

Welcome....

...to the second issue of the Bendlowes Trust newsletter of 2020. We would welcome (almost!) anything you want to add to the next issue. Please send your item to the Editor (that's me—Sally Welsh) at smwelsh1@btinternet.com (07785 235000) or call Marianna on 07450251525.

VE Day Celebrations



Unfortunately, plans made to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day at the Village Hall had to be cancelled. However this did not deter many Shalford residents from making alternative plans. This article from our Barryfields correspondent, Marianna.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN BARRYFIELDS, SHALFORD

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020

It was with much anticipation that Barryfields prepared for VE Day. Front gardens were decorated with bunting, banners and flags. The weather forecast declared it was to be a beautiful day so we were going to go for it. We decided to commence celebrations in the afternoon. Tables and chairs were set up in front gardens. War time music could be heard from various points up and down the close.

Nicole and Richard (Mange Tout Catering) offered to deliver afternoon tea boxes if anyone wished to purchase them. A deluge of orders

were received and they came up trumps. A delicious selection of goodies was included.

Soon groups formed (social distancing applied of course!). People were relishing the celebratory atmosphere after being in lockdown for several weeks. We needed to be reminded that neighbours were around to offer support and help at these unprecedented times. The most common question was "How are you coping?". We talked to people we don't often see in normal times due to busy lives, but that day everyone had time for each other. Eric walked up the road sitting and sharing a drink at various houses. He was relishing the attention and time everyone had for him. He relayed some of his memories of wartime as a child. It took him all day to get back home. Sue set up a



Lovely Sue keeping calm and carrying on knitting



Marianna with local celebrity Eric



A cheery wave from Smudger

small table of her wares in support of her charity too. We even had a special appearance from Phil in his uniform.

As the day drew into evening, some groups still lingered. A BBQ was set up at 'Upper Barryfields' - food appeared from nowhere. People didn't want to go back home to their bubble. They were enjoying the relaxed environment we had formed.

The next day, some with sore heads, all said how they had enjoyed the previous day. We are very fortunate to live in such a friendly road. It was the tonic we all needed – all thanks to the people who lived and died through the World War.

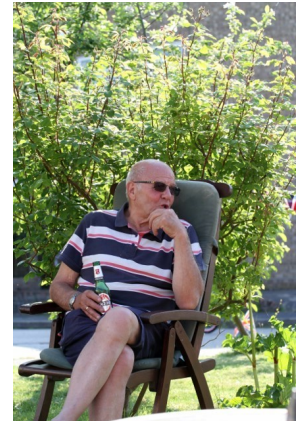


Guest appearance from Phil

Smudger and son and a shy Carol hiding behind the tree



Lovely knees Derrick!



Help is still available

There are still plenty of volunteers to help you with shopping, collection of medication , dog walking etc so if you need help, or just want a chat, call Cathryn Carlisle, Parish Clerk, in the first instance on 01440 731964 and she will put you in touch with an appropriate volunteer.

A Trip to the Seaside

The bad news is that we have had to cancel our trip to the Hut in Felixstowe planned for August this year but the good news is that we've now booked to go on **Sunday 18 July 2021!** We'll be taking a coach and will use the Hut, which has catering and toilet facilities as a base for enjoying fish and chips and to take in some sea air. More details to



Guess who?

Did you guess who our bonnie babies from last month's issue were? Answers below....



Marianna



Alice



Mel

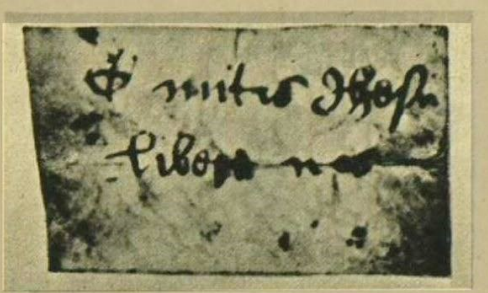


Sally

Illustrated London News
October 22, 1949

(RIGHT.) BELIEVED
TO BE THE SMALLEST
ESSEX ARCHIVE: A
DOCUMENT FOUND IN
AN OLD HOUSE.

A document, shown
(right) facsimile size,
has been found in a
hole in a beam of
a house built by William Bendlowes, serjeant-at-law in
the reigns of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth. The writing
reads "O mitis Jhesu libera nos" ("O gentle Jesus deliver
us"). Bendlowes, described as the then only practising serjeant-
at-law, was a staunch Roman Catholic. He died in 1584.



This tiny document was found back in 1949 tucked in to a beam of a London house built by our original benefactor, William Bendlowe. It says "O mitis Jhesu libera nos" which means O gentle Jesus deliver us. An apt little request for current uncertain times perhaps.

We wanted to know what some of you have been making during the long days of lockdown and this is what you sent us.....

BENDLOWES

No 'meet and greet'

It's not allowed,

We mustn't gather in a crowd,

No tucking in to buffet scrummy

No Scrabble games or hands of
rummy,

No catching up with Bendlowes
folk,

No sharing gossip and a joke.

But one day soon we hope to be
chatting over mugs of tea,
back with friends both old and
new
exactly as we used to do.

Carol Hussey



Some delicious raspberry jam made by Gill



Masks by Hannah - very useful



Clearly far too much time on their hands in the Welsh household

One or two highlights from the Bendlowes year 2019 until 'We'll Meet Again'



Who knew that a tour of the brick-works could be so interesting!



Christmas Variety Night. And what a variety it was!