities that you have planned.

Thanks for reading

Julie Wiles

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 or you can leave donations at the back of the Church.

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



POLICE REPORT

RECORDED CRIMES -

From 22/07/2022- 27/08/2022

CRIME TYPES

INCIDENTS REPORTED – 38

INCIDENT TYPES- ABANDANDONED 999 X 4 – ASSAULT - ATTENTION TO VEHICLE - CONCERN X 5 - DOMESTIC X 4 - DRINK/DRIVE - FIRE - HIGHWAY DISRUPTION X 7 – INTRUDER ALARM X 2 - NUISANCE VEHICLE - OTHER X 3 - P/ORD - ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES X 6

TRUCAM Speed gun .

Speeding has been a concern for numerous residents. So it may be refreshing to know that the TRUCAM speed gun will again be a regular deployment.
Please watch your speed and drive safely.

SCAMS

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

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

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

Fly Tipping.

Fly tipping is still a big problem in most villages.

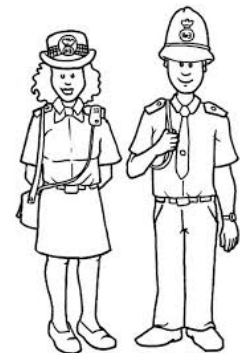
If you suspect anyone of fly-tipping contact the police on 101 or email recycle@tendringdc.gov.uk
Tendring district council web site has lots of information regarding carrier licence and what to check for, when paying someone to remove your rubbish.

Traders

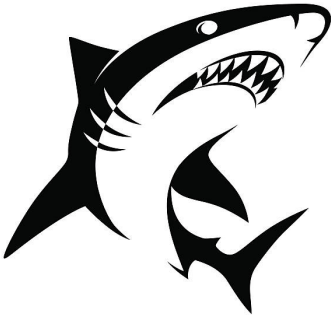
If you are looking for a reputable trader, a list can be found on www.essex.gov.uk

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/>



Sharks



Sharks are not just horrible predators and killers, they are also very inquisitive and intelligent.

If you do happen to have a close encounter with one, the best place to hurt it is on its nose, or eyes, if you can get close enough!

They generally like plenty of fat on their victims, such as seals, but a man in a wetsuit might look quite like a seal to a shark, so the shark might come and have a taste, but then go away, realising there was not enough fat on this particular "meal".

I was once swimming alongside our boat, and felt something brush against me. I was not sure what it was, but after having a sniff whatever it was went away again; perhaps I was not tasty enough!

Two stories from my teenage years in Sydney:

I was walking my neighbours German Shepherd dog on a lead, quite a distance from the water on the beach. Near the water's edge, there was a rather "yappy" terrier, bouncing around about 10 feet up the sand. Suddenly a shark came out of the water and in 3 twists was up the beach, and grabbed the little dog in its mouth! It turned and went back into the water, and the poor dog was never seen again. The sharks are very muscular, and can lift themselves out of the water and some way up the beach if there is a tasty morsel nearby.

Rather than doing an early morning paper round for some pocket money, a group of us would go down to the beach before school, and put bait, usually some meat onto a shark hook, tied to a buoy, just off the shore. The buoy was on a pulley system, so when we returned after school in the afternoon, we could draw the buoy ashore, and hopefully find a shark attached to the hook. If sharks can't swim and get air through their gills, they drown.

We would then load it onto our home built trolley, take it up the hill and sell it to the local butcher, who cut it up and sold it for dog food. So maybe the shark that ate the little dog, did get his comeuppance in the end!

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GREAT BENTLEY CRICKET CLUB

The Committee would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the royal family on the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Following the England Cricket Board directive, we postponed club activity of our end of season awards on Friday 9 September and cricket resumed on Saturday 10 September to pay tribute to Her Majesty and honour her remarkable life and service. Those who watched the Men's Test match at the Oval against South Africa in person or on the television would have witnessed a truly moving moment of collective homage to the late Queen with a minute's silence followed by the national anthem and the wearing of black armbands. We echoed this with the match in the village. RIP Your Majesty.

The awards will now take place on Friday 23 September.

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

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

Someone suggested it

Over the past years, Charles had often looked online for sites which offered short stories in Spanish, but in recent years, things had changed. 'Why am I still reading Spanish?' he asked himself with an element of frustration, 'we haven't been to Spain for three, maybe even four years, so what is the point?' He recalled how they used to go every year but now feel bombarded by news of the utter misery suffered by travellers at airports and the like caused by flight cancellations, ferry strikes or delays. Barbara, his wife heard his grumblings. 'Yes, it's strange isn't it, seeing all those reports, but everyone I have talked to has really enjoyed their trips to Spain this year and didn't experience any trouble at all. Are we just being put off travelling?' Charles shrugged his shoulders as Barbara, having heard the post arrive, went into the hall to gather the mail. She returned, triumphantly waving aloft a brown envelope. 'Look, my new driving licence has arrived, the online-over-70 one. That's just over a week since the application.' 'That's quick,' agreed Charles, 'we were told it would take months owing to staff shortages at the DVLA in Swansea. Anyway, it's here. Don't forget to destroy and return your old one, although it's still valid until October.' Barbara reached for the scissors and did the deed, adhering to the directive to do so as her new licence was valid from the date of the application, not from the expiry date of her current licence.

'We should celebrate,' decided Charles. 'Do you fancy that restaurant in Thorpe this coming Friday, the one Bob recommended to us?' 'Lovely,' she answered, 'I'll try booking it now.' Minutes later, Barbara put her phone down on the work surface, and called to Charles from the kitchen. 'No answer from the restaurant, it's probably too early. I'll book a table for 6.30pm when I get back from shopping at Morrisons. Are you ok for aftershave?' 'Yes, I'm fine thanks,' he answered as he rose from his desk. 'I'll stop this Spanish now, I need to adjust the hinges on the back door, it's driving me mad, catching on the door frame. You're off to Morrisons early, aren't you?' Taking the car keys from the hook in the cupboard, Barbara explained the reason, 'Yes, Betty advised that it's quiet around nine, so I'm going to try it.' Charles joined her at the key cupboard, choosing the key to his workshop. 'Ok, see you later,' he smiled with a kiss as they both walked to their respective targets, she to the car, he to get some tools from his workshop.

On her arrival back from Morrisons, Charles carried the shopping from the boot of the car into the kitchen. 'Did you manage to fix that door?' asked Barbara as she passed to him various items to be stored away. He nodded, but stopped to gaze at a rather large meat item wrapped in a polystyrene package. 'Blimey, a turkey thigh and drumstick,' he declared, 'it's been years since I saw one of those. A turkey drumstick was a pound years ago, a bit of a job removing the bone and sinews but super meat for a curry.' 'Yes, I do remember,' she said with a big grin. 'But this one I couldn't ignore, colourful posters everywhere. I couldn't resist it, a special offer at £5.25p, a bit dearer but still brilliant value for money.' He finished putting the shopping away then put the kettle on to make a tea and a coffee. 'What else have you done, apart from fixing this door?' she asked while swinging the door to and fro - 'Mm, that's better Charlie,' she said, pleased that the door was clear of the bottom rail. Charles poured boiling water into two prepared china mugs. 'Not much else,' said Charles. 'Oh, I sent an email to Dave and Liz in Malaysia, but got side-tracked. I used the laptop for the email but needed my phone to check some details. Do you know, of the fifty or however many news items there were on that damn phone, half of them were about pushbikes? Pushbikes! Ok, I can understand rugby items being there because I've watched the southern hemisphere internationals but - pushbikes? Barbara stopped what she was doing. 'Is that how it works, they sort of know what you're interested in?' Charles munched a biscuit. 'I don't know, more that they want cars off the road, I suppose. All this phoney disinformation, I feel I'm being watched.' Barbara took a sip of coffee. 'Watched? Ha! Being influenced more like. You'll finish up buying a pushbike, you'll see. You're being influenced by propaganda Charlie, just like those airline companies who persuade us not to fly so they can cut the number of flights, reduce staffing, slash their airport and fuel costs and so make an even greater profit. That's what those people do, you know, those influencers, *I-shopped-at-Lidl-and-this-is-what-I-found*, sort of rubbish.' Charles looked at her with a smile. 'Rubbish? Isn't that what happened to you when you bought that turkey leg? Weren't you, sort of, persuaded to buy it by the clever marketing?' Barbara frowned. 'I'm not being influenced by anybody, that turkey leg was a bargain, mate.'

Friday night soon came and they had returned home having enjoyed the dining out at the restaurant they had booked earlier in the week. 'Drink?' asked Charles, 'I'm having a glass of red.' 'Yes, lovely, I'll have my usual. Well, I can't fault the food, it was really good', declared Barbara. 'When did Bob go there?' she further asked. Charles paused. 'I don't think he did go there,' he finally replied, 'I think somebody else told him about it.' Following another sip, Barbara scoffed, 'Ha, so someone told Bob it was good, and he recommended it to you, who suggested it to me. You see? You're a soft touch for those influencers, mate. How much is a crash helmet, you know, for your new bike?' Charles laughed. 'Give over, if you reckon you can't be influenced, then why was it you had to destroy a perfectly valid driver's licence?' **JE.**



Wildlives

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre

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

www.wildlives.org.uk

Opening hours: n/a 07802 767016

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

Weasel has lucky escape

October 2022

Eve, a female weasel, was caught by a cat. She came into the centre traumatised and shocked, where she was given a course of antibiotics to counteract the lethal bacteria that can be transmitted by the tiniest scratch from a cat's claws or teeth. After her antibiotics she went out into stoat/weasel release pen where she was monitored. Video of her hiding her food in her box can be seen on Facebook, which will serve to show just what tenacious, wonderful creatures weasels are. She then had a soft release where the top of the pen was left open. Each day she came back for her dinner until she finally set up home, we believe, in a woodpile behind her pen. She continues to be backup fed in the woodpile, as mice and voles are in short supply, being catastrophically impacted by the drought.

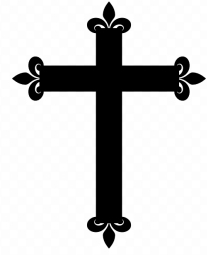
Rosie was walking in the Wildlives grounds and saw Dennis, one of her dogs, drawing her attention to something. This proved to be a tiny moorhen chick, (left) which was probably dropped by one of the lesser black backed gulls that reside at the centre.

Now that the drought has broken, grass will grow very quickly. Please remember that hedgehogs are now having their second litters, and be very careful when you are mowing long grass.

This almost unrecognisable kestrel was found in an old oil bucket left without the lid on. He arrived covered in oil, which had burned his skin badly, and despite best efforts to clean him he continued to go downhill. Sadly the decision was made to euthanase him.

A pigeon was found caught in a glue trap. He is shown after he has already been cleaned four times; he still has glue remaining and a very sore skin. Glue traps, which will soon rightly be made illegal, are one of the most appallingly cruel forms of trap and catch many more species than the rats and mice they are intended for. This pigeon and the kestrel to the right have both endured terrible suffering because of people's thoughtlessness, carelessness, and inhumanity.

STAN AND BARBARA TRICKER



One of seven sons and two sisters, Stanley was born to Frederick and Emmie Tricker at Moss Cottage, Plough Road, Great Bentley, on Christmas Day 1925. He attended Great Bentley School, where he was best remembered, not for his educational or sporting prowess, but for the occasion when he took it upon himself to bury the headmasters' canes under the footings of the school's new greenhouse. It was difficult for large families to make ends meet in those days, and young Stanley and his brothers were actively encouraged to bring home a rabbit or pigeon for mother to add to the pot which was permanently simmering over the fire. Stan left school when he was fourteen and went to work for John Black at Hall Farm and, later, on Culley's fruit farm at Frating.

Too young to sign up at the onset of war, Stanley decided to do his bit by joining the local Great Bentley fire service. At training sessions, this dedicated team of volunteers would spend an hour or so honing their fire-fighting skills in the field by the brook, followed by a disproportionate amount of time improving their drinking skills in the Red Lion at Thorrington. To demonstrate their value to the village, they decided to stage Stan's rescue from a fire at the annual fete on the green. An upstairs room was created using scaffolding and bails of straw, and carefully positioned so that it could be seen by the fire crew with their fire engine at the far end of Station Road.

Upon the given signal, Stan lighting the straw, the crew would race down Station Road, douse the flames with water from their tender, and bring Stan down the ladder. Unfortunately the fire engine wouldn't start, and the mock rescue became a genuine drama as the brigade hurtled down Station Road on foot, placed their ladder against the burning straw and plucked Stan from the inferno by means of the good old fireman's lift, leaving the fire to burn itself out. The assembled crowd, not realising anything was amiss, applauded wholeheartedly, and were deeply grateful in the knowledge that they were in such safe hands in the event of fire. Anyone expecting the story about the day Stan flattened a dustman outside the front door, or his altercation with a bus driver in Tunbridge Wells, well, those are for another time. By the end of the war Stanley had, like many others, been issued an HGV driving licence without ever taking a test, and this prompted a career change from farm worker to lorry driver for the rest of his working life.

Barbara was born to Reuben and Louisa Ward at 36, Belgrave Road, Wanstead, where she preceded three younger brothers, Peter, Michael and Tony. They made the short move to 80, Collinwood Gardens, which, in turn, was just a stone's throw from Gearies school, where she completed a highly successful junior education, never finishing lower than second in her class. Barbara had fond memories of the streets of Wanstead, which boasted nice level pavements, ideal for her favourite sport of roller skating. On her father, Reuben's retirement, in 1937, he decided to up sticks and bring his family to the idyllic country setting of Sturricks, Great Bentley. Twelve-year-old Barbara had just begun her senior education, which she then continued at Clacton County High School.

The onset of war reshaped Barbara's education, when, after the first bomb was dropped quite close to her school, the decision was taken to evacuate the children to a safer part of the country. Unaware of her destination, Barbara, with her little suitcase, hopped on the train at Clacton and eventually arrived at Kidderminster, where she was billeted with a family in the nearby village of Cookley. She had rather fallen on her feet here as the family's daughter, Doreen, was of similar age, and they remained lifelong friends. All this upheaval didn't prevent Barbara from doing well in her exams and she made further progress at Colchester Girls High School sixth form before gaining a place at Avery Hill Teacher Training College. Although it was deemed safe for children to return to this area, the London based training college was still on a wartime footing, so off Barbara went again, this time to Huddersfield.

More lifelong friendships were forged, but the most important one was made between terms, when Barbara and Stanley met at the local youth club. Here they formed a scintillating dance partnership, although in truth, it was Stan who was the dancer, their success being mainly attributed to the fact that mum's feet were strapped on top of dad's. Their romance soon turned to marriage and, on an unseasonably mild January 3rd 1948, Stanley and Barbara were married at St. Mary's church, Great Bentley.

After a honeymoon on the Sussex Downs, the couple set up home with the Ward family at Sturricks. Stan was still working on the fruit farm, but soon switched to driving a lorry for Brooks of Mistley, delivering animal feed to farms all over Suffolk. Now a fully qualified teacher, Barbara got a job teaching art at St. Helena School in Colchester. Examples of her artwork can be found in many local publications, mostly simple sketches and watercolours of an array of Great Bentley scenes. In true Barbara style she remained friends with all her very first form, and they continued to attend regular reunion lunches right up until Covid, by which time her "class" were all in their 80's. Mum took a break from teaching to start a family and, over a period of five years, gave birth to three bonny babies, Timothy, Helen and Andrew.

Returning to the classroom in 1958, she took up a post at Brightlingsea Secondary Modern School, this time as a human biology teacher, and there she remained until her retirement in 1985. Family summer holidays were often spent with her college friend, Audrey's family (also three children) near Haywards Heath in Sussex. This was another place with a huge expanse of grass, although theirs was called a common rather than a green. Taking the two families, ten people in all, out in the Tricker car, a Ford Prefect, was a sardine-like experience, where we all had to get out to push the car up the downs, and hope the brakes wouldn't fail on the way down.

As the children grew out of family holidays, Stan and Barbara developed a love affair with both Scotland (17 visits), and Cornwall (about 8 visits). The Motor-rail sleeper train was their preferred option for getting their latest camper van up to Stirling, whence they could, after a hearty Stirling station breakfast, venture forth to their chosen part of the highlands.

Barbara's sense of adventure took her much further afield as she and her close friend, Joyce, set off for Paris, Prague and the great wall of China, while Stanley branched out to Weeley car boot sale and a hearty second breakfast at Morrisons.

The Tricker family expanded with the addition of five grandchildren, Robin and Kate to Helen, and Keiron, Rory and Kim to Andrew. There has since been the arrival of great-grandchildren, April, Luke and Leah, and even a great great-grandson, Redgie. Stan and Barbara were extremely proud of their extended family.

Retirement was not the time for Stan and Barbara to take things easy, as they reinvented themselves as antique dealers. Stan would (in between breakfasts) pick up items of repairable junk from car boots and table tops and transform them into something saleable for their stall on a Sunday morning.

Barbara, meanwhile, would be busily adding to her quality postcard collection, mostly acquired from other sales and auctions. She also belonged to a variety of village organisations such as the History Society, Poetry Group and W.E.A., and helped raise large amounts of money for the Muscular Dystrophy, then St. Helena Hospice charities.

Her main fund raisers were the annual plant sale at the village hall, her hand-painted Great Bentley calendars and several long distance walks such as the north Cornwall coastal path and the Essex Way, each trek signifying a milestone birthday. And Stan was always there to help wherever needed, be it picking up plants donated by the local nurseries in his trailer, or taking walkers to their start points and bringing them home from the end of each day's section. Barbara often referred to him as "her rock".

Their marriage was a well paced marathon, not a sprint, and each big anniversary was celebrated in style, usually at an event organised by Barbara, who dared not risk leaving it to the family.

Stan was, every day, a man with a plan, which always involved an early start, either at a car boot sale, or at his well tended allotments, where he and his many friends would produce, and share, an abundance of vegetables, often enough to feed an army. Although he succeeded with half his master plan, to be self sufficient in potatoes, he never quite managed his ultimate goal, to grow a full English breakfast.

Stan enjoyed fishing, particularly off Walton pier, and was an accomplished ten-pin bowler, that too at Walton pier. He also had the ability to play any tune he'd heard of, on the piano, but mostly enjoyed playing and listening to hymns - he never missed "Songs of Praise".

Barbara's retirement was, as you can imagine, crammed with activity from dawn to dusk and beyond. Running the house, tending the garden, catching the train or bus to go shopping in town, or an afternoon with Joyce at the theatre, walking or cycling round the Tye - talk about a live wire.

In any spare moments she loved reading, but could conjure up all manner of drawings and paintings to suit any given topic on the History and W.E.A. posters, or for her many home made cards, calendars and personal amusement.

Barbara had a penchant for general knowledge quizzes, her favourite being University Challenge, at which she was better than average. When attending local quizzes, she would sit at the front and answer most of the questions and Tim had to warn her that she'd become very unpopular and get banned if she kept winning. Of course, she took no notice.

I'm afraid the march of time spares no-one and, indeed, it has to be said that Stan and Barbara both reached their 90's, and a remarkable 70th wedding anniversary relatively unscathed. And, when the time came for help on their final journeys, Stan was given the very best care possible at the Edensor Care Centre in Clacton, where he was happy and smiling right to the end.

Not wishing to give up her independence, Barbara remained at Windybrow until almost the end, but you could see the delight they shared in each other's company by their beaming smiles, kisses and cuddles on visiting days at Edensor.

That they passed away within a few days of each other was so fitting as they immediately became reunited. In Stan and Barbara we must celebrate two amazing lives, lived as one.

Stan and Barbara Tricker

Many of us will all miss Stan who was always ready to provide helpful advice to allotment holders, and who readily lent us his ancient but most useful potato dibber and an equally old but efficient soil auger for placement of posts. Barbara will also be greatly missed from the Great Bentley History Society which she helped to establish and was an active committee member. She also helped to establish the Great Bentley WEA which provided interesting lectures on many and varied topics and also served on the committee for many years. She was also very active in many other village organisations and will be sorely missed.

David Gollifer



GARDENING NOTES

Was this summer unique or is it a precursor of the future? We can only listen to informed opinion and for those that are interested, Ardleigh and District Horticultural Society have an evening talk by John Hall MBE on climate change and biodiversity on Thursday 10th November. If interested, you might want put it in your diary early.

Now is a good time to carry out essential maintenance to the garden and buildings before the effects of winter winds and rain cause further deterioration. Clear away the seasons canes and other supports and protect them from the worst of the weather. Old plant material can be composted or removed from the garden depending on preference and also whether your garden is able to accommodate a compost heap or bin. Making good compost can be time consuming but as it is largely free and as it is a good soil improver it is worth doing if possible.

Growers of early chrysanthemums and dahlias will need to decide whether to cut back the plants and leave them in situ with some form of winter protection. It will depend on whether your soil is well drained. If plant roots and tubers are in waterlogged ground, they are unlikely to survive.

We lift our chrysanthemums and box them up in compost, usually from the tomato plants and store them in cold frames until next year. Dahlias are lifted and placed upside down on slatted shelving in a frost free greenhouse to allow moisture to drain and soil to crumble away. Both are inspected regularly to ensure there is no botrytis mould or other problems that need to be dealt with.

Providing the ground is dry and does not stick to your boots it is a good time to carry out any digging. Garlic bulbs and winter onions can be planted and you can sow peas and broad beans to overwinter as well as cauliflower seed. Spring cabbage plants, salad leaves and strawberries can be planted. Bare root roses, shrubs and trees will now become available. If they arrive before the planting area is ready, check the supplier's instructions as to whether they should be temporarily heeled in or kept in the opened packaging and moistened until planting.

Prior to digging, consider whether you want to reorganise any areas to avoid walking on prepared areas. On clay-based soils, you can leave small lumps to be broken down over winter but remember that larger lumps (brick size), need lots of frost which we often no longer get. For those following a no dig regime it is now the time to spread farmyard manure or garden compost on the soil and allow the worms to work it into the soil. More information has now been released on the ban on peat-based products. Whilst as yet lacking in some details the government have advised that 'existing stocks of potting compost and other products must now be sold or removed from sale by 2024.'

Peat-free composts do behave differently to what is expected. Undoubtedly the RHS and many gardening programmes and magazines will be undertaking trials and publishing the results. Based on our own experiences this year it appears that peat free products need to be fed earlier and more frequently than the traditionally peat-based composts and water retention properties are slightly different, so we have had to adjust our watering.

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ADVERTISING IN GREAT BENTLEY PARISH NEWS 2023

It is time to start thinking about advertising slots for next year.

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TENDRING PRIMARY RECYCLE SCHEME

In my last article I was delighted to be able to tell you that after a long and difficult year, we finally had a new home. Our original sorting cabin was transferred to its new site on the far side of the Tendring Primary School field after being lifted by crane and swung high over the treetops – it was quite a spectacle! As we watched with hearts in mouths the famous car in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang sprang to mind! It was a huge relief when the cabin finally landed safely and was put into position. The date was the 16th of August.

Since then, we have been able to move all of the sorting bins inside (around 40 of them!), the ramp is in place and painted, the cabin has been painted with paint generously donated by Crown Decorator Services, solar lights are about to be trialled, beautiful handmade signs have kindly been crafted and donated to us, and fencing is due to be installed during the October half term. So, we finally have protection from the elements again and can stay dry whilst sorting – a welcome development for sure.

Until the fencing is in place, we are only able to have sorting volunteers on site when our founder Ellamy is there, but once erected, volunteers will be able to access the cabin during the day which will be a huge help. Our volunteers will be able to park in the public car park situated just round the bend from the school, where the children's playground is situated.

The cabin will not be open for the public to drop-off (unless we have an Open Event), although drop-off bins in House colours will be available during school hours for the children to use. Drop-off bins will still be available at the front of the school for the general public, with a slight change to their location during the current school building programme. For the duration of this period, they have been moved to the next set of gates (the ones closer to the neighbouring house). We apologise for any inconvenience, but also have another drop-off point in Tendring village at 4 Parsonage Lane to make life a little easier.

If you would like to learn more about how the Scheme works or would like to offer your services as a volunteer, we will be at the Tendring Primary School Fete on Sat 24th September from 12 – 4pm., and also the Love Your Library Event at Frinton Library on Sat 8th October (times to be arranged), and would love to see you. We have almost 11,000 members now, but still only a handful of volunteers, which understandably means that the workload for those who do help is high. New volunteers and offers of help therefore are always gratefully received, with activities on offer varying from occasional stamp trimming, to regular sorting, or boxing and labelling; admin work, possible help at events, or maybe the occasional delivery of a bag of contact lenses to Boots Opticians. Even an hour's sorting on an ad hoc basis would be a fantastic help. We can be contacted on either 07808239141 or 07956411166 if you would like to chat.

Unfortunately, due to family commitments and pressure of time, I have reluctantly decided that this will have to be my last monthly article for this superb newsletter. I have really enjoyed writing for you and thank you all for reading, whilst as always, also being incredibly grateful for your donations of recycling. Hopefully, between us, we have made a difference. Contact details for the group will continue to appear in the newsletter each month and our Facebook page and website are available as always for updates. The website can be found at tendringprimaryrecyclescheme.weebly.com

Enjoy the cooler and fresher days of autumn to come.

With best wishes to you all
June Barker

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Delivering daily national newspapers around Great Bentley seven days of the week.

Will require own bicycle.

Please email info@mypaperdelivery.co.uk or call **01206 808483** and leave a message.



SURGERY NEWS

Appointments are now on the system for those who are eligible to book their flu jabs. We are hoping to be able to give the Covid booster for those patients that are due this at the same appointment. If you wish to book an appointment, please contact a member of our reception team on telephone number 01206 250691.

Surgery Premises

We are currently having some building work done at the Surgery to create a new consulting room on the ground floor of the building. This work should be completed by the end of October. We would appreciate patient's understanding whilst the work is going on and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Reception Team

We have several new members of staff that have recently joined our reception team. We would appreciate your patience with them whilst they are being trained to do this difficult job.

WINTER DEMAND – Help us to help you!

As we head into winter, demand for our services usually increases substantially. We really do need all of our patients to consider whether they really need to see a doctor before calling and consider using other local services such as your local pharmacy, which might be more appropriate. Of course, if you consider your problem is urgent, we are always here to help and our daily on call doctor triage system will ensure you are contacted by a clinician in a timely manner.

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Thursday, 20th October for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then they can contact 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group

There isn't meeting of the Patient Participation Group in October.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager

ST MARY'S BAT AND MOTH EVENING

Thank you to the members of Essex Wildlife Trust who came along to the churchyard on Friday 9th September to set up their moth traps and to let us borrow their bat detectors. These lovely people are always so generous with their time and their knowledge. Thanks also to the ladies from St Mary's who brought along homemade cake and made copious amounts of tea and coffee. Thanks also to all of you who came along to support this event.

It is thought there are three types of bats in the church/yard Common Pipistrelle, Daubenton's Bat and Brown Long-eared Bat. We hope to learn more in the future.

For moths it was rather late in the season and the beautiful full moon did not help! Nonetheless here is a list of the moths that we did see. (See also the article on page 9).

Orange Swift
Elbow-stripe Grass-veneer
Oak Hook-tip
Yellow Shell
Large Yellow Underwing
Square-spot Rustic
White-point
Orange Sallow
Snout

Chequered Fruit-tree Tortrix
Rush Veneer
Small Dusty Wave
Brimstone Moth
Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing
Nutmeg
Common Wainscot
Flounced Rustic

Light Brown Apple Moth
Box Tree Moth
Vestal
Willow Beauty
Setaceous Hebrew Character
Feathered Gothic
Brindled Green
Vine's Rustic

COOKERY CORNER



PERHAPS A FEW PATES TO BEGIN WITH?

A meat pate is a blend of different meats, usually liver and pork which has been minced finely, well seasoned and cooked slowly. They tend to be very rich because of the high amount of liver and therefore only a small portion is needed which is why it is served as a starter or a snack. Most pates will keep for a week or so in the fridge, often improving the flavour, but fish pates are more delicate and need to be prepared a short time before eating. The most famous (and infamous, depending on how you view its production) and most expensive pate is pate de foie gras, made from the livers of specially fattened geese.

THRIFTY PATE serves six

625g lean belly pork 250g pig liver 125 streaky bacon 1 large onion 1 small clove garlic
25g butter

Preheat the oven to 150 degrees. Remove the rind and any bones from the belly pork and dice. Cut the rind off the bacon. Rinse the liver under cold running water and dab dry with absorbent paper, then cut into largish pieces. Peel and chop the onion and garlic. Mince the pork, liver, bacon, onion and garlic together three times, working in a teaspoon of salt and some black pepper. Turn into a 2pint terrine or casserole, cover and place in a small roasting tin with water halfway up. Cook for about 1½ hours. Remove from the oven and take off the cover. Lay a double sheet of foil over the top, weigh down and leave until cold in the fridge. Remove the weights and foil, melt the butter over a low heat, pour over the pate and chill before serving.

POTTED BEEF..... serves six

500g stewing steak ¼ pint beef stock a clove a blade of mace 60g butter melted
bay leaves

Mace blades are the outer covering of the nutmeg and have a pungently rich flavour. They can be difficult to find intact, so an alternative could be 14g of ground nutmeg or cinnamon, allspice or ginger. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees. Cut the meat into cubes and place in a casserole dish with the stock and seasonings including salt and pepper. Cook in the centre of the oven for 2½ to 3 hours until tender. Remove the clove and mace and drain, reserving the stock. Mince the meat twice or blend for several minutes until smooth. Add half the melted butter and enough of the stock to moisten the pate. Press into six ramekins, or into one large serving dish, cover with the rest of the melted butter and chill. Decorate with bay leaves.

MIXED FISH serves eight

250g fresh haddock fillet 500g fresh salmon 50g butter 50g flour ¾ pint milk
¼ tsp ground nutmeg 1tbsp fresh parsley 2 beaten eggs 1 bayleaf 1 lemon
extra parsley sprigs and lemon slices

Skin and bone the fish, and zest and juice the lemon. Melt the butter in a pan on a low heat and stir in the flour carefully. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes continuing to stir. Slowly add the milk, beating between each addition. Add the bay leaf, nutmeg, salt and pepper and boil gently for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and discard the bay leaf. Finely chop or mince the haddock and three quarters of the salmon, ensuring that the remainder of the salmon can be sliced. Add the fish to the sauce together with the lemon rind and juice, parsley and beaten eggs. Divide between eight buttered ramekins. Brush the tops with a little melted butter and decorate with slices of salmon. Place the dishes in a large roasting tin with enough water to come halfway up the dishes and cook in a preheated oven at 150 degrees for approximately 40 minutes. Chill for about an hour and serve garnished with parsley sprigs and slices of lemon.

SMOKED MACKEREL serves four.

Place 4 skinned fillets of mackerel, 6tbsp crème fraiche, and 2tsp of lemon juice in a large bowl and mix thoroughly until combined. Add 30g each of rinsed and chopped capers and gherkins and seasoning. Mix together really well, check the seasoning and chill before serving with melba toast and a green salad. **M.E.**

Which Witch?

1. Who wrote the 'Worst Witch' series of children's books?
2. In which of Shakespeare's plays do the three witches appear?
3. Used in home medicine, which plant has the Latin name 'hamamelis'?
4. Which town in Cheshire is known for its salt production?
5. In which Dicken's novel does 'Magwitch' appear?
6. The 'Witch of' was a female sorcerer in the Old Testament.
7. In which series of books do the witches Molly & Ginny Weasley appear?
8. Which is the county town of Suffolk?
9. With witchy connections, name the theatre/snooker venue in Sheffield.
10. Which US singer had a hit with 'Wichita Lineman'?
11. Which witch had a cat called Mog?
12. Who wrote the science fiction classic 'The Midwich Cuckoos'?
13. In which US city did the infamous witch trials take place?
14. 'The Witch Project' was a popular film released in 1999.
15. Who wrote the original story of 'The Wizard of Oz'?
16. Name the West End musical which is a prequel to the above story?
17. In the 17th century, by which title was Matthew Hopkins better known?
18. In which Disney production does the witch 'Maleficent' appear?
19. Which London theatre is now showing the musical 'Tina'?
20. Which wick is one of the Cinque Ports?

1. Jill Murphy 2. Macbeth 3. witch hazel 4. Nantwich 5. Great Expectations
6. Endor 7. Harry Potter 8. Ipswich 9. The Crucible 10. Glen Campbell 11. Meg
12. John Wyncham 13. Salem 14. Blair 15. Frank L. Baum 16. Wicked 17. Witchfinder General
18. Sleeping Beauty 19. Aldwych 20. Sandwich

Tendring District Council - Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

The Community Safety team at Tendring District Council has been working to create a new system for the recording of antisocial behaviour and enforcement cases. An online reporting form has been introduced which will automatically generate a case on the council's system. It will enable ASB officers to carry out their risk assessment and respond accordingly.

It will help to confirm as a Council that cases are prioritised as they are reported, which is the quickest and most efficient way to report issues.

As Councillors we are being asked to use this system and to also encourage our residents to report in this way as well, which will enable the team to respond directly to the complainant. This way of working is to ensure the team can keep a consistent approach when dealing with issues raised and most importantly will reduce the chances of e-mails being lost.

The team consists of 2 ASB Officers and 4 Temporary Community Ambassadors who will cover the whole of the Tendring District.

The link to report to Community Safety at Tendring District Council is as follows - Load Tendring District Council's website - in search type in Report Anti-Social Behaviour. Please remember where possible it is best to have the form completed by the person experiencing the ASB.

If you are unable to report online you can still report on **01255 686359**, but please remember this number is only covered during office hours.

You can report to Tendring District Council – ASB Team

- Nuisance from cars / bikes - loud music emanating from vehicles / Anti-Social Driving, including Speeding / mini moto's loud motorbikes / loud exhausts). This does not include Parking issues.
- Flyposting
- Vandalism / Criminal Damage
- Graffiti
- Street drinking
- Begging
- Low Level ASB
- Neighbour Disputes

The Council ASB Team will not usually act in circumstances such as the following:

- One-off noisy party within reasonable times
- Normal living noises, such as walking across the floor, closing doors, flushing the toilet etc
- Noise from children playing
- Personal differences/family disputes
- Disagreements about parking
- Civil disputes such as boundary issues
- Groups of young people gathering who are not acting in an intimidating manner

What can you Report to Essex Police.

- Criminal damage
- Hoax calls to emergency services
- Intimidation / harassment
- Drug / substance misuse and drug dealing
- Prostitution
- Violence
- Knife Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Exploitation in all forms
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Call either 999 for an emergency or 101

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THE GREAT BENTLEY SHOW CUPS AND TROPHIES WINNERS

Section 1

1	The Ruth Sharp Memorial Trophy	Most Points in Section 1	Mary Maskell
2	The Sturdy Trophy	Best Exhibit Section 1	Jo Debono
3	Jack Wood Prize (£10)	Best Vegetable Exhibit Section 1	Shirley Weekes
4	Jack Wood Prize (£10)	Best Flower Exhibit Section 1	Mary Maskell
5	The W.G. & E. Sharp Trophy	Best Fuchsia Exhibit Section 1	Gillian Driver
6	The Mick Baxter Memorial Rosette	Best Selection Allotment Product Sec. 1	Shirley Weeks

Section 2

7	The Presidents Cup	Most Points Section 11	Roger Cook
8	The RHS Banksian Medal	Most Prize Money Section 11	Roger Cook
9	The John F. Clark Memorial Trophy	Most Points Vegetable Classes	Shirley Weekes
10	The RHS Bronze Medal	Best Exhibit Veg Classes (excl class 44)	Raymond Justice
11	The Jubilee Trophy	Most Points Flower Class excl. dahlias	Roger Cook
12	The Friends of the Green Cup	Most Points Flower Classes incl. dahlias	Roger Cook
13	The Peter Duffield Trophy	Most Points Dahlia Classes	Roger Cook
14	The National Dahlia Soc. Silver Medal	Best Dahlia Exhibit	Roger Cook
15	The National Dahlia Soc. Bronze Medal	Runner Up Best Dahlia Exhibit	Joe Debono
16	The RHS Bronze Medal	Best Exhibit Chrysanthemum Classes	Joe Debono
17	The Ray Purdy Cup	Most points in Chrysanthemum Classes	Joe Debono
18	The Frank Atthill Memorial Trophy	Most points Rose Classes	Jennie Moss
19	The Great Bentley Rose Medal	Best Exhibit Rose Classes	Barry Layzell
20	The Alfred Harvey Memorial Trophy	Best Fuschia Exhibit	Gillian Driver
21	The Bay Laurel Cup	Most points Pot Plant Classes	Mrs T. Dixon
22	The Evergreens Cup	Best Pot Plant Exhibit	Russell Brown
23	The Arthur Abrey Memorial Cup	Best Fruit Exhibit	Shirley Scillitoe

Section 3

24	The Floral Art Cup	Most points Floral Art Classes	Rosemary Newman
25	The Chairmans Trophy	Best Floral Art Exhibit	Linda Jarvis
26	The Gt Bentley Flower Show Trophy	Most points Cookery Classes (Gt Bentley Resident)	Mrs D. Richer
27	The McWilliams Cup	Best Exhibit Cookery Classes	Toni Dixon
28	The Friends of the Green Cup	Most points Handicraft Classes	Helen Ross
29	The Ross Cup	Best Exhibit Handicraft Classes	Helen Ross
30	Mrs Kemp Memorial Trophy	Best Exhibit Art Classes	Paula Leeks
31	The Harold Lambert Cup	Most Points in Art Classes	Paula Leeks
32	The JW Fothergill Trophy	Most Points gained in Wine Classes	Jane Fisher
33	The Percy & Emma Abry Trophy	Best Exhibit in Wine Classes	David Webb
34	The Alresford Camera Club Award	Best Exhibit in Adult Photography Classes	Jane Fisher
35	The Alresford Camera Club Award	Runner Up in Adult Photography Classes	Linda Wright
36	The Alresford Camera Club Award	Best Exhibit in Children's Photography Classes	Rebecca Malgwi
37	The Donald Walker Trophy	Most Points in Photography Classes	Jane Fisher
38	Memorial Challenge Trophy ME Gibbon	Most Points in Sections 2 & 3	Joe Debono
39	Kathleen & Arthur Abrey Trophy	GB Resident Most Points in Sections 1, 2 & 3 (adult)	Joe Debono
40	Kathleen & Arthur Abrey Trophy	Person Gaining Most Points in Show (All sections, all ages)	Roger Cook

Children's Section

41	The Kathleen Abrey Cup	GB Resident most points under 5 years	Maxine Taylor
42	The Friends of the Green Youth Cup	GB Resident most points 5-7 years	Jack Fairbanks
43	The Aplin Cup	GB Resident most points 8-11 years	Esme Giles
44	The Fenwick Cup	GB Resident most points 12-16 years	Oscar Flinn
45	The George Mitchell Cup	Best Art Exhibit	Lucas Maskell
46	The Alison Lingard Memorial Trophy	Best Cookery Exhibit	Millie Fairbanks
47	The Marjorie Mitchell Cup	Best Craft Exhibit	Emilia Lord
48	The Friends of the Green Trophy	Presidents Choice Art/Craft	Martha Lord
49	The Longcroft Cup	Best Photo Exhibit Class	Rebecca Malgwi
50	The James Fookes Memorial Cup	Best Exhibit in Children's Painting	Mollie Scillitoe
51	The Friends of the Green Trophy	Most Points Non Resident 2-4 years	William Brewer
52	The Friends of the Green Trophy	Most Points Non Resident 5-7 years	Sienna Worn
53	The Friends of the Green Trophy	Most Points Non Resident 8-11 years	Isaac Maskell
54	The Friends of the Green Trophy	Most Points Non Resident 12-16 years	Lucas Maskell
55	The Great Bentley Show Cup	Most Points Gained in Childrens Classes	Sienna Worn
56	Colin Johnson Memorial Trophy	Most Creative Lego Exhibit	Sophie Cowley



GREAT BENTLEY GARDENING CLUB

Some of our Members did very well in the Village Show so congratulations to them. By the time you read this our own Gardening Club Autumn Show and AGM will have taken place and we will report on that next month.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**, we have just learnt that unfortunately the speaker from the Colne Valley Tea Company will be unable to attend. Our chairman Bob is arranging for a different speaker so look out on Facebook for the new arrangements. All are welcome so why not come along and join us.

BENTLEY GREEN LADIES CLUB

Our invited speaker for the evening was Cherry Mullins who has long been a Ladies Club favourite. Her talk was entitled 'Tales of a Tour Manager', a light-hearted look at Cherry's career with excerpts from her 30 years' experience as a European Tour Guide. She retold her interesting and varied journey through slides, stories and poems of places and people she's encountered. After an informative tour of the Conciergerie, she guided us through the Paris sewers, where in 1984 (much to everyone's surprise), they discovered a large Nile crocodile!

We visited Amsterdam's red-light district swiftly followed by a more sedate tour of the Beguinage where semi-monastic womenfolk used to reside. It wasn't all plain sailing though, on one trip her coach caught fire whilst travelling on a motorway (all occupants escaped but not so their luggage or passports!), and on one of her many Paris trips she was threatened with a knife by an individual who had stolen her bag...needless to say, he ran off once challenged by Cherry!

All this on a Tuesday evening in our village hall, without even having to leave our chairs...brilliant!

Date for your diary: Next meeting Tuesday 4th October 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. New members & guests welcome.

Beacon Hill Fort

A talk by Mr Barry Sharp on Beacon Hill Fort in Harwich...

"The complex at Beacon Hill could well be one of England's last but most significant unexplored historical landmarks"

GREAT BENTLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 13th October, 7.30pm Village Hall

Lavenham, Dedham & the Cloth Trades Medieval Boom & Bust

A talk by Simon Gallup. Visitors Welcome
Members £2. Visitors £3.

ART CLUB

The Great Bentley Art Club will meet on Tuesday afternoons in the Village Hall between 2pm - 5pm on the following dates.

Tuesday 11th October - Subject 'Twilight to Dawn'.

We normally bring our own photos for our chosen composition, or perhaps something from a magazine or book for inspiration.

Tuesday 25th October - Subject - 'Gardening Tools'.

Garden tools can make an interesting still life project and arranging some of them in the garden and taking a photograph is a good start for ideas. Gardening magazines and books also provide good source material.

The above subjects are suggestions only, as some work on their own projects.

We attended the Gt Bentley Flower Show on the 3rd September. There was a small selection of our work on show in the tent. Several people dropped in to view the artwork and have a chat, which was very nice. New members are always welcome.

Great Bentley Parish Council

REDUCED DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Great Bentley Parish Council at the Community Resource Centre Plough Road, Great Bentley at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st September 2022.

- 22/74 Public Open Forum** (Maximum 15 minutes)
A resident informed the meeting that cigarette butts from the Biker's Meetings were left on the green. The Parish Clerk was actioned to inform Friends of the Green about this.
A resident mentioned that footpaths at either end of the village at Thorrington Road and Weeley Road (3 & 11?) were difficult to walk through at present. The Parish Clerk was actioned to ask the footpath officer to check these routes to make sure they were clear and accessible.
- 22/76 Visitors Report** (ECC Alan Goggin, TDC Lynda McWilliams)
TDC Lynda McWilliams updated the meeting about the Ukrainian Families in Great Bentley and the return of the Clacton Air Show.
ECC Alan Goggin informed the meeting that there he had counted 87 defects on Birch Avenue Estate and that some may be considered dangerous.
ECC Alan Goggin reported that the sinkhole had not been repaired and that in future these should be reported on the emergency hotline not the normal reporting system.
- 22/79 Council Reports:**
Footpath Report – Cllr Peter Harry and the Parish Clerk were actioned to complete a footpath guide for Great Bentley for inclusion on the GBPC website.
- 22/80 The Green Working Party**
To discuss rats on the allotment site
It was proposed that we look into this further and to recommendations of experts. The Clerk was actioned to contact pest controls for more information and to look at alternative options.
- 22/83 Highways & Transport Reports:**
Transport Report
Cllr Peter Harry informed the meeting of the application to the Local Highways Panel for signage on Plough Road to reduce speeding in that area.
Cllr Luke Edwards reported that he had seen the Community Speed Watch team out and about and was happy to see them back in operation.

Speed Indicator Devices – The Parish Clerk was actioned to chase up the company providing the posts for the VAS Units. The Parish Clerk was actioned to find out if we had a previous order in place and to look into how we would make payments for these.
- 22/85 Planning/Housing**
85.1 Applications for discussion at meeting
[21/01560/FUL](#) – **Land to the South of Michael Wright Way, Great Bentley** – Proposed erection of six detached dwellings and associated garaging and infrastructure (uplift on original application - 16/00133/OUT that approved the erection of 50 dwellings, garages, roads, and associated works)
Decision: Refusal
29/07/22: An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Tendring District Council to refuse an application for the above development on 28 March 2022. (Appeal under Section 78) Appeal date: 25/07/22
- 85.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting
21-00977/DETAILS - Land to the South of Weeley Road and to the East of Birch Avenue and Pine Close, Great Bentley - Proposal application for approval of reserved matters including access, layout, scale and appearance in relation to outline planning application for up to 136 dwellings, allowed on appeal (Ref APP/P1560/W/19/3231554) dated 15/05/2020 as amended by 20/01176/OUT
Decision: Approval – reserved matters – detailed 08/08/2022 Committee Decision

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

Decision: Refusal

22/01123/FULHH – Randale, Weeley Road, Aingers Green - Proposed demolition of 3 No. single garages and replace with 1 No. double garage with storage area. With demolition of existing conservatory, erect new single storey rear extension, with part two-storey extension to the rear.

Decision: Approval Full

22/87 Grange Farm

Councillor Peter Harry reported that the TDC enforcement team has asked for a planning application to be submitted before the end of October.

22/89 Annual Playground Inspection Report 2022

The latest playground inspection Report was very positive and showed up only minor issues with the playground. Cllr Peter Harry and the Clerk were actioned to look at the minor issues for repairing.

22/90 Street Naming (Taylor Wimpey Development South of Weeley Road)

Cllr Alison Clarke informed the meeting that Taylor Wimpey Development were looking for new street names on this development and would the Parish Council be interested in offering suggestions.

Cllr Peter Harry as developer liaison was actioned to communicate with the developers on this.

22/91 Adoption of Great Bentley Station

Cllr Pippa Dennitts informed the meeting of the “adopt a station” scheme that had been put forward by a member of the public.

Cllr Pippa Dennitts proposed that the Parish Council support the adoption of the station and that the member of the public be invited to the next PC meeting to provide more detail of ideas. Agreed by all

22/93 Training/Events

93.1 Reports on attended events – Cllr Alison Clarke had completed her councillor training. Cllr Pippa Dennitts asked if any councillors were interested in the advanced councillor training offered by EALC. The Parish Clerk was actioned to collect the names of any councillors interested in this.

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GREAT BENTLEY RUNNING CLUB

On a very sad note Sunday 21st August was a day to remember our team mate Davina Swindell who passed away a little while ago. Davina was devoted to her dog Charlie and we chose the last trail route that she had run with him. We also used this as an opportunity to help a charity in Davina's name and raised over £1000. Her parents will present the cheque to a charity of their choice.

With the hot weather throughout August some people have been (sensibly) cautious about what races they attended. However there have still been many of our runners out there. On Saturday 10th there was the Stour Valley Path (SVP) with a distance of 50km. With temperatures hitting 34 degrees and the route being very exposed this was always going to be a tough one. Four GBRC runners completed the course, with Doug McGillivray running strongly to finish 2nd overall in 4 hours 15 mins, just a minute behind the winner. There were great runs also from Adam Toyne (6hrs 49mins), Simon Leggett (7hrs 9mins) and Tim Clifton (7hrs 49mins).

The club was involved in another trail run on Sunday 28th August. This was hosted by Paul Davison our men's vice-captain. He hosted this at his home and to support his incredible 7 marathons in 7 days fundraising for St Helena Hospice. This was another strong turnout and very generously supported.

Sunday 4th September was a busy day for the club as we participated in the Essex Way Relay Race. This covers a total of 82 miles, starting at Epping Station and finishing at Harwich Old Lighthouse. We entered three teams, who each took on all ten stages of the race, which is navigated by narrative trail instructions.

All our runners did an amazing job, despite a few stumbles on the undulating terrain, with all three teams making it safely from the outskirts of London, through the Essex countryside to the coast. However, a special mention must go to Gráinne Hallahan. Gráinne not only took on the opening stage of the race, but spent the rest of the day making sure people were in place along the route as driver of the Wivenhoe Community Bus which we had hired for the day.



There were some terrific runs but especially from our ladies team who finished in fifth place in a very strong field.

Paul Carlisle

OCTOBER DIARY

Tues 4th **LADIES CLUB**, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Fri 7th **COFFEE & CHAT**, Methodist Church.

Tues 11th **ART CLUB**, 2-5pm, Village Hall

Wed 12th **SANDWICHES FOR HOPE@TRINITY**

Thurs 13th **HISTORY SOCIETY**, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Sat 15th **COFFEE MORNING**, St Mary's Church Hall,
10-12 noon

Sat 15th **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**

Tues 18th **GARDENING CLUB**, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Wed 19th **EWT GROUP**, Beaumont Village Hall, 7.30pm

Tues 25th **ART CLUB**, 2-5pm, Village Hall

Fri 28th **MAGAZINE COLLATING**, St Mary's Church Hall,
9am

NOVEMBER

Sat 26th **QUIZ NIGHT**, Good Neighbours, Methodist Hall
7.30pm

DECEMBER

Sat 3rd/Sun 4th **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**,
St Mary's Church