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**“SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOWS”**

Garage door supplied by Gill and Mick Leafe.

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Churchwarden	Mr Peter Day	01473 310518
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

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## SPEEDWATCH IN BENTLEY HAS CEASED TO FUNCTION Vacancy SPEEDWATCH CO-ORDINATOR

Bentley Parish Council are looking for a new Speedwatch Co-ordinator. Speedwatch has been in operation for a number of years and has helped slow down traffic through the village considerably. Training and help will be given by the previous Co-ordinator to the successful applicant.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk

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### HEDGEROWS

Bentley Parish Council respectfully reminds parishioners to check that their hedgerows and plants are not, inadvertently, obstructing or impeding pedestrian access along public footways. Council asks that any such growth (width and height) is cut back in order to avoid any unintentional accident or injury to pedestrians, cyclists or motor vehicles.

If any parishioner is aware of a particular problem site, please notify the Clerk in order that appropriate action may be taken.

**S C R A B B L E**  
**2020 SEASON**  
**C**  
**U**  
**B**

Meetings of the Scrabble Club are suspended until further notice. When we are able to meet again it will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room

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

Robin Owen



# ✠ St Mary's Church News

Members of St Mary's Church Bentley hope that you are all coping during this very difficult time for us all. We are fortunate to live in a community which cares for its residents and there is lots of help available if you need it. I am sure we are all grateful that our Community Shop remains open and our thanks to all those who volunteer to keep this valuable resource going.

Sadly the church has been unable to open for worship since Sunday 22nd March. Now that strict rules have been relaxed church buildings can be opened but as major building work is taking place St Mary's will remain closed. When the work of installing a kitchen/meeting room and inside toilet is complete we hope to be able to welcome people back to church. We will however adhere to whatever social distancing guidance is in place when we do open, hopefully in October.

For anyone interested in what is going on, Peter Day, our Church Warden is keeping a photographic record and some photos are on page 14 of this new edition of the Bugle. For safety reasons we would ask that you do not try visiting the church building or its immediate surroundings until all the work is completed.

Meanwhile there is a Communion service happening every week at 10am alternating between Copdock and Sproughton Church under current distancing guidance; a live 3pm Holy Communion from the Rectory on Facebook, 'Rev'd Annette's Posts'; a 6pm Zoom service and reflections and sermons circulated by email. Please contact the rectory or administrator if you require details. It would be lovely to be able to stay in touch.

Sproughton and Copdock are happy to host funerals or thanksgiving service for people within Bentley until the Church is open. Please do not hesitate to contact the Rector if she can help you in any way.

Rector - Rev Annette Shannon – 807674  
Church Warden – Peter Day - 310518  
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Administrator – Hayley Purnell  
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# St Mary's Church News

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL AND WEST VILLA**

We usually collect tins and packets of food at our Harvest Festival Service but sadly this will not be held this year as the church is closed until October. If you would still like to support West Villa we will be collecting tins and packets of food as usual. There will be a basket in the porch of 19 The Link each day from 31st August to 9th September so please leave your gifts there. They are always very grateful for such help and this pandemic has made many more people struggling to provide enough food for their families so please help if you can. Any queries please contact Sandra Mehen ☎ 01473 310383. Thank you.

## **BENTLEY CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT**

We cannot to hold our quiz this October as social distancing and other measures would make it inviable. For any of you who would still like to support the church and enjoy a quiz there is one to do at home. Questions will be ready for distribution from Thursday 20th August to Wednesday 9th September. If we are out please phone and we will arrange a collection time. There will be a charge of £1, or more if you are feeling generous, for each set of questions. Please get as many of your friends and family as possible to take part. Closing date for entries will be 10th October. You can collect and pay for quiz sheets at 19 The Link or contact Sandra on ☎01473 310383. There will be a small prize, dependant on the number of entries. If you would like your entries returned please leave a stamped, addressed envelope when you collect your Quiz. Thank you. Have fun!

## **PAUSE FOR THOUGHT**

We've had lots of time to think during this pandemic. What should we be doing or not doing. It reminds of the children's story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The family set off and meet many obstacles. Each time they agree, 'we can't go over it, we can't go under it, we've got to go through it.' It's the same for us 'we've got to go through it too. But we know that God will be with us supporting us as we go through it together. Matthew 28:20.

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### **BENTLEY SUPPORT TEAM**

**A big Thank You to the Bentley Support Team  
from the Bentley Bugle Team  
for all the help and offers of help they have been giving  
during the current crisis.**

# St Mary's Church News

## CHURCH UPDATE

I am pleased to say that work updating the church has begun and all is progressing well. We have been given a completion date of 9th October.

To complement the new, improved facilities inside the church we wish to focus on the grounds surrounding the church and the churchyard across the road. Our team of gardeners work diligently throughout the year to keep the grounds well under control for which we are extremely grateful. However, there are many ongoing tasks that are essential to the care and upkeep of the grounds and to keep the church, especially the tower, free from damp. The tasks are various from clearing down pipes, trimming trees, levelling ground, to preparing and seeding a wild flower garden. In order to enhance the grounds additional and exciting projects are envisaged so please watch this space. We would ask that as a community member you may consider joining our small band of workers to enable our church and grounds to become a haven for wild life, a place of peace and reflection and where the community can come together to enjoy each others company and a cup of tea!

If you feel you would like to join us please contact me at:

Email: peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01473 310518 Mobile: 07570 103005

**Peter Day (Churchwarden)**

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## PER ARDUA AD ASTRA

- is a Latin phrase meaning "through hardship to the stars" and is the official motto of the Royal Air Force. It reflects on the hardship and price of peace.

Financial insecurity, social isolation, family separations, illness, violence and death encompass some of our fears. But our Christian faith with its doctrine of "perfect love drives out fear," is a religion of peace loving, peace making and peace keeping. "Peace, perfect peace is the gift of Christ our Lord."

A bit of a shaker then to find Jesus described in Matthews gospel as a warrior shattering this perfect peace image (Mat. 10:34-35). "Do not suppose I have come to bring peace on the earth but a sword." It doesn't fit that Jesus wishes to cause strife among family members (v.35). But He is illustrating the battle to win The Peace. The commitment necessary if victory is to be achieved.

Peace doesn't come unless we are filled with compassion and welcome into our midst the stranger, the exile, the refugee, the immigrant, the vagrant. God's peace doesn't come whilst evil, injustice, oppression, prejudice and fear remain or at the expense of holiness, righteousness, mercy and justice.

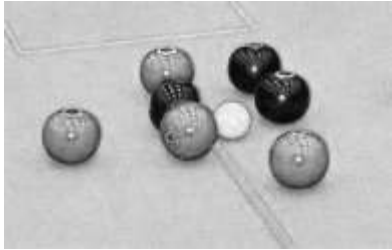
As our fears and emotions war within us we don't need to fear insult, change, persecution, illness or death. But a life half lived (lukewarm, neither hot nor cold). A life of niceness, blandness, disengaged devotion or a life of piety without power.

Our weapons are not spitfires, tornadoes or typhoon fighters which need special skills, aptitude and training so that the few fight on our behalf. To win the peace we **all** need to fight with the weapons of truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, awareness of salvation, the word of God (The Bible) and unceasing prayer relying on The Holy Spirit.

Jesus will "guide our feet into the way of peace" if we are prepared to join in the battle and follow Him through hardship and pain, through our fears and truly reach for heaven. Amen.

**Peter Day (Churchwarden St. Mary's Bentley)**





## **BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Because of the Coronavirus restrictions we held our 31st Annual General Meeting On Line.

An Agenda and all relevant reports were circulated to all Members and the On Line meeting went ahead with all the input from members included.

The following Committee Members were elected into the following posts:

Chairperson	David Howe
Secretary	Jill Mills
Treasurer	Veronica Howe

The following Captains were elected.

Winter League Captains Jill Mills and Pam Rayment were elected as Joint Captains.

Summer League Captain	Pam Rayment
Summer League Vice Captain	Deidre Rose
Friendlies Captain	Pam Rayment
Friendlies Vice captain	Sandra Ford

At the moment we are still unsure when Carpet Bowls will start again and we don't know what division we will be playing in. We obviously have to be patient and look forward with optimism to meeting up with fellow Carpet Bowlers hopefully before too long.

**Jill Mills - Secretary**

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## **BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

The first monthly meeting after all the cancellations is on Friday 18th September 2020 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is from Woottens Nursery at Wenhasston and the subject is Herbacious Perrenials. Arrangements will be made for plants to be available for sale. We will remain optimistic that the meeting will be able to go ahead.

### **OUTINGS**

It was most unfortunate that our outings could not go ahead this Spring BUT we will make up for that - looking forward in hope and optimism I have a number of ideas :-  
A return trip to Anglesea Abbey to see the Winter Garden.

In May to Stody Lodge in Norfolk to see the Azaleas and Rhododendrons.

Later in the year our long promised trip to Wisley.

I think we might have deserved a few treats - all we need is for these trips to be supported come along and enjoy a day out.

At least the weather has been lovely and we all now have lovely tidy, pretty gardens.

**Pam Lovell**



## LOCKDOWN IN BENTLEY

As we gradually come out of lockdown, I thought it would be worth capturing some of the flavour of that very strange time. I started to write down impressions in April, when it became clear we were in for the long haul; and then asked the village for their impressions.

The Village Hall had to shut straight away, of course. The pub shut its doors on March 20th. Much to the regulars' delight, it continued to do takeaway beer at the weekend until it ran out... The school never shut, with keyworker's children actually in school, and sending lessons out to all the children at home.

The village shop has remained open throughout and has managed to stay remarkably well stocked, even getting toilet paper in quickly after stockpiling stripped it from the shelves. Many of the volunteers are in the vulnerable groups, though, and have had to step back; but especially whilst all non-essential shops were shut, we've had enough younger volunteers to open 7 days a week, 9-12.

**Sounds of lockdown;** the rumble of traffic from the A12 has gone! Birdsong sounds so clear without it, as do the horses' hooves on the road. Then there's the weekly clap (or drum bang, or bell ring, any kind of noise at 8pm on a Thursday) to celebrate the enormous sacrifices and bravery of NHS and other frontline workers caring for people often without proper personal protective equipment, knowing they put themselves and their families at risk as a result. This is also the only point in the week for many when we can have shouted conversations with our neighbours...

**Smells of lockdown;** baking bread! So many people have taken up baking, at least once the shop managed to get hold of flour again. We shared a sourdough starter around when yeast was unobtainable.

**Sights of lockdown;** Rainbows everywhere. Queues outside the shop, as only one person at a time goes in; thank heavens that the weather is almost completely sunny and dry for most of April, May, and June! "Take me I'm free" notices on social media and driveways; people did a lot of clearing out, and giving stuff to others rather than trying to sell it or throwing it away feels the right thing to do.

**Skills required for lockdown;** Families apart rely on videoconferencing apps like Zoom. This had a security issue initially where people could elbow their way into your call and display porn – so knocking unexpected people off the call really quickly became a crucial skill! Baking, see above. Lurking on supermarket websites to capture an elusive delivery slot... Helping the children with schoolwork. Trying to find a quiet spot in the house if you are still working, or working out how to keep the family sane and busy if you're not. For a week or two, balancing whilst doing "foot-shakes" or elbow bumps instead of shaking hands! Washing hands whilst singing Happy Birthday through twice...

**Language of lockdown** – words we have never used before! Lockdown... "Social Distancing", keeping 2m apart because the scientific advice is that disease-containing droplets rarely carry that far; dancing round each other on narrow pavements, or wordlessly deciding who was going to walk in the road, is the new etiquette. The difference between "self-isolating" and "shielding", and what it could mean for your supermarket deliveries... "Furlough" - A word no one had heard of before but turns out to be somewhat better than words we did know like 'leave without pay' or 'immediate redundancy' (although it could yet

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prove merely a stay of execution for many...) The Government paid 80% of wages for all eligible employees for months and months. There was a similar scheme for self-employed people – but many small businesses fell through the support cracks.

### **People's reflections:**

“Social interaction is limited to chats in the queue outside the shop for a few minutes at a time rather than sitting in the pub with a drink or three for an hour or more. No pub quizzes, no parties in the pub garden, no getting together with the neighbours, no volunteering”

“I've moved through various stages of coping with this new way of life; enjoying the novelty of a slower pace of life, missing previous freedoms, panic at the uncertainty of it all, relief that we live in pleasant surroundings, sympathy for those really suffering”

“The whole new discovery that yes one can work or part work from home and how glorious that is/was ... would anyone have imagined how East Enders and Coronation Street (for the safety of the actors) were ceased without further notice?! The excitement when out for a walk if you actually saw someone you knew in the distance - a PERSON yay (!! ) wave like crazy ( would've been a small nod in the past!) !!! Lockdown may well have been a serious and terrifying time for those living under the cloud of domestic violence or depression but for others of us (regardless of age), it was a taste of retirement, a focus on the values in the home and garden, a time to develop a hobby or improve ones cuisine or baking, most of all reminding us that we are a wonderful community who are there to support each other. “

“Haircuts and hair colours !!! YouTube has been ideal. Lockdown has been perfect for when the colour or cut doesn't meet the expectations, because the only people seeing it would be your household!! Oh and the hair can grow before you have to meet others.”

“A huge appreciation for where we live and the countryside around us... it was wonderful to watch spring unfold around me on daily walks and bike rides with my family. The carpet of bluebells in Old Hall Woods was almost magical. Actually having time to spot the wildlife has been a joy, muntjaks, hares, buzzards and sparrowhawks all spotted from our windows, binoculars stuffed in the back of the cupboard dusted off and used at last!”

“On a summers day looking up at a clear blue sky with not a vapour trail in sight when the sky would look like a cobweb from a demented spider normally!”

“I've been afraid, both for myself and for the people I love. Now I'm just bored!”

“Driving to the supermarket feels like such a burst of freedom!”

“I've lost a whole lot of weight, I'm walking so much!”

“I've put on so much weight, I'm snacking all the time!”

We're so lucky to live in the country.

“Flinching when someone coughs...”

“The one-way systems the supermarkets have put in – you can guarantee you've forgotten something in Aisle 2”

I've taken over from John Tombs, who after many years as the Village Recorder has decided to pass on the baton – if there's anything you think people in the future would find interesting, please let me know!

**Nicky Moxey, 01473 313125**

## **BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD  
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### **NEWS**

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to re-open for morning and afternoon Sunday services in the chapel from 5th July, so that we can return to worship the Lord in His house on His day, and hear the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ once again being preached in the chapel building. We are thankful for the visiting ministers who come to us each Sunday.

Our Risk Assessment, explaining the measures we have taken for everyone's safety, and incorporating guidance for all those attending, can be found on our website. Sadly, as we have a very small building, you will need to contact us if you wish to attend at the current time.

During the period of lockdown, we have been able to have services via Zoom from our homes. For those unable to attend, we intend to continue broadcasting Zoom from the chapel, as we now have broadband installed - please contact us if you would like to be included.

We pray often for the people of Bentley, especially at this difficult time.

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### **BARN OWL SUCCESS IN BENTLEY 2020**

In 2018, barn owls nested in owl boxes at five sites in Bentley, raising a total of 10 young (owlets). This year, at the time of writing (9th July, 2020), three of these five sites have been visited to examine three of the boxes. The three boxes contained a total of nine owlets, four in one box, three in the second and two in the third. Barn owl boxes have proved ideal nest sites in Bentley, as shown in the accompanying photograph, where John Glazebrook is removing a nestling to ring it, record its weight, and take wing measurements. John is helped at these recording events by Pauline Ewart, who records the data that John gives her, and by photographer Mike Ewart. (See photo on page 13)

**Colin Hawes**



## *Bentley CEVC Primary School News*

What strange times we have been living in! Covid-19 has changed the face of our school and has presented a variety of challenges to our children, our families, staff and wider community. We are so proud of our pupils and their parents / carers and their commitment to continuing their learning at home in extraordinary circumstances. We thank all those families and the teaching and support staff who have made remote learning a reality and effective.

As we move into a new school year, we are very much looking forward to welcoming back all our pupils across all year groups. We had a glorious day for a Teddy Bears Picnic with our new children set to join us in September. It was lovely to be able to meet and chat with them all, albeit from a safe distance. The team in Wolves class worked hard to plan a lovely afternoon of activities including an 'eye spy' challenge around the school to help the children familiarise themselves with their surroundings.

Our resident school chickens continue to thrive (and reproduce). The Bentley chickens have been with us for 6 years now and some of the original group are still going strong. One chick has survived this year and the children in Reception and Year 1 who have been in school, have named him / her Silvermoon. Every year, the children hold events and sell eggs to raise money for the chickens' upkeep. This year for obvious reasons, we have not been able to do this and we are running low on chicken funds. If anybody has any spare chicken feed (or their favourite snack, mealworm) that you could donate, we would be ever so grateful.

Finally, to all those people in our community, who give up their time to volunteer in our schools, we are missing you all and sincerely hope that we will be able to welcome you back soon. The time volunteers give is so important to both schools and you are an integral part of the school team.

The library is missing you Sandra!

The little ones are missing you Maureen!

Mike, Wednesdays just aren't the same without you!

We are also so grateful to the Open The Book Team from Bentley church, who have kept inspiring the children through these times with videos of their enactments of stories from The Bible. Children have been accessing the links and families have said how nice it is that they can still have that connection. God be with you all.

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

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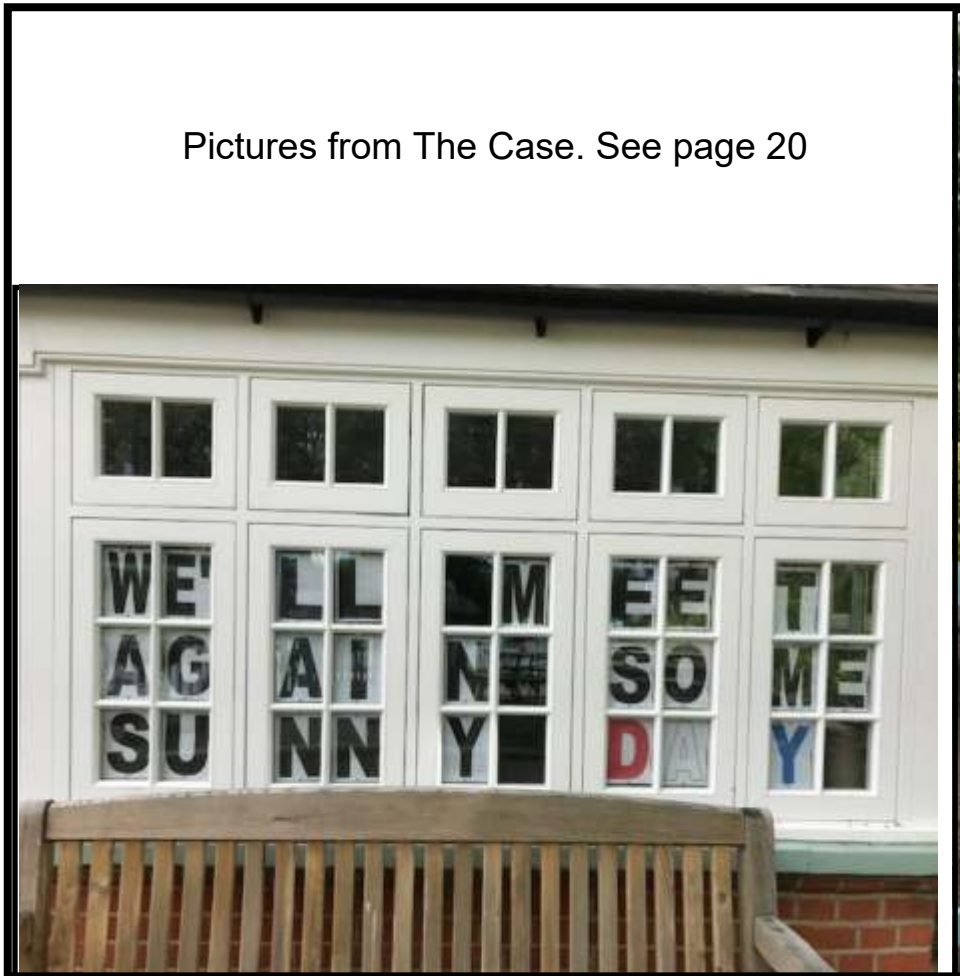
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Male Stab Beetle  
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Corona virus



Pictures from The Case. See page 20



Building Works at St Mary's - see Church Newspages 5-7



# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## NOTES FROM THE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL AND PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETINGS ON 7TH MAY, 4TH JUNE AND 2ND JULY 2020.

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

### Meetings during the Coronavirus pandemic

Due to restrictions in place, the April Parish Council meeting as well as the Annual Parish Council meeting and Annual Parish meeting were cancelled. Remote meetings by Zoom application were started in May and all meetings since have been held in this way. Agendas for all meetings, both Parish Council and Playing Field Society meetings have been published in the normal way via our website and the Parish Noticeboards. The meetings have, as always, been open to the general public. Requests to attend the meeting remotely need to be made via email to the Parish Clerk Joy Scott.

We are still not sure whether our next meeting on 3rd September will need to be held remotely or we can return to meetings held in the Village Hall. Please see the agenda when published for further information.

**The Parish Council would like to thank the Bentley Support Group, led by Annie Owen for all their hard work during the lockdown to support vulnerable and elderly residents.**

### Planning Applications

<b>DC/20/01122</b>	Land to the rear of 4-6 Grove road.	Erection of 1 dwelling with access via 1 Grove Road.	Recommend Approval. (Now granted)
<b>DC/20/01312</b>	4, Case Cottages	Erection of single storey and double storey extension	Recommend Approval. (Now granted)
<b>DC/20/02231</b>	Wayside, Capel Rd.	Erection of 2 storey rear extension	Recommend Approval. (Awaiting decision)

### 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:- <http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/notices/>

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### **Playing Field Society**

At the Playing Field Society meeting on 4th June, attended by Jon Haines, Chairman of Maritime FC, it was agreed to allow Maritime FC to hire the Village Playing Field for use as their home ground for their under 11 team for home matches on a Saturday morning and weekly Thursday evening training sessions for an initial 2 year period. They agreed to make improvements to the pitch including improvements to drainage and parking.

At the Parish Council meeting on 2nd July, a resident raised concerns about the access arrangements for Maritime FC to the Village Playing Field down Case Lane. These concerns have now been resolved by an agreement between Maritime FC and Bentley Primary School.

The full details of the agreement between Maritime FC and Bentley Playing Field Trustees are given in this publication of the Bugle on pages 17 & 18 and on our website <http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/news-posts/view/38>

### **Other Playing Field News**

Painting of our storage container has had to be delayed due to the pandemic restrictions.

Due to these restrictions the Family Fun Day in September and the Firework Display at the end of October have also had to be cancelled. It is hoped there will be launching of rockets from the Playing Field for the village to see in place of the Firework Display this year.

### **Other matters discussed**

- **Traffic calming** – contact with SCC Highways is ongoing to try to progress the installation of SID poles. Once these are in place, the Parish Council intends to purchase a SID device to warn motorists of speeding through the village.
- **Slide for the Play Area** – the slide has been renovated and restored to the required standards. (Thanks to residents Ray Bloomfield and Graham Cooper for their work with this, as well as the volunteers who have completed the groundworks). Once matting is in place, the slide and platform can be installed in the Play Area and subject to Coronavirus restrictions, the Play Area can be opened.
- **Road sign cleaning** will take place once restrictions are lifted.
- **Bird & Bat boxes** have been requested for the Green at Silver Leys. These were to be made at the Bentley Family Fun Day. Now the Fun Day has been cancelled the Parish Council will fund these bird boxes with a donation of £100. Tree warden to erect.
- **Quiet Lanes** – decision is expected imminently from Suffolk County Council as to whether a bid for funding from Quiet Lanes Suffolk is successful.
- **Affordable Housing** – Hastoe Housing have been contacted and they will be looking for an alternative site.

As well as publishing information in the Bugle, the Parish Council website is updated regularly with important notices and local news items - <http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net> and notices are also put on Bentley's Community Facebook page - **Bentley (in Suffolk) Community Page**.

## BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD NOTICE

The Trustees of Bentley Playing Field Society, having considered the matter in open meeting, have agreed to Maritime Football Club Under 11's team using the pitch for practice on Thursday evenings and Matches on Saturday mornings. Match times and other details will be publicised by Maritime FC as normal for any club. The Season runs from early September until the end of May (with a pre -season in August).

Maritime FC have agreed to invest and undertake improvements to the pitch – maintenance including re-seeding the goal mouths with protective fencing, improving drainage and reinforcing an area for parking. They will site a storage unit next to the Parish Council Container and they will hire a Portaloo for their use on training and match days during the Season.

Training times are inevitably flexible on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings which leaves the Parish field available for local use around 6.5 days a week. The contract with Maritime FC allows for reviews and any material changes come back to the Playing Field Society Trustees for agreement. This may possibly include further teams which will be considered on a case by case basis.

Maritime FC will maintain the facilities in good order and will not leave any rubbish on site. A dog bin is available on the main road near the Pub garden as it has to be on a main road for regular Council collections.

The Trustees have been discussing the possible Development of the Playing Field for a number of years with a view to improving the facility for residents and their families and this investment and Contract is seen as a step in the right direction.

Maritime FC are keen to build a Club to be proud of (see their letter on PC Website at <http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/news-posts/view/38> ) and it is hoped that Children from Bentley might be interested in joining. The existing nets have been damaged and Maritime FC will provide their own.

**Access & Parking:-** Maritime FC have negotiated an agreement with Bentley Primary School who have kindly allowed Maritime FC to use the School Playing field for access and parking for matches and training. Access will be via the Capel Road entrance. Maritime FC will be providing some free footballs and an after School Club. The School is really pleased that there will be a Club in the community. At all other times access to the Village Playing Field is via Case Lane. Keys are held in the Bentley Community Stores and by the Footpath Warden, Tim Hamstead and Chairman of the Parish Council, Michael Bamford.

**Storage:-** Maritime FC's storage container has now been delivered. The Playing Field Trustees will be painting our container (as planned earlier in the year) soon. If you'd like to volunteer please contact Tim Hamstead.

**Use of the Football Pitches by residents:-** There are now 2 football pitches marked out. One a full size pitch and one smaller practice pitch. The reseeding of the goal mouths of the main pitch means those goal mouths are temporarily out of action but Maritime FC will be providing a practice goal for residents to use on the practice pitch.

Once the main pitch is back in use (in August), Maritime FC will be leaving their new nets in place after matches and training for use by the village for casual football use.

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The practice goal will remain in place for children to use. We would expect any large group who wish to use these facilities, to contact the Parish Council Clerk in the first instance.

**Lighting for Thursday evening training sessions:- Maritime FC will need to light the pitch during winter evenings. This will only be from approximately 17.45 to 19.15.**

The Chairman, Jon Haines has reassured us that there would be negligible light pollution while they are in use. The LED battery powered lights are 'state of the art' and purchased at considerable expense to the Club. The light is directed downwards at all times, there is no haze emitted and will be only used in a small area at the top end of the field (an area about half the size of the main pitch). Jon has offered to demonstrate these lights to any residents when the nights draw in to show that they offer zero disturbance.

We hope that this has answered any remaining questions from residents but if you do have any more concerns or questions please contact Joy Scott, the Parish Council Clerk, via email.

We'd like to thank Maritime FC for all their hard work in preparing the pitches and addressing residents' concerns. We look forward to welcoming Maritime FC into our Community and hope that this agreement will benefit all users of the Village Playing Field.

**Joy Scott – Clerk**

**Whites Cottage, Heath Road, East Bergholt CO7 6RJ**

**E-mail: [joyvscott@outlook.com](mailto:joyvscott@outlook.com) – Telephone: 01206 298174**

Bentley Parish Field is run by Trustees of Bentley Playing Field Society, a Charity Reg No 285071 and is not a Public Space.



**BENTLEY Bluebells W.I.**

Greetings from Bentley Bluebells WI, to all our members and the rest of the community. We trust you have survived lockdown in reasonably good spirits.

Just a reminder that when this is all over we will meet again ...don't know where don't know when....

Well we do actually it will be in the Village Hall @ 7-30pm on the second Wednesday of whichever month the powers that be deem it safe. We hope that having found new friends and got to know your neighbours better during lockdown you may like to build on that find a few more at WI. Give us a try!!

Hoping to see all our present members, and lot of new ones soon. Stay safe.

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At the time of our last report The Case had just temporarily closed its doors to customers at 2.30pm on Friday 20th March; my, that does seem like a life time ago! It was decided to close earlier than the Government's advice so avoiding any undue pressure on our remaining volunteers, which the looming Covid 19 health crisis might cause.

Since then, although our doors have been shut, behind the scenes we have stayed quite busy. This has of course mainly been with essential repairs and maintenance work out but also with off licence sales and committee meetings held via Zoom.

Our off licences sales during April and early May went very well and we'd like to thank our customers for assisting us in achieving our goal of not throwing away our cask beers. They drank us dry! Our keg beers were a different story. Although we were able to return 3 unopened barrels the rest, sadly, had to be poured away – (once we had received permission from the local water authority!) We were for some time, literally 'the pub with no beer'! But it did mean the cellar could have a really serious clean and tidy up! Since then we have restarted our off licence sales with cask beers and a lager.

During this time the inside of the pub has been completely redecorated, the soft furnishings have all been hand washed, as have the upholstered bench seats and boy after 6 years did they need it! Many thanks to all those who took part in this momentous job! Fridges and freezers were emptied, cleaned and switched off. The garden now has a team of dedicated gardeners who all have their own stretch of border to tend and care for. They are doing a great job and the garden is looking really good. We even have a new herb garden so when we start cooking again our chef's will be able to help themselves to really fresh herbs. The grass has continued to be cut and the flower baskets and boxes replenished and maintained. Even our front fence has had a repaint and repair (since yet another car hit it!) And to make it look more cheerful it has been adorned by many pictures and posters supporting our key workers. **(Photos page 14)**

As some of you may know thanks to Brooke Telling we have been able to carry on with our regular monthly Open Mic Night sessions. Brooke organised and recruited some of our regular artists and they have been performing to a really appreciative audience via live stream at 'Lockdown Open Mic at The Case Is Altered, Bentley', on FaceBook. Well done Brooke and to all those who have taken part or have given their time and support.

I am sure that most of you are aware that some public houses have already re-opened and at the time of writing we are considering opening the Garden area only, with sales from the door way. This involves a lot of decision making and planning as the Government guidelines and code of practise is quite rigid regarding what has to be done in order for this to happen. Since the 4th July we have been taking a 'watch and learn' approach and waiting to see if the lockdown can be eased without creating a spike of new cases. Turning everything off 4 months ago seemed very sad and seeing our pub in darkness week after week has been quite upsetting for many of our regulars but hopefully we may be coming out of the worst of the lockdown and we can start to move forward albeit in little very little steps. We hope to see you all again soon, appropriately socially distanced of course!

## **BENTLEY STORES - serving the Community**

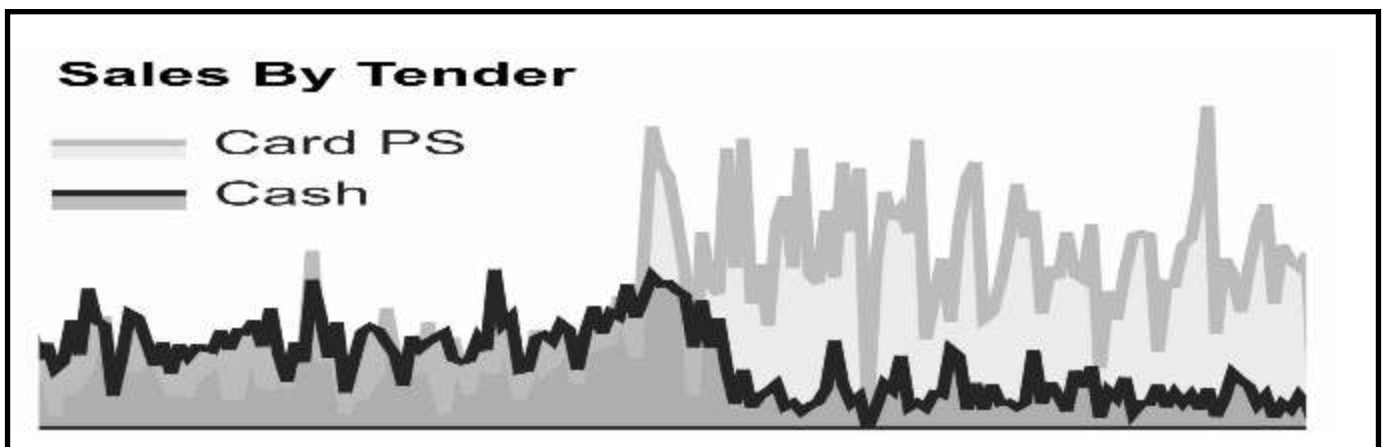
Thank you to all our volunteers who have helped ensure your Community Shop has been open 7 days a week from 9 to 12 noon and these hours will continue for a while yet! Queueing in the Car Park has become a social magnet for the village as we continue our “**One in One out**” policy to make sure we are really a safe place to shop.

We are so grateful to all our volunteers who normally run the shop and to the newer ones who have come forward to keep us running in these strange and difficult times. We were four years old on 14th July !!

For those who like numbers since 1st March, 41 different volunteers have served 5926 customers who bought 22,084 items !

1873 bottles of milk, 10,388 free range eggs, 1425 loaves of Capel bread, 738 Capel Pies and 1964 fruit and veg and of course 500+ toilet rolls!

The move to card payment has been tremendous as we have no minimum amount and a £45 max for contactless as you would expect from a busy retailer !!



Anon of Bentley sent us the following to show appreciation!

### **THE SHINING KNIGHTS OF TODAY.....**

Tucked away in our village of Bentley ,  
They rose to the Challenge,  
The Knights in Shining Armour,.....  
They went out to battle not a sword or mace in sight.  
A crusade was beginning to source and seek,  
So one and all could continue to eat.  
Their weapons were few, there endeavour immense.  
However would they manage this challenge to complete.  
From far and wide they threw out their nets  
And low and behold all they seeked they hauled in.  
From flour and sugar, milk and ham,  
all manner of items were collected by them,  
Not a thing was missed the range was vast. ....  
These Shinning Knights so selfless and kind.  
How fortunate are we to have them all here.  
We know who they are they are modest and sincere.  
The battle they have won so we can survive.  
To all we say Thank You for your Fortitude and determination.  
May we never forget what you have done for us all.

## **SUFFOLK STAG BEETLE SURVEY 2020**

Thank you to all those Bentley residents who have sent me their records of stag beetle sightings. To date, this has been a good emergence year for this endangered species bearing in mind that beetles seen this year will have been eggs four years ago. The majority of records received so far have come from Bentley. Other records have been received from Bramford, Capel St Mary, Chelmondiston, Holbrook, Ipswich, Kesgrave, Stutton, and Tatingstone. We have passed the peak of the stag beetle 'season', which is usually from mid-May to the end of July. As I write this, on the 12th July, female beetles will begin to outnumber the males as the latter begin to die off, leaving only females during the last part of the 'season'.

**Colin Hawes (Lead for stag beetle conservation in Suffolk).**

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### **UPDATE FROM PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP JULY 2020**

During the time of lockdown the Constable Country Patient Participation group has met online on a monthly basis using Zoom. We continue to raise issues on behalf of patients and have received updates on how the practice has been coping during these difficult times.

I know many people have been anxious about attending the surgery, but the practice has put in place a range of safety measures and patients report that these have worked well. The NHS is encouraging people to attend with anything they've been "putting off" during the last few months. The East Bergholt surgery has remained open throughout lockdown.

We have also asked the practice what plans they have to further reopen the Capel Surgery. The reception desk remains closed as I write, although blood tests and doctor appointments are available on a limited basis.

#### **Dr. Frank Wells**

We were very sad to hear of the death of one of our stalwart members, Dr. Frank Wells. He had been such a valuable contributor to the Patient Participation Group since its formation in 2015. He was a GP in Ipswich for many years. One of our members was a patient at his practice and writes "Frank was my GP 45 years ago and I found him to be such a caring and professional doctor. Whilst in the police service I also worked on a number of projects with him and he was highly respected throughout the medical profession."

He will be greatly missed. Many of you will have seen Frank on flu days. His increasing physical disabilities in latter years did not stop him volunteering to help out. We were very impressed by his enthusiasm and knowledge. He was a great inspiration to us all.

**Kathy Pollard (Chair Constable Country Patient Participation Group)**  
**01473 311384 email: constablecountryppg@gmail.com**

## CAPEL LIBRARY

We are very pleased to announce that Capel library opened on Tuesday 7th July.

Suffolk Libraries has been following government advice and carefully planning the reopening of library branches. As I'm sure everyone will understand, the wellbeing and safety of our customers and staff is our priority so our services will look a little different initially:

Our opening hours are different until further notice. You can see full details on our website <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/libraries/capel-st-mary-library/>

Current opening hours: Tuesday 10am to 1pm  
Wednesday 10am to 1pm  
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Saturday 10am to 1pm

The government advised against allowing browsing of books and other items. We have implemented a new select and collect service. You can contact us in advance to arrange an appointment to collect requested items.

Access to computers, printing, photocopying and the reservation system was not available in July but keep an eye on our website for updates.

Customers can only borrow 10 items at a time, but you keep them for an extended period of up to 4 weeks. Again, this is subject to change.

Overdue charges will remain suspended throughout July and August.

Return dates for loans taken out prior to lockdown will be extended to 31st August.

If you have items to return, then please pop them back through our book drop.

We will constantly review the situation over the coming months and reintroduce services and activities when it's safe to do so.

If you are being shielded or self-isolating, we would naturally ask that you stay away from the library for now. We'd also recommend that customers wear a face covering when visiting if possible and will be asking our staff to do the same. As we need to stick to social distancing guidelines it would also help if you could come on your own or just bring one child with you, if possible.

For up to date information visit [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus/](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus/)

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**Trevor**



### Coronavirus Update

We have put in place many measures to enable patients to continue to receive medical advice and treatment, whilst minimising risk to both patients and staff. These measures have worked well so far and will remain in place until further notice. Although the number of confirmed cases nationally has fallen, if we relax these measures too early then the number of cases may well increase again

Our primary objective at the practice is to minimise the need for patients to come to the practice at all, but if they need to then to minimise the risk. Here is a summary of the measures we have put in place:

- If possible, submit any medical or admin query via our online eConsult service. As we are operating with reduced staff levels, this will help us considerably. Visit our website and follow the link. We aim to respond to all eConsults within 2 working days.
- If you cannot use eConsult or if your need is urgent, our receptionists will place you on a triage list and one of our doctors or nurse practitioners will call you back.
- After triaging, our clinicians can set up a video consultation, or may decide they need to see you in person.
- If you need to come to the practice, the clinician will ask you to wait in your car with your mobile. The clinician will call you when they are ready to see you.
- You must tell us if you are experiencing any Covid symptoms such as fever, a new cough, or loss of taste and smell.
- Please wear a mask or wrap a scarf around you face when you come to the practice, and sanitise your hands.
- Our nurses and phlebotomists are still seeing patients whose need cannot wait. This includes blood tests requested by a doctor, dressings, cervical screening and child immunisations.
- Our Capel site is open at limited times through the week for patients who need to be seen but cannot get to East Bergholt.
- The front doors at Capel remain closed to practice patients though are open for pharmacy customers, though a maximum of 2 pharmacy customers are allowed in the building at any one time.
- Practice patients seeing a phlebotomist, nurse or doctor at Capel are asked to wait in their car until they are called on their mobile number and asked to enter through the rear door.

Finally, we are still here to help our patients. Please feel free to contact us if you feel you need to speak to a clinician about any health concerns you may have. Also, please look out for vulnerable patients and if you have concerns regarding their health, please inform us.

Thank you for you continued support and cooperation.

**Pete Keeble, Practice Manager**

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**Bentley CEVC Primary School** - [www.bentley.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.bentley.suffolk.sch.uk)

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