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Parish Diary

OCTOBER 2022

- 5th - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 5th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
- 6th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 11th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 12th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 13th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
- 13th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
- 15th - Church Quiz - Village Hall at 7.00 pm
- 19th - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 20th - Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12.00 or 12.30 pm
- 21st - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 22nd - Footpath Society - meet at Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 25th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 27th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
- 29th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

NOVEMBER 2022

- 2nd - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 2nd - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
- 3rd - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 5th - Bentley Fireworks Display - Playing Field - Gates open 5.30 pm
- 8th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 9th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 10th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
- 10th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
- 16th - Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 17th - Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12.00 or 12.30 pm
- 18th - Horticultural Society(AGM) - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 22nd - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 24th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
- 26th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

Other Activities in the Village

- Carpet Bowls - Every Tues 7.30 pm & Weds 2.30 pm - Village Hall
- Aerobics Class - Tuesday 9.45 am (Term Time only) - Village Hall
- Pilates Class - Tuesday 11.00 am to noon (Term Time only) - Village Hall (contact Jill Sharp for information - 01473 311546)
- Toddler Group - Mon & Weds 9.30 am to 12 noon (Term Time only) - Village Hall
- Meet up Mondays group - Every Monday 2- 3 pm - Case is Altered

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

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

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

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BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

RIP

It was with sadness we learnt of the death of Queen Elizabeth II after 70 years of dedicated service. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray that our new monarch Charles III will follow in her footsteps and learn from her example.

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 2nd October	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday 9th October	Morning Worship	10am
Sunday 16th October	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday 23rd October	Songs of Praise (those hymns we all love to sing)	10am
Sunday 30th October	Bereavement Service	5pm

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Last year we held a very much appreciated outdoor service for those who wished to remember loved ones. This year the service will be on Sunday 30th October starting at 5pm and will be an opportunity to light candles and hang names of our loved ones on a special tree which will be lit. All are welcome.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th November	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Service	10.50am
Sunday 20th November	Holy Communion	10am
Sunday 27th November	Morning Worship	10am

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at the War Memorial starting at the usual time of 10.50am. Please join us for this very special service. We hope the road will be closed again.



ZOOM SERVICES

We know that many people may find it difficult to get to church as the days get colder and we face an energy crisis and heating problems. Zoom services may be a way you can worship from your own home. These services are once a month at 6pm. The next two proposed dates are 9th October & 13th November

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Christingle Service Sunday 11th December 10am
- Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday 18th December 10am
- Crib Service Saturday 24th December 3pm
- Christmas Day Communion Sunday 25th December 10am

BENTLEY CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

You can have fun and support our beautiful church so please join us at our annual Quiz Night on Saturday 15th October. We will start promptly at 7pm.

Tickets are £7 each which includes a ploughman's supper. Teams can be of 4-6 and can be made up on the night. Don't forget to think of a really good name for your team. There will also be a bar and a draw. Contact sandramehen@gmail.com or phone 01473 310383 for tickets.

WEST VILLA

Very many thanks for your continued support with donations of bedding and towels which we continue to receive and deliver. West Villa are very grateful not to be forgotten among the many other good causes there are now. Thank you for the tins and packets of food we received at the Harvest service. These gifts really make a difference in these difficult times. We will be collecting Christmas gifts for adults and children during November and the start of December, Please bring donations either to a Sunday service or to 19 The Link.

The Christingle service will be the last service before we deliver the gifts so they can be sorted. Tins or boxes of biscuits are also very acceptable.

JUST A THOUGHT – comfort in troubled times

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changeth not thy compassions they fail not; as thou has been thou for ever wilt be.

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

Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 01473 310383

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

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

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St Mary's Church Bentley has been at the centre of Bentley life for over 700 years. For generations it has been a place of worship, refuge, reflection and joy. Anyone living in Bentley has the right to ask for baptism (either as an adult or for a child). The same right applies to weddings, funerals and burials of remains as appropriate. Please help us ensure that St Mary's Church stands for another 700 years

It costs £300 a week to keep this beautiful and historic church open. **One way to support us is by giving via this QR code using your smartphone.** Thank you.



SERVANT QUEEN

Sermon at St Mary's Church the day before the funeral of HMQ Elizabeth II 18th September 2022

Mark 10.41-45 and 1 Peter 4.8-11

Prayer:

Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths. Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Saviour, and our hope is in you all day long. (based on Psalm 25.4-5; the original was part of HM's preparation for her coronation)

Probably the most quoted and screened act of the Queen's life is that 21st birthday radio broadcast:

"It is very simple. I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it." (radio broadcast from South Africa, 21st birthday April 1947)

To Elizabeth, leadership (and monarchy, which came later) meant dedicating her life to the service of others. She was also one who, increasingly frequently in recent years, spoke publicly of her reliance on the teaching of Jesus, and the strength given her by God, to know her role and to fulfil it.

This is the essence of the Coronation Service. Incidentally, this was not a new form of service, for her, in 1953. It was essentially the same service, from the coronation of Edgar (Anglo-Saxon King of All the English) in 973 AD, devised by Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury at the time. It's a thousand years old. It's instructive to look at what happens in it.

The Queen enters, walks past everyone and everything, and kneels to pray in silence, alone, at the altar rail. She wears no symbols of status, just a plain, simple white dress. She comes with nothing, other than a willing allegiance and commitment to God, demonstrated in that prayer, and a readiness to uphold law and justice expressed in the Oath that follows.

She is given a Bible: 'to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God.'

Then comes the Anointing: You never see this, because she did not permit it to be filmed, though you may see the canopy being erected around her. This is the most personal, probably to Elizabeth the most important, element in the whole process. This is anointing for self-sacrificial service. To serve, not to be served. Oil was used, through Old Testament times and after, to consecrate kings, priests and prophets, as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. So the anointing includes a prayer similar to one used in our Confirmation services.

Only after these statements, that the wisdom you need is the Word of God, and the power you need is the Spirit of God, only then come the tokens of authority.

Even then, they are essentially tokens of service of God and of his people

- The **Sword** of justice – to protect, restore, reform; to help and defend the vulnerable;
- The Armills, or **Bracelets**, of sincerity and wisdom, tokens of the Lord's protection ... and of the bond uniting monarch and people;
- The **Orb** of the world set under the Cross, a reminder that 'the whole world is subject to ... Christ our Redeemer';
- The **Ring** of dignity, the seal of Faith: 'being rich in faith and blessed in all good works';
- The Royal **Sceptre**, representing power and justice. It has a cross on it;
- The **Rod** of equity and mercy; it has a white enamelled dove on it;- justice and mercy, Word and Spirit;
- The **Crown** of righteousness, faith and good works – all by the grace of God. The wearer is accountable to God, empowered by God.

This is how we see monarchy; not dictatorial nor despotic nor privileged, but about being consecrated for responsibility, duty and service. Which is why, when you look at our late Queen's reign, you see it characterised by dedication, duty, discipline and devotion to service

Where does all this come from? Her Majesty said (in 2012): "God sent his only son 'to serve, not to be served'. He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ." She also said that this was not a role she had chosen, but one that she had been called to - called to be a Servant Queen, living by God's Word, empowered by God's Spirit to follow the example of Jesus.

And what does this all say to us? That we are called to be a Serving People, likewise living by God's Word, empowered by God's Spirit to follow the example of Jesus.

'Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.' 1 Peter 4.8-11

Love each other. Note that love is essentially practical, more a matter of action than feeling. It covers a multitude of sins, so - be ready to forgive. We all saw the Queen shaking hands with Martin McGuinness

Offer hospitality. How open is your home - or is it your castle, with the drawbridge usually up?

Use whatever gift you have received to serve others. God spreads his gifts around, so that his kingdom only grows as we all play the part he calls us to. As a predecessor of mine in Beccles used to say, 'What, on Earth, are you doing, for Heaven's sake?' (the intonations are key at this point – hence the extra commas, plus an emphasis on 'Heaven's')

It's worth adding in here that this includes gifts that you may not have discovered yet.

It's often the case that we see other people's gifts more clearly than we see our own; so let someone tell you what your gifts are! Then activate your gifts, whether in words of encouragement or acts of kindness.

The Coronation Service, which our late Queen took utterly seriously, sets out the order: God's Word, God's power, God's people. Where the Church fails, where society fails, where families fail, where people fail, it is often where they fail to follow this order - God's Word, God's power, God's people - in obedience, trust, service. And where they succeed, it is usually because the priorities are in the right order.

Let us be a Serving People, living by God's Word, empowered by God's Spirit to follow the example of Jesus in serving his people. We know it can be done. We have just seen it done.

Rev Tony Wilcox

BENTLEY FOOTPATH SOCIETY

The walk on Saturday the 22nd October to the River Stour will provide a short and longer walk. Leaving from Bentley Village Hall at 2.30pm, sharing cars if necessary.

John Wheals - Chairman, Pam Lovell - Secretary

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

The season has now finished and the green will be put to bed hopefully ready for next season.

All our club competitions have been keenly fought with John Alexander and Lillian Calvert winning the pairs. David Howe, Simon Faires and Bill Slegg winning the triples. On finals day we saw Barry Ford overcome David Howe in the mens two woods and Barry also winning the open fours against Colin Rose. We shall be having our AGM in October to discuss next season and our presentation dinner in November when trophies will be presented. We do need more players for next season so do think about the game of outdoor bowls and come and join us.

Lillian Calvert, Secretary, 01473 808652.

BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monthly Meeting is on Friday 21st October 2022. The speaker is Fiona Edmonds from Green Island Gardens – her topic is “Planting for Autumn Colour”

Friday 18 November is the Society Annual General Meeting starting at 7.30pm

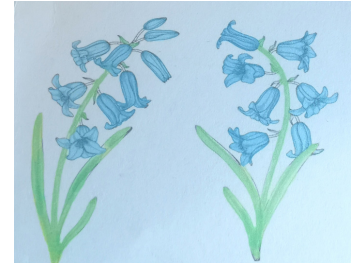
All meetings are held in the Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm

Pam Lovell

BENTLEY BLUEBELLS WI

Summer has long gone and autumn has arrived so it's nice to know that we have a full programme arranged for the run up to Christmas.

- October 12th Auctioneering and Valuations
- November 9th Forensic Science
- December 14th Life as a Hi-De-Hi Yellow coat



All the meetings are open to non members and partners, only £3.00 per person Wednesday 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

Sadly we did not win any prizes at the regional WI summer showcase. The standard of entries was amazing, but never known to shy away from a challenge, we will try again next year. We were pleased to have been able provide refreshments at the event on the playing field in August and enjoyed chatting to locals and visitors. To those ladies who asked about joining please come along to any of our open evenings we will be pleased to see you.

Call **Theresa Bloomfield** on **01473 312298** if you have any questions.

BENTLEY TUESDAY CLUB

On behalf of all the Members of the Tuesday Club we wish to express our sincere condolences on the passing of our beloved Queen Elizabeth. It has been a sad time for us all but now we must look to the future with our New King, Charles III. Our club has once again enjoyed a full program with Chair Aerobics with Frazier, a Quiz which was organised by Griff Johns and a talk on Hop Picking from Barbara. Finally Members were taken by Coach to Dunwich where all enjoyed a Fish and Chip lunch. We still have lots more to come before the year is out. We have entertainment from Drum and Bass, Chair Aerobics, Gary Egerton will be sharing with us 'The Funny Side of Policing'.

This is just a few of the events our Members will enjoy in the coming weeks so please come along and bring a Friend you will be made very welcome.

Catherine Sweeney, Secretary.

LINK LUNCH GROUP

We are pleased to inform you that we have got enough willing helpers to re-start lunches on the 20th October and thereafter the third Thursday in the month until the end of April 2023. The lunches are served in two sittings, 12.00 o'clock and 12.30 p.m. A two course meal with tea or coffee. Tickets from Veronica 310344.

A raffle will be held and all donations would be welcome as any surplus money will be donated to local charities.

Veronica Howe

BENTLEY STORES

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Bentley Stores Hours

Weekdays, 9 to 1.30, Weekends 9 to 12noon

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Royal Connections

Our village has welcomed so many new residents since our Community Shop was conceived and built in 2015/16 that a little history may be interesting. With The Case is Altered, our Community Pub, purchased by over 200 village shareholders in 2014 it soon became apparent we wanted a Shop as well!

How to find £100,000+ Shop Funding?

The Pub asked for volunteers to design and build a new shop in the Pub grounds. With Village fund raising exhausted the task of raising another £100,000+ to build a new village shop was daunting and involved looking elsewhere but by making many applications and approaches, steady progress was being made.

The Prince's Countryside Fund.

This Fund was established by Prince Charles to help rural areas and our funding was transformed by an invigorating catalyst when on December 16th 2015 the The Princes Countryside Fund letter arrived making a very generous grant of capital and unusually, a two year revenue grant. This made sure our shop was sustainable in its early years while we all learned how to "play Shops". The round logo of the Prince's Countryside Fund is on the outside of the shop in recognition.



Official opening 14th July 2016

Our shop was formally opened by Lady Clare, Countess of Euston, the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, who is the Monarch's personal representative in Suffolk

Clarence House May 2017

Three founding volunteers were invited to a Reception at Clarence House as an example of how Donors money has been spent for real community benefits. We met The Prince of Wales, now King Charles III, and he was presented with a Bentley Stores bag during an interesting discussion about rural issues for villages and especially community shops. Afterwards we asked His Equerry what will happen to the bag, he replied "we will treasure it"! (see photo overleaf)

Present Day

We have been open for over 6 years and the shop is still 100% run by volunteers serving our community with a very wide range of everyday products from frozen to fresh and everything in between! It works well being local and not paying petrol to get to other shops! Our best publicity is for people to visit us. **Thank you everyone, customers, volunteers who serve, buy, clean and maintain, for your valued and varied support for our Village. Bob Feltwell**



Picture of Prince Charles at Clarence House May 2017 with three founding shop volunteers including Jackie Tiller.

Jackie Tiller

It is with sadness we learned that Jackie passed away this week (20th September) after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer very recently. After living in Bentley for many years and actively supporting our community. Her photo with the then Prince of Wales, still smiles from the notice board. Jackie moved to Battle almost two years ago where she carried on supporting her new community. In fond remembrance and may she now rest in peace .

PROPOSED SOLAR FARM - GROVE FARM

Information from the developer's website - <https://www.grovesolarfarm.com/the-project>

The Project

The proposed development shall cover an area of approximately 116.6 acres/48.4 hectares, contained within the existing field boundaries.

The freestanding solar panels are constructed from toughened glass set in an aluminium frame. The panels would be arranged in rows on an east to west alignment facing south to maximise their exposure to sunlight. continued overleaf...

The panels themselves shall be mounted on frames with a front height of approximately 0.8m and a maximum back panel height of approximately 2.7m, which shall result in a tilt angle of approximately 15 degrees.

The rows of panels would be set back from a security fence to prevent overshadowing from adjoining vegetation, and to provide a wildlife buffer. There would also be a separation of 3-4m between each row, again to ensure that the panels are not overshadowed.

The proposed solar panels are fixed into position through piles driven into the ground. No concrete foundations are required and little excavation is therefore necessary.

To ensure the security of the solar farm equipment, security fencing shall be erected around the site boundary to restrict access to the site. This would comprise of 2.4m high deer or similar fencing, which has been selected to minimise the visual impacts of the fencing in keeping with the site's location.

Project Location

The site consists of fields to the north of Potash Lane in the Parish of Bentley. The nearest settlement is Bentley village, 600 m south of the site - see map below.



BENTLEY WILDLIFE NOTES

Is There Trouble With Badgers?

We have many Badgers in Bentley. The name of Brockley Wood, which is in the north of the village reflects the Old English name Brocc for the badger and suggests that we have recognised them living here for many centuries. We can find woodland badger colonies, called setts, with large burrows and the tracks of active animals on our walks. Badgers tend to use regular tracks and they are houseproud animals. They regularly change the bedding material in their setts, and use a communal toilet dug in the ground as a latrine.

We seldom see them at large, as they come out late in the evening, as dark falls. This is a strategy which has helped them stay away from daytime conflict with people. They are very shy and easily disturbed. Their presence is, however, very evident, as they are frequent victims of roadkill. Contrary to myth, they do not truly hibernate, but their night-time activity is less easy to see in winter, since we, as a species tend to hibernate, in the sense that we spend less time outdoors after dark in winter.

Badgers photographed in a garden in Raydon

Badgers are Britain's largest carnivorous animal, but their diet is largely of earthworms. They also dig up wasp and bumble bee colonies to feed on the wasp and bee grubs and seem remarkably immune to the stings of the occupants. continued overleaf..



A dog of ours went too close to a recently dug up wasp nest and emerged with many wasps in his fur and was badly stung. They are omnivorous and will happily gorge on fruit, such as plums, in season. They will seek other animal prey when times are hard. They will dig up beetle grubs – a favourite being stag beetle larvae and will also take small mammals. Whilst they will happily share a feeding station with hedgehogs, and I've seen much video footage to prove it, they will occasionally turn on their companions, and have the power to overcome the hedgehogs defences and eat them too.

Their major contentious problem is their link with bovine T.B. This is a very 'chicken and egg' dilemma. If there were no cattle, badgers would not get bovine T.B., but they can catch T.B. from cattle, and transmit it back. The evidence from national badger cull trials is debatable. Viewing the evidence, it is far from clear whether the killing of badgers in slaughter areas has caused a reduction in bovine T.B., and government policy now seems more directed at vaccinating both cattle and badgers. Suffolk, and East Anglia generally are not a high-risk area for bovine T.B. so there is no excuse to cull them here.

Badgers are a protected species under a protection act of 1992, but badger baiting with dogs forced to fight animals dug out of their setts continues in parts of the country. They continue to be poisoned illegally.

It seems paradoxical, and a shame that Britain's enduring and handsome land mammal should be persecuted and culled to eradication, while elsewhere attempts are made to re-wild the countryside and re-introduce such previously wiped-out species such as beavers and wolves.

For more information on badgers [see About UK Badgers and their fascinating lives | Badger Trust](#)

Michael Bamford



BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 1 September 2022.

Planning – Two planning decisions were received.

One Planning application was discussed – Councillors recommended refusal.

Matters discussed -

- Outdoor Gym Equipment – it was felt it was a bit late to have an Opening Ceremony – additional signage was discussed. Work needs to be done on the surface but conditions are too dry at the moment.
- Insurance Policy - Renewal
- Quarterly Accounts were accepted
- Case Lane entrance to Parish Field.
- Chaplet for Remembrance Sunday – donation - £100
- Improvements to War Memorial – Quotes received to replace litter bin – Quotes for Memorial Bench to be sought
- Re-printing of Six Country Walks from The Case is Altered – Footpath Warden has now completed 80%
- Traffic calming – A new solar powered SID has been installed on Capel Road
- Playing Field Society – Tudor Re-enactment 3 & 4 September – all in hand.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Final report received from Inspector – following consultation on the final document it will move to referendum.
- There were concerns about the state of the copse between Chestnuts and The Corral

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

Anglian Water

Your chance to hear what Anglian Water intend to do about the leaks and burst pipes in Bentley and ask questions.

Mark Pryke, Network Services Manager for Ipswich will be attending our Parish Council meeting on Thursday 3rd November at 7.30 pm. He will deliver a short presentation on the leakage challenges in the parish, update on any plans and answer questions from the community. All are welcome.

Marianne Munday, Chair Bentley Parish Council

'AMEN' CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2022

'AMEN ' is the name of a Christian Charity who are asking for support with their Christmas Family Shoeboxes Appeal for 2022. AMEN is a registered charity, more information can be found on their website. www.amentrust.co.uk or on Facebook.

These boxes are given to very poor communities in Romania, the emphasis being on the family and therefore should include something for Mum, Dad and children. All boxes will be delivered by volunteers direct to families in time for Christmas and will bring much joy and happiness. So, can you help please?

My name is Doreen Savage, the local co-ordination, I have leaflets that contain ideas for things you can include in your boxes, can obtain boxes and deliver to you and will happily collect filled ones before November 4th or they can be left at my home .

Delphis, Station Road, Bentley.

Mobile 07784787596 or doreen.savage2545@btinternet.com

Please contact me for any further details, many thanks.

BENTLEY FIREWORKS DISPLAY



We will be holding this year's Bonfire on Saturday 5th November, and as the clocks will have gone back will be starting slightly earlier. We have a varied array of pyrotechnics, so a good display is on the cards.

As before, we will have a BBQ, hot drinks and refreshments, and mulled wine from the Witches Cauldron, plus light novelties for the children, a sparkler area and even more fire pits to roast marshmallows. Please note we are cash only on

the night, and we have held the prices for another year.

Don't forget the chance for a child to start the night's festivities with the Big Red Button to light the bonfire. Please put your contact details on the child ticket stub, and we will contact the lucky winner on Friday evening.

Tickets will be on sale 3 weeks before the event and up until 17:00 on Friday 4th (or until all the early bird tickets are sold) from the Bentley Community Shop, and the Case pub. Adult early bird tickets £3.50 then £4 on the gate. Children 5-16 years early bird tickets £2.50 and £3 on the gate. There are a limited number of early bird tickets, so be sure to get yours in good time.

Timings will be: Gates open 17:00 Bonfire lit 17:30 Fireworks 18:30.

*******Prices frozen*****Cash only on the night*******

Tim & Jan Hamstead

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We were excited to welcome back all our children and welcome to our new children and families; they have all settled in really well.

We are holding our open days / evenings in November – Bentley Open Day is on 15th November at 9.30am, and the evening is on 24th November at 6pm.

Copdock Open Day is on 17th November at 9.30am, and the evening is on 23rd November at 6pm



If you are interested in attending either Bentley or Copdock school, please come along and see what lovely schools we are.

Once again, we supported Macmillan coffee event. We had lots of cake donations and our families joined the children in the afternoon for coffee, cake and a class activity. It was a lovely afternoon to raise money for a worthy cause.

We collected many donations for Homeless Families Unit in Ipswich as part of our Harvest festival held in our community churches in September. We would like to thank parents for compassion and generosity.

Children from Hedgehogs and Adders class had a wonderful opportunity to visit Bury Cathedral in October. They all had a lovely day out, linking things they did in with their lessons.

Many pupils have taken on many leadership roles in school to start the year. We have a worship group, digital leaders, peer mentors, sports crew and of course our Head Pupils. They are all enjoying the responsibility that these roles provide.

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



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

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

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

NOTES FROM THE CASE



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With the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II marking such a sad end to what had been a glorious summer we at the Case are now (believe it or not) counting down to Christmas, before this though we do have a few events happening during the autumn to keep us busy.

Open Mic Nights

Our Open Mic Nights are now a very popular evening and are attracting guest performers from far afield. The next two dates for your diary are **Thursday 13 October and Thursday 10 November**. Music starts 7.30pm. As always PA is provided, all performers welcome! Further enquires please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

Quiz Nights

Can you beat our quiz masters? Quiz nights are a firm favourite with many in the village so do come early if you want to guarantee a table. Quiz starts at 8pm. As always teams are up to 6 people, entry £2 per person. First prize, £36 in pub vouchers. Losers are awarded a wooden spoon. Our next two quiz nights are **Saturday 29 October and Saturday 26 November**. All profits from the quiz and raffle go to, St Elizabeth Hospice. Note for your diary our December quiz will be two weeks early due to Christmas and New Year's Eve and will take place on **Saturday 17 December**.

Fireworks Night

We will be open from 6pm on **Saturday 5 November** to help you celebrate Bentley's own Guy Fawkes Night.

Games Nights

Now the nights have started to draw in we have already been asked by a number of customers if we are going to be running our games nights this winter – and we certainly are! They have proved to be very popular if a little noisy. This year they are starting from **Saturday 12 November**. Come along anytime and choose from one of the many board games we have at the pub. You can bring your own board game if you wish too. This year we are combining our first Games Night with a visiting food vendor. Dolly's Pizza Van will be serving pizza from 4.30pm to 7.30pm in the car park. Grab a pizza, have a drink and play a board game! December games night will be, **Saturday 3 December**.

Carols at the Case

Another one for your diary – we will be holding our annual Christmas Carols on **Sunday 18 December**, starting at 4pm. Come and join us for a cheery celebration of Christmas Carols.

Art Exhibitors

As from November we will be exhibiting a new selection of local art work. If in the future you would like to show your art work or photography we would be pleased to include it in one of our exhibitions. All work must be framed (except canvases) and be able to be wall hung. Contact chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk for further information.

Another successful Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again our friends in Bentley and beyond turned out to support this popular annual event. We needn't have worried that the uncertain financial climate would put off our army of willing bakers; you came in force with the most delectable array of cakes and savouries just as in previous years.

Special thanks to our junior entrepreneurs who sold gifts they made themselves and contributed over £100 to the total, and to Dave, who raised £85 from the sale of jigsaws.

Huge thanks to you all, and thanks too to all who came to eat and buy. We even got the weather we ordered! **Because of you we're able to send the impressive sum of £1500 to Macmillan Cancer Care. Well done everybody!**

Christmas Opening times

Christmas Eve: 6pm – 10pm

Christmas Day: 12 – 2pm

Boxing Day: 12 – 2pm

New Year's Eve: 7.00pm – Late

New Year's Day: 12 – 3pm (Normal Hours)

Ploughman's Lunch at the Case!

In aid of Pakistan

We've all seen on the news the horrifying floods which have not only deprived people of everything they had but wrecked their chances of future crops.

If you've thought, "How can I help?" – here's your chance; and have a lovely meal into the bargain.

What? Our Case pub renowned Ploughman's Lunch followed by a delectable pud

Price £10.00 per person

When? Saturday 29 October, 12.00 – 2.30pm

How? Booking in advance only. Form in the shop.

All profits go to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Pakistan Floods Appeal.

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

We have reached the end of the Summer League after playing very well on our home Carpets but struggled to win any games away. It was great to catch up with fellow bowlers from the other clubs who played in the Summer League after the strangeness of the Covid Years.

We now look forward to playing in the Winter League when we will be playing in the East Division 1 where we find we will be playing against some really tough opposition. We are always looking for new players, so if you wish to have some gentle exercise why not come along either on a Tuesday Evening at 7.30 p.m. or on a Wednesday Afternoon at 2.30 p.m. We provide all the equipment and are a very social group who always stop for a chat and a cup of tea and a biscuit half way through each session.

Jill Mills

Secretary Bentley Carpet Bowls

Our last four matches in the summer league have now been completed. As per usual away form let us down again losing at Hintlesham 2-8 & Harkstead (aka Bentley 2) by the same score 2-8. At home the game against Belstead was lost 4-6 a match we should have won but losing 4 shots on the last end on one mat proved decisive. Copdock were our last opponents of the season a team looking to do well to get into the playoffs. However we were not in a generous mood and ran out 8-2 winners with two sets winning and two drawing. Our congratulations go to Belstead & Chelmondiston who qualified for the playoffs. As we were in the first division of the winter league when covid happened, we have retained our place in that division for the 2022/23 season which will start at the beginning of October. This will prove quite a challenge!

David Howe

Bentley Community Orchard - Volunteers Needed

Deep-watering is essential for newly planted young trees during their first two years of growth unless there is regular rainfall that can penetrate the ground enough to encourage the downward growth of roots. Watering the Community Orchard fruit trees became more difficult and onerous during the prolonged drought that we suffered. However, the watering situation became a lot easier when Don Baker delivered a large white IBC container that holds 1,000 litres of water. He also offered to refill the container when needed. We cannot thank him enough for his kindness. The container has a tap under which I have placed a bucket.

I am now seeking to set up a rota of up to seven volunteers (including me) to help with watering when this is necessary (remember that water is heavy and needs carrying to the outermost trees as well as those nearest the container).

Please contact me either by email hawescolin@gmail.com, a note through my door at 3 Silver Leys, Bentley, by phone at 01473 310678, or in person if I meet you out walking. If you have not yet visited the orchard let me know and I will show you where it is. **Colin Hawes (Tree Warden)**

CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

Over the past few months, we have experienced many changes here at Capel Library and it has been a time of reflection but also hope for the future. I would like to say a personal thank you to all the staff, Friends Group and volunteers who make Capel Library the wonderful place it is.

Volunteers

Thank you to all the families for encouraging their children to complete the Summer Reading Challenge. The Magic Olly Show was a fantastic time to see so many happy children. Events like these wouldn't be possible without our wonderful volunteers who work tirelessly to support the library and the staff. If you think you could spare some time to volunteer, then please get in touch. There are many different volunteering opportunities at the library, so pop along and have a chat.

The Friends of Capel Library –In September the Friends of Capel Library attended the Bentley Tudor Fayre where they held competitions and talked to people about what goes on in the library. It is great to get out there and spread the word of what the library can offer everyone in the community. Well done to all the competition winners, all of whom have now collected their prizes from the library.

Minecraft Sunday 9th & 23rd October and 6th & 20th November 10-30am to 12.30. Children of all ages welcome and those under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring with you your tablet or phone equipped with Minecraft Pocket Edition or Minecraft Windows 10 Edition. Try to remember to charge your device beforehand!

Tot Rock Started back with a bang on Thursday 8th September, every week, starting at 9.30am during term time. Come and join in active songs and rhymes for preschool children. There is no charge or booking required. During this time the self-service machine will be available for customers wishing to borrow or return items.

Sunday Crafts restarted on 18th September and is every week from 10.30 to 12.30. All children welcome, no booking is required and there is no charge.

Community Cinema Tuesday 18th October, showing *Elvis* - *Elvis* is a 2022 biographical musical drama film directed by Baz Luhrmann, who co-wrote the screenplay with Sam Bromell, Craig Pearce, and Jeremy Doner. The film follows the life of rock and roll icon, singer, and actor Elvis Presley, told from the perspective of his manager, Colonel Tom Parker.

Novembers Film will be confirmed at our next showing. Tickets available from the library.

OPENING TIMES

Monday: Closed

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Wednesday: 9.30-12.30

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Friday: 2.00-5.00 & 5.30-7.30

Saturday: 9.00-3.00

Sunday: 10.00-3.00

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The Friends of Capel Library 100 Club

August Draw

£25 **Bob Perkin**

£10 **Caroline Taylor**

£5 **Mike Garrod**

September Draw

£25 **Keith Nichols**

£10 **John Bunkell**

£5 **Gillian Williams**

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

Neighbourhood Plan

I was hoping to give you news of a referendum date this month - we are so close I can taste it! - but we are not quite there. What's happened since the last Bugle is that the Inspector has finished her work and has decreed that the Neighbourhood Plan can go forward to referendum, given a very few minor changes and a couple of major ones which reflect Babergh's failure to get the District-level Plan passed last December.

She has handed over control of the process to Babergh's Neighbourhood Plan officer, and he and our consultant are bouncing document versions backwards and forwards with the aim of coming up with a document that reflects both our original intent and the Inspector's comments. It's not until that process completes that we can move on to referendum, but we are very, very nearly there!

Babergh will control the referendum date, but once the document has been finalised, there is a mandatory 6-week period during which everyone can read the Plan; then we will hire the Village Hall for the day and there will be a vote, exactly as if it were an election day. We are currently working to get that process started during October, for a vote this year.

A simple majority of YES votes over NO ones mean that the Plan becomes law, and its Policies must be taken into account for any planning application.

It's been a long old process, but we should be done and dusted before Christmas! (Fingers crossed!)

Nicky Moxey
Chair, Bentley Neighbourhood Plan team

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We are saddened at the death of our dearly beloved Queen, Elizabeth II. For most of us, she was the only monarch we have known in this country, and now having a King represents a huge change which will take a lot of getting used to. In fact, it rather overshadowed the change of Prime Minister which occurred in the same week. However, God never changes, but is the same throughout all eternity. "For I am the LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3v6)

God is unchangeable both in who He is, and what He has purposed to do. Therefore, we can trust Him, and trust what He has said in the Bible. He will not backtrack or fail in His promises, and what He has promised He has the power to do. This includes such great promises as these:

"....Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31)

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