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***The Bugle Team wish all our Contributors  
and Readers a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year***

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### **Cover Photo**

**St Mary's Church, Bentley. See Article on page 9.  
And Photos courtesy of Bob Mawkes also on pages 10 & 13**

# BENTLEY DIRECTORY

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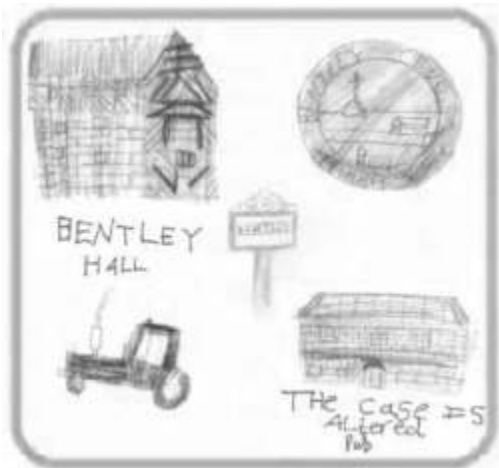
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Assistant Priest	Revd Don Mehen	01473 310383

<b>BENTLEY BAPTIST CHURCH ADMIN.</b>	07814 465222
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Bentley Parish Council website is at <http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net>

Other Village Web sites are listed on page 25



## **Bentley Neighbourhood Plan**

We have now finished the consultation phase of the main Neighbourhood Plan – thank you so much to everyone who commented!

The District have determined that we need a Strategic Environmental Assessment, which is the immediate next step – something we'd hoped to avoid, but probably inevitable with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) extension. We have consultants working their way through that process as I write – in fact, by the time

you read this, I hope that their document set is going through consultation with Utilities Companies, Highways, etc. The outcome may or may not impact the Policies in the draft plan; the initial view is that there is no significant impact, but if that proves not to be the case, then we will need to amend the Plan and go through the consult process again. Fingers crossed not!

If we can avoid that loop, once the comments have been looked at for any significant change that we feel is necessary, we will apply to the District for formal adoption of the plan probably around March; the District then ask for an Inspector to look through the documentation. If he approves, it goes to a village referendum and (assuming a simple majority) becomes law. COVID-19 restrictions stipulate that the referendum cannot take place before 5th May next year, the timing of which is probably just about right for us. Nil carborundum :-)

Nicky Moxey  
Chair, Bentley Neighbourhood Plan team

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### **VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES AGM - THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2021**

**All Bentley Residents are welcome to attend this meeting which will commence in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

**The Charity Trustees offer themselves for re-election at this meeting. Anyone who wishes to be considered as a Trustee should apply in writing to the Chairman Mr. Blackmore at 7 East Mill Green Bentley IP9 2BW.**

**Applications must be received by Monday 11th January 2021 in order to be included on the ballot paper.**

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# ✝ St Mary's Church News

Reverend Annette Shannon and the members Bentley Church wish everyone in Bentley and their loved ones a safe and peaceful Christmas and pray that the New Year will be better for us all with the hope of a vaccine.

We are delighted that the refurbishment of Bentley Church is now complete and pray that we will soon be able welcome everyone who wishes to come to our services, but at present restrictions are still in place for the health and safety of us all.

At Communion you will only receive a wafer but not wine and face masks must be worn inside the church building. Sadly no singing or sharing the peace is allowed and numbers able to attend will be limited. You can attend as an individual, a couple or a family group of up to six so please let us know numbers in your party when booking.

If you wish to attend a service in Bentley Church please contact;  
**Peter Day – 01473 310518** (or Sandra Mehen 01473 310383). If you arrive without booking you may be asked to wait outside until we know if there is enough room to ensure social distancing rules are observed.

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## SERVICES IN DECEMBER

<b>6th</b>	Holy Communion	10.00 am
<b>13th</b>	Zoom Evening Prayer	6.00 pm
<b>20th</b>	Family Christmas Service	10.00 am
<b>24th</b>	Zoom Christmas Service	6.00 pm
<b>25th</b>	Christmas Communion	10.00 am

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## SERVICES IN JANUARY

<b>3rd</b>	Zoom Evening Prayer	6.00 pm
<b>10th</b>	Morning Service	10.00 am
	Zoom Evening Prayer	6.00 pm
<b>17th</b>	Zoom Pet Service	6.00 pm
<b>24th</b>	Zoom Evening Prayer	6.00 pm
<b>31st</b>	Holy Communion	10.00 am

If you wish to join one of our Zoom services and have not yet received an invitation please let us know your email address and we can add you to the list.

# St Mary's Church News

Sadly the decorations and lights in Bentley Church will be very different this year. There will be a lighted Christmas tree outside the church building by Saturday 12th December and we invite children of all ages to hang a decoration of your own on the tree to help us celebrate this special time of year. We will have the memory tree in the porch this year so you can remember loved ones at this special time. There will be wooden angels in the porch for you to write the name on and hang on the lit tree there.

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**Church Quiz** - Many thanks for everyone who took part in the very different Church Quiz and for helping us raise £200 for Church funds. It was and is our only fundraiser for 2020 so we are very grateful for your support. Jim & Janet tied with Marshall for first place on 150 points and David, Veronica and family were second with 147. Very many congratulations to you all, there were some very creative and funny answers. If anyone would like the answers just contact Sandra on 01473 310383 or via email.

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**West Villa** - It has just been confirmed that West Villa will be able to receive Christmas gifts this year. Please leave your gifts (toys, toiletries, boxes of sweets or biscuits etc) at 19 The Link by Wednesday 9th December so they can be delivered in good time. Many thanks for your generosity and help.

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**Bentley Church Christmas Cards** - Cards will be on sale in our community shop from the beginning of December at a bargain price of 50p each or 5 for £2. If you would like a personalised card please let Sandra know on 01473 310383 or email [sandramehen@gmail.com](mailto:sandramehen@gmail.com)

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**Pause for Thought** - Christmas will be very different this year, with many of us missing family gatherings, but that does not make it less significant. It is not just a cosy story but the beginning of the greatest story ever told. It starts with a couple far from home and comfort when their baby is born. It is the start of the story of our salvation, a never ending story of love, hope and redemption. Now is a time we all feel the need of hope and love. God's love can get us through these difficult times. So let us celebrate the birth of Jesus and remember we cannot leave the baby in the manger. He grew up prepared to die for us all so that we could have a closer relationship of love and peace with God. May God's love and peace fill us all this Christmas.

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# Bentley CEVC Primary School News

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, certain events still go on; Halloween was a little different this year as we couldn't have our usual Chicken Crew Disco to raise funds for the upkeep of the chickens. However, the PTA organised a 'Break the Uniform Rules' day and raised some much needed funds. The Bentley PTA have very kindly used some of the income to buy the chickens some bedding. As winter descends upon us though, we are in need of more bedding for the chooks. If you can donate any straw or hay, we would be so grateful to receive it at the school. We also dressed up for Children in Need raising donations for this fabulous charity; some of the costumes were hilarious. Hedgehogs class chose a lovely theme this year and dressed up as 'Keyworker Heroes'.

As in previous years, we will be collecting donations for West Villa, the charity who helps homeless families in Ipswich. If you can afford to buy an extra gift for a child, or some dried or tinned goods, please do feel free to drop it at the school and we will add it to our families' donations. Thank you.

We would like to say a big thank you to Bentley Blooms Florist, based here in Bentley village, who are making and donating a very posh wreath to the school to be raffled off by the PTA. Their creations are always beautiful, so if you would like to know more about buying raffle tickets, please do get in touch with the school office.

Finally, we are so please to say that the recent virtual balloon race was a huge success and was even supported by people in the wider community, not just our families. It raised £105! Thank you.

***"Know that I am with you always," Matthew 28:20***

**Bentley CEVC Primary School**

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**BENTLEY Bluebells W.I.**

Hello to all our lovely members. Life is a bit awkward again so our meetings have been postponed until further notice. We have had a 'telephone AGM' and we kept all our officers as they were so if you need any help or information contact any member of the committee. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year (as much as we will be allowed) and hoping that all the restrictions will be over soon and we can get back together and enjoy our meetings as we used to.

**Theresa Bloomfield**  
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**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**



Despite Covid19 restrictions Bentley's Remembrance Sunday Service went ahead this year with limited numbers attending. The sun once again shone for us. Sandra Mehen conducted a shortened version of our usual service. Once again we benefited from the road being closed, thanks to the Parish and County Councils. This meant that social distancing was easily achieved with many standing in their front gardens. The PA system, provided by David Lingard was excellent. John Wheals read the names of the fallen and wreaths and chaplets were laid by John Wheals on behalf of the Village and Parish Council, and by Robin Owen on behalf of the Comrades. A wreath was also laid on behalf of the Baptist Chapel. Parishioners were able to lay their own tributes. Once again there were knitted poppies and also this year there were some Bentley Rockers stones with a poppy painted on them. All contact details taken from those who attended will be destroyed by Sunday 22nd November.



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Or find us on Facebook

## **NEWS**

Sadly, at the timing of writing this, we are once again required by the government to stop meeting in the chapel building. However, our on-line Sunday services continue, morning and afternoon. Please contact us if you would like to be included.

We pray that we will soon be able to return to meeting together in person.

Central to our services is hearing the Word of God (the Bible) read and preached. We are thankful that ministers can continue to preach on-line during lockdown.

As the apostle Paul wrote "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" and "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10v15,17)

Be assured for our continued prayers for the people of Bentley.

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## **MEET UP MONDAYS AT THE CASE**

At the end of September, just as the Government were starting to discuss another lockdown due to rising Covid 19 cases, The Case started its own MeetUpMondays. They are held every Monday (except Bank Holidays of course), from 2pm to 3pm. Everyone one is welcome.

MeetUpMondays is a 'loneliness busting' idea thought up by Mick Dore the landlord of The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19. He decided to offer something to people in his area; or as he put it, 'folk fed up with their own company'.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied free of charge, plus lots of conversation, laughter and smiles. Some people have brought cakes to share but the main thing is you get a chance to have a chat and meet other people. The bar will not be open.

Due to Covid 19 regulations you will need to comply with Track and Trace requirements and wear a mask until you are seated. If you wish to bring a young child we will ask you to sit outside but we do have a very nice marquee that will keep the wind and weather out.

We hope to start up again as soon as the current restrictions are lifted.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH BENTLEY MOVES INTO THE**  
**21ST CENTURY**

After four months, and at a total cost of £150,000, the extensive modernisation of St. Mary's church has been completed and the church has been given back to the village. The work was undertaken by Valiant & Son, a company from Bury St Edmunds which specialises in renovating old buildings. Old is definitely the case, with St Mary's dating back approximately 800 years. The architect, Phillip Orchard, also has many years experience of working on listed buildings. Phillip is based at Whitworth Co-Partnership, also a company based in Bury St Edmunds; Phillip brought expertise and flare to the project.

How did we spend £150,000? A toilet and baby changing facility has been installed and a modern kitchen with cooking facilities. Two arches were filled in creating a meeting / Sunday school room. Three new windows have been fitted in the north aisle and new stainless steel window guards fitted to the stained glass east window and 3 stained glass windows on the south aspect. A modern organ has been installed; which has already received a number of compliments for the quality sound it produces and the flexibility it offers when played.

None of the above work would have been possible without the support of the village; private donations from supporters of the project from Bentley and also from donors who have moved away from the village, but have fond memories of Bentley Church. Village clubs and the Church of England village school very much supported the project in many different ways. In addition to the local support a large project such as this would not have been possible without grants from charitable organisations, businesses and charitable trusts who give their time and money to support community projects.

Due to Covid 19 the church has restricted use at this present time. The future, however, is rather different. Historically the school children have made use of the church for various events; it is hoped in the future with all the modern facilities, they will make far more use of the building. A regular Sunday morning service is held every week. Weddings and funerals have for a long time posed a slight problem. The first question that is asked after people have travelled, in some instances a considerable distance, is "where is the toilet?" Bentley is now in an ideal position to host weddings; a beautiful church located in a picturesque setting and under an eight-minute drive to a number of impressive venues for the wedding reception.

The Parochial Church Council is very grateful for the many years and ongoing support we receive from the Friends of Bentley Church. The Friends make a valuable contribution to the continuing maintenance of St Mary's.

Saint Mary's has a great and exciting future as a valuable asset to the village community. We look forward to welcoming you all.

**See Photos on page 10 (opposite) and page 13**



**View from font towards large East window**



**View West towards Tower which houses new toilet**

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chair – Cllr M Munday  
Bentley Parish Council

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## **Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place Remotely at 7.45pm on Thursday 5th November 2020**

8 Councillors, County Councillor G Jones, District Councillor D Busby, Footpath Warden and Speedwatch Co-ordinator were present.

**Apologies** were received from Tree Warden -.

Following the resignation of Chair the first item on the agenda was to elect a new Chair – Councillor M Munday was proposed and accepted the role. Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

### **Items reported under Matters Arising:**

Changes made to Social Media Policy.

New Post Box at Hazel Shrub. Post Box Local Operations Team need to add a barcode inside the box to get it back on schedule, normal timescale a few days from when the box goes in the ground.

Remembrance Service: Road closure is in place for Sunday 8th November. Risk assessment was sent to Network Assurance and notices displayed on Notice Boards. Cllr Wheals to lay Chaplet on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

Speedwatch Co-ordinator was introduced to the meeting – Bentley have now been issued with a speed camera, four batteries and signs from the Police so will be in a much better position when they can start again.

**Planning** - Two planning decisions were received.

Four Planning applications were discussed – Councillors Recommended Approval.

Reports were received from the Tree Warden, Capel Library and Bentley Long Barn.

### **Matters discussed**

- Provision of dog bin at Potash Lane: Position of bin still being discussed.
- Trees & Hedgerows – Response sent to Babergh and e-mail forwarded to resident – hedges along Bergholt Road were also discussed.
- Three quotes were discussed re Walnut Tree (Playing Field) and Tree (Grove Road).
- Traffic Calming – SID poles – Four locations for poles have been agreed by SCC – Parish Council will have to pay for two at £190 each – Discussion took place on type of SID required.
- Road markings – Worn out road markings at Bergholt Road junction were discussed – County Councillor Jones is to investigate.
- Quiet Lanes – Remote Extra Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday 12th November – with a public meeting for residents to comment.
- Update on the Neighbourhood Plan. – Regulation 14 Consultation finishes on Monday 16th November – Cllr Moxey urged parishioner to comment.

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- Playing Field Society – The smaller Firework display scheduled for 5th November did not take place because of lockdown restrictions. It was suggested that this now takes place on New Year’s Eve. The field has been Verti-drained by Maritime FC and mole problem is due to be sorted out soon.

The meeting closed at 9.40p.m. Full draft minutes will be available on the P C website - [www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net](http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net).

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

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

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

**<http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net>**

and notices are also put on Bentley’s Community Facebook page - **Bentley (in Suffolk) Community Page**



### FIREWORKS NOVEMBER 2020

“The best laid schemes o’ Mice an’ Men”. Robert Burns 1785.

Well I thought we had this year’s event covered by just having a small aerial display, on Nov 5th, however with the second lockdown that put paid to that display

We did wonder when to let off the display as we have purchased the fireworks, and the consensus is for New Year’s Eve. As this is a village event and children are very much a part of the village I propose an aerial display at 6.00pm on Thursday 31st Dec.

So as per the cancelled Nov 5th display, this will be a small aerial display which should be visible around the village. We hope that most of the village may be able to see this display from their own gardens, or other open spaces. You may like to be more communal by viewing from your front gardens, “street party style”, but do be mindful of the social distancing restraints.

In the best interest of all our villagers and public safety, both Covid and Fireworks, the playing field will have to be closed to the public from 5.30 to 6.30 on Thursday 31st Dec, while we set up and set off the display.

So keep an eye on Facebook, and the shop notice board for any changes or updates, and enjoy this free display from comfort of your own garden or other safe open space. The mad professor in me has devised a countdown, to indicate the start at 6.00pm.

**Tim & Jan Hamstead**



Tawny Owl - Photo by David Howe



Mating Glow Worms at Pipers Vale  
See article on page 16 opposite



New Church Organ & oak screen entrance  
to new kitchen/meeting room



Remembrance. See article on page 7

## ON THE HUNT FOR GLOW WORMS

As March arrived and lockdown was implemented it gave me much more time to spend in the natural environment as most of you probably found too. Exploring the local woods in Bentley, I came across a female glow worm crawling along the ground. I was determined to return in July (their breeding season) to search for any 'neon' lights among the grass. July arrived and my first visit to the local woods was unsuccessful, so I continued to Pipers Vale (Ipswich) and was greeted with my first sighting of a glow worm. I suspected that the urban lighting from nearby buildings might hinder the males' ability to spot the females. Recent studies have suggested that some females produce a brighter glow. Males try to choose females with the brightest glow but when urban lighting is nearby it is thought that males may not be able to determine the brighter glow from these females as efficiently. Although males are locating females, the 'brighter glow' genes are not being passed on to offspring as frequently thus influencing glow worm evolution. **(See photo opposite).**

Later in July I decided to return to the local woods in Bentley one more time. I had no luck on the footpaths and therefore went off the beaten track into some long grass, I turned off my torch and there they were, not one but four glowing females. I believe that this sighting is a first for this area. With a bit of research and a better understanding of the creatures you would like to see it is amazing what wildlife can be found all around us in Bentley. I hope more people will keep an eye out for these creatures and all the other wildlife that calls Bentley its home.

Fletcher Telling

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## BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Bentley will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

HELP WILL BE GIVEN locally for people lacking digital skills or those with poor broadband connection.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed" Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

Census day will be on March 21st, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, see the Parish Council website -  
<http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/news-posts/view/54>

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## NOTES FROM THE CASE

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

Email: [savethecase.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:savethecase.bentley@gmail.com)

As this is being written, we are just entering the third week of Lockdown No. 2, hopefully by the time you read this we will be out of Lockdown and looking forward to a 'near as normal' Christmas the pub can have, under the current regulations.

At the end of September, following a relatively good summer with lots of visitors to our pub garden and just as the weather was becoming colder, the committee took the decision to install a Perspex screen around the bar. The screen enabled us to offer extra protection to our volunteers so we were able to reopen the inside of the pub. As the weeks went on we had become quite expert in the ever changing regulations for hospitality venues. Our wonderful volunteers took these changes in their stride, including providing table service only, wearing a mask throughout their shift whilst reminding customers not to walk around to chat to their friends and remembering to constantly wash or sanitize their hands. Of course it still felt strange that we couldn't allow anyone to stand or sit at the bar but at least we were open and a bit warmer, even with all the doors and windows open.

Just before Lockdown we took delivery of an all weather marquee and erected it on the paved area outside the pub. It was felt that those who wished to continue to enjoy the pub's offerings during the winter months but preferred to be outside should have somewhere that was more protected from the elements.

As with the previous Lockdown our wonderful regular customers helped to guarantee that as before we did not need to pour away any of our cask beers and they drank us dry, just a few days after closing, using the off-licence sales from the pub doorway.

Despite this latest disruption to trading, maintenance work and planning for the future still continues at The Case. During this time the side entrance door from Case Lane has been replaced to match the windows and door at the front, as has the window in the lobby area. The garden is still being tended, the gutters and pathways cleared of autumn debris, regular stock takes are carried out and the cellar is clean and tidy just waiting to go into action again.

We plan to reopen as soon as the restrictions are lifted, hopefully from Friday 4th December.

**Opening hours:** Friday 6.30pm - 9.30pm (10pm); Saturday 6.30pm - 9.30pm (10pm); Sunday 12 - 2pm

### **Christmas holiday opening hours:**

Thursday 24th December - **Christmas Eve:** 6.30 - 9.30pm (10 pm)

Friday 25th December - **Christmas Day:** 12 - 2pm **and** 6.30 - 9.30pm (10:pm)

Saturday 26th December - **Boxing Day:** 12 - 2pm **and** 6.30 - 9.30 pm (10 pm)

Sunday 27th December: 12 - 2pm

Monday 28th December - **Bank Holiday Monday:** 12 - 2pm

Thursday 31st December - **New Year's Eve:** 6.30pm - As late as legally possible!

Friday 1st January - **New Year's Day:** 12 - 2 pm **and** 6.30 - 9.30pm (10pm)

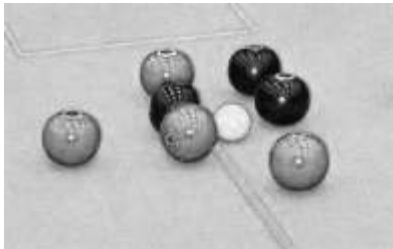
Saturday 2nd January: 6.30 - 9.30pm (10pm)

Sunday 3rd January: 12 - 2pm

It is still undecided if we will be able to hold our seasonal carol singing session on the Sunday before Christmas, it may need to be outdoors, so definitely weather permitting!

Lastly we'd like to say a special thank you to all those who have kept The Case going during this very extraordinary year, our wonderful volunteers, customers, shareholders and all those who have supported us during these unprecedented times.

*Wishing you all a good Christmas and an even better New Year!*



## BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

What a strange time we live in, we did manage to open up for a short while firstly with sixteen players and then continued when we were only allowed six players in each session. We managed to keep going on a Tuesday Evening and a Wednesday afternoon until this latest lock down. The bowlers who played were really pleased to meet up and enjoy the gentle exercise.

Although on a Wednesday afternoon some rivalry started up when the ladies took on the gentlemen. Over three afternoons the ladies managed to come out on top.

We have had notification from the English Carpet Bowls Association that the 2019/2020 Season has been declared void, so when competitive bowls starts again, we will remain in the First Division and this also refers to the Joe Rice Cup. There will be no 2020/2021 Winter League Season.

It will be a case of watch this space as to when things get up and running again but in the mean time we hope all our Bowlers keep safe and look forward to some normality!

Stay safe everyone, we all hope to meet up soon.

**Jill Mills**

**Bentley Carpet Bowls Committee.**

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## BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Once again our December meeting has been cancelled. The January meeting on the 15th 2021 will be a talk and film show by Moira Usher on Botswana – sadly I think it could be unlikely that it will go ahead BUT you never know, in these strange and unprecedented times anything could happen. We live in hope

The Chairman and the Committee wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and better 2021 when eventually we may return to a more normal way of life.

**Pam Lovell**

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## BENTLEY TUESDAY CLUB

I would like to wish all Tuesday Club members a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year and hope that sometime in 2021 we will be able to re-start the club despite the sad loss of Margaret who was so vital to the successful running of the club.

Stay safe and stay well.

**Veronica Howe**

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Wishing all our Scrabble Club members a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Looking forward to the time we can meet up again for a few more games.

**Robin Owen**

## **BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB**

We hope everyone has been keeping safe in these difficult times. Ever optimistic we have rescheduled our race night for end of March next year and hopefully will be able to have our quiz at the beginning of May as usual.

We hope we will be bowling next season and would welcome any new members to join our small band of players.

We start at the beginning of May and play in the Ipswich and District Triples League on a Wednesday evening and the Samford League on a Monday evening.

Matches usually start at 6.45pm but if everyone is in attendance an early start can be made.

The green is behind the houses in Grove Road, entrance just past the old shop.

**Lillian Calvert Secretary**

**01473 808652**

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## **CONSTABLE COUNTRY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP SEPTEMBER UPDATE**

### **Flu vaccination clinics**

This year we were asked to help book in eligible patients for their flu vaccinations, starting with the most at risk over 65s. Individual appointments were felt to be a much safer option for patients at present and we were pleased to be able to help out. Around 500 patients were vaccinated each week and, along with those vaccinated at pharmacies, the practice was able to meet the target set by the NHS of 75% or more of eligible patients being vaccinated.

### **Suggestions, comments and complaints**

There are a number of ways you can get in touch with the practice. You can write to the practice manager, Pete Keeble at East Bergholt surgery, Heath Road, East Bergholt, Colchester CO7 6RT or you can use the "Have your say" tab on the practice website: [www.constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk](http://www.constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk)

Using this tab you can send comments to the Patient Participation Group or to the practice. On this link you will also find the minutes of our monthly meetings and a list of members with our contact details.

Alternatively you can leave feedback about the practice using the Suffolk Health-watch links on the website.

If you scroll down to the very bottom of the page there is another link "Send us your comments or suggestions."

If you have a serious complaint about the surgery you can contact NHS England by email: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net) or in writing to **NHS England**, PO Box 16738, Redditch B97 9PT. Pharmacies are also covered by NHS England.

**Join us?** We would like more people to come forward to join the Patient Participation Group. Contact us via our email address or by phoning Kathy. We would particularly like to encourage working age people to join us.

**Kathy Pollard (Chair). Email:- [constablecountryppg@gmail.com](mailto:constablecountryppg@gmail.com)**

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## BENTLEY STORES - serving the Community

### Shop Fever

I must go down to the shop again,  
That's Bentley Stores, by "The Case".  
Remember how it saved us all  
When lockdown was in place?  
We all went there when we couldn't go out  
To get our daily needs,  
To get some tea and coffee  
And bread and milk and cheese.

I must go down to the shop again,  
To Bentley Stores; that's the place.  
I can get some eggs and bacon  
And cereals just in case  
And some butter and some marmalade  
In case I fancy toast  
And what about some fruit juice?  
That's what I fancy most.

And after I've had my breakfast  
Then what about some lunch?  
Some meat or pies or vegetables,  
There's lots of stuff to munch  
And afterwards how about some fruit?  
Either fresh or from a tin  
And how about some custard  
Or cream to soak it in?

And if we get locked down again  
Bentley Stores will still be there  
To save us all and see us through;  
There's no need to despair.  
You can get all your daily needs,  
No need to make a fuss.  
Yes, Bentley Stores will still be there  
Run by volunteers for US.

### **Anon.**

Bentley Stores continues to support our village and would like to thank the many volunteers who run things in the shop and behind the scenes.

The anonymous poem says it all!

The Shop continues to be a focal point during these strange times and we plan to continue being open 7 days a week (apart from 25th, 26th December and January 1st).

**Best wishes to everyone in our village and let's hope 2021 is so much better.**

### **Bentley Stores Christmas and New Year hours.**

Thursday 24th December 9.00 to 1.30  
Friday 25th and Saturday 26th closed  
Sunday 27th to Thursday 31st 9.00 to 12  
Friday 1st January 2021 closed  
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd 9 to 12

Then new normal hours:-

Monday to Friday 9.00 to 1.30  
And Weekends 9.00 to 12

## NEWS FROM CAPEL LIBRARY

### News from Capel Library

As we come into December, many things have changed here in the library as has everywhere. Just as we took a step closer to normality, getting back to our normal opening times, we had to take a step back because of Lockdown 2.0. As we write this, we are opening our Before COVID hours during the week, but with Select & Collect and collection of reservations only. Hopefully December will see us allowing customers to browse once again. But as always, keep an eye on our website for details.

This year we are selling Christmas cards, to raise money for Suffolk Libraries. They really are lovely cards and at £3.99 for 10, we think they are reasonably priced too. These cards are available to buy at the library.

The Friends of Capel Library have been very busy and supportive during these difficult times and we would like to thank everyone for their support, it is very much appreciated.

Take care everyone and we hope to see you all soon.

For up to date information visit [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus/](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus/)

**Thanks, Bob (Treasurer)**

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### The Friends of Capel Library

#### Lockdown

At the time of writing there are no details available as to Library lockdown arrangements but I will endeavour to keep you up to date.

#### 100 Club

October Draw winners are:- £20 Diane Gilbert; £15 Hilary Spink;  
£5 Sandra Robson; £5 Jennifer Nichols

November Draw winners are:- £20 Stuart Harris; £15 Keith Gilbert;  
£5 Lynn Knowler; £5 Upstix

Prizes can be collected from the Library (when open!)

The 100 Club will operate in 2021 (subject to uptake). Application forms are available from the Library and in Bentley Community Shop as are forms for 2021 Friends membership. 100 Club members have to be Friends, ( legal requirement). The first draw in 2021 will take place in February: January and February to be drawn at the same time.

#### Trustee Meeting

A meeting of the Trustees took place in early October and a way forward for 2021 was discussed. Another meeting will be held on 26th January 2021.

#### Annual General Meeting

It was decided to defer the date of the AGM to a future date in 2021.

#### Reopening Raffle

The winners were:- Sharon Wardman, Sue Edwards, Maureen Mays and Sue Maynard.

Thank you for your support.

**Bob Perkin (Treasurer)**

## THE BENTLEY EXCHANGE

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Jo Willis (Case Lane, Bentley)



On behalf of St Mary's Church, Bentley, our heartfelt thanks to Nigel and Sonia, and Howard and Margaret for the generous donations of paving slabs. My thanks too to Ray, Dick and Jane in helping with collection and stacking at the church. "Our hard area" winter project can now go ahead. Blessings. Peter (Churchwarden).

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

### OTHER VILLAGE WEBSITES

**Bentley Village Stores** - [www.bentleystores.co.uk](http://www.bentleystores.co.uk)

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

**The Case is Altered** - <http://www.thecasepubbentley.co.uk>  
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