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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

APRIL 2024

3rd - Comrades - Village Hall Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
3rd & 17th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.30-9.00 pm
4th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7.30 pm
9th & 23rd - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
10th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
11th & 25th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Blackmore Room at 2.30 pm
11th - Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
11th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm
13th - Dolly's Pizzas - Case is Altered from 5-8 pm
19th - Bentley Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
20th - Footpath Society Walk - from the Village Hall at 2.30 pm
20th - Music & BBQ at the Case - Robbie Gladwell from 8.30 pm
26th - The History of Bentley Illustrated Talk - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
27th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

MAY 2024

1st - Comrades - Village Hall Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
1st & 15th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.30-9.00 pm
2nd - Local Elections - Village Hall
3rd - 6th - Beer Festival - Case is Altered
4th - Wok'nRoll - Case is Altered from 4-8 pm
4th - Bentley Outdoor Bowls Club Quiz - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
7th & 21st - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
8th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
9th - Annual Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
9th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
9th & 23rd - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Blackmore Room at 2.30 pm
12th - Everly Brothers Tribute Band - St Mary's Church at 2.30 pm
17th - Bentley Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
21st - Footpath Society Walk - from the Village Hall at 10.30 am
25th - 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
Coffee at the Case - Every Friday between 10.30 and 12.00

BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

Services in April

Sunday 7 April Holy Communion
Sunday 14 April Morning Worship
Sunday 21 April Holy Communion
Sunday 18 April Morning Worship

Services in May

Sunday 5 May Holy Communion
Sunday 12 May Pet Service
Sunday 19 May Pentecost Communion
Sunday 26 May Morning Worship

All services at 10 am

West Villa

Thank you for the bedding and towels that are still delivered to us. They are always needed and always greatly appreciated. Sadly West Villa do not have enough storage to accept large items but bedding and towels are very much appreciated. Please contact me if you have unwanted bedding or towels. sandramehen@gmail.com or 01473 310383 or leave them in the porch of 19 The Link.

Church Events – April and May

Sunday 7 April – our communion service will be followed by an update on what has been happening in the church and plans for 2024. Wine and canapes will be served after the service.

All Creatures Great and Small are invited to join us for the Pet Service on **Sunday 12 May** starting at 10am. This is a short pet and child friendly service when we thank God for our special pets. If your pet is too shy or difficult to transport bring a photo. There will be refreshments for children and adults and treats for pets. Please come and join us.

**** 2 Events not to miss ****

The History of Bentley

Friday 26 April at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall
a talk by Mr Tom Hill on the History of Bentley
tickets £10 per person which includes a glass of wine.

Everly Brothers Tribute Band

Bentley Church – doors open 2pm for 2.30pm start.
Sunday 12 May. Tickets £12 per person

Contact Peter Day on 01473 310518 for tickets for both events.

St Mary's Church, Bentley

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.



Rev Chris Willis

We are delighted to welcome our new Rector to our new group of parishes. He and his wife joined us for our family service on Sunday 10 March and joined us for refreshments and a chat after the service. We are looking forward to his ministry with us.

Other Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 28 July starting at 11am **Hymns and Pimms**

Sunday 11 August 3pm **Annual Community Service** followed by afternoon tea.

Sunday 8 September 11am **Harvest Festival** followed by Harvest Lunch.

Sunday 3 November 5pm **All Souls Service** in Bentley Churchyard.

Sunday 10 November at 10.50am **Remembrance Service** at the War Memorial.

Sunday 8 December 3pm **Christingle Service**

Sunday 15 December 10am **Carol Service**

Tuesday 24 December 3pm **Crib Service**

Wednesday 25 December **Christmas Morning Communion**

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 or 311122; Carolyn on 311090; Jane 310518; Sandra 310383.

Just a Thought

It seems as if the year is flying past. It will soon be Holy Week and Easter; significant dates in the Church calendar. A time when we remember just how much God loves us. A time when we remember the horror of crucifixion and the wonder of Easter Morning.

Church Contact Details

for weddings, baptisms and funerals or other queries

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www.constablecountrychurches.co.uk**

TUESDAY CLUB

The Daffodils are in full bloom so that means Spring is here and hopefully some better weather. We at Bentley Tuesday Club have already enjoyed some interesting speakers and entertainers. We had Oliver from Bishop and Miller Auction House. Oliver talked about how the Auction House came about, he then valued items which Members had brought along.

Frazier was welcomed back who gave us our first session of Chair Aerobics this year. Finally Wendy and Sarah from East Anglia Air Ambulance gave a talk on the work that they do and the different ways of how they raise money to enable the Air Ambulance to carry out its invaluable work, this was accompanied by slides. A donation from the club was given to Wendy.

Events coming up - 26th March we have entertainment from Lorri & Gray. During the month of April Kevin Ross, Catherine and Bowler will give a talk on Dogs for the Blind and you will have a chance to meet Bowler the Dog. On 23rd April Bobby Francis will sing a variety of songs and play the Keyboard.

On the 7th May we have Frazier with Chair aerobics at 2.30 and on the 21st Charlie Haylock talking about the 'Dig' will be with us, something not to miss.

We have lots to look forward to in the coming weeks, I hope there is something for everyone so please come along. **Catherine Sweeney, Secretary**

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

The start of the new year saw us resume the second half of the season with a home match against lowly Tattingstone. After some close ends early in the match we eventually ran out comfortable 10-0 winners. Stutton were our next opponents and proved to be a much improved team with some new players, however we managed to overcome them in a hard fought match 7-3. We travelled to Clapgate Lane & Kesgrave for the next two games and were reasonably pleased to only lose 4-6 in both matches. Our friends from East Bergholt visited us next in a match which saw us get revenge for our defeat earlier in the the season with a thumping 10-0 win.

With Martlesham having two home games left, whilst we have two away, anything can happen before we know who will become champions. At the end of January we held our singles competition with 3 groups of 4 players in a round robin of three matches each. These resulted in the semi finals being between Brian & Sandra M. & Jill & Veronica. After two very close games Brian & Veronica were victorious. In a very tight final which finished all square, Brian won on the extra end. Congratulations to Brian and to all who took part in a very good afternoon. **Veronica Howe**

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

The new season will soon be starting, we shall open the green week commencing 22 April 2024 for anyone who wants to come and have a roll up. Our first club night will be Friday 26 April 2024. We are keen to sign up new players so do come along and have a go. The green is in Grove Road, entrance just past the Old Postmasters House and building plot. With all the work the members have done over the winter months we hope to have a much better running surface.

Our quiz this year is on Saturday 4 May 2024 in Bentley Village Hall starting at 7.30. Bill and Simon are setting the questions so we expect it will be different after so many of Charles' quizzes. We shall have the usual raffle, bar and supper. Tickets will be available from David Howe 310344 or Lillian Calvert 808652 priced at £8. Teams of up to 6 players which can be made up on the night. We hope you can come and support us as this brings in much needed funds to keep the green in good order.

Lillian Calvert Secretary.

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our February meeting Adrian Bleese spoke about his experience as an observer in a police helicopter entitled 'Above the law'. It was much enjoyed by all present.

On 19 April Matt Tanton-Brown will talk to us about 'Plants for problem places' He is an accomplished speaker and the evening will be most interesting. On 17 May Jo Hull will tell us about 'My flower growing adventure'. Jo will be remembered by many from her time at 'Applewood Acres' at Dodnash.

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall Commencing at 7.30pm Why not come and join us - you will be most welcome.

PLACES TO VISIT

The Place for Plants at East Bergholt

The Woodland Walk should be worth a visit with a large variety of shrubs, the camellias should be in full bloom.

Green Island Garden at Ardleigh – Fiona Edmonds –the 'maker' of the garden has been to us on two occasions

Perfect Perennials at Forward Green Earl Stonham Stowmarket IP14 5HY

Happy gardening!!

Pam Lovell

BENTLEY BLUEBELLS WI

In our March meeting, our speaker, Philip Roberts, enlightened us on Thomas Wolsey's life and how he rose from being a butcher's son to becoming Cardinal. In May, we will learn all about microwave cooking.

Our next meeting is our 75th anniversary party. It will be held in Bentley Village Hall on the 10th April 2024 at 19:00.

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

**** Save the Date ****

22nd June 12-3 pm Bentley PTA Summer Fete on the Playing Field

Should any local businesses wish to have a stall at our event
please contact Clare on Bentleyprimarypta@outlook.com

Link Lunch

Sadly, we have just experienced the last Link Lunch. A big thank you must go to Veronica Howe and her willing band of helpers. Those who have attended have not just enjoyed the very tasty hot meals but also the social side of these events. It has been a chance to catch up with fellow villagers especially those who aren't able to get out very often.

We will all miss David Howe's jokes, where does he find them! The money raised for various charities had been tremendous. On behalf of everybody who has enjoyed the Link Lunches a big **THANK YOU**. A very grateful Link Luncher.



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**

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 March 2024 – Preceded by a Playing Field Society Meeting at 7.00pm.

Seven Councillors, District Councillor Dave Busby, District Councillor H Davies, Tree Warden, and 5 members of the public attended the meeting. Apologies were received from one Councillor, County Councillor Georgia Hall and Speedwatch Co-Ordinator.

Planning – Two planning decisions were received. No new Planning Applications were received.

One Planning Re-Consultation application was received – C/23/05656 – Land at Grove Farm & East of the Railway Line – Solar Farm. There is to be re-consultation due to submission of additional/amended information.

Brockley Wood application – . We heard unofficially that SCC Regulation Committee will consider the application on 19 March – this has now been confirmed.

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

Matters discussed

- Work on overgrown Yew trees in the Closed Churchyard and cost was ratified. Cost re Elm tree on the School Playing Field was also ratified.
- Road works/flooding re Cadent was also discussed – Village Meeting has been suggested by them.
- Wifi at the Village Hall – Parish Council agreed to pay half the monthly cost.
- Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor on Bentley Parish Council
- Community Litter Pick was discussed – date will be arranged at the April PC meeting
- Nine month Accounts 2023/24 were accepted
- Call for Land for Nature Recovery
- Affordable Housing – Walkabout by Hastoe, CAS, Babergh & PC 27 March 2024.
- 20's Plenty Campaign – Motion to be sent to SCC
- Traffic Calming – Concern re the number of HGV & skip lorries going through the village.
- Playing Field Society – Rules & Regulations to be drawn up for School Playing Field
- Footpath Society Walk 10.30am Saturday morning – in future they will be arranging it on another day.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - <http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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We returned after February half term to our new and exciting playground equipment, (photos if needed). Huge thanks to our amazing PTA who kindly raised some funds for this. The children have had an amazing time playing on these at break and lunchtimes, especially the climbing wall (see photo on next page). We have also tested out our new den building kits in the woodland area. Some of these look good enough to camp out in!

The first week back engaged every class in a Food Festival, preparing ingredients to cook a range of colourful recipes. Parents were invited into school to try the end product alongside their children. It was lovely to see even the youngest children learning how to use a knife to chop and gain an understanding of how to ensure we eat a balanced healthy meal. (see photo on next page)

We celebrated World Book Day at the beginning of March with children designing a plate based on a character from their favourite book. We had some great creations as can be seen on our Facebook page. We had a local beekeeper into each school to share her book and tell us all about beekeeping. Our parents had the opportunity to learn about Sleep in a special workshop held by the mental health team.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 children visited Colchester museum as part of their learning and had a lovely day out exploring their topic on Boudicca and castles. The older children took part in the annual cross country at the Royal Hospital School. It's such a lovely event to be involved with and the children always do their best.

The older children joined Copdock for a STEM event with a Go K'NEX challenge day. Many also took part in a cross-country competition at RHS, putting our morning running routine into good use.

We ended the term with our traditional Easter Service and bonnet parade at church, joined by our families.

After the Easter break we will be attending the School Farm and country Fair and taking part in more sporting events.

If you are still looking to secure a place for your child in September, why not come and visit our wonderful school. We also have a few spaces in year groups across the school.



New Climbing Wall purchased with funds from the PTA



Food Festival - learning how to cook healthy meals

The History of Bentley **An illustrated talk**

Friday 26th April 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Bentley Village Hall



A St Mary's Church fundraiser

Illustrated talk by Mr Tom Hill on the History of Bentley.

Find out some interesting facts about the village we love.

Ticket price includes a glass of wine kindly supplied by Jasper Corbett of Compass Wines here in Bentley.

Tickets £10 from peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk

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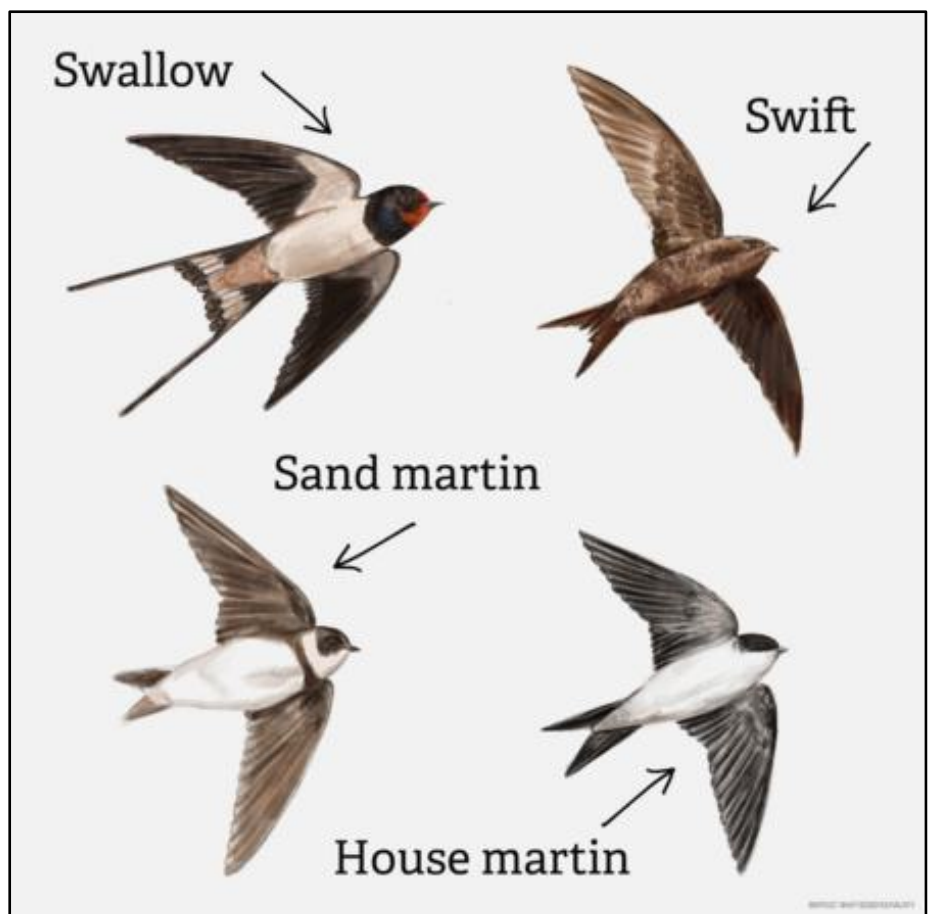
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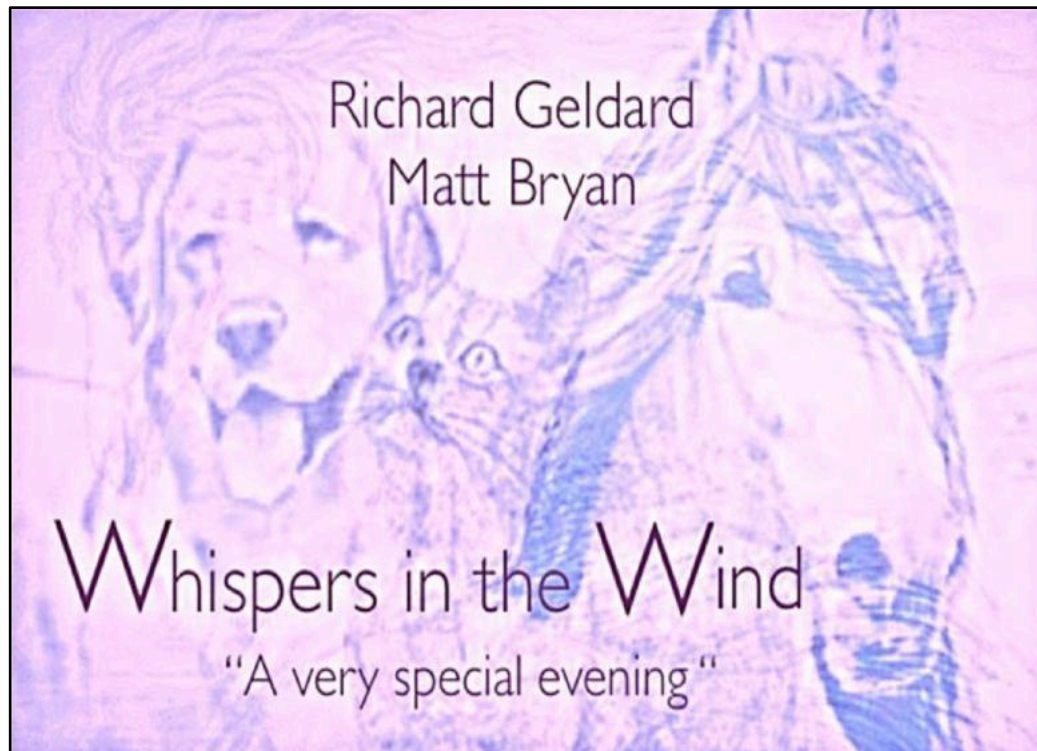
We're fortunate enough to live in an area that still attracts a whole host of migratory birds in the summer. From nightingales to cuckoos, turtle doves to swallows, a large number of bird species decide to spend their summers here, with some species being much easier to identify than others. They can appear as early as March, with chiffchaffs and sand martins often the first to arrive. Swallows, willow warblers, blackcaps, redstarts, yellow wagtails, and house martins can be sighted in the early days of April. Later arrivals such as garden warblers, turtle doves, swifts, and spotted flycatchers are also observed. In April, the iconic return of the cuckoo, marked by its unmistakable call, is widely recognised as the definitive signal of spring.

Swallows swifts and martins are some of the more recognisable migratory birds however distinguishing between them can often lead to some confusion. Attached is an image detailing their different features. Note that the long tail streamers present on swallows can often differentiate them with swifts and martins. Swifts are larger than swallows and martins and are brown all over, sometimes paler towards the throat and head. House martins and sand martins are similar in appearance the sand martin is brown above and white below, with a brown band across its breast and the house martin is has a glossier blue-black plumage above with no marking around the breast. It's also important to understand that they nest in very different habitats. Sand martins nest in burrows, usually dug into sandy banks while house martins build nests out of mud often in the eaves or apex of buildings similar to a swift or swallow.

As with my previous article please use this as a guide when out and about in the village and test your identification skills and where possible report your sightings to the Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (SBIS).

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Bentley**

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BENTLEY STORES

Having found ourselves in the position of having to source a new bread supplier, we were pleased to discover Blackberry Bakers. They now supply us with a delicious range of bread. They also supply a range of speciality breads, which we plan on featuring as Bread of the Month beginning in April. We can also cater for any of your party/ BBQ bread requirements large or small.



For our new villagers, Welcome, we would love to serve you at our store. You may be pleasantly surprised at our range and our prices. For our regular customers who enjoy our tasty range of Capel Pies, you may be aware that we do not stock their entire range. Why not check the full list of products available from both Blackberry Bakers and Capel Pies in store to see what we can offer. We are happy to discuss any special orders with you.

If you have any suggestions regarding something you would like to see us stock please contact us. We also would love to hear from you should you wish to join our friendly team of volunteers. We promise our customers don't bite!!! Its' a great way to make friends and get to know your neighbours.

Our opening hours are

Mon - Fri 9am - 1.30pm, Saturday 9am - 12 noon, Sunday 9am - 11am

You can contact us at info@bentleystores.co.uk with your ideas or suggestions.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

NOTES FROM THE CASE



Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

Tel: 01473 805575

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

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCaseBentley/>

email: chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk



As you may have noticed recently it's been a busy time at The Case. A new fence, along the back of the car park has been installed, other fences have been painted, gutters cleared and fresh new flowers have been planted in the fence troughs. Inside, renovation work to the corridor behind the bar has been completed and then redecorated. The extractor fans in both bars have been cleaned and updated with new outside covers, so hopefully they won't be so draughty during the winter months!

This month sees our **10th Anniversary** of our re-opening as Suffolk's first co-operative pub. In fact it is just a few days away on **Wednesday 17 April**; you may have noticed the banner on our fence! We think Bentley should be proud of its important status amongst community and cooperative pubs in Suffolk. The **EADT Suffolk Magazine** was very interested in our story and will be featuring an article on us in the coming months. They also thought we should be very proud of our pub, especially of all our volunteers. We would also like to thank our volunteers for their hard work over the last 10 years. Another huge thank you should also go to those who were instrumental during those early days for master minding the fundraising and business plan that enabled Bentley to keep its only pub – it could so easily have gone the way of so many rural public houses and have been converted into a private dwelling.

Music and BBQ

To start our celebratory year, on **Saturday 20 April** the very popular **Robbie Gladwell** and his band will be returning to entertain us. The band will start around **8.30pm**. During the evening a **BBQ** will be available from around **9pm**. 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.

Beer Festival

To continue the festivities, in May, we will be holding a beer festival over the **May Day Bank Holiday** weekend, **3, 4, 5 and 6 May**. We will be selling over 20 different real ales from across East Anglia and surrounding areas. During the weekend, on the **Saturday evening**, a new street food **vendor, Wokn'Roll** will be with us. They will be selling their tasty, authentic Chinese noodle cuisine from **4pm to 8pm**. While the beer festival is running savoury foods and bar snacks will be available to buy in the pub and we will be open a little longer each day. Please check our website, Facebook page or the posters around the pub for further details. Our opening times for this event will be:

Friday 3 May 4pm – 11pm, Saturday 4 May 12pm – 11pm
Sunday 5 May 12pm – 10pm, Monday 6 May 12pm – 6pm

New Charity of the Year

April also sees the launch of our new chosen charity, which this year is the **Alzheimer's Society**. We are sure that many of you may have family or friends or know of those whose lives have been touched by this devastating disease. Sadly, for the last 10 years, Dementia and Alzheimer's have been the leading cause of death in Britain. Our monthly quiz night on **Saturday 27 April** will start the year off and will include more raffles during the evening. Later this year, in August, one of our regular bar volunteers will be taking part in an **Alzheimer's Society** sponsored 13 mile walk around Thorpeness and Dunwich Heath. If you would like to take part in this or require further information on how to sponsor someone please email chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk.

New Art Exhibition

A new exhibition of two very talented local photographers will be on display in the pub from mid April. John Boyle and Mike Bamford, both of whom live within the village, are well known and accomplished landscape and wild life photographers. Their exhibition has the theme '**Wild Suffolk**'. We would like to thank the members of the outgoing group, **Art for Fun, Capel**, for the excellent work they have had on show at the pub for the last 6 months.

Open Mic Nights

Of course we still have all our usual monthly events including our ever popular **Open Mic Nights**. The next two evenings will be on **Thursday 11 April** and **Thursday 9 May**. As always PA is provided. We are always interested in new talent so if you would like to take part please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page. The music starts around 8pm.

Quiz Nights

As mentioned previously our next **Quiz Night** will be on **Saturday 27 April** and the following one will be on **Saturday 25 May**, which is the **Spring Bank Holiday** weekend. Entry is £2 per person, maximum team size 6. The winning team are awarded tokens to spend at the pub; the lowest receive a wooden spoon! To make compiling a quiz more simple, answer sheets for the 4 spoken rounds will be available at the pub as will a cumulative score sheet. If you would like to set a quiz, please contact Chris at cottage.garden@btinternet.com and we'll add you to the list. **Quizzes start at 8 pm.**

Street Food Vendors

These are becoming increasingly popular and last month saw our vendor extremely busy. **Where possible pre-orders can be placed to guarantee availability.** We have **Dolly's Pizzas** visiting on **Saturday 13 April** (5pm – 8pm). As mentioned before on **Saturday 4 May**, **Wokn'Roll** (4pm – 8pm) will be visiting with authentic Hong Kong style noodles. Then on **Saturday 1 June** we have a new, highly recommended **Mac'n Cheese** vendor (5pm – 8pm). See our website or Facebook page for more information closer to the dates. All food will be served between 5pm and 8pm. **On these days the pub will be open from 5pm. Food can be eaten in the pub.** If you wish to, please bring your own cutlery. (All vendors supply responsibility sourced or recyclable cutlery and containers). **Families are welcome.** We hope to see you soon!



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Extraction, processing and sale of sand and gravel, processing of inert waste materials with associated plant and related sales, access works, phased restoration using inert recovered materials and aftercare plan.

Following withdrawal of the concrete batching element of the application, Suffolk County Council's Development and Regulation Committee met to consider the planning application on Tuesday 19th March 2024. Residents were very well represented with excellent speeches from Mr Tom Hill KC, Cllr. Dr. Michael Bamford and Cllr Adrian Ward (Copdock and Washbrook PC). There were significant concerns expressed about the effectiveness of the Lorry Management Plan but the majority of County Councillors voted in favour of the application with 6 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 1 abstention.

SOLAR FARM

DC/23/05656 Land at Grove Farm & Land East of the Railway Line

Construction of photovoltaic Solar Array, Ancillary Infrastructure, DNO Substation, Customer Substation, Grid Connection & Landscaping

Babergh District Council advises that they expect to receive additional/amended information from the applicant in April. Babergh will then re-consult/notify the Parish Council on the further submission around the beginning of May. They expect to have completed a report and recommendation sometime in June. If it is decided that the application needs to go before the Planning Committee then this would probably be in July or August.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen on Bentley Parish Council for the office of Parish Councillor and will be filled by means of co-option.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please send an e-mail/letter to the Clerk giving some information about yourself and confirming your eligibility for the position of Parish Councillor within the Statutory Rules – see <http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/news-posts/view/144> for details.

Applications will be considered at the next suitable Parish Council Meeting.

Joy Scott – Clerk, Whites Cottage, Heath Road, East Bergholt CO7 6RJ, Tel: 01206 298174 E-mail: clerk@bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk

VILLAGE RECORDER REPORT

St Mary's

We're very happy to welcome the Reverend Chris Willis, who is now Rector for the four churches that make up the Benefice, including St Mary's, and were delighted that he attended the Mothering Sunday service as his first visit to us.

The church continues to benefit from the work done in 2020; putting a toilet and a kitchen in, as well as enclosing two arches for a Sunday school and meeting room, had the unexpected benefit of doing wonders for the acoustics. As well as enhancing the experience for more traditional church uses, we have also enjoyed a number of music events, with more booked; a local Johnny Cash tribute group being perennially popular!

Work has started on an attempt to recover details of overgrown and eroded gravestones in the Adopted graveyard, although the wet winter has slowed this down.

Roadworks!!

The village has had more than its fair share of roadworks recently, as gas, water, and electric work has all taken place. We learned the hard way that there is a minimum road width for Highways to be able to install traffic lights, and our main street doesn't meet it; the road has had to be fully closed on a number of occasions. There was a particularly memorable incident when the people working on repairing a gas main went through the water main too, causing extensive flooding, including to the house of a villager who was storing bridesmaid's dresses for her upcoming wedding – all ruined! She has been promised that all will be replaced in time.



Planning

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to prove its worth, causing an application for a housing estate outside the village Built-Up Area to be rejected. It has not stopped various minor changes in the village, as people build extensions etc, and a couple of changes to field entrances have also been approved. Villagers have also recently completed a consultation exercise, prioritising items for the next phase of the Parish Plan.

School Playing Field

The School Playing Field is now in the ownership of the Parish Council, guaranteeing the security of the green space at the heart of the village. The school have of course retained full access for sports and events.


Nicky Moxey, Village Recorder

CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

Capel Library welcomes everyone. As the sun is beginning to pop out a bit more now, why not take stroll down to our library? You'll also be seeing more of our book donations trolley outside, so why not have a browse!

The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema


April's film: One Life

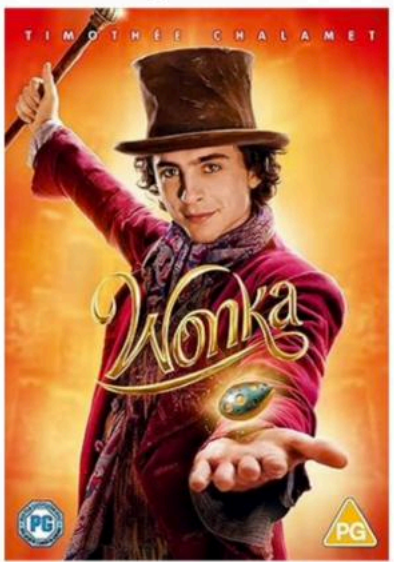
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Tuesday 16th April 2024 at Capel Library
Doors Open: 7pm, film Starts: 7.30pm
Tickets in advance: £4.50 members, £5 non-members
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May's film: Wonka

The Friends of Capel Library
Community Cinema 



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Tickets in advance: £4.50 members, £5 non-members
On the door: £5.50
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One Life - London broker Nicholas “Nicky” Winton helps rescue hundreds of, predominantly Jewish, children from Czechoslovakia in a race against time before the Nazi occupation closes the borders. Fifty years later, he’s still haunted by the fate of those he wasn’t able to bring to safety.

Wonka – Armed with nothing but a hatful of dreams, young chocolatier Willy Wonker manages to change the world, one delectable bite at a time.

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 a 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.

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THE FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY

The Friends of Capel Library 100 Club - Draw Results

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February

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£5 Jennifer Nicholls

March

£15 Jon Bunkell

£10 Steve Lodge

£5 Lisa Matthew

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... Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (1 Corinthians 15v3-4)

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Upon the cross Jesus took the punishment of God the Father for the sins of all His people. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,..." (1 Peter 2v24).

On the third day Jesus physically rose again from the dead, and was seen by many witnesses. His resurrection shows that God the Father fully accepted His death as paying the penalty for those sins. "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." (Romans 4v25)

All who believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ are thus forgiven of their sins, free from God's condemnation, and can look forward to an eternity in heaven with Him. "Who is he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,..." (Romans 8v34)

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:

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Or find us on Facebook.

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Saturday May 21st at 2. 30pm from the Village Hall
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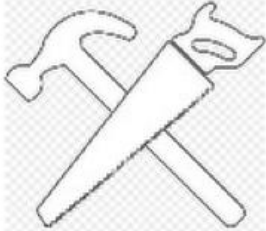
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It feels like it's been a long time coming but finally there are signs of Spring. The vibrant yellow of daffodils throughout the county are beautiful. I personally much prefer the warmer weather and the lighter evenings.

Being a Community Officer allows me to mix with a wide variety of people with all sorts of different backgrounds and interesting life stories. My job is to help keep people safe. This can mean different things to different people. People who are isolated and lack support networks often find it incredibly frightening leaving their homes.

During the pandemic, I was a Neighbourhood Specialist Officer in Surrey, which is very similar to the role I have now. I still had to work and during one of my shifts when people were only allowed out once

a day to go shopping, I recall helping an elderly lady carry her shopping bags back to her home address. She was frightened of being out, of being vulnerable so she got more than she could carry. Some people might have the opinion that isn't a Police Officers job. I would disagree, I also recall meeting many people out and about in the parks getting their exercise and some of these people had not spoken to anyone physically for a long while. I was more than happy to chat and listen and I met some incredible people during that time. Again, some people might not think that that's the role of a Police Officer, again I would disagree. There are many different facets to Policing.

I have been visiting different locations which offer a friendly and welcoming place to go. I work shift work but when I'm able to I will pop along to the Bentley Coffee Club at the Case is Altered. I've been once already and looking forward to going again.

Crimes of note:

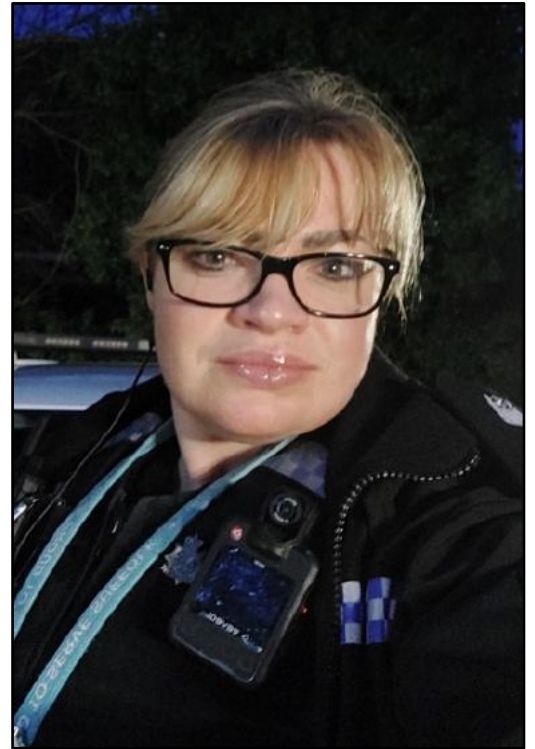
There have been a couple of vehicle break-ins and tools have been stolen. I appreciate it's not always convenient to empty your vans of tools but please do so when you can.

PC Katie Jarrett 582

Community Police Officer for Claydon, Copdock and The Peninsular

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