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**CHURCH EASTER EGG TRAIL**  
**(telling the Story from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday night)**

St. Mary's Church Bentley has set up an Easter Egg trail  
in the graveyard opposite the church by the car park.

See if you can find all ten "eggs"

Good luck

Blessings Bentley Church.

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**Spring is Here!**

Photo by Robin Owen

# BENTLEY DIRECTORY

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Other Village Web sites are listed on page 25

## LINK LUNCH CLUB

As the prospect of Link Lunches being held at present are very low we decided to donate the funds we had in hand to the following charities:- West Villa £180.00 and F.I.N.D £180.00 thanks to your support and generosity.

We hope if there is enough support we may be able to re-start in September. Meanwhile keep well and safe.

**Veronica Howe**

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## CONSTABLE COUNTRY MEDICAL PRACTICE – PRACTICE UPDATE MARCH 2021

### **Coronavirus Vaccination Programme**

As of 8th March, the practice has administered over 5000 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. We have now vaccinated in excess of 96% of all patients over the age of 70. We continue to vaccinate patients against Covid as fast as we take delivery of the vaccines. Unfortunately, we still have little forward visibility of when and how many vaccines will be delivered.

Please be assured that as soon as we have confirmed delivery dates we are setting up clinics and inviting patients in. Our preferred method of booking for all under 80 year olds is via a text message which contains a link to follow enabling patients to select an appointment date and time.

Patients who don't have a mobile number recorded with the practice, and those patients who don't book via the text message link, will be contacted by the practice to book an appointment.

Patients have also been contacted to book vaccinations at mass vaccination clinics. The practice will be informed when the vaccination has taken place and removed from our list of outstanding patients.

Second doses will be administered approximately 11 weeks after the first dose. However, although some patients were booked an appointment for a second dose, we cannot confirm the date and time until we have received confirmation of the vaccine delivery date. We may not receive this until 10 days before the vaccines are delivered. We will therefore contact patients the week before their second dose is due to either confirm their existing appointment, rearrange it, or book a new appointment. The practice has detailed records of when second doses are due so there is no need to contact the practice. Please wait for us to contact you.

Please note that current guidance is that the type of vaccine administered for the second dose should be the same as the first dose, i.e. Pfizer or Astra Zeneca. Also note that we will administer second doses to those patients who have been vaccinated at the practice. If you have been vaccinated elsewhere, they will arrange your second dose.

Thank you again for your support and consideration whilst we continue with the vaccination programme.

**Pete Keeble Practice Manager**



# † St Mary's Church News

We all hope that you are all coping well and also keeping well. Bentley Church will be re-opening again for worship starting on Easter Sunday, 4th April. We will be taking things slowly so that in April and May there will be only two services each month. If all goes well and infection rates continue to fall we hope to introduce more services.

Zoom Evening Services will also continue and if you would like to join us please contact me ([sandramehen@gmail.com](mailto:sandramehen@gmail.com)) and I can send the log-on codes.

## SERVICES IN APRIL (IN CHURCH)

**4th** 10.00 am Easter Communion

**18th** 10.00 am Family Communion

## Good Friday

To allow for more people to attend, the Good Friday service will be held on Zoom. It will be a reflective service of Bible readings, reflections and prayers and will include hymns. It will last about 45 minutes. Please contact me if you would like to join us for this very special service and I will send you the log-on code.

## SERVICES IN MAY (IN CHURCH)

**2nd** 10.00 am Family Service

**9th** 10.00 am Family Communion

As was the case in December if you would like to attend a service in church you will need to **book in advance** as numbers will still be limited. Face masks must also be worn and social distancing observed and sadly no singing is yet allowed. You will need to sign in as you arrive so that you can be contacted in the, hopefully unlikely, event of some attending having the infection. Hand gels are available as you enter the church. Communion will still be only wafers and you will need to move round the church as directed. We are aware that this is all rather irritating but the safety of all is our top priority.

If you would like to attend a service please will you contact the Church Warden, Peter Day on ☎01473 310518 or email [peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk)

In an emergency please contact Sandra on 01473 310383.

If you do not book in advance you will be asked to wait outside the church until we know we have a space for you.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to church again and looking forward to worshipping together even with the restrictions still in place. We hope that, if all goes well, we may be able to add extra services. We are hoping to hold our Pet Service again in July this year. We really missed it last year and are looking forward to seeing all your animals again. We may even make it an outdoor service!

# St Mary's Church News

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

The signs of spring around us give us hope for the future. It has been a joy to see first the snowdrops and now the daffodils, hyacinths, and primroses, the catkins and the swelling buds on the trees. Hope of better things and brighter days to come. Jesus told his followers not to keep on worrying, because worry cannot make things better or make them go away. He tells them to look at the flowers around them; they do not work or worry but are more beautifully dressed than even King Solomon. With more and more people receiving the vaccine our hope grows for a return to normality, even if it happens slowly. So let's appreciate the flowers of the changing seasons, stop worrying about things we can't change and thank God for the hope of better things to come.

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## WEST VILLA

Very many thanks for all those who, despite the cancellation of the Bugle, remembered that we usually collect Easter Eggs and goodies for the homeless families helped at West Villa. Very many thanks, they are always very much appreciated. Many thanks also for the duvets and bedding given for these unfortunate people; again this is very much appreciated. When people are re-homed they are allowed to take bedding with them so there is always a need for more. Just leave your donations on our doorstep at 19 The Link or call 01473 310383 and we will make sure that they get to the right place. Thank you for your continued support, it makes such a difference especially at this very difficult time for us all.

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## SAFEGUARDING

In recent times this has been very much in the news and rightly so. The hierarchy of the national church has a great deal to do to regain public trust. It is shocking when the actions of a few high profile people are covered up, the abused ignored and side-lined, all to try to maintain reputation. For all of us in this group of parishes and for the people of Bentley Church in particular safeguarding is an issue we have always taken extremely seriously.

All members of the PCC have had basic safeguarding training and all of us involved in leading and ministry have had high level training. Four of us have this year completed a challenging course for Leaders. There are several layers of training available online on the Diocesan website and C0 is simple and give you a basic understanding of different types of abuse. It is well worth a look.

When we get back into the church building there are posters and other information available. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team or the service leader. They are many types of abuse and all of us are vulnerable at certain points in our lives. We would take all concerns reported to us very seriously indeed. We must make sure that everyone feels safe.

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Contact Details for weddings, baptisms and funeral or other queries

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## **LIFE NEVER RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER EASTER!**

Easter celebrates the words of the angel from the empty tomb: "He is not here, He is risen"  
We know now that Jesus appeared to over 500 witnesses in his bodily resurrected state before returning to His Father in heaven on Ascension Day. This happened so The Holy Spirit could come to us and be our guide.

Our lifestyles today make communication with God's Holy Spirit difficult; and for some He makes no difference to their lives whereas others might like to explore a relationship but don't know where to start.

St.Mary's Bentley is looking to facilitate better communication by forming ACORN groups inspiring change and growth in our village.

### **How It Works.**

Each morning on waking we ask "God" to send across our path people who may need us today.

As we encounter folk we ask "How are you?" (making a mental note of anything that occurs).

Then once a week and confidentially (no names, no pack drill) we share with our ACORN group (maximum 5 people) anything that happened during the week.

This simple technique is being used now up and down our land and has excited communities because of the community spirit engendered and a real appreciation of the guiding hand of The Holy Spirit in the lives of all the people involved.

Needless to say it is for everyone who wishes to be involved. Absolutely no bible knowledge or qualifications are needed (and don't worry if you think you have no faith in God- there weren't many atheists on the Titanic, God is famous for providing what is needed). To start with Mike from our Diocese in Ipswich will lead three group sessions to kick things off. From then on it will be up and running in Bentley. The initial meetings will be on Zoom so access to this will be required until the end of lockdown.

If you might be interested in joining a group please contact me Peter by email. [peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk), or phone 310518 or mobile 07570 103005.

**Peter Day (Churchwarden St. Mary's, Bentley)**

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### **BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

I am pleased to write with what I hope is better news. It has been decided that the Annual Show will be held in August - on Friday 14th. Let's make this a really good show to celebrate our freedom!! The fuchsia plants for the set plant were ordered in optimism last November and will be sold in April at the Village Hall as last year - a date will be notified to members.

Our first monthly meeting is on Friday 17th September 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Cathy Smith - her subject 'Gardening for wild life - small changes for big gains'.

In the past weeks I have been asked if and when we can have outings - on 21st June if all goes according to plan we shall be free!! So I will begin, with the committee's approval, to make some arrangements. I plan to maybe fit two trips in before the winter. I have a few ideas!!

Let us hope we have another lovely summer - goodness knows we all deserve it. Happy gardening.

All of these hopes and dreams are of course subject to the 'rules' not changing.

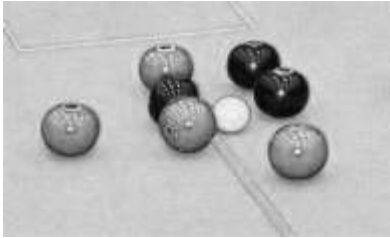
### **Dates for the diary.**

14th August - Annual Show.

17th September – monthly meeting

**Pam Lovell**





## **BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS**

Yet another two months have passed without a bowl being bowled. Hopefully there is a “light at the end of the tunnel”, and by the end of May we will be able to get the equipment out of mothballs and focus on improving our skills as bowlers.

We are always looking for new players, so if you are looking for some gentle exercise why not come along and join us, we are a very friendly club who meet at the Village Hall on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. and a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. You don't have to have any special clothing just bring yourself and have a try. You never know, you may be the bowler we have been looking for to join our Club.

Looking forward to moving forward from the last unfortunate year and getting back to some sort of normality.

Keep safe and well.

**Jill Mills**

**Bentley Carpet Bowls Committee.**

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## **BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB**

We have decided to postpone our quiz again as we are not being allowed to hold large events until end May beginning June - if all goes to plan. We will decide what we will do later when things are clear. We hope our season will go ahead this year - the fixture lists have been received - our first game being away on 5th May.

Why not consider joining us, we are a small village club, most of our members are from Bentley with a few from the neighbouring area. We play on Monday evenings in the Samford League and Wednesday evenings in the Ipswich Triples League - games start at 6.45pm or earlier if we are all present.

We have a club night on Friday evenings when members can come and have a social roll up and practice.

Stay safe everyone,

**Lillian Calvert Secretary**

**01473 808652**

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## **THE ORCHESTRA - a quiz by Brian Rose**

1. How many sections are there in an orchestra?
2. What is the least number of musicians needed to form an orchestra?
3. True or False: The trumpet has been around since 1500 BC?
4. What is the highest sounding woodwind instrument?
5. Name a woodwind instrument that only has four letters?
6. What is another name for a timpani?
7. What is the maximum number of strings on a harp?
8. There are two double reed instruments in an orchestra, name one?
9. Which instrument (in size) comes between a violin and a cello?
10. What is the lowest sounding instrument in the brass section of an orchestra?

Answers on page 21.



# *Bentley CEVC Primary School News*

Hooray! We're Back!

My goodness we have missed the children, it is soooooo lovely to welcome them all back into school. The hard work of the teachers, TAs and parents, keeping learning going through lockdown, has been nothing short of marvellous.

World Book Day was celebrated in school and in home learning with the focus on a love of reading and how it can spark your imagination. Children and parents alike loved joining in with the 'Guess My Book' challenge, where you guess the title of a book from pictures using objects from around the house. I wonder if you can work out any of the book titles in the photos opposite.

Science gets tasty this term as we look at how different materials change when they are cooked or frozen. Every family is being challenged to write a recipe and describe in scientific terms what happens to the ingredients at each stage of the process. At the end, we will be producing a Bentley and Copdock Federation cookbook so we can all have fun trying each other's edible experiments.

Fundraising continues by the wonderful PTA; the loo roll challenge was the latest madcap idea! Children paid a £1 to take part in a video where they recorded themselves catching a loo roll from the right, doing a little dance or silly face, and then throwing it off to their left. The videos were then all put together like a continuous thread. The result was hilarious! We are looking forward to the Easter shenanigans that are being planned in each school.

We are currently reviewing our catering situation within the federation. If you are a local catering company and you would be interested in getting some further information about the contract, we would love to hear from you. Please give the Bentley office a call and we can give you more details.

For more news and up to date information about the school, please visit our website:<http://www.bentleycopdock.co.uk/>

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## **BENTLEY Bluebells W.I.**

The end is in sight, all our members should now have received their first jabs and we can look forward now with hope that we will be meeting again by the summer.

The Committee have agreed to reduce the cost of subscriptions for this year as we have incurred no major expenses during lockdown.

If you have been inspired during the isolation to join up to a group then look no further than the WI where we meet once a month and share common interests, learn new things and above all make friends.

If you want more info about our lovely group (whatever your age) please contact Sandra Ford (Sec) 01473 310072 or Jan Pickess (President) 01473 313139 for details.

Continue to stay safe.

**Theresa**

## School Photos - Guess My Books



## Some Rarer Birds of Bentley

Photos by Graham Darton



Great Grey Shrike (Butcher Bird)



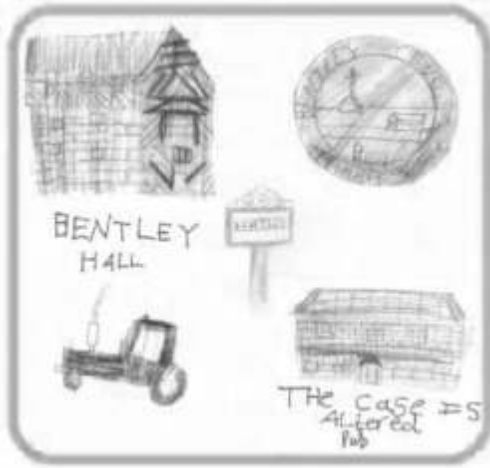
Nuthatch

....and an early visitor



Willow Warbler

## BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



We are in the last phase of getting the Plan "made" into law! With our final submission to Babergh possibly made by the time you read this, I thought it would be an opportune moment to thank all the wonderful volunteers who wrote policies, delivered leaflets, critiqued tons of supporting documentation, or just cheered from the sidelines - plus the villagers who very patiently answered tons of questions! - and remind ourselves of the journey! The following is the Consultation Statement, which the Inspector uses to

make sure that there is sufficient village backing for the Plan.

I think we're good 😊.

It'll still take weeks and weeks, if not months, for the final stages to work through; but there's no more work that can be done on it until we go to the Referendum. So I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved; a real village effort!

**Nicky Moxey, Chair, Bentley Neighbourhood Plan**

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### **CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

Bentley Parish Council held a meeting in the Village Hall on 12th June 2018, to establish appetite for a Neighbourhood Plan. Present were Paul Bryant (BDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer), Lizzie Ling (Community Land Trust Housing Enabler), Carroll Reeve (Lavenham Parish Council Chair), Bentley Councillors Nicky Moxey and Mike Bamford (Chair) and 109 Members of the Public. The meeting enthusiastically endorsed the idea; Councillor Moxey agreed to chair the Neighbourhood Plan committee pending approval by the Parish Council, and 30 members of public signed up to take part.

The Parish Council voted unanimously at its monthly meeting to start the process on 3rd July, and the Area Designation was made on 12th July.

Village views were canvassed in detail via a series of Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires; General, Children's and Business questionnaires were produced. Business and General questionnaires were delivered by hand to every business and household in the Parish by volunteers at the beginning of August 2018, along with a leaflet explaining the process and how to return them. People over the age of 16 were asked to complete the General questionnaire, on an individual basis, and to return forms by the end of September to collection boxes in the shop and pub. Volunteers also knocked on doors to collect copies where requested. 283 questionnaires were returned.

A whole-school assembly was held at the village school on 26th September to explain the process and importance to the primary school children, and to launch a competition for the front cover. Teachers facilitated questionnaire completion and returned the forms. A meeting was held at East Bergholt High School to canvass the views of the handful of secondary school pupils in the village.

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The Neighbourhood Plan team took stalls at the Neighbourhood Fun Days in September 2018 and 2019. The 2020 Fun Day was cancelled due to COVID-19.

In addition, Drop-In Events were held at the Village Hall on 12th October 2018 to answer any questionnaire queries and on 24th April 2019 to display the analysed questionnaire results and to discuss proposed Policies; several households came along to both, and most stalls were busy all evening. No attendance records were kept. The local magazine, the Bugle, is delivered to all homes in the Parish, and regular updates have been printed in it:

- July/Aug 2018 – Notice of questionnaire and how to return forms
- Oct 2018 – reminder to return questionnaire and notice of drop-in meeting
- Jan 2019 – Progress update
- Mar 2020 – Progress update
- Sept 2020 – Reg 14 notice

In addition, monthly updates have been made to the Parish Council meetings.

Finally, prior to March 2020 almost all committee meetings (one or two per month) have been held in the pub during opening hours, allowing regulars to express frequent opinions on business and progress!

Although volunteer numbers dropped off, around 12 committee members took ownership for research and drafting of Policy statements. Many more will deliver leaflets, etc.

**Nicky Moxey, Chair, Bentley Neighbourhood Plan team**

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## **STAG BEETLE SIGHTINGS REPORT.**

### **Why are Stag Beetles important?**

They help recycle dead wood and return nutrients back into the soil. Therefore they are a vital part of our eco system.

### **What should I do if I find a Stag Beetle?**

Please leave it where it is unless in danger of being trodden on or run over. If you have to move one for its own safety please move it as short a distance as possible.

If you dig up Stag Beetle larva please put back where you found it. Next best thing is to rebury the larva in a safe, shady place with as much of the original rotting wood as possible.

### **Reporting sightings.**

Please can you help preserve this endangered species by reporting sightings to Bentley's Eco Advisor Mr. Colin Hawes by:

- posting the completed form (Don't forget to add your name and phone no. in case of sighting queries/amplification) through his letterbox at 3, Silver Leys, Bentley.
- or at my address "Greenacres" Capel road, Bentley
- or leave in the box at Bentley Stores alongside the pub.
- You can email a response report to [peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk) or Colin at [hawescolin@gmail.com](mailto:hawescolin@gmail.com)

**In all cases please leave on the form your name and phone no. so any questions about your sighting can be covered and we can all help to preserve this valuable creature.** The Stag Beetles are most active during May/June.

Many thanks.

**Peter Day**



**Female Stag Beetle**

Photo David Millar



**Male Stag Beetle**

Photo Paul Kitchener

### **STAG BEETLE SIGHTINGS 2021**

I would be grateful for reports of any stag beetle sightings made in Bentley or from anywhere else in Suffolk. These will add to the growing database and map of these endangered insects' Suffolk distribution. Please send your reports to Colin Hawes, 3 Silver Leys, Bentley IP9 2BS, Email [hawescolin@gmail.com](mailto:hawescolin@gmail.com) or Tel: 01473 310678. Stag beetles will begin to emerge from the soil around mid-May if the weather is warm in the evening (although sometimes emerge earlier if the weather remains warm in April). The male beetle is easily recognised by its large reddish jaws; females do not possess these large jaws but are the same colour and shape as the male (see photo).

**Colin Hawes (lead for the conservation of stag beetles in Suffolk)**



**A Walk Among the Anemones - Photo Dorna Owen**

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## NOTES FROM THE CASE

Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

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At last some good news for pubs and the rest of the country! As we are sure you are aware, on 22nd February the government released their Road Map for Recovery following the last 12 months of restrictions and lockdowns due to the Covid 19 pandemic. So from the 12th April pub gardens will be able to re-open and from the 17th May customers will be able to sit indoors. Then, hopefully, on 21st June all restrictions will be lifted. If all goes to plan we will soon be able to look forward to meeting our families and friends for a drink or coffee at the Case once more.

We hope to be re-opening the first weekend after the 12th April, which will be 16th – 18th April. At the moment our opening times will be similar to those before the November lockdown:

- Friday and Saturday evenings 6.00pm – 9pm
- Sunday 12 – 2pm.

These times will change as the restrictions (and weather) improves.

- We will also be open for off-licence sales during these times, no need to telephone.

**Saturday 17th April** will be our **7th anniversary as a Community pub!** My, doesn't time fly! In order to celebrate this we have invited **Dolly's Pizza Van** back to the Case from **5pm – 8pm** so for that evening we will be opening a little earlier and you will be able to enjoy a drink or two while eating your pizza. Dolly's pizzas are very popular so to avoid disappointment and over crowding in the car park you will need to pre-order. Gluten free pizzas are available but these must be ordered at least one day before as there is limited availability. Please ring 07856 070 123 to place your order or go to Dolly's Pizza Van (food Stall) on Facebook to see their menu.

Of course we will be adhering to the current proposed restrictions regarding service when re-opening, so it will be a requirement to order and drink while seated ('table service'). Once we are able to move inside (after 17th May) you will still be required to use the table service for drinks but we will be able to open for longer and not so weather dependent. Both inside and out, following government guidelines, customers will be permitted to be seated in groups of up to 6 individuals or 2 families.

For the safety of our volunteers and customers we will, for at least for the immediate future, continue with all the Covid secure practices we put in place during the last year:

- visual reminders to maintain a safe social distance unless in a group
- use of the disabled toilets while the garden only is open
- hand sanitizer stations around the pub (inside and out)
- a one way system, when the inside of the pub can open
- retaining the full height screen around the bar
- use of the National track and trace system
- contactless payments
- no seating at the bar

Only when it is safe to do so and in accordance with Government guidelines will these measures be removed.

To celebrate the lifting of all restrictions we are planning to hold one of our very popular **Garden Tea parties** during the summer but there will be more news about this later in the year.

Over the next few weeks we will be busy making sure the cellar and chillers are restocked, the glasses are ready and the marquees are up! We are really looking forward to re-opening and seeing all our customers again and when the Case can once more become a real hub of life in our lovely village. We hope you will be able to join us, socially distanced of course, especially during our celebrations on the 17th April, and throughout the rest of the year.



## **BENTLEY STORES, OUR VILLAGE COMMUNITY SHOP.**

### **Supporting our Community in Lockdowns.**

Well, we have been in various lockdowns and restrictions for over a year now but life goes on at Bentley Stores serving its real Community function and acting as a lifeline to so many in our village. This 7 day a week opening for the whole of the lockdowns has been made possible by all our volunteers, whether serving, buying, cleaning or maintaining things.

Coming soon will be an outside vegetable cabinet to better display and sell our vegetables, more news next month.

We have CCTV outside the shop to protect the premises and recently it helped us identify a suspicious vehicle which we reported to the police.

### **Charities**

Plant sales outside the shop continue in aid of Myeloma Cancer Charity and later in the year we will switch to MacMillan Cancer Charity.

During 2020 our customers supported various charities in different ways raising £1567.99. Full details of the 7 charities are in the shop on the notice board.

A special thank you on behalf of all the charities.

### **What we sell !**

We continue to stock new items so it is well worth looking round, we now have locally made cakes and biscuits from EV Cakes of Hadleigh as well as our usual Capel Bread and Pies, East End Butchers Meat and Free Range eggs.

Books by two local authors are also available for sale.

### **COVID and opening hours**

We continue to operate to look after everyone with Hand Sanitiser stations around the shop and still keep numbers in the shop to two customers at a time.

Our opening hours are working well and will continue on weekdays from 9 to 1.30 and weekends 9 to 12 noon.

### **Statistics**

For those who like some figures here goes, in the last year since lockdown started we have sold 27222 free range large eggs, 4252 bottles of milk, 4417 fruit and veg, 3798 loaves of bread and rolls, 1623 tins and 1851 Capel Pies and 9144 newspapers as well as thousands of other products!

### **Thank you**

Thank you for your support as customers and volunteers in our wonderful village.

If anyone wishes to join us in any capacity please contact us on [info@bentleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@bentleystores.co.uk) or pop in the shop. Keep safe.

**Everyone from the Management Group.**

### **Easter opening times**

Good Friday 2nd April 9 to 12 noon

Easter Saturday. 9 to 12 noon

Easter Sunday, closed No Papers

Easter Monday 9 to 12 noon

### **Calling all gardeners ...**

Sure sign that spring is here - the charity plant stall outside the shop is back. From now till the end of May all money raised will be in aid of Myeloma, and after that, Macmillan. Money for plants can be left in the shop post box.

All plants are donated, and if you have any spares which you think others might like, just leave them on the stall. You can either put a price on, or ask for a donation.

Happy gardening!

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chair – Cllr M Munday  
Bentley Parish Council

Mrs J Scott  
Clerk – Bentley Parish Council  
**Telephone: 01206 298174**  
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Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place Remotely at 7.30 pm on Thursday 4th March 2021

8 Councillors, County Councillor G Jones, District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden & 5 members of the public were present.

Apologies: Cllr D Schumacher

County Councillor Jones and District Councillor Busby's Reports are displayed on the Parish Council Website.

**Planning** - One planning decision was received. – Planning permission has been granted.

Four Planning application were discussed. – Two Recommended Approval and two Recommended Refusal.

Reports were received from the Tree Warden, Capel Library (now open to collect books that have been ordered by phone or e-mail), Bentley Long Barn – English Heritage Officer is going to visit – there is a lot of anxiety over the rapid deterioration of the barn which must be repaired and retained.

## **Matters discussed**

- ANPR Speed Cameras
- Accounts – 9 Months April – December 2020
- Access to Bridle Paths – Bentley Manor Update - It was not possible to come up with a solution so will have to be left in abeyance.
- Joint Local Plan – Waiting for the examiner to read through the comments then the NHP Representative will be invited to speak on our behalf.
- Advance Notice of Highways Scheme C425 closed at junction with C456 Bentley Hall Road – SCC have agreed to postpone the works until there has been a report from the British Horse Society.
- Traffic Calming – SID poles – The poles that have been ordered will not take a solar powered device – Because we are a pilot group for the ANPR it was proposed that we find out the specification of the ANPR before a final decision is made.
- Road markings – County Councillor Jones had left the meeting so will be contacted by the Chairman for an update.
- Playing Field Society -Drainage of the field was discussed – a meeting had taken place with Miles Drainage who have quoted £30K-£40K depending on how wide apart the drainage pipes are. Two more quotes to be obtained. Sources of funding to be investigated by the Parish Council and Maritime FC.

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It is hoped the work will go ahead in the summer so the field will be out of action for one to two months. Play Equipment for the field was discussed with the Parish Council agreeing to contribute £3K with a further £1,159.59 of S106 monies. It was agreed to site the equipment at the top end of the field which will not be affected by drainage works so the second stage of the Viridor application for funding will be completed and submitted.

- To Review Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan – Priorities were updated to include drainage and Gym equipment for the Village Playing Field.
- Quiet Lanes – The Formal Proposal of Designation notice is going out and in the lanes themselves with 21 days to make representations.
- Update on the Neighbourhood Plan – No actions arising from consultation on the final version of the SEA. Responses to comments on the Regulation 14 Consultation exercise are complete – the PIIP (Appendix E is amended to reflect the updated priorities

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm. Full draft minutes will be available on the P C website - [www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net](http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net).

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## **IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO BURN HORSE MANURE.**

### **Getting rid of solid waste by burning including:-**

- contaminated horse bedding, straw
- food containers
- horse manure (if not used as soil fertiliser)
- empty pesticide and other chemical containers
- plastics such as silage wrap, bags and sheets
- tyres, batteries, clinical waste, old machinery and oil

**Www.gov.uk is very clear.....You must use a licensed facility to get rid of solid waste - it's against the law to dump or burn it.**

Contact the Environment Agency or Babergh District Council for information on how to get rid of solid waste.

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Joy Scott – Clerk

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As well as publishing information in the Bugle, the Parish Council website is updated regularly with important notices and local news items -

[www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net](http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net).

and notices are also put on Bentley's Community Facebook page -

**Bentley (in Suffolk) Community Page**

## CAPEL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2021

Greetings to you all from Capel Library. The library is now open to Select and Collect and the collection of reservations.

April is hopefully a month of positivity, with brighter days and further reductions in lockdown. April 13th will see us open our doors for browsing – fingers crossed.

March saw us celebrate Suffolk Libraries Day where we had many online events such as a book festival, Scarecrow Trail and Suffolk's Biggest Online Quiz. More locally Capel Library celebrated the day by showcasing some of the fantastic crafting talents and selling donated craft items. We also had craft packs for sale with an Easter theme for people to enjoy at home. Our lovely Friends Group also hosted a raffle for the day.

Moving forward, our Home Library Service is now back up and running. Do you know anyone who would benefit from having books delivered to them? We have volunteers ready and waiting to help. Get in touch with us at Capel and we can arrange a COVID friendly service to the door, see the website for details <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/home-deliveries>

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for changed in service. Stay safe.

**Jackie Harman**

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### ***Fundraising***

As you will appreciate, we have now had almost a year with barely any income raised in the support of the Library. The Friends of Capel Library exists not only to enhance and raise the profile of this community service but also to raise necessary funds for the Library, enabling equipment to be replaced. We support the Library staff team and assist them in creating a Library which is inclusive and welcoming to all members of the general public. For this we need money and it is hoped that over the coming months we will slowly be back in a position to hold events to raise much needed funds.

### ***Membership***

One of our main sources of income is the membership fees from the FOCL along with the 100 Club members. Both of these sources really do make a difference and as trustees we aim to encourage as wider membership as possible. Numbers are rather low presently with 85 FOCL members and 70 100 club members. If you feel any of your neighbours, family or friends would be interested in joining please do spread the word. Membership forms are available from the Library.

*Purchases* – the Library may have been closed but business has continued.

A long-planned gazebo has been purchased in the last couple of weeks which we plan to make good use of. It will not only enable us to have an outdoor presence and have some protection from the weather but it will help us remain socially distanced over the next few months rather than being inside.

A new computer station has been purchased to ensure the PC's and projection equipment is secure.

New display shelving is also on order.

### ***List of Trustees***

Caroline Alder (Chairperson), Robert Perkin (Treasurer),

Jackie Harman, Colin Hawes, Steve Lodge, Dave Busby, Jeff Child.

If as a 'friend' you are interested in being more involved in the Library and becoming a trustee please speak to any of the current trustees or call in to the Library for further information.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months as we all return to using this fabulous community asset. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**Caroline Alder**

## FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY

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The Village Hall Complex,  
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### **Help build your local library in to a Community Resource Centre for all ages.**

The "Friends of Capel Library" (Friends) were established to provide support for the community for our library. Our aim is not just to ensure the continued existence of a local library in Capel but to improve the equipment within the library, and to extend the range of services currently available. The "Friends" are a Charitable Unincorporated Organisation, and a member of Suffolk Libraries IPS.

#### **We invite you to become a member:**

Membership is open to all those aged 18 and over, who hold a *Suffolk Libraries Card* and who wish to support the work of the "Friends". The cost of becoming a member is £2.00 per calendar year. Organisations and individuals who wish to provide greater support for the work of the "Friends" are invited to become "Patrons". The cost of becoming a patron is £50.00 and includes lifetime membership.

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Personal data collated via this form will be used to create a membership register. The data will be held only as long as you are a member and will not be shared with third parties, unless legally required to do so.

#### **Membership Application forms are available from the Library.**

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#### **100 CLUB**

**JANUARY** Draw winners are:-

£15 Jennifer Nichols, £ 6 Paul Finch, £ 6 Anne Ratford

**FEBRUARY** Draw winners are:-

£15 Diane Gilbert, £ 6 John Mellish, £ 6 Stuart Harris

**MARCH** Draw winners are:-

£20 Keith Nichols, £ 7 Roy Rogers, £ 7 Hilary Spink

Prizes can be collected from the Library.

Application forms are available from the Library and Bentley Community Shop.

**Bob Perkin (Treasurer)**

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**S C R A B B L E**  
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If the easing of lockdown restrictions go to plan it seems we may be able to resume Scrabble club in July. I hope to be able to give more details in the June/July issue of the Bugle.

**Robin Owen**

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5. Oboe. 6. Kettle drum. 7. Ninety. 8. Oboe, Bassoon. 9. Viola. 10. Tuba.

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If you use Facebook you may be interested in:- **Bentley (In Suffolk) Community Page.** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292599697915731/>

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**Bentley CEVC Primary School** - [www.bentley.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.bentley.suffolk.sch.uk)

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