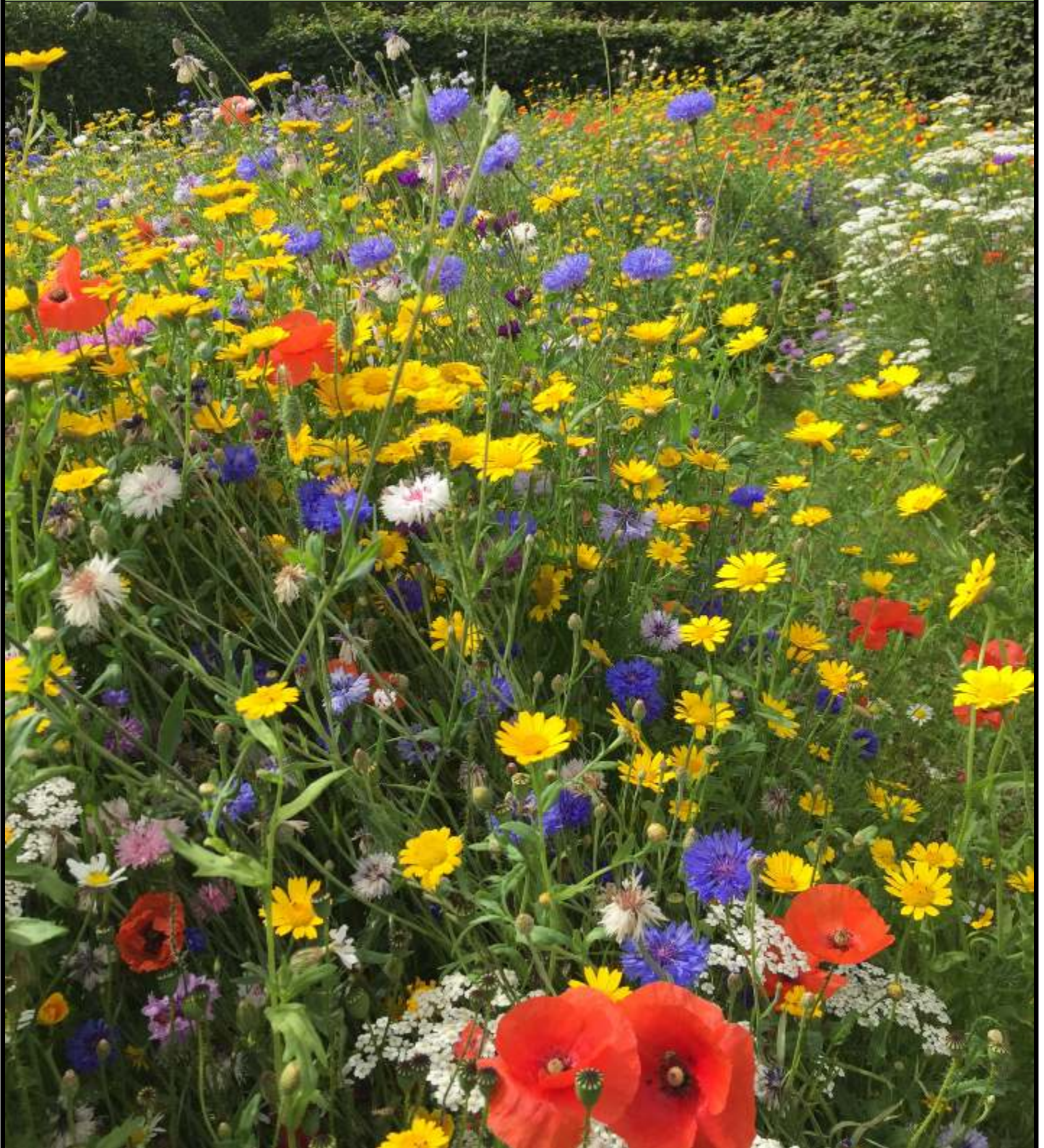


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most of the Village Clubs have advised us that their activities are cancelled or suspended until further notice so please be aware that any dates mentioned in the articles in this edition of the Bugle may be subject to change.

If in doubt please check with the organisers involved.

If you need support please see page 21.

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AT LEAST THERE'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

MINI FLOWER MEADOW - Photo by David Ingham

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Assistant Priest	Revd Don Mehen	01473 310383

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

Other Village Web sites are listed on page 25

Coronavirus Update

The Coronavirus situation is changing daily. Please ensure you keep up to date with the situation nationally and locally and follow the latest advice from Public Health England at www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public.

Our top priority at the practice is to remain open. In order to do this, we are screening patients to ensure that no patient who has been to an affected area and has Coronavirus symptoms, comes to the practice.

Even a suspected case will result in the practice closing temporarily and having to deep clean the building before it can be reopened. If the patient subsequently tests positive, all people who were in proximity to the patient (e.g. other patients in the waiting room or staff who spoke to the patient) will need to be traced, isolated and tested.

It may seem that we are being over-cautious, but I hope patients can see that the impact of a patient attending the practice with suspected Coronavirus is not only disruptive, but will also prevent the practice from providing urgent health care to patients if we need to close.

Please therefore be ultra-cautious. Follow advice from Public Health England and if you believe you may be at risk of contracting Coronavirus, stay at home and contact 111 for advice. Don't come to the surgery.

During this period we continue to offer as normal a service as possible. Our telephone call back service means that many medical issues can be dealt with over the phone. Please also use our eConsult service for any non-urgent issues. You can send an eConsult request any time of the day and we will respond within 48 hours.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please see our website for latest advice and details of our eConsult service.

Training Days

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

Thursday 2nd April 2020

Wednesday 4th May 2020

Wednesday 10th June 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 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

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FOOTPATH SOCIETY

Friday 10th April - From 'The Case' at 11.00 am - Circular Walk (hopefully bluebells).

Thursday 7th May - From Village Hall at 10.00 am - Birdwalk with David and Veronica Howe.

Subject to Corona virus situation. If in doubt please ring John (310569) or Colin (310678).



† St Mary's Church

PLEASE NOTE that with the COVID19 outbreak the Archbishops have said Bentley Church, like all C of E Churches, sadly, will not be holding worship services for the foreseeable future, although small scattered groups could meet for prayer on some occasions.

This came into effect as from Sunday 22nd March. We will hold everyone in our prayers and endeavour to help in any way we can.

We will try to open the church between 10am and 11am on Sundays for as long as possible.

For those who have contributed towards Easter lilies in memory of loved ones we will do our best to source lilies or other suitable flowers and these will be on display with the dedications on Easter Day during the morning.

This is a very sad and difficult time for all of us. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns, wish for prayer or pastoral help or even help with shopping, we are here to help.

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Annual Church Meeting (APCM)

Bentley Church APCM should be held in Bentley Church on Tuesday April 21st starting at 7pm with the election of Church Wardens. Anyone on the Electoral Register is usually invited to attend to vote for the new Church Wardens. In view of the national crisis this may well have to be cancelled.

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Open Church – we will try to open the church between 10am and 11am each Sunday for as long as possible. The required hygiene will be in place and people will need to ensure socially responsible distance from others. Prayer cards and other resources will be available and to take away. There will be someone there should you need to talk.

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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)

Thank you to the people who continue to donate unwanted sheets, towels, duvets and other bedding for West Villa. Your kindness is very much appreciated. If you have towels or duvets which seem a little worse for wear but you feel they should be able to be used for something – well they can. Vets and animal charities, like the Blue Cross at Wherstead use them. They are ideal for bedding for the animals there. So they can be re-used so do take them there.



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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 Sunday, 5th April at 19 The Link or phone 310383.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Church Improvements - Work should have started in March on the improvements to the Church. All being well contractors are expected to start on drainage and other outside works. We will have to wait and see how the Covid19 will slow down or stop the work.

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All church fundraising has been put on hold for the foreseeable future.

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Bentley Churchyard - will remain open for you to visit the graves of loved ones. We continue to be grateful to the fantastic volunteers who keep the open churchyard in such a beautiful state and are managing to maintain our wild life friendly area. Their hard work is very much appreciated. We would like to remind those visiting graves that the brown bin is for compostable waste only. real flowers, leaves and other plant waste. Plastic pots, oasis, wire, and flower wrappings etc should be placed in the black bin. If the bins are full please will you take your waste home and not leave it beside the bins as this creates an unsightly hazard. Thank you. We are delighted with the gift of a new bench from the members of the Link Lunch team and hopefully it will soon be in place for visitors to use when tending graves or looking at the wildlife area.

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Pause for thought - From Psalm 46 – ‘God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.’ It is a great comfort to know that God does know and care. In times of trouble and distress he is there for us, to love us and uphold us. We may not know what the future holds for us, but we can be re-assured that God is with us every step of the way. We just need to be still and know that he is God.

This prayer may help you at this time.

Loving Lord, you care for those in need
Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time.
Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions
that separate us from you and from one another.
Give us grace to live our lives confident in your
promise that you are with us always. Amen.



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THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY’S AGM which was scheduled for 31st March has been cancelled.

Ruth Richmond – Secretary.

BENTLEY BLUEBELLS W.I.

Following a vote by members of Bentley WI we shall from now on be known as 'Bentley Bluebells WI' in honour of the many beautiful wild Bluebells growing in the woods around the village.

This new image reflects many of the changes we are currently making to bring our branch of the WI up to date and relevant for the times in which we live. This will be a gradual change that we hope will include all our members current and new. By encouraging new members we will be able to afford more diverse speakers covering more interesting and entertaining topics. We prepare our timetable a year in advance so the process will take a while but we hope that during the year new members will come along and enjoy two free evenings with us as a taster. Our annual membership is only £43.00 and this includes various free magazines and outings.

This all sounds very serious but we do have fun and it is wonderful to include all ages in our group as diversity (a well used word these days) is very relevant.

Our February meeting was a talk by one of our members on her travels in India. Emma showed us beautiful photos and displayed some of the lovely clothes and souvenirs she has collected over her years of visiting India for work and pleasure. Her enthusiasm for the country was very infectious. We may all be booking trips in the near future!

Our March meeting was a visit from Active Lives, an initiative to try to get people exercising more together, not only to help with one's health but also as a social activity. We played Boccia, a chair based game of bowls and some chair based dancing, something we all could do no matter what our mobility.

All meetings will be cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19

Theresa Bloomfield

BOWLS CLUB

Due to the situation with the Corona Virus we have decided to postpone our quiz. We hope to reschedule this for later in the year.

We are also hoping to have the race night which we have had to cancel later in the year.

We have heard from the Ipswich and District Bowls League that the season has been cancelled, but hopefully if the situation improves we may get some games in at the end of the season, if only friendlies.

Lillian Calvert secretary - 01473 808652

ANDREW DUNN

**Myra would like to thank those who attended Andy's funeral,
And for the cards and donations.
Thanks also to Sandra who conducted the service.**

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

Further to last month's article where I was planning a painting and fitting out of the container, I feel in the light of the current situation, I'll postpone it until later in the year.

However on the point that the container should make the holding of events 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, please contact any of the below 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

LINK LUNCH

The February lunch saw 41 diners enjoy Capel Steak pies mash potatoes fine whole beans and carrot and swede mash followed by apple crumble and custard.

With funds left over from January this has enabled us to donate £150 to Myeloma UK and £100 to I.C.A.N. We have had to cancel the March and April lunches due to Covid - 19. Any tickets sold will be refunded or used when we hopefully return in September.

Veronica Howe

BENTLEY TUESDAY CLUB

On February 11th Deb Hart gave us a talk and slides about willow in the landscape she also gave a demonstration of weaving an obelisk which she donated to our raffle.

On February 25th Simon Leatherdale gave us an interesting talk and slides about trees and woods on Shotley Peninsular.

Then on March 10th we had Chair Aerobics, a game of New Age Curling and were also visited by the Coffee Caravan.

With great sadness I have to report that after this meeting Margaret collapsed and died. We ran the Tuesday club together for fifteen years and I will miss her friendship and help.

All meetings will be cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19

Veronica Howe (Treasurer)

**Following the sudden death of my wife Margaret Blackmore on the 10th March, I am taking this opportunity to thank her many friends in the Village for sending sympathy cards. It was of great comfort for me to read your comments at this very difficult time. My sincere thanks to you all.
John Blackmore.**

BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The end of the 5th hurdle (out of 8) is in sight. If you have a look at the diagram opposite, we're at about stage 5½, with the Plan drafted and with our consultants for a final check on T's crossed and Is dotted.

Stage 6 is where it goes out to formal consultation – to all the statutory bodies such as neighbouring Parish Councils, Highways, Anglia Water, Archaeology, etc, etc – and also to all residents of the parish. The latter is causing me some problems – we had intended to have paper copies available for people to read in the pub, shop, and Village Hall, as well as an online version; but having a hard copy that may have been touched by many people suddenly seems like a really bad idea. We are thinking about laminating a couple of copies, so they can be cleaned between readers, and perhaps having one at the shop and one available to view at the (closed) pub; if you will be unable to see a copy either by this means or electronically, and would like your own paper copy, please let me know via the email below.

The diagram doesn't give you a clear idea of timescales involved. Getting all the external reports completed, and gathering the evidence base, has been by far the longest part of the process, but that's done now and hopefully the last steps will be quicker!

Stage 6 lasts a minimum of 6 weeks. During that time, and not before, we can also ask for an assessment as to whether or not we need an environmental survey; if we do, then that'll likely take another 6 months, so let's hope that we don't!

Stage 6½ is where we make any adjustments to the Plan as a result of the consultation process.

Stage 7 depends on the workload of the judge. They may have other things on their mind...

As may all of us. We have a great community in Bentley. Keeping it safe, whether by taking an interest in the Plan or making sure your neighbours are supported in this difficult time, is essential, in my view. Instead of shaking hands at the moment, I've taken to doing the Star Trek Vulcan salute – and so I wish you all, Live Long and Prosper.

Nicky Moxey

Chair, Bentley Community Plan team

01473 313125 Nicola.moxey@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS COMMUNITY LITTER PICK / VILLAGE TIDY UP DAY

The Parish Council has agreed to support a Community Litter Pick/Village Tidy Up Day to take place at the end of April 2020.

Volunteers would be greatly appreciated – if you wish to take part please contact the Clerk.

Joy Scott – Clerk

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Links with Sustainability Appraisal



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BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Six matches have been played since the last report. After a heavy defeat against title challengers Claydon we suffered from some VAR (Very Annoying Results) losing to Belstead Barking and Martlesham all 4-6 and by very few shots the one exception being versus Chelmondiston who beat us 8-2. However our fortunes changed when we played away at Burstall when everyone performed brilliantly to record a resounding 10-0 win.

With one match to complete at home versus Copdock we still do not know our fate!

David Howe.

CLUB SINGLES COMPETITION

On Sunday 26th January we held our Annual Club Singles Competition, the afternoon started with a very nice lunch for the Members who were competing and their guests.

Sixteen Members were arranged into four groups of four and each player played three matches over seven ends.

The following were the winners of the groups: Brian, Margaret, Sheila and Veronica. Brian played Veronica and Margaret played Sheila in the Semi Finals and after some very good bowling the two who went on to play in the final were Sheila and Veronica. A good competitive final was played and Veronica was the winner for the second time in two years. Congratulations to Veronica and a big thank you to everybody who made the afternoon such a success.

Jill Mills - Secretary, Bentley Carpet Bowls

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CONSTABLE COUNTRY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP - MARCH UPDATE

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Kathy Pollard (Chair) Constable Country Medical Practice

THE CASE BOOK GROUP

In view of the uncertainty with development of the Corona virus the group will not meet until the situation is clearer.

However it is still worth reading Steinbeck's 'The Grapes of Wrath'

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Colin Morgan - 01473 310678

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BENTLEY COMRADES

Our main subject for February was a film tracing the development of Armoured Personnel Carriers in the Weaponology series. Commencing with Roman chariots the history and use of APCs was followed through to the latest versions of these battlefield machines. The second item was a short film about helicopters in the Massive

Machines series narrated by Chris Barry describing the history and technical aspects of these useful vertical take-off and landing aircraft. We finished with an episode of 'Allo, 'Allo entitled Rising to the Occasion.

In March the first film was the first in a series of 4 about the Red Arrows. This was part 1 of the Red Arrows Take America. This episode described the preparations and hazardous flight across the seas to Canada and the USA via Iceland. Parts 2, 3 and 4 will be shown at a later date. The second film was a short piece entitled Anglia at War and showed archive film of the local area from Southend to Norfolk and how the population dealt with life in those times. Finally we closed with the usual episode of 'Allo, 'Allo – A Quiet Honeymoon. Tickets for the forthcoming dance to celebrate VE Day on 8th May were on sale.

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



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Looking at our local area continues at Bentley Primary with an additional project on the design and geography of the village of Bentley and the surrounding areas. We will be making a 3D model of Bentley and are keen to see any maps or photos villagers may have of how the village looked in previous years

and how it has changed. We will then be holding an exhibition in the school hall on Friday 24th April and would love members of the local community to come along from 1.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

Congratulations to the teams of children who proudly represented us at the recent Cross Country competition held at Royal Hospital School and the Spelling Bee held at East Bergholt High School. The children in these teams worked extremely hard and put in a great deal of effort. Well done all!

The altar cloth at Bentley Church has undergone a revamp. A competition was held to design it, which Myles won. The finished product has been worked on by the children who helped to sew some of the design and was beautifully finished by a local community sewing group, the footprints are of the Reception children in school, all with assistance from Sandra Mehen. The winning design incorporates our church vision "Know that I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The unveiling will be at the Easter Service. **(See photo opposite).**

Finally, as Easter approaches, our thoughts turn to the Resurrection and the importance of this event in Christianity. We wish you and your families all a peaceful and joyful Easter.

"Know that I am with you always," Matthew 28:20

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



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Anon !

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BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTES FROM THE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 6 FEBRUARY AND 5 MARCH 2020.

Minutes from those meetings are available on the Bentley notice boards and Bentley Parish Council website <http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/>

Coronavirus:- Please stay safe and follow the NHS guidelines. See the Parish Council's website <http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/news-posts/view/28> for full information. This is updated as the situation changes.

A flyer from a local resident outlining help for anyone who is self-isolating was put through doors in the last few days.

There is also local help and advice on Facebook from our **Bentley (In Suffolk) Community Page**.

Decisions made at the above PC meetings and the Annual Village Meeting may well have to be changed in the light of the current crisis. See the PC website for details.

Planning Applications

DC/19/05429 Holly Oak, Hazel Shrub - **Outline Planning Permission has been refused**

DC/19/00291 Land West of Church Road - **Outline Planning Permission has been refused**

DC/20/00710 The Oaks, Capel Road - Application for works to trees protected by TPO BT172/T1 Crown reduce & spread by 2-2.5m & light thin by 10% to reduce the risk of branch failure of T1 Silver Birch.

Report from Councillors David Busby, Babergh District Council and Gordon Jones, Suffolk County Council :- See SCC & BDC Newsletters on the Notices section of the Parish Council website.

Playing Field Society :- Development of the use of the Village Playing Field. Following on from suggestions from villagers in response to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, a working party to survey the field and report back at the next meeting.

Painting of the storage container and adding shelving inside by volunteers was also planned over Easter (11th April). Date of next Playing Field Society meeting in June.

Other matters discussed:

- Traffic calming – SID pole locations for 4 poles now confirmed with SCC Highways.
- Grit bins – Green bins are now in place in Grove Road and Church Road.

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- Slide for the Play Area – a slide donated from 1 Grove Road has been inspected and work to be carried out has been approved.
- Road sign cleaning and work on footpaths – requires one day training to be undertaken with SCC Highways. The Parish Council to arrange this.
- Slow and 30 road markings on Capel Road on approach to Bergholt Road are faded and need renewing. SCC Highways to be contacted.
- Bird & Bat boxes have been requested for the Green at Silver Leys. To be discussed at next PC meeting.



NOTES FROM THE CASE

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At the time of writing this, the decision has been taken that The Case will be closed temporarily while our Government, during the current health crisis, is recommending that the public should avoid pubs, clubs and theatres. At the moment this is not a forced closure but we are sure this may only be a matter of time.

We will be closed from 2.30pm Friday 20th March, until further notice.

We had hoped that by adopting more stringent cleaning practices, scaling back on pub events and reducing opening hours we would be able to continue to offer a service (albeit on a limited basis) but we have concluded that closing is the only practical option for us. As you know the bar is run entirely by volunteers and it was felt that the pressure placed on those who were able to continue following the Government advice, would be too much.

We are aware that some community owned pubs are proposing to offer an out door service only – i.e. customers using open air/garden seating areas where social distancing can be practised, plus introducing contactless payments only. It has also been suggested that if this situation continues for a long period of time (12 weeks) pubs with adequate outside areas could allow more vulnerable groups to meet, especially the elderly, at specific times for tea or coffee. It has been put forward that this may help to alleviate any mental health problems that long term isolation might cause. Other pubs have also become off sales only as off-licenses have not, as yet, been included in the list of establishments to avoid.

At the moment though we shall only consider these options if we feel they are something we can provide practically or our customers and community think would be beneficial.

For now though, we would like to thank and send well wishes to all our customers, the wider community and of course all our wonderful volunteers for their continued support and to add that we will be back when the situation changes.

BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Once again the village is looking lovely with the daffodils, crocuses and magnolia trees in bloom. I was asked who planted the daffs - they were supplied by a resident and planted mainly by John Blackmore and the late Jim Smith of the Society many years ago.

Due to the situation regarding the coronavirus pandemic the committee have decided that we would be exposing our members to an avoidable and unnecessary risk if we continue with our monthly meetings. **We have therefore made the decision to cancel all Horticultural Society meetings with immediate effect and until further notice.**

It may be that the planned coach outing to Stody Lodge Gardens on 14th May is in jeopardy, but at this stage it is hoped that the Annual Show on 15th August will go ahead. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise you accordingly in due course.

If you have any questions please contact Stewart Rowe either by email at bentleyhorticulturalsociety@btinternet.com or by telephone on 01473 311994.

LOCAL GARDENS OPEN.

On 26th April and 3rd May 2.00 - 5.00pm. The woodland at Haughley Park - 6 acres is covered in Bluebells. Entry £4, under 16 free. This is organised by Wetherden Church where all proceeds will go. Tea and cakes will be on sale.

Also on 26th April 9.30am - 4.30pm Blakenham. Woodland Garden at Little Blakenham IP8 4LZ is open under the National Garden Scheme. Entry £5, children free. Home made teas.

Pam Lovell

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Summer Jumble Sale **Clear The Clutter - bag a Bargain**

Bentley Toddler Group is holding a Jumble Sale to raise funds, on
Saturday 23rd May 2.00 pm at Bentley Village Hall

If you have anything you wish to donate to our sale, please bring it along to the hall from 9.00 am on the day, or telephone Pam on 01473 310283, or Aimée on 01473 311311, and we will arrange to collect it from you.

If you would like to come to our sale, the hall will be open from 2.00 pm.
Tea & coffee will also be available.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.



Bentley Toddler Group

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CAPEL LIBRARY

Do you struggle to know what to buy people? We are now offering Cinema Gift Vouchers, as well as Record/CD and Book Tokens. Such an easy gift to give.

The Friends of Capel Library would like to thank everyone who has renewed for 2020 as both members and part of the 100 club. If you would like to become a member forms are available in the library. Membership is £2 for the year and the 100 Club is £12 for the year (pro-rata). If you join the 100 Club in April, you will only need to pay £9. Currently there are 4 prizes £20, £15, £5 & £5. The prizes increase with the enrolment of new 100 club members.

What an amazing time everyone had with Kimmy's Zoo. Thank you to everyone who came and The Friends of Capel Library for sponsoring the event.

Dates for your diary:

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

Capel Creators Saturday 25th April & 23rd May 10.30 - 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 5th & 19th April and 3rd & 17th May 10.30 - 12.30pm. 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!

Drawing Club – Sunday 26th April and 10th & 24th May 10.30 - 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.

Journaling Club – 2nd & 4th Friday every month 6.15 - 7.15pm. 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.

Capel Library Book Group - Friday 21st Feb & 20th March. This adult group meets on the third Friday of each month in the library from 2.30pm. Come along, pick up the book they are currently reading and join in.

Community Cinema - 21st April & 19th May, doors open at 7.00, film starts at 7.30 with licenced bar. April's film is Judy, May's film is Downton Abbey.

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

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DEAR BENTLEY RESIDENTS...

The government's latest advice on how to deal with the coronavirus outbreak has left us with a fairly good degree of freedom. However, this may change in the coming month and we are writing to you to reassure you that there are members of our community who are willing and able to offer help, should you need it.

If you need in the future to self-isolate, or if you are elderly or have an illness and are at present fearful to venture out, you may be unable to shop for food and other essentials. We are able to do some of this for you. This can be achieved without you needing to have direct contact with us. We can talk over the phone and organise a food delivery, etc.

You may also just feel like having a chat! Self-isolating does not mean becoming isolated from the community.

Should you need help, or wish to know more, please call Annie Owen on 07866649108 or e-mail annyo@btinternet.com

Keep safe. Keep in contact.

The Bentley Support Team

If you use Facebook you may be interested in this:-

Bentley (In Suffolk) Community Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/292599697915731/>

OTHER VILLAGE WEBSITES

Bentley Village Stores - www.bentleystores.co.uk

Bentley CEVC Primary School - www.bentley.suffolk.sch.uk

The Case is Altered - <http://www.thecasepubbentley.co.uk>

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