

# EDITORIAL

# SEPTEMBER

## 2005

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My favourite display at Hampton Court Flower Show is undoubtedly the one staged by the NFU. The combination of flowers and vegetables always looks stunning. Many villagers will I am sure have been equally impressed by the beautiful fields of lettuces surrounding our parish boundary and through Thorrington and Frating. Hope you enjoy the article on Anglia Salads in this months issue. For devotees of Sloe Gin then do stock up on the bottles of your favourite brand of gin as the hedgerows are yielding bumper crops this year, (and just think, you could be preparing your first entry for the 2006 Village Show). Harvest Festivals take place this month and we give you a flavour of this with the September front cover.

We all, I am sure value the precious tradition of democracy in this country. For Great Bentley residents, it has come at a price. I am sure that you will all be as shocked as I was to learn that the recent by-election has cost **all of us** a staggering £1,323.06. This for a turnout of just 14.3%. Thankfully the day before your magazine is completed we learn that just one candidate has put their name forward for the electable vacancy. **N.B. THE PARISH COUNCIL STILL NEEDS TO CO-OPT 1 PERSON. PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD.**

We receive full coverage of recent cricket matches this month. Nationally, we are told, there has been a resurgence of interest in cricket by the younger generation, inspired by England's recent nail-biting performances in the Ashes Test Series. Here in our village on a Thursday evening 30+ youngsters have been really hooked on the game for the past few months. The club has made immense efforts to improve facilities for the village not least of all by building the excellent boundary wall. (The new Great Wall of China?) Good to read that Neil Foster is to become the Physio at the PRFC, see page 26. In his playing days, Neil donated at least two of his Essex sweaters to raise funds for the Gt. Bentley Colts Teams.

For the youth of the village more opportunities are being offered by the Football Club and the Plough Road Fitness Centre. See details on page 17. We have a huge number of brilliant teenagers in our village. Sadly a handful are ruining things for everyone by their behaviour.

There was no response to the Crime Form in the August magazine at the time of going to print. Do we therefore assume we have no problems in the village at all? N.B. The Mobile Police Unit will be here on the **2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.**

The opportunity is available to **all residents** to attend the East Essex Area Forum, see page 9. The threat of massive building projects at Frating/Great Bromley are still a possibility. Time to make your opinions known.

Don't forget the Village Show, 3rd September. Let's hope the weather's kind.

Mary Maskell

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# *The Monthly Letter*

## *September 2005*

Dear Friends,

Thirty years ago I had the pleasure of taking my sister's wedding. Then came the christenings of her children. Now the generations have gone full circle and I've just had the pleasure of taking her daughter's wedding. To quote the "Fiddler on the Roof" (and that really dates me) "I don't remember growing older; when did they?"

It has been rather satisfying to round off the cycle in this way. It has also been good to get together with kith and kin and to celebrate the continuity of family life and love in which we share.

There are cycles in nature too. After the Winter, we were cheered up by the Spring and relaxed through the Summer Holidays. Now the Autumn colours are appearing, the harvest is already well under way and we shall soon be celebrating the Harvest Festival. There is something very satisfying about rounding off the growing season and enjoying the fruits of all that skill and hard work. There is also a lovely sense of continuity as we celebrate God's love revealed for us year by year in the ongoing cycle of nature.

There are also cycles of life. It would be rather fun if I were still around, aged 88 or so, to take a wedding for my niece's daughter in another 30 years. On the other hand I feel quite peaceful about the possibility that the cycle of my own life might be completed by that time. I'll be quite happy to sing along with the congregation from a grandstand view in heaven! Similarly I was very aware at my niece's wedding that the choirs of heaven, including all those whom we love but see no longer, were singing along with us. As the cycles of life go round there is still the continuity of God's eternal life and love. As the Autumn leads into the season of All Saints and Remembrance, it will be good to hold that assurance in our hearts.

Yours sincerely,  
Bernard Metcalfe (Church of England Vicar)

**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER MAGAZINE**

**WEDNESDAY 14th September 2005**

**ALL material to Mary Maskell, Caldew Cottage, The Green, 250524**

Please mark all material - "Parish Magazine"

**e-mail: [Carole@pncallington.co.uk](mailto:Carole@pncallington.co.uk) (Please note change of email address)**

- Subject: Parish Magazine

**Text only please - no pictures or graphics**

**EARLY COPY WOULD BE APPRECIATED**

# SERVICES AND EVENTS IN GREAT BENTLEY DURING SEPTEMBER 2005

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

Seekers every Monday during term time -  
Church Vestry Room 3.30-4.30pm

Bell Ringing Practice every Monday - 7.30pm

Choir Practice every Thursday - 7.30pm

Thur. 1<sup>st</sup> 10.15pm Mothers Union in the Vestry Room

### SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am United Service in the Marquee on the Green

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Meditative Prayer Group at Windsor, Clacton Rd., Thorrington

Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion

### SAT. 10<sup>TH</sup> FLOWER FESTIVAL & ART EXHIBITION OPENS 10.00 - 5.00pm

Friends of Essex Churches Cycle Ride

### SUN. 11<sup>TH</sup> THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist for all the Church Family.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL & ART EXHIBITION

CONTINUES 11am-5pm

Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm The Seekers New Term begins

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion  
2.15pm **Bentley Bears**

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm P.C.C. Meeting in the Vestry Room

### SUN. 18<sup>TH</sup> 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

3.00pm Public Baptism

Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion.

12.30pm "Mission Shaped Deanery" Meeting

### SUN. 25<sup>TH</sup> HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Word & Worship Service

Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Harvest Festival at The Oaks

## GREAT BENTLEY METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

We welcome you to worship with us during September. Morning worship will normally be held at 10.30 a.m. The leaders of worship are set out below:

September 4th - Joint service in Marquee on the Green

September 11th - Barbara Fookes

September 18th - Rev Ron Redman  
Harvest Festival

followed by Harvest Meal

Ring 251270 or 250431 for more information

September 25th - Malcolm Harrison

**Each week the following events are held at our Church ring these numbers for more information**

Luncheon Club Alternate Tuesdays 12 Noon 251330  
13th and 27th September

Parent & Toddlers Group Thursdays 9-15 a.m. 250431  
starting 8th September

Bowls Club Alternate Thursdays 2 p.m. 250431

Junior Adventurers Fridays 7 p.m. 250087.

For children in school year 3 and older.

New term begins Friday 16th September

### Christenings in July

Ethan James Reid & Luke John Stacey

### Funeral in July

Ethel Moore

### Alpha Course

A new course begins 7th September with the Alpha Supper 7p.m. for a 7.15 start.

Find out more about the meaning of life.

The group is very friendly and unthreatening.

You don't have to say anything if you don't want to!

Please ring Pastor David Bavister 01255 427874

or Mary Gibson 251270 for more details.

**Advance notice** of Autumn Fair 12th November

# **ST MARY'S CHURCH ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2005**

## **SIDESPERSON'S ROTA**

**Sunday 4th September - Trinity 15**

Tent Service on the Green

**Sunday 11th September - Patronal Festival**

Sidesperson - Myrtle Clayton

**Sunday 18th September - Trinity 17**

Sidespersons - Peter & Judith Clayton

Intercessions - Graham Thornton

**Sunday 25th September - Harvest Festival**

Sidespersons - Andrew & Nicky Justice

## **COFFEE ROTA**

4th Tent Service on the Green

11th Sybil Luck

18th Myrtle Clayton

25th Bev Adams

## **CLEANING ROTA**

3rd Auriol Thornton

10th Nicky Justice

17th Olive Wright/Chris Aplin

24th John & Jennie Moss

## **BAPTISMS**

21st August - Holly Elizabeth Greenaway

21st August - Kekoa-Tamia Angel Williams

18th September - Abigail Louise Vaughan

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Our meeting will be held in the Vestry Room on Thursday 1st September at 10.15am.

Mrs Pauline Briggs, our Deanery President, will talk about some of our favourite hymns (bring your best singing voice!).

Would you please also bring your money for Home and Family for 2006 (£6.00) it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

On Wednesday 21st prayers will be said for our work throughout the world at the 10am service of Holy Communion.

Looking forward to seeing you. Children will be most welcome at our meeting.

Love

**Myrtle Clayton**

250725

## **GREAT BENTLEY CALENDAR 2006**

**THE GREAT BENTLEY CALENDAR  
COMING SOON.....  
AND AT A REDUCED COST FOR  
EARLY PURCHASERS!!!!**

**WATCH OUT FOR POSTERS  
& FULL DETAILS NEXT MONTH**

### **Animal Bedding**

The bedding store at the Animal Rescue Centre has been replenished once again as suitable items have continued to be donated by the kind readers of this magazine. Judy and I have once again been able to take a car load of blankets, towels, duvets, sleeping bags, bedcovers etc., along to Greyhound Rescue at Little Totham, and also supply bedding and donated pet food to Clacton Animal Aid and the Blue Cross re-homing centre in Felixstowe where all were most gratefully received.

Thank you all very much.

**Alan Bishop, 23 Cedar Way Tel: 251702**

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The nephews and nieces of Ethel Moore, wish to thank all of Auntie's friends of the village and of the Methodist Church, for the beautiful floral tributes received. She was an inspiration to us all. Bless her! Our hearts were warmed to see so many of you at the service of celebration of her life, conducted so lovingly by Pastor David Bavister. Auntie will be so really missed by many. Our sincere blessings to you all.

Betty, Colin and Linda would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the support they received during Mark's illness.

Sadly he passed away in July and will be greatly missed by his family, friends and all who new him.

Many thanks for all the flowers, cards and donations to Muscular Dystrophy and all those who attended the service. Our grateful thanks also go to the Rev. Bernard Metcalfe for the lovely service and special thanks to everyone at the surgery for their help during a difficult time.

Betty Simmons

### **CYNTHIA & LEN WILLIAMS**

#### **HAPPY GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

to a special couple

and wonderful Mum and Dad

With love from all the family

Sue, Colin, Keith, Sally, Tim,  
Jackie, Michael, Chris and Paul

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Gabriella Keeble

for winning Great Bentley Schools'

**SPORTS LADY OF THE YEAR 2005!**

Well done. We are so proud of your achievement

Lots of love from Mum, John, Holly

and all of your family

# **THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS**

### **RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

To my husband

**MICHAEL**

11th September

Love from Wendy

### **Michael & Wendy Fitzgibbon**

Congratulations on 40 years of marriage  
on September 11th

Best wishes love from Pat, Jim & family

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy 3rd Birthday

4th September

### **Asha Van Hanegem**

Lots of love and kisses

Mummy, Daddy and Emmy

xxxxxxxxxxxx

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

to

### **STAN LOVEDAY**

who will be celebrating his  
90th birthday  
on September 24th

Love from Josie,  
Barbara & Michael  
Ian and Diane  
Diane and Mark  
Mark and little Amie

## **Coffee Morning**

Friday 2nd September  
Gt Bentley Methodist Church  
10am to 12 noon  
Various Stalls and  
Competitions  
All welcome

## **Harvest Festival Weekend**

Saturday 17th September  
7.30p.m.  
Great Bentley Methodist Church

**Concert by  
the Royal British Legion  
Band from Harwich**

**Tickets £5 inc.  
Refreshments**

Ring Mary Gibson 251270  
or Barbara Fookes 250431  
for tickets or information

**THE GREAT BENTLEY CARNIVAL  
AND FETE ASSOCIATION  
INVITE YOU TO**

## **SEPTEMBER DANCE**

**3rd September**

**featuring 'THE FABs'**

**Plus**

**LICENSED BAR AND HOG ROAST**

in the Marquee on the Green from  
7.30pm 'til late

Adults £8.00 (£9.00 on the door)  
Children £5.00 (£6.00 on the door)  
(Inclusive of Hog Roast)

Tickets available from  
Bev Adams on 01206 250724

## **ST Mary's Church - Great Bentley**

## **FLOWER FESTIVAL AND ART EXHIBITION**

**SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER  
10.00AM - 5.00PM**

**SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER  
11.00AM—5.00PM**

**STALLS - LUNCHES -  
REFRESHMENTS  
PROCEEDS TO TOWER  
RESTORATION**

**FLORAL THEME  
TWSOMES**

## **MACMILLAN BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**

Once again we are inviting you to join Colin and myself in enjoying Coffee and a chat at MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING to be held on September 30th 10am to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

This event will be sponsored by Clacton Lions Club and all money raised will be donated to help Macmillan Cancer Relief provide vital support for cancer sufferers and their families.

As well as coffee there will be a cake stall and a raffle.

Hoping to see you at this worthwhile event. Let's try to break last year's record.

**Colin and Maureen Johnson**

# MOBILE POLICE UNIT

## SEPTEMBER

**WEDNESDAY 14th**

**WEDNESDAY 28th**

**2.15pm - 3.30pm**

**Outside the Plough Inn**

## TENDRING COMMUNITY TRANSPORT HOPPER BUS MONDAY - FRIDAY COST £5.50 RETURN

Village Hall 9.37 11.57 15.17  
Colchester General 9.58 12.18 15.38

Colchester General 10.15 13.35 15.55  
Village Hall 10.38 13.58 16.18

If you need to get to The Oaks, Essex County  
or the Hospice, this can be arranged but  
please state this when you book your place.

Please ring 01255 436 962

## BRIGHTLINGSEA FARMERS MARKET

**BRIGHTLINGSEA  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**LOWER PARK ROAD**

**THURSDAY 29th**

**September**

**9.00am - 1.00pm**

# RECYCLING FOR SEPTEMBER

## Aingers Green

Tuesday 13th

Tuesday 27th

## Great Bentley

Friday 2nd

Friday 16th

Friday 30th

## BLOOD DONORS

**Monday 5th September**

**Brightlingsea Community Centre  
13.30-16.00: 17.00-19.00**

## CRICKET FIXTURES

### DURING SEPTEMBER

Sat 3rd 2nd XI v. Abberton A

Sat 10th 1st XI v. Kirby H

Sun 11th 1st XI v. Colchester H

**KNIT & STITCH SHOW  
ALEXANDRA PALACE**

**THERE WILL BE NO COACH  
FROM GREAT BENTLEY  
THIS YEAR**

**NORTH ESSEX  
CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**  
Invite you to

**'We'll Meet Again'**

**a 60 years on party**

to be held at  
Coppice Farm

on Saturday 17th September

from 7.30pm

*Sit down to a fine meal with wine  
Sing, dance and enjoy the entertainment  
all in 1940's style*

**RAFFLE**

**Optional Dress Code: 1940s!**

**Tickets £12.50 each**

Donald Walker, Wellers, Thorrington Road,  
Great Bentley (Tel: 250172)

**GREAT BENTLEY & BRIGHTLINGSEA  
BRANCH NSPCC**

**are having a**

**COFFEE MORNING**

in

St James' Church Centre

Brightlingsea

on

Thursday September 8th

10am - 12 noon

Cakes: Raffle: Books:

Admission £1.00

Further details

01787 211975

01206 308549

**GET THE KETTLE ON TO HELP LOCAL  
FAMILIES – Home-Start Colchester**

Home-Start Colchester is appealing to local people to hold a Big Tea Party between 4<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September, to help raise funds to support local families and children.

The organisation, part of the UK's leading family support charity, will use the money collected to support families in Colchester. Sainsbury's supports the campaign across the UK.

Home-Start Colchester was set up in 1992 and last year helped 173 families and 344 children. It has 32 home-visiting volunteers who spend a few hours a week helping parents with children under five years old in their own homes who are finding parenting a bit of a struggle. The scheme is always looking for new volunteers.

"Anyone can host one of our Big Tea Parties. It could be for a few friends at home or for schoolmates, colleagues, scout group, Brownies... whoever they want. It costs us around £1,000 to support one family for a year, and the more people who hold tea parties, the more money we can raise to help local families." said Toni Van Rooyen, Scheme Manager. "We are holding our own Big Tea Party at Mr & Mrs Carney's house, Great Bentley on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September between 10am-12 noon. If you cannot hold your own Tea Party please come and join ours. For just £3.00 you can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with a cake and know that the money is being raised to help local families."

Toni said "Anyone interested in holding an event should contact Home-Start Colchester to say they want to have a Big Tea Party of their own. We'll send you a pack with instructions and ideas for a fun and successful event. Go on, get the kettle on!"

To register to hold a Home-Start Big Tea Party and receive your information pack, please telephone Home-Start Colchester on 01206 766276.

**BIG TEA PARTY  
TUDOR HOUSE  
THE GREEN**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH  
10am-12noon  
£3 includes tea/coffee & cake**

## BE AWARE .....

Be aware of giving away personal details ....

A call was received from a young lady whose elderly, vulnerable father was contacted by a Company telling him that he had won £500 of travel vouchers or if he wished £400 cash. Fortunately the young lady was able to be at her father's home when the 'benefactor' called and what he really wanted was to sell an Air Filtration System. Please be on your guard and beware of Greeks (or anyone else) bearing gifts!!

A letter was received by someone from Style Financial Services in Glasgow informing them that someone had attempted to obtain credit from JD Sports using his name and address. Although he is careful to shred all documents showing his personal details there always seems to be plenty of information out there for a fraudster to call on.

Calvin Heal  
Essex Police

## WE WELCOME

Mrs. Rosemary Peggs who has returned to our village to live at Oakleigh, The Green.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HELP REQUIRED

The bugler will unfortunately not be able to play on November 11th and 13th.

Is there anyone able to help us on these dates?

Please phone  
Heather Taylor  
251004

## EAST ESSEX AREA FORUM

The Forum, which meets bi-monthly, is an opportunity for members of the community to meet County and District Councillors. Discussions take place on current issues, initiatives and developments relating to the delivery of the Essex Approach in the area. The Councillors discuss with representatives of local organisations matters of interest in the area to make an input into County and District Community Strategies through Cabinet Members.

The next meeting is scheduled for 13th September 2005 at 2.00pm at Greenstead Community Centre, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester. The proposed agenda is on the theme of Environment & Commerce and will include presentations on the following agenda items:-

Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) - County Councillor Peter Martin, Haven Gateway Growth point Status - Mike Bateson, TDC (Officer), Harwich Master Plan - Mike Bateson, TDC (Officer), St Botolphs Master Plan - Mike Crouch, Colchester BC (Officer).

Members of the public are welcome and there will be a period of up to 15 minutes where members of the public may raise oral or written questions on any matters within the remit of the Forum, questions being directed through the Chairman. The Chairman has also indicated that he will allow questions to the above presenters.

Local concerns include the issue of the increased demand for housing and business sites contained in the Regional Spatial Strategy **and the inclusion in the Tendring District Draft Local Plan for agricultural land at Great Bromley, Hare Green and Frating to be used to build a new settlement of houses and a business park.** There is an opportunity at this meeting for local views to be heard by those wishing to influence decision making.

Representatives of Town/Parish Councils concerned about the RSS and the proposed developments have been encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Michael A. Brown, Chairman, Frating Parish Council  
and Tendring District Association of Local Councils**

# *Bentley Green Players*

## **The North East Essex Theatre Guild Awards**

We have come round to that time of year when the Theatre Guild will be holding its annual awards ceremony on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

The group is very pleased to have received several nominations this year, which I have listed below.

### **Showcase Festival**

We have received nine nominations for our production of **Cinderella**: -

King Costume Award

Technical Achievement – for the Transformation Scene

Adjudicators Award – for the Frog Dance

Best Dame – for Chris Whiteman as Pansy

Best Actress – for Rachael Keeble as Buttons

Timmins Award for Music – for her singing Laura Weaver

Best Young Actor – for Andrew Bowen-Davies as Lord Chamberlain

Best Young Actress – for Bethany Sharp as Lord Dandini

The Eric Dyster Cup for Best Children's Play or Pantomime

### **Full Length Play Festival**

We have received three nominations for our production of  
**“Tiptoe Through the Tombstones”**

Best Supporting Actress – Bev Adams as Zoe Mapleton

The Cliff Hudson Award for Comedy – Ben Adams as Vernon Prewitt

Best Production

Needless to say we are thrilled to have received so many nominations, that in itself is a great achievement for those individually concerned, but also to be nominated in both categories for Best Production means that the group as a whole is very proud of its overall achievement.

Thank you everyone for your wonderful support of the group throughout the year.

### **Don't forget its “PANTOMIME TIME AGAIN”**

The pantomime has now been selected and we shall be staging

#### **“Mother Goose” by Jim Sperinck**

If you are interested in taking part whether on stage or back stage please come along to the read through of the script in the Vestry on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at 7.30 p.m. The auditions are to be held the following week on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

We shall look forward to meeting you all.

Lynda McWilliams

Chairman - Bentley Green Players - Telephone 01206 250732

## **BADMINTON**

I hope to restart the Wednesday Badminton Club on 7th September 2005. Will any players over 16 years of age who would like to take part, please contact me, so that I can gauge whether we would have sufficient members to make it a viable proposition to continue running the Club.

For further details ring:-

Adrian Watson 01206 250808

# Great Bentley Conservation Group

## Bat and Moth Evening.

A Bat and Moth Evening with barbecue was held on Friday evening 12<sup>th</sup> August in the churchyard. Having heard from various doubtful sources that we were to have the hottest day ever recorded, the weather was rather disappointing. The evening started off overcast, then it began to drizzle and by about 9.30pm it was raining quite hard. This did not stop the hardy enthusiasts who held umbrellas over their moth traps. About 30 to 40 people turned up for the evening and most enjoyed hot dogs and burgers from the barbecue before going out to search out bats and moths. Some bats were actually seen and they certainly activated the bat detectors. Thanks go to the moth experts – Reg Arthur, Bob Gooding, Brian Manning, Peter Smith, Gerald Slater and Barbara Lock who were still there when most other people had gone home.

## Boat Trips

Two more boat trips have taken place – on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August a two hour trip in the Walton Backwaters to see the seals and the birds of the mud flats; and on Sunday evening 14<sup>th</sup> August another one hour trip on the Brightlingsea ferry. Both were thoroughly enjoyed by those who went.

## Village Show

We will be having a stand at the Village Show on 3rd September. The stand will be outside the main marquee. Please pay us a visit. The main attraction will be Casper the barn owl and there will be a display about these beautiful birds of prey. There will also be home made cards on sale.

## Countryside Open Day

The Countryside Open Day will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st October. We would be grateful for raffle prizes and cakes. These can be given to any committee member. This year, in addition to all the usual stalls relating to countryside matters, we hope to have a mini farmer's market. Full details next month.  
Jan Turner 250836

## Election Results and Costs

**for two of the four vacancies of Parish Councillors. Election held on 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**Electorate 1762 Ballot Papers issued: 252 Turnout 14.3%**

**Total cost of the election to the Parish of Great Bentley £1323.06**

We have had four Parish Councillor vacancies. The three most recent resignations from the Parish Council appear to have been the reason that a number of residents applied to Tendring District Council' Returning Officer for an election. The Parish Council could have been given the option, by Tendring Council, to co-opt the new members required and all three candidates could have become Councillors at no cost to the Parish with one vacant position still to be filled.

I would like to take this opportunity of giving grateful thanks to Mr David Hinds, Mr David Winter and Mrs Christine Black for there hard work within the council. They have worked on the many committees, working parties and other local authority connections to the Parish Council and have already been greatly missed for there input to council work. Thank you all so very much for giving your time to the Parish of Great Bentley.  
Lynda

David Henry Gibbon	169	Elected
Jonathan Alan Hills	103	
George Robert Wright	176	Elected

### BREAKDOWN OF COSTS

Admin including Returning Officers Fees £238.69  
Cost of the count £94.52  
Cost of Postal Votes (admin and producing paper work) £98.36  
2 Presiding Officers £266.32  
2 Poll Clerks £168.22  
Cost of Notice of Poll and Notice of Election incl postage £5.00  
Cost of Ballot Papers £312.55  
Cost of Postage for despatch of Postal Ballot Papers £40.20  
Cost of Postage for receipt of Postal Ballot Papers £19.20  
Hire of Premises £80.00

**STOP PRESS .... 12 NOON 25th August Only 1 nomination has been received for the electable vacancy for Parish Councillor. 1 candidate STILL needed to be co-opted on.**

**TOTAL COST £1,323.06**

# SURGERY NOTES

We took over a corner of The Green for a highly competitive game of rounders one evening earlier this month and Dr Hunt found out the hard way that a world ranking means nothing when you switch sports.

He and Dr Steiner naturally adopted the captain's role for the two teams which were selected in the time-honoured way of lining everyone up and the captains shouting names alternately.

Having won the toss, Dr Hunt committed the fatal error of making someone who spoke authoritatively about the game his first choice. Dr Steiner gleefully pounced on the error and took Dr Carr as his first selection. The rest of us, a motley mixture of surgery and pharmacy staff, then willed our names to be called out, nobody wishing to be the last one chosen. No, I'm not going to tell you who that was.

Dr Steiner's team batted first and with Dr Carr deciding at the last moment and apparently at random whether to hit the ball miles right handed or kilometres left handed, the game was over as a contest pretty quickly.

There were some Ashes-standard individual performances though. Dr Slawson took a string of excellent catches. Tony Virgo bamboozled many of us with his cunning left-handed lobs and Sonia Bennington proved herself a doughty all-rounder. Everyone else chipped in here and there, the two captains generally inspiring their teams with a mixture of personal example and giggling, Pimms-induced hysteria. Di Woodward organised everything brilliantly and all without a loud-speaker.

As for the score, well nobody really knows. The best estimate was 13-5 in Dr Steiner's favour. Anyway, it was a thrashing by anyone's standards but we all had a great time and there were no serious injuries despite a few heavy falls. I suspect that we'll do it again.

The universities will be starting up again soon and I'm sure that it won't be long before there is new talk of a mumps epidemic amongst students.

Mumps is usually a mild illness but it can be unpleasant, and serious complications occur in a small number of cases. Outbreaks are happening because some young adults are not protected against it, having been too old to routinely receive MMR in childhood. Because mumps is so much rarer amongst younger children due to MMR, students are often exposed to the infection for the very first time when they get to university and they succumb to it all too easily.

Universities are offering special MMR sessions to their students in an attempt to stop the outbreaks but if you are going off to university soon and prefer to be immunised here before you go, our nurses will be very happy to do it for you. Give us a ring and fix an appointment - we have plenty of stock of the vaccine available and it's not just for children.

I can't believe that it's already time to write again about flu jabs and after the fiasco of failed manufacturing processes and missed delivery deadlines last year, I'm almost nervous to do so.

However, we have placed our order this year with the company which eventually rescued us in 2004 and they promise faithfully that we will get our first delivery no later than 10th October. This means that our flu jab clinics will start on 12th October and we are already taking bookings.

Just to recap, you are entitled to a free jab if you are aged 65 or over or if you suffer from any of a range of conditions, including asthma, COPD, diabetes and chronic heart, kidney or liver disease. Certain health and care workers also qualify. If you think that you might, please ask.

Even if you aren't entitled to a free jab, you can get a private prescription to buy the vaccine from a pharmacy. Our nurses will then administer it without charge. Again, please ask at reception.

Hugh Cronin  
Practice Manager

# Pet's corner

## BRIGHTLINGSEA & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

### SOME ODD BEHAVIOUR

Aggression is still the key problem found in our nations' pets by behavioural counsellors. 57% of dog problems and 31% of cat problems treated are related to aggression. I won't mention how many are related to the owners, but we get our fair share

The blame for most of these problems is due to inadequate socialisation during puppyhood. The first few weeks of a puppy's life are vital. If it is not exposed to different experiences at this early stage then in later life this leads to fear and possible aggression.

Ideally a puppy should be obtained at 7 weeks of age and the new owners need to implement a socialisation programme as soon as possible. More recent vaccines allow an earlier finish to try and help this. We routinely vaccinate from 6 weeks of age, finishing at 10 weeks and allow puppies to go out 1 week after this. But, although we recommend avoiding exposure to other dogs, and where they have been, we do suggest exposure to other puppies in "puppy classes", to new people, especially children (preferably calm ones!), the postman, etc and always try to get these to feed some tasty titbit to doubly reinforce the message that these people are good and meaning no harm.

The most common type of dogs referred to the behaviouralists is a crossbreed, with Border Collies, Labradors and German Shepherds being the commonest pedigrees. These are also some of the most popular breeds though. But the Jack Russell terrier was not in the top 10 in the latest report. 31% of cat referrals were for aggression, but the most common problem was for house soiling and indoor marking (42%). The behaviouralist at my practice has plenty of photos of such things deposited everywhere.....I sometimes wonder about her though!

Again domestic short hair ("moggies"), Persians and Burmese were most frequently seen. I can also mention a few breeds that I am very careful about watching my fingers when treating. 38% of aggression cases were towards humans, the rest towards other cats, especially in the same household.

And just a final word whilst talking about aggressive cats – always make sure you get antibiotic treatment from your doctor if you get bitten, because they have some seriously nasty bugs on their teeth. We had one nurse on an intravenous drip after being bitten last year. Tetanus is not the biggest problem here!

**MARK ALLINGTON**

### COLNE 25

25 mile sponsored cycle ride in the  
Tendring Peninsular.

**Sunday 25 September 2005**

Starting at 10 am at Promenade Way  
Brightlingsea and finishing at the Sailing  
Club

Oyster Road Brightlingsea.

£2 entry fee to cover costs (under 14 only  
£1) Fee includes on course repair service  
by

Bike Surgeon on a parts only basis.

Entry forms available from John Holding  
01206 303135 or Ann Berry 01206 305024  
or downloadable

[www.brightlingsea-town.co.uk](http://www.brightlingsea-town.co.uk)

at the Rotary page.

Sponsorship either your own nomination  
or Rotary Charities which include RNLI  
and Guide Dogs.

**We have had a visitor to the Good  
Neighbours Web site and the message  
is as follows:**

I used to live in Number 5, Cedar Way with my family in the 1970s. My daughter Karen was the Village Carnival Queen at one time, and was married in the village church. My son Simon was very good friends with the Wright family, namely Jeff.

We all live in Florida now, but would like to pass our best wishes to all who may recall our family. It just remains for me to say that we could not have chosen a more pleasant and friendly place to live than Great Bentley.

Steve Devers

# Wildlives

Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre East Anglia

Open for admissions 10am - 4pm (except in the case of a genuine emergency)

Please ring in advance of arrival

'Catkins'. Frating Road, Thorrington, Essex, C07 8HT

[www.wildlives.org.uk](http://www.wildlives.org.uk)

## Centre re-opens

Wildlives has tentatively reopened, having set in motion several plans for long-term funding. One of these is the Wildlives Supporters Group, which we are hoping readers will join. However, the problems are as yet far from over. Unsurprisingly, admissions continued throughout the period that the Centre was closed, so although there has been some lull in activity, the work has continued. Wildlives is hoping to be able to get its toes wet slowly.

### Seabirds in crisis

The RSPCA recently brought in a gannet that had been found starving and collapsed on Clacton beach. He was just a little over half his required body weight. Despite the best care, the damage proved irreversible and he died. The gannet had been ringed, and Wildlives is currently awaiting details from the British Trust for Ornithology.

Another starving seabird, a fulmar, was brought in after being found on Walton beach. His treatment was successful. Once he was eating on his own, he was transferred to the RSPCA hospital in East Winch. The fulmar is a deep sea bird, and its rehabilitation after a period in captivity requires deep water tanks - a facility which Wildlives does not currently have. Wildlives has admitted numerous other seabirds in the same straits. Whatever the cause, the food shortages reportedly depleting seabird colonies in other parts of the country seem also to be affecting this region.

### Great Crested Grebe

Wildlives has also admitted a great crested grebe. The grebe was found on a golf course. It was unable to use its legs, and appears to have spinal injuries. The most likely explanation for its injuries appears to be that it was hit on the head with a golf ball. It is hoped that the medication - and acupuncture - it will begin to recover.

### Little Owl

One of the Wildlives' sadder stories, during its period of closure has been that of a little owl, the victim of a road traffic accident. The owl was not using either of its legs. There were no breaks or fractures, and the problem seemed to have originated in damage to the nerves. Nerve damage can sometimes be rectified given time, and the owl was treated by veterinary acupuncturist, Lorena Lorett. Unfortunately, he died, and it became clear that he had suffered serious internal injuries.

### Tawny Owl

A tawny owl was brought in by the RSPCA - starving, covered in maggots, and suffering advanced trichomoniasis, or 'canker'. Canker is caused by a type of protozoan which is always present in birds, but - in a healthy bird - is usually kept in check. In a stress situation however, it may take hold. It manifests itself as a fungal growth in the mouth and throat that inhibits the bird's breathing. The development of the disease will also make it difficult for the bird to catch food. As it becomes more emaciated, it becomes too weak to catch food at all. Despite this, our tawny owl is doing well. After intensive care, he began to eat on his own. He still has some way to go before release, but his prospects are looking good.

### Fundraising Update

The Police Information Security Officers recently raised £340 for the Centre, through a 'name the doll' competition. Christine Boeirijk one of Wildlives' volunteers, donated the doll. everyone present made a contribution and some made additional donations. Thank you to all who participated, and particularly to Christine and her husband Chris, who donated not only Christine's beautiful doll, but also a great deal of their time to Wildlives.

Our thanks also to Siona Froud, who carried out a sponsored sky jump in July, raising £432 for Wildlives.

Great Bentley WEA

## INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC

PROF. CHRIS GREEN

TEN TALKS -  
ON - MUSICALS -  
THE ORCHESTRA  
Great musical moments

on Mondays in the Village Hall  
starting at 8pm

from September 26th

Full Fee is £30 - this is a concession for all

Do come - everyone is welcome - or ring  
David Gollifer on 01206 250309 for information

## GREAT BENTLEY W.E.A.

This autumn we are presenting a series of 10 talks by Professor Chris Green, on "Introduction to Music".

They will focus on - the Musical - the orchestra - great musical moments.

They will be on Monday evenings in Great Bentley Village Hall, starting on September 26th at 8pm.

The fee for the course is £30 - this is in itself a concession for all who join. Do come and enjoy some entertaining and instructing evenings.

For more information contact

David Gollifer on 01206 250309

To Gt. Bentley Conservation Group,  
Thank you so much for your donation of £251.45 raised for UNICEF's Children of Niger Emergency Appeal. Please accept this letter by way of a receipt and pass on our thanks to all who contributed to this gift.

UNICEF is very concerned about the situation in Niger, where 3.6 million people have been made vulnerable by the food crisis. Your donation will go towards providing therapeutic and supplementary food for malnourished children, as well as essential drugs, vaccines, mosquito nets, vitamin A, iron and folic acid supplements - all of which are critical because malnourished children are particularly susceptible to disease.

UNICEF is also training health workers on how to treat severe malnutrition, and mothers and community workers are being counselled on how best to feed their children. We have been working to re-stock 150 cereal banks and training communities to manage them, as well as distributing garden seeds to women's groups and providing water and sanitation kits for families affected by the crisis.

Your support for this emergency is very much appreciated. On behalf of all of us at UNICEF - THANK YOU.

Helen White  
Regional Fundraising Manager - London

## GREAT BENTLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to many of our pupils, who have now left us to go to school. They are:

Danielle Knappett, Brooke Buxton,  
Archie Herbert Kaylee Edwards  
Chloe Fulcher Jack Bennett  
Jennifer Webster Oliver Porcas  
Evan Barker Abigail Vaughan  
Joshua Moye Nathan Mackenzie-Callow  
Sarah Parker.

We would like to wish them all the best for the future.

Staff would also like to thank all the parents/guardians and children for the kind gifts and cards.

Kerry Knappett  
Pre-School Secretary

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HOW TO DEAL WITH THE FACELESS ONES

The concern about loutish behaviour and lawlessness last month reminded me of an old friend who had a novel and very useful way to respond to the situation.

I say a friend but came across him first in the Signals regiment: he was the great Brigadier and I just the 'erk'.

When bored we answered the phone with "underground airways" or "Wiganwaggonworks" to see if they went away.

One time however his voice boomed back "Do you know who I am soldier, I'm the brigadier?"

"Do you know who I am sir?" "No soldier", "Thank goodness for that" and quickly hung up.

On de-mob these great men were offered training for a suitable profession, he took up bricklaying to renovate an old house while I rewired it. As his commander went off to work she ordered him to get David his elevenses and lunch on time and to fetch and carry, HE was now my batman!

Let's get to the point, he kept a camera on the hall stand or carried it around his estate and all strangers were snapped. "Wojeryou do that for?" "Oh, I like to have a record of callers".

Now if all of us who have a camera kept it handy, photos would mean these troublemakers would no longer be "faceless" and much easier to be brought to book.

**Dave Kirby**

## WANTED

A welcoming home for Felix, a neutered black and white male cat (about 6-7 years old - Rescue cat age). Needs to be the only pet if possible (afraid of dogs) and would love a garden.

Owner moving house and cannot take him with her.

Contact Milne on  
01206 250103

I would like to make comment on the litterlouts that seem to treat this village with such contempt.

For many months the litter problem has steadily worsened despite the few caring members of the public who go around behind these people clearing up, mostly because they are, I suspect, ashamed that our village is being treated this way. The shops create much of the rubbish, but bins are readily available within a short walk of the various outlets so this should not be a problem.

The most blatant abuse with litter on our village green can be seen almost every day, late afternoon or evening on or around the seat situated near the memorial. This seat is usually occupied with six to eight youngsters who take up residence and then proceed to cover the surrounding area ankle deep in litter. Some of these youngsters are from long time Great Bentley families, some are from Aingers Green and some are new to the village and these are then all led by the main 'heroes' who seem determined to show their utter contempt for our village and residents. Attempts to ask them to put the litter in bins, meets with a torrent of abuse. These youngsters, in their early to mid teens but with the mentality of six year olds, are seen on this seat on many occasions by their parents who ought to be first in line to put a stop to this behaviour. Maybe our new style community policeman from Brightlingsea could pay a visit to implement the litter laws of this land, or perhaps the police officers from the visiting fortnightly 'police station' could make use of their time here?

If anyone has by now come to the conclusion that I have rounded on this one group – how right they are! These future members of the community ought to know what the majority of village people think of their antics. Have a good look when next you see this group on the seat and imagine how you would feel, if they were your children. After last month's magazine, one of the group was heard to say 'did you see what they wrote about us in the parish magazine, ha ha'. Perhaps this coming month they will say, 'why is everyone looking at us with such contempt'. One final point, the seat in question is a seat that was paid for as a memorial to the late Peter Bond. Peter was a second World War veteran and the misuse of his seat in this way, defies explanation, especially in this year of remembrance. He would have known how to deal with these morons!

Please note these remarks by no means refer to the many other people that use this seat at other times including the families who use the seat to wait for their children to and from school. Move the seat is the Parish Council answer! Will that re-educate them? I think not. The only thing that will achieve is to move the problem to the next seat. There seems to be two options; one is to inform the parents and the second is to implement the litter laws thus hitting them in theirs or their parent's pockets.

Name and address withheld.

## YOGA FOR EVERYONE

AGED 3 - 93?

**Saturday 10th September**

United Reform Church,  
Chapel Road Brightlingsea

Curious to try classical Yoga? Feeling stressed?

Want to be more flexible?

Find out the answers to these questions and have the opportunity to experience a 45 minute yoga session run by qualified Yoga Teachers

Cost of each session £1.00  
Session sizes will be limited  
to secure your place please contact:  
Mandy 01206 304225 or  
Lin 01206 304003

### Tutors

**Anne Needham** has trained with the British Wheel of Yoga and for the past 14 years has been an active member of the Dharma Yoga Centre, where she also trained as a teacher under the guidance of the Centre's Director and founder Swamiji Dharmananda Saraswati Maharaji. Despite Swamiji's retirement Anne maintains contact with her spiritual teacher and continues to receive instruction, guidance and further teachings. Anne has taught locally for a number of years in Adult Education for both Suffolk and Essex Colleges as well as privately.

**Jenny Watts** is currently training with the British Wheel of Yoga, and has taught yoga to both children and adults.

Jenny is a fully qualified early years professional with an enhanced disclosure.

10.30 - 11.15 Gentle Posture Session

11.30 - 12.15 Fun Yoga for 3-6 year olds

12.30 - 13.30 Informal Tea & Chat Session

13.30 - 14.15 Yoga for stress release

14.30 - 15.15 Quiet Session Breathing & relaxation

Wear comfortable clothing

No special equipment required

Refreshments available throughout the day

The Brightlingsea Yoga Group look forward to seeing you there.

## PLOUGH ROAD FITNESS CENTRE

**“STOP PRESS”**

**“IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT”**

Due to popular demand and a high level of interest we have decided to review our age policy at the Plough Road Fitness Centre to allow 16 and 17 year olds to become members.

This is effective immediately and anybody interested in joining please telephone 01206 250059 to arrange a tour and obtain further information.

Alternatively please feel free to call round and see one of our members of staff at the Plough Road Centre.

## GREAT BENTLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

**Be part of your local Football Team**  
Great Bentley Football Club are setting up a Youth Team

The Youth team will be holding football trials with a view to bringing players to the club. So if you (or your child) is aged 12 or under and you are interested in playing football then please come along.

### WHAT - WHEN - WHERE - HOW

Date: Sunday 4th September

Place: Great Bentley Football Club on the green

Time: Start 10.00am till around 12.00

Wear: Football kit, shin pads, boots or trainers

Drink: Water or squash (not fizzy drinks!)

**Parents can join us in the bar afterwards for a chat and a drink**

I look forward to seeing you there! If you want any more details then call Scott Young on 07762572035.

# Peter's Potterings

I must admit to having been a bit lazy in the last few weeks mainly in respect of gardening. First it was too hot to spend very long in the bright sunshine, then I thought it was probably too wet to walk on the ground. The next day I was doing something else and so on and so on. The poor garden and allotment were neglected. How did they show their disgust, they made the weeds grow and grow and grow. My allotment has a wonderful display of "Fat Hen". I don't know its proper title but it has olive green leaves, square shaped stems, does not seem to have any flowers but sets lots and lots of seed on a single stem, and the seeds are in clusters which individually look like beet seed and it grows very fast. I spent last week pulling it all out by hand, piling the weeds into a heap in the middle of the area the onions came out of and once the weeds are dry I will have a little bonfire to kill off all the seeds. Next year I must write myself a note to push the hoe through when they are small and have no seeds so they can be used as mulch or composted. Anyway there is an unusual twist in my 'Fat Hen's' story.

Recently we visited the Eden Project near St Austell which we enjoyed very much. We arrived early and had walked the hottest areas in the glass houses before the hot midday sun. We then wandered around the various outside gardens and displays. One display I studied was from South American countries. I spotted what I thought was a load of weeds growing in the display, yes it looked like 'Fat Hen'. On reading about their agriculture I found out that one of the early staple crops for the country folk was a relative of 'Fat Hen', and it was renowned for being an excellent provider of protein. A sort of spinach for Popeye perhaps! Come to think of it spinach has the same sort of seeds. I regret not taking more note of the name of this plant as I would have been able to amaze you all with its latin name.

I mentioned earlier that I have removed my onions from the ground, dried them and have strung them up in bunches and stored them in the shed ready for the winter months. I am afraid that due to the hot spell in early summer the tops went brown and turned over well before the bulbs reached show award size, but they are much better for cooking as you can use a whole one up rather than have to keep half in the fridge for later. Incidentally don't forget the village show on the Green this year on Saturday 3rd September.

I have just cut my lawn, the first time it needed a trim for about 6 weeks. I don't water and it was starting to look like an old doormat, but with the recent rains it has perked up and half of it looks green again. I

am sure it will continue to recover and will be nice and green for the autumn.

This year my new side border is full and not a spare inch of soil can be seen. I have had some lovely blooms, but some of them I don't have a clue what they are. When my friends heard I was planting a new border they provided me with lots of cuttings, off cuts, plants etc. and I dutifully planted them, along with all the waifs and strays from numerous plant sales. Now they look good but what are they called, well I don't know, and what's more I don't care, as long as I like them they will continue to be grown for me and everyone else to enjoy.

Don't forget that as August ends and September takes over lots of perennials are at their best for taking cuttings. I will have to get my greenhouse hot bed and all the little pots ready for my usual geranium cuttings so they can get established before the cooler winter weather gets here.

**Peter Allington**

## FLAG RAISING - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3rd September - Merchant Navy Day  
The RED ENSIGN will be raised by Michael Turner at 10am.

If you served in the Merchant Service, we would be very pleased to see you. We would also welcome the attendance of members of the public. When you attend the Great Bentley Show in the afternoon, look at the Red Ensign and be grateful and proud.

Thursday 15th September - Battle of Britain Day  
The Royal Air Force Ensign will be raised by Mick Dorling at 10am

Attendance of ex RAF/WAAF personnel would be appreciated. This is the battle which was fought in the skies above Essex and the Home Counties.

## AN EVENING OF FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

MARKS TEY HOTEL  
FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup>.OCTOBER 2005  
(At 7.00pm. for 7.30 pm.)

THREE COURSE MEAL  
&  
ENTERTAINMENT by MR IAN KEABLE  
( Member of The Inner Magic Circle )

TICKETS £24.50 each.

Transport to & from Great Bentley will be  
available subject to demand.

in aid of St.Mary's Church Tower Appeal Fund  
& Hope and Homes for Children.

Further details available from  
Graham & Auriol Thornton (250777)  
Nicky Justice ( 251474)  
Peter & Carole Allington ( 251086)

### MR IAN KEABLE

Ian Keable is a member of The Inner Magic Circle and full details about Mr Keable can be found on the Internet under [magician-mindreader.co.uk](http://magician-mindreader.co.uk)

Ian has been a full time professional entertainer for 15 years, after giving up his career as an Accountant.

He performs feats of mind reading that will have you worrying how he did his amazing feats long after you have stopped laughing. Cards merely thought of appear in sealed envelopes; one word chosen from an entire newspaper is correctly predicted; a spectator's watch moves to a selected time. But this is merely the appetiser.

Ian works all over the U.K. and abroad, in venues varying from Conference Centres to Restaurants. As well as making several T.V. appearances he has recently written and presented two programmes on Radio 4 about mind readers and magician's assistants. The entertainment is suitable for all

## HOPE & HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Hope and Homes for Children was founded in 1994 by Mark and Caroline Cook.

Col. Mark Cook, the British U.N. Commander in Croatia who went to the aid of Martin Bell when he was caught in crossfire, left his 30 year old army career after making a promise to help children living under bombardment in the cellar of their destroyed orphanage.

10 years later the Charity has helped to secure the lives and future livelihoods of more than 7,500 orphaned or abandoned children in 14 countries. They have also developed from building orphanages to closing them- moving these children to caring families.

The mission statement of this Charity is "**To give hope to the poorest children in the world- those who are orphaned, abandoned or vulnerable- by enabling them to grow up within the love of a family and the security of a home, so they can fulfil their potential**".

Their vision is "**A world where every child feels loved**".

The Charity works in 9 countries in Eastern Europe: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Transdnistria and Ukraine and in 5 countries in Africa: Eritrea, Rwanda, Sudan, Sierra Leone and South Africa.

The Charity has Support Groups throughout this country and Graham & Auriol Thornton are members of the Essex Support Group. They will be happy to provide further information about the Charity.

## CHILDRENS ART COMPETITION

St Mary's Church would like your help to decorate the church for harvest by drawing or painting a picture with the title of Harvest. These will be displayed at the **Harvest Festival on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of September**. The winners will be announced at the end of the 9.30 service, there will be one prize for each age group (Pre school, 5-7, 8-11, 12-16) and sweets for every entrant. So make sure you can come and see your art work displayed and maybe you could win a prize! Please leave pictures at the back of the church or take to 16 Cherrywoods Great Bentley. We must have all pictures **BEFORE** the Harvest Festival. Last entry accepted Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please ensure that name and age is written on the back of all entries. Pictures can be taken home at the end of the service.

**Nicky Justice**

# GREAT BENTLEY CRICKET CLUB

Cricket is the defining sport of all the villages in the U.K. lucky enough to have a green. At Great Bentley, cricket has been played on the Green since 1771, and there is a recorded match in 1790, others for 1831, 1844 and the famous one versus Bures in 1845. Many generations have enjoyed cricket on the green and now a new generation of cricketers have been introduced to the sport through Kwik cricket which now attracts up to 25 youngsters to play the shortened, juniors version of the game. The club runs 2 senior sides playing in the PDQ Cars League and hosts a number of fun matches through the season.

The cricket club was formed at about the time Captain Cook returned from his voyage of discovery in the Southern Seas and Horatio Nelson joined the Navy. Some have said that was the last time the pavilion had new carpets. Last year Carl Russell helped us out with a fresh lick of paint, Double Vision replaced the window in the scorer's box and Michael Hicks of Hicks International generously donated more pounds sterling than the highest scoring batsman's runs for the whole season. This year the club members have committed to further improving the facilities and making the club an even more welcoming place for local people. Len Clayden has sorted the carpets and the team photos have been restored. Also, notably, the wall has been rebuilt (who thought it was an extension?) and the bar has been refurbished by the bar manager Tim Maskell for which we are expecting a mention in the new Michelin Guide.

Would you like to join in? If you play (any age, any ability) fantastic, if not, we would love you to join as a Vice President. Maybe not the most career enhancing Vice Presidentship on your CV but I can guarantee it will be the most enlightening and the most fun. We organise a number of events like BBQ's, a lunch, 20 over cricket match and maybe a golf day. The greatest benefit though will probably be the opportunity to stand at the bar with a curious mix of elbow benders, collectively known as the 17 71 club (not to be confused with the 18-30 club) and watch the action on the square. You will hear of Tours gone by when "Rigger" was still bowling and join in the appeals for the resurrection of the Easter Weekend Tour to.....

On the other hand you may hear about Charlton Athletic's close season acquisitions or which of Colchester's night clubs Conkers has been barred from. You may need a nickname if you play or, like school teachers, you will very soon be given one.

We are always keen to promote sponsorship and have a huge debt of gratitude to local businesses that have always helped us out. We are currently **hoping to attract sponsorship for the new club shirts** that have been ordered and would like to hear from prospective participants.

Playing Membership is £25

Vice President Membership is discretionary

Social Membership is £5

Contact Rupert Haxell 01255 821673 or visit the pavilion at the weekend.

For information on forthcoming events and fixtures or Kwik cricket for youngsters contact:

Pete Bodily, Club Secretary

## **Great Bentley Cricket Club 1<sup>st</sup> XI RESULTS**

The first XI are presently mid table having won 7 and lost 8. The team shows great form one week and collapses the next. When the team manages more consistency they will undoubtedly be a match for any side in their league. Top performances this season have come from Charlie Wright, Jonnie Hesketh and Neil Morton with the bat and Luke Scillitoe, John Black and Paul Evans with the ball. Luke Scillitoe notably having reached 35 wickets for the season with his fiery, occasionally wayward, pace bowling.

### **17<sup>th</sup> July GBCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Clacton Ramblers**

Great Bentley batted first against arch rivals, Ramblers and thanks in the main to a good knock of 73 by Charlie Wright reached 214. In reply some accurate bowling particularly by Mark Morton (pre baby) 1-20 off 7 overs and Viv 0-20 off 10 overs ensured Clacton only reached 189-5 in their innings.

### **31<sup>st</sup> July GBCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Boxted**

The visitors batted first on a good wicket and were restricted to 166-8 off their allotted overs with Paul Evans taking 3-37 off 10 overs. The target looked achievable but that was without reckoning on the Boxted pace attack who ripped through the home team clean bowling 6 in the process and closing the reply at 63 all out. Least said.

### **7<sup>th</sup> August GBCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Chappell and Wakes Colne**

The visitors batted first on a good wicket and were bowled out for a lack lustre 159. Charlie Wright worked hard with the ball returning figures of 0-28 off 10 very tight overs before part time bowler Tim Maskell benefited with 5-13 off 4 overs as the batsmen tried to make up lost ground. Although chasing a low score Bentley were keen to avenge an earlier defeat and were aware they had been bowled out for less previously so Neil Morton 45, Andrew Denison Searles 31 and Jonnie Hesketh 35 batted sensibly to ensure a victory.

## **Great Bentley Cricket Club 2<sup>nd</sup> XI RESULTS**

At the time of writing the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have had a winning streak of 4 matches giving the team a won 5 lost 9 record for the season which following one victory in 10 games from the start of the season is an outstanding achievement. Looking back at the team lists it appears that the team haven't lost since Rod Fowler started playing. The most notable performances being Len Clayden's 121 and our bar manager.

### **17<sup>th</sup> July Real Oddies v GBCC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

The battle with the Odd Ones always inspires the team and this was no exception. Bentley batted first and amassed a surprising 243-7 with Len Clayden hitting a remarkable 121 and debutante Rod Fowler making 40. Real Oddies strike bowler Pirate Pete Pearson finished with a respectable 2-36 off his 10 overs. In reply the Odd Ones could only manage 177-8 due to some accurate bowling from the match star Len Clayden and Andy Burbidge. Rod Fowler bowled 6 overs, his first spell for some considerable time and had recovered we're told by about Thursday the following week. Pirate Pete hit a respectable 64 for the Oddies.

### **31<sup>st</sup> July Copford v GBCC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

Travelling to Copford is always a pleasure and coming away with a victory is even better. Ex Copford players Paul Streete and Tom Newman opened the bowling with menace and restricted the home side to 43 off the first 18 overs. Newman finished with a very respectable 2-24 off 10 overs and Captain Streete had equally impressive figures. Copford's Soteriou reached 64 before being well caught by Darren King fielding with his new hands. Good support bowling by Rod and Matt Fowler and Tim Maskell kept Copford's total down to 185-7 which in fairness on a very hastily prepared wicket was going to be a testing total to chase. In reply most of Bentleys batsmen did well in getting a start but pick of the bunch was Tim Maskell who fell 1 run short of his half century with the match all but won. Dave "Dickie" Davis finished the victory with the winning runs.

### **6<sup>th</sup> August Cavaliers v GBCC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

The match at Cavaliers saw the debuts of Jeff Wright, Wayne Conway and Clive Bassett for a Saturday fixture at the Rugby Club ground. Skipper Dickie Davis won the toss and chose to bat. Pete Giles and Darren King got the Green off to a reasonable start but the backbone of the batting was Pete Bodily and Tim Maskell who finished on 63 and 45 respectively. The second score in the forties for the latter avoiding the half century for the second week. Accurate bowling by Cavaliers saw Bentley's inning close at 208-8. Defending a modest total Bentley bowled very well. Pete Giles opened with 10 very tight overs ably supported by part time bowler Maskell. Clive Bassett proved a little too sharp for the Cavaliers and Ben Helen in his first bowling spell for several seasons finished with the very impressive figures of 1-28 from 9 overs. Wayne Conway who last bowled when he was at school in 19?? came on and took the wicket of Cavaliers top scorer Mehta with his second ball. Not to be outdone Jeff Wright also had a short spell claiming 1-18. With only wicket keeper Wolski making any runs Cavaliers only managed 161 giving Bentley their third win in as many matches.

### **13<sup>th</sup> August Great Braxted and Tiptree v GBCC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

GB & T had been on a winning streak in recent weeks beating table leaders Maldon in the process so this was always going to be a tough game. The weather forecast was for plenty of rain so the captains opted to reduce the overs to 40. Dickie Davis won the toss yet again and chose to bowl with the new ball on a very green wicket. This turned out to be a good decision as opening bowlers Ian Manning and Matt Fowler restricted the batsmen to 24 off the first 10 overs. Manning in particular was virtually unplayable for most of his spell and finished with 4-16 off his 9 overs. In the gloom and rain Rod Fowler, Joe Fowler, Tim Maskell and Wayne Conway all bowled well with Wayne taking 2-9 off his 4 overs. A surprise addition to the bowling attack was Pete Bodily the all round utility player who showed just what you can do with the ball if you close your eyes. He is claiming a stumping that appears in the book as a run out. The innings closed on 140-9.

Chasing a modest total Bentley lost the experienced Ken Burbidge early on to a catch behind but the now established pairing of Maskell and Bodily batted through the innings to reach the required total with 6 overs to spare. Bods finishing on 72 not out and Tim escaping buying a jug for the third time on the trot on 45 not out a partnership of 122.

All said the second team are developing a good team spirit and have managed to sign some new players with talent that has enabled the team to compete in its league.

# Cookery Corner

## The Last of the Summer Treats?

As I write this in my usual last minute rush to catch the magazine deadline of August 12<sup>th</sup>, I suddenly remembered the significance of the date. It is of course The Glorious Twelfth, the opening of the grouse and therefore, the game season. Now, much as I love game, its arrival always causes a fit of melancholia as it heralds the arrival of autumn, and I do like to cling onto summer as long as possible. So, in the fairy-tale belief that it is still summer I'm going to write about an expensive summer luxury, a luxury which should still be available, that is to say lobster. And anyway I'm feeling extravagant, as I'm just about to go on holiday.

I have discovered two local good sources of lobster. One is Sait in Brightlingsea, who obtains them from Mersea and the other is a fish stall, or rather a couple of stalls, selling locally caught fish, which are on the sea front at Walton every Thursday and Saturday. Sait usually sells their lobsters already boiled, but as they do it themselves if you ask in advance they will keep you a live one. At the stalls at Walton they are sold live or boiled. A medium sized lobster will probably serve two people, depending on what else makes up the meal, appetite etc, and a small one may just do one person. Very large lobsters look splendid but tend to be tough.

Buying a live lobster means you've got to cook it, which comes to the thorny problem of how to kill it. There appears to be different methods of doing this. You can stab it with a sharp spike, between the head and tail, or put it in cold salted water and slowly bring it to the boil, or plunge it in boiling salted water with or without a preliminary sojourn in the deep freeze to induce torpor. For the latter method cooking times are 12 minutes for 500g, 15 minutes for 750g and an extra 5 minutes for every extra 500g. If you choose to place it in cold water it should take around 20-30 minutes according to size, the disadvantage with this method is that it is rather more difficult to gauge the timing, on the other hand it is, apparently, the method the RSPCA recommends.

If you are going to eat the lobster hot all you have to do is split it down the middle, and the bright red shell is not as tough as it looks, remove the black thread which runs down the body close to the upper part of the shell, crack the claws and serve with melted butter and lemon juice, a good loaf of brown bread and a bottle of your favourite white wine (Oh all right, why not Champagne? You might as well match expense with expense).

On the other hand, if you are going to plump for cold lobster you can bypass all the bother of cooking the beast and buy one ready cooked. The simplest way of serving it cold is in its shell with a vinaigrette sauce (but I would replace the vinegar with lemon juice), or with mayonnaise, home made of course, not that bottled stuff. For something a little more elaborate, try the following: -

Prepare as above, then carefully extract the white meat from the claws and body, if the lobster is a hen remove the red coral, pound it to a smooth paste and reserve. Cut the white meat into chunks and put to one side. Scoop out the creamy meat from the head and mix it with the coral then stir the resulting mixture into the mayonnaise, which has been flavoured with lemon juice. To serve, place the chunks of white lobster meat on a nice oval serving plate surrounded with quartered lettuce hearts and quartered hard-boiled eggs. Spoon the mayonnaise mixture over the lobster chunks and decorate with a dusting of finely chopped parsley.

However, as it has been pointed out, mayonnaise can be a little rich with a meat that's already rich in itself, so I have tried this alternative sauce for cold lobster, a nineteenth century French recipe quoted by both Elizabeth David (in *French Provincial Cooking*) and Jane Grigson (in *Good Things*)

Extract all the lobster meat cut the white flesh into chunks and save. Mix the creamy parts and coral with it with about 5 tbsp of olive oil, a tbsp of Dijon mustard, a couple of tbsp of chopped mixed herbs (parsley, tarragon and chives), 1 heaped tbsp of chopped shallot, 12 drops of Soya sauce, freshly ground pepper the juice of one lemon and a small glass of anisette (e.g. Marie Brizard). Add the chunks of white lobster meat to the sauce and serve on a dish.

As lobster is such a rare treat I think I can forego such fancy dishes as Homard à l'américaine, Lobster Thermidor and Lobster Newburg, they are I think, show-off chef dishes for jaded palates.

**G.R.**

# CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

## W.I.

6th September  
Village Hall - 8.00pm  
Asda Wine Tasting and Cheese Sampling  
New members and visitors very welcome

## GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 20th September  
**AUTUMN SHOW & A.G.M.**  
Staging of entries 7.15 - 7.45pm  
AGM 8.00pm  
Schedules available from 252182

## LADIES CLUB

Our first meeting after the summer break is to be held on Thursday 29th September at 7.45pm in the Village Hall when the Rev Keith Lovell will be coming along to tell us what he knows about Pub signs. Please come and join us.

The Club will be having a Tombola stall at the Village Show on 3rd September. Your support for this would be greatly appreciated.

## HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 8th September  
"Maltese Cross"  
The talk will be "Under the Maltese Cross", the story of an East Coast shipping and barge company, Horlocks of Mistley

## GT BENTLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our meeting was held in the Village Hall on 27th July. The speaker for the afternoon was a former secretary of the Club, Beryl Gilbert who gave a most interesting and informative talk about her work with Cat's Cradle. She also had two young kittens with her which attracted the members.

A most successful barbecue was held on the 15th July organised by Billie and Anne with the assistance of Sylvia Gwen, Lois and Vera.

### Diary of Events for September

Sat 3rd Stall at Gt Bentley Show  
Sat & Sun 11th & 12th St Mary's Flower Festival  
Wed 28th Harvest Festival, Village Hall, 2pm followed by Rosemary Oliver. Slide Show "A Walk Around Colchester".  
Competition: An Animal ornament.

## ART CLUB

### COACH TRIP TO LONDON

Saturday 12th November  
leaving Village Hall at 9.00am and London 5.00pm  
Cost £10 each  
Contact Joan Wilson 250574

### SPONSORED BIKE RIDE & WALK

**Saturday 10th September 2005**

**10.00am - 6.00pm**

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or John Moss  
01206 252182

# Children's Page

# QUIZ

"The name game." All the answers to the questions are, or contain, a male christian name.

## Questions

1. What name is used for the letter O in the NATO communications alphabet?
2. What is another name for the thyroid cartilage of the larynx?
3. Which character died in the very first episode of *East Enders*?
4. Who was the father of Alexander the Great?
5. Who was the minstrel of Robin Hood's outlaw band?
6. Who said "am I my brother's keeper?"
7. What is the capital of the US state of Texas?
8. Who was the fifth wife of king Henry VIII?
9. Which famous royal was known as 'Couer de Lion'?
10. By what name is the Russian alphabet known?
11. What is the name of the symbol on the flag of Israel?
12. What was Superman's name when he worked for the Daily Planet?
13. What name is given to a male donkey?
14. In the Bible, who was the personification of poverty and patience?
15. What name was given to the followers of king James II?
16. What name has been used by Popes more than any other?
17. What name is given to the skull and crossbones pirate flag?
18. What name is given to a dance where partners change when the music stops?
19. Who led the Israelites after the death of Moses?
20. Who became the first king of Israel c.1020 BC?
21. Who was the longest reigning European monarch?
22. Which comic strip character had a dog called Gnasher?
23. Who was the prince consort and husband of Queen Anne?
24. Who was the first high priest of Israel and relative of Moses?
25. Who replaced Judas Iscariot as the twelfth disciple?

## Answers to last months quiz

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Robbie.             | 14. Margaret.          |
| 2. A hospital.         | 15. Birmingham.        |
| 3. McCann.             | 16. Coronation Street. |
| 4. George.             | 17. Garth.             |
| 5. Jim.                | 18. CJ.                |
| 6. Porter.             | 19. Tooting.           |
| 7. Edith.              | 20. Mr. Rusty.         |
| 8. Oscar (the Grouch). | 21. Padstow.           |
| 9. Surbiton.           | 22. Arthur.            |
| 10. Sheridan.          | 23. Cambridge.         |
| 11. Ingrid.            | 24. Mr. Waverly.       |
| 12. Vienna.            | 25. Newcastle.         |
| 13. Bayview.           |                        |

Small response to last month's quiz and all correct. First out of the hat for the fiver was Mr M. Simpson of Sturrick Lane, many congratulations.

## YEAR 3 & 4 PRODUCTION

Our production was called 'Rhymeland'. We enjoyed making the production, it was fun! It was about a boy named Galen, another boy named Wat and a girl named Madam Alfwen.

Galen and Wat have to put out a magical fire in the village. They get sent to the king and the king tells Galen, Wat and Madam Alfwen to slay the dragon that started the fire.

On their way they meet a giant troll who picks them up and takes them home. Mrs Troll puts them in a pot, ready to cook them for dinner!

They also go into the dragon's den where they found the bones of other people the dragon had killed.

To find how Wat, Galen and Alfwen get out of all their troubles you need to watch the DVD of "Rhymeland".

Thanks to Mr Stacey we had a smashing school play in 2005. In the past we've always done live productions. This year we decided to make a film.

The children could sit in the audience and see themselves acting. Everybody had something to do. Everybody had an acting job and everybody had an off-screen job. We had to edit, film, be security, create special effects, do voice-overs, create backgrounds and many other things.

On the night we had a film premiere. The children showed up and walked down a red carpet. Mums and Dads took pictures and asked for our autographs. It was great! Thanks to all the stars of the play that made all of it worthwhile.

The main actors of the play were, James (The evil King Osric), Barney (the daft Galen), Holly (the kind witch), Jack (Galen's unlucky brother, Wat) and the narrators. The play would be rubbish without the children.

### By Curtis Barry and James Lattimore

Our teacher wrote the production. It was called "Rhymeland". Everybody enjoyed making the play. We all had an acting part in the play and everybody had other jobs to do too. Some children used the cameras, some children edited it and some children had other jobs to do.

The main characters were Galen (Barney Fritz), Wat (Jack Monger), Madam Alfwen (Holly Watson) and the stropky King Osric (James Lattimore). The premiere was at 7.30 and it finished at 9.00pm. The children that went to the premiere walked on a red carpet. We signed autographs and had our pictures taken.

## The Film

When we made Rhymeland it wasn't just a play it was a film. We even had a premier we walked down a red carpet. When everyone had walked down the red carpet then we watched the film. The children even edited it. We even signed autographs. There were three main characters. Galen, (Barney Fritz) Wat, (Jack Monger) and Madam Alfwen (Holly Watson). We had ice cream. There are two DVDs because we didn't have enough space on one disc so we have two discs. I enjoyed it.

Written by Liam Olding and Barney Fritz

The production by years 4 and 3 was called "Rhymeland". It was a great film and was edited by some of years 4 and 3. We took about a month of filming and then we put it all together. Now we are able to buy it on DVDs and watch it at home. The film includes witches, trolls, a King and a terrifying dragon.

The production of Y4 and 3 was called Rhymeland and we two classes edited it.

Rhymeland was made into a film. King Osric, Alfwin, Wat, Galen and Mother Troll are some of the characters.

The film is all about someone called Galen who couldn't rhyme in Rhymeland and got into lots of trouble with the King. The trouble he got into was that he was nearly eaten by trolls and killed a dragon.

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# ANGLIA SALADS

*"Fair waved the golden corn"*, or should we supersede that with, *"Purple Haze"*? I am sure that many of you will have admired the beautiful fields of lettuces on the edge of our village and in Frating and Thorrington.

David Edwards' Grandfather started farming at White House Farm at Thorrington in 1929, growing "traditional farm crops". In turn David's father continued and he took up the reigns and gradually the production changed to market gardening in around 1993/4 in response to demands of the consumer. Now, the farm has reacted once again to market forces and has adapted to grow speciality lettuce for processing ie. the prepared lettuce bagged and sold in all supermarkets.

Co-Owner of Anglia Salads is Gordon Spurgin who is based in Arleigh. As he and David were basically growing the same crops it made economic sense to amalgamate the two businesses and thereby eliminate the duplication in production costs. In 2001, Hockley Farm at Frating became available and has become not only a large area for cultivation but also the base for marketing and the technical teams. Each farm has its own speciality which for Hockley is Lettuce, White House is Endive and Arleigh completes the variation with Escarole and Green Batavia. Since the spring of 2005 land at Lufkins has been rented and Spinach, Onions and Greens are grown there. In all some 500 acres are under cultivation. 10 acres of cultivation takes place under glass and 10 under plastic which means that the season can be prolonged by three weeks at each end. The season at present means that lettuce production lasts for just 7 months of the year. However it is envisaged that partnership with a French company will ensure that Anglia Salads' customers will be able to be catered for 52 weeks of the year.

So where does all of this produce go? Three artics are constantly in use transporting the produce not only in this country, but also abroad, with regular deliveries to France each week. The Spring Greens and Salad Onions go to George Thompsons at Oakley who specialise in the ethnic outlets. Spring Greens are used to produce Crispy Seaweed. (I was shocked by this as I always thought that it was seaweed!!). 20% of produce is purchased by Hotel Chains and 5 Star Restaurants. The vast majority goes to the supermarket chains. In October negotiations start for the next years crops/prices and inevitably the grower will receive less as we all demand lower prices from the retail outlets.

The firm employs 40 full time staff, and 110 casual workers. The latter are almost all Eastern European (it was becoming impossible to get enough British employees) and include Polish, Lithuanian, Latvian and a few Bulgarian and Russian students. In the 1960's there was encouragement given to get British and European farm workers to get involved in work abroad to gain experience and to return home able to promote new working practices in their homeland. This was largely organised by a charity called Concordia. Accommodation is monitored and standard pay levels are set. Now with more and more countries joining the E.U. this has become a relatively easy process for workers. Of the first 5 casual workers initially employed at White House Farm 2 are now permanent, one now holds the position of Technical Manager and one is Farm Manager at Hockley Farm. (his wife is expecting her first baby any day now). They have really become part of the family.

The casual workers are all agricultural or students of English and they usually stay for a maximum of 6 months. They are in the 20-25 age range and are more than happy to work a 12 or 14 hour day, 6 days a week and without exception are honest and extremely hard working. Wages here in comparison to their country is high, and they save hard to enable themselves to pay their way through college, to buy a computer, and even to pay for operations for members of their families back home where medical care is very basic. Each student is working to complete a 4 or 5 year qualification. They live on the farm in mobile homes with 20 in each small community and although only staying for a relatively short time they have grassed areas to share for eating and sitting outside and planted and hung up hanging baskets etc. obviously taking a pride in their temporary homes. (no sign of litter etc.) David is quick to reiterate the words emblazoned on his computer screen which states that the success of the firm is directly down to **all of the employees.**

The business has grown 25% per year over the past 8 years and reflects the trends in convenience foods. It has probably reached a peak and will possibly now slow down. It is hoped that in 2006 the organic market can be addressed, as this is perceived to be a possible way forward.

Armed with all of this information, David kindly took me for a quick tour around the site starting with the technical side of things. The lettuces are brought from the fields to the farm in reusable plastic containers, in which they are cooled in water at 8°C. They are then placed in a vacuum cooler which will reduce the temperature of the product from 20-25°C down to 2°C in about 20-25 minutes. Each box has its own barcode which denotes exactly where on the farm it was produced, pesticides used, when harvested, weight of the pallet and any defects noted. Produce is normally cut and delivered within a 24 hour period. 80-90% of the lettuce must be useable and the boxes used for delivery are returnable. Even the staff are bar-coded as this makes the process of monitoring the hours worked and the pay to be received more efficient. Every knife used is numbered and has to be accounted for. The number of checks carried out on each area is 90+ per day. Hats and plastic gloves to be worn in every part of the job. Meticulous is the only word to describe the whole process.

Out on the fields..... row upon row, acre after acre. Purple, green and various shades in between. One group of workers was planting out the plug plants on the tractor with two people following on to rectify any mistakes which the machine might have made. It is hard work and needs high levels of concentration. The first crop is planted in mid-February and harvested in mid-May with crops in high season ready in just 5 weeks. Each area of field has its own irrigation cell which dispenses 4 millimetres of water per hour. Ideal conditions in which to produce the crop. Tractor hoeing and preferably manual hoeing make this a labour intensive product. I am amazed at the vastness of this operation and the acreage covered.

### **A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES!**

**20 MILLION PLANTS ARE BOUGHT IN EACH YEAR**

**250,000 PLANTS PLANTED IN ONE DAY**

**ENDIVE IS THE MOST POPULAR PRODUCT 40 TONS HARVESTED EACH WEEK**

**ON AVERAGE 200 TONS OF PRODUCE IS HARVESTED PER WEEK**

**TO DATE THIS YEAR THE RECORD AMOUNT OF PRODUCE HARVESTED IN ONE WEEK WAS 400 TONS!!**

Needless to say David is hoping for more sunny weather, leading to higher demands for salad crops.

This is an example not of diversification but of a market led initiative and I think it really does look beautiful. Next time you buy lettuce from the supermarket just think, it may well have been grown right on the edge of our Parish boundary.

## **Village Hall Meeting**

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce that a new Bookings Secretary has now been selected. She is Mrs Pizzey from Keeble Court, Great Bentley and she will take over booking duties from Heather Taylor at around the end of September. Some changes will be taking place with invoicing and payments and so we would like to ask all users to assist Mrs. Pizzey in settling down in her new role and to also adapt to the new changes taking place. The committee is also looking to update booking forms to ensure that all new regulations and requirements are covered and that the bookings contain all relevant information.

A more serious problem being dealt with by the committee is the cost of electricity. We have just renegotiated our contract and have been subjected to a substantial price increase ( nearly 90% ). This means that the cost of electricity will rise by almost £3,000 per year. This increase will have an immediate effect on the running costs and it is inevitable that an amount at least will have to be reflected in increased hiring costs. The finance committee is working hard in finding ways to save money at the Hall e.g. electricity use management, and will be looking for ways of attracting new hirers.

Any ideas of increasing income to the Village Hall through donations or fundraising would be very welcome. Just a thought – I suppose a telephone mast in the car park would be out of the question!!!!!!

The Committee has just purchased fifteen new fold up tables, which are now in use, and this means the original tables that are eighteen years old can now be disposed of. The cost of these is part of the long-term budget of the Hall.

Work has started on the new room. This is being financed by grants and Village Hall funds. This additional source of income will be most welcome, especially in light of the increased electricity costs, although it will be some time before it comes through.

## **VILLAGE HALL CARETAKER (DAYTIME)**

**This post still needs to be filled and we are now getting desperate. This position can be a one person or a job share – male or female. Please phone the Chairman Roger Adams for details on 250724.**

**WE NEED YOU**

# LONDON TO CAPE TOWN FOR WATERAID

## London to Cape Town for WaterAid

In September of 1997 Vanessa Botterill contracted what was believed to be Malaria in the Village of Nakuru, sadly soon after she passed away whilst still there, just 24 years old. Vanessa's brother Hugh worked on the farm in 1996 and 1999.

This prompted George Wright and the Haymakers to raise money in conjunction with her family to support WaterAid, the UK's only major charity dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people.

In the year 2002 Ben Parker and George Wright flew to Nairobi and on to Cape Town. Whilst there they did much overlanding and used this opportunity to see how Non Governmental Organisations operate in the field. Out of all they saw, WaterAid was by far the most active and beneficial for local communities.

The site they studied in detail was a WaterAid run model village set up near Moze in Zambia. They looked at how WaterAid used some of the funding first hand in their Model villages set up as part of an education process. Helping the local people site and build latrines and wells for clean hygienic water supplies and thus helping the prevention of all the associated diseases, Bilharzia, dysentery, cholera and diarrhoeal diseases etc.

"Before I used to collect water from the school in Mandimba, there was a tap there with good water. The trip used to take me over four hours every day. it was hard work. Now the water is very close to my house and I can come here two or three times a day to collect water for everything. It is much easier now the well is so close." Elizabeth Bernado - Niassa province, WaterAid beneficiary, Mozambique.

WaterAid has affected a great many lives in Africa and the funds are used effectively to help vulnerable communities and in many cases educate them to help themselves.

WaterAid is playing a key role to help achieve the Millennium Development Goal target of achieving universal access to safe water by 2025, and currently helps 600,000 people gain access to sustainable water supplies each year. However it would not be able to do so without continued support from events such as these, which is why we need your help.

There is a convoy of vehicles leaving London on December 26th 2005 and the two occupants of each will fund their trip through Africa to Cape Town. The convoy will be escorted through London across Tower Bridge down to Dover by as many well-wishes as possible forming a large train of as many British Landrovers as possible. It is hoped that many companies will support and be able to follow the progress of the trip and also support the member's individual fundraising efforts for Wateraid. None of the sponsorship from companies and individuals will be used for the trip.

If you would like to support our fund raising efforts you can contact George on 07831 8888 66 or Ben on 07880 726666. Cheques should be made payable to 'Water Aid' and sent to Admirals Farm, Heckfords Road, Great Bentley, Essex, CO7 8RS.

Thank you for your support.

**George R. Wright**  
**Ben J. Parker**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL

It is now my annual task to start talking about Christmas before I've had my summer holiday! Nevertheless Christmas is approaching fast. I'm sure all seasoned campaigners are already thinking about or already preparing shoe boxes but for the newcomers among us let me explain about our annual appeal.

Since 1999 the people of Great Bentley, Thorrington and Frating together with many of their friends have been collecting and filling shoe boxes. These boxes are sent to children in wartorn countries in Eastern Europe. To date we have sent ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY NINE boxes - a truly wonderful achievement. Let's try to make it 2,000 by the end of 2005.

From the beginning of the month posters will be on display around the village and information leaflets will be available from the Post Office. Shoe boxes and information leaflets can also be obtained from the Parish Church and from the Methodist Church.

If you haven't taken part in the past please join us this year, it really is quite good fun finding items suitable to pack in a shoe box.

Our wonderful team of knitters are hard at work and we already have a supply of hats and mitts. Patterns are available and if you would like a copy, please contact me.

Maida S. Brown  
(Tel: 252287)

# *Great Bentley Parish Council*

## **Congratulations**

The election for two replacement Councillors took place in early August and I take this opportunity to congratulate George Wright and David Gibbon on their election. They will be now able to sign their acceptance of office in public and be able to act as Councillors at the next Parish Council meeting on the 1st September.

As you will be aware we had a further resignation after the present election was called and a further election has been called and we wait to see what nominations for candidate we have. If there is more than one person nominated then the election will be on the 22nd September.

## **Co-optive Vacancy**

During 2004 we had an earlier resignation. At that time no one called for an election and thus under the law we were told by the returning officer at Tendring that it was the Council's responsibility to Co-opt a willing person onto the Council. Once the above election was called we tried to have this vacancy added into the election in August, however we were told that this could not be done. Therefore we are still looking for a volunteer willing to be co-opted onto the Council. Volunteers please let me or the Clerk know.

## **Police Community Support Officers**

On the 6th July we had a good public meeting to learn about PCSOs. Since then some of you have been filling in the questionnaires issued in the July magazine. At the Parish Council meeting on the 4th August we considered the results and found that the vast majority of those expressing an opinion wished Great Bentley to pay for one PCSO for Great Bentley. Therefore we have written to the Inspector in charge to ask him to start the process. The earliest we could have one in the village would be in January 2006.

## **Community Resource Centre**

At last the new Parish Office based in part of the Village hall is about to be come a reality. You will recall that in January I let you know the Parish Council's intentions to have an office open on Tuesday and Saturday mornings where the Clerk could operate from and you could call in to consult with us, use the resources and inspect planning applications etc. We have hopes too that the CAB may be able to use it and maybe if it all works out leave messages for the PCSO.

### **Great Bentley Parish Council**

#### **Part Time Parish Council Clerk's Assistant**

With potential for promotion since present clerk is due to retire in May 2006  
Main duties, to assist the clerk and manage the Parish Council's Office on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, 5 hours per week. Hourly rate of pay £6.50.

Applications to the Clerk at

The White House Manningtree Road, Stutton, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2SR

Full job description available from the Clerk or Chairman 250087

Closing date for applications 16th September.

Probable interviews 29th September

Robert Taylor    Chairman of the Parish Council

## MARK SIMMONS AND THE COAL BUSINESS

One feature of Station Road is the Coal Yard with its heaps of various types of coal, its machinery, lorries and men who work there. If you look at a map of 1897 you will see that there were railway sidings at the station for loading and unloading the freight trucks which used to be shunted in there. There was also a cattle pen for animals in transit, and, from further along, a branch line which ran alongside the station yard and across Station Road right into the coal yard. It was along this line that the coal wagons were pulled into the yard by the mule and then manoeuvred into position.

Here is Mark Simmon's story taken from an interview with Roger Marney of BBC Radio Essex.

The firm began back in the early 1860s. This yard has been here for over a hundred and thirty years. My grandfather, Charles Marcus Simmons, founded the business and it still bears his name. In the early stages, as far as we know, he was a small farmer. He began by collecting coal from the Flag Creek in St Osyth. He used to take corn down to load onto the barges to go away, but the barges also brought coal in, so it was something that automatically happened, the coal was there and he brought coal back - a way of making use of the empty cart.

Then we came on the railway and we had a line until such time as the Beeching Axe destroyed all the local stations in the sixties - took away their goods yards.

At the start it was all horse and cart. Even in my young days all the deliveries were by horse and cart. We had an old mule which was an ex Army mule from the 14-18 war. They had it directly after the war, probably about 1920 and we had it until the second world war 1945 in fact. It was one of our longest serving employees, and was thought more of than we were. I was always told that they could replace me, but they couldn't replace the mule.

We did go into motorised transport. My father had one of the old 'T' model Fords, one of the first lorries that was ever produced - I can remember as a small boy, sitting in the cab of this lorry - you had a lever on one side which was the throttle - a lever the other side which set the engine to advance or retard, and three pedals, one forward, one reverse and one brake. The maximum speed was 12 m.p.h. but my father never had full speed out of it - about 5mph was his capacity. A little story goes that he was out one morning delivering and he came back with a face as black as thunder. I said, "Father, what's upset you?" and when I looked at the lorry some of the local lads had chalked across the cab "Major Seagrove", and he was the local racing driver - a bit of a joke about his speed no doubt.

We progressed from there to more modern methods.

I started working with the company at a very early age - from about seven or eight in the early 1930s. As a youngster in a family business you were

expected to do your share. You came out of school and you weren't allowed to go and play - you came into the yard and you bagged up a bit of coal or you held the bags while somebody else shovelled it in. My grandfather was of the old Victorian age. I don't remember his first wife but a lot of the elder people in the village have told me that she used to unload the wagons of coal, shovel the coal out of the wagons, while he went round to the pub - that shows what sort of a Victorian taskmaster he was.

My grandfather was very strict. My father was very strict but he did mellow as he got older. Grandfather had a very Victorian attitude - he would keep us busy all summer even if there wasn't a lot of work to do. We had quite a big orchard over on that part of the village and he would say to me in the summertime on a Saturday morning when you had to report to him to do your jobs - "Well there's nothing to do in the yard - go down the orchard and fill up this barrow with all the loose stones you can find." And you'd do that, perhaps be a couple of hours filling up this great big barrow - and you'd go back and say, "Grandfather, I've finished doing this job now", and he'd come along and he'd take the wheelbarrow and tip it on one side and tip some of the stones out, and he'd go round the orchard tipping the stones out - "Now you can pick them up again." That is the type of man he was. He was not going to see anybody being idle.

There were no privileges for being in the family. And our wages which I used to get on a Saturday, used to be one egg between myself and my brother, not one egg for me - that was between the two of us. That gives you some idea of the state of affairs. The animals were far more important than anyone else. If you mistreated an animal or overworked an animal you were in serious trouble.

In the thirties there was a recession - and the recent one here does not compare with it at all. They were really hard times. It's a job to explain exactly how things were - they were certainly very much harder than any later recession. Wages were very very poor. I remember going to a farm labourer who used to get his coal from us - he could only afford to pay us once a year - when they had had the harvest and sold the corn they paid him. I can remember seeing that man, and his wife was making him a pair of trousers out of a corn sack. That might give you some idea of how hard times were compared with today.

Now my son Colin makes the fourth generation in the business. Of course it has changed dramatically to what it was. In my young days there was no electricity, no gas or oil heating, everyone cooked and heated with solid fuel so you called on virtually every house. Nowadays we've got competitive fuels - nevertheless there is a strong proportion of people still using solid fuel or going back to it. But the yard and the coal office are not a focal point in the village any more as they were in the old days.

*Mark recalls how the first fire station was a little shed in the lane running from Station Road to the back of the Plough and all they had was a four-man hand pump kept outside. He continues:-*

After that we had a Coventry Climax pump towed by a car. The hose would send out 250 gallons a minute. Later it was a Bedford lorry with a 500 gallon static water tank made of canvas in a cage. The new diffuser hose sent out a wide spray. We were able to go further afield.

I remember us extinguishing fires at Lodge Farm barns caused by incendiary bombs, and a kitchen fire at Fir Tree Cottage. Fred had fallen asleep in his armchair with a cigarette alight and set the place ablaze.

We went to a stack fire at Sycamore Farm Thorrington also caused by incendiaries. There would be a cluster of about five hundred came down together. We went round collecting up the unexploded devices and put them in a heap. When the Army Bomb Disposal Unit got there you should have heard the sergeant's language. He said they had explosive heads and it was luck that we were all still there.

While we were on duty in the hut one night happily chatting and drinking tea, we heard a whining and something crashed through the roof and out through the wall. It was a shell from the Harwich ack-ack guns

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So the present fire station was built next to the coal office. We had a proper tender - a big box van, with hoses, axes, ropes and ladders. The Harland pump sent out 500 gallons per minute. The tender was kept in the front section of the building and we had bunks and kitchen facilities at the back.

We went for training at Stanway and we had competitions with other crews to see who could turn out the fastest.

I remember being in a relay team at Southend - over twenty pumps taking part. I was pumpman with a brand new pump and when it was turned on it made the most unholy noise. The exhaust had fallen off. Of course there were complaints about the racket and as I was in charge of that pump I was on the carpet.

Another time I was on Despatch Rider duty. I didn't like that at all. Full-time pumps had to have despatch riders with them to take messages. I had to lead five tenders from Brightlingsea to Southend. None of the drivers knew where Southend was. I had hardly any light from my blacked-out head lamp and when we got to Rayleigh I found I'd lost two of them. So I had to stop the first ones and chase back in the dark to find the others. They had turned right instead of left. We arrived twenty minutes late and of course I was on the carpet again. I refused to do any more D.R. duties and my tiny subsistence allowance was stopped for three months!

Back to Great Bentley - Sid Gosling was in charge. There were a lot of silly rules and regulations - woe betide anyone with a button undone on a hot day. One column officer even ran his fingers under

the mudguards looking for dirt. But we stopped him doing that - by secretly smearing grease under them.

*In the later years Wes King took over the leadership and continued as a fire officer in Great Bentley long after the war. It was he who was responsible for getting an emergency pump for the village installed in the shed next to the Cricket Pavilion*

*Jack Wright remembered the fire drills on the green when the men practised rescuing people and carrying them down ladders with a fireman's lift. Some were better at it than others and the lads knew which ones to avoid.*

*Pump drill on Sunday mornings involved towing the pump to the brook to test it. Rumour has it that after this the intrepid crew made their way home by way of Thorrington Lion where a very strong brew of cider was served.*

By kind permission of Mrs Barbara Tricker, we reproduce this article as a tribute to Mr. Mark Simmons who died in July.

## **COUNTRYSIDE DAY & FARMERS MARKET**

**SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER**

**VILLAGE HALL  
FROM 2pm**

**FOR ENQUIRIES  
PLEASE RING 250524**

**THE GREAT BENTLEY SHOW**

**SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER**

## GREAT BENTLEY FOOTBALL CLUB 2005-06

### FRIENDLY RESULTS:

Sat 23 Jul	H Foxash Social XI	0-0
Sat 30 Jul	H Weeley Athletic	1-3 o.g.
Tue 2 Aug	H Foxash Social	1-1 S.Oldhamstead
Thu 4 Aug	H Grinners	3-3 P.Turner, M.Kerridge, M.Hesketh
Sat 6 Aug	A Mistley United	Cancelled
Sat 6 Aug	H Harwich Rangers	8-1 J.Baldwin 2, M.Kerridge 2, J.Hesketh, S.Spires, S.Cardy
Fri 12 Aug	H Cinque Port	6-2 J.Baldwin 2, S.Spires 2, S.Oldhamstead, K.Russell
Sat 13 Aug	H St Ives	2-4 J.Baldwin, M.Giles
Tue 16 Aug	H Wimpole 2000	5-0 o.g., M.Giles, S.Y ounge, B.Sharp, M.Hesketh

1ST TEAM FIXTURES. KENT BLAXILL BORDER LEAGUE, DMSION 1. Kick-off 3 p.m. unless stated.

Sat 27 Aug	H Boxted Lodgers	4-30 p.m.
Sat 3 Sep	A Mistley United	League Cup, Rd 1
Sat 10 Sep	A Mersea Island	
Sat 17 Sep	A Bures United	
Sat 24 Sep	H Witham Town Res	
Sat 1 Oct	H Weeley Athletic Res	

RESERVE FIXTURES. KENT BLAXILL BORDER LEAGUE, DMSION 2. Kick-off 3 p.m. unless stated.

Sat 20 Aug	H Sudbury Athletic	0-1
Sat 27 Aug	H West Suffolk College	1-30 p.m.
Sat 3 Sep	H Foxash Social	
Sat 10 Sep	A Weeley Athletic Res	Reserve Cup, Rd 1
Sat 17 Sep	H Boxted Lodgers Res	
Sat 24 Sep	A Bures United Res	
Sat 1 Oct	A Lawford Lads Res	

Mer a slow start, the friendlies produced a fair number of goals, and a good pre-season work-out for our players. Once again we saw the benefit of having a resilient and readily available pitch, with all the friendlies being played on the Green.

The grass has had a weed and feed, and is looking in good shape for the coming season.

Our thanks to Bill Herbert, who marked out the four 5-a-side pitches as well as the main area, and also to Mick Dorling for cutting a good playing surface.

The list of scorers shows that several of our new signings and younger players were amongst the goals in the pre-season, and we are delighted to have attracted a younger element into the club.

Of particular interest in that list is M.Hesketh, who has already poached a couple.

Conkers' dedicated fitness campaign has seen him force his way into the reckoning, although he possibly needs to moderate his goal celebrations, which have already seen one player and a couple of spectators receive a tad more bear-hugging than they might have been ready for.

The reserves got their league programme under way with a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Sudbury Athletic. This was a competent enough display, despite being unable to find the net, and our pressure during the latter stages really should have gained us at least a point

On the plus side, it was the ressie's first game back in the Border League after a seventeen year gap, and they will no doubt take a while to find their feet in the higher level

As can be seen from the fixtures, we now have a full calendar of games, and it would be a huge boost for the lads if we could maintain the sort of support that we received last season.

There will be many good sides visiting the Green this year, so do come and give us a look and a cheer.

On another page in this magazine you will see an advert for our new youth side.

Scott Young has put a lot of effort into getting this started, as a Great Bentley youth team is long overdue. Let's support Scott and get this vital resource off the ground.

The July Draw was won by No. 103, M.Beard, £50, 2nd, No. 206, Z.Kerridge, £25, and 3rd, No. 52, B.Tricker, £20. The August Draw will follow the two games on Sat 27th. The very best of luck.'

## DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 1st **MOTHERS' UNION**, Vestry Room, 10.15
- Thurs 1st **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
- Fri 2nd **COFFEE MORNING**, Methodist Church, 10-12noon
- Fri 2nd **GT BENTLEY RECYCLING**
- Sat 3rd **GREAT BENTLEY SHOW**
- Sat 3rd **SEPTEMBER DANCE**, The Marquee, see p.6
- Mon 5th **BENTLEY GREEN PLAYERS**, Script reading, see p. 10
- Tues 6th **W.I.** Village Hall, 8pm, Wine Tasting & Cheese Sampling
- Wed 7th **BADMINTON CLUB STARTS**, Village Hall, see p. 10
- Thurs 8th **BIG TEA PARTY** see page 8
- Thurs 8th **NSPCC, COFFEE MORNING**, St James, Brightlingsea, p. 8
- Thurs 8th **HISTORY SOCIETY**, Maltese Cross, V. Hall, see p. 23
- Sat/Sun 10/11th **ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL & ART EXHIBITION**, See
- Sat 10th **SPONSORED BIKE RIDE & WALK**, See p. 23
- Sat 10th **YOGA FOR ALL**, Brightlingsea, see p. 17
- Tues 13th **AINGERS GREEN RECYCLING**
- Wed 14th **BENTLEY BEARS**, 2.15pm, St Mary's Church
- Wed 14th **MOBILE POLICE UNIT**, 2.15-3.30pm, Plough Inn
- Fri 16th **GT BENTLEY RECYCLING**
- Fri 16th **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**
- Sat 17th **CONCERT BY BRITISH LEGION BAND**, Methodist Hall, see p. 6
- Sat 17th **CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**, 60 years party, see p. 8
- Tues 20th **GARDENING CLUB**, Autumn Show & AGM, 8pm, V.Hall
- Fri 23rd **MAGAZINE COLLATING** Vestry Room from 9am
- Sun 25th **SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE**, Brightlingsea Rotary Club, p.13
- Mon 26th **W.E.A. starts**, see p. 15
- Tues 27th **AINGERS GREEN RECYCLING**
- Wed 28th **MOBILE POLICE UNIT**, 2.15-3.30pm, Plough Inn
- Wed 28th **GT BENTLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB**, V. Hall, 2pm, see p. 23
- Thurs 29th **LADIES CLUB**, Village Hall, 7.45pm, see p. 23
- Thurs 29th **FARMER'S MARKET**, Brightlingsea Community Centre,
- Fri 30th **RECYCLING** Great Bentley

# Village Information

## St Mary's Church

### VICAR:

The Rev'd Bernard Metcalfe  
The Vicarage, Moors Close - 250476

### CHURCHWARDEN:

Peter Allington  
Poplar House, Station Road - 251086

### CHURCHWARDEN

Nicky Justice  
16 Cherrywoods - 251474

### TREASURER:

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### CHURCH VERGER:

Rita Baverstock  
Stonybroke, Station Road - 251271

### CHOIR TRAINER & ORGANIST

Penny Metcalfe  
The Vicarage, Great Bentley - 250476

### LAY READER:

Wendy King  
17 Larkfield Road - 250852

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Rita Coles  
3 Wents Close - 251506

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60 Birch Avenue - 250880

### TOWER CAPTAIN:

Roger Carey-Smith - 250521

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### BENTLEY BEARS:

Carole Allington  
Poplar House, Station Road - 251086

### SEEKERS:

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Lynda McWilliams - 250732

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Robert Taylor  
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Rocket House, Gorse Lane Industrial Estate, Clacton:  
01255 476068

### VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS:

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### VILLAGE HALL NUMBER - 251603

### METHODIST HALL BOOKINGS:

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