



Issue 64 – Sunday 11 July 2021

St PETER'S POST  
(incorporating The METHODIST MERCURY)



NEWS



Thought  
for the week



Winning  
Vs  
Effort



**WINNING** is not everything...  
but making the **EFFORT** to win is.

*Vince Lombardi, Green Bay Packers*

*Thank you Paul*



# Benington & Walkern Church Services

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## Sunday 11 July: Trinity 6

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St Mary's Walkern	9.30am	Communion by Extension	
Benington Methodist Church	10.30am	Morning Service	Rev Nicholas Young
St Peter's Benington	11.00am	Morning Prayer	

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## COLLECT

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# Can you help..?

I am looking for volunteers to help on the cake stall / serving coffee at the Village Hall Market Stall on Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know if you can help.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Heather Ferguson 01438 869 340

[beningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:beningtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

*Thank you Heather*



## The Eleemosynary Trust

Each year the Trust makes funds available to support young people with grants towards the cost of education and training.



We are always pleased to hear from people about to start an apprenticeship or a university course, and explore whether we can help with the cost of books, tools etc. At this time, home computers are essential

for schoolchildren, and we help towards these too.

If you are a Benington resident and think we can help you, please email me and I'll bring it to the attention of the trustees.

Paul Cobb ([paulhobb@btopenworld.com](mailto:paulhobb@btopenworld.com))

*Thank you Paul*



## Benington Community Funds

Benington Parish Council can financially support projects that will benefit residents and enhance where we live. In the past we have regularly contributed to the Village fireworks display, our school, the local environment, fair, and local charities. This year voluntary or charitable organisations can apply to us for project grants from £50 up to £500.

The Parish Council is funded through the Council Tax and we have small reserves available for community enhancement and we encourage residents to put forward their ideas. We will consider all types of ideas or application, although of course we may be limited by our available funds.

Please note: We are unable to grant requests relating to personal financial hardship but would be pleased to direct anyone to the different sources of funds that we know about.

We are open to all Community Fund ideas; however, they will be especially welcome from:

- Different and innovative activity that benefit the community
- Voluntary or charitable groups that provide services for other people
- Groups that support disadvantaged people to access something they could not otherwise
- Applications to purchase items that can be shared / enjoyed by many

For further information please contact: **Clerk - Julie Haire**  
[clerk.beningtonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk.beningtonpc@yahoo.co.uk)

*Thank you Dan*



## Farming update

**From Harry Bott:** This is the time of year when we are not quite so busy and can catch up with jobs like repairing pot holes in some of our farm roads. We are fortunate in having a gravel pit on the farm. And it's main product is called hoggin which is a mixture of clay and stony gravel. This was laid down many thousands of years ago over a bed of chalk. The chalk being the remains of sea shells and this shows that at one time, the area was under the sea. Dry hot weather is a good time to do road repairs as the hoggin goes down good and solid to make a good repair. Another job that we can carry out is hedge cutting. We can do the roadside hedges first, but we have to wait until the beginning of July before we can cut any field boundary hedges in order to let nesting birds finish their egg incubation. The field hedges are cut on a 3 year rotation to encourage the production of fruit that is so important for wildlife food during Winter.

This time of year just before harvest is the time for agricultural demonstrations and shows. A show that has been going for the last 5 years is called Groundswell and is held at Weston near Hitchin. The theme of the show is to demonstrate the new alternative agriculture and from small beginnings it has grown to an event that is attracting international attention. As well as demonstrations on the land, there are a large number of speakers talking about subjects as diverse as dung beetles and their importance to soil health, no dig gardening, precision grazing of cattle and sheep and this year we had George Eustice, secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

*Thank you Harry*



## People News

Congratulations this month to Sarah Goodwin, an aspiring young author, who has had her first book published by Harper Collins. The book is entitled *Stranded*, and is a thriller. Sarah was brought up in Benington and lives here at the moment. We look forward to reading her book and wish her many more to come.

Congratulations also to Jan and Chris Radford who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We send them best wishes and trust they will have many more.

We miss seeing Sylvia and Dick Reedy taking their walks around the village. They have a new home near Rugby, we hope they will be very happy there. We shall miss them at Coffee Morning, Film Club and for Sylvia Knit and Craft. Our good wishes go with them.

We hope that Marion Collins is making a good recovery after smashing up her knee, we send her our best wishes. Also our thoughts and prayers are with Louise Beckham as she waits for an operation.

We send our condolences to Sue Hewlett and family as they mourn the death of a mother, grandmother and great grandma. Lastly we have heard of the death of Dave Roberts in his home in Spain. Dave was for many years landlord of the Bell. Two of Dave's passions were Aviation and poetry. I felt privileged to be allowed to bring his poetry home to read, and found some very moving.

It may surprise folk to know that he wrote a hymn entitled “Anthem for the Aviator.” The hymn is sung to the tune Melita. We use this tune for “Eternal Father, strong to save”.

There are four verses, here are two of them.

God ,bless the wings on which they fly;  
And steer them safely through the sky.  
When they let slip their earthly ties,  
Tame squall and tempest as they rise.  
Oh, God, our Father, up on high,  
Bestow on them, your watchful eye.

As they soar your hallowed heights,  
In storm-lashed days or star-blessed nights,  
And, though they trespass in your space,  
Grant unto them your care and grace.  
Oh, God, our Father, up on high,  
Bestow on them your watchful eye.

We send our love to Barbara and the girls, as they mourn Dave’s death at this sad time.

Best wishes Rita.

*Thank you Rita*

Do you fancy a trip out to our village of Ardeley (SG2 7AH) to enjoy a cream tea with homemade scones and cakes ?

We are once again planning to be open for teas from 2.30 pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September (subject to any Covid restrictions) Proceeds in aid of St Lawrence Church funds. We look forward to welcoming you to our pretty village with its beautiful 13<sup>th</sup> century church and thatched cottages round the Green. For further information please contact Wendy Waygood 01438 861260.

Do come and join us for a traditional afternoon tea.



# Beautiful Benington Cards

## BEAUTIFUL BENINGTON

### *Greeting Cards*



Photo cards for sale in aid of the Village Hall fund.

5" x 7" cards with envelopes- **£2 each**

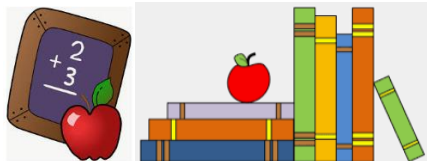
Online orders- <https://bit.ly/BeningtonCards>

Beautiful Benington is having another outing- via some photo cards for sale in aid of the Village Hall Fund. Thank you once again to our photographers who contributed images, they have come out a treat! The cards are 5 x 7" with envelopes and cello wrapped, and are left blank for your own message. They cost £2 each, and you may order online via this link or they will be available for sale at most village hall events- <https://bit.ly/BeningtonCards>

Also a quick reminder that we will be asking for your favourite photographs of village life for this year's Beautiful Benington calendar, so get snapping. More details to come...

*Thank you Fiona*





# School News



We've been enjoying being able to get outside over the last few weeks. We are so lucky to have such extensive grounds. We have a football pitch, wildlife area and lots of lovely climbing frames. Unfortunately, the guidance means that every class still has to social distance from each other. However, we are lucky to have the space to do this easily.

We get Sports Premium money from the government every year. This is ring fenced for sporting projects. This year we've used it for dance days and trampoline days. Each class has also chosen a new piece of outdoor equipment. They had a vote on what they would like best. We are hoping this will be installed in September.

*Thank you Anja*







## BENINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday 11 July 2021 at 10.30am**

Our service this Sunday will be led by  
Rev Nicholas Young

The chapel continues to be safe in accordance with  
the Methodist Church guidelines

Future services will be announced on a weekly basis

Everyone is welcome.



## St Peter's church open every Thursday 9.30 to 11.00am

St Peter's Church is open for private prayer each **Thursday morning, 9:30 to 11 a.m. This will continue until further notice.**

Hand sanitiser is in place at both doors and a one-way system is in place.



## The News Sheet Needs You!!

Please feel free to submit any news you think will be of interest to our village community to the Parish Office ([ubbw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk)).





# Children's corner



This week's activity suggestion is to make edible animal faces using things you like to eat.

These are made with rice cakes covered with chocolate spread or peanut butter then they can be decorated with things that you like.

These ones have bananas, strawberries, raspberries, sultanas and M&Ms. We hope you have a go and perhaps send some pictures to Anne if you do. Have a lovely week. Jan

Thank you Jan – these look great fun to make and I bet they taste good too!

Anne [HUDSONANNE@YMAIL.COM](mailto:HUDSONANNE@YMAIL.COM)

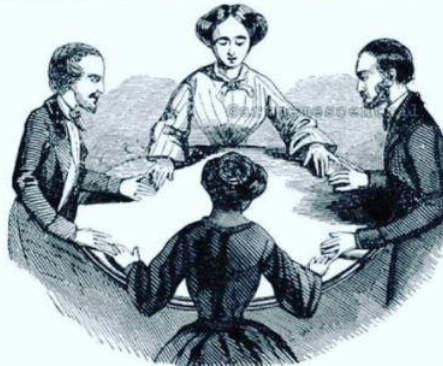
*Thank you Jan and Anne*



# Funnies



## Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."  
"Elizabeth, are you there?"  
"We can't hear you."  
"Can you hear us?"

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Named requests for prayer will be included on the notice sheet for at least one month. If you would like a name to be included for our intercessions, please contact the Parish Office [ubbw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk) or 07407 630159 or Maggie Hawkins (359500) for Walkern or Rita Plumb (869731) for Benington. (Names from the prayer board in St Mary's Church will also be included in the intercessions in that church.) Prayer is regularly offered for all the sick and needy in our community.*

### FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Those who live in our villages:** This week we pray for all who live Brockwell Shott, Walkern and Braceys, Benington.

**We pray for those in our parishes or friends and family members who are housebound, unwell, receiving treatment or recovering from operations:** Jane Pitts, Chris Phillips, Chris Milbank, Marie Lewi, Tom Shields, Louise Beckham and Ron Archer.

**We also remember those who have died and their families and friends:** Janet Naylor.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BENINGTON & WALKERN: CONTACT NUMBERS

#### MEMBERS OF ECUMENICAL MINISTRY TEAM

**Methodist:** Revd Malcolm Peacock (01462 646562), Mr Brian Burgess (237748), Mrs Brenda Davies (227293);

**URC:** Revd John Walker (01462-895481), Mrs Mary Miller (861289), Mrs Olga Ginn (861754);

**Roman Catholic:** Mrs Rita Healy (861098);

**St Peter and St Mary:** Revd Norman Plumb (869731), Mr Paul Cobb, *Reader* (869348), Mr Laurie Hawkins, *Reader* (359500), Mr Steve Mason, *Reader* (360847), Mrs Jenny Cobb (869348), Mrs Rita Plumb (869731).

#### TO ARRANGE BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS OR FUNERALS, CONTACT:

**Church clergy:** United Reformed Church: Revd John Walker (01462 895481)  
Benington Methodist Church: Revd Malcolm Peacock (01462 646562)  
St Mary's and St Peter's: Benefice Administrator [ubbw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk)

#### FOR OTHER PASTORAL HELP, CONTACT:

Benington Pastoral visiting team c/o Mrs Rita Plumb (869731)  
Walkern Pastoral visiting team c/o Mrs Maggie Hawkins (359500)  
St Peter's, Benington Churchwardens:  
Mrs Christine Brown (869468)  
St Mary's, Walkern Churchwardens:  
Mrs Beverley Harlow (225365) & Mrs Maggie Hawkins (359500)

#### FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES, CONTACT:

Benington Methodist Steward: Mr Brian Burgess (237748)  
Walkern URC Secretary: Mrs Olga Ginn (861754)

**Anglican Benefice Administrator:** Heather Ferguson (07407 630159):

**Tuesdays 2.00pm–5.00pm & Thursdays 2.00pm–5.00pm** or [ubbw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ubbw@hotmail.co.uk)