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Parish Diary

FEBRUARY 2020

5. Bentley Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room - 7.30 pm.
5. Whist Drive - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
6. Coffee and Company - 19 The Link - 10.00 am to 11.30 am.
6. Bentley Parish Council meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
8. Games night at the Case - 8.00 pm.
11. Tuesday Club - "Willow in the Landscape" - Deb Hart - Village Hall at 2.00 pm.
12. Tea Afternoon - Bentley CEVC Primary School - 1.30 pm. - see page 15.
12. W.I. - "Adventures in India" - Village Hall at 7.15 pm.
13. Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room - 2.30 pm.
19. Whist Drive - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
20. Link Lunch - Village Hall 12 Noon.
21. Horticultural Society - "Bentley Woods" - Colin Hawes - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
25. Tuesday Club - "Trees and Woods in the Suffolk Peninsular" - Simon Leatherdale - Village Hall at 2.00 pm.
26. Case Book Group - 7.30 pm.
27. Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room - 2.30 pm.
29. Quiz night at the Case - 8.30 pm.

For Other Events at The Case see page 11 & 12

MARCH 2020

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. Bentley Parish Council meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
7. Games night at the Case - 8.00 pm.
10. Tuesday Club - "Chair Aerobics & New Age Curling" and a visit by the Coffee Caravan - Village Hall at 2.00 pm.
11. W.I. - "Active Lives" - Village Hall at 7.15 pm.
12. Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room - 2.30 pm.
18. Whist Drive - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
19. Link Lunch - Village Hall 12 Noon.
20. Horticultural Society - "Restoring a Cottage Garden" - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
21. Bowls Club Race Night - Village Hall at 7.30 pm. **See page 22.**
24. Tuesday Club - "Hadleigh Ukelele Group" entertain - Village Hall at 2.00 pm.
25. Case Book Group - 7.30 pm.
26. Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room - 2.30 pm.
27. "The Red Barn Murder" - Village Hall at 7.00 pm. **See page 7.**
28. Quiz night at the Case - 8.30 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.

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Link Lunch Group	Mrs Veronica Howe	01473 310344
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Scrabble Club	Mr Robin Owen	01473 311844
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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

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Other Village Web sites are listed on page 25

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**in the Village Hall Car Park over the Christmas Period,
a Key ring with five (House?) keys - and six store card fobs.
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FRONT COVER

Snowdrops and Winter Aconites



† St Mary's Church News

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

2nd	February	Family Service	10.00 am
9th	February	Family Communion	10.00 am
16th	February	Morning Celebration	10.00 am
23rd	February	Family Communion	10.00 am

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ASH WEDNESDAY
February 26th March
Communion and imposition of ashes
7.30 pm.
Sproughton Church

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MOTHERING SUNDAY

A service to remember and celebrate mothers and carers
Sunday 22nd March
at 10.00 am.

Posies for all mums and ladies
Refreshment served after the service

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SERVICES IN MARCH

1st	March	Family@Church	10.00 am
8th	March	Family Communion	10.00 am
15th	March	Healing Service	10.00 am
22nd	March	Mothering Sunday	10.00 am
29th	March	Benefice Communion	10.00 am At Copdock

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

St Mary's Church News

Home Communion – we hold a short service of Communion on the first Wednesday of each month, in a home setting. If you would like to join us please contact Sandra on 310383 or Carolyn on 311090.

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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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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who gave us Christmas gifts for needy families this Christmas. Your generosity helped make lots of people feel cared for and cared about.



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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.



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Easter Lilies – Many people like to contribute towards the cost of lilies to decorate Bentley Church for Easter, often in memory of a loved one. We suggest a donation of £2 per lily. If you would like a dedication in memory for your loved one please let us know the name or names and let us have them with the donation by Palm Sunday 5th April. Sign the list at the back of church or contact Doreen – 311122, Carolyn - 311090 or Sandra - 310383. Thank you.



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Easter Eggs We will be collecting Easter Eggs for West Villa Homeless Families Unit this year. If you would like to help please can we have the eggs by Palm Sunday, 5th April. They can be left at church at Sunday services or at 19 The Link, or phone 310383. Thank you for your generosity.

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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 Church News

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Services at Bentley Church. It was lovely to see so many people joining us at the Christingle service, the Carol Service, The Crib Service and the Christmas Morning Communion. Thanks also to all who came to Mulled Wine and Carols this year.

And very special thanks to Ray, Ken and all their helpers who made the church look so spectacular again this year. If you missed them this year then make a note to come in 2020, it's well worth the visit

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Thank you also to the people who continue to donate unwanted sheets, towels, duvets and other bedding for West Villa. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Bentley Church APCM will be held in Bentley Church on Tuesday April 21st starting at 7.00pm with the election of Church Wardens. Anyone on the Electoral Register is invited to attend and vote for the new Church Wardens. Please support your PCC by coming to the meeting and finding out what goes on in Bentley Church and how the building plans are progressing..

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THE RED BARN MURDER

Hear the tragic tale of a poor Polstead village maiden who fell for the charms of a sly and deceitful young man of means.

When Maria went missing from the village for almost a year her father and stepmother were rightly concerned for her welfare

Bryan Thurlow will bring to life some of the characters in this tragic tale



Friday 27th March Bentley Village Hall at 7.00pm

Tickets £6 per person

Which Includes a glass of wine and cheese or pate and biscuits.

Contact Sandra – 310383 or Peter 310518

Draw In aid of Church funds.

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Pause for thought -

A new year often seems to be a time of resolutions. I'll get fit in the new year. I'll give up wine for January. I'll try walking more and using the car less. All very laudable but do we keep it up?

Are we too busy, too stressed or the weather turns cold and wet? Instead perhaps we should be more pro-active. Resolve an argument with a friend or family member. Resolve to visit someone you know is lonely. Resolve to go to church more regularly. If we try we can hope to make our community an even more friendly place. Small steps can make big differences. So let's try to make a difference this year.

ST. MARY'S BENTLEY: CHURCHWARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The year has seen many church activities and initiatives which have been well supported by the Bentley Village Community.

The church continued caring for the Earth through the Eco Church award scheme and won a silver award in July. This followed co-operation between the church, the school and the wider village community. We received a donation enabling 22 creature houses to be purchased from Suffolk Wildlife Trust, including bat boxes, bug houses, bird boxes and hedgehog homes. The bug boxes needed completing before they could be erected; this work was undertaken in school by the eco workshop group, our thanks to Rebecca Duff for organising this. Many thanks also to Dick Leach and Colin Hawes who advised on the positioning and erection of these homes both at the school and church. We very much look forward to observing the inhabitants next spring/summer. The village came together again on the eco front by filling in Stag Beetle sighting request forms and leaving them at the community shop or at school. The data collected helps to preserve these rare creatures which are only found in 3 counties in the south east of our land. "A Rocha" mentioned this community stag beetle project specifically in their deliberations before awarding Bentley the silver. Many thanks to you all.

Our worship was well attended, enthusiastic and varied between rousing and contemplative. We held 65 services during the year and the average congregation was 36 per service. New initiatives this year were "your favourite songs" and "songs and scones." Both services brought new people to join us.

The Christmas and Easter services were very well attended as was the Remembrance service at the war memorial; a great, if solemn community occasion. Our thanks to the Parish Council who again managed to stop the traffic past the war memorial whilst the service was in progress. This was much appreciated by the veterans and the attendees. Thanks to all our readers, prayers, flower arrangers, coffee and cake makers, counsellors, home communion takers, service leaders, organist and all who tirelessly make our worship services and fellowship happen each Sunday and our "Open the Book" team who enact bible stories to the schoolchildren in assembly once a month.

Again this year the church was beautifully decorated for Christmas. (This year's theme was "Follow the Star"). In addition to the P.C.C. we are particularly grateful for extra helpers in putting together this display. Thank you:- Alison Partridge, Lisa Price, Diane Goodwin, Graham Cooper, Charles Saynor, and all the church members who worked tirelessly to such good effect. I also want to express my gratitude to the ladies who made cakes for refreshments for our open weekends:- Alison, Tricia, Jo, Sandra, Joy and Mary.

Outside church our grounds were kept in tip top condition by our gardening team of Dick Leach, Ray Bloomfield, Peter Evans and Peter Baldwin: many thanks gentlemen. Your hard work is very much appreciated. 4 Holm Oak trees which were leaning dangerously were felled and removed. Many thanks to the Parish Council who paid for this work. The area was planted with grass seed and shrubs, (donated by The Baldwin family, Dick Leach and Sarah Eley at Place for plants) to make a "tea garden" for cream teas/barbeques this summer for community gatherings in tranquil surroundings.

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ST. MARY'S BENTLEY: CHURCHWARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Our 20-20 vision this year is "Going for Gold" to continue to care for each other and this planet through our community and school links.

We also need to complete our major project to install an inside toilet in the tower and a kitchen/meeting room in the vestry. Due to generous donations received from villagers we already have over 75% of the project budget. Ken Felgate has been burning the midnight oil preparing lengthy grant applications to bring us to this position. If you would like to help please send donations payable to Bentley P.C.C. to Ken at "Kishar" Grove Road, Bentley IP9 2DD.

Thank you Friends of Bentley Church who cover the insurance, The Parish Council who meet the cost of the closed churchyard maintenance, Dave Lingard our sound advisor, Ann for her generous donation of our new church organ and all our worshippers, helpers, the school staff and children who have made our church into a real community body for which we particularly give thanks.

May God bless you all

Peter Day (Churchwarden)

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BENTLEY W.I.

Our guest speaker in December was most entertaining, we learnt all about how Jenny Gibb found herself living in a remote Turkish village with Mustafa in a derelict farmhouse. She enlightened us about traditional Turkish festivals, like ours, centred around religious feast days and how the older you are in the community the more you are respected. The Turkish are equally as curious about our festivals, especially Christmas.

We were all made very welcome at the Kings Head, Stutton for our delicious Christmas meal and we left very satisfied!

We attended a Carol concert organised by Brantham W.I. at the Brantham Village Hall, we were accompanied by the Brantham Village Singers and pianist. Each W.I. in the group gave a reading with the theme being Stars.

We started the New Year with a very entertaining evening with Horry and Sue Parsons, they have spent the last 40 years in Amateur Dramatics, especially Pantomime. They kept us enthralled with stories about tradition and superstition in the theatre and demonstrated many of the tricks used on stage during performances.

We have had a few new members join us recently but there is still space in the hall for new faces, why not come along with a friend, you will be made very welcome and it is good way to have an evening off once a month. Meetings are held in Bentley village hall and we start at 7.15pm.

Our next meetings are on

February, Wednesday 12th Adventures In India

March, Wednesday 11th Active Lives

Theresa Bloomfield

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

After a difficult start to the season the three home matches saw an upturn in our fortunes.

A very close game against Burstall saw us run out 6-4 winners, which was followed by 3-7 loss versus Claydon a team packed with county players, who only turned the result in their favour with the last wood of the match.

However we bounced back with a 7-3 victory against Tuddenham which could and probably should have been 10-0.

Our visit to Belstead resulted in a 2-8 reverse in a match in which a complete fluke shot stopped us winning on another carpet.

In the first match of the new year we travelled to Tuddenham which is always difficult and once again we failed to adapt to their sloping floor and lost 0-10.

Our next matches are against Claydon Belstead and Barking so no problems there!

David Howe.

SCBA CHARITY FOURS

On Sunday 12th January 2020, David, Deidre, Jill and Veronica represented Bentley Carpet Bowls in the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association, Charity Fours, held at Needham Market Community Centre.

Ninety Teams from Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk took part. All teams played four games during the day and the overall winners were a team from Claydon.

The first three matches for Bentley Carpet Bowlers were played against Chelmondiston A, Burstall B and Badwell Ash and in each of the matches they unfortunately lost on the last end. The final match was against Felixstowe URC, and Bentley managed to win 13 shots to 1.

Shots over all the matches showed Bentley having 24 shots for and 20 against. All matches were played in very good spirit and enjoyed immensely by the Bentley players.

The Charity on the day was Dementia Together and the money raised, around £1200, was donated to the local Charity Sue Ryder who provide palliative, neurological and bereavement support locally.

A big thank you must go to Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association for arranging a very productive and entertaining day.

Jill Mills - Secretary, Bentley Carpet Bowls

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



NOTES FROM THE CASE

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We have lots going on over the next few months and beyond so why not pop in for a winter warmer whether it is a beer or a coffee! You also might like to try one of Jane's light lunches (Wed - Fri) or a heart warming Sunday lunch cooked by Esther. Whatever the reason we'd love to see you!

February Open Mic Night is on Tuesday 4th and March is Tuesday 3rd. Come along and enjoy our local talented musicians, you might even feel like joining in yourself, all performers are very welcome. Bring your own instrument, PA is provided. Contact **Dave** on, 07885 963 882 for more details. Music starts at 8.00pm.

Our fun and games evenings for February is on Saturday 8th, we have lots of old fashioned family board games plus a few more up to date ones ready to challenge your general knowledge and competitiveness. **March** games evening will be **Saturday 7th**.

Our very popular Quiz Night this month will be held on Leap Year day, Saturday 29th February. Next month it will be Saturday 28th March. Before the March quiz a curry supper will be available from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Please ensure to book early as places are limited, it also helps us to gauge numbers. Quizzes start at 8.30pm. 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. Just as a reminder, before the January quiz there is also a curry supper.

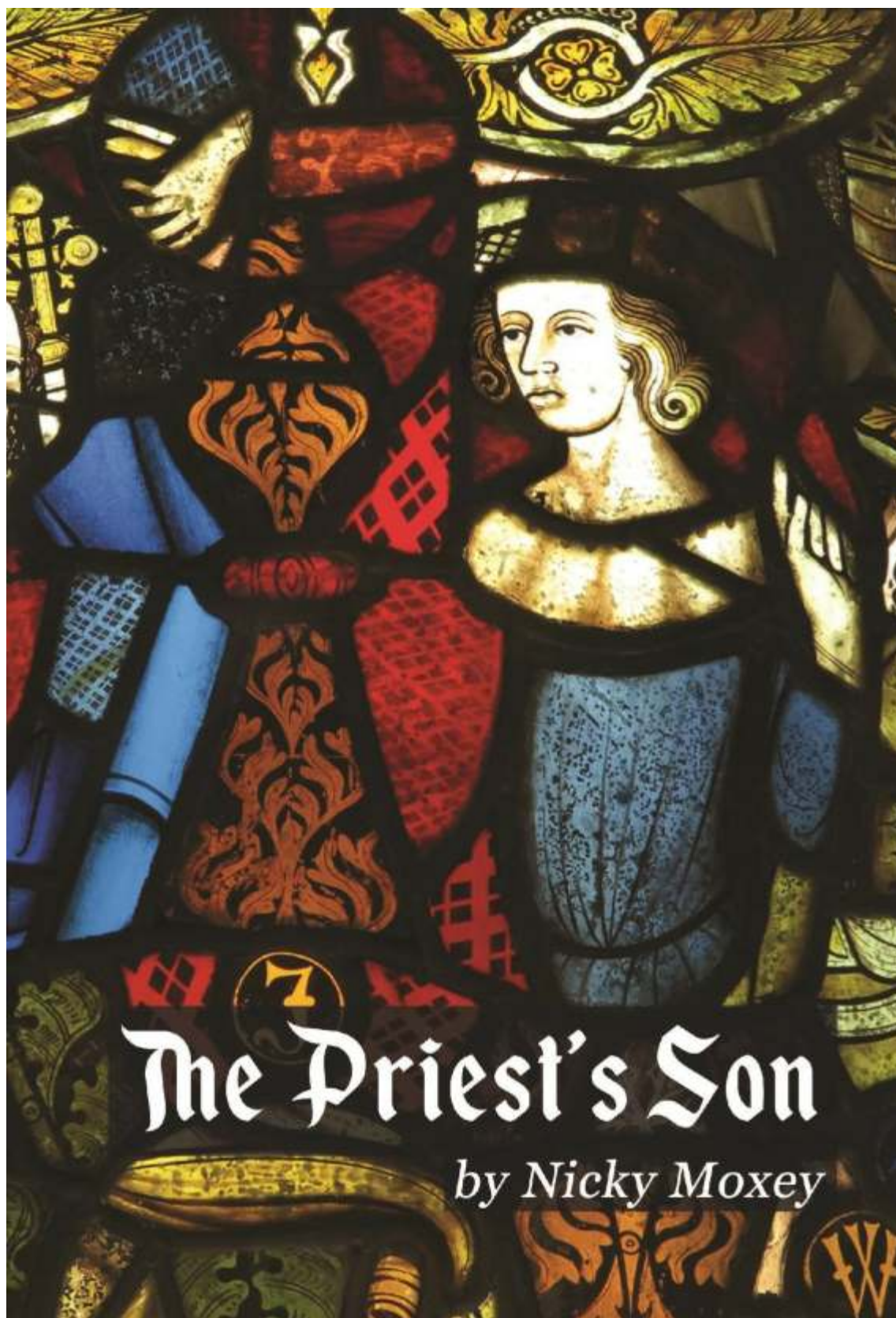
Especially for all those who enjoy local history and a good story, we are holding a very special evening on **Saturday 22th February**. Our local resident author, Nicky Moxey has now completed the sequel to her first book, '**Sheriff and Priest**' and to launch her new book '**The Priest's Son**', she will be giving a talk about the research behind her latest accomplishment. The original story was a fascinating account of the life of a local boy, Wimer the Chaplin who in the 12th century became the founder of a nationally important site, Dodnash Priory. In this second book, Nicky unveils a true tale about land grabs and skulduggery and the life of Jean, Wimer's adopted son. If you came to the first launch, you'll know it's a fascinating evening and Nicky will be giving her usual entertaining account of her research behind the book, along with readings from the story. The evening starts at 7.30 pm.

Future dates for your diary.

On **Monday April 13th, Easter Bank Holiday**, along with our usual **Easter Egg Hunt** and **Easter Bonnet competition**, we will be holding our final charity event for FIND. This event, our '**Super Savoury Snacks**' (12.00 - 3.00pm) will, as the name suggests, have many different savoury snacks to try, a hamper to be raffled and guess the number of eggs in a jar, to enhance the Easter theme. Plus other Easter themed games.

On **Saturday 18th April**, to launch our new charity for the coming year, we will be holding a day long story and poetry event in aid of the Ipswich and East Suffolk branch of the Samaritans.

Even further into the future on **Friday 8th May (Bank Holiday)** we will be holding a family based afternoon to celebrate the **75th Anniversary of VE Day**. More details will follow for this and the other events. If you would like to be involved in any of these or are interested in joining our group of volunteers please contact the chair by email or ask at the bar.



“The Priest’s Son” - See Page 11 opposite, and page 21

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman – Cllr M Bamford
Bentley Parish Council

Mrs J Scott
Clerk – Bentley Parish Council
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e- mail:joyvscott@outlook.com

Notes from the Bentley Parish Council meetings on 5 December 2019 and 9 January 2020.

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

1. Grove Road DC/19/03787 – Full planning application for erection of 8 two-storey dwellings with altered access to Grove Road (following demolition of existing dwelling). Permission granted by Babergh District Council.

Holly Oak, Hazel Shrub DC/19/05429 - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 2 dwellings. RECOMMEND REFUSAL – Councillors felt it was an inappropriate development outside the built-up area.

Land West of Church Road DC/19/00291 - Outline Planning Application - Erection of up to 45 dwellings, and shared foot/cycle path and access. This application has been resubmitted without the pupil drop off/pick up parking area. RECOMMEND REFUSAL: Councillors objected to this application on the grounds that were originally submitted in February 2019 following a Village meeting. They noted and endorsed specific reports from the Housing Enabling Officer dated 8th January 2020 and the BMSDC Strategic Planning Policy and Infrastructure consultation response dated 20th December 2019 which did not support the application plus the concerns raised in the Public Realm response dated 2nd January 2020. In addition, Councillors drew attention to the Landscape Assessment Report dated July 2019 by Alison Farmer Associates on the Parish Council's behalf which highlights the sensitivity of the area.

Report from Councillor Gordon Jones, Suffolk County Council

Councillor Gordon Jones reported a 2% increase in adult social care and 1.9% increase in base Council Tax in their budget. SCC will be looking at strategic HGV routes across the county. The Suffolk 2020 Fund would provide £3 million for capital projects across the county such as new cycle lanes, electric charging points, road safety schemes, automatic number plate recognition cameras, tree planting or other projects. Bentley PC will be assigning a representative to work with other Samford District villages to investigate.

See also January 2020 newsletter :-

<http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/assets/SCC-Newsletters/SCC-Report-January-2020.pdf>

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Other matters discussed:

- Tree Warden – 50 hedgerow samplings from Woodland Trust to replace hedge at Dodnash Fruit Farm. Tree seeds collected from Dodnash and Martins Wood for Millenium Seed Bank. Community Orchard has been agreed at Dodnash Fruit Farm for planting Suffolk varieties of fruit trees. Veteran and Ancient trees in the village to be digitally mapped. Volunteers needed for collecting data and photos.
- Footpath Warden – Wayposts need replacing. To investigate Community Volunteer Scheme with SCC Highways.
- Traffic Calming – SID pole locations still to be confirmed. Permission from 2 affected residents to be sought.
- Grit bins – confirmation received for 2 in Church Road and Grove Road.
- Playing Field – Agreed to pay for cost of new Playing Field sign.
- Slide for play area – to be moved from Grove Road to storage container pending repairs. Need a volunteer working party to install and do groundwork.
- Affordable Housing – waiting for outcome from Church Road application.
- Footpath Society – New Year's Day walk was very successful with 25 - 30 people taking part. Another village walk planned for Easter.

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

Some of you may have seen the container tucked away on the playing field, this was purchased to make the holding of events less arduous for the volunteers. Equipment can be stored before and after events so that it's not a mad rush on the day. This was purchased with proceeds from the Fun days, Fireworks and a contribution from the Parish council.

The next step is to paint the outside and shelve out the inside, which I should like to do over the Easter weekend on Sat 11 April 2020, starting around 10:00 am

Any helpers will be greatly appreciated, and there will be a burger in it along with teas and coffees.

Also as we now have a storage space I would like the village to build its own Fun Day events, so this can be "brainstormed" while painting.

On another point now that holding events should be less arduous, if any one would like to be involved in the playing field activities, be it Fun Day, Fireworks, or an event of your imagination come along and have a chat.

For any of the above please contact:

Tim Hamstead on 07748821594, or timhamstead@yahoo.co.uk

Jo Willis on 07733298842

Or any member of the Parish Council



Calling Bentley Residents!

Wednesday 12th February 1:30 – 3pm

KS1 Class at Bentley CEVC Primary School are holding a tea afternoon to find out about what it was like when their Grandparents were young.

If you live in Bentley and would like to come along with photos, toys, games from when you were young to share with some children over a cup of tea, then please contact the School Office:

01473 310253

admin@bentley.suffolk.sch.uk





Bentley CEVC Primary School News

The festive season seems like a lifetime ago now, but we wanted to say a big thank you to everyone in the community who came to support our Christmas Fayre. It was especially lovely to see so many former pupils. The PTA and the School Council worked extremely hard on the event and everybody who came along had great fun!

Wolves Class are in the midst of a rather exciting topic this half term, looking at what life was like for their grandparents when they were children. We kicked off with a 1960's theme dress up day and are looking forward to welcoming members of our community to an afternoon tea to hear about local residents' experiences of childhood. This will take place on the afternoon of 12th Feb. If you can come along please contact the school so we can have an idea of numbers.

Children from Adders will be representing the school in the forthcoming basketball competition being held in February. They will be competing against lots of other schools and we wish them luck!

Finally, do you have finance or HR experience and can spare a little time to help support our wonderful little schools? If so, we would love to hear from you as we are seeking new people to join our Governing Body. For more information about the role, please get in touch with the school.

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

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NEW YEAR`S EVE DANCE

Once again revellers enjoyed the New Year`s Eve Dance held in the Village Hall with music provided by the `GR` disco. As always, refreshments supplied by the revellers themselves, provided a delicious spread throughout the evening. A Grand Draw was also held and thanks to everyone who kindly donated prizes for this - much appreciated.

At midnight `The New Year` was welcomed in with the traditional singing of `Auld Lang Syne`. After expenses, a surplus of £337 was donated to the Bentley Church Project. Grateful thanks are extended to the organisers and the other helpers who made this annual event possible.



Our next meetings will be on the 13th and 27th of February and the 12th and 26th of March. 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

BENTLEY TUESDAY CLUB

We concluded our yearly programme with our Christmas Lunch at Beth Chatto`s Gardens on the 3rd December, when fifty members were greeted with a glass of mulled wine or mulled tea as an aperitif before the meal. As always the meal was delicious and the staff most welcoming. A draw was held at the end of the meal and members had time to visit the gift shop before returning back to Bentley.

Finally on the 17th December we rounded off our year with our Christmas Party. Unfortunately Maria King was unable to entertain members because of family illness so in her place we welcomed David Baalham who came at short notice, playing the guitar and singing seasonal songs and carols for members to join in as well as the odd jokes and a quiz - most entertaining. This was followed by afternoon tea and a draw with everyone going home with a `Santa` present.

The Club reconvened in the New Year on the 14th January with a return visit by Moira Usher who gave us a talk, illustrated with slides, on her visit to Jordan and its history - a most interesting and enlightening afternoon which members thoroughly enjoyed. Later in this month we had our first session of the year of Chair Aerobics followed by our Annual General Meeting and afterwards New Age Curling.

As always new members and visitors are always welcome (any age group!). We meet fortnightly throughout the year on Tuesday afternoons in Bentley Village Hall (2.00pm in the winter months and 2.30pm in the summer). Our programme includes a wide range of Speakers, Entertainment, and Outings etc. so please phone if you are interested and would like a copy of our 2020 programme. (details of our meetings come under the `Parish Diary` in the front of the Bugle magazine)

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

BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Just a short note this time - we're still waiting for the final version of one of the three reports we've commissioned for the Neighbourhood Plan, and of course it's a crucial one, the Housing Needs Assessment with the calculated total number of houses required by the village. Until we have that number, we can't finish writing a whole section of the Neighbourhood Plan.

So whilst we're twiddling our thumbs, we're also finalising the sections of the plan we can deal with; more and more are going green (ready for consultation) in the project plan, and we still hope to put the document out to the village for comments in the spring.

Watch this space!

Nicky Moxey
Chair, Bentley Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

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(*Changed from 20th March due to half-term)

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A BIG THANK YOU!

On behalf of Myeloma UK, I wish to thank everyone for supporting my Coffee Morning.

It was a great success and we raised a total of £1700.

This will go towards research programme which aims to find better and safer treatments for patients.

My special thanks goes to all those who helped on the day and who contributed with lots of cakes and raffle prizes.

Once again, Huge thanks to all,

Agatha Bird

We were sorry to hear of the death of Agatha Bird shortly after she had asked us to include this report of the wonderful result of her fundraising Coffee Morning.



BENTLEY COMRADES

Our meeting in December was a film show of light hearted items of interest. The first film was entitled Songs That Won the War, archive film of World War 2 favourites that everyone remembers and that are still often popular today. The second item was a compilation of amusing film clips gathered from various sources such as the Internet. To finish we had the usual episode of 'Allo, 'Allo – The Crooked Fences. Final arrangements were made for our Christmas Lunch gathering.

On 18th December 18 members and partners met at the Brook Inn, Washbrook to enjoy a very hearty Christmas lunch that included all the usual trimmings and appropriate Comrades table decorations. A raffle of donated prizes was run and this generated £26 for the group's funds.

Our first meeting in 2020 was postponed until the 8th January in order to avoid the New Year and was very well attended in spite of the ongoing road closure. The Film programme started with a DVD with the title of RDF to RADAR supplied by John Wheals. This told the story of the development of radar in World War 2 in great detail using archive film from historic records. The second item on the agenda was an episode in the series Great SAS Missions and detailed the role the SAS played in Operation Desert Storm. The evening ended with an episode of 'Allo, 'Allo – Crabtree's Podgeon Pist.

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



Grove road in winter - stock photo provided by Bob Mawkes

BENTLEY STORES.....A Social Magnet

Did you know there is a way to potentially add value to your property without the need to lift a paintbrush? This option involves taking a nice stroll or jumping into your car for a few minutes and it is something that we in Bentley are lucky enough to be able to do every day of the week.

A village shop, such as our very own Bentley Store, has been shown to increase the value of homes in a village, providing a crucial service to the community and providing far more than the basic essentials, it is valuable from a social aspect too.

Those looking for a new home are attracted by one with a village store in preference to a village without such facilities. A village pub has the same impact. It shows the area has a strong community spirit and this is easily evidenced by popping into Bentley Stores. The store is now an established part of the Bentley community with people popping in for a variety of reasons, and getting to know each other that little bit better, every time.

If you're not a regular customer, give it a try, you are sure to be surprised by the variety of some 1500 items which are all reasonably priced. Since opening we have found our shop has become a "social magnet" and a good way to learn all about how the village works so please pop into our shop and see for yourself.

We are 100% volunteer run and exist for the benefit of our customers and our local community. If you would like to share in the volunteering at the shop - it is only two hours at a time and you can work with others as well, and training is available - then please call in the shop and talk to a volunteer or email us. Volunteering in the shop is a great way to meet people, particularly if you are new to the village. Four new volunteers have just signed up - we'd like to welcome them on-board and thank them for their generous support.

The shop is conveniently positioned next to the Case is Altered pub and is open seven days a week - Monday to Friday 9am -5pm and 9am -12noon on Saturday and Sunday. Credit card and contactless cards are accepted with no minimum spend. There is ample parking, including blue badge priority parking - which is accessed via Case Lane. Contact the shop by email, info@bentleystores.co.uk or telephone 01473 310182.

The Priest's Son

Nicky Moxey's new book, *The Priest's Son* is now available in Bentley Stores. Continuing the Dodnash Priory chronicles, it's set at the beginning of the 13th century, with King John causing chaos; the French dauphin invading East Anglia; and the whole country is excommunicated in the run-up to the Magna Carta. Amidst all this, little Dodnash Priory wins a crucial court case, and as a result is forced to move in its entirety to a marshy meadow..."

Also see page 12

BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At our December Meeting we were entertained by Vivo choir - which originates from the Shotley area. A great time was had by all sharing the singing. We were very grateful as the Bentley community choir were unable to perform due to illness and Vivo came at very short notice.

The meeting on 21st February 2020 - the topic is 'Bentley Woods' the speaker is Colin Hawes

The meeting on 20th March 2020 - the topic is 'Restoring a cottage garden' the speaker is Rodney Tibbs

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm.

Visitors are welcome to attend any particular meeting on payment of £3 Anyone is welcome.

Outing to Stody Lodge in Norfolk on Thursday 14th May 2020. The Estate has acres of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. The coach is almost full (50 seats already booked) Please phone Pam Lovell on 01473 311335 to book if any vacancies are available

For the photographic competition (members only) held at the AGM in November the subject is 'An insect or Insects' photographed in the UK in 2020.

PLACE TO VISIT:-

DAWS HALL - which is at Lamarsh near to Bures - It is said to be the best place for snowdrops in Suffolk. The website www.dawshallnature.co.uk is very informative.

Pam Lovell

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BOWLS CLUB

We shall be having a race night in Bentley village hall on Saturday 21st March 2020 - doors open at 7.00pm with racing starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £8.00 to include a fish and chip supper and can be obtained from Ray Savage 311122 or Colin Rose 313102. We shall have a bar and raffle.

A reminder for our annual quiz night which will be on Saturday 2nd May 2020 in Bentley village hall - more details later.

These fund raising events bring in much needed funds to keep the green in good order - so we hope you will support us.

Lillian Calvert secretary - 01473 808652

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LINK LUNCH

The December lunch saw 49 diners enjoy traditional Christmas Fare of turkey with all the trimmings followed by Xmas pudding, mince pies and tea or coffee with mints.

In January 51 diners were served with beef cobbler savoy cabbage and mashed potatoes followed by chocolate or strawberry gateaux.

Our next lunch will be held on the 20th February 2020.

Veronica Howe

CAPEL LIBRARY

The Friends of Capel Library would like to thank everyone who attended their AGM on 25th January. They hope you found it interesting and helpful. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please pop in the library to find out more.

Kimmy's Zoo is coming to visit us on Wednesday 19th February. There are two slots 9.30 and 10.45 am and tickets are limited to 20 places per session. Each session will last 1 hour. Please purchase your tickets at the library, £5 each including refreshments. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by The Friends of Capel Library.

Dates for your diary:

Tot Rock: every Thursday 9.30 to 10.15 am Nursery Rhymes and Story Time for the under 5s

Capel Creators: Saturday 29th Feb & 28th March 10.30 am to 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 9th & 23rd Feb and 8th & 22nd March 10.30 to 12.30 pm. 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!

NEW Drawing Club: Sunday 2nd & 16th Feb and 1st & 15th March 10.30 to 12.30. Come along and join in with drawing and colouring. Bring your own pad and favourite drawing pen/pencil. £1 charge which includes refreshments. All ages welcome. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

NEW Journaling Club: 2nd & 4th Friday every month 6.15 to 7.15 pm. Free of charge. Make your own journal for diary keeping. Run by Capel Parish Nurses. Basic resources provided. All ages welcome, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Capel Library Book Group: Friday 21st Feb & 20th March. 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: 18th Feb & 17th March, doors open at 7.00 pm, film starts at 7.30 with licenced bar. February's film is The Keeper, March's film to be decided by the audience in January.

Don't forget we sell stamps and book tokens as well as a great selection of sale books, which are ideal for taking on holiday.

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Volunteer transport schemes exist to help patients when they need to attend the practice for an appointment. These schemes are aimed at patients who have poor mobility, are unable to use public transport and no friend or relative is available to help them. Our reception team can provide details of the schemes.

An increasing number of our patients need such assistance but our transport schemes need more volunteer drivers. If you are interested then please provide your details to the practice to be passed on to the scheme coordinators who would be happy to discuss how the scheme operates.

New Appointment System

If you need to speak to a doctor about a medical problem then you will be placed on a call back list and the receptionist will inform you if the doctor will call you either before 1.00 pm or after 1.00 pm. Sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstance and medical emergencies, the doctor may try to call you at a time other than specified, so it would be appreciated if patients can be as accommodating as possible.

Once you have booked a call back appointment, please keep your phone with you or remain close to a phone until you have heard from the doctor. They will try the number provided twice, but if they are unable to get through then the patient may need to rebook a call back appointment.

Training Days

Please note that the practice will be closed from 1.00 pm on the following dates for staff training:

Thursday 6th February 2020

Wednesday 4th March 2020

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 1.00 pm 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

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FOOTPATH SOCIETY

Thank you to around 30 people who enjoyed the New Year's Day walk. The Easter Circular Walk on 10th April (Good Friday), will start at 11.00 am from the "Case". Further details will appear in the April/May Bugle.

Please let Tim Hamstead, the Footpath Warden, know if you have any footpath/signage problems. He can be contacted on 07748 821594.

Pam Lovell 01473 311335

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