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Parish Diary

DECEMBER 2022

- 1st - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 6th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 7th - Christmas Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 7th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
- 8th - Parish Refendum on Bentley Neighbourhood Plan - Village Hall - all day
- 8th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
- 8th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
- 14th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 15th - Christmas Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12.00 or 12.30 pm
- 15th - Mulled Wine, Minced Pies, Coffee and Carols - Village Hall at 7pm
- 16th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 17th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm
- 18th - Carols at the Case - at 4.00 pm
- 20th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm

JANUARY 2023

- 1st - Footpath Society - New Year's Day Walk - meet at The Case at 11.00 am
- 3rd - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 4th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
- 5th - 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 - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
- 16th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
- 17th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 19th - Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12.00 or 12.30 pm
- 19th - Bentley Village Hall's AGM at 7.30 pm
- 18th - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 20th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 29th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 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
- Meet up Mondays group - Every Monday 2- 3 pm - Case is Altered

Bentley Directory

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Parish Council - Chair	Marianne Munday	07808 259331
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(Chair PTA)	position vacant at time of publication	
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Carpet Bowls	Mrs Jill Mills	01473 311103
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Computer Clinic	Mr John Blackmore	01473 310655
Footpath Society	Mr John Wheals	01473 310569
Footpath Warden	Mr Tim Hamstead	07748 821594
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Horticultural Society	Mr Stewart Rowe	01473 311994
Link Lunch Group	Mrs Veronica Howe	01473 310344
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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
Womens Institute	Mrs Sandra Ford	01473 310072

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BENTLEY

Rector	IN VACANCY	
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 - <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 Bugle Team wish all our Contributors and Readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year



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BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS



Everyone at Bentley Church
wishes you all a Blessed Christmas
and good New Year





SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday	4th December	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday	11th December	Christingle Service	10am
Sunday	18th December	9 Lessons and Carols	10am
Saturday	24th December	Crib Service	3pm
Sunday	25th December	Christmas Communion	10am

Christingle Service

10am Sunday 11th December
Come and meet St Nicholas

 and bring him gifts 
for homeless families
the collection will be for
The Children's Society
Please let Sandra know by
Thursday 8th December
if you are coming so we have
enough Christingles
for all the Children

Carol Service

Sunday 18th December
at 10am

come and hear the familiar
readings and sing
the familiar carols
as we prepare
to celebrate Christmas
and the birth of our Saviour



Crib Service - for children of all ages!

Saturday 24th December at 3pm

come and help us tell the Christmas Story
Dress up as your favourite person in the story
an angel or a shepherd, Mary or Joseph
a king or even the grumpy inn keeper?



ZOOM SERVICES

Unable to get to church? Then come to our once a month Zoom services -

11th December - 6pm, 8th January - 6pm

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

SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday	1st January	New Year's Day Family Service	10am
Sunday	8th January	Morning Worship	10am
Sunday	15th January	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday	22nd January	Morning Worship	10am
Sunday	29th January	place and time to be confirmed	

QUIZ NIGHT - Thank you for supporting our quiz night in October. You help us raise money for the upkeep of our village church and hopefully you had a good time too!

MULLED WINE, COFFEE and CAROLS - Sing familiar Carols and hear some light-hearted Christmas Readings. You will be welcomed with a glass of mulled wine or fruit juice and there will be coffee and mince pies in the interval. **Thursday December 15th at 7pm** Bentley Village Hall only £3, accompanied children free. There will be also be a draw.

SUPPORTING BENTLEY CHURCH - It costs £300 a week to keep this beautiful and historic church open. One way to support us is by giving via this QR code using your smartphone. There is also one in the church building. Thank you for your support.



WEST VILLA

Very many thanks your continued support with donations of bedding and towels which we continue to receive from you and deliver as quickly as possible. West Villa are very grateful not to be forgotten among the many other good causes there are in these very challenging times. At our last visit we were told that that had just rehomed a family and some of your donations of bedding went with them. Thank you also for the tins and packets of food we received at the Harvest service. These gifts really make a difference to people in these increasingly difficult times. It means that they can easily get food to feed their family. **We will be collecting Christmas gifts for adults and children during November and the start of December, again this year. Please bring donations either to a Sunday service leave on the doorstep of 19 The Link. The Christingle Service on 11th December will be the last service before we deliver the gifts so they can we sorted at West Villa in time for Christmas.** They are always very grateful that they are thought of and helped at this season. Tins or boxes of biscuits are also very acceptable.

BENTLEY CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas 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 for a special person or occasion please contact Sandra (see contact details list). Cards will also be available at church.

CHURCHYARD

Our Churchyard continues to be well looked after, so very many thanks to all those who help. Just a gentle reminder, the chains in the second extension are there to remind those using the car park to keep to the path to prevent damage to the graves. There are gaps in the chains to allow easy access but if you need to move the chains for access they are easily unclipped and clipped back in position. Please also remember that only compostable waste should be put in the brown bin. Oasis, plastic and cellophane flower wrappings should be put in the black bin. Thank you.

If you would like to be involved in keeping the churchyard neat and tidy please contact Peter Day our Church Warden on 01473 310518.

We know that many people find peace and consolation there.

JUST A THOUGHT

For many people this Christmas will be difficult. They may be struggling to make ends meet or mourning the loss of a loved one. Please contact us if you need to talk. Remember that Jesus was born far from home and in less than ideal circumstances. So remember you turn to Jesus in prayer, tell him your problems and ask him to guide you to the help you need. He loves each of us as if we are the only one in need.

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

Church Warden – Peter Day - 310518

Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 310383

Administrator – Hayley Purnell northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com or 07713 863023

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

PCC Secretary – Sandra Mehen – sandramehen@gmail.com or 01473 310383

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The year is drawing to a close – the clocks have gone back, its dark early and finally we seem to have a lot of rain. We will have to remember all the hot sunny days we had in the summer!

We have our AGM on 18th November which will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We will be happy to welcome any new members on Friday 16th December starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Bryan Thurlow will entertain us with his one man show 'Music Hall Memories', very suitable for pre Christmas he told me. Do come along and be entertained.

Finally, the Chairman and Committee of the Society wish all of our members and readers a Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. The start of the New Year is on Friday 20 January 2023 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Moira Usher will talk and show a film on 'Botswana'. Do come and join us for what I'm sure will be a most interesting evening.

Pam Lovell

BENTLEY BLUEBELLS WI

The festive season is nearly upon us and plans are being made for parties and family gatherings. Now may be the time to invite a neighbour to join you and share your Christmas, it will help save on heating bills and food costs as we all try to trim our budgets.



Those who attended our Forensic Science and Firearms talk on 9th November were regaled with some fascinating stories and hilarious situations. Who knew what goes on behind the scenes and what a sense of humour you need to do such a job. Still chuckling over the body that came to life!

We do hope that many of you will join us for a special Christmas meeting at 7.30pm on 14th December in the village hall to enjoy our evening of fun with one of the cast members of Hi De Hi, it promises to be very entertaining, with the usual supply of edible goodies to enjoy. Looking ahead to our January meeting our speaker Eric Punaks will talk about The Craft of Comic Verse and Songs.

Sandra 01473 310072, Jan Pickess 01473 313139 will be able to help if you need more information.

BOTTOM OF THE FRIDGE/OUT OF DATE VEG AT THE SUPERMARKET SOUP

A sure way to stay warm, save money and reduce waste.

Any shrivelled or slightly dodgy vegetables washed and put into a pressure cooker or large saucepan along with a couple of potatoes, those lentils or pearl barley that have been hanging around in the back of the cupboard, a stock cube, rinse out the old sauce bottles, tinned tomatoes, seasoning, bring to the boil and simmer till soft, blend or mash and enjoy. Make enough for the week and heat as required.

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

We have a sponsorship from two of our members who are associated with "Energy People Ltd". They have provided us with funds to start levelling the green more and the members have been working these last few weeks to start to accomplish this. Energy People are a local Company and we are very grateful for their sponsorship.

A date for your new diaries - our quiz next year will be on 13th May 2023 in the Bentley Village Hall and once again Charles will set the questions. We are still only having three teams of three next season so this will help as our membership is low and we could do with more members so do please think about joining us next season. We play in the Samford League on Monday in the 2nd division and in the Triples League on Wednesday in the 1st division.

Lillian Calvert Secretary 01473 808652

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Bentley Village Hall's AGM is on Thursday 19 January 2023 at 7.30 pm. All Bentley residents are welcome to attend. If you would like to become a Trustee of the charity and contribute to the running of the hall, please inform John Blackmore (Chair – Southland, 7 East Mill Green IP9 2BW or jblackmore92@gmail.com) or Mark Usher (Secretary/Treasurer – Samburu, Capel Road IP9 2DW or musher@care4free.net) at least 2 weeks before the AGM.

BOTTLE BANKS

Unfortunately we must repeat the plea to please NOT LEAVE ANY GLASS near the bottle banks if they are full. Please take your glass back with you or to another bottle bank (eg at Bypass Nurseries in Capel). And please don't leave any glass that won't fit through the holes. However the collector confirms that despite the labels on the bins, all the glass from Bentley goes into the same pile, so feel free to use either bin for any colour glass! **Mark Usher**

BENTLEY FOOTPATH SOCIETY

We hope to see you on the traditional 'New Year's Day walk' the village circular....from The Case at 11.00 am. The walk is approximately 3 miles, but short cuts are possible. Also the "CASE" WILL BE OPEN FROM 12 - 3 pm.

John Wheals - Chair Pam Lovell - Secretary

Bentley Poppy Appeal 2022

I am pleased to announce that Bentley residents donated the amount of £1266.72 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Poppy Appeal



Thank you to the volunteer poppy collectors for their sterling work and to all who gave so generously.

Nigel Peake, Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser



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

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

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

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 November 2022 – preceded by a Playing Field Society meeting.

Planning – One planning decisions was received.

One Planning application was discussed but not voted on – documents would not download - this will be the subject of an Extra Ordinary Meeting to make residents aware of this application to extract, process and sell sand and gravel, process inert waste materials and concrete batching with associated plant and related sales, associated access works. Contact will also be made with surrounding parishes.

Reports were received from County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor Dave Busby, Footpath Warden, and Speedwatch Co-Ordinator.

Presentation – By Mark Pryke Network Service Manager (Ipswich) for Anglian Water & his colleague Grant Tufts - they spoke about how they investigate mains as a business – Proposals currently being looked at and Additional Services. He agreed pipework needed to be replaced at The Link and at the moment is trying to prioritise 400 metres in Capel Road which will affect 3 individual properties and will advise if successful.

Matters discussed:

- Purchase of projector.
- SCC owned copse between Chestnuts and The Corral – dead trees are to be removed.
- Wi-fi & Defibrillator at Village Hall – Village Hall Trustees will get back to PC in due course
- Half Year Accounts were deferred until December
- Registering Domain name for Bentley PC re .gov e-mail addresses for Clerk & Councillors.
- Improvements to War Memorial –Bench & litter bin to be ordered.
- Traffic calming – ANPR is coming to Bentley for one week commencing 14 November 2022
- Playing Field Society –Fireworks taking place on Saturday 5 November. Everything is in hand.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Referendum is due to take place on 8 December – Cllr Moxey is arranging a drop-in evening for anyone who has any questions or may be confused.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net

SPEEDING IN BENTLEY

We now have 2 **Speed Indicator Devices**, purchased by the Parish Council, positioned at either end of the main road through the village to help reduce speeding traffic.

In addition to this we have a volunteer **Community Speedwatch** team who do an excellent job monitoring the speed of traffic through the village and recording speeding motorists. Last month 6 sessions were held, 1 at the War Memorial, 2 at the Village Hall, and 3 on Capel Road. A total of 56 vehicles were reported, 6 at the War Memorial, 5 at the Village Hall and 45 on Capel Road. The highest recorded speed was 44 mph.

You may also have noticed an **Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera** sited outside the Village Hall last month. Bentley is one of a group of parishes who are trialling this system, as part of the Suffolk Roadsafe Partnership between Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Constabulary. They are sited where



ANPR camera

there is a problem with speeding or rat-running on roads with a 30 mph speed limit. Motorists are warned if they are near or over the speed limit as they approach. If a driver continues to ignore the speed limit, the camera will take a picture of the vehicle including their registration number, with the date, time and speed and persistent offenders will be reported to Suffolk Constabulary. The information shared with the police will also help them decide on where speed enforcement vans should be deployed going forward.

Marianne Munday, Chair Bentley Parish Council

LINK LUNCH GROUP

The lunches resumed on the 20th of October where 29 diners enjoyed cottage pie with mixed veg, savoy cabbage followed by peaches and cream. At our November 17th lunch 33 people were served with sausage and mash, peas and carrot and swede mash followed by rice pudding and blackcurrant jam. Coffee and Tea is served at both meals.

Everybody is made very welcome to a warm village hall and a two-course meal. For a £6 ticket for December 15th meal, please contact Veronica on 01473 310344.

Veronica Howe

BENTLEY WILDLIFE NOTES

Dark skies and wildlife

“Since the invention of the electric light bulb less than a century and a half ago, the night has been steadily disappearing. Nocturnal satellite imagery of our planet reveals the extent to which we have banished darkness”. Johan Eklöf.

Artificial light at night (LAN), is harmful to nocturnal animals and has a detrimental effect on short-day plants because it interrupts the natural cycle of day and night which in turn interferes with their body clock hormones (it disturbs their natural circadian rhythm).

At night while we are asleep, one-third of all vertebrates and two-thirds of invertebrates become active after remaining hidden during the day. Their biology has evolved for darkness. Most nocturnal invertebrates use light from the stars or moon as a cue for navigation. LAN can block this light that in turn leads to faulty navigation; an example of this light pollution can be seen at Felixstowe Port. Female glow-worms produce their own light that flashes on and off to attract males but they cannot out-compete artificial light and mating chances are lost. LAN can also change an animals behaviour, for example it attracts insects such as moths and flies which clearly disorientated bash themselves against the light and become burnt or damaged, exhausting themselves and making them vulnerable to predators. Other nocturnal invertebrates that you will all be familiar with are snails, slugs, woodlice, earthworms. Cockroaches are also nocturnal.

Nocturnal vertebrates range from the predators that hunt by night (badgers, bats, foxes, hedgehogs, otters, nightjars and owls) and those that are prey (dormice, moles, rats, and mice). Short-day plants, for example violets and strawberries, rely on a long period of dark in order to flower normally. Even a short flash of light during the dark period will cause abnormal flowering.

Wanton excess of LAN comes from a wide range of sources, too many to mention here, examples are offices and shops, spotlights, house outside lights, cars, smart phones, tablets and torches. LED light causes the most harm.

All the animals and plants referred to above have been recorded in Bentley.



Colin Hawes

Dog Violet

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS

During November both schools held open events for prospective pupils looking to start their learning journeys in September 2023 with us. It's always lovely to meet new families and welcome them to our schools, as well as younger siblings of our existing community. **If you missed the open events and would like to take a look at our schools, please contact the relevant office – details below.**



Once again, we supported Children in Need event. Children came in wearing their own clothes on a theme of 'spots' We had lots of cake donations for the school council cake sale and raised money for a worthy cause.

Children from Hedgehogs and Adders class took part in sporting tournaments in November and represented the school really well. We also walked to the memorial in the village where children laid crosses for Remembrance Day.

Our oldest classes, Foxes & Adders spent 4 days on their residential at the beginning of November. Although the weather wasn't great, they didn't let it dampen their spirits and had a go at all the activities on offer. They challenged themselves and others, and got to learn a lot about one another and about team work They did some amazing activities including a giant swing, buggy building, Jacobs ladder and abseiling.

Head Pupils once again led assemblies to the whole school about the importance of 'Reaching Out' to prevent any issues around Anti-bullying. Children all came to school in odd socks for the week as a pledge to support each other in this important message.

We had lots of fun at the Christmas Cake Club and Christmas Craft Club in December. The children all expertly made amazing cakes and crafts and cards to take home to their families. Thank you to Sandra Mehen for organising the Cake club and to our staff and parents for helping.



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

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

Copdock Primary 01473 730337 admin@copdock.suffolk.sch.uk

Bentley Primary 01473 310253 admin@bentley.suffolk.sch.uk

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.

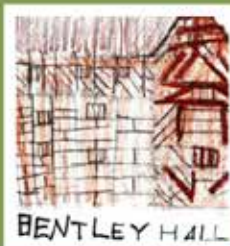
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BENTLEY

Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037



BENTLEY HALL



**REFERENDUM
DECEMBER 2022**

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH REFERENDUM

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

On 8 December

Cast your vote at the Polling Station, located at the Village Hall, or if you have a Postal Vote, return it as instructed.

PTO

BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - PARISH REFERENDUM

People in the Parish who are entitled to vote, will soon receive, or have already received, a polling card from Babergh District Council.

Why is this and what are you voting for?

In 2018 the Bentley Neighbourhood Plan process was begun by the Parish Council, with the help of a committee made up of local residents. The Neighbourhood Plan gives you, the local community, the power to set out a vision for the Parish area and to include planning policies that can shape growth and influence the type of development where you live and work.

Following extensive consultation, the Neighbourhood Plan has now successfully passed an Independent Examination and has been approved to go forward to a referendum on Thursday 8 December 2022.

The referendum process will operate in the same way as an election. If you're on the electoral register you can either cast your vote at the Polling Station, located at the Village Hall, or if you have a Postal Vote, return it as instructed.

Those entitled to vote will be asked to answer 'Yes' or 'No' to the following question:

'Do you want Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Bentley to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% vote 'Yes', Babergh District Council will be legally required to 'make' (adopt) the Neighbourhood Plan as part of its planning framework. This means the planning policies of the Plan will have to be taken into account as part of future planning applications.

For further information and to view the Neighbourhood Plan, please go to www.babergh.gov.uk/BentleyNP.

Printed copies are also available for inspection at The Case is Altered and the Community Shop.

Thank you. Bentley Parish Council, November 2022.

BENTLEY STORES

We are 100% community owned for the benefit of our Village.

Bentley Stores Hours

Weekdays, 9 to 1.30, Weekends 9 to 12noon

Tel: 01473 310182 Info@bentleystores.co.uk

The Challenges of 2022!

Electricity costs

We have freezers, chillers and air-conditioning to ensure that all our products are kept in the best condition for our customers. This has worked very well as many will remember coming to our “cool” shop at the height of this year’s heatwave! We keep the shop at 20 degrees all year round. Our energy prices are rising this year and we may get some government help over the winter. We are looking at solar panels as a solution.

Prices

World events have created new challenges. The good news is our buyers have taken advantage of offers from a wide range of sources so we can often be very similar to other local shops! And we are only a walk away! We continue to have new products coming in every week and we stock the well known brands. We have a good variety of fresh fruit and veg with our outside display and a dedicated fruit and veg chiller in the shop.

Pop in and see us and you will be amazed at what we sell and with free parking right outside the door. Shop locally and see the wide range of products we have to offer.

For those new to the village we are behind The Case is Altered Community pub and are open weekdays 9 to 1.30 and weekends in the morning.

Thank you to all our Customers and Volunteers and best wishes for a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Bentley Community Shop CIC, Management Group.

BENTLEY STORES CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

Friday 23rd December 9 to 1.30

Saturday 24th 9 to 12 noon, Christmas Eve

Sunday 25th Closed Christmas Day

Monday 26th Closed Boxing Day

Tuesday 27th 9 to 12

Wednesday 28th. 9 to 12

Thursday 29th. 9 to 12

Friday 30th 9 to 12

Saturday 31st. 9 to 12, New Years Eve

Sunday 1st Jan, Closed, New Years Day

Monday 2nd January 9 to 1.30

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

CASUAL VACANCY

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

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please send an e-mail/letter to the Clerk giving some information about yourself and confirming your eligibility for the position of Parish Councillor within the Statutory Rules – see below.

Applications will be considered at the next suitable Parish Council Meeting

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES - The Parish Council is able to consider any person to fill a vacancy provided that:

- he/she is 18 or over; and
- he/she is a British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union; and at least one of the following apply:
 - he/she is an elector for the Parish and continues to be an elector; or
 - has resided in the Parish for the past twelve months or rented/tenanted land in the Parish; or
 - has had his/her principal or only place of work in the Parish for the past twelve months; or
 - has lived within three miles of the Parish for the past twelve months.

There are certain disqualifications for being a Parish Councillor, of which the main are (see s80 of the Local Government Act 1972):

- holding a paid office or employment under the Parish Council;
- bankruptcy;
- having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than three months, without the option of a fine during the preceding five years; or
- being disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal electoral practices.

Joy Scott – Clerk

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BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

In our first matches of the new winter league season we started very well with a narrow home loss to champions Barking 4-6 and this was followed by a 5-5 home draw against Copdock. However this did not last as we lost 2-8 on the notoriously difficult floor at Chelmondiston.

We then played Gt.Blakenham in the Joe Rice cup home and away and lost on aggregate shots after drawing 10-10. Our match at Hintlesham saw us give away what was a winning position and eventually lose 2-8. Belstead proved much too strong especially in the second half and ran out worthy winners by 9-1. We have one game against Martlesham away before the Christmas break. **David Howe**

THANKS

A huge thank you to all our family and friends who joined us to say farewell to Peter.

The moving service from Sandra, The Case volunteers and the offers of help, cards, flowers and donations were wonderful.

With love Wendy, Jason and Sandra Clench

BENTLEY FIREWORKS DISPLAY



Well another damp Bonfire weekend but we were lucky, and the rain held off for the event.

The evening well although the fireworks team had issues with lighting the damp fireworks which caused some pauses in the display. However, we managed a very successful lighting of the Bonfire assisted by the lucky winner Ralph.

Prices were deliberately kept at the same level as previous years to due to the current "cost of Living crisis", and we aim to keep our prices as low as we realistically can again next year. It was great to have such a good attendance, especially as we had opted for the 5th November rather than the usual earlier week. So another great night was had by all.

There are too many volunteers who helped set up and took part on the evening to name, but they all deserve our thanks for making the event successful, and for turning up on Sunday to pack up through a deluge of rain. We look forward to seeing you all again next year, we may already be looking through the fireworks catalogue choosing a different set of fireworks, so look out for next year for a different (better) display!

If you wish to assist, or have any suggestions or comments, especially regarding the date, please get in touch with us. Tim & Jan Hamstead

timhamstead@yahoo.co.uk

NOTES FROM THE CASE



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Now the long Indian summer has finally finished we at the Case are keeping cosy by the log burner and are counting down the weeks to Christmas and the New Year! At last, this year it really does feel as if we are going towards a 'normal' Christmas! As always we have a few events on the horizon and hopefully a few more in the pipeline.

Open Mic Nights

Our very popular Open Mic Nights will continue through out the winter months. As always they are on the second Thursday of each month. The bar opens at 6pm; the music will start around 8pm. We look forward to seeing our regular performers and also welcoming new ones. Sound system is supplied. If you would like to take part please contact Dave on 07885 963882. **The next two dates for your diary are Thursday 8 December and Thursday 12 January.**

Quiz Nights

Our December quiz night has been brought forward by a few weeks due to Christmas and New Year's and will be held on **Saturday 17 December**. £2 entry per person, maximum team size 6. The winning team will receive vouchers to spend at the pub; the lowest scoring team get a wooden spoon! All profits from the quiz and raffle go to, St Elizabeth Hospice. The January quiz will be on its regular date of the last Saturday of the month, **Saturday 29 January**.

Christmas Carols

This year we are at last able to return to our traditional annual Christmas Carol singing, just to get you in the mood for the big day. It will be on **Sunday 18 December**. Singing will start around 4pm. Remember to be early if you wish to get a seat as this is a very popular event at the Case.

Christmas Opening Times

Our Christmas opening times this year are:

Christmas Eve (Saturday): 6 - 10pm

Christmas Day (Sunday): 12 - 2pm

Boxing Day (Monday): 12 - 2pm

New Years Eve (Saturday): 7pm - Late

New Years Day (Sunday): 12 – 3 pm (Normal hours)

(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of both weeks remain the same as normal)

Games Nights

Do you have any old family board games you would like to donate to the pub? We have the usual Monopoly, Trivial Pursuits, Dominoes, Pictionary, etc. but we are really interested in some of the newer games such as Bananagrams, Mexican Train, Articulate or even noisier games such as Buck-a-Roo, Operation, Hungry Hippos or Kerplunk! If you can't donate but have a favourite family game then bring it along with you. December's games night has been brought forward a week to **Saturday 3 December** (again due to Christmas etc). January's date, will be the normal second Saturday of the month, Saturday 14 January. The fun starts when you get there. All are welcome on our games evenings.

CAMRA

The latest issue of the CAMRA Beer Guide was officially published in October and, for the sixth year running, we're in it. So congratulations to our team of volunteer cellar men for their continued sterling efforts that enable us to consistently serve some of the best real ale around and so warrant inclusion in this important publication.

Over the next few months you may notice some changes at the Case as we continue with our maintenance and redecoration programme. Inside the pub we are replacing some of our carpets and repainting the walls etc, through out. We will also be tackling some ongoing problems with rising damp. Outside we are improving some of the guttering and down pipes and the car park soak-away drainage is to be cleared so enabling a faster rate for the car park to clear when it rains heavily. If you are **interested in helping with any of these projects or wish to volunteer in any way please email: chair@thecasepubbentley@gmail.com or alternatively pick up an application form from the bar and indicate how you would like to help.**

Finally we would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and an even better New Year!

Ploughman's Lunch in Aid of Pakistan

The charity lunch held at the Case on 29 October raised a very worthwhile £475 which has been sent off to the Disaster Emergency Committee in aid of Flood Relief for Pakistan.

This is a very good result considering this disaster has dropped off the headlines lately – but of course is very much still with us.

Many thanks to our customers who came along to participate, and all those who chopped, sliced, shredded and whisked to produce the food!

Gill Pink

Remembering your Faithful Friend this Christmas

The Dogs Trust

Christmas may be a time to remember family and friends - but Dogs Trust Snetterton is also asking local dog owners to remember their four-legged friends this festive time, with a Canine Care Card.

The Canine Care Card is a free service, which helps to ensure your dog's future, in the event of you either passing away, receiving a life-changing diagnosis or moving into a care home. This can often be a great concern to some people, who perhaps do not have a family member or friend in a position to look after their dog, should the worst happen. Therefore, by signing up to the service, Dogs Trust can offer peace of mind, reassuring you that your faithful friend will be well cared for by the charity.



It is easy to sign up to the service, which simply asks for some information on your dog, including their likes and dislikes, as well as your dog's medical history and your vet details. It also asks for you to confirm who you would like as your Dog Guardian. This should be someone you trust, like a friend, family member, solicitor, neighbour or vet, who can sign over ownership of your dog to Dogs Trust on your behalf, should you become seriously ill or pass away.

You can register online by going to www.dogstrust.org.uk and searching for 'Canine Care Card' - or if you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper version of the application form. Once the form is submitted, Dogs Trust will then write to you, to confirm when your application has been processed.

Once signed up, should your card ever need to be activated, Dogs Trust will then arrange with your Dog Guardian for your dog to come into the rehoming centre or into foster care. With a team of vets, trainers and behaviourists on hand if needed, your dog will then be welcomed, loved and well cared for by the charity, who will work tirelessly to find a loving new home for your much-loved canine companion.

If you would like further information about the Canine Care Card, or to request a paper application form, please contact Dogs Trust Snetterton's Supporter Relations Officer, Paige Pope, at paige.pope@dogstrust.org.uk or phone 01953 497912.

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CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

As we head into Winter Capel Library would like to welcome everyone to our **Warm Space Wednesdays**. From 9 -12:30, everyone is invited to join us for free tea and coffee, and not only that we also have free hats, scarves, blankets, all knitted by our lovely volunteers and local Knit & Knatter Group. We can't thank them enough for all their much-appreciated contributions. We also have a **Kindness Rail**. You will see a rail either outside on good days, or in the library on wet days with a range of winter coats. You can swap, donate, or simply take, no questions asked. We also have free sanitary wear, products are available in the toilets, so please do help yourself, or pop in, complete one of our forms and we can provide you with the items required. The library is for everyone to use, if you haven't got a library card, but wish to borrow books, just pop along with some form of ID containing your name and address and we will be happy to sort you out with a library card, which can be used in any Suffolk Library.

The Friends of Capel Library –One of the many things the Friends of Capel Library are famous for, are their fantastic **Community Film Nights**. Anyone can attend and all are welcome. Tickets are available from the library, and if you are a member of the Friends Group, then you even get discounted tickets, and the bar is open for you to purchase drinks. At each film night, all attendees get to vote on which film they think should be shown the following night, so everyone has a say in what films get shown in Capel. If you have any suggestions on films you wish to see, speak to a member of the Friends Group on the night. Tickets are £4.50 in advance for Friends members.

Tot Rock & Stay & Play From Thursday 3rd November we started to offer a Stay & Play session. This is for all pre-schoolers and their parents and carers. It starts straight after Tot Rock and is an opportunity for the children to play and the grown-ups to chat. There will even be free Tea & Coffee for the grown-ups and toys and crafts for the children. You are welcome to stop after Tot Rock or join us from 10am for Stay & Play.

Both Stay and Play and Tot Rock are every week during term time, with Tot Rock starting at 9.30am. There is no charge or booking required. During this time the self-service machine will be available for customers wishing to borrow or return items.

Volunteers

On 24th November 13:30-15:30 celebrated our wonderful volunteers by holding a tea party. At Capel Library, we really do have a smashing group of volunteers who help us to offer extra things like the Home Library Service, events, Stay & Play and Warm Spaces. I don't know what I would do without them. If you have thought about volunteering but don't know where to start, come along and have a chat with me, I can let you know about all the opportunities at the library. Maybe you have a particular talent which you would like to share with people on our Warm Wednesdays, such as knitting, crafting, mending. Pop along for a chat.

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Minecraft Children of all ages welcome and those under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring with you your tablet or phone equipped with Minecraft Pocket Edition or Minecraft Windows 10 Edition. Try to remember to charge your device beforehand! Contact the library for more details.

Sunday Crafts is every week from 10.30 to 12.30. All children & families welcome, no booking is required and there is no charge.

OPENING TIMES

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9.30-12.30 & 2.00-5.30
Wednesday: 9.30-12.30
Thursday: 9.30-12.30
Friday: 2.00-5.30
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Sunday: 10.00-3.00

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November draw

£25 Jill Deasey
£10 Wendy Alcock
£5 Upstix

Prizes can be collected from The Library.

Application forms for 2023 membership - new and renewal- are available from The Library. Thank you for your support. Bob Perkin

Amen Shoe Box Appeal

A Huge thank you to everyone who supported the charity 'Amen ' and its Christmas Shoe Box appeal. As the local organiser, I must express my heartfelt thanks for the amazing support and response from various groups and individuals who contributed to this effort .

Between us we filled 45 boxes that have been so gratefully received by the charity. These boxes are now on their way to Romania and will be distributed to the poorest families in time for Christmas. Families that have so little will receive so much joy from knowing that strangers have given them something so amazing. Thank you again to all of you who filled a shoebox as each one means so much.

Doreen Savage

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