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a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.



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Bentley Parish Council website - <http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

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

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

Parish Diary

DECEMBER 2023

2nd - Suffolk Spiced Fusion - Case is Altered from 5.00 pm
5th & 19th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
6th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.30-9.00 pm
6th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
7th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
9th - Santa's Grotto - Case is Altered from 4.00 pm
13th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
14th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
14th - St Mary's Church - Carols - Village Hall at 7.00 pm
14th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm
15th - Bentley Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
17th - Christmas Carols - Case is Altered at 4.00 pm
21st - Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12.00 & 12.30 pm
28th - Book Group - Case is Altered at 7.30 pm
30th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered - at 8.00 pm

JANUARY 2024

1st - Footpath Society Walk - from the Case at 11.00 am
3rd - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
4th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
10th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
11th & 25th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
11th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
13th - Dolly's Pizzas - Case is Altered from 5.00 - 8.00 pm
17th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.30-9.00 pm
16th & 30th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
18th - Village Hall AGM - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
19th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
27th - 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

NEW! Coffee at the Case - Every Friday from 10.30 to 12.00 pm starting 5th Jan

BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS



Everyone at Bentley Church wishes you all
Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday	3 rd December	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday	10 th December	Christingle Service	10am
Sunday	17 th December	Carol Service	10am
Sunday	24 th December	Crib Service	3pm
Monday	25 th December	Christmas Communion	10am
Sunday	31 st December	Benefice Communion	10am

Christingle Service

10am Sunday 10th December
Come and meet St Nicholas
and bring him gifts
for homeless families
the collection will be for
The Children's Society
Please let Sandra know by
Thursday 7th December
if you are coming so we have
enough Christingles
for all the Children



Carol Service

Sunday 17th December
at 10am
come and hear the familiar
readings and sing
the familiar carols
as we prepare
to celebrate Christmas
and the birth of our Saviour



Crib Service - for children of all ages!

Sunday 24th December at 3pm
come and help us tell the Christmas Story
Dress up as your favourite person in the story
an angel or a shepherd, Mary or Joseph
a king or even the grumpy inn keeper?



SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday	7 th January	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday	14 th January	Morning Worship	10am
Sunday	21 st January	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday	28 th January	Morning Worship	10am

QUIZ NIGHT - Thank you for supporting our quiz night in October. You helped us raise money for the upkeep of our village church and hopefully you had a good time too! Thank you for your support.

MULLED WINE, COFFEE AND CAROLS

Thursday December 14th at 7pm Bentley Village Hall

Tickets £3 per person, accompanied children free. Come and sing the old familiar Carols and hear some light-hearted Christmas Readings. You will be welcomed with a glass of mulled wine or fruit juice and there will be coffee and mince pies in the interval. There will be also be a draw.

ST MARY'S CHURCH UPKEEP

It costs £300 a week to keep your beautiful and historic church open.

One way to support us is by giving via this QR code using your smartphone. There is also a link in the church building. Thank you for your support. It means a great deal to us as we try to keep the Church in good repair



WEST VILLA

Very many thanks your continued support for homeless families with donations of bedding and towels which we continue to receive from you and deliver as quickly as possible. West Villa are always very grateful not to be forgotten among the many other good causes that there are in these very challenging times. We will be collecting Christmas gifts for adults and children during November and the start of December. Please bring donations either to a Sunday service leave on the doorstep of 19 The Link, IP9 2DJ by 10th December.

CHRISTMAS AT BENTLEY CHURCH

We are planning on decorating St Mary's for Christmas in time for the Christingle Service on Sunday 10th December. If you would like to help with the decorating you would be very welcome. We will be at church on Monday 4th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th from 10am so please come and join us, even for a short while, if you can.

CHURCHYARD

Our Churchyard continues to be well looked after, so very many thanks to all those who help. Please remember that only compostable waste should be put in the brown bin. Please put oasis, plastic and cellophane flower wrappings in the black bin as they are not biodegradable. We know that many people find peace and consolation there when they visit the graves of loved ones.

If you would like to be involved in keeping the churchyard neat and tidy please contact Peter Day our Church Warden on 01473 310518. He would be very grateful for any help. Thank you.

JUST A THOUGHT

Christmas is a very special time. The presents, the food and family time are all special. But don't let us forget the reason for the celebration. In Isaiah's words 'Unto us a child is born, to us a son is given..... He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'. God sent his Son to save us. That really is something to celebrate. Happy Christmas.



LINK LUNCH

After the summer break we restarted the Link Lunches in October with 42 meals of cottage pie mix veg and savoy cabbage with a dessert of cheesecake with ice cream. In November we served 40 meals of sausage and mash, peas, carrot and swede mash followed by apple crumble and custard.

It is with a heavy heart I have decided to retire from the responsibility of running the Link lunch after 21st December 2023. The link lunch started after the Tsunami disaster in January 2005 when eight residents of Link Close started off with a soup and roll to raise money for the Disaster Appeal. In the 18 years we have raised £16,700.00 for various charities. Along the way we have had 24 different helpers. We had to stop in March 2020 due to Covid and re started in October 2021.

136 Lunches were served with an average of 44 diners per lunch which equals to 5,984.00 lunches served. If anybody wishes to organise the Link Lunches they can come on the 21st December to see what is required.

David and I wish to thank all the current and past helpers for their support over the years; also to all the diners who have supported us. Many thanks. **Veronica Howe**

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Once again winter is upon us with dark evenings and what seems to be endless rain and miserable wet days, not at all East Anglia like. The only thing with the wet is the leaves are easy to clear up and there is plenty of them.

15 December 2023 The "What No Cake" ukulele band will entertain – this should be entertaining and hopefully bring us cheer.

19 January 2024 Michael Bamford will talk and show film on "The Mountains and Kalash People of Northern Pakistan"

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm. Why not come and join us for what will, on both occasions, be an enjoyable evening.

Finally the Chairman and Committee of the Society wish all of our members and readers a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. **Pam Lovell**

BENTLEY BLUEBELLS WI

As I am writing this post, we would have had our Christmas Dinner at The Brook Inn at Washbrook. We welcome our new president, Mrs Theresa Bloomfield. In January, we are having a talk about recycling and in February, SERV will tell us all about emergency blood delivery.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ladies, we are always open to new members. For more information, please contact our secretary Sandra on 01473 310072. **Isobelle Quinlan**

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

The season has now finished - we finished mid table in both the Samford League and the Ipswich & District Triples League. We shall enter both leagues next season in the hope of doing better. Members are still having to cut the grass as it is still growing with all the rain and mild conditions. Much work has been done in levelling the green in the hope that we will have a better running surface next season.

We have had our presentation dinner at The George, Hintlesham, when trophies were presented and good food consumed. We are still looking for new members to swell our small band of players. We are a small village club and have been going for over 100 years and would like it to continue for another 100 years! We will start the season in April/ May 2024 so do think about coming to join us.

A note for your new diaries - our quiz next year will be on Saturday 4 May 2024. More details to follow. **Lillian Calvert Secretary 01473 808652**

FOOTPATH SOCIETY

New Year's Day - 11 am from "The Case"

December - January. No Walks

Sat 24th February @ 10.30 am from the village hall.

Walk number 5 - 4 miles. Stout Shoes please.

Happy Walking - Be prepared.

John Wheals. 01473 310569.

TUESDAY CLUB

Hi everyone I hope you are all enjoying the last bit of sunshine. Christmas is not that far away and the Club will be closed from 19th December until 16th January.

We have had a busy few weeks with talks and entertainment from the Phoenix Bell Ringers. Sadly Frazier was unable to join us for Chair Aerobics due to family sickness but we amused ourselves with games such as Dominoes, Scrabble, Cards and Curling. 21st November we had a very interesting talk from Pip Wright. Still to come for December we have our Christmas Meal at Hintlesham George at 11.30, sit down at 12 noon on 5th December. Our last meeting of the year will be held on 19th December 2.30pm, we will be entertained by Mr. Smooth. We will provide a buffet but we would welcome any items of food such as nibbles, sausage rolls, quiche anything you would like to bring along would be most appreciated.

The club will re-open on 17th January 2024 at 2.30pm when we will hold our AGM and you will receive the clubs program for 2024. All that remains for me to say is thank you to all those that have supported the Bentley Tuesday Club throughout the year and look forward to seeing you all in 2024. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.

Catherine Sweeney, Secretary.

BENTLEY STORES

Christmas / NewYear 2023 Opening Times

Remember we are open for all those last minute purchases over the holiday period.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all our volunteers who run Bentley Stores, your village Community Shop.

Friday 22nd December 9 - 1.30
Saturday 23rd 9 - 12 noon
Sunday 24th 9 - 11am Christmas Eve

Monday 25th Closed Christmas Day No papers
Tuesday 26th Closed Boxing Day No papers

Wednesday 27th 9 - 12
Thursday 28th 9 - 12
Friday 29th 9 - 12
Saturday 30th 9 - 12

Sunday 31st. 9 - 11 New Years Eve
Monday 1st New Years Day Closed No papers

Tuesday 2nd normal hours resume.

Weekdays 9 - 1.30 Saturday 9 - 12 Sunday 9 - 11

Customer quotes.....

“Shopping locally is good, it is quicker and saves my petrol and the car park is right outside the door.”

“This year I have made my Christmas Cake from all the ingredients I bought in Bentley Stores !”

“Now I am getting older it is so good to get what I need in the village and to meet such friendly volunteers, really grateful for them giving their time so willingly”

Normal Opening Hours,7 days a week!

Weekdays 9 to 1.30

Saturdays 9 to 12 noon, Sundays 9 to 11

**If you would like to volunteer, it is fun and rewarding,
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BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL (Charity 1080262) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm Thursday 18 January 2024

All Bentley residents are welcome to attend, especially representatives from users of the hall. The draft agenda comprises the usual reports, accounts, election of Trustees and the opportunity to raise issues and ask questions.

Any proposal for formal consideration at the AGM, including any nomination to stand as a Trustee, must be delivered to Samburu, Capel Road, Bentley (next to hall) no later than 10 January 2024. **Mark Usher**

Bentley Poppy Appeal 2023

I am pleased to announce that Bentley residents donated the amount of **£1192.92** to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to the volunteer poppy collectors for their sterling work and to all who gave so generously.

Nigel Peake, Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser



Poppy
Appeal

Horse Awareness - Handy Hints

When you see a horse on a road, you should slow down to a maximum of 10 mph. Be patient, do not sound your horn or rev your engine.

When approaching, overtaking, passing, always pass wide and slowly, allowing at least 2 metres of space.

Take great care and treat all horses as a potential hazard; they can be unpredictable, despite the efforts of their rider. Do not forget horses are flight animals and can move incredibly quickly if startled.

Pedestrians - Please don't hide from us riders, say hello and make yourself seen, horses will be less scared when they know you're human!

Cyclists - when approaching please say hi!

Drivers - please be patient - some horses cannot trot on hard ground, we will always try to get to a lay-by or safe space to allow other roads users to pass as soon as possible.

Please be mindful that riders can often see and hear potential hazards that may not be apparent to other road users. Please follow any hand gestures to wait to keep everyone safe.

Let's all share our roads and bridleways safely and happily. Bentley Riders

WILDLIFE NOTES

Winter Tree ID

As winter approaches, wildlife tends to become less visible as many species hibernate or use the longer nights to stay concealed. The colder days also lead trees to lose their leaves and enter dormancy until spring, making it challenging to identify them. In Britain, most tree growth occurs in spring and summer, during which buds form for the following year's growth. With practise these dormant buds can serve as valuable aids in identifying tree species during winter.

Various types of bud, such as terminal, opposite, alternate, alternate zigzag, clustered, or fuzzy, play a role in this identification process. The colour and shape of the bud can also be distinguishing features for identification. Useful field guides can be found online, alternatively the Woodland Trust British Trees app has a useful section on tree buds. Below are brief descriptions of the buds of some common UK species:

- Oak (*Quercus robur*): Clusters of brown, rounded buds, each with more than three scales.
- Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*): Clusters of black rounded buds with more than three scales, positioned opposite each other on the twig.
- Cherry (*Prunus avium*): Twigs adorned with clusters of red, oval-shaped buds.
- Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*): Opposite pairs of green, fat oval buds.
- Field maple (*Acer campestre*): Older twigs feature corky ridges and small, grey leaf buds.

Additionally, bark characteristics can be useful in distinguishing different tree species:

- Trees with smooth bark: beech, aspen, hornbeam, blackthorn, hazel, white poplar, grey poplar, rowan
- Trees with peeling bark: cherries, birches, planes, field maple, paperbark maple
- Trees with ridged bark: sweet chestnut, oaks, ash, elder, willow, black poplar, lime
- Trees with plated bark: horse chestnut, sycamore, alder, crab apple, hawthorn, yew

Fletcher Telling

Have a go at the
Woodland Trust's
Winter Tree
Identification Quiz -

[https://
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
/blog/2020/12/winter-tree-
identification-twigs-buds-
and-silhouettes/](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/12/winter-tree-identification-twigs-buds-and-silhouettes/)



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We had a busy start to the second half of term. Children have already enjoyed some exciting visits to Suffolk One and the Gainsborough Art Museum in Sudbury.

Children had a lovely time making Christmas cakes in Christmas Cake Club after school. Children were also really creative at Christmas Craft Club making all sorts of Christmas goodies before school on a Friday.

Staff and families contributed items or made their own 'Amen Shoebox' to be sent to less fortunate families in Romania. Thank you so much to all who contributed. We also supported Anti-Bullying Week during our Head Pupil assemblies and everyone was encouraged to wear odd socks. As always, we raised much needed funds for Children in Need too.

The beginning of December saw us preparing for Christmas with an Advent celebration, where decorations were made for classrooms and the school hall, and we gathered together for our Advent Tree Services.

Bentley PTA held their Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th at Bentley Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who supported them.

Children were very excited to take part in their Christmas performances which we shared with our parents at the end of term. There were some very talented performances at both our KS1 performance in school and KS2 performance in Church. We ended the Autumn term with Christmas Dinner for all our children.

If you are still looking for a school place for September 2024, why not make an appointment to explore our wonderful rural schools. We might be just what you are looking for!



WILDLIFE NOTES

The Hidden World of Fungi

What are fungi?

Fungi are a fascinating group of organisms; they are neither plant nor animal but are essential to all life on Earth. They range from single-celled yeasts to giant puffballs and from the common mushroom to the bizarre 'Archer' found in a garden on Bergholt Road.

We are usually only aware of fungi when they pop their 'heads' above ground in autumn. These 'heads' are their fruiting bodies that we are all familiar with such as mushrooms, toadstools and puffballs. Hidden below ground is the main body of each fungus which consists of a huge network of thin, cotton-like, tubular threads that absorb nutrients from their surroundings, whether that is decaying wood, dung or the soft parts of a dead animal. Many fungi form networks that tap into tree and other plant roots where they act like a super-highway by supplying them with nutrients, while in return the fungal network receives essential sugars to aid its growth.

Without this fungal-plant association there would be no plants, trees, or animals and no humans. Different trees and plants have a close association with particular fungi, for example, as some of you may have noticed, fruiting bodies of the Fly Agaric fungus (front cover) show a close association with Birch trees. The Beefsteak fungus has a close association with Oak trees.

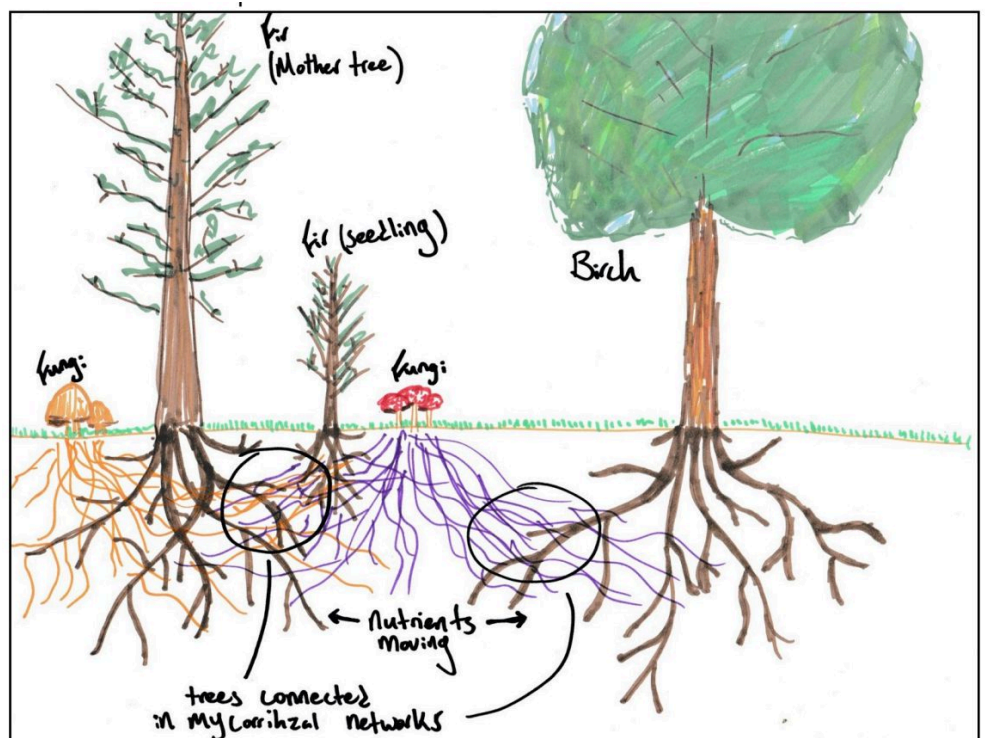


Diagram: Professor Suzanne Simard

Fungi suffer from an image problem because many people are not sure which are poisonous and which are not, and because some fungi cause disease. The vast majority, however, are not poisonous and very few cause disease in humans. Without fungi our survival is impossible, they breakdown rock and dead wood to form soil, they provide food and drink, antibiotics such as penicillin and cyclosporine, anti-inflammatories, contraceptives, washing powders and influence the composition of the Earth's atmosphere. To sum up, they provide essential ecosystem services through decomposition, nutrient cycling and soil improvement.

WILDLIFE NOTES



Chicken of the Woods on Oak



Ganoderma on Ash

Mild wet weather provides the best environmental conditions for emergence of fungi fruiting bodies as was shown in the autumn of 2015 and, more recently in 2023.

The photographs illustrating this article were taken by the author during the period from autumn 2015 up to and including autumn 2023.

Colin Hawes



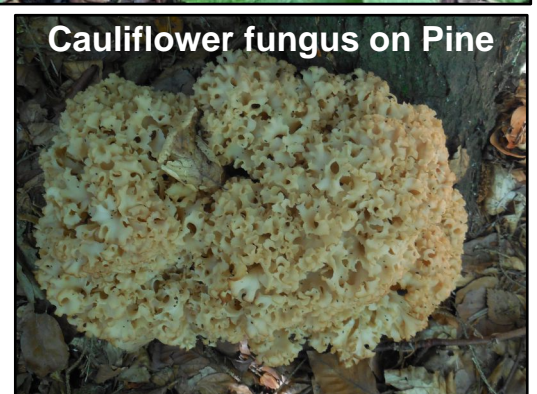
Earth Tongue Fungus



Magpie fungus



Dryads saddle on oak



Cauliflower fungus on Pine

BENTLEY SMASHES MACMILLAN RECORD AGAIN - £2000!



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

It was a gloriously sunny day on Saturday 30 September when the bunting and balloons went up at the Case for our annual Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. Once again the cakes and savouries flowed in; even more, if possible, than in previous years, and all up to the high standards we've come to expect from our Bentley bakers and friends. Huge thanks to all who contributed – you never let us down.

Many thanks too to Alice and Tali who made and sold handicrafts, once again displaying their impressive entrepreneurial skills.

And this year we were delighted to welcome John Boyle who with enormous patience posed and photographed visitors' pets, producing results that delighted the owners. He, Alice and Tali were all responsible for significantly boosting the end result – which was a **stunning £2000!** Not bad for a little village.

But most of all, thanks to everyone who came and gave so generously. None of it could happen without you and the generous support you give to this most worthwhile of causes. See you next year!

Gill Pink

NOTES FROM THE CASE



Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!
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Christmas is now just a few weeks away and the days seem to be flying past. After such a soggy autumn we at the Case are keeping warm and dry around our wonderful wood burning stove. We have quite a calendar of events leading up to the big day and more events going into the New Year too. So why not join us for the festivities and lots more?

Christmas Opening Times

Our Christmas opening times this year are:

Christmas Eve (Sunday)	12pm to 3pm and 7 to 10pm.
Christmas Day (Monday)	12pm to 2pm
Boxing Day (Tuesday)	12pm to 2pm
New Year's Eve (Sunday)	12pm to 3pm and 8pm till late
New Year's Day (Monday)	12pm to 3pm

All other opening times between the holiday dates are as normal

Santa's Grotto

We are again hosting the Bentley Primary School's PTA Santa's Grotto, on **Saturday 9 December**, between 4pm – 6pm. The bar will be open during this time. There will be numerous activities for the children as well as receiving a present from 'Santa'. Please contact the PTA on bentleyprimarypta@outlook.com for further information. **Dolly's Pizzas** will also be there from 4pm to 8pm. As always, food can be eaten in the pub.

Open Mic Nights

Our Open Mic Nights continue to attract a good crowd and ever increasing selection of musicians and singers. The bar opens at 6pm and the music will start around 8pm. We look forward to seeing our regular performers and also welcoming new ones. A Bose sound system is supplied and if you would like to take part please contact Dave on 07885 963882. The next two dates for your diary are **Thursday 14 December** and **Thursday 11 January**.

Christmas Carols

To make you feel that Christmas is really close we are holding our traditional annual Christmas Carol singing, on **Sunday 17 December**. Singing will start around 4pm. Remember to be early if you wish to get a seat as this is a very popular event at the Case. Mulled wine will be available as will complimentary mince pies.

Christmas Raffle

As part of our ongoing support for our charity of the year, **Ipswich and East Suffolk Samaritans**, we are holding a Christmas Raffle. If you would like to buy a ticket for the raffle please pop in the pub during opening hours or contact Alleyn Thomas (07712 583809 alleyn7@icloud.com). Tickets are £1 each or buy a book for £5. The numerous prizes include £50 'Cook Food' voucher, various wines and spirits, food hampers, biscuits, a domestic clean and many, many more prizes. There has been a slight change to the draw date and it will now be held on **Saturday 23 December at 8.30pm**.

Quiz Nights

This year our December quiz night is on **Saturday 30 December**. £2 entry per person, maximum team size 6. The winning team will receive vouchers to spend at the pub; the lowest scoring team receive a wooden spoon! All profits from the quiz and the Christmas Raffle will go to, **Ipswich and East Suffolk Samaritans**. The January quiz will be held on **Saturday 27 January**.

Street Food Vendors

On **Saturday 2 December Suffolk Spice Fusion** will be with us again serving their excellent Northern India cuisine. Then in the New Year **Dolly's Pizzas** will be back again on **Saturday 13 January**. As always the food can be eaten in the pub. Disposable cutlery is provided or you can bring your own. Both will be serving from 5pm - 8pm from the pub car park. Walk ups and pre orders will be available. Menus will be available closer to the time or look on their Facebook pages. Order a takeaway or eat in the pub from 6pm. Families welcome. If you have a favourite Street Food Vendor and would like to see them at the Case please contact chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk.

Coffee at the Case

We are delighted to announce that as from **Friday 5 January** the Case will be open each Friday morning from 10.30am to 12noon, when we will be serving tea or coffee and perhaps a biscuit or two. Please come along and join us for a cosy chat.

Saturday Games Nights

We have decided that between November and March every Saturday (*when no other events are planned*) games can be played in the pub. Either choose a game from our selection or bring your own. All are welcome.

Craft Group

The Craft Group, which meets at the Case, will now be arranging their meetings via a WhatsApp group. If you would like to join the group please use the following email address for more details crafts@thecasepubbentley.co.uk.

Amen Christmas Boxes

This year we joined forces with St Mary's church to collect for '**Amen**' Christmas Family Shoe Boxes, rather than our usual children's boxes. We are very pleased to say we were given 5 completed boxes and enough items to complete 3 more boxes. Thank you to all who were able to contribute.

We wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year!

See you soon!

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 2 November 2023, following a Playing Field Society meeting at 7pm.

Seven Councillors, County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor Helen Davies, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator and 7 members of the public attended the meeting.

Planning – No planning decisions were received. One Planning application was received – Councillors Recommended Approval. Responses were agreed and sent re Re-consultation Land East of Capel Road and Re-consultation of Regulation 25 – Brockley Wood application

Reports were received from County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor Helen Davies (Babergh), Tree Warden and Speedwatch Co-Ordinator.

Matters discussed:

- Payment ratified – re pole for vandalised dog bin.
- Risk Assessment was reviewed – assets have been uplifted.
- Vandalism - A resident has very kindly replaced the destroyed picnic bench on the Playing Field – the damaged one has been repaired.
- Protection of trees in Bentley.
- Renewal of Play Area lease/School field and copse.
- Improvements to War Memorial – Path has been cleared round the War Memorial and dropped chestnuts swept up. Remembrance Service is on Sunday 12 November 2023.
- Traffic calming – SID and ANPR data – SIDs with the help of Speedwatch are helping to keep speeds down
- Playing Field Society – ad hoc dog bin on Playing Field that has been emptied by residents has been removed – hopefully responsible dog owners will use the Capel Road bin.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - <http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/>



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**

CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

Capel Library offers you A Warm Welcome. Please pop along to the library for a warm drink and some friendly faces this winter.

The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema

The Friends of Capel Library
Community Cinema



October 4 Disney+

Tuesday 19th December 2023 at Capel Library
Doors Open: 7pm, film Starts: 7.30pm
Tickets in advance: £4.50 members, £5 non-members
On the door: £5.50
Fully Licensed Bar & Air Conditioning



Haunted Mansion on Tue 19th Dec

December's film is **Haunted Mansion** Inspired by the classic theme park attraction, Haunted Mansion is about a woman and her son who enlist a motley crew of so-called spiritual experts to help rid their home of supernatural squatters.

January's film is **The Great Escaper** In the summer of 2014 -- the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings -- octogenarian Bernie Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines. He'd staged a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades.


The Friends of Capel Library – AGM

Please come along to the library on the 27th January 2024 at 4pm. See what The Friends of Capel Library have been up to in the last year and what they have planned for 2024. You'll also get a lovely cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.


A date for your diary – 21st February 2024 – Build a Bug or Bird Box

The Friends of Capel Library will be hosting a build a bug or bird box session in the library. Tickets will be on sale in January. Please see our Facebook page or pop into the library.

The Friends of Capel Library
Community Cinema



Tuesday 16th January 2024 at Capel Library
Doors Open: 7pm, film Starts: 7.30pm
Tickets in advance: £4.50 members, £5 non-members
On the door: £5.50
Fully Licensed Bar & Air Conditioning



The Great Escaper on Tue 16th Jan

Home Library Service

Do you or someone you know struggle to get to the library? We have volunteers ready and waiting who can bring the books to you. Just give us a call at the library and we can discuss how the service can benefit you, a friend, neighbour or loved one.

Regular Events in the Library:

- **Tot Rock & Stay & Play:** Thursdays during term time 9.30 onwards; songs, and stories followed by a more social play session with free refreshments.
- **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.

Don't forget we sell cards, stamps and book tokens.

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

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

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THE FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY

The Friends of Capel Library 100 Club

October Draw

£25 Sandy Utton
£10 Mary Butters
£ 5 Hilary Spink
£ 5 Micky Bloomfield

November Draw

£25 Diane Gilbert
£10 Simon Lowe
£ 5 V M Cobner
£ 5 Marion Fisher

Prizes and renewal forms can be collected from the Library. Thank you for your support. **Bob Perkin**

The Bentley School PTA would like to thank everyone who has supported our 100 club this year.

We are pleased to announce that we have raised **£384** for the school children. Each month the prize draw will be: 1st - £15 2nd - £10 3rd - £7

The winners for September, October & November are:

September

1st - Alison Hopgood 2nd - Aimee Barford 3rd - Jane Day

October

1st - Katie Cole 2nd - Lee Keane 3rd - Lolly Bayliss Fuller

November

1st - Karen Wheels 2nd - Katie Cole 3rd - Kim Steer

We'll distribute the prize money to the winning candidates during the coming week. Congratulations to all of the winners.

New Business in Bentley!

Style Your Home Happy

www.styleyourhomehappy.co.uk

Instagram: @styleyourhomehappy_

There is a new professional home decluttering, organising and staging service in the village called **Style Your Home Happy**.

Resident, Mum of two and former Counsellor, Kim Steer of Highfields helps people with practical and emotional support to declutter and organise their homes to improve wellbeing. From sorting out a cupboard, wardrobe or pantry, to paperwork, photos, rooms or even whole houses, Kim can help you create the space you want and peace of mind you need. If you want some styling advice, she can also help you make your house feel like a home.

There are many reasons why people may need support to declutter and organise their homes, and it can seem like an overwhelming task. Maybe you are a busy parent, are downsizing, or want to make space for guests. Kim says, "your home should be a place you feel happy and relaxed in – I can help you meet this goal."

Her staging service transforms your home to inspire buyers by decluttering and styling to sell fast at the optimum rate. Maybe you own an empty property or an Airbnb and need it staging to sell or rent, Kim can help. From consultations to a full staging service, it does not need to cost the earth to make your home appealing to buyers and command a good sale price.

Kim is a member of APDO, the Association of Professional Declutterers & Organisers and The Home Staging Association.

Contact Kim for a free informal chat,
kim@styleyourhomehappy.co.uk or 07713 638365



“AMEN”

Christmas Family Shoebox Appeal

A message of thanks to everyone who has supported the appeal this year. The response throughout the village has been incredible & on behalf of the charity, Doreen & Alison, would like to thank you so much for your support. **Due to your generosity we were able to deliver 105, beautifully wrapped shoe boxes to the area collection point in Capel St. Mary, where they were received with grateful thanks.**

The boxes have joined others, been loaded on the transport & are now on their way to Romania, where they will be given to the poorest of families in time for Christmas. We can only imagine the excitement & happiness of the arrival of our gifts, especially as it's most likely the only Christmas gift they will receive, so **Thank You** again for supporting & caring about these needy families.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas.

Doreen Savage, Local Co-ordinator

USERS OF QUIET LANES IN BENTLEY

Pedestrians - please take care when using Quiet Lanes that you can be seen, particularly on these darker evenings/nights and are aware of approaching traffic.

Wearing bright clothing and avoiding wearing headphones will all help to keep you safer.

Cyclists - please make pedestrians aware of your approach and give them time to move over to a safe space before you pass.

Drivers - 'when you see this sign, please take your time' and proceed with caution particularly on bends where there may be more vulnerable road users ahead.

The guidance in the Highway Code is 'You should drive slowly and carefully and be prepared to stop to allow people extra time to make space for you to pass them in safety'.

The road is a shared space for all motorised and non-motorised users so pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians, please ensure you move to a safe place to allow vehicles to pass. Many thanks. Bentley Parish Council



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This was necessary - for He needed to be both God and man, and without sin - in order to be the One who "shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1v21).

Special service to remember the birth of Jesus - the only Saviour of sinners:
Monday 25th December, 10am.

Weekly Services

Prayer and Bible Study – Tuesdays 7pm

Worship Services – Sundays 10.45am and 3pm

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Following the local elections in May 2023, Babergh District Council's new Green, Independent and Liberal Democrat coalition have outlined their initial vision and the strategic priorities they want to focus on over the next eight years.

Environment

We want to lead our district's response to the climate emergency, whilst also protecting and enhancing our natural and historic environment. We might achieve this by:

- Encouraging energy efficient homes and businesses through planning policy.

- Promoting greener and healthier forms of travel.

- Planting more trees and restoring habitats, boosting biodiversity.

Communities - our people

We are ambitious for our economy and young people, prioritising a green economy and working with education providers to develop the required skills. We might achieve this by:

- Developing and promoting employment hubs – central spaces for higher paid, higher skilled, sustainable jobs.

- Preserving the unique character of our market towns and villages, whilst ensuring they adapt to meet future needs.

- Lobbying for better infrastructure, but minimising the impact on the countryside.

Communities - our places

We think strong communities should be built on good housing, wellbeing and pride of place. Our guiding principle will be the right homes in the right places, at an affordable price. We might achieve this by:

- Encouraging communities to develop neighbourhood plans, giving them more of a say on what is built where.

- Reducing the impact of the housing crisis, by investigating creating partnerships to build affordable homes to buy and rent.

- Boosting the visitor economy by promoting the heritage, character and beauty of our places.

- Ensuring every part of Babergh is clean and tidy - building pride.

- Following our commitments to the Armed Forces Covenant.

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

After our relegation from the first division last year it was maybe expected that we would be more successful in the lower league this year but this is never guaranteed. However we started the new season with an excellent 8-2 win against Clapgate Lane at home. We then made the short trip to Tattinstone and came away with a very good 10-0 win. Old Felixstowe were our next opponents at home and once again we were successful, the margin being 8-2. Therefore we have made a very good start although we were well beaten by Bramford away in the first leg of the Joe Rice cup. Our next matches are against Stutton (away) Martlesham (home) Kesgrave (home) and East Bergholt (away).



On Sunday 29th October we held our Annual Doubles Competition. We started the afternoon by enjoying a lunch with our partners and supporters. Frank and Lillian Calvert organised the competition. The players names were drawn out of a hat for partners. The five pairs all played four games and, after some very good bowling, the only pair to win all games were Veronica Howe and Lillian Calvert so they ran out winners, congratulations must go to them. A big thank you to all members who made the afternoon a great success that was enjoyed by all.

The photograph shows our club Chairperson, David Howe, presenting the Doubles Trophy to Veronica and Lillian. **Jill Mills and David Howe**

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