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# Parish Diary

## **AUGUST 2022**

2nd, 16th & 30th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm  
3rd & 17th - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
3rd - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm  
10th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
11th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm  
11th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm  
20th - Horticultural Society Annual Show - Village Hall at 2 pm  
25th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm  
27th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm  
28th - Charity Garage Sale - 10 - 4.00 pm  
29th - BBQ & Live Music - Case is Altered from 12.00 pm

## **SEPTEMBER 2022**

1st - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
3rd & 4th - Tudor Re-enactment Event - Village Playing Field from 10 to 5 each day  
7th & 28th - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
7th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm  
8th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm  
8th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm  
10th - Footpath Society - Walk at Flatford - Meet at Village Hall car park at 3.00 pm  
13th & 27th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm  
14th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
16th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
22nd - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm  
24th - Macmillan Coffee Morning - Case is Altered at 10.00 am  
24th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

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## **Other Activities in the Village**

Carpet Bowls - Every Tues 7.30 pm & Weds 2.30 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)  
Toddler Group - Mon & Weds 9.30 am to 12 noon (Term Time only) - Village Hall  
Meet up Mondays group - Every Monday 2- 3 pm - Case is Altered

# Bentley Directory

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Assistant Priest	Revd Don Mehen	01473 310383

## BENTLEY BAPTIST CHURCH ADMIN

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Bentley Parish Council website is at <http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net>

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

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

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# BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

## RECTOR

As some of you may know by now our Rector the Rev Annette Shannon is leaving our group of parishes and moving to a new post as Rector of Walbury Beacon in the diocese of Oxford. Her final service in Bentley Church will be on Sunday 7th August at 10am. She will be moving to her new parishes on 17th August. We wish her well in her new post.

## Services in August

Sunday 7th August Holy Communion 10am

Sunday 14th August Holy communion at Sproughton 11am

**This is the Rector's final service in our group of parishes.**

Sunday 21st August Holy Communion 10am

Sunday 28th August Sunday Worship 10am

## Services in September

Sunday 4th September Holy Communion 10am

Sunday 11th September Morning Worship 10am

Sunday 18th September Holy Communion 10am

Sunday 18th September Choral Evensong 6pm

Sunday 25th September Family Harvest Celebration 11am

Refreshments are served after all services in Bentley Church. We welcome people of all ages and have a special table where children can draw, colour or read. We don't worry if they make a noise and need to move about.

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Please join us for a very special service of choral evensong on Sunday 18th September starting at 6pm. We will have a choir called Jubilate, to lead the singing. It will be a wonderful way to end a September evening and bring back memories for many of us. As usual you are invited to join us for refreshments after this service.

## HARVEST LUNCH Sunday 25th September

Please remember that the Harvest Festival Service will start at 11am not 10am and will be followed by a two course lunch. We are asking for a minimum donation of £5 per person for lunch. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church or email [sandramehen@gmail.com](mailto:sandramehen@gmail.com) by 18th September if you would like to join us for the lunch. We will be collecting tins and packets of food for West Villa at the service as our harvest offering to those in need.

## ZOOM SERVICES

We know that many people find it difficult to get to church or are still concerned about the virus. We still try to hold an evening service once a month on Zoom. This may need to be reviewed if the number attending falls too low. If you feel the services are no longer necessary or if you would like to receive a link to these services please contact [sandramehen@gmail.com](mailto:sandramehen@gmail.com) or 01473 310383 and you will be sent the link.

These are the dates for September and October - Sunday 11h September and Sunday 9th October all at 6pm. The Zoom service on Sunday 14th August has been cancelled as it is the day of the last service that Rev Annette Shannon will be conducting, as we say goodbye to her and thank her for all her work.

### **WINE TASTING EVENT**

Sadly we will no longer be able to hold the wine tasting evening in the Village Hall on Friday 2nd September. We will let you know when we can rearrange this, hopefully next year.

### **WEST VILLA**

Very many thanks for the donations of bedding and towels that we continue to receive and deliver. We will be collecting tins and packets of food as our Harvest offering again this year. Gifts can either be brought to the service on 25th September or left at 19 The Link so we can get them quickly to where they are needed.

### **ANNUAL CHURCH QUIZ**

Saturday 15th October starting at 7pm Tickets available from Sandra from 5th September at £7 each which includes a ploughman's supper. Book early to avoid disappointment. Teams of 4-6 can be made up on the night. There will be a bar and a draw.

### **RIDE AND STRIDE**

The Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride takes place this year on Saturday 10th September between 9am-5pm The Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride is a national event, and every second Saturday in September cyclists and walkers all round the country are out making money for their local county Churches Trust. It is an inter-denominational event and any money raised is shared equally between the church of choice and the Historic Churches Trust. Bentley Church will be open for this event. If you would like to take part and support our lovely church please contact Peter Day for a sponsor form on 01473 310518 or [email peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk)

### **JUST A THOUGHT**

The Lord's Prayer is probably the most well-known prayer in the world. It is a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples and is in two of the four gospels. It must have made a great impact on his disciples because it is known across the world, so they must have taught it to the people they met. In some ways it is a very simple prayer and one the children at Bentley School know by heart. It is also very profound. It is a prayer worth reading and remembering, so that when you don't know who to turn to, this prayer will sustain you.

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

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## BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

Our season is almost over with only 5 more games to play. We are still doing well in the Triples League but are languishing at the bottom the Samford League. We will go down next season but at least we will go to some new greens.

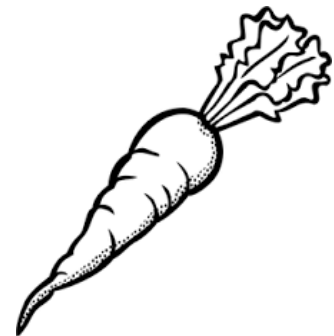
We will need some new players if we are to continue next season as the league will go back to the original format of 4 rinks of 3 players, so if you would like to try the game of bowls do come and join your local village team on Friday evenings from 6.30pm when we have our club night. **Lillian Calvert, Secretary 01473 808652**

## BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

**The Annual Show is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday 20 August 2022.**

**It will open to the public at 2pm. Please come along and support those who have worked very hard to either grow their exhibits or to prepare and cook those in the domestic classes.**

**There will be a raffle. All are welcome.**



## BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our monthly meetings recommence on **Friday 16 September at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. The speaker is Melanie Collins from Mickfield Hostas.

As I write this entry it is extremely hot outside so there will be some watering to be done to keep the 'red white and blue' flowers alive. I hope everyone enjoyed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. **Pam Lovell**



## BENTLEY BLUEBELLS WI

With all the spectacular Jubilee celebrations now behind us, and no doubt enjoyed by all to the full, we are looking forward to a busy few months at the WI. We have entered several classes in the South Suffolk WI Summer Showcase in July. We will let you know how we get on. Our garden party this year is a lunch hosted by one of our members at their home. Good weather is always a bonus.



Our meetings in October, November and December will be open to all so it will be a chance to come along with a partner or friend and enjoy some interesting speakers and see if you fancy joining us. Full details will be in the next edition of the Bugle.

**As usual if you want to contact us please call Sandra on 01473 310072. Theresa**

## BENTLEY TUESDAY CLUB

Hi all readers, hope you are enjoying this fabulous weather. Our Members have enjoyed some interesting talks and entertainment the last few weeks.

We had an interesting talk from Jenny Gibbs on running a B & B in Turkey. She also displayed many beautiful shawls, scarves and bags. We had a visit from the Coffee Caravan. Maria and John spent an afternoon showing the Members their homemade cards, jewelry and wooden items. On 24th June the Club went for lunch at the Esplanade Hotel, Clacton on Sea. Finally on 19th July Members had a very entertaining afternoon with HarbourLights Trio.

In the weeks ahead we have a full packed program starting on 2nd August with Chair Aerobics, 16th August we have a Quiz with Griff Johns, 30th August Barbara is going to give us an insight to 'Hop Picking'. So please come along to see what we do, enjoy tea and biscuits and most of all make new friends. **Catherine Sweeney, Secretary.**

## BENTLEY FOOTPATH SOCIETY

**The Society is arranging a walk on Saturday 10 September 2022 at Flatford where it is possible to have either a short walk - 1km including Longhurst copse, or a longer walk for faster and more able walkers.**

**We will meet in the Village Hall car park at 3pm. Members of the National Trust and any passengers they transport enter free - this will be arranged when we meet in the Village Hall car park.**

**We will hope to have a cup of tea afterwards at the cafe and who knows may be a cream tea!! Returning to Bentley by 5pm when some walkers may hope The Case is open.**

**John Wheals - Chairman, Pam Lovell - Secretary**

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 July 2022.

**Planning** – One planning decision was received. One planning application was discussed – Councillors queried this application and requested an extension until the September meeting.

**Speedwatch Co-Ordinator** - 20 vehicles reported, 13 at Village Hall and 7 at Capel Road. The highest recorded speed was 44 mph on Capel Road.

**Community Fibre Broadband** – It was reported that this is a non-starter only 36 people had come forward (less than 8%) – at least 50% is required to qualify for grant. This will now be wound up.

## **Matters discussed:**

- Vandalism at the Play Area - Bench broken. Bolts removed and lost from Springy Prancer
- Playground and gym equipment Inspections.
- Outdoor Gym Equipment – some issues need to be resolved before payment is made
- Opening of Outdoor Gym equipment delayed.
- SALC Internal Audit Report was discussed
- Case Lane entrance to Parish Field.
- Improvements to War Memorial –Report received on sweet chestnut tree following removal of ivy – Quotes to be sought to replace litter bin
- Re-printing of Six Country Walks from The Case is Altered – Footpath Warden has completed first walk
- Traffic calming – A new solar SID pole has been ordered and a Solar Powered SID
- Playing Field Society –Tudor Re-enactment on 3 & 4 September – all in hand.
- Neighbourhood Plan – letter sent to Examiner – Consultation required re removal of housing allocation policies BEN 1-4.
- Maritime FC to be informed that Councillors are in favour of “some free football in Bentley”.

Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - [www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net](http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net)

## **Outdoor Gym Equipment Installation at Playing Field**

Installation is now complete and has passed a post installation safety inspection.

Available for teenagers and adults to use who are 140 cms or above in height.

The total cost of the project was £10,035 (ex VAT). This has been paid for with a grant from Babergh District Council of £6865.59 and the balance, £3169.41 paid by Bentley Parish Council. We hope you enjoy using it!

**Playing Field Society Trustees**

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On 14th July 2022 we celebrated **6 years of continuous 7 days a week trading all run by Bentley volunteers**, so a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone for this fantastic village achievement, especially as we remained open throughout the Covid pandemic! Also very big **THANK YOU** to our 107,934 customers who bought 300,615 items from our vast range on the shelves.

The air-conditioning has been really appreciated during the recent very hot weather, it is 20 degrees all year round and keeps all our stock in good condition. Easy parking right outside the door for cars, cycles and even horses!

For those who like the numbers, from our EPOS till, in 6 years we sold..... 140,406 Eggs, 35,673 Milk,Cheese & Yoghurt, 19,421 Bread and rolls, 801 Items of Laundry/Dry Cleaning, 12,726 Meat & Ham, 9,579 frozen food and ice creams and 43,633 newspapers saving so much in customer delivery charges!

### **Behind the Scenes**

We are asked who does the buying? Amongst our volunteers we have 10 who organise buying and supplies to the shop, usually at very competitive prices. We are extremely well stocked and can always get extra items if requested. New items are always being added and now we have more fresh fruit and veg than ever before!

### **Cash v Cards**

We have always accepted payment with cards, phones and even watches with no minimum amount! Card payments are now used by 75% of customers. There is still an important place for cash - did you know we have to go out and get £1 coins to keep the till stocked?

### **Volunteering**

If you would like to be part of our village Community Shop you would be most welcome and we are sure you would find it enjoyable and it helps to keep up with village chat! Training is available on any aspect of the shop. You would be surprised how interesting it can be and we are always open to new ideas.

We appreciate any skills from serving in the shop to buying, accounts, social media, web sites etc. just call in the shop and talk to a volunteer or email [info@bentleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@bentleystores.co.uk) and we will be happy to talk.

During the pandemic the shop was known as a "Social Magnet" because there were few places where people could meet and the spaced out car park was ideal for queues! **Bob Feltwell**

**Happy 6th birthday Bentley Stores!  
Cake made by EV Cakes of Hadleigh.**



**Fresh fruit and vegetables all available in the shop including strawberries and raspberries!**



**Photo of Little Owl taken by John Boyle at Silver Leys**



## BENTLEY WILDLIFE NOTES

I don't really have any nature news to share so I thought I'd share some of my recent sightings from around the village. These long summer days are the most exciting for spotting wildlife in my opinion. The latest excitement occurred when a Little Owl was spotted near to the village hall, its predictable and repetitive cycle of behaviour made it an easy target to photograph and I've seen some fantastic shots of it over the last few weeks however I haven't had the fortune to get a picture yet. Although introduced to the UK, Little Owls seem to fit comfortably in our biodiversity and are not usually classed as invasive or a pest.

Local woods have also shown great numbers of glow worms as I mentioned in a previous edition. Although common in Britain the numbers seen here in Bentley can easily compete with other sites that boast having great numbers. If you want a chance to spot them head to nearby grassland or woodland after 10pm and keep your eyes peeled for their green neon glow. Glow worms also give us good indication that populations of snails are healthy as this is the main source of food. The larvae will inject the snail with toxic bites, sometimes hitching a ride on the snails' shell till it dies.

It's been disappointing to see so many road-kill hedgehogs this year especially along the main road through Bentley. I'd encourage anyone to help create hedgehog highways throughout their garden by creating holes in fencing between gardens. And although not necessary, feeding stations are another good edition just leaving out some wet dog food can help attract them to your garden. **Fletcher Telling.**



## **CLOTHING BANK**

You may have noticed that alongside the glass and paper/card recycling bins at the village hall, there's now a clothing bank. This is for clothing, shoes, handbags & belts in any condition – if they're not reusable, we're told they will be recycled where possible.

Please note this is for these 4 types of item only, not things such as bedding or towels. And like the other bins, if it is full when you visit, please do not leave anything outside the bin but take your items back home, to return when there's space in the bin (or use another bin elsewhere).

**Bentley Village Hall Trustees**

## **OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC FOOTWAYS**

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.

**Mrs J Scott, Clerk to Bentley Parish Council**  
**Telephone: 01206 298174**  
**e- mail:joyvscott@outlook.com**

## **Bentley Poppy Appeal 2022**

**Poppy Volunteer wanted for collecting in Highfields area, Bentley. Collecting period commences 29 October to 13 November 2022 but will require only approx 2-4 hours activity within that period.**

**Volunteers must be over 18 years of age. If interested please contact me on 01473 312060.**

**Many thanks.**

**Nigel Peake. Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser**



**Poppy  
Appeal**

## NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The second half of the Summer term has been a very busy one with lots of exciting trips to end the term. Children have been representing both Bentley and Copdock schools in sports events, as well as both schools enjoying a very successful sports day, which was our first for a couple of years and was enjoyed by all.

Adders children have been particularly busy and, after working very hard during their SATS week, have had lots of exciting events going on.

Activity week at the beginning of July was a huge success and children enjoyed planning and cooking a meal, an afternoon of sports, skateboarding and sailing, culminating in a long walk, dinner, games and a sleepover in the school hall. It was fantastic to see the children across the federation rekindling friendships and working together as a team. This will be of great support as they transition to high school. We wish all our children moving on good luck for the start of Year 7 and we know they have been well prepared for their next steps in education and life.



Adders children also enjoyed a trip to Pleasurewood Hills and took part in Bikeability which teaches them how to ensure they are safe on their bikes on the roads.

Our younger children in Wolves class joined Squirrels class to visit Mersea Island; they had a lovely time walking on the beach and flying their kites that they had made in class.

We hope all our families have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming our new children and parents into school from 5th September.

If you are still confirming a place for your child in September, Bentley may still be able to help with this so give us a call.

If you would like to be part of our school communities, why not consider becoming a School Governor. We are particularly looking for experience in business and finance. Contact the school office or Mr Simon Hurst for more information - [simon.hurst@copdock.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:simon.hurst@copdock.suffolk.sch.uk)

## NOTES FROM THE CASE



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Summer seems to be here at long last and our lovely garden is really being appreciated. Hopefully the temperatures will settle at a more comfortable level for the rest of the summer and we will all be able to enjoy the outdoor life for a little longer. Fortunately our large marquees not only keep the rain off but do they offer some shade for those who prefer it. As always we have planned a few events for the summer months and hope you will join us.

### BBQ and Music

We have a fun filled afternoon for **Sunday 31 July**. The bar will open as normal at 12 noon, and from 1.30pm we will be serving food from a BBQ in the garden. This will be followed by live music from 2.30pm – 5.30pm by the ever popular **Robbie Gladwell** and friends who will once again be returning to entertain us. The bar will be open all afternoon. Food available from the BBQ will include burgers, hot-dogs and veggie burgers, all served with options of onions on the side and a variety of sauces. **Please note that BBQ sales will be cash only.**

### Quiz Nights

Quiz nights are a firm favourite with many in the village and those visiting the area, so do come early if you want to guarantee a table. Quiz starts at 8pm. As always teams are up to 6 people, entry £2 per person. First prize, £36 in pub vouchers. Losers are awarded a wooden spoon. Our next two quiz nights are **Saturday 27 August and Saturday 24 September**. All profits from the quiz and raffle go to, St Elizabeth Hospice.

### Open Mic Nights

Our Open Mic Nights continue to be very popular and very busy. The next two evenings are **Thursday 11 August and Thursday 8 September**. Music starts at around 8pm. As always a PA is provided, all performers welcome! Further enquires and dates, please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

### Future Events

During the weekend **3 - 4 September** the village is holding a **Tudor Weekend** on the Playing Field. To coincide with this event **we will be opening both days from 11am**. Disposable plastic glasses will be used for any drinks being taken to the field so please advise the bar volunteers if you wish to do this. Later in the month, on **Saturday 24 September, from 10am**, we will be hosting our annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning**. This is a well established event for the Case and over the years we have raised many thousands of pounds for this great charity. As always cake donations on the morning are very much welcome and greatly appreciated. **The bar will be open from 11am.**



**STOP PRESS!! On Bank Holiday Monday - August 29 - we will be holding a lunchtime BBQ and more live music.** More details will appear on our website and Facebook page closer to the date.

### **Mum's for MUM**

Now the school holidays are here, if you are at a loose end and don't know what to do for an hour, why not come along to our weekly Meet up Monday group and bring the children with you. Meet up Monday's is for any age group who just want to pop into the pub to meet up with old friends or make new ones. Free tea, coffee (and sometimes cake) are always available. It is a great place to just sit and have a chat. All welcome. Meetings held every Monday (of course) afternoon, 2pm – 3pm.

### **Alcohol Free**

We have all heard of 'Dry January' and some of you may have incorporated it in to your life style but here at the Case we believe that low alcohol and no alcohol drinks are now a suitable alternative for the whole year. Many of the world's biggest drinks companies have created 'new and improved' alcohol-free beers so recently the taste, quality and image of non-alcoholic beers and spirits have improved immensely. They also fit in with many people's health and wellness attitudes, so we think they should be available as an alternative to the regular beers and spirits on offer. To meet this demand we have gradually been extending our range of low/no alcohol drinks. Last month we introduced our latest no alcohol beer, **Heineken 00, 0% ABV**. This is our first no alcohol lager and is already becoming popular with customers. At present we stock: **Adnams Ghost Ship 0.5% ABV**, this is a keg bitter; **Adnams Sole Star 0.5% ABV** bottled beer, **Kopparberg Mixed Fruit Cider, 0.5% ABV** and the spirits, **Gordon's 0.0% Dry Gin**. By the way, drinks that contain 0.5% ABV are considered alcohol free. We continue to stock a wide range of 'soft' drinks as these are always very popular. We also serve tea, coffee and hot chocolate for those who prefer something warmer. See you soon.



### ***BENTLEY FIREWORKS DISPLAY***

Well, it's coming round to that time again. We shall soon be placing the order for the village fireworks. As the 5th November is a Saturday, we will break with tradition of going the week before, so **this year's event will be on Saturday 5 November 2022.**

As before, we will have a BBQ, hot drinks and refreshments, and mulled wine from the Witches Cauldron, plus light novelties for the children, a sparkler area and fire pits to roast marshmallows.

Tickets will be on sale 3 weeks before the event. Price to be determined after we have placed the order, however we will try to keep any price increases small.

Timings will be: Gates open 17:30 Bonfire lit 18:00 Fireworks 19:00. **If you wish to get involved, drop me a line, [timhamstead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:timhamstead@yahoo.co.uk). Tim & Jan Hamstead**

# BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Six matches have been played in the summer league so far. We have been successful at home, winning 8-2 against Chelmondiston ,10~0 versus Harkstead and 8-2 against Hintlesham.

Unfortunately away from home we lost 0-10 at Belstead, 2-8 at Chelmondiston and 0-10 at Copdock. We must improve away from home!

Our remaining matches are against Hintlesham {away} in July and Belstead {home} Harkstead {away} and Copdock {home} in August. **David Howe.**

## SUMMER HOP

A very successful summer hop was held at the beginning of July at the Village Hall.

Fifty people brought their own food {and drink} which provided an excellent buffet and the music was again provided by the G.R. Disco.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone £320.00 was raised from the entrance charge and a raffle, £200.00 was sent to the Blossom Appeal at Ipswich Hospital and £120.00 to Bentley Riding for the Disabled. **David & Veronica Howe**



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**



## Christmas is coming!

It's never too soon to start thinking about those problem Christmas presents, and what could be better than a gift of Bentley's own Jubilee Recipe Book? There are copies on sale in the shop at only £1.50 each, but be quick – numbers are limited. **Gill Pink**

## THE FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY

### The Friends of Capel Library 100 Club

#### June Draw

£25 Peter Ratford

£10 Stella Mellish

£5 Keith Gilbert

#### July Draw

£25 Gary Bunkell

£10 John Wheals

£5 Kay Garrod

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

## CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

Well, the reading challenge is well underway, and the children seem to be enjoying it. Remember all the finishers get invited to see Olly the Magician in September.

### Volunteers

We can't thank our volunteers enough for helping us through the reading challenge, without them it would not be the success it is, thank you.

### Terrific Train Fun

Tuesday 9th August 10am and 11.15am

Miles of track and trains to play with plus ride on train and a train roller coaster. Two sessions, ticket available from the library, limited spaces.

### Minecraft

Sunday 14th & 28th August 11th & 25th September 10-30am to 12.30. 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!

### Community Cinema

Tuesday 16th August, showing Operation Mincemeat - It's 1943. The Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe and plan an all-out assault on Sicily; but they face an impossible challenge - how to protect a massive invasion force from potential massacre. Tickets available from the library.

Tuesday 20th September, showing Phantom of the Open - The extraordinary true story of an ordinary man, is an uplifting and moving comedy drama about pursuing your dreams and shooting for the stars, no matter what hand you're dealt

We have a great selection of books for sale which are perfect for holiday reads. Don't forget we also sell book tokens and books of stamps; both first and second class.

### OPENING TIMES

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9.30-12.30 & 2.00-5.30

Wednesday: 9.30-12.30

Thursday: 9.30-12.30

Friday: 2.00-5.00 & 5.30-7.30

Saturday: 9.00-3.00

Sunday: 10.00-3.00

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## Weekly Services

Prayer and Bible Study (\*) – Tuesdays 7pm  
Sunday at 10.45 am and 3.00 pm – Worship Services  
(\*) this is no longer on Zoom, but at the chapel

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## CHARITY GARAGE SALE 2022

St Mary's Church will be opening the Village Hall on Sunday 28th August for refreshments and toilets for visitors walking the garage sale trail. It will be open from 9 till 4pm. **We would appreciate any donations of cake or savoury items on the day from 8.30am. Or donations can be left with Peter & Jane Day at Greenacres, Capel Rd, IP9 2BL the night before.**

## Charity Garage Sale 2022

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August - 9am till 4pm

For a £5 donation - get involved.

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If you don't have email please provide your name and address on the list inside the Bentley Community shop. If your house has a name, please give an idea of the location.

A map will be created prior to the event.

Names & addresses need to be submitted  
by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Thank you from Alison Partridge, Carlie Fisher & Sally Mason

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# **Tudors Return to Bentley**

**Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th September**

**Time: 10:00-17:00**

**Bentley Playing Field (parking off Capel Road)**

Following the great success of last years event, The Companye of Merrie Folke (Horrible Histories, Elizabeth I & II, The Secret Lives of the Tudors) will be setting up their encampment on Bentley Village Green once more as part of Bentley's Village Fayre.

The Companye will be offering various hands-on activities for visitors, from clay charm making and scribing, to Tudor games and pastimes. For the more adventurous there is also have-a-go longbow archery.

Other activities will include Tudor surgery (not for the squeamish), participatory dance, for those wishing to shake a shapely ankle, and a "unicorn race" for the children.

Characters present will include a cook (why not sample her authentic Tudor food?), two men at arms (see if their armour fits you), a cunning man (beware of this fellow and his "cures") and a barber surgeon (if he can't shave or cure bits of you, he will cut them off).

There will be games for all ages and abilities as well as lots of modern-day crafters for that special gift or souvenir. The WI will be out in full force with tea and cakes, and burgers, pizzas, and ice creams will be available as well.

Why not get into spirit of things and come dressed as a Tudor? There will be prizes for the best dressed children who come as a Knight or Princess (they may even get to meet a Queen). There is also a dog show, with awards going to "Waggiest Tail", and the like!

Entry to the event will be by donation.

So for a day out with a difference, (and a few surprises) why not come and meet the Tudors, ask them questions about their lives, watch their puppet shows and perhaps sample a tankard of ale or two at the nearby tavern "The Case is Altered", but beware cut purses and vagabonds!

***Last but not least – an event like this needs an army of volunteers – if you can help, please drop Nicky an email at [Nicola.moxey@gmail.com](mailto:Nicola.moxey@gmail.com)***

**See you there!**



The Company of Merrie Folke will return to the village with their unique living history take on Tudor life on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September.

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