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Parish Diary

APRIL 2022

- 5th & 19th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 6th & 20th - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 6th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
- 7th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 13th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 14th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
- 14th - Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 14th - Open Mic Night - The Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
- 15th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 21st - Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm
- 28th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm

MAY 2022

- 3rd & 17th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 4th & 18th - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 4th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
- 5th - Annual Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 11th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 12th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
- 12th - Open Mic Night - The Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
- 14th - Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 19th - Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm
- 20th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 26th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm

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
- Events at the Case is Altered - see Notes from the Case page

Bentley Directory

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Parish Council - Chair	Marianne Munday	07808 259331
Parish Council - Clerk	Mrs Joy Scott	01206 298174
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BENTLEY ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS

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Scrabble Club	Mr Robin Owen	01473 311844
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Tuesday Club	Mrs Veronica Howe	01473 310344
	Mrs Catherine Sweeney	01473 310095
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Whist Club	Mrs Veronica Howe	01473 310344
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ST MARY'S CHURCH, BENTLEY

Rector	Rev Annette Shannon	01473 807674
Benefice Administrator	Ms Hayley Purnell	07904 972116
Churchwarden	Mr Peter Day	01473 310518
Assistant Priest	Revd Don Mehen	01473 310383

BENTLEY BAPTIST CHURCH ADMIN

07814 465222

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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The Future of Bentley Bugle

As you know Robin Owen has now retired from the position of Editor of the Bugle and so far the Bugle team have been unable to find a volunteer to take over the post.

The Parish Council are very concerned that without continuity of production this asset to the community could be lost permanently. As a result Marianne Munday has offered to take over production of the Bugle until a more permanent solution can be found.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE JOB OF EDITOR FOR THIS VITAL VILLAGE PUBLICATION PLEASE CONTACT MARIANNE OR ROBIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Cover Photo

If you have any photos you think would be suitable for future editions of the front cover please email the editor.

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Bentley Village at Church News

COVID19

Although the government has now lifted all restrictions please be aware that many people are still vulnerable. The virus has not gone away but is being very well controlled as most of us have had vaccinations and are still taking precautions and we can all play our part in keeping infection rates down by taking care. We welcome everyone to our services but if you still wish to continue wearing a mask or to sit away from too many people that is perfectly acceptable.

SERVICES IN APRIL

Sunday 3rd April	Holy Communion	10 am
Sunday 10th April	Palm Sunday Celebration	10 am
Sunday 17th April	Easter Communion	10 am
Sunday 24th April	Family Service	10 am

Good Friday – 15th April

There will be a service for Good Friday at Bentley Church starting at 10am. It will be a time for thought and reflection as we recall the crucifixion. After the service hot cross buns will be served with tea or coffee. Please come and join us for this very special service.

Palm Sunday

A special service as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with Palm crosses come and join the celebration

Easter Sunday

Come and help us celebrate the miracle of the empty tomb. There will be an Easter Egg hunt after the service and refreshments will be served after the service



SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday 1st May	Holy Communion	10 am
Sunday 8th May	Pet Service	10 am
Sunday 15th May	Holy Communion	10 am
Sunday 22nd May	Morning Worship	10 am
Sunday 29th May	Family Communion	10 am

All creatures Great and Small are invited to join us for the Pet Service on Sunday 8th May starting at 10am. This is a short pet and children friendly service when we thank God for our special pets. If your pet is too shy or difficult to transport bring a photo. There will be refreshments for children and adults and treats for pets. Please come and join us.

Refreshments are served after all our services. So please join us for any of our services and a chance to have a chat over tea or coffee and cake at the end of the service.

WEST VILLA: very many thanks for the donations of bedding and towels that we continue to receive and deliver. They are very much appreciated.

We are also collecting Easter Eggs for the children at West Villa. It helps them know that they are not forgotten. Please let us have them by Sunday 10th April so we can deliver them in time for Easter.

OUTINGS

People are already signing up for our trip on Wednesday 27th July to the Sandringham Flower Show and also to Thursford's Christmas Spectacular on 11th November. If you would like to go don't leave it too long and miss out. Contact sandramehen@gmail.com

ZOOM SERVICES

Can't get to church? Then join us for our 6pm Zoom services

These have been very helpful to those who are vulnerable during the pandemic. We have planned to continue these up until June but may need to review this in light of the lifting of restrictions, unless sufficient people wish these to continue.

Our next Zoom service is on Sunday 10th April at 6pm.

These are simple evening services and if you would like to join us and do not receive log on details already please contact sandramehen@gmail.com or 01473 310383

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

As we come, some of us cautiously, out of the restrictions we were under since the outbreak of Covid19 it is a time to reflect on what we have lost and what we have gained. We know that the virus has not gone away and like flu it will always be with us. Learning how to live with it can be hard. Some words from Psalm 23 will help us though the ups and downs of living with Covid. 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.' God will be with us no matter what happens.

CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS for weddings, baptisms and funerals or other queries

Rector - Rev Annette Shannon – 807674

Church Warden – Peter Day - 310518

Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 310383

Administrator – Hayley Purnell northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com or 07713 863 023

Treasurer – Ken Felgate - k.felgate108@btinternet.com

PCC Secretary – Sandra Mehen – 01473 310383

Rev Annette Shannon, the Rector, will be on study leave from the end of April until 24th July. For any queries about matters to do with the church between these dates please contact the Administrator Hayley Purnell, the Church Warden Peter Day or the PCC Secretary Sandra Mehen and we will do our best to help. See contact details above.



The Scrabble Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

If you would like a gentle game of Scrabble, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat please come along and join us.

Dates of the meetings are shown on the Bugle diary page. Robin Owen

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

Tickets for our quiz on Saturday 7 May 2022 in Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm can be obtained from David Howe 310344 or Lillian Calvert 808652 priced at £6 each. Teams of up to 6 players which can be made up on the night if necessary. We shall have a bar, raffle and supper. Charles is once again setting the questions so it should be a good evening.

We shall start our season beginning of May with our first game away on the 4 May to East of England Co-op. We shall open the green late April and if you would like to come and join us you would be most welcome. Lillian Calvert Secretary

BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

John Blackmore who was Chairman of the Society for 54 years has now retired. We wish him well and thank him for all those years of service to the Society. He will not disappear though as he has accepted the invitation to become the Society's President. Stewart Rowe is our new Chairman.

The monthly meetings for April and May 2022 are as follows. The 15 April – Matt Tanton Brown on Herbacious Perennials and 20 May Jo Hull on Vegetables and Flowers grown beyond organic – no dig.

All are welcome to come along. We are a friendly crowd and you will be made welcome. Our Annual Show is on 20 August 2022 – it is a members only show - the Show Schedule is about to be circulated so if you would like to exhibit join now and have a go. The members work hard to keep it going. Many village shows are now disappearing.

The Society is in the early stages of arranging an outing to Stody Lodge near Holt in Norfolk on Thursday 26 May to the Azaleas and Rhododendrons. Further details in due course.

GARDENS OPEN

FULLERS MILL at West Stow near Bury St Edmonds IP28 6HD. A lovely place with the River Lark running through the garden. All details available on the Internet

BLAKENHAM WOODLAND GARDEN (IP8 4LZ) Opens under the National Garden Scheme. Bluebells and Magnolias. Again details on the Internet. Pam Lovell

BENTLEY BLUEBELLS WI

With spring slowly showing its welcome face around the countryside this might be the time to think about something new to do with one evening a month that does not involve husbands, partners or children or grandchildren. A little 'me' time never hurt anyone. Share your passions, hobbies and skills with the rest of the group and learn from them as well. We have a very diverse group of members who would love to meet you.



Up and coming events and speakers include a Yellow Coat from Hi de Hi, Talk and Valuation of Antiques, Beauty Evening and Silk Flower Making. Plus our various outings and social occasions. The usual names and numbers apply, Sandra 01473 310072 and Jan 01473 313139. Theresa

BENTLEY TUESDAY CLUB

Spring is on its way and Bentley Tuesday Club has a busy year ahead. We have welcomed some new Members, hopefully more will follow.

The last two months we have enjoyed Chair Aerobics, Colin Hopper gave us a talk on The Oldest London Bridge and Pip Wright spoke on Transporting Criminals from Suffolk to Australia.

We have more to come in the coming weeks with Zova Chic Fashion, Mr. Mike Small, Suffolk Police who will give a talk on Security and answer any questions put to him. On 29th we have another session of Chair Aerobics and 12th April we welcome back The Bell Ringers so please come along and join us. There will be tea and biscuits. Catherine Sweeney Secretary.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Speedwatch continues to operate in Bentley. I am pleased to report two new volunteers have joined the team.

Since the start of the year over 50 vehicles have been reported to the Police. With the highest reported speed, several times, being 42 mph. Not bad in a 30 mph area!! It is probably obvious to most people that the main problem occurs on Capel Road which is a straight run of road entering or leaving a maximum 60 mph limit area. Drivers are obviously anticipating the higher limit or failing to adjust to the new, lower, limit on entering the village. Having said that vehicles exceed the limit in all parts of the village.

It should be remembered the purpose of Speedwatch (SW) is not to 'catch' drivers but to get them to lower their speed. This aim is achieved when sessions are held as evidenced by the number of vehicles that do slow down! The long term aim is to make drivers respect the speed limit permanently. Being realistic probably not by SW although we will continue to try and get the message across. Bring on ANPR cameras which may provide a 24/7 solution? Cliff Daldy

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 March 2022.

Planning – No planning decisions were received. One Planning application was discussed – Councillors Recommended Refusal.

Matters discussed:

- Quiet Lane Signage – Parish Council to give a voluntary contribution (£300) towards signage costs.
- Yearly subscription agreed to keep the Bugle going until someone can be found to take it over.
- How the Parish Council can support Bentley Outdoor Bowls.
- Renewal of the Play Area Lease.
- Standing Order changes to Procurement Thresholds.
- Torch Relay – to be publicised on Facebook Page. Clerk to get more information.
- Improvements to War Memorial – quotes to remove ivy from tree awaited.
- Re-printing of Six Country Walks from The Case is Altered – Printer to be contacted to establish costs.
- Purchase of a projector was deferred – costs to be obtained.
- SID has been moved to Bergholt Road in order to facilitate the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera which has been put in Capel Road for a week's trial by Suffolk County Council. A new pole is to be purchased in Capel Road to take a solar panel so SID can be sited permanently and won't need batteries changing. Data has been downloaded from SID which proves speeding vehicles up to 73mph going through Capel Road. Clerk to chase road markings.
- Playing Field Society - application has been made for S106 money. Estimated cost to council for gym equipment after grant funding is £3,122.
- Neighbourhood Plan – No update.

Full draft minutes are available on the PC website - www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 14th April at 7.30 pm In the Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is an occasion for members of the public, local organisations, clubs and groups to come together and find out about everything happening in the village and to raise any matters with the Parish Council.

All welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Marianne Munday, Chair Bentley Parish Council

BENTLEY STORES

Shopping Locally really helps!

With rising fuel costs the option of shopping locally can be a real boon with a community shop with so many products on offer and at very good prices on your doorstep.

A new village resident said they did not realise we had such a wide range of products available and at reasonable prices until they actually visited the shop! Seeing is believing as they say!

Now we are all getting over the strict Covid restrictions we allow more people in the shop which gives time to browse and see what is available on your doorstep. If you cannot find what you want we can always get it for you!

We always try hard to support local suppliers and this covers a wide range.....

- Country Pies from Capel St Mary are very popular.
- East End Butchers supply us weekly.
- Havensfield Happy Eggs are Suffolk based.
- Bakers Delight from Capel deliver fresh bread and rolls daily.
- EV Cakes from Hadleigh with cakes and biscuits to delight.
- Broadland Hams deliver weekly from Norfolk.
- Bentley Honey cannot get more local!
- Press Gang Laundry from Hadleigh weekly service.
- Whole foods from Wholefoods Store in Manningtree.
- Coffeelink all Ipswich roasted, cafetière, decaf, espresso and beans.
- Suffolk Sea Salt.
- Hill Farm RapeSeed oil.
- Stoke Farm Orchards Apple Juices.
- Books by Local Author, Nicky Moxey.
- Bentley Church Cards, 100% goes to St Mary's.
- Buster Bathroom unblocker is made in Hadleigh.
- Flower Stand sells local plants for Myeloma and Macmillan Charities.

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Bentley Stores Hours

Weekdays, 9 to 1.30

Weekends 9 to 12noon

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BENTLEY AND DARK SKIES

One of the privileges of living in the countryside is the opportunity to see the night sky, relatively free from light pollution. City dwellers, nowadays particularly, have virtually no access to the beauty of a night sky, and no chance to enjoy the mystery and mythology of the constellations.

In Bentley we have always a glow of light at night on the horizon in the North from the lights of Ipswich, and to the East from Felixstowe, but we still have a great arc of sky available to us, particularly since the lighting on the A 12 was lowered, and since our horizon isn't limited by too many hills. After 15 - 20 minutes' adjustment to the dark here, particularly on a moonless night, our naked eyes can take in the light from the constellations, the Milky Way and visible planets, together with visiting wanderers such as meteors and, occasionally comets. I have even seen the Northern Lights, on a winter's night looking North, driving past the Long Barn on a night with a particularly good display elsewhere.

With a star mapping app. on a phone or tablet, it is now easy to find our way around and to learn about the night sky. A pair of binoculars can add to the possibilities.

One of the Neighbourhood Plan questions asked about the desirability of street lighting in the village. Very little enthusiasm was registered, in keeping with the desire of residents to maintain the rural character of the village. The Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB has now been extended to include parts of the village, and we are very close to the Dedham Vale AONB, where there is a specific project to achieve Dark Skies Reserve status, with a campaign sponsored by the Dedham Vale Society . As part of this, information is available on best practice in outdoor lighting, to optimise it in order to avoid too much stray light (and, incidentally to economise on electricity bills).

A small LED torch costs next to nothing to aid in getting around at night, and further to this, for road safety, Hi Viz clothing has now become almost our national dress.

Let us continue to minimise unnecessary outdoor lighting, and encourage and preserve our dark skies, which are not so dark when illuminated by countless stars.

I have included photos of two comets, taken from Bentley – the famous Hale-Bopp of 1997, and Neowise in July 2020, together with a blood red full moon eclipse from January 2019.





Blood red full moon eclipse January 2019

Neowise Comet July 2020

Contact details for the dark skies project - info@dedhamvalesociety.org.uk

STAG BEETLE SIGHTINGS REPORT



Female Stag Beetle
Photo David Millar



Male Stag Beetle
Photo Paul Kitchener

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.

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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 or Colin at 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

REFUGEES STAYING LOCALLY

A huge THANK YOU to all Bentley residents who responded generously to the above appeal on the community website.

I delivered ten large boxes/bags of toiletries, shower gel, shaving items, shampoo etc. Plus children's games, soft toys, crayons and games to keep the children amused at this particularly difficult time in their young lives.

Kelsey, who is taking care of the refugees whilst here, asked me to pass on her thanks. The gifts given bring practical help, but more important than that is the support of local people who care enough to take action, sends a message of love, hope and support which is priceless to desperate people.

Thank you again Bentley. Peter Day

FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK – TORCH RELAY

A symbolic torch will tour the county of Suffolk from Friday 13th May until Wednesday 1st June in order to herald the start of the Festival of Suffolk and the celebrations to mark HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The torch will be carried by selected torch bearers nominated by local communities and transported by rickshaw. The torch will begin its journey on the county boundary at Brandon and then pass through 250 towns and villages, a distance of over 550 miles, before reaching its final destination at the Suffolk Show in Ipswich.

Bentley is one of the villages selected. The torch is scheduled to arrive in Bentley at 5.10pm on Thursday 19th May.

For more information see the Festival of Suffolk website -
<https://www.festivalofsuffolk.org/all-events/torch-relay>

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We have been excited to embrace outdoor learning once again with trips beyond the school grounds; Hedgehogs visited the Suffolk Food Hall in February as part of their topic on physical features in the environment. They explored features of landscapes through drawing and their pictures can be seen on Suffolk Food Hall Facebook page as well as Bentley CEVC and Copdock Primary Schools Facebook. Squirrels and Wolves Classes also enjoyed a visit to Colchester castle at the end of term. Our sports teams are competing in more events once again too and as always, they are representing our school with pride.



Bentley and Copdock Head Pupils have been busy gathering pupil views on partnership learning. Sadly, COVID has limited some of our activities across the two schools and we are keen to rebuild close links to support learning. They prepared questionnaires, collated results and produced a report for the Governing Body on their findings and next step actions. It has been lovely to see our pupil leadership back on track!

The children were very excited to celebrate Numbers Day where they dressed up in number themed costumes and raised over £100 for the NSPCC; we have also taken part in a world book day sponsored read, Red Nose Day and Go Purple Day to raise awareness of Epilepsy. Thank you to all who have supported our fundraising.

We are looking forward to getting into our new active learning lodge which was installed in our grounds in March. Not only will this provide an additional space to support our curriculum, but sports leaders will be delivering a range of physical activities for the enjoyment of all during play and lunchtimes. We can't wait to explore activities such as yoga and dance in our new environment as well as offer a range of team building and well-being activities. (see back inside cover for photos of new additions to the school).

We are so lucky to have such wonderful parents who support us in all we do. A huge thank you to Russ Brennan, Matt Brock and Tom Hopgood who have kindly given up their time to clear and erect our new canopy curtains for the Early Years outside area.

As is tradition, our Easter bonnet parade was held at St Mary's church and some wonderful creations were on display once again. Thank you to Don and Sandra for judging our competition and well done to all who took part.

We were joined by parents, children and governors at our service, to say a sad farewell to Mrs Rudge who is leaving us for new adventures as the Headteacher at Bucklesham Primary. Mrs Rudge has been deputy headteacher at Bentley School for almost 12 years and we will miss her dearly!

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter.

NOTES FROM THE CASE



Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

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

email: chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk

At last the warm spring weather seems to be with us. We're sure it's not just us but it has felt like a very long grey winter this year. The pub garden is now full of colour and cheerfulness with the bright yellow daffodils nodding their heads and hopefully we'll be able to enjoy a drink or two in the garden soon.

Events

April sees our **8th anniversary celebrations** which this year coincide with Easter. To start our celebrations we are holding our first **photographic art exhibition**. One of our local talents, Fletcher Telling (you may have bought one of his delightful calendars) will, along with a few friends be exhibiting some of their superb wildlife and landscape photographs. The exhibit will be on from **14 to 30 April**, inside the pub. Some of the photographs will be for sale; if you wish to purchase any of the prints please speak to the person behind the bar. Although we have always had high quality art work on our walls, this is a new venture for the Case as we hope to use the Garden Room for future exhibitions showcasing the talents of more local amateur artists. If you are interested in exhibiting your own high quality art work at the pub please contact the chair via the email address above.

On the same day as our new exhibition we have our monthly **Open Mic Night**. These have been extremely popular during the winter months and rightly so! We will be continuing these throughout the year and are always interested in new talent, especially if local. The next two evenings are on **Thursday 14 April and Thursday 12 May**. Music starts at around 7.30 until 10.30pm. As always PA is provided, all performers welcome! Further enquires and dates, please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

Also to help celebrate our anniversary we will be holding the first of this year's monthly **quiz nights**. It is a little earlier in the month than usual and will be on **Saturday 16 April**. Quiz starts at **7.30pm**. As always quiz teams should be no more than 6, the winning team receive drinks tokens. There is a £2 entry fee for each member. We will also be holding a raffle in aid of our charity of the year. We have decided to continue to support the St Elizabeth Hospice and will move to our next local charitable organisation at the end of the summer.

To add to the festivities **Dolly's Pizza Van** will be in the car park that evening, from **4:30pm to 7pm**. We will be opening a little earlier than normal so you will be able to enjoy a drink while eating your pizza. Dolly's pizzas are very popular; to avoid disappointment it is always best to pre-order. Gluten free pizzas are available. Please ring 07856 070 123 to place your order or go to Dolly's Pizza Van (food Stall) on Facebook to see their menu.

If you would like to organise and host a quiz at the pub this year, please let us know. We are also looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to help manage our monthly raffle prior to the quiz. If you are interested in either of these please contact Chris at cottage.garden@btinternet.com. Our May quiz will be held on **Saturday 28 May**, same conditions apply.

In addition to our normal opening hours we will also be open Bank Holiday Monday 12 – 3pm.

Future Events

On **Sunday 5 June at 3pm**, we will be holding an afternoon **Garden Party** to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We know our garden parties are very popular in the village and all are welcome. Any contributions of home made cakes or savouries would be gratefully received for this event. Please email Gill Pink gill.redcotts.@icloud.com for more information.

Also for the Jubilee we are hoping to hold a children's tea party on the **Friday 4 June** which is part of the extended Bank Holiday weekend. We would be particularly interested to hear from those in the village who have younger, **pre-school and primary aged children** who would be prepared to help with the organising of this event. If you feel you would like to help with this please contact chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk

Later the same month we will be visited by the **Colchester Morris Men**. They will begin their performance at 8pm on **Friday 24 June**.

Cask Marque

We are pleased to announce that we have again been awarded the Cask Marque 'Certificate of Excellence', for our cask beers and our accreditation has been renewed for 2022! Well done to all those who keep our cellar in tip top condition.

As always we are keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in supporting our lovely pub by volunteering. If you are interested in helping out and would like to find out more please ask at the bar for a volunteer application form.




Photo
Exhibition

Case is Altered, Bentley

April 14th to 30th

Come and view a selection of wildlife and landscape based photography from numerous local photographers living within the village. Their work can be viewed during all opening hours

We hope to see you soon.

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Four matches have been played since the last report & in each match we have played exceptionally well. The three home games against Hintlesham, Harkstead, & Belstead were all won by the same score 8-2 but were all hard fought & closer than the scores suggest. It was particularly satisfying to beat Belstead as in the away fixture we lost 3-7 in a match which could & should have finished differently. Our last winter league match is against Harkstead away on March 24th. David Howe.

LINK LUNCH GROUP

At the lunch in February 37 diners were served Capel steak pies with carrot and swede mash, whole french beans and mash potatoes followed by apple crumble and custard, tea or coffee. The March meal saw 35 people provided with chicken breasts, savoy cabbage and mashed potatoes followed by cheesecake and ice cream and tea or coffee. It was unanimously decided by the helpers that any accumulated funds will go to the Ukrainian crisis appeal. The next link lunch is on the 21st April 2022. Veronica Howe

The Tattingstone Wheatsheaf are raising money for Suffolk Mind this year. Mind know how good gardening can be for our mental health and wellbeing, providing green spaces and allotments for service users. We have come up with some exciting events in support of this.



Mind Your Sunflower competition

The aim is for the community to grow a glorious swathe of colour along the A137 Wheatsheaf hedgerow. You can buy the seeds from The Wheatsheaf now, or you can enter a variety of your choice. You will be allocated a plot to use, and from then on it will be your responsibility to grow and tend your sunflower until the final judging in August. So, join in, and help us grow a row of sunshine.

Mind Your Garden sale

From 1st April onwards there will be a table in the beer garden with plants, seedlings and garden sundries. Please donate whatever plants, garden equipment, gardening books etc you can spare, and perhaps pick up a bargain. (You might even be lucky enough to get some sunflower or beetroot seedlings)

Mind Your Beetroot

As part of our Beetroot Blues and Beer festival in July, we will also have the popular home-grown beetroot contest. Categories include the largest and the most novel shape. Boltardy beetroot seeds are the earliest variety and are on sale now from the Wheatsheaf. Or you can grow any variety of your choosing. They are easy to grow, tasty to eat, and you could even win a prize with them.

5th June – Jubilee Garden Party

15th – 17th July Beetroot Blues n Beer Festival

27th August – Mind Your Boules petanque tournament

28th August - Mind Your Sunflower - Judging

29th August - Mind Your Bike charity bike ride

Further details are available from the Tattingstone Wheatsheaf website. Please visit: www.wheatsheaftattingstone.com/events

THE FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY

EARLY SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Whilst winter has been without any snow, at least so far, I think we are all glad to see the back of storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin and the damage and disruption they caused. We have also seen covid restrictions lifted, only time will tell whether this will be the right decision. Let's certainly hope so.

On 29/1/2022 we held our AGM, the first in two years. It was well attended and gave us, the trustees, the chance to chat to 'friends' and report on what we had achieved since the start of the pandemic. As you can see from the list below, we managed to hold several events, mainly low key, but nevertheless a great achievement considering the restrictions placed upon us since March 2020. We can all be justifiably proud, whether a trustee, a volunteer or a customer who supported these events.

- A welcome back and return to browsing raffle
- Christmas craft packs for our younger customers
- Easter craft packs
- Attendance at the East Bergholt Spring Fair Book and craft sale
- Cake Day in aid of the Alzheimer's Society
- Olly the Magician in celebration of the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge
- Book Treasure Trail
- Celebrating our Volunteers – Tea & Cake afternoon
- Community Cinema nights finally returned – all managed and led by Jackie Harman for which we are very grateful.
- Quiz Night
- Penny for the guy – highlighting an historic event
- Christmas Photo shoot raffle

The AGM also gave some of you the opportunity to meet Jenny Patch, our interim manager. Jenny is settling in well to Capel, and after several weeks in the role is getting to grips with all of the issues which are part of running a 'single staff' library. I called in to the library recently on a Thursday during a Tot Rock session and it was wonderful to see so many mums and toddlers having fun.

Further good news is that Suffolk Libraries have not closed any of the libraries across Suffolk since our last AGM. 2023 will, however, see tenders being submitted for the new contract to run the library service for the next ten years. Over the coming months Suffolk Libraries will be assessing the needs of customers across the county and they feel they will be in a strong position to have their contract renewed. A significant focus for SL during 2022 will be fund raising. During this time your support of the library will be more important than ever.

Fund raising and Purchases

Whilst we have raised funds during this period it has not been our main focus. Instead, we have been able to support our community in a variety of ways and promote the wonderful variety of services which our library offers.

The trustees took the decision at the end of 2021 that we would not apply for funding in 2022 from Capel and Bentley Parish Councils. Our reason for this is our finances are in a reasonable position currently and we do not have any significant expenditure scheduled.

Our library is in the fortunate position of being well equipped, a modern, welcoming and inviting space. With limited fund raising over the last two years no large projects involving significant expenditure are scheduled. We will always liaise closely with our manager and the library team to discuss their wish list of items they would like us to consider purchasing.

Dates for your Diaries

Our February film, The Last Bus, was well attended and we are keeping everything crossed that our Community Cinema Nights will continue uninterrupted. We also have some upcoming events – details are below. We will also be holding a ‘Meet the Trustees’ get together later in the Spring, details to follow

Membership/Trustees

Membership numbers continue to increase, we currently have 119 members including patrons, 84 people have joined the 100 club. More members are always needed as membership provides us with valuable income, please do consider spreading the word and encourage your friends and neighbours to become members.

We currently have five trustees on our committee and this is the perfect opportunity to give you a few more details.

As trustees we are the ‘management body’ of the community group, meeting on a regular basis. We are all volunteers, supporting and helping the Library by organising a variety of events which welcome our local community and also provide much needed income. As volunteers we each give whatever time we can but we are all committed to promoting all of the services this valuable facility has to offer. Libraries are no longer fully funded. Friends/community groups are vital to all Libraries, providing essential resources which are no longer provided by Suffolk Libraries.

Caroline Alder – Chairperson, I steer our group and our meetings, acting as a link between the trustees, the library manager and Suffolk Libraries. I oversee the group ensuring that the group functions in accordance with our constitution, taking the lead in liaising with our stakeholders.

Bob Perkin – Treasurer, our treasurer is responsible for keeping a record of all of the finances in accordance with our constitution and also the monitoring arrangements issued by Suffolk Libraries. Bob also prepares the accounts for our annual audit and is the liaison with our auditor.

Trevor Stevenson – Secretary, our secretary is responsible for taking and circulating minutes and for preparing the agenda. Trevor provides the administration support for our meetings, communicating with all trustees.

Colin Hawes – Membership, Colin has the responsibility for recording the ‘friends’ personal data ensuring all information given to us adheres to our Data Management Procedures and conforms with GDPR regulations.

Steve Lodge - Catering/supplies, Steve is our ‘go to’ person for all events requiring refreshments be it tea or coffee or liaising with her trusted band of volunteer ladies who happily support us by baking cakes.

We are a small group and we do our very best to support the library, working well together concentrating on individual strengths. I would like to thank all of my fellow trustees for all they do on behalf of the FOCL. I appreciate it a great deal, we couldn’t achieve what we do without us working together. However, many hands do make light work, so please do consider joining us as a trustee. Your continued support for our Library really does make such a difference and is much appreciated. We thank all of you who support the Library in any way.

Caroline Alder

The Friends of Capel Library 100 Club March 2022

The March 2022 draw has taken place. Results are as follows:-

£25.00	Jill Durrant
£10.00	Sesa Ishaya
£ 5.00	Sally Billison

Prizes can be collected from the Library from 8th March.

To be included in the April and subsequent draws application forms and £9.00 must be delivered to the Library by 31st March in a sealed envelope marked for my attention. Only paid up members of the Friends of Capel Library can participate in the 100 Club draw.

GOOD LUCK Bob Perkin, Treasurer & Trustee

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Many will have heard of the expression “doubting Thomas”.

This refers to the occasion when, after His death on the cross and resurrection, Jesus came to His disciples, but Thomas was not with them.

When the other disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus, he said to them “Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe” (John 20:25)

When Jesus came again to the disciples he invited Thomas to do just this. Thomas then believed and said to Him “My Lord and my God” (John 20:28)

This incident shows the patience and compassion of Jesus towards Thomas, but it also demonstrates to us that Jesus, after suffering and dying upon the cross, truly and physically rose from the dead, and is indeed the very Son of God and the only Saviour of sinners:

“...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

We would be delighted to see you at one of our services. However, we continue to be mindful of health and safety during the COVID pandemic. Therefore, if you would like to come, please contact us first via email: info@bentleyreformedbaptistchurch.com, or by phone: 07814 465222, so we can make sure there is a place for you.

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

CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

We have all seen so many changes over the last couple of years; the way we work, communicate and all sorts of ways in which we live. These things have often been by necessity or driven by digital advances. At Suffolk Libraries we want to make sure that we are always giving our communities what they need in the best way that we can. To make sure we do, we encourage our customers to come and talk to our staff and let us know the things that are important to you. Are you environmentally minded and would like to see eco considerations in our services? Is family and younger years and provision for new parents your priority? Maybe it is help with technology that you feel needs a focus? We would love to hear your thoughts.

Don't forget, Suffolk Libraries now provide a whole host of services, events and activities alongside lending – have a look on www.suffolklibraries.co.uk to find out more.

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