

Great Bentley Parish News

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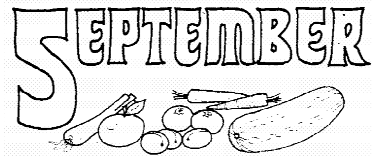
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EDITORIAL



As soon as I hear the evocative sound of the combine harvester as it patiently traverses the golden fields I always feel that autumn has arrived. I had to revise this notion as I realised that it was only the beginning of July! Now however, at the end of August the swallows and house martins are congregating on the wires. All is, I believe, safely gathered in and many leaves are prematurely floating to earth from several of the trees. Autumn truly is on its way.

We seem to have a full magazine once again thanks to many contributions of text and therefore I will have to use this column to publicise a most enjoyable event which many villagers attended in Brightlingsea, the recording of Gardeners Question Time. One recording went out on 7th August and a second one will hit the airwaves on 4th September. Apparently it is the longest running programme in the world (62 years) and should feature our own Jennie Moss and Ali Hare. The panel consisting of Bunny Guinness, Matthew Biggs and John Cushnie were brilliant and responded knowledgably and naturally to all of the questions thrown at them and the Chairman Eric Robson was an instant hit with the audience too. It was a really interesting and enlightening evening.

We have included a shortened version of Councillor Robert Taylor's questionnaire re street lighting and the possibility of an earlier "switch off". This is featured with the Parish Council notes on page 26. Please respond to this if you possibly can as the Parish Council really do wish to hear your views on this matter.

Betty Harvey has quickly put together an article on a highly poisonous plant which has appeared in the village (and subsequently been destroyed). See page 32. It could be lurking on waste ground or a garden near you. The seed pods resemble conkers but could have dire consequences if ingested and would undoubtedly prove fatal for a child. Unfortunately I do not have pre 1990 magazines here so was unable to find the line drawing we used to illustrate the plant when we publicised the problem in 1989.

Soon be time for the Village Show. PLEASE do consider entering at least one class this year. I'm sure everyone has a pot plant, a vase of flowers a photograph or a jar of jam or chutney tucked away that could wend its way to the marquee on 5th September. Thanks to the huge efforts of the committee a wonderful quintessential village event will take place on the green. Look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Maskell

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FRONT COVER

Opening of the new
Football Club
Changing Room

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The Monthly Letter - September 2009

Dear Friends,

Have you seen the posters for this year's Tent Service yet? They show a big landscape. Set in the landscape is a canvas on an artist's easel. The artist has painted just a tiny part of the bigger picture. That's our theme for the Churches Together service in the Marquee on The Green at 10.30am on Sunday 6th September – "Seeing the Big Picture". Once again we are very grateful to the Great Bentley Show for the use of the tent for what has become a very successful tradition – and it's growing. This year we shall be joined by the ecumenical congregation from Alresford, whose musicians will be playing for us. We shall also be welcoming our Methodist Minister, Rev. Ray King, to this service for the first time. We do hope that you will come and share in this very special occasion.

"Seeing the Big Picture" is also what our Harvest Festivals will be all about. There's an old rhyme which goes, "Back of the bread, the flour. Back of the flour, the mill. Back of the mill, the sun and rain, the earth and the Father's will." Rather than taking our food for granted, we broaden our vision. We celebrate all the skill and hard work that brings it to our table. We remember that "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above" and we "thank the Lord for all his love" by sharing his gifts with others. So be on the lookout for the Harvest Festival posters too!

Posters are important. It's all too easy for congregations to become inward looking groups, doing private things just to suit themselves. The bigger picture says that we are here to serve the whole community. By joining together in the tent on the Green we are demonstrating that wider vision. Our posters are a warm and open invitation to everybody.

*With love to you all,
Bernard.*

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MOTHERS' UNION

The month begins with an outing to the Beth Chatto Garden - it will be lovely to share time together in such a beautiful place. The plan is to meet in the car park at 10am - have coffee followed by plenty of time to enjoy the garden; staying for lunch if desired, feeling free to stay longer or make for home.

We shall be represented at the Flower Festival and Art Exhibition in St Mary's Church on the 12th and 13th September. A good theme for us - 'Wedding Anniversaries'.

On Monday 14th September it is our Diocesan Annual Meeting and Council in Chelmsford Cathedral from 10am. All members are invited - we shall meet our new Diocesan President and say farewell to Jill Evans who has done such a great job.

We are fortunate to have found a new Branch Leader to take office on 1st January 2010. Jill Earwaker is happy to take over from me - she has had experience of leading the branch in her previous parish having a great love of M.U. and all it means. Welcome Jill.

Love and Best Wishes
Myrtle

PS. I have been elected to continue as Deanery Chairman for the next three years



SERVICES AND EVENTS IN GREAT BENTLEY DURING SEPTEMBER 2009



GREAT BENTLEY METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

SEEKERS - Every Monday 3.30pm

BELLRINGING PRACTICE - Every Monday - 7.30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE - Every Thursday 7.15pm

Tue. 1st 10.00am Standing Committee in the Vicarage
 Wed. 2nd 10.00am Holy Communion
 2.15pm Bentley Bears
 7.30pm Deanery Synod at St. James's, Brightlingsea

Sat 5th 12.00 noon Wedding

SUN 6TH 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Churches Together Service in the Tent on the Green

Mon. 7th 3.30pm The Seekers New Term begins

Wed. 9th 10.00am Holy Communion

SAT. 12TH FLOWER FESTIVAL & ART EXHIBITION OPENS, see page 25

10.00 - 6.00pm Friends of Essex Churches Ride & Stride

SUN. 13TH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am All Age Sung Eucharist

FLOWER FESTIVAL & ART EXHIBITION CONTINUES

Mon. 14th 12.30pm Deanery Chapter Meeting in the Vestry Room

Tue 15th 10.00am Churches Together in The Vicarage

Wed. 16th 10.00am Holy Communion

Thur 17th 8.00pm P.C.C. Meeting in the Vestry Room

SUN. 20TH 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

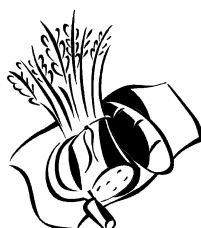
Wed. 23rd 10.00am Holy Communion

SUN 27TH HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am All Age Harvest Festival Service
 lunchtime Bring & Share Harvest Lunch in the Vestry Room

Wed 30th 10.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Harvest Service at The Oaks



We welcome you to worship with us during September. Morning worship will be held at 11.00 a.m. The leaders of worship are set out below:-

September 6th Tent Service Revs Ray King & Bernard Metcalfe

September 13th Barbara Fookes

September 20th Harvest Pastor David Bavister

September 27th Gill Bavister

Events in September

Harvest Festival & Lunch Morning Service led by Pastor David Bavister, followed by a Lunch to which everyone is invited.

Coffee Morning Friday 4th September 10am to 12 noon Cakes, books, raffle etc. Proceeds for Beacon House a Christian Centre that cares for the homeless.

Cameo Monday 7th September Harvest Supper & Harvest Hymns 6.30pm. This is an informal evening where you can meet with friends and have a good meal. Ring 250087 if you need a lift.

Harvest Weekend

Saturday 19th September

From 10am we shall meet to decorate the Church for Harvest. Refreshments provided.

Sunday 20th September

Harvest Festival 11am

After the service we shall all have lunch together. All welcome to the Service and to lunch. Please ring 250979 if you would like to come to lunch.

Adventurers Club will begin again on the 11th September 7pm to 8.30pm, Subs £1.50. Children from year 3 upwards are welcome. Please ring 250087 for more information and to register your child.

Luncheon Club 1st, 15th & 29th September

If you would like to come along to the Luncheon Club please ring 251330 and talk to Brenda. Come and see if you enjoy the meal and company before you commit yourself to coming each time. Transport can be arranged to help those unable to get to the Methodist Church.

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

Luncheon Club Alternate Tuesdays 12 Noon 251330

Parent & Toddlers Group Thursdays 9-15 a.m. 250431

Adventurers Fridays 7 p.m. 250087. For children in school year 3 and older.

We host the Village Teen Youth Club on alternate Thursdays. Leader Sue Warder 250713.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
ROTAS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2009**



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