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AUGUST 2023

1st, 15th, & 29th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
2nd - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
2nd & 15th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.00-9.00 pm
5th - Dolly's Pizzas - Case is Altered from 4-6 pm
10th & 24th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
10th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
13th - Community Service - St Mary's Church at 3.00 pm
19th - Bentley Horticultural Society Annual Show - Village Hall from 2.00 pm
22nd - Footpath Society Walk - from the Village Hall at 10.30 am
23rd - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
26th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered - at 8.00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2023

2nd & 3rd - Bentley Fayre and Dog Show - Village Playing Field from 10-5 pm
6th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.00-9.00 pm
6th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
7th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
9th - Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride between 9 am & 5 pm
9th - Live Music Event - Case is Altered from 8.00 pm
12th - Tuesday Club - Outing and Lunch to Clacton on Sea
13th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
14th & 28th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
14th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
23rd - Wagju Burgers & Street Food - Case is Altered between 4.30 and 8 pm
30th - Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning - Case is Altered between 10 am and 2 pm
30th - Footpath Society Walk - from the Village Hall at 10.30 am
30th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

Other Activities in the Village

Toddler Group - Mon & Weds 9.30 am to 12 noon (Term Time only) - Village Hall
Holistic Yoga - Every Mon 7.30 - 10.00 pm - Village Hall
Aerobics Class - Tuesday 9.45 am (Term Time only) - Village Hall
Pilates Class - Tuesday 11.00 am to noon (Term Time only) - Village Hall (contact Jill Sharp for information - 01473 311546)
Carpet Bowls - Every Tues 7.30 pm & Weds 2.30 pm - Village Hall
Ballroom & Latin Dance Class - Thurs 6.30 - Village Hall - email grove2209@gmail.com

Bentley Directory

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| | | |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| Rector | IN VACANCY | |
| Benefice Administrator | Michelle Jowers | 07955 329341 |
| Benefice email address | constablecountrychurches@outlook.com | |
| Churchwarden | Peter Day | 01473 310518 |
| Assistant Priest | Revd Don Mehen | 01473 310383 |

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Bentley (in Suffolk) Community page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292599697915731/>

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

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BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

CHANGE

We are entering a period of change. With the loss of two vicars the Diocese has reorganised some of our parishes into different groupings. Our benefice has been split up and Bentley and Tattingstone Churches are now part of a new benefice, to be called The Constable Country Benefice. This means that we will be working with East Bergholt and Brantham Churches.

Since our previous rector left in August last year we have continued to hold weekly services in Bentley. The parishes we are joining now have also recently lost their rector so we have advertised for a new priest to work with us all. We are praying that an appointment will be made before too long.

WORSHIP IN AUGUST

It has been decided by all the churches in our new benefice that August is a time when many people go on holiday so our service rota will be simplified, with one service for the benefice. Please do come and get to know the people in our new benefice.

SERVICES IN AUGUST

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| Sunday 6 th August | Holy Communion at Tattingstone 10am |
| Sunday 13 th August | Community Service at Bentley 3pm |
| Sunday 20 th August | Holy Communion at East Bergholt Church at 10am |
| Sunday 27 th August | Holy Communion at Brantham Church at 10:30am |

Sunday 13th August at 3pm in the afternoon. The Community service will be led by the Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and everyone is invited to join us. Afternoon tea will be served after the service.

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER – all at Bentley Church

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| Sunday 3 rd September | Holy Communion at 10am |
| Sunday 10 th September | Morning Worship at 10am |
| Sunday 17 th September | Holy Communion at 10am |
| Sunday 24 th September | Harvest Service at 11am |

HARVEST LUNCH Sunday 24th September

Please remember that the Harvest Festival Service will start at 11am not 10am and will be followed by a two course lunch. We are asking for a minimum donation of £5 per person for lunch. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church or email sandramehen@gmail.com by 18th September at the latest if you would like to join us for the lunch so we can cater accordingly.

WEST VILLA: very many thanks for your continuing support for West Villa with donations of bedding and towels that we continue to receive and deliver. We will collect tins and packets of food for West Villa at the Harvest service as our harvest offering to those in need.

Lonely? Need a Listening Ear?

Do you know of anyone in the village who would like a visit at home or in hospital? Would you like someone to visit you? Would you like someone to talk to, pray with you or for you? Please call Doreen on 311122; Carolyn on 311090; Jane 310518 or Sandra on 310383. We are here to listen and help.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Last year we again held our very much appreciated outdoor service for those who wished to remember loved ones. This year the service will be on **Sunday 29th October** in Bentley Churchyard starting at 5pm and will be an opportunity to light candles and hang names of our loved ones on a special tree which will be lit. All are welcome.

Church Contact Details for weddings, baptisms and funerals or other queries

Church Warden – Peter Day - 310518

Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 310383

Treasurer – Ken Felgate - k.felgate108@btinternet.com

PCC Lay Chair – Jane Day – 01473 310518

PCC Secretary – Sandra Mehen – 01473 310383

SUPPORTING BENTLEY CHURCH

St Mary's Church Bentley has been at the centre of Bentley life for over 700 years. Generations have worshipped in it and found it a place of refuge, reflection and joy. Please come to join us for some of our services and stay for a chat and refreshments afterwards. Please help us ensure that St Mary's Church stands for another 700 years. It costs about £300 a week to keep this beautiful and historic church open. One way to support us is by giving via this QR code using your smartphone. There is also one in the church building. Thank you.



ANNUAL CHURCH QUIZ

Saturday 7th October starting at 7pm. Tickets available from Sandra in September at £8 each which includes a ploughman's supper. Book early to avoid disappointment. Teams of 4-6 which can be made up on the night. There will be a bar and a draw.

JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE BAND

Saturday October 14th at 3pm at Bentley Church. Tickets £12 from Peter Day - 01473 310518 or 07570 103005 or email peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk

RIDE AND STRIDE: PEDAL AND DRIVE 2023

The Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride takes place this year on **Saturday 9th September between 9am-5pm.**

The Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride is a national event, and every second Saturday in September cyclists and walkers all round the country are out making money for their local county Churches Trust. It is an inter-denominational event and any money raised is shared equally between the church of choice and the Historic Churches Trust. Bentley Church will be open for this event. If you would like to take part and support our lovely church please contact Peter Day for a sponsor form on 01473 310518 or email peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk

JUST A THOUGHT

I remember as a child going into the hall of mirrors. Sounds vain but they were distorting mirrors. It was amazing and hilarious how a few kinks in the glass could make you look short and squat and the next moment with the legs of gazelle and neck of a giraffe. These are just a bit of fun and nothing compared with the distortions we can create in our own minds. We can sometimes belittle ourselves to the point where we feel we are useless and of no account. Sometimes we can look at other people doing something we consider silly and get an inflated idea of ourselves; leading to feeling proud of ourselves. There is a saying that pride comes before a fall. It is not a new phenomenon. Paul in his letter to the Christians in Rome notices this trait and reminds them: "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you." There is a balance between over and under valuing ourselves. None of us are perfect. We just have to remember that God loves us and no matter how many times we go wrong he still loves us and forgives us when we turn to him in penitence and prayer.

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

The start of the summer league fixtures saw us play the first three matches all at home. Both the first two matches saw us lose 3-7 to Chelmondiston and Belstead, quite reasonable results considering the opposition.

The third match saw us welcome our old friends from Harkstead to our village hall. After a very close match we came out 8-2 winners. We look forward to the return match. The game against Belstead away should be quickly forgotten as we lost 0-10. Against Copdock at home however we played well again and lost narrowly 4-6.

Our forthcoming matches are all away at Hintlesham, Harkstead and Chelmondiston.

David Howe

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On 15 September 2023 we recommence our monthly meetings. Claire Muckleston from Bourne Nursery will talk about 'Plants for Autumn and Winter' in the Village Hall commencing 7.30pm

There are many open gardens at this time of year - these are just a sample. Further details are usually on the website or in local pamphlets.

- 1 37 Roman Way FX and 43 Princes Rd FX - 10 September
- 2, Henstead Exotic Garden - 20th August
3. Fullers Mill Garden - 15th September
- 4 Place for Plants, East Bergholt - 8th September

Pam Lovell

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

We are at least half way through the season and we have been having a mixed time, let's hope we can get some consistency. We have won eight of our Wednesday league games but only four of our Monday league games. We have had a couple of new players start with us and hopefully more will join in the future. We have played our Club triples competition with Lillian Calvert, Bill Slegg and Ken Scoulding coming out as winners. We are still playing the pairs and individual competitions and these should be finished before the end of the season. Our Friday night club night is still popular and anyone who would like to try the game of bowls will be most welcome. The green is in Grove Road, entrance just past the old PostMasters House and building plot. We start at about 6.30pm.

Lillian Calvert Secretary 01473 808652

TUESDAY CLUB

The Members of Bentley Tuesday Club have had a mixture of Talks, Entertainment and Exercise over the last two months. We had Music and Songs from Brian Mann, a quiz by Griff Johns, a talk on Active Lives by Julie Stokes and our outing to Dunwich where we all enjoyed a lovely lunch followed by a trip to a Garden Centre.

In the coming months we have more talks from Jenny and Mustafa on their life in Turkey. Frazier will be back to put us through our paces with more Chair Aerobics. Songs from Mr. Smooth and Gary will be back with the Rural Coffee Caravan. On 12th September our Members will enjoy the second outing of the year, this time to Clacton-on-Sea for a Fish and Chip Lunch. If you have a free Tuesday afternoon why not come along, have a cup of tea, a biscuit and a friendly chat.

Catherine Sweeney, Secretary

THE ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW

In the Village Hall on Saturday 19th August 2023

It will be open to the public at 2.00pm

All are welcome, please come along to show support for the exhibitors who put in tremendous time and effort to sustain the show - they are dying out in many areas.

BENTLEY STORES

Seven years serving Bentley !!!

Thank you to all our volunteers who have enabled us to shop locally 7 days a week for 7 years - we are always there for our village.

How many Customers did we have?

14th July was our anniversary and showed we served 122,303 customers since we opened which is quite an achievement!

During this time you all purchased some 339,153 items covering all the types of groceries and household items we use every day.

What did they buy?

41,000 bottles of milk and yogurt and packets of cheese.
Over 1000 items of Laundry and Dry Cleaning with Press Gang.
Capel Bakery supplied 22,421 loaves and rolls.
Paracetamol and some over the counter medication.
159,060 large Free Range Eggs.
13,882 local meat and Ham
10,195 Frozen food and ice creams
Packs of Four (not Fork) Candles sold well!
51,560 newspapers as a service to the Village.

Our EPOS till can answer any more questions about what we sell, just ask!

Shop Finances

Over the last two years we have broken even as we have faced the same energy costs pressures as all small businesses.

As our priority is to keep all our products in excellent condition we have Freezers and Chillers operating all year round. Our Air Conditioning ensures everything else is kept at the right temperature of 20 degrees.

Our prices are very reasonable so it pays to shop locally..

The Next Seven years?

Our shop helps so many of us as a local meeting point and as we all get older it really does help to shop locally to meet people and get exercise.

As a business we need more customers to spread the energy costs and keep us all in a good place.

So please use your local Community Shop and support our many volunteers who make it possible!

Open Weekdays 9 to 1.30, Saturdays 9 to 12noon, Sundays 9 to 11

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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admin@bentley.suffolk.sch.uk

Copdock Primary 01473 730337
admin@copdock.suffolk.sch.uk

<http://www.bentleycopdock.co.uk/>



July was a busy month with children attending Quadkids athletic events during the first week. Children were excited to use our new bikes and scooters in school and the older children took part in the bikeability scheme. This taught them how to stay safe on their own bikes when preparing for cycling on the road.

The Federation Talent Show was a huge success and we saw some amazing acts from our children, from singing and dancing to juggling and art. Our staff judges were very impressed with how confident and successful all of the children were, performing in front of approximately 200 people on stage in the village hall. Thank you to Sandra for supporting our '100 club' fundraising, which has helped us to develop music provision this year at Copdock. And of course, for awarding our trophies to everyone who took part. Well done Willow for being the 2023 winner!

Year 2 children from both schools visited Suffolk One to explore some STEM activities, and our Year 4s came together for a sleepover in the school hall. They had lots of fun, though probably not much sleeping happened after an exciting evening playing games and eating around the camp fire! The school year ended with Foxes and Adders classes having their final trip together with a fun filled day at Pleasurewood Hills, followed by a leaver's assembly and a PTA celebration BBQ at Bentley Primary School, where everyone shared their memories of the Year 6 children and celebrated their time at school.

The new term starts in September when we will be welcoming our new intake of reception children. We will be planning lots more sporting events and activities in school in the new term.

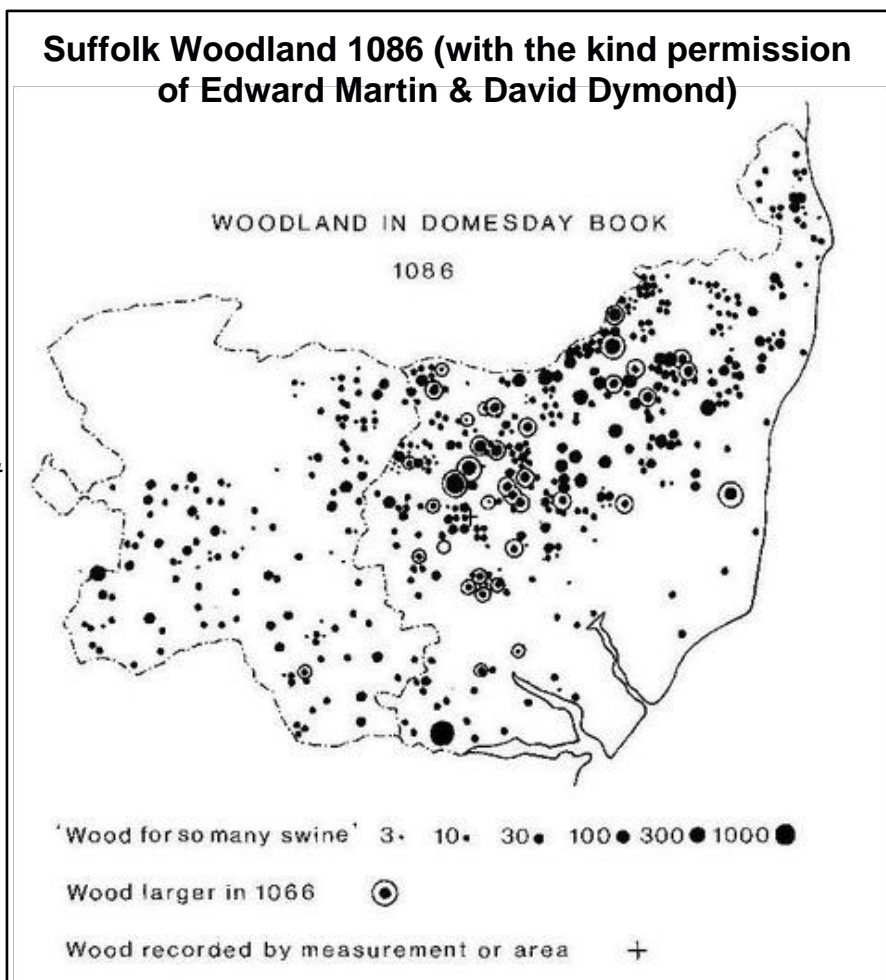
Have you ever considered becoming a School Governor? We are particularly looking for someone with experience in business and finance. If you are interested why not contact either school office or our chair of governors, Mr Simon Hurst, for more information – simon.hurst@copdock.suffolk.sch.uk

WILDLIFE NOTES

Bentley's Ancient Woodland: Dodnash Wood - a history

Dodnash Wood seems to be a remnant of a much larger wood that is illustrated in the Domesday Book of 1086 [Suffolk woodland 1086 map]. Details of its past can be found in the research carried out by the Cambridge scholar Professor Oliver Rackham who surveyed Dodnash Wood when writing his book *Ancient Woodland: its history, vegetation and uses in England*. Records of its history include a map of 1629 that shows 'two great ashes' in the wood. An 18th century survey of woods, mainly in Suffolk and Essex, show that a quite large wood might be felled, as was Dodnash Wood in 1663, 1740 and 1761. Records also show that the biggest oaks (205 trees) from this wood were sold in 1760, and a cherry tree and wild service tree sold in 1809. Rackham's map of Suffolk parishes illustrates the distribution of late medieval woodland as it was after 1350 when Bentley had some eight medieval woods, five of which were more or less intact and three that were damaged, e.g. by replanting (although in Dodnash Wood the traditional management by coppicing continued after planting sweet chestnut).

Suffolk Woodland 1086 (with the kind permission of Edward Martin & David Dymond)



Today, Dodnash Wood with its introduced, non-native sweet chestnut trees does not appear to be ancient. For many years it has been managed as sweet chestnut coppice, though coppicing these trees ceased some time ago as shown by the very large multiple trunks that have grown from their massive stools (the bases of the original coppiced trees) [photo]. The more recent planting of conifers, birch and sweet chestnut add to the wood's non-ancient appearance. Nevertheless, clues to its age are revealed by its bank and ditch which date it back to the medieval period. Further clues are revealed with the emergence of its spring ancient flora and the presence of wild service trees. Botanical surveys of Dodnash Wood have been carried out many times by the author and at least once by the Recorder members of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society.

WILDLIFE NOTES

We know that wood anemones, bluebells, dog's mercury, brambles, and other woodland flora go back to prehistoric times. Plants that are indicators of ancient woodland and Dodnash Wood's ancient origin are: first and foremost the presence of wood anemone clones (all genetically identical), closely followed by dog's mercury, bluebell, wild service tree and others including butcher's broom.

Mention must also be made of the ancient woodland, rare hazel dormouse that is present in Dodnash Wood; this threatened mammal species is protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) but has declined in the UK by nearly 50% in the last 10 years.

Sources of information: Rackham, O. (1976), *Trees and Woodland in the British Landscape*. Rackham, O. (1980). *Ancient Woodland: its history, vegetation and uses in England*. Dymond, D. & Martin, E. (1989), *An Historical Atlas of Suffolk*. **Colin Hawes**



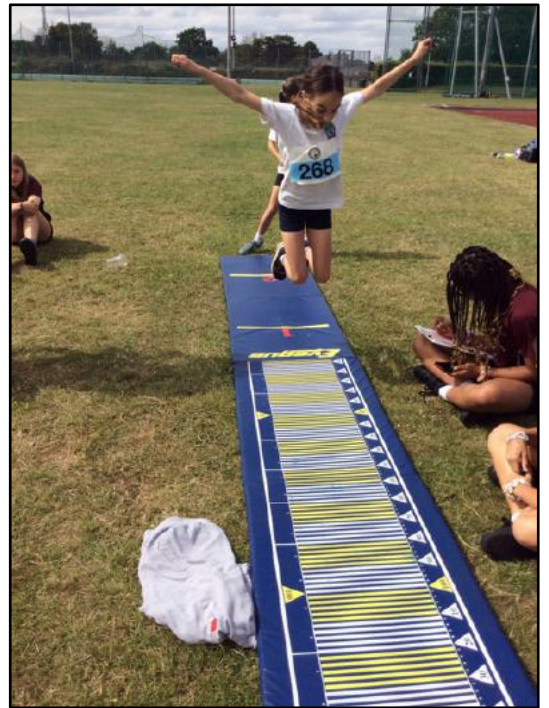
Old Sweet Chestnut Coppice (photo John Boyle)

Bentley Community Orchard

During the recent long drought, Sandra Bond and I have focussed on keeping the trees watered. Sandra has also kindly added more compost. Two of the trees are now producing fruit, the WI Williams Pear and one of the apple trees. The water tank ran dry the last time I watered the trees but thankfully, shortly after this it has rained several times. Don Baker has kindly replaced the empty tank with one full of water.

Colin Hawes

Bentley CEVC Primary School - Quadkids Athletic Event and the Federation Talent Show



A very big **THANK YOU** to all those who donated and supported our special Garden Party celebrating 75 years of the NHS.

A total of **£745** was raised for the **Colchester and Ipswich Hospitals Charity** who help take care of patients and staff at our local hospitals and healthcare centres – providing those extras that go above and beyond what the NHS can provide, and which make such a difference to happiness and healing.



BENTLEY BLUEBELLS WI

Already the longest day has passed and we are heading slowly to our autumn programme.

For our July speaker we learned all about the many interesting and unusual gravestones in Suffolk churchyards, and the histories of some of the more notable people they commemorate. Our September meeting (on the 13th at 7.30pm) should ring a few bells, with a speaker on Drought Gardening. After the hot dry weather we have experienced this summer we could all use a few tips on saving our flowers and vegetables and what best to use to replace those that have succumbed.

On October 11th our speaker is Sarah Bennett, a professional golfer, who may inspire a few of us to take a 'swing' at the little white ball.

Please don't be shy ladies, we are at the village hall every second Wednesday and would love to welcome you to join us.

Theresa Bloomfield



Bentley Bluebells WI hosted the Constable Group WI's Summer Social with a 'tongue in cheek' Elvis night. Plenty of laughter and lots of singing.

NOTES FROM THE CASE



Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

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Summer is definitely here and hopefully to stay with long hot days and not too many uncomfortable nights. Our large marquees offer some shade for those who prefer it or you can enjoy a drink in the sun in our lovely garden. Already this summer we have had a few fantastic events which have raised hundreds of pounds for various charities and we hope you will join us for a few more we have planned. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all those volunteers who have helped plan, organise and run these events so far.

Music and Future Events

During the weekend **2 - 3 September** the **Bentley Fayre and Dog Show** will be held on the village Playing Field. To coincide with this event we will be opening both days from **12 noon**. Disposable plastic glasses will be used for any drinks being taken to the field so please advise the bar volunteers if you wish to do this.

September also sees the return of more live music to the Case! On **Saturday 9 September**, we have the well known local band **Saving Grace** performing for us again. The band starts around 8pm. We will be staying open a little longer than usual and last orders will be at 10:45pm. For more information see posters around the pub closer to the time.

At the end of the month, **Saturday 30 September**, from **10am**, we will be hosting our annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning**. This is a well established event for the Case and over the years we have raised many thousands of pounds for this great charity. As always cake donations on the morning are very much welcome and greatly appreciated. The bar will be open from **10am – 1pm**, reopening as usual Saturday evening, 6pm – 10pm.

For the **August Bank Holiday** weekend we will be open for our normal hours plus **12noon – 3pm on Bank Holiday Monday**.

Open Mic Nights

Our Open Mic Nights continue to be very popular and very busy. The next two evenings are **Thursday 10 August** and **Thursday 14 September**. Music starts at around 8pm. As always a PA is provided, all performers welcome! Further enquires and dates, please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

Quiz Nights

Quiz nights are a firm favourite with many in the village and those visiting the area, so do come early if you want to guarantee a table. **Quiz starts at 8pm**. As always teams are up to 6 people, entry £2 per person. First prize, £36 in pub vouchers. Losers are

awarded a wooden spoon. Our next two quiz nights are **Saturday 26 August** and **Saturday 30 September**. All profits from the quiz and raffle will go to our charity of the year, **Ipswich and East Suffolk Samaritans**.

Visiting Street Food

Our next visiting street food vendor will be **Dolly's Pizzas**. Dolly will be with us on **Saturday 5 August** between 4pm and 6pm. For pre-orders please ring 07856 070123.

On **Saturday 23 September**, we have a new but highly recommended street food vendor, **Wagyu Burgers and Street Food**. Josh will be serving a full menu which includes a mix of high-quality burgers such as Wagyu beef steak, milk chicken strips, halloumi with cajan slaw, plus chicken wings and many more mouth watering dishes, and lots of great side dishes. He will be with us from 4:30pm to 8pm. To pre-order please call 07580 076408. See our website or Facebook page for a menu closer to the date. **As before, food can be eaten inside the pub from 6pm. Families welcome.**

Man's best friend

We are more than happy to welcome dogs into the pub and garden but we would like to remind our customers that all dogs should be friendly and well behaved towards other customers and other dogs and for the comfort of all they should be on leads if necessary. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding on this matter.

A Special Anniversary

On Sunday 14 April 2024 (next year) we will be celebrating 10 years since we opened our doors and started trading as Bentley Community Pub Limited. We believe this is quite a significant anniversary and we would like to celebrate this achievement by asking the local community for their support and more importantly their ideas on how we should recognise this event. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how best we can achieve this please contact the committee via chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk, or just have a word with someone behind the bar. We hope to see you soon.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2023

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THE CASE IS ALTERED, BENTLEY



We are delighted to tell you we will be once again holding our very popular **Coffee Morning** in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Care** on

Saturday 30 September, 10am - 2.00pm.

In the past you've been fantastically generous with donations of cake and savouries, and we know this year will be no different. If you would like to offer your baking skills, let me know at gill.redcotts@icloud.com, or just turn up on the day.

Cakes etc. can be dropped off at the pub from 9.00am on Saturday.

As well as cakes and savouries, there will be tea and coffee, and the bar will be open from 10.00am - 1pm. You can buy cakes to take home for later, and there's a chance to win a luxury hamper.

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 6 July 2023

Planning – Two planning decisions were received.

Councillors recommended refusal of one Planning application. The Brockley Wood Gravel site – SCC are expecting the Regulation 25 submission in the next week or two. They believe the Agent is looking to get the information submitted in sufficient time for the application to be presented to the September meeting of the County Council.

Reports were received from County Councillor Georgia Hall, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, and Speedwatch Co-Ordinator.

Matters discussed

- Landscaping Issues – Rowan Acres
- Fly Tipping Incident – Hazel Shrub
- Recent Vandalism in the Village
- 20 is Plenty Campaign
- How woods can be protected but be accessible
- Request from Bentley Bowls Club Trust for grant increase
- Protection of Trees in Bentley
- Quotes for Dog Bin – Hazel Shrub and pole for litter bin at Play Area
- Parish Infrastructure Investment Plant (PIIP) Utilisation of CIL monies
- Traffic calming – SID data has been downloaded & circulated – they are definitely working – ANPR coming to Bentley 11-18 September 2023
- Playing Field Society – Equipment purchased

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the PC website - <http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/>



BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DOG FOULING



Please pick up after your dog

Complaints have been received regarding dog fouling on the Village Playing Field. Please pick up after your dog and use one of the dog bins **or put it in your own black bin if the bins are full** - Babergh incinerate all black bin contents

CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema

August's film: **Champions**

In August's film, Woody Harrelson stars in the hilarious and heartwarming story of a former minor-league basketball coach who, after a series of missteps, is ordered by the court to manage a team of players with intellectual disabilities.

Join us on **Tuesday 15th August at Capel Library**. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets in advance: £4.50 member, £5.00 non-members. Tickets on the door £5.50. The fully licensed bar will be open and remember, we have air conditioning too!

The Friends of Capel Library

Our Friends Group do many amazing things to help not only the library, but also our community. Not only do they run and organise the cinema, but in June two of our Trustees came to our Stay & Play sessions and helped the children plant seeds to grow. We can't wait to see how all those seeds get on.

It is thanks to the Friends Group that we are able to offer a big celebration party for all those who successfully finish the Summer Reading Challenge. They have just purchased 4 new chairs for the library, and they are the ones who also provide tea and coffee for everyone to use. They run the hugely successful annual quiz night and hold charity cake stalls. Without their help the library wouldn't be what it is today. You can help by becoming a member of the Friend of Capel Library. For £2 a year you not only supporting the library, but you also get discounts on the film night tickets. Membership forms are available from the library.

Up-Coming Events

Wellbeing Wednesdays 10am-12pm: On Wednesdays up until September, we will be hosting Pop-Up information sessions in the library. We have invited different groups and organisations in to meet and chat with our communities about subjects ranging from health concerns to fire prevention. We kicked off on 5th July when Healthwatch Suffolk were here, giving advice on their local GP surgeries and how to seek advice.

On 2nd August, our new District Councillor, John Whyman will be here to chat to residents, so if you have any issues you wish to share with him, pop along.

On 9th August we will be joined by the wonderful Maddy Dunningham from the GP Federations, and she will be here to talk about the Very Important Invitation. Maddy and the team work with other charities and organisations to provide health education and promotion around cervical screening. Maddy will also be discussing other areas such as the extended access service called GP+ which provides routine GP services 'out of hours'.

Look out for information in the library about other organisations who will be joining us.

Meet the Artist: This year Suffolk Libraries have emBARKed on a new fundraising idea called PAWS-itivity. Local artists have designed and decorated lots of lovely dogs which will find homes over the summer in each of our 45 libraries. Then in the Autumn, these dogs will be auctioned off to raise funds for Suffolk Libraries. Our own dog called Golden Beauty is taking pride of place in the library for all to see. She was designed by our very own local artist Alison Mayston. Alison will be in the library on Saturday 29th July 11.30-13.30 for everyone to meet. There will be tea and cake and it will be our opportunity to say thank you to Alison for giving us an amazing creation. Golden Beauty will then have a weekend away where she will be visiting Burstall Flower and Dog Show, with Alison, on the 5th August. But don't worry, she will be back in the library after that. You can also buy a trail map for £2 and visit all the dogs in all the libraries. It is a great way to discover this wonderful county of ours.

Sunday is Family Craft Day

Did you know that every Sunday we hold crafts in the library, this is completely free and aimed at everyone and anyone, bring the family, bring yourself, but most importantly, bring those creative juices. Just think, you don't have to worry about getting messy at home, let the library deal with the mess. Every Sunday 10.30-12.30 and it is all free.

Summer Reading Challenge

It is never too late to start the Summer Reading Challenge. From 15th July until 10th September come and join in the fun. Read six books over the six week holidays and come and tell us about them. For every book you read you collect stickers to go in a pack. If you read all 6 and successfully complete the challenge, you will be invited to join us for a celebration party with Magic Oly. Our lovely volunteers are ready and waiting to hear all about what you have read. The volunteers will be available:

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| Tuesday 10am till noon | Tuesday 2.30pm till 4.30pm |
| Wednesday 10am till noon | Thursday 10am till noon |
| Friday 3pm till 5pm | |
| Saturday 10am till noon | Saturday 1.30pm till 2.30pm |
| Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm | Sunday 1pm -2.30pm |

Regular Events in the Library:

- **Tot Rock & Stay & Play** Our last session before the summer was on 20th July and we will return on Thursday 7th September
- **Minecraft:** Children of all ages welcome and those under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring with you your tablet or phone equipped with Minecraft Pocket Edition or Minecraft Windows 10 Edition. Try to remember to charge your device beforehand! Contact the library for more details.
- **Lego:** Every 4th Saturday we hold our Monthly Lego Club. It is £1.50 per child which includes a drink and a biscuit. Each month has a theme, but you can also build what you like. At the end of the session a prize is given to the most creative build, as voted for by fellow creators. So, join us 10.30-12.00 for some building fun.

- **Sunday Crafts** is every week from 10.30 to 12.30. All children & families welcome, no booking is required and there is no charge. Come and get crafty at Capel Library.

OPENING TIMES

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| Monday: | Closed | Friday: | 2.00pm-5.30pm |
| Tuesday: | 9am-12.30 & 2.00pm-5.30pm | Saturday: | 9.00am-3.00pm |
| Wednesday: | 9am-12.30 | Sunday: | 10.00am-3.00pm |
| Thursday: | 9am-12.30 | | |

Telephone: 01473 311699

e-mail: capel.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Web: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

THE FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY

The Friends of Capel Library 100 Club

June Draw

| | |
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| £25 | Katharine Liu |
| £10 | Michael Spink |
| £5 | Gill Williams |

July draw

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| £25 | Peter Ratford |
| £10 | Terry Knowler |
| £5 | Irene Rowland |
| £5 | Alison Rogers |

Prizes can be collected from the Library.

Thank you for your support. **Bob Perkin**



The Scrabble Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

If you would like a gentle game of Scrabble, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat please come along and join us.

Dates of the meetings are shown on the Bugle diary page. **Robin Owen**

FOOTPATH SOCIETY

From the Village Hall.

10:30 am Tuesday August 22nd and 10:30 am Saturday September 30th

Following "Walks from The Case".

Walks according to the weather conditions

Please bring waterit might be hot..

John Wheals. 01473 310569.

A new coalition in Babergh, and what it means for you

It's a privilege to be writing my first article as the new leader of Babergh District Council's coalition administration. I'll be leading the authority, for the next 12 months, to do the best for our residents, businesses and communities.

But things will certainly be a little different in this council term. No party won an overall majority in the recent local elections – as has often been the case in our district - but the Green, Independent and Liberal Democrat groups have since agreed to form a coalition.

This is an innovative power-sharing agreement, with the three coalition parties rotating the leadership of the council each year. I am leader this year representing the Liberal Democrats, Cllr Deborah Saw will lead years two and four for the Green Party (who won the most seats in the elections), and Cllr John Ward will lead the third year for the Independents.

This mature and balanced approach will ensure our political groups are fairly represented, we have a stable administration and can work collaboratively throughout the council term. The deputy political leaders will always come from the two groups not holding the leadership – this year, Cllr Saw and Cllr Ward are taking those positions. We will have a cabinet of eight, four Green councillors, three Independents and one Liberal Democrat.

So, I've explained how the new administration will work - but what does this all mean? In terms of our policies and priorities, we are discussing those right now and you'll hear more in due course, but I can say that we will be ambitious for our fantastic district, and totally focused on the interests, concerns and wellbeing of you, our residents, and communities.

We have many challenges – climate change, housing energy inefficiencies, the cost-of-living crisis, struggling high streets, and inflationary pressures to name a few. We don't have huge reserves to help us deliver solutions, but we do have a great team of officers and an administration that is ambitious, creative and wants to make good things happen.

We'll be outlining our plans as soon as we can, and I look forward to keeping you updated, but the big emphasis from me, for now, is about working together. For us to succeed, we will all need to work together – the politicians, our council workforce, and our communities. Collectively we can make a real impact, and make our district even better.

I hope to speak to many of you in the weeks and months ahead, to hear your views and see how we can address the issues that matter to you. I very much look forward to seeing what we can all achieve in the next four years.

It's a proud moment for me to lead Babergh Council, and alongside my colleagues, I am excited to get this new chapter for our district started.

Councillor David Busby,

Leader of Babergh District Council and Cabinet Member for Planning

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Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: (Isaiah 55v6)

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In particular, the Bible points us to the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, and the only Saviour of sinners. He, too, is called the Word of God - He is the very Truth and Wisdom of God, and the source of all light and life.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... In him was life; and the life was the light of men.... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1v1, 4, 14)

We would be delighted to see you at one of our services, where you will hear more about the Word of God. Be assured of our continued prayers for the people of Bentley.

Weekly Services

Prayer and Bible Study – Tuesdays 7pm

Worship Services – Sundays 10.45am and 3pm

For further information (or for a FREE Bible (King James version)), please do get in touch:

Tel. Admin: 07814 465222 www.bentley-reformed-baptist.uk

e-mail: admin@bentley-reformed-baptist.uk

Or find us on Facebook.

OVERGROWN HEDGEROWS

Bentley Parish Council respectfully reminds parishioners to check that their hedgerows and plants are not, inadvertently, obstructing or impeding pedestrian access along public footways. Council asks that any such growth is cut back in order to avoid any unintentional accident or injury to pedestrians, cyclists or motor vehicles.

If any parishioner is aware of a particular problem site, please notify the Clerk in order that appropriate action may be taken.

Mrs J Scott, Clerk – Bentley Parish Council
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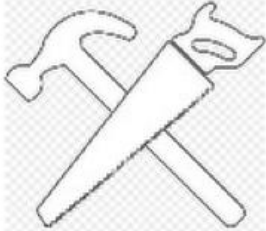
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PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TRADERS

Parish Infrastructure Improvement Questionnaire, Mark 2

We had some great responses to the questionnaire in last month's Bugle. A lot of them were Highways related, and we've set up a working party to work with Highways to see what's possible; there were a number of other suggestions, though, and we need your help prioritising those.

Please could you tick just your top 3, cut out the page and hand it into the shop, or to a parish councillor?

Alternatively, it can be done online: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F3ZSYN3>

Thanks in advance. Bentley Parish Council

| ANSWER CHOICES– Pick your top 3 only - more than 3 ticks will get your paper disqualified | |
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| Bench under village sign? (£500 + £500 installation) | |
| More picnic tables (£400 - £500 each) | |
| Put a backing on the village sign, to make it stand out more | |
| Buy Perspex soldiers for church and/or memorial bench | |
| Surfacing of gym equipment area – around £4-5,000 | |
| More parking on field (approx. £6,000) | |
| Bench in The Link? (£500 + £500 installation) | |
| Buy more gym equipment – <u>approx..</u> £2,000 per item | |
| Re make Bentley sign to show our village history/heritage | |
| Brick wall and hard standing for baseball hoop | |
| Enclosed dog exercise area | |
| Tennis courts | |
| Allotments | |
| Nature corner and bird feeding stations for corner of parish field | |
| Improve the biodiversity and appearance of verges and grass areas | |
| Electric to field, 10KVA generator | |
| Multi-use games area - tennis/basketball/5 a side | |
| More stiles and footpath signs | |
| Better sign for village hall | |



Bentley Fayre and Dog Show

Date: Sat & Sun 2nd/3rd September

Time: 10:00-17:00

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