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Parish Diary

DECEMBER 2019

- Tuesday Club Christmas Lunch at Beth Chatto Gardens. Coach leaves Village Hall at 11.15 am.
- 4. Bentley Comrades Village Hall Committee Room 7.30 pm.
- 4. Whist Drive Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 5. Coffee and Company 19 The Link 10.00 am to 11.30 am.
- 5. Scrabble Club Village Hall Committee Room 2.30 pm. One week early due to election.
- 5. Bentley Parish Council meeting Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 7. Christmas lights at St. Mary's, Bentley 11.00 am to 3.30 pm.
- 8. Christmas lights at St. Mary's, Bentley 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm.
- 11. W.I. "Christmas Customs and Celebrations" Jenny Gibb VH at 7.30 pm.
- 13. Horticultural Society Entertainment by VIVO Village Hall at 7'30 pm.
- 14. Games night at the Case 8.00 pm.
- 14. Christmas lights at St. Mary's, Bentley 11.00 am to 3.30 pm.
- 15. Christmas lights at St. Mary's, Bentley 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm.
- 17. Tuesday Club Christmas Party entertainment by Maria King Village Hall at 2.00 pm.
- 18. Bentley Comrades Christmas Lunch Brook Inn 1300 hrs.
- 19. Link Lunch "Christmas Fare" Village Hall 12 Noon.
- 19. Mulled Wine, Coffee and Carols Village Hall at 7.00 pm.
- 22. Carols at the Case 5.00 pm.
- 28. Quiz night at the Case 8.30 pm.

For Other Events at The Case see page 23

JANUARY 2020

- 2. Bentley Parish Council meeting Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 8. Bentley Comrades Village Hall Committee Room 7.30 pm.
- 8. W.I. "There is Nothing Like a Dame" Horry & Sue Parsons VH at 7.30 pm.
- 9. Scrabble Club Village Hall Committee Room 2.30 pm.
- 11. Games night at the Case 8.00 pm.
- 14. Tuesday Club "Jordan" with slides Moira Usher Village Hall at 2.00 pm.
- 15. Whist Drive Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 17. Horticultural Society "Landscape and Nature Photography" with slides Andrew Bailey Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 20. Village Hall AGM at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- 22. Case Book Group 7.30 pm.
- 23. Scrabble Club Village Hall Committee Room 2.30 pm.
- 25. Quiz night at the Case 8.30 pm.
- 28. Tuesday Club "Chair aerobics" followed by AGM and "New Age Curling and Card games" Village Hall at 2.00 pm.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE.

CARPET Bowls - Every Tuesday 7.30 pm & Wednesday 2.30 pm - Village Hall.

AEROBICS CLASS - Tuesday morning at 9.45 am (Term Time only) – Village Hall.

PILATES CLASS - Tuesday 11.00 am to noon (Term Time only) – Village Hall.

Contact Mrs Jill Sharp for information – 01473 311546.

TODDLER GROUP - Monday and Wednesday mornings 9.30 am to 12 noon (Term time only) at Village Hall.

BENTLEY DIRECTORY

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(Chair PTA)	Aimee Louis	07906 696454
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Bowls Club	Mrs Lillian Calvert	01473 311756
Carpet Bowls	Mrs Jill Mills	01473 311103
Case Book Group	Mr John Wheals	01473 310569
Coffee and Company	Mrs Sandra Mehen	01473 310383
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 John Blackmore	01473 310655
Link Lunch Group	Mrs Veronica Howe	01473 310344
Parent and Toddler Group	Mrs Pam Rayment	01473 310283
Recorders	Mrs Moira Usher	01473 310322
Scrabble Club	Mr Robin Owen	01473 311844
Tree Warden	Mr Colin Hawes	01473 310678
Tuesday Club	Mrs Margaret Blackmore	01473 310655
Village Hall – Bookings	Mrs Margaret Blackmore	01473 310655
Village History Recorder	Mr John Tombs	01473 310737
Whist Club	Mrs Veronica Howe	01473 310344
Womens Institute	Mrs Sandra Ford	01473 310072

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
Other Village Web sites are listed on page 25

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

SAVE OUR BUSES

A sincere Thank You to Bentley Parish Council, in particular Kate Spicer and Marianne Munday for working so tirelessly to try and save our buses. It has been very much appreciated. We know you are still working on our behalf and keeping us informed.

Thank you so much.

FRONT COVER

No room! Will you make room for Him this year?

Photo by Peter Day



St. Mary's Church News

The Reverend Annette Shannon and Members of Bentley Church Would like to wish Everyone in Bentley A Happy Christmas and A prosperous New Year

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

1st	December	Christingle Service	10.00 am	
8th	December	Family Communion	10.00 am	
15th	December	Carol Service	10.00 am	
24th	December	Crib Service	3.00 pm	
25th	December	Christmas Communion	10.00 am	
29th	December	Benefice Communion	10.00 am	Copdock

Christingle Service – Come and meet St Nicholas and please bring an unwrapped gift for Families in Need in Ipswich who will be struggling this Christmas. Don't forget the collection will go to help the work of the **Children's Society**. Refreshments are served after the service.

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The Carol Service – a special service of nine lessons and carols for people of all ages. A chance to hear the story and sing the carols. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served after the service.

The Crib Service is a special service on Christmas Eve for children of all ages as we look forward to Christmas Day.

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The Christmas Morning Communion Service. Come and join us for this very this special Christmas Service when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Service starts at 10.00 am.

SERVICES IN JANUARY

5th	January	Epiphany Service	10.00 am
12th	January	Family Communion	10.00 am
19th	January	Morning Service	10.00 am
26th	January	Family Communion	10.00 am

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Celebrate Christmas at one of the special Midnight Communions – see In Touch for details and for all other services in our group of parishes.

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Refreshments are served after all our morning services.
Children are always welcome

St Mary's Church News

Home Communion – This is held on the first Wednesday of each month in a home context. It is a short simple service and anyone is welcome to attend. We hope to hold a special Christmas Home Communion on Wednesday 18th December for those who cannot get to church over the Christmas season. It will be at 19 The Link at 10.00 am. Please contact Sandra (301383) Carolyn (311090) if you would like to come.

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Can't get to Church?

Do you need a lift to church? Please contact Doreen on 311122; Carolyn on 311090 or Jane on 310518.

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COFFEE AND COMPANY

You are invited to join us for coffee or tea and biscuits at 19 The Link and have a chat on the first Thursday of each month between 10.00 am and 11.30 am. Everybody welcome - please come and bring a friend. **There will**

be no meeting on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

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 with coffee and mince pies in the interval. Thursday December 19th at **7.00 pm** Bentley Village Hall. Only £3, accompanied children free. There will be also be a draw.

Christmas Lights at St Mary's – come and Follow the Star

Soak up the atmosphere of Christmas. Thousands of lights, cribs and festive scenes. In addition to services the church will be open for viewing on Saturday 7th and 14th December 11.00 am till 3.30 pm, and on Sunday 8th and 15th 1.00 pm till 3.30 pm. Adults a minimum donation of £2, per person, children under 12 free. Refreshments, cards and gifts available to purchase. There will also be a memory tree for you to put the names of loved ones on.

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For weddings, baptisms, funerals and any other church matters please contact:-

Rector – Rev. Annette Shannon on 807674
Church Warden – Peter Day on 310518
Assistant Priest – Rev. Don Mehen on 310383
Benefice Administrator – Hayley Purnell on **07713 863023**Email: northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com

(Please note Hayley only works part-time, so may not get back to you immediately)

St Mary's ChurchNews

Christmas Gifts. We will be supporting West Villa Homeless Families Unit this Christmas. Toys, games, books, drawing and colouring books, pens and pencils for the children and toiletries, hats, scarves, gloves and socks for all ages are all welcome. Please may we have all donations by Sunday 1st December at the **very** latest. They are also very grateful for bedding (sheets, duvets, pillows etc) and towels as many people arrive with little more than the clothes they stand up in. Many thanks for all the contributions this year, they are very grateful for y our kindness and generosity.

CHURCH PROJECT: TOILET, BABY CHANGE, KITCHEN, /MEETING ROOM - UPDATE Further to the Sept/Oct Bugle we want to thank the Bentley villagers for their wholehearted support for this project. All the village organisations have signed letters of support and about 76 worshippers have signed a petition in support of our grant applications. Following a school assembly presentation the schoolchildren of Bentley are involved fundraising and will be donating to the project before Christmas. The response to our original letter asking for help has been very encouraging.

We have raised over half the money and hope to start work early next year. We need a further £63,000 to successfully complete the project. When finished the facilities will be of great benefit to all church users, regular and occasional, including Weddings and Funerals, or visiting the church for prayer, or to look over our beautiful church. The area behind the organ will be lockable so valuables are safe, meaning we can leave the Church open during the day to allow easy access for visitors.

If you feel you would like to financially support this village project please make cheques payable to Bentley P.C.C. and either send them to Mr. Ken Felgate (Treasurer), Kishar, Grove Road, Bentley, IP9 2DD, or you can drop them off at church during our Christmas Festival Of Lights in December.

All donors will have their names put on a plaque placed in the church after the work is done. Many thanks and God Bless you all this Christmas and throughout the year.

Peter Day (Churchwarden).

Pause for thought - What is special about Christmas? It's all about the birth our Saviour. Like the Wise Men we need to follow the star that leads us to him. Then follow him every day.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Well done North Samford Benefice and beyond!
68 shoeboxes have been thoughtfully filled with gifts,
to brighten Christmas for needy children.
Heartfelt thanks to all who responded in any way.
With our sincere thanks.

Doreen Savage and Julia Shoebridge.

BENTLEY COMRADES



In October we marked the anniversary of the Battle of Britain with a film entitled The Heroes of Biggin Hill featuring personal recollections of local people who experienced the carnage endured by the civilian population during the battle. Our second film was from the series Above and Beyond and featured the conflict in

Bosnia Herzegovina and the part played by British forces serving with the United Nations. The final item on the programme was an episode of 'Allo, 'Allo – The Nicked Airman. Remembrance Sunday and Christmas lunch arrangements were discussed. For November we marked the approach of Remembrance Sunday with two associated films. The first film was a piece covering the end of WW2 entitled When the War was Over telling the story of individual experiences of the home coming, the reception that was received and the way life changed to accommodate the coming of peace. The second film was an account of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the inauguration after WW1, the work undertaken today and the maintenance operations that are meticulously carried out. We finished with the usual episode of 'Allo, 'Allo – The Airmen de-nicked.

Final arrangements for the Sunday Remembrance Service were completed at the end of the evening.

Bentley Comrades is a gathering of ex-service personnel and those interested in the British Armed Forces. We usually meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall Committee Room, supply our own refreshments and each make a contribution towards the hire of the hall. If you are interested in joining us please contact: - Ray Savage - tel. 311122

Michael Anderton

REMEMBRANCE 2019

After some very wet weather the day of the service at the War Memorial on the 10th November dawned with a clear blue sky with sunshine and broken cloud to provide a pleasant rain free event once again.

The service was conducted as usual by Sandra Mehen using the standard format from previous years. The Parish Council chaplet was laid by the chairman Michael Bamford and the Bentley Comrades wreath by Robin Owen. A wreath was also laid on behalf of the Baptist Chapel while other parishioners laid their personal tributes in the form of wooden crosses. A row of knitted poppies had been previously been attached to the memorial by the ladies of the WI. The names of the fallen were read by John Wheals and the exhortation 'For the Fallen' and Kohima epitaph were read by Michael Anderton. The Last Post was played by Edward Barlow a village resident and pupil of Orwell Park School. After the 2 minutes silence Reveille was played by Ray Savage through the amplified sound provided by Bentley Comrades.

There were more than 100 parishioners, including children, who had turned out to an event that once again benefited from the road being closed for the duration of the service courtesy of the County Council.

Michael Anderton

BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9 v 6

Weekly Services

Wednesday at 7.30 pm – Prayer and Bible Study Sunday at 10.45 am and 3.00 pm – Worship Services (There will be no meetings/services on 25th December)

Monthly Events

Women's Group: Next meetings
Friday 13th December* & 17th January
10.00 am - 11.00 am
All local women welcome for an hour of
Friendship, Bible Study & Prayer
(*Changed from 20th December)

For further information: Telephone Admin: 07814 465222

www.bentleyreformedbaptistchurch.com

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Bentley Reformed Baptist Church News

Preaching - We are thankful for the provision of visiting preachers for most Lord's Days right through to December 2020. We have been able to welcome preachers from near and far, and all services continue as planned, as the Lord wills.

Local Contacts - We have been heartened by contact with local people, either out and about with their dogs, participants in the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride or after the Armistice Day Remembrance Service which the school held on 11th November and look forward to meeting more of you in 2020.

BENTLEY GARAGE SALE

Thank You to everyone who had a Garage Sale pitch and to all who came and supported this charity fundraising event.

We are delighted to let you know that the sum of

£360

Was raised for Riding for the Disabled Based at Bentley Riding School



Bentley CETC Primary School News

Jingle Bells! Yes it is that time of year already! Plans are already well underway for the festive season. Our Christmas Fayre is on Friday 13th December this year, and we warmly invite everyone from our local and school communities to join us from 3.15 pm to 5.00 pm for

a chance to share the Christmas cheer and bag yourself a few bargain gifts!

This term has been a busy one, with lots of trips out and some special visitors. Bentley had a visit from two Police Officers who came to talk to them about what the police do, how and when to contact them and how to keep yourself safe. There was much excitement when a police car rocked up on to the playground and you can only imagine the joy on the children's faces as they set off the sirens and blue flashing lights!!! We would like to thank Suffolk Police for their time and support.

Hedgehogs were treated to a dramatic morning of learning by the East Anglian Faith Alliance and Open the Tent team, who performed 'story stations' telling the story of Diwali in a super creative and interactive way. The children and staff couldn't sing the group's praises highly enough, and all had a great learning experience.

Our generous and supportive families came up trumps again for two charity events that were held this term; we raised £56 for Children in Need and £66 for the poppy appeal. At this time of year in particular, when money is so tight, we are grateful to our families for their support of these good causes.

We held a successful open day and evening for prospective parents in November. If you were hoping to come along but couldn't make it, please do get in touch with the school, we would be more than happy to give you the guided tour.

Bentley Telephone: 01473 310253. Email: admin@bentley.suffolk.sch.uk

Village Hall – Annual General Meeting
Monday 20th January 2020
at 7.30 p.m.
In the Village Hall
All Welcome



Our next meetings will be on the <u>5th</u> **December*** and the 9th and 23rd of January. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

Anyone who would enjoy a game of Scrabble, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat is welcome to join us.

Robin Owen

* Due to General Election on 12th

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman – Cllr M Bamford Bentley Parish Council

Mrs J Scott
Clerk – Bentley Parish Council **Telephone: 01206 298174**e- mail:joyvscott@outtlook.com

Notes from the Bentley Parish Council meetings on 3rd October 2019 (preceded by a meeting of the Playing Field Society) and 7th November 2019.

Minutes from those meetings are available on the Bentley notice boards and Bentley Parish Council website http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/ along with reports from County Councillor Gordon Jones.

Planning Applications

West Dene, Capel Road DC/19/03322 – Outline application for erection of single dwelling. Refused.

<u>Dodnash Fruit Farm</u> DC/19/03023 – Change of use from of agricultural building to a dwelling house. Approved.

1. Grove Road DC/19/03787 – Consideration was given to revised plans that reduced the number of houses to 8 and increased parking for visitors on the site. There was concern that the number of 2-bedroom properties had been reduced. Recommended approval with the request that the 2-bedroom properties be increased to 4.

Removal of Bus Subsidies for 94A bus

This has resulted in all 94 bus services being withdrawn by Ipswich Buses. After further negotiation Suffolk County Council were able to secure one return service into Ipswich. This is timed to suit Suffolk One students primarily but gives other passengers over 6 hours in Ipswich before they can return. After consultation with the Connecting Communities service based in Hadleigh, a connecting minibus has been arranged to connect to a return 93 service to Capel St Mary to bring passengers back to Bentley and Tattingstone. This will give an earlier return on 3 days per week. Timetables are displayed on notice boards and in the pub, shop and village hall. Negotiations are still on going with Suffolk County Council and Ipswich Buses to try and restore more services.

See http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/news-posts/view/14 for updates.

Other matters discussed:

- Bentley Speedwatch Bob Mawkes was thanked for his excellent work as organiser. The position for a new volunteer organiser needs to be advertised.
- Traffic Calming SID pole locations now confirmed. Permission from affected residents to be sought.
- Grit bins locations have been uploaded to the Highways website.
- Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Modifications Consultation a response to withdraw area adjacent to proposed extension to AONB to be sent.
- Neighbourhood Plan all commissioned reports now received including a
 Housing Needs Assessment which is lower than the allocated number in the
 Draft Joint Local Plan.

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BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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- Quiet Lanes Councillor Munday has sent a response to the SCC's Green Access Strategy and met with Councillor Gordon Jones to discuss possible funding for designating a small network of our rural lanes as Quiet Lanes.
- Playing Field Fireworks event made a small profit despite the weather. Next year to be held as a Halloween party on 31/10/20. Work to be carried out on tree damaging fence.
- Play area Lease with Suffolk County Council to be re-negotiated in 2022.
- Slide for play area A second hand slide has been inspected and Councillor Feltwell has identified the work that needs to be carried out to remove the slide from its current location and install the slide.
- Affordable Housing Hastoe Housing are active on taking this forward on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Footpath Society future of the society to be discussed at a village meeting.

BENTLEY FUN DAY

A big Thank You and apologies to the following supporters of the Fun Day who were inadvertently omitted from our list in the October/November Bugle:-

Sandra Bond - Fruit Farm in Bentley for the donations of fruit for our stall. Gladwells in Copdock for the kind donations given to the greyhound trust Suffolk for the dog show held on the day.

Greyhound Trust Suffolk for holding the dog show.

Jo Willis.

ECO CHURCH/BENTLEY SCHOOL 2019 STAG BEETLE SURVEY

As promised, here I bring readers up-to-date by presenting the results of the Eco Church/Bentley School 2019 Stag Beetle Survey.

A total of 21 Stag Beetle Sighting Forms were returned, nine from Bentley School, five collected from Bentley Stores and seven received by other means. In addition to forms, 15 notes of stag beetle sightings were collected from Bentley Stores. Sightings were recorded from April through to August, details of which are as follows: live beetles - earliest sighting 2nd April (female*); latest sighting 9th August (female). Total number of beetles recorded = 51(19 males, 32 females).

*Usually the earliest sightings are of males, which emerge about a week earlier than females. The very early female of 2nd April was seen at the base of a compost bin; it most likely emerged from the bin on being disturbed.

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





Bentley Toddler Group

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO **HELPED AND SUPPORTED OUR** LATEST JUMBLE SALE AND MADE IT A GREAT SUCCESS.

IF YOU MISSED THIS LAST SALE, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER IN APRIL/MAY 2020.

SO WATCH THIS SPACE!

PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR GOODIES, BUT IF THIS IS A PROBLEM, WE **CAN COLLECT BEFORE THEN.**

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THANK YOU



THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY PAST AND PRESENT

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Together we raised £1359.18

Huge thanks go to the volunteer poppy collectors and all who gave so generously

Nigel Peake - Honorary Poppy Appeal organiser

To find out more about how your donation helps, VISIT IDI.OFG.UK Registered charity number 219279

Brooke Telling: EP Release



Saturday 7th December 2019 The Case Is Altered, Bentley, IP9 2DW Playing Live: 8pm til late Pub opens 6pm



Dolly's Pizza Van from 5pm (in pub garden)





Brooke Telling Music

brooke telling songs written by myself and collaboratively with lyricist Sarah

Waspe. Our first song Start Anew came about when I met Sarah at Ipswich Waterfront Folk Festival in 2017, where Sarah approached me asking if I could write the music for the lyrics to Start Anew. Sarah and Start Anew really inspired me to write my own lyrics, which resulted in me writing The Flowers, a song in memory of my Gran. Since then I have written another song with Sarah, called Leap of Faith, and various songs on my own, most of which are featured on this EP. Happy listening!

More recently I have been working and gigging with multi-instrumentalist Matt Barwick and bassist Adam Wright. This year we were lucky enough to perform at Latitude and were featured on Look East and BBC Radio Suffolk, as well as making the front cover of the Grapevine entertainment guide in the run up to playing Ipswich Music Day.

Matt, Adam and I are currently writing new music, which we will be releasing collaboratively in the near future. Alongside this we like to perform a range of covers from Amy Winehouse to Johnny Cash. If you would like to listen to us performing check out the videos on my YouTube channel, Brooke Telling Music, or come and see us at our next gig! You can find out what we are up to on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at Brooke Telling Music.

> Thank you for buying the EP! Photography by Lilla Szanto Recorded and Mixed by Loxley at Loxley Manor Studios 2019



BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

In the opening match of our second season in division one it was probably no surprise that playing at Chelmondiston on their notoriously difficult floor ended in a heavy defeat.

Against Copdock away we played very well for much of the match but still could not prevent another 0 - 10 defeat.

The most disappointing result was the 2 - 8 loss at home by newly promoted Martlesham a match in which we should have at least won on one other mat.

Our most recent match was at reigning champions Barking who are a very welcoming team full of county players who gave us a lesson as usual although we were not disgraced.

We now look forward to our next three matches which are all at home against Burstall, Claydon and Tuddenham.

David Howe.

CLUB PAIRS COMPETITION

On Sunday October 27th we held our Annual Pairs Competition. Due to various other commitments only five pairs entered the competition.

We started the afternoon with a lovely lunch and it was great to have friends and partners able to enjoy it with us. Thank you very much to Veronica Howe for organising the lunch.

As there were only five pairs entered, it was decided that all pairs played each other.

The outcome was that two pairs each won two, drew one and lost one so it was decided to have a play off between these two pairs.

John Alexander and Sandra Ford played against Ray Savage and Jill Mills and John and Sandra were the overall winners. They were worthy winners of the Shield congratulations to them. (**Photo page 13**)

A big thank you must go to Frank and Lillian Calvert for arranging the matches and keeping the scores.

A very good afternoon was had by all and some very close matches were played.

Jill Mills - Secretary, Bentley Carpet Bowls

LINK LUNCH

Our October lunch saw thirty eight diners served with sausage and mash with carrot and swede mash and peas followed by rice pudding and jam, tea or coffee.

In November forty two diners enjoyed Cottage pie, savoy cabbage and mixed veg. followed by meringue nests, summer fruits and cream, tea or coffee.

After these two meals we were able to donate two hundred pounds to Bentley St. Mary's Church appeal.

Our next lunch which is Christmas fare is on the 19th December.

Veronica Howe

CAPEL LIBRARY

Book Tokens for sale in the library and they make great Christmas presents, especially if you need to post. We can even sell you the stamps

Have you come to the library lately to check out the fantastic new Children's area and library equipment, this was paid for by The Friends of Capel Library and 106 money to which Capel Library and Suffolk Libraries are very grateful. It has a fresh feeling and makes the library look more spacious and brighter.

The Friends of Capel Library will be holding their AGM on Saturday 25th January at 4.00 pm in Capel Library. Please come along to find out what we got up to in 2019 and what is planned for 2020.

The library will close on Friday 10th January at 5.00 pm and Saturday 11th January at 12.30. This is to accommodate the Orchard Players Pantomime, Little Red Riding Hood. We will be open as usual in the morning of Saturday 11th January.

Dates for your diary:

Tot Rock: every Thursday 9.30 to 10.15 am Nursery Rhymes and Story Time for the under 5's. **Capel Creators** Saturday 21st Dec and 18th Jan 10.30 am - 12.30 for children of any age. Come along and see what fantastic models you can build with lego! £1 charge includes a drink and a biscuit. Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Minecraft Sunday 12th & 26th Jan 10.30 am - 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!

Scrabble Club every Friday 2.30 - 4.30 pm all abilities welcome, games boards are provided.

Capel Library Book Group Friday 17th Jan. This adult group meets on the third Friday of each month in the library from 2.30 pm. Come along, pick up the book they are currently reading and join in.

Community Cinema 17th Dec and 21st Jan, doors open at 7.00 pm, film starts at 7.30 with licensed bar. December's film is Yesterday, January's film to be decided by the audience in November.

We have a great selection of books for sale which are perfect for holiday reads.

OPENING TIMES:-

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Wednesday: 9.30 am-12.30 **Thursday:** 9.30 am-12.30

Friday: 2.00 pm-5.00 pm & 5.30 pm-7.30 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am-3.00 pm **Sunday**: 10.00 am-3.00 pm

Tel: 01473 311699

THE CASE BOOK GROUP

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in The Case CONTACT John Wheals - whealsjk@yahoo.co.uk 01473 310569

BENTLEY TUESDAY CLUB

We began October with a return visit by Pip Wright who gave us a most interesting and amusing talk (with slides) entitled `Frolic, Fervour & Fornication` about the unexpected items that crop up in our Parish Registers and revealing a great deal about the lives of our ancestors – a real eye opener! We concluded this month with an afternoon of musical entertainment by Jane & Julie – a very accomplished duo – singing and playing various instruments including odd anecdotes – a most enjoyable time was had by our members.

On November 5th Barbara Faulkner gave us a most entertaining and enjoyable talk 'plotting' the history of Guy Fawkes and the 5th of November 1605 with suitable props. A session of our two monthly Chair Aerobics rounded off this month as well as members enjoying games of 'New Age Curling' and card games.

Our yearly programme concludes on the 3rd December with our Christmas Lunch at Beth Chatto gardens followed on the 17th December with our Christmas Party when we will be entertained by Maria King. The Club will resume in 2020 on Tuesday 14th January at 2.00 p.m. when Moira Usher will be entertaining us with a talk on her visit to Jordan - illustrated with slides. On the 28th January, after a session of Chair aerobics, we will be holding our Annual General meeting followed by a few games of New Age Curling.

Grateful thanks are extended to all the members who contributed to the `Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal` by filling a box or donating items for this – it is much appreciated.

If you are interested in joining our friendly Club in the New Year and would like a copy of our 2020 Programme – please contact the Secretary.

'Wishing all members and friends a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year'.

Margaret Blackmore (Secretary) (Tel.310655 for further information).

BOWLS CLUB

Our presentation evening at the Holbrook Compasses was once again a very pleasant evening where trophies were presented to the club competition winners. The season has now closed until next April. If you would like to try the game of bowls do come along to our Friday night roll up next season. We are always looking for new members as we are such a small club.

A note for your new diaries - our quiz next year will be on Saturday 2nd May 2020 - more nearer the time.

Lillian Calvert secretary - 01473 808652

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BENTLEY FIREWORKS

On a wet and wild 26th October evening, Bentley hosted their third fireworks event. We decided to go ahead with the event despite all the rain in the run up, which turned out to be a wise choice, as the following weekend the weather was worse. However, Bentley lived up to its community reputation with a surprisingly good turnout despite the rain, which we were delighted with.

This year free pumpkins were given out on the Saturday prior with any early bird Child ticket purchased, to be judged on the evening by Chairman of the Parish Council. There was a good selection to choose from and I understand he had to deliberate for quite some time to come to his final decision. Well done to those who were placed, and commiserations to those who were not. Shall we go for this again next year? Please let us know.

It was another example of how Bentley pulls together as a community with a wonderful team of volunteers helping to prepare and set up the event. Thanks so much to Bentley school for allowing parking on their field, although I do have a bit of work to fill a couple of divots! The teas, coffees and hot chocolate were all done courtesy of Bentley Church, and the hot dogs and burgers donated by The Case pub. Our BBQ volunteers did a sterling job combatting the weather. We had the two Witches selling the Mulled wine which went down a treat. Then we had our own junior entrepreneur selling the light novelties. We added two new items this year, Fire-pits to roast marshmallows, and an enclosed area to light the free sparklers, which by all accounts were well received.

This year the bonfire successfully lit with the magic button. Our congratulations to Millie for being the lucky ticket winner who got to press the button. The fireworks were once again a sight to be seen, although myself and the three brave souls who set off the display are always too busy to appreciate it ourselves.

I would like to thank the pet owners for their tolerance of this event, as we know it can cause some disturbance for them. We aim to keep disruption and noise levels down to the best of our ability, and hope that by hosting a village event, it allows owners to make any necessary arrangements for their pets, and hopefully reduces a lot of the individual displays which may not be planned for.

So, thanks to all the volunteers, to the Church, to the Case, Bentley school and the children who entered the Pumpkin competition, and to all those of you who braved the weather and came on the night. It was another example of how good Bentley is at creating a wonderfully successful community event for all the family. In the words of one of the spectators "what a truly magical evening"

Next year's event will be held on 31st October, so look out for a most "SPOOK-TASTIC" event.

Comments welcomed at timhamstead@yahoo.co.uk See you all next year.

BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Well, there's light at the end of the tunnel at last. Since our last report, we've been very busy working with our various consultants to review and finalise the reports that, alongside the Village Questionnaire responses, form the evidence base that support our Policies.

It's the Policies that make up the legal framework of the Neighbourhood Plan, and it's essential that we get them right. Our policy consultant is happy that we're going along the right lines; we have a short-ish to-do list from him to complete the Neighbourhood Plan, then we'll have a consultation exercise open to everyone in the parish, where we'll invite you to read the draft Plan and comment on it. We'll then produce a final document that will go to Babergh so the district planning team can make sure it's fit for planning purposes; then it goes for a final legal check, has a parish-wide Yes/No referendum, and only then becomes law. Whew!!

It's still difficult to gauge when we'll finally get all the steps finished, as each of them may hit unexpected hitches; but touch wood, early next year looks good!

Incidentally, we have raised a number of issues against the draft Joint Local Plan, querying amongst other things the housing allocation against Bentley (which we think is unfair), and the new area enclosed by the Built Up Area boundary (which has got a bump or two we don't think should be there). We'll pass on news of what's happening here as we find out ourselves.

We haven't decided how to run the consultation exercise yet - so please keep an eye out for the invitation; we really need your input here!

Bentley Neighbourhood Plan team.

BENTLEY W.I.

Activities and Engagements of the Royal Family was the subject of Ken Stone's talk at our October meeting. Ken is very enthusiastic about the Royal family and spends much of his time following them round the country to take their photographs. He took us through the year in photos of Royal engagements.

Two members had a very enjoyable afternoon on a guided walk of the area around Barrack corner in Ipswich and afternoon tea at the WI headquarters in Orford street. Collette Flude from Aid First gave a very informative talk on first aid at the November meeting. She explained what to do in an emergency and demonstrated CPR and the use of a defibrillator. After a break for refreshments we held our AGM. Several members are looking forward to a Christmas craft workshop at the Lambe school East Bergholt. There is also a group Carol concert at Brantham and a Christmas meal next month.

If you would like to join us you will be very welcome. You can come to three meetings as a visitor before deciding if you would like to become a member. We meet in Bentley Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.15 for 7.30pm start.

The next meetings are :-

December 11th. Christmas Customs and Celebrations. Jenny Gibb

January 8th There is nothing like a Dame. Horry & Sue Parsons

Diane Clover

BENTLEY STORES

Customer feedback is important in any business so this month we decided to ask customers what they think about their local community shop and what particularly attracts them to shop in the Bentley Store. Their responses proved that our village shop has something for everyone, whether it's local produce or the convenience of having a shop on your doorstep, Bentley Store has it all.

"Our disabled and elderly residents can no longer go to Capel by bus so the shop is a vital community service and we are delighted with the range of products available."

"I could not be bothered to get my car out so walked to the shop."

"I like the village community and can park and still see my puppy in the car. I love the friendliness of the staff and I don't like supermarkets."

"smiley faces and chat, good gossip."

"It gets me out of the house and a bit of exercise, nice to have a shop within walking distance which stocks all the basic things I need."

"It is convenient and such a lovely little shop. My husband can now buy his Swiss Water Decaf CoffeeLink coffee here."

"My sister from Ipswich thinks it is lovely and stocks so much."

"I can leave my young children safely in the car while I shop as I can see them through the window!"

"The Country Pies from Capel are really delicious."

"I come in because it is convenient and you meet people you do not normally meet and have a chat."

"Good bread, bananas, muesli and rice, all good quality and reasonable prices."

"Because I can find Printer paper for my computer without having to go to Ipswich, saves petrol and supports our village."

"I have limited time so just popped in to the shop for my paper and odds and ends."

"Good stock of things and most families run out of things and most are on the shelf, if not the volunteers will offer to get them in for next time!"

With 50 plus customers each day these comments show why they like to shop with us. The shop takes customer feedback seriously and adapts accordingly. Other than the good old-fashioned customer service there is nothing else outdated about Bentley Stores; if you have the technology you can even pay with your phone and watch!

We are open Monday to Friday 9 to 5 and weekends 9 to 12 noon, why not pop in to see us?

Convenience is key to a local store and this is particularly helpful over the festive period when the shop opening hours will be:

Christmas Eve (24th) 9am -1pm.

Christmas Day and Boxing Day shop closed.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday (27th, 28th & 29th) 9am - noon.

Monday (30th) 9am - 5pm.

Tuesday (31st) 9am - noon.

Wednesday 1st January shop closed

Thursday 2nd January, normal opening hours will be resumed.

BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Autumn seems to have come and gone very quickly and now we have the grey damp and gloomy weather of November but at least we are not flooded in our homes as some people are - how dreadful that must be.

The monthly meeting on 13th December commencing at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall will be a musical one with the Vivo choir from a local village (Vivo - village voices).

Please note the meeting is a week earlier than usual due to the proximity of Christmas.

PROGRAMME FOR 2020

- 17 January Landscape and Nature Photography with Andrew Bailey
- 21 February Bentley Woods with Colin Hawes
- 20 March Restoring a Cottage Garden with Rodney Tibbs
- 17 April Dahlias with Matt Long
- 15 May Fungi with Neil Mahler
- 16 May Coffee Morning and Plant sale
- 15 August Annual Show
- 18 Sept Herbacious Perennials Woottens of Wenhaston
- 16 October Hostas with Melanie Collins
- 20 November A.G.M
- 18 December Musical Hall Memories with Brian Thurlow

ADVANCE NEWS

The society is planning a visit to STODY LODGE gardens near Holt in Norfolk in Mid May to see the Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias. Please register an interest with Pam Lovell 01473 311335 if you are likely to be interested.

PLACE TO VISIT in February - snowdrops are said to be the best in Suffolk -DAWS HALL. web site www.dawvshallnature.co.uk It is at Lamarsh near to Bures on the Suffolk border

Pam Lovell

FOOTPATH SOCIETY

There will be the traditional New Year's Day circular village walk at 11.00 am from "The Case is Altered" (about 3-4 miles). It might be muddy!

It's a good way to discover the local footpaths if you are new here, and an opportunity to meet others.

The 2020 programme will be published in the Feb/March issue of the "Bugle".

Please let the Footpath Warden, Tim Hamstead (07748 821594), know if you have any problems with the footpaths.

Pam Lovell 01473 311335

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NOTES FROM THE CASE

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Christmas really feels as if it is approaching us very quickly now and here at the Case we are certainly getting ready for it. Now that the days are so much colder why not pop in and see just how cosy and welcoming the pub is. We will be open right through the holiday, as follows:

Christmas Eve: 12.00 – 2.30 pm, 7.00 pm – 11.30 pm Christmas Day: 12.00 – 2.00 pm, 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Boxing Day: Normal hours New Year's Eve: 7.00 pm – Late New Year's Day: Normal hours

To really get you into the Christmas mood we will be gathering in the pub on **Sunday 22nd December** for our annual Carol singing. We will be starting at around 5.00 pm, so come along and start your Christmas with a mulled wine, pint or even a hot chocolate and join us for some traditional carols and songs.

To increase the festive mood, **from 8th December until the 22nd December** Esther's Best Sunday lunches will have a distinct Christmas theme and she will be serving a turkey with all the trimmings choice, plus other roasts including a vegetarian option. So why not reserve a table with family and friends and have a great early Christmas lunch, without the hassle.

Open Mic Night is on **Tuesday 3rd December**. Music starts at around 8.00 pm. Come along to perform or just to enjoy. Contact **Dave** on 07885 963 882 for more details. Later in the week, **Brooke Telling**, one of our regular performers and a star in the making, is about to release her first CD and to celebrate its launch she will be playing at The Case on **Saturday 7th December from 8.30 pm.** Her band will join her in the second set. Also there will be a pizza van in the car park from 5.00 pm. The January Open Mic will be on **Tuesday 7th January**. Our **December Games Evenings** will be on **Saturday 14th** from around **8.00 pm**. If you

Our **December Games Evenings** will be on **Saturday 14th** from around **8.00 pm**. If you haven't been, they're very informal and always a lot of fun – just come along and join in. The January games night will be on **Saturday 11th January**.

The December quiz will be on **Saturday 28th**, starting at 8.30 pm. As always teams can be up to 6 members, entry is £2 per person. All profits from this and the raffle will be donated to our charity of the year, FIND. Before our first quiz of the New Year on **Saturday 25th January** a curry supper will be available from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm. Please ensure to book early as places are limited.

Jane, our mid week lunch time cook will be taking a well deserved break over the holiday period. Therefore the kitchen will be closed from Monday 23 December and will reopen for light lunches on **Wednesday 8th January 2019**. Also over the holiday period Esther's Sunday lunches will not be available on Sunday 29th December and Sunday 5th January but she will be back on **Sunday 12th January**.

To help blow away the winter blues, on **Saturday 18th January** we have a local band **'The Tea Ladies'** to entertain you. They will be performing their eclectic mixture of Elvis to heavy rock, via a dash of reggae, played in their own unmistakeable style. By the way they aren't ladies and they rarely drink tea! The music starts at 8.30 pm.

And finally we would like to give a huge '**Thank You**' to the team of 15 plus volunteers who turned up to do our autumn garden 'tidy up'. As before, after all their hard work they were rewarded with very welcome hot bacon rolls and coffee. We will be doing it again in the spring, so if you would like to join in please ask at the pub!

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from all at The Case!

CONSTABLE COUNTRY MEDICAL PRACTICE - PRACTICE UPDATE NOVEMBER 2019

Appointment System and GP+

Generally, feedback from patients on the new appointment system has been very positive. Many patients have not needed to visit the practice to resolve their medical issue, and this has enabled our doctors to spend more time with patients who need to be seen in person.

However, the practice has limited capacity and we need to make full use of other services available to us. GP+ is an out-of-hours service offering GP, Nurse Practitioner and Practice Nurse appointments during weekday evenings and at weekends. The service operates from Ipswich and Stowmarket and typically GP appointments are 15 minutes rather than the usual 10.

Our receptionists can book appointments with GP+, which may be more convenient if you work during the day, and will help relieve pressure on our busy practice. Our doctors may also offer you an appointment with GP+ if they feel you need to be seen in person.

Flu Vaccinations

We held four flu clinics through September and October and vaccinated 2035 over 65's and 448 under 65 eligible patients. This is a great achievement but we need to vaccinate as many eligible patients as possible. We have plenty of appointments available so just ring the practice to book your vaccination. Please note we can only vaccinate patients we have sent a letter to. We are unable to vaccinate children who would normally be vaccinated via the school programme unless they have a health condition and we have sent them a letter.

We also raised well over £1,000 for St Elizabeth Hospice at our flu clinics, so thank you all for your generosity.

Training Days

Please note that the practice will be closed from 1pm on the following dates for staff training:

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 6th February

On these afternoons the Capel St Mary building will be open to enable access to the pharmacy but the Practice reception will be closed. East Bergholt reception will be open. Please note that there will be no clinicians at either building after 1pm as they will be attending training off-site. Our phone lines will be closed for the afternoon. If you need medical assistance please contact 111. If your need is urgent then please dial 999 or attend your local A&E.

Pete Keeble, Practice Manager

My Care Record - Joining up information to deliver better care

Health and care organisations across Suffolk and north east Essex are signing up to a shared framework, called *My Care Record*, which will make it easier to deliver more effective joined-up care from January 2020.

Many people assume that care records are automatically accessible between organisations such as GP practices and hospitals, however this is often not the case.

Over time, the NHS has been investing in secure systems that allows information to be viewed between organisations for care. *My Care Record* provides an agreement to ensure that information is safe and only used by professionals directly involved in an individual's care. For example, a hospital-based doctor or a community nurse could view information from an individual's GP record. Benefits of joining up information across organisations include quicker diagnosis and treatment. *My Care Record* will also support the best use of clinical time, with less duplication of paperwork, allowing more time for direct patient contact.

Health and care professionals may access records from different services to improve the overall care an individual receives. In some areas, anonymous information from care records may also be used to help to plan and design how to deliver better services for individuals and the local population as a whole.

Individuals who do not wish for their information to be shared can contact the health and care professional working with them at the organisation who holds their record.

More information is available at www.mycarerecord.org.uk.

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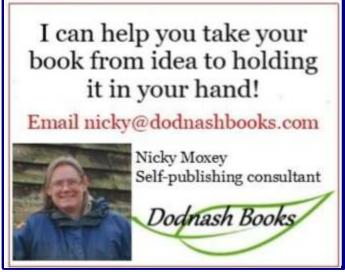
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