

Great Bentley Parish News

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EDITORIAL

I am sure lots of you will have had your flu and Covid boosters now and how lucky we are to be able to access these at our village surgery.

The weather so far this autumn has been pretty kind and I am sure lots of you will have been clearing your gardens and allotments and planting bulbs to brighten up the spring displays. Maybe you are considering having an allotment and if this is the case then please do contact the Parish Council Clerk, details on front inside cover of the magazine. It is a wonderful, peaceful place to be and there is great camaraderie, it is indeed a community of its own. Just hoping next year might not be quite so hot and we will be blessed with a little more rain. This years growing conditions were some of the most challenging ever faced and crop production was poor. However, optimism abounds and I have been saving plenty of seeds to sow in the spring.

It's mid October and I cannot believe this is the penultimate magazine of the year. As I write this the weather is still beautiful but we all know a cold snap will not be far away. Don't forget to get those logs ordered, I think they will be in short supply this year with people preferring to use an alternative source of heating where available. Also don't forget to order your turkey. Hubert's Happy Healthy Turkeys have once again donated a £50 voucher and you can win this or a £25 one, by purchasing a square for £1 from any member of St Mary's church. Details on page 9.

A lot to take part in this month starting with the service at St Marys and then the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial. At the end of the month the event we all look forward to the switching on of the Christmas lights. After all of the gloomy economic predictions and the war in Ukraine, we all need this symbolic brightness in our lives to cheer the dark nights.

I have not mentioned the wonderful visitors we have staying with us locally, who have bravely left their homeland, Ukraine, to seek a temporary safe haven particularly for their children. There were six mums and their children but one lady and her daughter have already returned home and I hope they stay safe. They are without exception strong, brave and fiercely independent people who wish to work and get their children educated. Their hosts are also selfless, generous people who have gone over and above the call of duty to do everything they can for their guests. It has been a privilege to have met them all and to share in their gatherings.

So pleased to have our PCSO Julia back again. Give her a wave when you see her.

Stay warm and safe everyone,

Mary Maskell



2022

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FRONT COVER

Autumn View
from the
Pond to Hall Farm

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LETTER FOR NOVEMBER

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you to say thank you for your support with our Harvest donations. These have been delivered to the Food Bank in Brightlingsea.

At the time of writing we are all working to keep services and the Church running. We wish Rev. Sharon well and look forward to her return. Please keep her in your prayers.

November looks to be a busy month. We are welcoming our Methodist brothers and sisters to the Remembrance Joint Service on the 13th November at 10.00am in St Marys and at the War Memorial at 11.00am.

Advent is approaching and our service will be led by Rev Stephen Carter. This is the beginning of the Church "New Year". As we all prepare for the birth of Christ.

Peace of the Lord be with you.

Wendy King
Reader

PS. Shoe boxes in by 7th November.

MEMORY TREE

The Memory Tree will be in place from 26th November until 17th December.

Each Saturday it will be manned from 10am - 12 noon. Donations to St Mary's Church welcome.

Please feel free to add a star for a loved one at any other time.

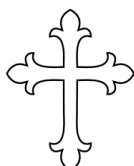
Volunteers will be needed to cover any Saturday.

If you think you can help please contact Wendy Smith 01206 250098.



DEATHS

Joye Watson
Richard Galleway



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.

Wendy Smith - 01206 250098

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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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to
Jane Carter

who will be 100
on 15th November





**GREAT BENTLEY
METHODIST
CHURCH NEWS**

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Search for
GtBentleyMethodistChurch

Greetings to you all

Welcome to worship at Church or on Zoom during November at **10.30am**

The leaders of worship below:-

November 6th Colin Tucker

**November 13th 10am Rev Tom Osborne
Village Remembrance and
Parade at St Mary's**

November 20th Maddie Whittle

**November 27th Rev Marion Cole
Holy Communion**

Coffee & Chat November 4th. We shall welcome a representative from Tendring District Council who will help you with any questions you may have about your mobile phone, iPad or laptop. Bring your device along for free help and advice.

Prayer Meeting. We meet for prayer on the second Wednesday of each month 9.45 for 10am at our Church. This month 9th November

Sandwiches for Hope @ Trinity, 9th November
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 is running as usual on Friday Evenings at 6.30pm till 8pm. Children in year 3 and older welcome.

Messy Church after school on Tuesday 15th November for children with their Parent/Carer. We have activities followed by a simple meal and finish at about 5pm

Autumn Fayre at our Church 12th November from 10am

ST MARY'S SERVICES

Saturday 5th November

Churchyard Clear up 9.30am.

Sunday 6th November - 3rd Sunday before Advent

10.00am Joint Benefice Service at St Osyth

Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Day

10.00am Remembrance Service followed by 11.00am at the War Memorial.

Thurs 17th Knit & Natter, Church Hall, 2pm

Sunday 20th November - Christ the King

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 27th November - Advent 1

9.30am Service led by Rev. Stephen Carter

ROTAS FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH FOR NOVEMBER

Sidespersons & Readers

6th St Osyth
13th Remembrance Sunday - Carole Allington
20th Richard Wainer
27th Jennie Moss

Prayer Rota

6th St Osyth
13th Remembrance Sunday
20th Nicky Justice
27th Wendy King

Coffee Rota

6th St Osyth
13th Remembrance Sunday
20th Wendy Smith
27th Vicky Rothwell

Cleaning Rota

5th David & Rosemary Branch
12th Edna Black
19th Mandy Miles
26th Bev Adams

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
79, Birch Avenue CO7 8LS

01206 681884 OR Mob 07870311610
email; linda.bear@sky.com

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Coast to coast

Say cheese

H20

Flying High

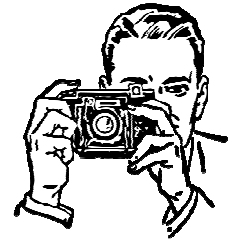
All the fun of the Fair

Gardener's Delight

Open

Children's Class

My Favourite Things



CHILDRENS SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

Please come along and join us for a cuppa,
biscuits and bacon butties on

Saturday 19th November
10am to 12 noon
St Mary's Church Hall

Please bring your Children's Society Box
with you

All welcome

Look forward to seeing you
Wendy King 01206 250852

If you have a raffle prize it
would gratefully appreciated.

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

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

Jennifer Ford

01255 821199

email:
weddings.stosythchurch@hotmail.com

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



DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE

TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

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

Please mark all material - "Parish Magazine"

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

A LIVING CHRISTMAS

Music by contemporary composers

with

THE DEANERY CHOIR

and Peter Clayton (Organist)

*Rutter - Bullard - Jackson - Todd
Hewitt Jones - Chilcott - Forrest*

Saturday 17th December

7pm start

**St Mary the Virgin
Great Bentley**

CO7 8QG

Retiring collection for Church funds

CAROL SERVICE

A highly unusual forthcoming Carol service.

Called 'A Living Christmas' it is unique because all the Christmas music to be sung by the Deanery Choir is the work of living composers.

Choir organiser, Graham Bell, has planned this event for some time, and has put together a programme of music by a great variety of contemporary composers; Will Todd, Bob Chilcott, Dan Forrest, Gabriel Jackson, Alan Bullard, John Rutter, and Thomas Hewett Jones, which will be performed, with readings, at St Mary's Church, Great Bentley CO7 8QG at 7pm on 17th December.

No ticket is required but there will be a retiring collection after the service towards church funds.

The Deanery Choir was formed in 2021 and has grown rapidly in strength, performing at services, weddings, funerals and special occasions at churches in the Tendring area.

For further information contact Graham Bell at:
grahambell493@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

We will be making Christmas Wreaths to sell at St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival.

They will be on mossed wire rings as usual.
If you would like to pre-order one please contact;
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01206 250524 OR
Jackie Kilby jackie@kilby-rawcliffe.co.uk
01206 250717

Our 12 inch wreaths will be £20
Our 14inch wreaths will be £25

We will also make some smaller 6 inch ones at £12 suitable for the cremation area.

Larger ones by request.

Please leave your contact telephone number.

You can come and choose/collect your **pre-ordered wreath** on Thursday 1st December. from 3pm

Others will be available over the weekend.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday 18th December

6.00PM



**Followed by
Refreshments**

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 25th November

Everyone Welcome.

Friends of the Green

Apologies for delay in putting in this report, should have been last month.

In the August magazine I finished my notes by saying – have a good day at the show! Having now experienced this year's efforts by the show committee, I fail to see how anybody could fail to be anything but very impressed. Something for everyone. Good to see such a well laid out venue and it was good to be part of it.



On a personal note, I was very pleased to see the pair of Suffolk Punches on display – thanks to John Laytham and his wife, members of the Suffolk Horse Society. They proved to be very popular with crowds around them all afternoon. On behalf of the Friends of the Green I would like to thank George Wright from Admirals Farm and Tom Tredgett (ACC Ltd), South Heath Farm for their support and sponsorship of the horses. The last appearance of Suffolks on the Green was with Williams & Griffins Pantechnicon at a village carnival many years ago, courtesy of the then owners, who lived in Great Bentley. Quite a spectacle on the day. Thanks to those who entered their tractors this year, although entries were down, I have had some positive feedback for next year from owners.

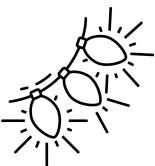
Our garage sale took place on the 10th of September and was again overtaken by circumstances (the passing of Her Majesty the Queen). Despite advertising on local media sites (local Spotted Village Pages and Facebook which totalled approximately 8,000 people) there was less footfall than usual but having had to cancel the previous one, we decided to go ahead. We thank the sponsors and participating garages for their support. Money from this event goes towards the upkeep and maintenance of the green.

At a meeting on the 12th of October, we were able to report that a donation has been made to the Parish Council to cover the costs of replacement posts and rails at the east end of the Green that were damaged three years ago. These rails mark the course of a past waterway which is part of the Green history.

Our AGM has been set for 7.30pm 9th November in the Vestry room behind St. Mary's Church and I would like to encourage people who have an interest in the upkeep and management of the village green to consider joining us that evening and possibly joining our small but welcoming committee. Everyone is welcome. There are approximately four meetings per year. If you would like any further information, please contact me on the number below.

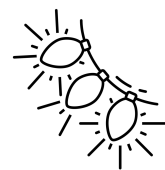
Michael Dorling
Chairman Friends of the Green - 01206 250724

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 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!

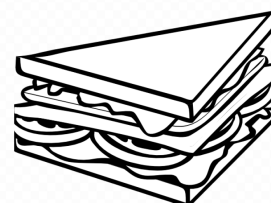
Thank You

Following my article in last month's Parish News regarding hope@trinity in Clacton I received several donations of ladies and gents clothing, warm blankets and other items which will help make a difference to the lives of an ever increasing number of folk who are facing difficulties and challenges they could never have imagined. When Jackie and I did our recent 'sandwich run' to 'Hope' we found a hive of activity as volunteers were busily setting up ready to welcome the men and woman patiently waiting for the doors to open. We spoke with Angela who is the new Deacon taking over from Janet who recently retired, hope@trinity was her vision and is now her lasting legacy. In order to keep on top of the mounting demands and pressures on all the services that 'Hope' provides they are to extend the hours they open to accommodate the varied needs of men and woman of all ages especially as we approach winter. If you are able to make a loaf of sandwiches and place each round in individual sealed bags marked as to the filling they will be gratefully received, there can never be too many!! Donations of warm clothing, gloves, socks, hats, underwear, sleeping bags, blankets, throws or basic toiletries will be a real bonus.

Details of the monthly ' sandwich run ' are to be found in The Parish Magazine included in Great Bentley Methodist Church information and diary events and please bring any donations of clothing bedding etc to me. Jackie and I look forward to our visits, we both find it very rewarding and I think the feeling we get as we unload the car can best be described as ' bringing Hope to Hope '

Thank you for caring,

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



FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES

Essex & Suffolk Border League Div 1

		KO 3 00pm unless stated	
Sat Sept 17 th	Holland Res	(A) W	9 – 0
Sat Sept 24 th	Heddinghams Utd	(A) W	2 – 1
Sat Oct 1 st	Stanway Pegasus Res	(A) W	2 – 1
Sat Oct 8 th	Tiptree Jobserve Res	(H) L	2 – 1
Sat Oct 15 th	Rowhedge	(H) W	5 = 2 Essex Junior Cup
Sat Oct 22 nd	Thorpe Athletic	(A)	
Sat Oct 29 th	Bradfield Rovers	(H)	2.00pm KO Cup
Sat Nov 5 th	Kelvedon Social	(A)	2.00 pm
Sat Nov 12 th	Silver End Utd	(A)	2.00pm
Sat Nov 19 th	Brantham Athletic Res	(A)	1.30pm Amos Cup
Sat Nov 26 th	FC Clacton Res	(A)	2.00pm



Essex & Suffolk Border League Div 3

		KO 3.00pm unless stated	
Sat Sept 17 th	Barnston Res	(A) W	1 – 0
Sat Sept 24 th	Burnham Ramblers Res	(A) L	4 – 1 Essex Junior Cup
Sat Oct 8 th	Brantham Athletic A	(A) L	3 – 1
Sat Oct 15 th	Great Bradfield	(A) W	2 = 0
Sat Oct 22 nd	Frinton & Walton	(A)	
Sat Oct 29 th	Bradfield Rovers	(H)	2.30 pm KO Cup
Sat Nov 5 th	Dedham Old Boys Res	(H)	2.00 pm
Sat Nov 12 th	Brantham Athletic Association	(H)	2. 00 pm
Sat Nov 19 th	Fitch Utd	(A)	2. 00 pm
Sat Nov 26 th	Great Bradfields	(H)	2. 00pm

GB were just too strong for Holland Res. Coming away with 9 goals scored and a clean sheet. A hat-trick for Harvey Evans and goals from Jake Bell, Archie Herbert, Ryan Grace, Rory Warin and Aaron Clifton.

We left the clubhouse in shorts and t shirts on the 24th only to arrive in Sible Hedingham 45 mins later to be greeted by persistent drizzle. GB came from a goal down to win 2 – 1 with goals from Archie Herbert and a superb direct free kick from skipper Jake Bell.

A tough game was anticipated playing away at Stanway Pegasus. It's always a disadvantage for the away team playing on an artificial pitch and with the Stanway Pegasus 1st team now playing in the Thurlow Nunn Div 1, the reserve team have been made stronger. Stanway took an early lead but GB managed to get back into the game in the second half and came out 2 – 1 winners. Our scorers being Jake Vaughan and the ever dangerous Harvey Evans.

Back on the Green. GB were hosts to Tiptree Jobserve Res. It turned out to be a very disappointing game for GB. We went a goal down after 5 mins and heads dropped. Jack and Brains used all our subs but we just could not get back into the game. Tom Gray scored a consolation goal from a corner in the dying minutes. After having "discussed" the game against Tiptree Jobserve with the squad before training on the following Tuesday evening. GB burst into action against Rowhedge in the Essex Junior Saturday Cup 2nd round. Ryan Grace scoring from a corner in our very first attack. GB dominated the first 45mins with further goals from Harvey Evans x 2, Jake Vaughan and Rory Warin. The use of "roll on/roll off" subs in County Cup games allowed Jack and Greg to give minutes to all 15 players during the game. The only downside was that Rowhedge were able to score 2 consolation goals. Leaving GB 5 = 2 winners and going into the 3rd round draw.

The reserves finally started their league programme winning away 1 – 0 at Barnston. John De Loup scoring the only goal of the game.

Essex Junior Cup weekend saw the reserves travel to Burnham on Crouch to play Thurlow Nunn side Burnham Ramblers reserve team. A very good and organised team. Final result was a 4 – 1 defeat. Our scorer was Jamie Pringle, GB giving a good account of themselves.

Second league game, GB beat Gosfield Res 3 – 0. Goals from Elliot McMillan x 2 and a "powerful header" from Will Archibald.

The trip to Brantham Athletic A saw GB lose 3 – 1 to a young Brantham squad. Our scorer was Adam Morton. Still on their travels, the following week the reserves were in Dunmow to play Great Bradfords. Comfortably winning 2 – 0. Scorers. Jimmy Whiting and Tom Jack.

As we move into autumn/winter we are now having to use the portable floodlights for the entire training session on a Tuesday evening. The turn out from the players has been fantastic with regularly 20 – 26 attending. We intend to have the clubhouse open for the England games in the Fifa World Cup starting late November.

Follow Great Bentley Football Club on facebook and twitter for up to date information

Come on the Bulldogs

Turkey Squares Christmas 2021

Thanks to the generosity once again of Hubert's Happy Healthy Turkeys, we are able to offer everyone the opportunity to win a £50 turkey voucher. There will be a second prize of a £25 voucher. Turkey Squares at £1 each are on sale now. If you haven't been offered this opportunity yet, from one of the numerous sellers in the village, but would like to purchase some squares, please contact me on 01206 250137 or 07802 268897 as I would be very pleased to assist, or 01206 250524.

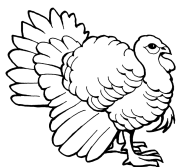
The draw for the £50 and 25 Turkey Voucher will take place at the Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church, Great Bentley, on Sunday 4th December.

All proceeds will be much appreciated, as they contribute to the upkeep of our lovely 12th Century village church which is open to the whole community.

Best wishes, and good luck!

Rosemary Branch

PS: N.B. to the Turkey Square Sellers! All squares, sold or unsold, plus money received, must be returned to me by Thursday 1st December. Please put through my door at 4 Wents Close, Great Bentley, or ring me for collection or Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage, The Green.



Village Christmas Post

I will be doing my annual Christmas Post Box for the the village and Aingers Green throughout December. Saturdays 3rd, 10th and 17th between 9.00am and 12 noon.

I will be taking up my usual position by the village sign.

All monies will be going to the Food Bank.

If any one would like to volunteer to help man the box or undertake deliveries please give me a ring or a text on 07751455132.

If you are housebound and unable to get to the post box I will be happy to collect your cards for you.

Many thanks
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Great Bentley Methodist Church

Autumn Fayre

BOOKS RAFFLE

CAKES

CARDS

GIFTS

TOYS

PRESERVES

REFRESHMENTS

LUNCHES SERVED

Saturday 12th November
10am to 3pm

NEW ADVERTISER

We welcome Browns the Building Company, see page 35.

FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 9th November

7.30pm

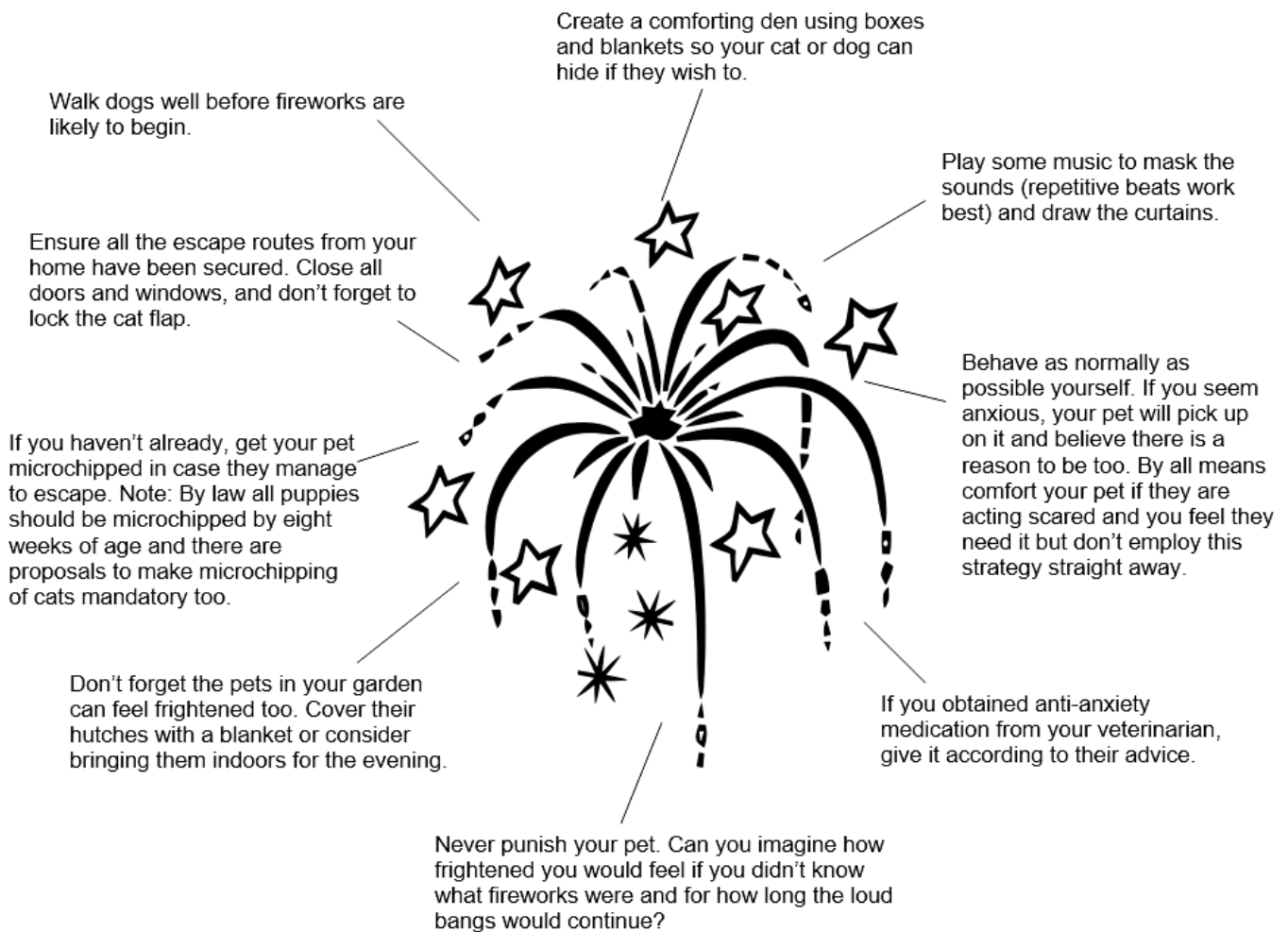
**Michael Wright Room,
Village Hall**

All are welcome



This is the first article I have written since Weeley Veterinary Centre opened. I'd like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has already paid us a visit and shared the joy of your pets with us.

Bonfire Night is just around the corner and here are my top tips for pet owners:



Dr April Young MRCVS



SESAW NEWS

That silly chihuahua gave me the best laugh I've had in ages! He was boasting about 'writing' Kenny's SESAW News since 2012. That's a decade to you and me – but he never admits to being more than eight years old! He can't even get up on time since the clocks went back so here's my cat's eye view of this month's news, starting with a reminder about our Christmas Fair. Our volunteers have worked hard to arrange our first festive event since 2019. Lots of gifts, crafts and bargains plus Jeanette's Terrific Tombola and refreshments served all day. Open 10am to 3pm on Sunday 20th November at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX.

Mother cared for a variety of wildlife casualties this summer, most have been returned to the wild including a bumper crop of hedgehogs. They have to reach a certain weight before being 'soft' released but they surprised us. The original ten hogs had increased to sixteen, thus delaying their departure until the babies were also large enough to leave home. Despite their spiky exterior, hedgehogs are endangered but humans can help by supplying drinking water and cat or dog food to eat, never bread and milk. They need gaps under fences to move between gardens and a pile of leaves and twigs to hide under - please check for 'Spike' before you build a bonfire.

The evenings are drawing in and it's too cold to stay out but I always grumble when Mother scoops me up to go indoors each night. Anyone who thinks I'm a pushover doesn't know me, Ollie (the Black) Cat!

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

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



BARBARA, GIRL GUIDING AND THE QUEEN

When she was 11 years old Princess Elizabeth made her Guide Promise with others in the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company.

When I was 11 years old I too joined the Girl Guides and made my promise to serve God and the Queen. Over 45 years ago I became leader of 1st Great Bentley Guides. During that time I led hundreds of girls making that same promise. It was traditional at the beginning to light three candles to represent the three fold promise, it's in the years past things changed. I enrolled Guides on a beach, on the London Eye and on one occasion under the Channel tunnel on our way to France.

Going back to 1978 we camped at Chigwell Row, just outside London. As part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977 the Queen invited Girl Guides to go inside Buckingham Palace gates. This was an open invitation for a year.

From Chigwell we went into London by tube and found our way to Buckingham Palace Road where Guides Headquarters was. After an interesting visit we walked to Buckingham Palace. The policeman on the gate let us in the gate on the left hand side. He told us we had timed it right as the Queen was shortly to be going out the far gate. We duly lined up and before long we were able to stand to attention and salute Her Majesty as she drove out.

Towards the end of my Guiding I became District Commissioner. This involved attending Division meetings. At that time our Division President was Mrs Joan Laudon who had been a member of 1st Buckingham Palace Guides with the then Princess Elizabeth our Queen.

The death of Her Majesty the Queen brought back some more childhood memories.

Growing up my sister and I were very much aware of the Royal Family. Our maternal grandmother Mrs Gertrude Oxborrow (Nee Linford) was born in Flitcham Norfolk. Flitcham is a small village on the Sandringham Estate. On her marriage to my grandfather she moved to Great Bentley, "Rambler Cottage".

However her youngest sister, our great Aunt Winnie remained in the family home. She met and married a carpenter from the village of Appleton which is also on the Sandringham Estate. We have a picture of Uncle Tom standing guard over the coffin of King George V who died at Sandringham in 1936.

Our mother as a child visited Flitcham several times to see her Grand Parents and Aunt. On one visit she received an invitation to a Christmas Party with the late Queen to Sandringham House. Unfortunately it was cancelled due to an outbreak of measles. Mum was sent two Christmas crackers from the tree. When she was a teenager Mum was a bridesmaid to Uncle Tom and Auntie Winnie. Uncle Tom was a retained fire fighter on the Estate and they rode from the church on the Sandringham fire engine.

Many years later and as young children we lived in Portsmouth. However in 1954 our Grandfather died and in 1956 our Grandmother died at her family home in Flitcham. By this time we were living in Great Bentley.

As a family we continued to visit Uncle Tom and Auntie Winnie. This was often at Christmas time when we would go to see the Royal Family come out of church on Christmas day. In 1959 Christmas day fell on a Monday and we went to Flitcham Christmas Eve morning.

In the evening of that Sunday the Royal family went to a Carol Service in West Newton Church. We as a family went as guests of Uncle Tom and Auntie Winnie to that service. We stood as fourteen members of the Royal Family came into the church. The Queen and Duke came in last. It was a traditional nine lessons and carol service. Prince Charles read one of the lessons. The Queen was expecting Prince Andrew at the time and wore a fur coat. The Queen Mother as they were leaving asked Uncle Tom who we were as she didn't recognise us. I remember asking my dad where all the relatives were. He said they were hiding behind the tombstones in the churchyard.

Looking back our family has had contact with three monarchs, King George V, Queen Elizabeth 2nd and King Charles 3rd.

Barbara Fookes

GREAT BENTLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB - CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Our under 4's team have continued to learn and enjoy their time with the club developing their ball skills and improving with the control and general kicking technique.
Coach Lee Barrett is in the process of arranging a team bonding session at Ipswich Town.

The Under 8 Blues won 13-2 vs Stanway Reds in a convincing victory.
Our Under 8 Red team got their first win with a 4-1 vs Frinton Reds.
The club is still looking for players at the Under 8 age group (school year 3).

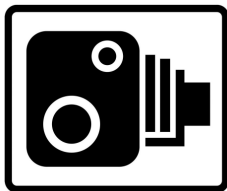
Great Bentley Under 9 Blues have made a great start to the new season, scoring lots of goals in some comfortable victories. The team is delighted to have strengthened the squad and are all incredibly grateful to Ed Wright wood burner and chimney sweep for sponsoring the boys amazing tracksuits.

The Under 11's have welcomed a number of new players to the squad and have been very competitive in all of their games so far, including a pulsating 9-goal thriller against Wormingford on The Green. We've had a number of away games in recent weeks so there's plenty of opportunities to give the boys and girls some support in their home matches on future Sunday mornings.

Our Under 16 Reds have only played one game this season, drawing 2-2 away at Halstead with goals from Evan Brady and Charlie Dobson. After losing a few players in preseason, we are back up to capacity with 3 new lads signing on and looking forward to games against Clacton and Wivenhoe in the coming weeks.

Yours in sport,

Great Bentley Youth Football Club



"Great Bentley Community Speedwatch Update

It's been a busy summer for the team in our growing village. As part of the Community Speedwatch initiative, our aim as the local team, is to raise awareness of speeding, and ultimately that we go out to monitor traffic in the village and have nothing to report to the Police - to see everyone driving within the limits. Unfortunately, that isn't happening in Great Bentley, not yet at least! Week after week we're spotting people driving in our '30' zones at upward of forty, fifty, sometimes even upward of sixty mph! People driving into one end of the village and finding it just too difficult to stick to a speed limit until they go out the other, and all this while school children wait for their buses or maybe just play football on the Green. We hear from people in the village nearly every week, asking whether we can do anything more about it. The short answer is 'Yes' - we could be out more often and at different times and different locations, but we need to build the team a bit to make it more practical to do that. It's a short and basic online training session, and then you're part of a friendly team of volunteers doing something really worthwhile for the village. Could you join us?

We'd love to hear from you! greatbentleyspeedwatch@gmail.com"

A FEW NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

WARDENS LOOK TO BRANCH OUT ON THEIR TREE-MENDOUS WORK

Tendring Tree Wardens gathered recently to take stock and update plans including reviewing progress on an experimental project. They came together last month for the first time in almost two years, due to the pandemic, to discuss ways of protecting existing trees and other valuable habitats, as well as looking at how best to maximise tree planting opportunities. It has been said that “Our volunteer tree wardens do tree-mendous work in protecting, maintaining and expanding our woodlands, and are real experts in the subject making them a real asset to our community.”

The group was updated on Volunteer Tree Warden Co-ordinators Mike Wadham’s project to plant one million hedgerow trees in Tendring, 100,000 have already been planted into the ground over the last two years. The group was also updated on the progress of the two experimental Dutch Elm Disease resistant Elm Trees, which are doing well. Anyone interested in becoming a Tree Warden, or in attending a meeting to learn more about it, should contact TDC’s Tree and Landscape Officer Clive Dawson on 01255 686155, or by emailing cdawson@tendringdc.gov.uk.

COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT TEAMS ROSE TO SUMMER CHALLENGE

For the past two years the council has published a Summertime Plan looking at how it will manage additional pressures created by the tourism economy such as littering and dog fouling. The priorities were chosen based on feedback from local residents, and the authority’s response has been improved in recent years through the creation of new internal enforcement groups and the introduction of Community Ambassadors.

Between June and August, the Community Safety and Engagement team carried out 333 patrols, while four warnings were issued for fly-tipping, the Dog Warden issued ten fines, and 3 abandoned vehicles were seized. The council also testified in court as part of a successful prosecution over animal welfare. TDC has bought mobile CCTV cameras and is equipping front-line enforcement officers with body-worn cameras to allow for better evidence should cases go on to fines or prosecution.

NEW GYM EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED IN TENDRING LEISURE CENTRES

New gym equipment is being installed in three leisure centres run by Tendring District Council. The kit will include a new look fitness area and track at Clacton Leisure Centre, and the introduction of dedicated free weights areas at Dovercourt Bay and Walton-on-the-Naze Lifestyles.

Installation work by Pulse Fitness began on Monday, 26 September, and lasted four days at Clacton Leisure Centre, and three days at Dovercourt Bay and Walton Lifestyles. To keep up to date on any schedule changes as a result, or to find out more about services on offer at TDC leisure centres, then follow them on social media or visit www.tendringleisure.co.uk.

CHARGES FOR REPLACEMENT RECYCLING BOXES

A small fee could be introduced for replacement recycling boxes in Tendring, in bid to stop abuse of the system. Currently Tendring District Council (TDC) provides free of charge replacement red and green recycling containers, as well as food caddies. The cost of buying the containers is going up and many reports of the containers being used for household storage rather than recycling, is the reason the council is proposing to introduce a small charge for replacements.

Everyone’s efforts with recycling in Tendring is appreciated, which has gone up significantly since the scheme was introduced, but with the increase in the cost of buying recycling containers there is a limit as to how many bins can be provided. It is hoped that the small charge will encourage residents to use the bins for their intended purpose. A set of recycling containers will still be provided free of charge to new homes, while those which become damaged by refuse collectors will also be replaced with no fee.

A small increase is also being proposed for the garden waste recycling scheme. The fee for this has been at £50 per annum, plus a £25 one-off charge for the cost of the brown bin since the scheme was introduced in 2014. This will now go up to £55 per annum, and the one-off charge to £35, this is to cover the inflationary costs of providing the service. The changes, if agreed will be implemented as part of the annual review of fees and charges in April 2023.

COUNCIL WELL-PLACED TO WEATHER FINANCIAL STORM

A meeting heard on Friday, 7 October that Tendring District Council (TDC) is able to “weather the storm” short-term – and is “in a strong position” to respond to the longer-term economic situation, A financial performance report discussed by TDC’s Cabinet set out the pressures faced by the council due to rising inflation and energy costs.

The Cabinet Member for Finance said every local authority across the country would be dealing with similar matters. It was said that thanks to TDC’s very careful financial management it is able to weather the storm in the short term and is in a strong position to respond in the medium-term; this means TDC can take time to react and make well-informed decisions. The future does look difficult, but it is possible to find sustainable answers. All TDC’s officers have been asked to look at spending and reflect upon priorities and looking to protect frontline services as much as possible.

A report set out some of the cost pressures faced by TDC, including an estimated rise in energy costs of more than £250,000, contract inflations, reduced government funding and employee inflation costs.

TDC’s Cabinet has also committed £859,200 of funding to some ongoing projects, including £600,000 towards the Starlings redevelopment project in Harwich, replacement recycling boxes and bins, and to extend some temporary staffing posts to ensure ongoing work continues.

It was also highlighted that while interest rate rises were a “double-edged sword”, it did mean an increased return on the council’s investments which could be as much as half-a-million pounds. Ian Davidson, TDC’s Chief Executive, said there was “no fat in our budgets” as some local government press reports had suggested. The financial position is concerning and there will be difficult decisions to make.

APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME LOOKING AHEAD TO BRIGHT FUTURE

An apprenticeship scheme operated by Tendring District Council (TDC) is looking forward to a bright future following approval of its way ahead.

Career Track has run apprenticeships for more than 500 people over the past ten years, both within TDC and at a number of other businesses and local authorities, supporting people to learn skills and earn at the same time. TDC's Cabinet approved Terms of Reference for the new Board of Governors at Career Track and gave its continued support for the service.

Career Track is a real asset to the authority, having produced many of the officers who are still employed by TDC. The service has been recognised in recent years for providing apprenticeships to several other councils and private sector businesses – and the renewed commitment to Career Track means it has a bright future ahead. A new Board of Governors has been set up following a recommendation made by Ofsted after an inspection in November 2021 stating the need for improvement.

Career Track was successful in renewing its status on the national Register of Approved Training Providers in April this year. The board has swiftly implemented a really excellent programme of improvements so that Career Track can now go from strength to strength.

GOLD AWARD FOR COUNCIL AS POSITIVE EMPLOYER OF ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

Tendring District Council (TDC) has received a gold award for its work to support employment of people from the Armed Forces family.

The council has been recognised for its work in the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, with officials collecting the award at an event in London on 29th September.

SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION TO SUPPORT PATIENTS LEAVING HOSPITAL

Sheltered housing in Tendring will be used to support patients leaving hospital; helping to relieve some of the pressure on health services in North Essex.

The initiative, funded by Essex County Council (ECC), will see otherwise-empty Tendring District Council (TDC) sheltered accommodation use go temporarily to home people coming out of hospital care.

It will help to reduce pressure on adult social care and hospital wards by providing accommodation for patients who are medically cleared for discharge but who cannot return home for other reasons, which could include unsuitability of their home, such as being on the first floor or due to issues with disrepair, and the 12-week period allows time for those issues to be resolved.

The three-year agreement was made by TDC's Cabinet on Friday, 7th October, and it follows a one-year pilot scheme funded by the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance which saw four flats used as temporary accommodation by ECC for up to 12 weeks by 16 people.

The initiative puts empty properties to good use and guarantees TDC an income, it also helps relieve pressure on our hospitals and social care services; most importantly, it will improve the lives of people as they can have their own space and not go into residential care.

It is also a more effective use of public funds, with the pilot saving Essex County Council an estimated £39,570, which helps tax payers' money go further and support more people. The pilot scheme reported that patients were less dependent on other support services, and there has been a reported increase on levels of confidence with a greater engagement in their community.

Following the Cabinet's decision, two more sheltered flats in Weeley will now be used, bringing the total to six. The Director of North East Essex Health and Care Alliance, welcomed the initiative. The system is committed to ensuring local people have access to high standards of care. Using surplus accommodation is to help create much needed bed space within our local hospitals.

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.

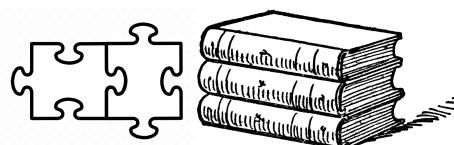
email lynda@boblyn.co.uk
Mobile 07564 613603

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

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church. A total of £127.50 was raised for CAP, Christians Against Poverty.

The next coffee morning at St Mary's Church will be in aid of the Children's Society on Saturday 19th November, 10 - 12 noon. You are welcome to bring your jigsaw puzzles and books along and donate it. We will hire them out for £1.





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



I would like to welcome Hallie, Alice and James who all begin with us this month. I hope you all enjoy your time at our Pre-school, I can promise you will gain lots of wonderful and exciting new experiences and make lots of new friends. I would like to welcome you all as families as you start this new journey with your child, we all look forward to working with you all over the coming terms.

Autism Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning is arranged for Friday 4th November 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, we would love to see you.

You do not have to have a child attending the Pre-school to come along, if you know of anyone that might benefit from this then please spread the word.

September 2023 Primary School Applications

If you have children due to start Primary School in September 2023 it's not long before you can start applying for your allocation.

The actual opening date for applications is November 7th.

Below is a link to the government website that will provide you with all the information and details you will need.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Registers

This month I will be working on the registers for the new term in January.

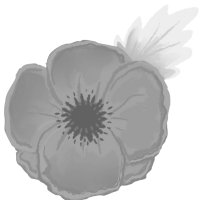
If you would like your child to join our Pre-School, please get in touch so we can start the introduction process and arrange a stay and play before we break up for Christmas, this will give you the opportunity to start building a relationship with your child's key person prior to them starting.



Contact details are above or message via our Facebook page.

Thanks for reading.

Julie



**GREAT BENTLEY VETERANS
REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER**

Following the short service and parade at the memorial we will meet at The Fusilier for a families Sunday lunch. Continue to wear medals at the Fusilier if you wish (it would be nice to see). We can mingle over a pre-dinner drink and then have Sunday roasts at 1pm. Menus to follow.

I have visited The Fusilier and they would be pleased to host us. Most are now on my WhatsApp Veterans Group for messages and information, however, there might be more out there who have not yet joined our group i.e. SSAFA, RBL, serving and veterans. Families and of course any visitors you have at the time would be most welcome. I need to have numbers, so please let me know.

Dave Flinn
Mobile 0742 114 1131

POLICE REPORT

RECORDED CRIMES - 6

From 28/08/2022- 22/09/2022

CRIME TYPES-

BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL X 2 - CRIMINAL DAMAGE - DOMESTIC - HARASSMENT - INTRUDER ALARM



INCIDENTS REPORTED – 17

INCIDENT TYPES -

A120 CONGESTION - ATTENTION TO X 2 - BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL X 2 - DRINK DRIVING - HIGHWAY DISRUPTION X 4 - INFORMATION X 2 - PEDESTRIAN - ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION - THEFT X 2 - OTHER x1

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

A white van with two males has been seen driving around another village looking in peoples gardens and houses. Be vigilant and if you see something that does not look right, get a registration number and report it.

DARKER EVENING - SAFETY

The dark evenings are drawing in. Make a habit of checking that your car lights are working and keep them clean, including the registration plate. Use main lights for dark/poor weather so you can be seen.

DARKER EVENINGS- PREVENTION

You can do a few things for safety measures, whilst you are away from home. Put lights on a timer to come on when it gets dark, If you are going to be away from home for longer periods, let a neighbour put one of their cars on your drive, giving the impression you are home. Put in motion sensor lighting at the front/back of your house/ garage and/or CCTV for extra peace of mind.

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/>

JULIA BRANDON PCSO 71108

Tendring CPT, Alresford/ Gt Bentley 101- Ext 440356 Julia.brandon@essex.pnn.police.uk

Christmas Present Surprise Room

Great Bentley Primary School

Do you have any unwanted gifts hiding in the back of your cupboard?

Could you donate a festive chocolate item?

A very special Christmas event at our school is 'The Present Surprise Room'. It enables the children to purchase "secret" presents to put under the tree for their friends and family (gift wrapped by The Friends of Great Bentley).

If you have any unwanted new gifts or can donate edible items such as festive chocolates, there will be a box in the main school foyer for donations.

In previous years we've collected items such as:

Toiletry items and beauty gift sets
Candles
Stationery sets
Books
Mugs
Socks
Toys and games
Stocking fillers
Chocolate selection boxes
Tubs and boxes of chocolates and sweets



**All donations gratefully received
until Friday 16th December.**

Thank you for your support.

The Friends of Great Bentley Primary School

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
GREAT BENTLEY**



CHRISTMAS TREE & CRIB FESTIVAL

Theme - 'TV Programmes'

**SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER
10.00am - 4.00pm**

**SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER
11am - 4.00pm**

Christmas Food Stall: Bottle Tombola:
Christmas Gifts/Crafts:
Tombola & Raffle
Light Lunches and Refreshments
Christmas Music

**Entrance £1.00
Children Free**



CHRISTMAS TREE & CRIB FESTIVAL

We hope to have a large Christmas produce stall at the Christmas Tree and Crib Festival so could you help by providing some cakes, biscuits, home made sweets, preserves or any other Christmas goodies. Cakes etc can be delivered to the Church that Saturday morning.

We would also welcome any cakes for the kitchen, bottles for the bottle tombola, Christmas gifts (new), Tombola and Raffle prizes and craft items

Items can be delivered to Wendy Smith, Burnside, The Green, Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage, The Green, or Carole Allington, Poplar House, Station Road
Raffle prizes etc can be left inside the church.

For any information contact
Wendy Smith
01206 250098

ANNUAL CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP

We will be having our annual clear up on
Saturday 5th November
from 9.30am.

Please bring a rake, loppers, pruners,
rubber gloves etc.
Refreshments will be served.

Everyone will be very welcome.

Please do come along and join us.



Bentley in Bloom

Another year has passed by and
back to winter planting by the few.

The flower displays on the green
are still looking good, despite the
hot sun during the year. It has
meant a busy time watering – at least twice weekly
for four months this year. The baskets have also
done well again, and most people are happy with
their displays. Again, they have needed a lot of
watering. The baskets will be collected during the
first week of November so please have them ready
and empty if possible.



Great Bentley Carnival and Fete Association AGM

Great Bentley Carnival and Fete Association will be
holding their Annual General Meeting Thursday 24th
November 2022, 8pm, at Great Bentley Village Hall
(Michael Wright Room).

This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in
supporting this traditional village annual event.

FRIENDS OF GREAT BENTLEY CHURCHYARD 100 CLUB

The 100 Club is run to financially support the up
keep of the churchyard, which is a benefit to the
whole community, not just the church community.

A square numbered from 1 to 100 costs £12 for the
year with a chance of winning (at least), 1st prize
£100 or 2nd prize £50, at each of the two draws in
the year. You can buy as many squares as you
like! The year runs from December, with the first
draw at the Christmas Tree Festival on 3rd and 4th
December.

Anyone who already has a square or two, will
receive a reminder letter. We thank you for your
support this year and hope this will continue.
Please return to Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage,
The Green. Please walk in to the porch and the
letterbox is in the inner door.

If you are not yet a member, would you be
interested in joining the 100 Club?

For more information, please email
Annabel Stearn at
wylieandsinger@talk21.com
OR call 01206 251518.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Do you want to keep village traditions, which bring
communities together?

Do you want to support an event that raises money
for local children's groups?

Are you able to offer a few hours of your time?

Great Bentley Carnival and Fete Association are
looking for volunteers to help with some of the tasks
that make up a wonderful annual event that brings all
the community together. We need your help leading
up to event day or on the day.

**If you would like to know more contact Julie on
07585558660 or come along on Thursday 24th
November 2022, 7.30pm at Great Bentley Village
Hall for a cuppa and a chat to people who have
experienced helping out us.**



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!**

Bird flu impacts centre

November 2022

Currently bird flu is having a massive impact on both wild and domestic birds, and locally many of us are in an animal control zone. For the safety of the staff and existing inmates at the centre, and to comply with legislature, Wildlives will be unable to admit any water birds, including but not limited to swans, geese, ducks and gulls for the foreseeable future. Other birds will be vetted by video call before any admission can be considered. We have strict biosecurity in place, and nobody other than staff will be allowed on site. If you see a bird in distress, particularly water birds, call the RSPCA on 0300 1234999. If you see a dead bird, keep pets away from it and do not handle it. If you find any dead bird of prey or owl, or three or more dead waterfowl or gulls, call the DEFRA helpline on 03459 33 55 77.

Please note all the birds featured in this month's newsletter were admitted prior to the recent local outbreak and will not be released until the avian flu government restrictions in place are removed.

The swan, pictured left, flew into power cables and was brought to Wildlives by the RSPCA who collected him from a local vet and checked him over. He had sustained an injury to his wing and substantial bruising, but is making a good recovery in his isolation pen.

The goose, shown below left, was brought in by the RSPCA after he flew into the side of a house. He was starving and emaciated, but has made a brilliant recovery, and is now waiting until bird movement is permitted again and he can be released.

Bonfire night is coming!

We wish you all an enjoyable and safe bonfire night, but please remember all the animals, both wild and pet, who are terrified by the loud bangs. Try to keep the noisy fireworks to a minimum, or even better attend a public display instead of having your own. Remember to make sure all your pets are in a safe place, preferably indoors. Hedgehogs love to sleep in bonfires that have been assembled early, so please do move all your bonfire wood to make sure that a little sleeping hog will not be burned.

A juvenile kestrel was brought in starving and emaciated. Sadly despite intensive care he didn't make it. Also starving, an adult female buzzard and a barn owl chick were also brought in. The barn owl suffered ticks around his eyes as well, which caused serious bruising. Again, both of these were too far gone to be saved.

The pigeon featured in last month's issue after becoming caught in a glue trap is now clean and recovering, but he will take some time to regrow the feathers lost to both the glue and the necessary cleaning.

A tiny hedgehog was spotted lying in the sun – against advice he was moved into the shade. By the time he finally came to Wildlives he had advanced hypothermia and could not be saved.



GREAT BENTLEY RUNNING CLUB

Some of you may have seen one of our members make the BBC local news recently. Paul Davison isn't satisfied or challenged by just one marathon anymore, and decided to run the London Marathon as his 7th 26.2 mile achievement in as many days. Now, to be this bonkers you need a reason, right? His was the St Helena's Hospice and not only has he raised a fantastic

amount for them, he has also given their great work the coverage it deserves with his antics being widely covered. It even resulted in him (and our very own Tim Clifton who is equally crazy having run for over 900 consecutive days) being televised on Look East! Paul's first 5 outings started at St Helena hospice, and he ran to the following:

Day 1 @ Hospice shop, Halstead, Day 2 @ Hospice shop, Clacton, Day 3 @ Hospice shop, Frinton, Day 4 @ Hospice shop, Dovercourt and Day 5 @ Hospice shop, Brightlingsea. On day 6, following his 'warm up' half marathon and then Highwoods parkrun he headed to the Northern Gateway sports park to finish with laps around the park area. The club showed our camaraderie over the week with so many of you joining Paul at various stages to cheer or run alongside him, enabling this machine to complete every single one in less than 4 hours! He described the final run at London as spectacular with great crowd support and many well-wishers from the club cheering him on.

On Saturday 8th October many Great Bentley ladies decided to be beside the seaside as we had a Parkrun social at Clacton Seafront. Sixteen females joined in the fun, with a few more marshalling. A mention for Deborah Hollidge who ran a parkrun PB of 23:20. It wasn't only ladies who took part at Clacton, with some sterling runs from our men in blue too. Mark Jasper clocked up his 34th first position! The local seafront café saw its takings soar as the main purpose of the morning was to get in for breakfast straight after the race. Mention food and there will be a hoard of Bentley runners turn up.

The sun was shining for the Tiptree 10 mile race on the following day Sunday 9th. The race was being held for the 34th time around the villages north of Tiptree and is obviously as popular as ever. There was the expected good turnout of Bentley Blues along with Doug McGillivray and Charlie Keitch who donned pacing vests. (They declare a time they will complete the race and maintain a steady pace throughout. This allows others to run with them and encourages them to improve their race times.) We had some great times with PBs from Hien Hoang in 1:22:34 and Lisa Briggs in 1:19:37. Well done on a hilly course.

On the same day Donna Harris went further afield to take part in the Royal Parks Half Marathon which runs through Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens as well as along the Mall and around the edge of St James' Park. She described it as very lovely and well supported.

Paul Carlisle

GREAT BENTLEY CRICKET CLUB

The season has now ended but we were able to celebrate the Colts successes on Friday 23 September. Awards winners as follows:

Cricket All Stars

Luke Agar, Poppy May, Henry Brown, Esme Giles, Eden Layman, Oliver Lukey, Alfie Robinson, Oli Raison, Freddie Barrett, Luca Sagnella, Albie Starling, Cordell Stanio, Ben Rogers

U11s Batting 2022 Season
Freddie Hood

U12s Bowling 2022 Season
Cara Healey

U14s Bowling 2022 Season
Ashton Rees
& Jess King

U11s Bowling 2022 Season
Freddie Pope

U12s Fielding 2022 Season
Aimee Robinson

2022 Season Coach's Player
Jodie Black

U11s Fielding 2022 Season
Evan Russell

U14s Batting 2022 Season
Lewis Brandom

U12s Batting 2022 Season
Alfie Youngs

**NOTICE OF AGM CRICKET CLUBHOUSE
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30
NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 5

Year 5 went on their local history village walk this week. Thankfully the weather was kind, the children were well behaved and had a wonderful time. Please keep an eye out as there will be a display in the local church.

Year 6

We have been editing our war narratives, writing them up in neat and then creating audiobooks. You will be able to read your child's stories very soon.

In maths we have been working on our arithmetic. We have been building our skills using long multiplication using decimals and trying methods from different countries. The children have done brilliantly and are making so much progress.

In art, the children have been building their knowledge of William Morris and designing printing blocks. In science they have been planning and carrying out experiments to test the effects of exercise on our bodies and ICT they have been learning about online bullying, how to spot it, how to deal with it and how to report it. That's not to mention History, RE, Music or French.

Great Bentley has successfully completed a comprehensive online safety training programme demonstrating its commitment to keeping children and young people safe online.

Great Bentley School has received a National Online Safety Certificate School Accreditation for its whole school community approach to protecting children in the online world.

National Online Safety is a multi-award winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements.

Its CPD accredited courses and education resources support UK schools in educating the whole school community in online safety - including all senior leaders, teachers, all school staff and parents – on how to make the internet a safer place for children. James Southworth, co-founder of National Online Safety said "Congratulations to everyone at Great Bentley on becoming a National Online Safety Certified School. By completing our training programme, the school has shown its strong commitment to implementing an effective whole school approach to online safety."

Reading Vending Machine

The school now has a reading vending machine and the buzz around school has been very exciting/ A few of our librarians and our PTA members Rebecca and Alison officially opened the reading vending machine. We want to say a HUGE thank you to our PTA but also to our school community who support the events the PTA host and therefore enable them to raise money for items such as these. We also thank Penguin Random House for the donation of new and current books to stock our reading vending machine. The children are very excited to start earning tokens to be able to have a brand new book to keep. Not only can the children earn book tokens through our reading challenge scheme but also by being nominated by the adults in their classroom for working hard on developing their reading skills across the curriculum.

Yr 5 Go on a history walk

On the 5th October 2022 the Yr 5s went on a history walk, here is what some of them said ...

"It felt like we are really here" Lula

"I liked the jump rope" Romaine

"We had fun dressing up" Imagen

"We all had lots of fun" Olly

"I liked hearing about the Church"

Mia



GARDENING NOTES

At the time of writing this the amount of rain we have had is very little, but very welcome. Our underground rainwater storage tank is starting to refill but the water falling on the ground has not penetrated to any significant depth. As expected though, the grass has started to green up. The water will also be just sufficient to allow weed seeds to germinate and you will need to hoe the seedlings.

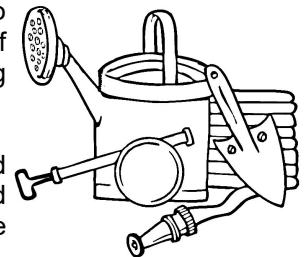
Take off netting from the top of fruit cages once all fruit is harvested. This will allow birds in to deal with overwintering insect pests and also prevent the net and /or framework from being damaged if we have heavy snow this winter. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries. Sow broad beans and peas either in situ or in pots for later planting out. Take precautions to prevent or limit damage by mice. They will eat seeds of onions, peas and broad beans. If you are really keen, you can sow sweet pea seeds for overwintering, however, we now leave this until the spring without appreciable difference in the quality of the blooms. Take hardwood cuttings of soft fruit such as gooseberries, currants and blueberries but expect it to be a year before you plant them out in their growing location.

The RHS has already started to review the effect of this year's weather on its 5 RHS gardens. Initial conclusions include that gardens on clay soil fared better and perennials are expected to bounce back providing the crowns are undamaged. The early shedding of leaves is a survival mechanism to slow down water loss from the plant when the roots are short of water. Some plants were identified as coping better than others especially those with deep tap roots rather than shallow rooted ones.

As the year moves on the possibility of night frosts increases. Frost tender plants will either need protecting in place or moved to a sheltered position. Remember to regularly check over stored produce to ensure there is no rot or other decay and also there is not a pest problem including rodent damage. Take action according to your own attitude to pest controls. Moving unusable windfall apples from grass onto adjacent borders will provide food for birds and other wildlife. In the flower garden several hardy perennials such as delphiniums and day lilies should be divided and replanted or potted up.

To try and reduce the incidence of blackspot on roses pick up all fallen rose leaves. Do not compost them but apparently, they are ok to put in your green waste recycling bin. Not really sure why the council can safely compost them and we cannot but this is RHS advice. Carry out some pre-winter pruning to prevent the rose bushes becoming loose in the ground through wind rock.

Make sure that plants growing in pots and tubs are sufficiently weighted down to prevent them being blown over. Use pot feet or some other method to raise them off the ground and prevent possible water logging. Wild life can be encouraged by putting up bug hotels and nest boxes now so they are ready for use when required.



If you have the space autumn is a good time to plant some of our native trees and shrubs that produce food for wildlife. Try and resist the urge to be ultra-tidy, as dead stems and fallen leaves can protect tender plants, encourage wildlife and over time can help to improve the structure of your soil.

A.O.

Facelift for Great Bentley Station?

Anyone who has occasion either on a regular basis or just now and again cannot fail to have noticed that it is neglected and unloved. This has captured the attention of one of the newer residents in our village so much so that she has approached Greater Anglia and Great Bentley Parish Council for advice as to giving the station a much needed Facelift. Her enthusiasm has been positively received albeit ideas and plans still in their early stages, however it would be lovely if this becomes a Community Project requiring many talents therefore whilst waiting for confirmation from Greater Anglia, Dawn would be very happy to hear from anyone who would be interested in being a part of this venture in whatever way they are able to contact her.

dawn@vinn.co.uk or 0120648174



Light up a Life this Christmas with St Helena Hospice

This Christmas you can make a real difference and help St Helena Hospice light up the lives of patients and families within the local community throughout the festive period and beyond.

St Helena Hospice is a ray of light for many individuals across north east Essex facing incurable illness and bereavement. For people nearing the end of life, Christmas is a time to make treasured memories with their loved ones and many wish to spend what may be their last Christmas in the comfort of their own homes.

Your support of the Hospice this festive season will allow patients to stay in their preferred place of care whether that is at home or in the Hospice, while also helping to fund St Helena's bereavement service and SinglePoint 24/7 advice line which continue to run throughout Christmas to provide total support and individual care to those who need it in the darkest of times.

There are a variety of ways you can help light up a life this festive season, such as taking part in the Christmas Tree-cycle – simply register your tree online and our dedicated hospice volunteers will collect your real Christmas tree outside your front door on Saturday 7th January 2023 and take it to be recycled on your behalf. You can also pop down to the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 25th November at our Stanway Brew, Books and Boutique store to pick up some wonderful festive bargains; or join in the festive spirit and hold a festive fundraiser at work, at home, at school or with a group – check out our fundraising elf-a-bet for inspiration!

We also invite you to join us in remembering and celebrating loved ones no longer with us by dedicating a lantern in their name to be displayed in either the Hospice garden in Colchester or at Beth Chatto Gardens. You can view your lantern on display at one of our remembrance services at either Beth Chatto on 11th December or at the Hospice on 15th December and reflect together at this poignant time of year on special memories shared with those no longer with us.

Why not also visit our online shop where you can buy a range of items including our brand new Timeless Winter candle which with a deliciously warm and festive scent of orange, cinnamon and clove is a perfect addition for your home, or makes a perfect gift; as well as stocking up on Christmas cards and more!

Wherever St Helena patients spend Christmas, your support enables our staff to provide light and hope not just during the festive season, but around the clock, 365 days a year.

Find out more about how you can light up a life at www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/lightupalife22

ADVERTISING IN GREAT BENTLEY PARISH NEWS 2023

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

**The costs will remain the same
Small square £55 per annum
Medium (landscape or portrait) £95
Quarter of a page £160**

**Advertisers currently supporting this magazine
will receive a personal reminder at the end of October.
Any new enquiries to marymaskell@sys3internet.net
Or 01206 250524**

**We could not produce this magazine without the support of our businesses.
Thank you all**

SURGERY NEWS



PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS

Our front desk reception staff are receiving lots of enquiries from patients about prescriptions. Due to their heavy workload, they are not able to assist with prescription requests or enquiries about medication.

We do however have a dedicated Prescription Clerk who works between 9 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday, who is able to help patients with these.

If you need to order a prescription, then we will need the request to be made in writing remembering to list the names of the medication required. Requests for medication can be made as follows:-

- By placing a request in the prescription box by the front door
- By submitting a request via the Great Bentley Surgery website
- Via patient on-line access
- By sending an email to the prescription clerk on their direct email: holliesprescriptions@nhs.net

If you have an enquiry regarding your medication, then the Prescription Clerk can be contacted on their dedicated telephone number: 01206 257557 and selecting Option 2. If you go into the hold queue and you do not wish to continue holding, you can press 1 which will then allow you to leave a message. Please remember to leave your name and number if you wish the Prescription Clerk to call you back.

If you contact this number on a working day before 3 pm you will receive a call back the same day, but if you phone after 3 pm, then you will be called back on the next working day.

Please help our prescription clerks by remembering to order your medication at least 3 working days in advance of you needing this. We are happy for patients to put in their prescription requests up to 10 days before they are due to start their next lot of medication.

HOLIDAY VACCINATIONS

We are now receiving an increased number of enquiries from patients about travel vaccinations. If you need to check whether your vaccinations are up-to date for travel, a Travel Risk Assessment form can be completed and submitted via the Great Bentley Surgery website. For patients who do not have access to the internet, a paper copy can be collected from reception for completion.

Please remember to do this at least one month prior to travelling, to ensure you are able to receive any vaccinations required in time for your holiday.

SURGERY TRAINING AFTERNOON

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 30 November 2022 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then they can contact 111 for assistance.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP – MEETINGS RESTARTING

The next Patient Participation Group meeting will be held at 6.30 pm at Great Bentley Village Hall on Thursday, 17 November 2022.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager



COOKERY CORNER

SAVOURY TERRINES

A terrine is a French delicacy of minced or finely chopped meats, organ meat, seafood, or vegetables with herbs or other seasonings packed or layered in a special ceramic or metal loaf shaped dish, cooked in a water bath, cooled, turned out and sliced very carefully with a sharp knife. Terrines are similar to pates but are usually coarser and are notoriously difficult to perfect but look very decorative and appetising when served as part of a special meal or celebratory occasion. They are served cold or at room temperature and a slice makes a substantial starter. A cooked cooled terrine can be kept in the tin for up to a week, or it can be removed from the tin, wrapped in baking paper and clingfilm, placed in an airtight container and frozen for up to two months.

PORK AND CHICKEN..... serves 6 to 8

375g chicken thigh pieces	500g belly pork	125g chicken livers	
170g streaky bacon rashers	4tbsp dry white wine	2 bay leaves	a sprig of thyme
1 cup fresh white breadcrumbs	1 garlic clove crushed	a pinch of mixed spice	

Remove the rind from the pork and bacon and medium mince or finely chop the chicken, pork and chicken livers. Stir the wine, garlic, mixed spice and breadcrumbs into the mixed meats and season with salt and freshly ground pepper. Stretch the rashers of streaky bacon with the back of a knife. Line the bottom and two sides of a 2pint terrine (or a 2lb loaf tin) with overlapping rashers, ensuring that the overhanging ends are long enough to cover the meat completely later. Spoon in the meat mixture and cover with the bacon. Place a couple of bay leaves and a sprig of thyme on top as decoration and cover. Place the dish in a roasting tin with water halfway up and cook at 160 degrees for about 2 ¼ hours. Allow to cool and then pour off the juices into a jug. Chill the terrine and the juices separately, and when the jelly is almost setting, spoon it over the terrine.

SMOKED SALMON..... 8 to 10 slices

600g smoked salmon	600g cream cheese	150ml double cream	1 lemon	1tbsp dill
2tbsp chives				

Zest and juice the lemon, and chop the herbs really finely, putting aside a few thin wedges of lemon and some fronds of herbs. Grease a 2lb loaf tin and line with clingfilm. Cover the base with a layer of smoked salmon trimmed to fit. Blend the cream cheese, double cream and the zest and juice of the lemon. Scrape the mixture into a bowl and stir in the chopped dill and chives. Season to taste. Spread one eighth of the mixture over the layer of smoked salmon as evenly as possible and top with a layer of salmon. Continue layering and finish with a layer of salmon. Cover with clingfilm. Press down gently and chill overnight. Turn out carefully onto a serving plate and gently peel off the film. Scatter with fronds of dill and chives and serve with lemon wedges and toasted soda bread.

DUCK serves 6

500g each of duck breast, belly pork and veal	125g pork back fat	¼ pint dry white wine
small orange	1 clove garlic peeled and crushed	salt and black pepper
aspic jelly to glaze		


Place the duck in a roasting tin, sprinkle with 2 level teaspoons of salt and cook in the centre of the oven at 160 degrees for 40 minutes. Trim the surplus fat from the belly pork and cut the veal into small pieces. Cut 4 to 6 thin strips from the pork fat and set aside. Put the belly pork, veal and the rest of the fat through the mincer and add the wine, garlic, salt and pepper and mix thoroughly. Take the duck from the oven, remove the skin, and bone and dice the meat. Use some of the cooking juices to moisten the minced mixture. Put half the mixture in a 2pint terrine or 2lb loaf tin, place the duck pieces on top and cover with the rest of the minced ingredients. Arrange the thin strips of pork in a lattice pattern on top and cover with foil. Stand the dish in a roasting tin with water halfway up and cook in the centre of the oven at 160 degrees for 1 to 2 hours. Remove from the oven, take off the foil and leave to stand for 15 minutes. Cover the meat with folded foil, place a weight on top and chill overnight. Remove the weight and foil and arrange the orange slices in a pattern on top and glaze with nearly set aspic. Chill again before turning out and slicing.

M.E

Our Village Quiz

All the answers can be found in the letters of

GREAT BENTLEY ESSEX

1. Alternative name for the voice box.
2. Raising agent used by bakers.
3. "I'm too _ _ _ _ for my shirt" 
4. Medium sized wild cat with tufted ears.
5. Pale style of beer.
6. Capital of the Falkland Islands.
7. Indian state whose capital is Kolkata.
8. Ring shaped bread product boiled then baked.
9. Surname of actor who played Thomas More in 'Wolf Hall'.
10. A goose, a London borough, and an oilfield.
11. Gareth, Welsh footballer.
12. Sausage or an old beat-up car.
13. Laurence _ _ _ _ _ , author of 'Tristram Shandy'.
14. The _ _ _ _ _ , U.S. band whose hits include 'Manic Monday'.
15. Sooty, fairy and arctic are all species of this bird.
16. British sitcom written and directed by Ricky Gervais.
17. Bay on the west coast of Ireland.
18. An 'eyesore'!!!
19. Milky fluid extracted from the tree *Hevea brasiliensis*.
20. Sheffield is famous for this product.
21. This insect produces formic acid.
22. Snoopy?

1.larynx 2.yeast 3.sexy 4.lynx 5.lager 6.Stanley 7.Bengal 8.bagel 9.Lesser
10.Brent 11.Bale 12.banger 13.Sterne 14.Bangles 15.tern 16.Extras 17.Bantry
18.stye 19.latex 20.steel 21.ant 22.beagle

CHRISTMAS POSTAL DATES

UK Inland Services

Mon	19 Dec	2nd Class, Signed for 2nd Class
Wed	21 Dec	1st Class, Signed for 1st Class
Thurs	22 Dec	Royal Mail Special Delivery guaranteed by 1pm
Fri	23 Dec	Royal Mail Delivery by 1pm with Saturday guarantee

HM Forces Mail

Mon	28 Nov	Operational HM Forces
Mon	5 Dec	Static HM Forces

International Standard and International Tracking and Signature Services.

Africa	Wed	7 Dec
Asia (except China People's Republic)	Wed	7 Dec
Australia	Thurs	1 Dec
Austria	Mon	12 Dec
Belgium	Wed	14 Dec
Canada	Sat	10 Dec
Caribbean (except British Virgin Island, Dominica and Anguilla)	Mon	5 Dec
Central America	Wed	7 Dec
China (People's Republic)	Fri	2 Dec
Cyprus	Thurs	8 Dec
Czech Republic	Sat	10 Dec
Denmark	Mon	12 Dec
Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia)	Fri	9 Dec
Finland	Sat	10 Dec
France	Wed	14 Dec
Germany	Mon	12 Dec
Greece	Fri	9 Dec
Hong Kong	Wed	7 Dec
Hungary	Fri	9 Dec
Ireland	Mon	12 Dec
Italy	Sat	10 Dec
Japan	Wed	7 Dec
Luxembourg	Wed	14 Dec
Malta	Thurs	8 Dec
Middle East	Wed	7 Dec
Netherlands	Mon	12 Dec
New Zealand	Thurs	1 Dec
Norway	Mon	12 Dec
Poland	Sat	10 Dec
Portugal	Mon	12 Dec
Slovakia	Mon	12 Dec
South America	Wed	7 Dec
Spain	Mon	12 Dec
Sweden	Sat	10 Dec
Switzerland	Mon	12 Dec
USA	Sat	10 Dec

CLACTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Clacton Choral Society bring Christmas closer with their special service of music and song, at St James' Church, Tower Road, Clacton, at 4pm Saturday 3rd December.

Included in the carols programme are excerpts from Messiah Part 1, and a carol composed by Peter Kenyon Jones, and conducted by Peter, and the concert conducted by Paul Siddall.

The ticket is priced at £10 and can be obtained on line rogerbroomfield@hotmail.com or 'phone 07949127216. Also at the door

GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE SHOW

AGM

Wednesday 23rd November

7.30pm

Village Hall
Michael Wright Room

A visit to Harwich

From the balcony of the Shipwreck Hotel in Shotley Gate, the container port of Felixstowe on the other side of the harbour dominated the scene. However, the presence of a massive sky-blue hull to our right, also demanded attention. As it approached, the slow-moving hull was recognised as being that of a container vessel which, having left the North Sea and carefully rounded Landguard Point, was entering Harwich Harbour. With presumably a pilot on board and tugs in attendance, it came to a stop in midstream, directly in front of us. In large black letters on the side of the blue hull was painted MAERSK. Thirty minutes later, this monster had turned around in order to have the bow facing the estuary from which it had just come and was moored securely at the dockside awaiting the attention of the ship-to-shore gantry cranes of The Port of Felixstowe. Directly west of the ship is the mouth of the river Stour, on which lies the port of Harwich, an important cruise terminal and the base for the International Vehicle Ferry service to the Hook of Holland and Esbjerg in Denmark. The river itself, famed for being the Essex/Suffolk County boundary, continues in a westerly direction through Manningtree and on to Dedham and Sudbury. The Orwell snakes north-west on its way to Ipswich. Therefore, the confluence of these two impressive rivers is a busy marine environment and, interestingly for us, was on full and open display from the hotel balcony on which we were sitting.

To watch this Maersk vessel being manoeuvred into position reminded us of a time when, some years ago, as two of only four passengers on board a similar container vessel, we enjoyed the five-week journey from Brisbane Australia to London Tilbury, a voyage giving us an opportunity to observe the essential support required by the colossal global shipping industry. Our trip from Brisbane was on board the Contship Borealis, a modern vessel of that time and, measuring around a quarter of a kilometre, was the maximum allowable length of ships transiting the original locks of the Panama Canal.

In most cases, just like Harwich Harbour, container ports are a development of natural deep-water bays and, for the Borealis, the route included visits to the modern facilities at Auckland and Napier on North Island New Zealand and Port Chalmers, the container port for Dunedin, on South Island. Port Chalmers, a delightful venue, is located at the end of the ten-kilometre long Otago inlet, where the ship finally docked close to the town centre. When in that town and strolling past the shops and cafes, we were amazed to view at the end of the High Street, the ship's stern towering above the houses, some thirteen containers wide and countless containers high, appearing as if the Borealis was parked in a layby. Some days later, having transited the Panama Canal, visited Colon in Panama and crossed the Caribbean, the ship rounded Florida and entered the Atlantic Ocean, sailing up the east coast of America towards the river Delaware, the state border with New Jersey. The journey up that magnificent river took most of the day, the ship slowly cruising under its own power through a flat, industrial environment until reaching the extensive container port of the city of Philadelphia. This was a vast low landscape and the very antithesis of Port Chalmers.

To see these ships of such magnitudes appearing so graceful, does pose the question as to whether that elegance is maintained when the ship is in storm conditions, how these great ships remain upright when fully loaded with a cargo of big steel boxes. Whilst being unable to offer any technological explanation, we did however endure a demonstration of the wonders of that science when, one night, the Borealis encountered a dreadful storm whilst crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Through the large windows of our quarters, high up on the superstructure and facing the bow, we had a spectacular view of the stacked containers before us and, with our furniture crashing to the floor, we were made aware of the worsening conditions. With every roll of the ship, the increasing angle seemed to reach the point of no return, but each time, the ship righted itself then continued to roll in the opposite direction, a continuous graceful rhythm as the vessel ploughed on through the darkness, the towering white crested waves slamming into the hull. When taking breakfast in the officers' mess the following morning, the raging storm was of no interest to others present whereas we, as soon as the elements would allow, intended to venture outside and give the Borealis a big hug.

Back to our hotel at Shotley Gate, we woke to find the fully loaded Maersk ship very low in the water, its many containers arranged perfectly along the length of the vessel. There was something magical about seeing such a seafaring jumbo parked in front of the now silent cranes, their work done, the alliance between ship and shore complete. But although the cranes were dormant, there was an air of expectancy present, the Maersk vessel appeared to be alive, almost sentient, its thumping generators developing power for the vast number of its on-board functional dependants, all fully operational as it awaited the order to depart. Where is it going? Where will it carry out the 'Man overboard-figure of eight' emergency drill? Will it require the new expanded lock system of the Panama Canal? The answers are unknown but wherever its journey takes it, be it through flat water or storm, we wish it well.

Both the busy Harwich Harbour and the Port of Felixstowe will be awaiting its safe return. **JE.**

GREAT BENTLEY GARDENING CLUB

We had a very successful and enjoyable Autumn Show in September and our AGM was well attended. Thank you to all Members who took part.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. Do come and join us for an evening of riotous entertainment with Darren Lerigo.

New members are always welcome and the subscription for this year has been set at £16.00.

Visitors are also very welcome.



BENTLEY GREEN LADIES CLUB

Our invited speaker for the evening was Mr Barry Sharp who gave an interesting talk on the Beacon Hill Fort in Harwich. He detailed the history of the fort which was developed for military use during the reign of King Henry VIII to protect Ipswich, Harwich, Colchester, and the surrounding areas. It was sold off in 1979 to a developer who planned to demolish it and build a luxury hotel on the site. With the help of the Harwich Society and the Town Council they managed to obtain Historic England status which stopped this development. Volunteers helped to clear the site and it is now run for the community and open to the public every weekend and bank holidays.

“The complex at Beacon Hill could well be one of England’s last but most significant unexplored historical landmarks”

Date for your diary: Next meeting Tuesday 1st November 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. New members & guests welcome.

Clacton Lifeboat Station
with a member of the RNLI

GREAT BENTLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 10th November, 7.30pm Village Hall

Clacton Man & Woman - The first settlers in England

A talk by Adam Wightman

Visitors Welcome. Members £2. Visitors £3.

ART CLUB

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

Tuesday 8th November

Subject - Trees in the style of David Hockney. Plus some discussion about next years programme.

Tuesday 22nd November

Subject - Drawing or painting a favourite possession, ie. could be a small item or a photo.

Subjects are suggestions only. New members are always welcome.

Great Bentley Parish Council Environment Working Group

Following on from my article in the July magazine, I'm glad to report that the Parish Council Climate Working Group (now the Environment Working Group) has met several times.

It has also attracted quite a degree of interest. Membership consists of three Councillors - Pippa Dennitts, Luke Edwards and myself; as well as three parishioners - Andrew Whitefield, Bryon Teates and Dave Flinn.

The group's terms of reference are broadly: to consider ways in which Great Bentley Parish Council can respond to the climate crisis; to research options and gather information about which ones to pursue; and to put proposals forward to the Parish Council.

One of the first projects we are considering is how to increase biodiversity on the village green and, to that end, we have already visited a similar scheme in Wivenhoe to get advice on how best to approach this. The chairperson of Friends of the Green, Mick Dorling, has kindly offered to provide us with input from time to time. In the longer term, we would also like to encourage more recycling in the village and consider implementing a speed limit of 20 on some of our roads.

Readers might also be interested to know that Essex County Council is trying to play its part in reducing carbon emissions and together with the Essex Climate Action Commission, it has produced three Climate Action Advice packs: for residents, businesses and schools which can be downloaded from: <https://www.essexclimate.org.uk/what-can-i-do>

The advice packs offer a variety of cost-effective tips, useful advice and achievable recommendations which aim to help reduce your carbon footprint, lessen our impact on the planet and include money-saving tips to help tackle the cost-of-living crisis. Although printed copies are no longer available the parish clerk has one in his office that can be viewed.

They were developed in response to the recommendations set out in the Essex Climate Action Commission's Net Zero-Making Essex Carbon Neutral, which was launched at the same time the Council announced its Climate Action Challenge Fund.

The £500,000 [Essex County Council Climate Action Fund](#), which is available until March 2023, offers grants of up to £20,000 to support voluntary and community activities tackling key climate issues in the county.

In that vein, we'd like to share news of a scheme that we believe could help some households in our village. This is available via an organisation called the Energy Saving Trust which is offering a Sustainable Warmth Grant to help with energy saving home improvements, like insulation, renewable heating systems and double glazing. For more details, see article below.

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SUSTAINABLE WARMTH GRANT

Readers may be interested to know that there is help available to make home improvements that will increase energy efficiency in our homes.

The funding via the Sustainable Warmth Grant is available to homeowners, private tenants and people in social rented accommodation who live in a home with a low energy rating (EPC D to G) and have a household income of less than £30,000 a year, or are unemployed and receive an income, health or disability benefit.

Applicants have to provide evidence of the income for all adults in the household after submitting the initial form and will need to allow at least 25 working days to receive an acknowledgment of their application from Warmworks who are working with the Energy Saving Trust to administer the scheme on behalf of the government.

You can find the most recent Energy Performance Certificate for your home via:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate>

If you're eligible, here's the link to apply:

<https://surveys.est.org.uk/s/GreenHomesGrantSchemeLAD/>

TENDRING PRIMARY RECYCLE SCHEME

Tendring Primary Recycle Scheme (TPRS) is a community environmental and recycling group.

The main recycling work of the group is carried out in conjunction with a company called TerraCycle, who with the help of major sponsoring manufacturers, have developed the technology to recycle the very hard-to-recycle plastics, which cannot be taken via kerbside collections. TerraCycle pay a small amount to organisations such as primary schools, for the waste received and TPRS are currently signed up to 30 of the schemes available. In 2020 more than £5,100 was raised for Tendring Primary School, from nothing more than waste items which would have simply gone into the bin.

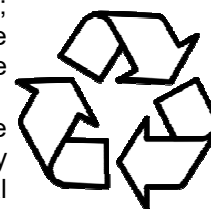
Importantly, the waste received by TerraCycle is broken down and recycled into items such as outside furniture, plant pots, playground safety flooring etc. This moves waste from a linear system to a circular one – with the waste going forward to have a whole new life.

30 schemes collected through the group include items as diverse as empty toothpaste tubes, used toothbrushes, water filter cartridges, bakery packaging and cheese wrappers; which can be taken to one of the 23 TPRS drop-off points across the Tendring District. From there the waste will be taken to the group's sorting cabin situated within the school grounds, where final sorting takes place before the waste is boxed and despatched to TerraCycle.

Details of the schemes and what can and can't be accepted within them, can be found on the excellent Tendring Primary Recycle Scheme website at <https://tendringprimaryrecyclescheme.weebly.com/> The website also details all of the drop-off locations; gives tips on how to sort your recycling; provides details of how and where numerous everyday items can be recycled outside of the group, along with many more helpful links and information. Details can also be found on the group's Facebook page.

Several years on from the group's inception, along with the core recycling work, the group has now expanded into so much more. Endless items are gifted and re-homed daily (free of charge) through the group Facebook page, and numerous local and international groups and charities are supported by the many 'Pass On' items accepted. The work is now vast, saving tonnes of items annually from landfill.

If you are not on Facebook or do not have access to the internet and would like to know more, please contact 07808239141 or 07956411166.



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MILL WOOD, GREAT HOLLAND/TWIG/BOB BEVAN



A celebration, delayed by Covid was held on 17th September at Great Holland to mark the 25th anniversary of the planting of Mill Wood. In February 1995 4500 native trees were planted on an arable field behind Great Holland Pits nature reserve. It arose through the Tendring Initiative Group set up by Bob and Ann Bevan from Clacton, local members of Greenpeace and a few others. It had been intended that this founding group could attend but sadly Bob, who had been ill for some time, died in hospital, rather poignantly later the same day. The setting up of TWIG arose from his local joinery works using timber and a wish to give something back with some appropriate tree planting. He was also active in the local council and a chairman of the district council. After moving to Thorpe they often visited Mill Wood and were heartened to see its steady growth.

The field of some twelve acres was bought through a public appeal and with the Woodland Trust assisting with provision of the trees. Essex Wildlife Trust were also closely involved with the field abutting the old gravel pits that had been a nature reserve since 1971. Over the years as the trees grew a management agreement between the Woodland Trust and EWT has resulted in them being looked after by the same largely volunteer team with long-serving honorary warden, Bob Seago. So far this has mainly been keeping the pathways clear that are essential glades for wildflowers and insects.

In 1995 local folk helped with the planting that lent a communal interest in its development. I remember the stony, dry sloping ground at first seemed of doubtful potential for tree-planting. Ideas about Global Warming were already current and certainly watering so many trees was impractical. Yet the losses have proved minimal, some evidence of Ash Dieback has arisen, but essentially the trees have romped away through more frequent dry years over what is now twenty-seven years.

The celebration on a bright morning with autumn tints appearing included some longstanding neighbours who helped with the original planting and the Great Holland Pits team with Bob Seago who led a walk round. He pointed out interesting trees and certain issues of managing them. Di Humphreys from Walton represented the original TWIG committee and outlined the remarkably short time between the Bevans' initial idea and getting the young trees planted. Clive Dawson, TDC tree officer and members of EWT local group also attended. Mike Wadham, concluded a pleasant occasion outlining how in recent years the original TWIG ethos has been continued with ambitious, mainly hedge-planting schemes locally and further afield, employing young school-leavers. Linking small woodlands with wildlife corridors that he pioneered at Great Bentley he has ambitions of rolling out on a landscape level across the wider county.

For your diary: Thurs 17th Nov at 7.30pm "Farming with Wildlife in Mind" Patrick Barker, Suffolk farmer at Gt Bentley village hall, organised by EWT Tendring group **NB** this change to previously advertised Local Wildflower/Moth topic, now postponed until Thurs 26th Jan 2023

Penguin Random House Site Tour

It is easy to assume that the Penguin Random House site (formerly TBS) on the A133 is in Frating, when in fact it actually falls in the Great Bentley Parish.

So when the Parish Council were offered the opportunity to have a tour of the site we jumped at the chance! It was eye-opening to see the sheer magnitude and complexity of the operation, from shipments coming in, to storage, sorting, picking and packing for onward shipping. Everything from single books to multiple pallets going to the UK and the rest of the world.

It was great to hear about all of the Penguin Random House community and social activities, such as support for the RNIB, working with schools and sponsoring World Book Day and the Big Essex Reads for summer and winter. We were also very interested to hear that PRH support volunteering days for their employees.

I would like to send a huge thank you to Colin James Managing Director - PRH Distribution, Cheryl Arthur - Head of Customer Services and Neil Springall - Head of Operations, all of whom were wonderful hosts and tour guides, explaining the way the site runs, plans for the future and answering all of our questions.

Thank you also to Cllr Luke Edwards for arranging the visit

Great Bentley Parish Council

Abbreviated 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, 6th October 2022.

- 22/104 Cadent Gas**
The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Cadent Gas to make good repairs on the village green. It was agreed that the Parish Council request a site visit with a representative from Cadent Gas.
- 22/105 Clerk's Report**
The clerk reported to the meeting that he had been in touch with several companies, including Rentokil who had conducted a site visit. The companies suggested the use of either poison or traps. The clerk reported further that the Parish Council had requested information on humane ways to deal with rats, the suggestions for these included turning over compost heaps regularly, not using food scraps on compost heaps and to restrict the food available to rats.
It was agreed to get a contractor on site and use poison to deal with the rats.
- 22/108 Environmental Working Group**
It was agreed that we proceed with the Licence to Plant draft letter
It was agreed to give a grant donation of £50 towards the cost of seeds for planting.
It was agreed that this area be removed from the ground maintenance contractor's work list.
- Environmental Working Group Update:**
It was agreed to put the Climate Pack & Carbon Footprint Report on the Parish Council website.
It was agreed to approve initial work for EWG Andrew Whitefield and RFO, Jennifer Spear to look into the feasibility of on an Energy Audit.
- 22/112 Planning/Housing**
112.1 Applications for discussion at meeting
Planning Appeal at the Moors
It was agreed to write a letter to Tim Snow to inform him that the Parish Council's position remains unchanged on this planning application.
- 22/115 Salt Spreader**
It was agreed to recommend and purchase a salt spreader on behalf of the Parish Council up to £800 (excluding VAT).
- 22/116 Chelmsford Motor Club, Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton 2023 (22 & 23 April 2023)**
The Parish council gave permission for this well organised event to go ahead.
- 22/119 Great Bentley Train Station Adoption**
A Member of the Public informed the meeting of plans to adopt the Great Bentley Train Station and to look at ideas that included colour schemes for painting, boards that would have pictures on them from various groups and also appealed for volunteers to help out.
Cllr Alison Clarke volunteered to act on behalf of the Parish Council and liaise with the member of the public.
- 22/121 Street Naming**
Cllr Peter Harry informed the meeting of historical connections with names that would be suitable suggestions for street naming in Great Bentley.
It was agreed to offer alternative names for streets as follows:
Marvin Way, Windsor Road, Farmington Way, Wethersfield View, Middleton Road & Lords Close.
- 22/122 Remembrance Service**
Cllr Pippa Dennitts confirmed that she would be in attendance at the annual wreath laying service at the war memorial.
It was agreed to purchase a wreath for the Remembrance Day Service.
- It was agreed that wreaths and flowers remain at the war memorial until they become unsightly or become a problem due to issues such as the wind.
Mick Dorling to be responsible for removing anything from the war memorial area.
- 22/123 TDC Review of Conservation Areas**
It was noted that the formal consultation process for conservation areas would be at the Great Bentley Village Hall on the 19th October 2022.
This item was added for the November agenda under item 22/126.
- 22/127 To confirm date and time of next meeting**
Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7.00 p.m.
The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

BELLRINGERS UPDATE

Now that the period of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd is over, we have started to ring the bells more regularly again, both during our regular Monday and alternate Wednesday evening practices, and of course for Sunday services.

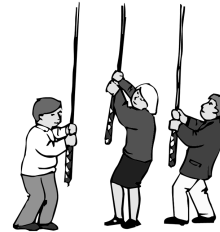
We have also rang a $\frac{1}{4}$ peal consisting of 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles on the church bells to celebrate the accession to the throne of His Majesty King Charles 3rd. Ringing and completing the 1260 changes required for it to be noted as a true $\frac{1}{4}$ peal and noted in ringing records is a major achievement for all ringers. This occasion was also notable as it was the first time that George Wright has rung a $\frac{1}{4}$ peal and the first time for 30 or more years that this length was completed by a band made up solely of Great Bentley Church Bell Ringers!

Over the last 2 weeks we have been practicing some special ringing for Remembrance Sunday and the annual anniversary of the armistice which was signed at 11 o'clock on the 11th November 1918. So please listen out for the bells around this time.

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 and technique! As a band, we ensure that all our ringers are taught in a correct and safe way.

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NOVEMBER DIARY

- Tues 1st **LADIES CLUB**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 3rd **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7pm Village Hall
- Fri 4th **COFFE & CHAT**, Methodist Church
- Fri 4th **AUTISM COFFEE MORNING**, 9.30am, Village Hall
- Sat 5th **CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP**, 9.30am
- Tues 8th **ART CLUB**, 2pm, Village Hall
- Wed 9th **FRIENDS OF THE GREEN AGM**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 10th **HISTORY SOCIETY**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 12th **AUTUMN FAYRE**, Methodist Church, 10-1.30pm
- Sun 13th **REMEMBRANCE DAY**
- Mon 14th **CRICKET CLUB AGM**, Clubhouse, 7.30pm
- Tues 15th **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**
- Thurs 17th **KNIT & NATTER**, Church Hall, 2pm
- Thurs 17th **PATIENT PARTICIPATIOON GROUP**, 6.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 17th **EWY Tendring Group**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sat 19th **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING**,
10-12 noon, Church Hall
- Sat 19th **CANTATE - A MUSICAL WORLD**, St James Church,
Clacton 3pm
- Sun 20th **SESAW CHRISTMAS FAIR**, Old School, Long Melford
- Tues 22nd **GARDENING CLUB**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Tues 22nd **ART CLUB**, 2pm, Village Hall
- Wed 23rd **VILLAGE SHOW AGM**, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Thurs 24th **CARNIVAL AGM**, 8pm, Village Hall
- Fri 25th **HOSPICE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**, see page 24.
- Fri 25th **MAGAZINE COLLATING**, Church Hall, 9am
- Sat 26th **QUIZ NIGHT**, Good Neighbours, Methodist Hall, 7.30pm
- Sun 27th **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**, 5pm

DECEMBER

- Sat 3rd/Sun 4th **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**,
St Mary's Church
- Mon 5th **PRESCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY**, St Mary's Church, 6pm
- Tues 6th **PRESCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY**, St Mary's Church, 2pm