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Churchwarden	Mr Peter Day	01473 310518
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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

**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.**

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## BENTLEY POPPY APPEAL 2020

Unfortunately due to Covid19 restrictions there will be no house-to-house collection in Bentley this year.

Poppies and related items such as wooden crosses and pin badges will be available at Bentley Stores, Case Lane, during the collecting period.

Your support in these difficult times would be greatly appreciated.

Nigel Peake  
Honorary Organiser



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

## SERVICES IN OUR GROUP OF CHURCHES

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 30 people, depending on the size of the church. This is due to the pandemic safety guidance which **must be adhered to** so please contact the people listed to see if there are sufficient spaces at the churches on the Sunday you wish to attend.

[philip.jones40@btopenworld.com](mailto:philip.jones40@btopenworld.com) for services at Sproughton Church and [adrian.basham@ntlworld.com](mailto:adrian.basham@ntlworld.com) or [gerbevvan@btinternet.com](mailto:gerbevvan@btinternet.com) for Copdock Church. For the evening Zoom services please contact [peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk) or [sandranehen@gmail.com](mailto:sandranehen@gmail.com)

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## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

<b>4th</b>	11.00 am	Drive in Harvest at Street Farm, Belstead - Activities for children. Book via Event Bright
<b>11th</b>	10.00 am	Communion at Copdock Church
	6.00 pm	Evening Service (Zoom)
<b>18th</b>	10.00 am	Communion at Sproughton Church
	6.00 pm	Evening Service (Zoom)
<b>25th</b>	10.00 am	Communion at Copdock Church
	6.00 pm	Evening Service (Zoom)

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## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

<b>1st</b>	10.00 am	Communion at Sproughton Church
	?? Pm	Bereavement Service at Bentley
	6.00 pm	Evening Service (Zoom)
<b>8th</b>	10.50 am	Service of Remembrance
	6.00 pm	Evening Service (Zoom)
<b>15th</b>	10.00 am	Communion at Copdock Church
	6.00 pm	Evening Service (Zoom)
<b>22nd</b>	10.00 am	Communion at Sproughton Church
	6.00 pm	Evening Service (Zoom)
<b>29th</b>	10.00 am	Communion at Copdock Church
	6.00 pm	Evening Service (Zoom)

# St Mary's Church News

## BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Due to the pandemic there will be open air Bereavement Services held in churchyards across our group of churches. The one in Bentley will be on Sunday 1st November starting at dusk and will be an opportunity to remember loved ones, light candles and hang names on a special tree.

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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We are planning on holding a Service of Remembrance on Sunday 8th November starting at 10.50am. Attendance could be limited due to the virus and the need for social distancing. Members of The Comrades who wish to attend will be given priority. We will need to assess how many would be a safe number, so please contact me by email ([sandramehen@gmail.com](mailto:sandramehen@gmail.com)) or call on 01473 310383 if you would like to attend so your name can be added to a list. There is unlikely to be a sound system this year, unless we can find a new volunteer, as Michael Anderton has retired after nearly 20 years. Thank you Michael for all your work. The good news is that the road will be closed again this year for the service

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**THE BUILDING WORK** at Bentley Church is progressing well and should be finished, we hope, by mid-October. We have also received a grant so that the plain glass windows in the north aisle of the church, which are over 150 year old, will be replaced, so it will be much less draughty! There will also be new, stainless steel, guards that will protect the stained glass windows installed.

We are still not sure when and how the church will be open for worship once all the work has been completed and the church fully cleaned. Obviously social distancing and strict hygiene rules will be in place for the foreseeable future, making worship very different from that which we are used to. Discussions will have to take place with the Rector, Rev Annette Shannon, on a way forward and we will keep you informed as to what is happening and we hope to be holding services in our beautiful church as soon as physically and safely possible.

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We hope that everyone is keeping well during this very difficult time. For weddings, funerals and baptisms and any other concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of us if we can help in any way.

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Church Warden – Peter Day - 310518  
Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 310383  
Administrator – Hayley Purnell  
[northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com)  
or 07713 863 023

# St Mary's Church News

**APCM** - Bentley Church will hold its delayed annual meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. This will be a short, socially distanced meeting in the church. All reports will be sent out before the meeting and we will elect at least one Church Warden. If you are interested in seeing any of the reports please let me know by email ([sandranehen@gmail.com](mailto:sandranehen@gmail.com)) and I will endeavour to deliver them to you. If you would like to attend the meeting, which will be short, please let me know by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October so we ensure we do not have too many people there.

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**CHURCH QUIZ** - Many thanks for all those people who have supported our new way of doing the quiz for this year and for your generous donations. We hope you are enjoying doing the quiz. Don't forget that the closing date for entries is 10<sup>th</sup> October and there will be a prize for the winner. So please post them in our post box at 19 The Link by that date so they can be marked and the winner found. Hopefully next year we can hold the quiz in the Village Hall as usual but we will just have to wait and see and pray that life will get back to normal.

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**WEST VILLA** - Thank you also for those who have given us donations or tins or packets of food for West Villa Homeless Families Unit. This is a very difficult time for many people as they lose jobs and have little financial security. There is still just time before we get them to West Villa if you wish to help. We are delighted that Bentley Primary School will be collecting food for West Villa for their harvest too.

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**CHURCHYARD** - A big thank you to Dick Leach and to all those who have kept the churchyard extension looking so good during this summer. Thanks also to Peter Baldwin for keeping the area around the church well mowed and tidy too. The new bench donated by the Link Lunch Group looks very good now it is in position thanks to the hard work of Ken Felgate and Peter Day. It has made a perfect place to rest and remember loved ones through the sunny summer days we have enjoyed.

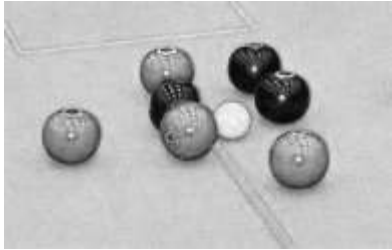
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**GRAPE JELLY** - Bentley Grape Jelly available for those who look forward to it each year. Just let Sandra know if you are interested.

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**CARDS** - Find it hard to get cards to send to family and friends? Don't forget that personalised cards for all occasions can be made especially for your loved ones. Just phone or email Sandra ([sandranehen@gmail.com](mailto:sandranehen@gmail.com) or ☎01473 310383).

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**PAUSE FOR THOUGHT**

With restrictions on what we can do, who we can see or where we can go it can be hard to feel positive. Yet there are good things going on. Little acts of kindness that like a stone dropped into a pond send ripples of hope and the promise of better things to come. Just remember to trust in God. He will be with us giving comfort through the bad times and the good.





## **BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS**

Bentley Carpet Bowls are opening up again on the 15th September for a roll up under very different arrangements. It seems a long time since we put the carpets down and the Winter League came to a sudden end, so we are still unaware if we are a first division club or if we would have been relegated to the second division.

The Committee met and we decided with guidance from the English Carpet Bowls Association that the time was right to try and get back to some kind of normality. With the Winter approaching a little gentle exercise on a Tuesday evening and a Wednesday afternoon will not go amiss.

Some of us have been playing outdoor bowls so we will certainly need the practice indoors so that we can keep the bowls on the mat.

The Committee are looking forward to meeting up with fellow bowlers and arrangements are being made to keep everybody safe.

Keep Safe

**Jill Mills**

**Bentley Carpet Bowls Committee.**

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## **BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

It is very disappointing to once again have to tell you that our October meeting is cancelled – it does not seem possible that 6 months have gone by since our last meeting which was in February.

When I have to cancel with the speakers they are not surprised as most groups are in the same position.

On a more optimistic note below is the programme for next year:

### **PROGRAMME FOR 2021**

**15 JANUARY - Botswana with Moira Usher**

**19 February - Hemerocallis - why we grow Day lilies with Lucy Skinner**

**19 March - Troughs Sinks and Containers with Matt Tanton-Brown**

**16 April - Hydrangeas with Barry Gayton**

**21 May - The plant hunters who brought us garden colour with Maggie Piper**

**22 May - Coffee morning and plant sale**

**August - Annual Show date to be decided**

**17 September - Gardening for wild life - small changes for big gains**

**15 October - Fungi with Neil Mahler**

**19 November - A.G.M**

**17 December - Local folk singer Brook Telling**

**Pam Lovell**

## QUIET LANES PROJECT IN OUR VILLAGE

Bentley Parish Council, in conjunction with Bentley Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, is exploring the opportunities to designate certain rural lanes in the village as “Quiet Lanes” as part of a county wide project.

According to responses to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, residents considered **Road Safety to be the top priority for the village in the future**. Quiet Lanes are a nationally recognised designation and are intended for shared use by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other road users. They encourage drivers to ‘**Expect and Respect**’ more vulnerable road users and so allow non-motorised users to enjoy rural lanes in greater safety.

These types of lanes do not impose traffic restrictions and are not enforced. Advisory signs (like the one here) are placed at either end of Quiet Lanes to show motorised users clearly that the road is a shared space.



We feel that this would be of real benefit to the village and those who visit. The lanes being considered are already used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and link with existing footpaths and bridleways in the village.

We have identified, in conjunction with Suffolk County Council (Highways), Bentley Hall Road, Church Road, Grove Road, Hazel Shrub and Bergholt Road (to East End in partnership with East Bergholt PC) as being suitable for designation – **see lanes marked in red on the map opposite**.

With the current limited nature of parish council public meetings this letter seeks to inform you as the first stage of a full public consultation process.

If you wish to make any comments about these proposals at this initial stage, we would welcome these in writing either by email to the Parish Council Clerk [joyvscott@outlook.com](mailto:joyvscott@outlook.com) or by post to Bentley Parish Council, Whites Cottage, Heath Road, East Bergholt, CO7 6RJ.

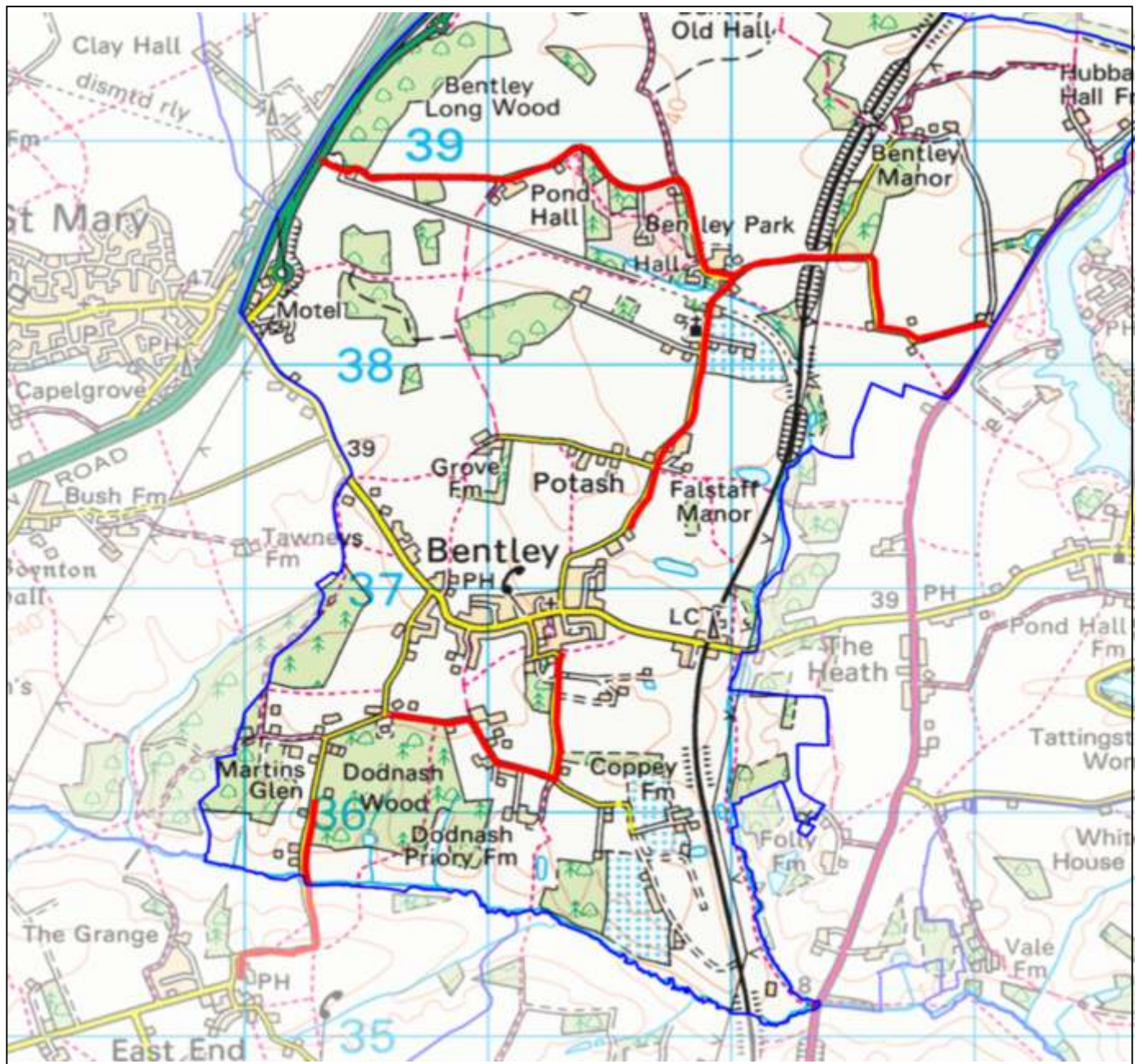
This project is dependent on a funding bid by Quiet Lanes Suffolk Board to the Suffolk County Council 2020 Fund. If the bid is successful, the project can get underway and a formal public consultation process can start. There will be a public meeting (held remotely) at a future date to discuss these proposals.

For more information about this project see the Quiet Lanes Suffolk website - [www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk](http://www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk)

**Michael Bamford** – Chair of Bentley Parish Council

**Nicky Moxey** – Councillor Bentley Parish Council, Chair of Bentley Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

**Marianne Munday** – Councillor Bentley Parish Council, Quiet Lanes Suffolk Board  
September 2020



Map showing proposed Quiet Lanes in Bentley (in red)

**TANNER BEETLE PHOTOS - SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 14**



Photo by Kate Spicer



Photo - Colin Hawes



Photo by Gail Nye

## **BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD  
(Psalm 122v1)*

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For further information:

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e-mail: [info@bentleyreformedbaptistchurch.com](mailto:info@bentleyreformedbaptistchurch.com)

Or find us on Facebook

### **NEWS**

We have continued to hold morning and afternoon Sunday services in the chapel since we re-opened on 5th July.

Our purpose is to worship God, and to exalt our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. Even though we are small in number, Jesus has promised us: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18v20).

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.

We also broadcast services via Zoom from the chapel - please contact us if you would like to be included.

We continue to pray regularly for the people of Bentley.

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### **LINK LUNCH GROUP**

Due to the Covid 19 situation we will be unable to provide the monthly lunches for the rest of the year.

Therefore as we are unsure about when we will start again we propose to donate what money we have to charity.

Anyone wishing to have the money back for their March 2020 lunch which was cancelled please return the tickets by 31st October 2020 and they will be refunded.

Thanking you for your past support and stay well and safe.

**Veronica Howe 310344**



## *Bentley CEVC Primary School News*

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back into school. Parents and staff have been in regular communication and the school has reopened fully, albeit with some changes. Each class is operating in it's own 'bubble' and even assemblies look very different, with each class staying in their classroom and coming together online in a virtual school assembly. We are exceedingly grateful to the Open The Book Team from the church, who have been recording their stories on video so that the children can still share and enjoy the special assemblies that we so look forward to.

In a previous update, we explained that due to lockdown, Chicken Crew had not been able to do any fundraising and we had run out of money for our chickens. We are so grateful to Mark Gladwell, of Gladwells Pet and Country Store, Copdock, who has been amazingly generous and donated 3 huge bags of chicken feed. Our sincere thanks to Gladwells for their support, it has made a huge difference.

Harvest Festival this year will be jolly different, with the service taking place in school, rather than at the church. However, as usual we shall be collaborating with the church to collect donations of food and toiletries to go to the homeless families at West Villa. If you would like to drop any donations at the school, we would be very happy to add them to the church's collection.

Wishing everyone in the wider Bentley and school community good health.

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

**Bentley Telephone: 01473 310253. Email: [admin@bentley.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bentley.suffolk.sch.uk)**



### **BENTLEY FIREWORKS NOVEMBER 2020**

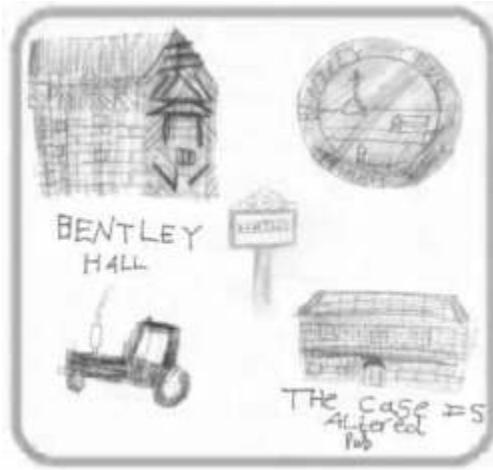
Well after getting on a roll with the Bentley fireworks display, with all the uncertainty this year and not knowing what the rules may be by November, we have decided not to hold an organised event and risk having to cancel at the last minute.

However, so as to keep the event alive we are going ahead with a small aerial display. In the interests of safety and social distancing, no members of the public will be allowed on the playing field from 6.30pm. We hope that most of the village may be able to see this small display from their own gardens, or other open spaces. You may like to be more communal by viewing from your front gardens, "street party style", but do be mindful of the social distancing restraints.

As there will not be too much setting up, I plan the event to take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 5h Nov. But please keep an eye on the Bentley Facebook page, as if the weather is very inclement I'll postpone to the 6th, or 7th Nov.

As usual we would like to make this a memorable event, so keep an eye on Facebook, and the shop notice board for any allowable additions

**Tm & Jan Hamstead**



## **BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION INVITATION**

The Bentley Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by a steering group made up of residents and members of Bentley Parish Council and will run from 2018 – 2036. The steering group have listened and consulted on a wide range of issues to draft a plan which details how we see our parish developing. Every effort has been made to ensure that the vision, objectives and policies in our

neighbourhood plan accurately reflect what Bentley people have told us is important. The plan is ready for the Regulation 14 Pre-submission Consultation. This is a formal and important stage within the neighbourhood planning regulations. All residents and businesses in the Parish will have the opportunity to comment on the full draft plan; various statutory bodies will also be consulted.

The consultation will begin on 1st October 2020 and run for six weeks. All comments received will be reviewed, considered, and the plan amended accordingly before it is submitted to Babergh District Council for examination, to ensure it complies with legislation. Once that stage is passed residents will then be asked to vote as to whether the neighbourhood plan should be formally 'made' at a referendum planned for May 2021 (the earliest we can do it under current COVID-19 regulations).

**EVEN IF YOU AGREE WITH EVERY WORD WE'VE WRITTEN, PLEASE COMMENT – WE REALLY WANT TO KNOW YOUR VIEWS!**

The full draft plan is available to view on our website, along with an on-line comment form to provide feedback: <https://bentleyneighbourhoodplan.wordpress.com/>

If you are not on the Internet, paper comment forms can be obtained from Nicky Moxey on 01473 313125 / Nicola.moxey@gmail.com (we'll deliver) or at the physical drop-in events. Paper copies must be returned to the shop or to Lanercost, Grove Rd by 16th November, please.

The plan may also be viewed at **Capel Library** during their usual opening hours.

### **Physical events:**

The latest government guidance has been considered in our plans for this consultation. Please observe the social distancing rules when attending a physical event.

**Mon 5th & Mon 12th October – 2-3pm - tent in pub garden;** a laminated (and so cleanable) copy of the plan will be available, with at least one steering group member on hand to answer questions.

### **Virtual events:**

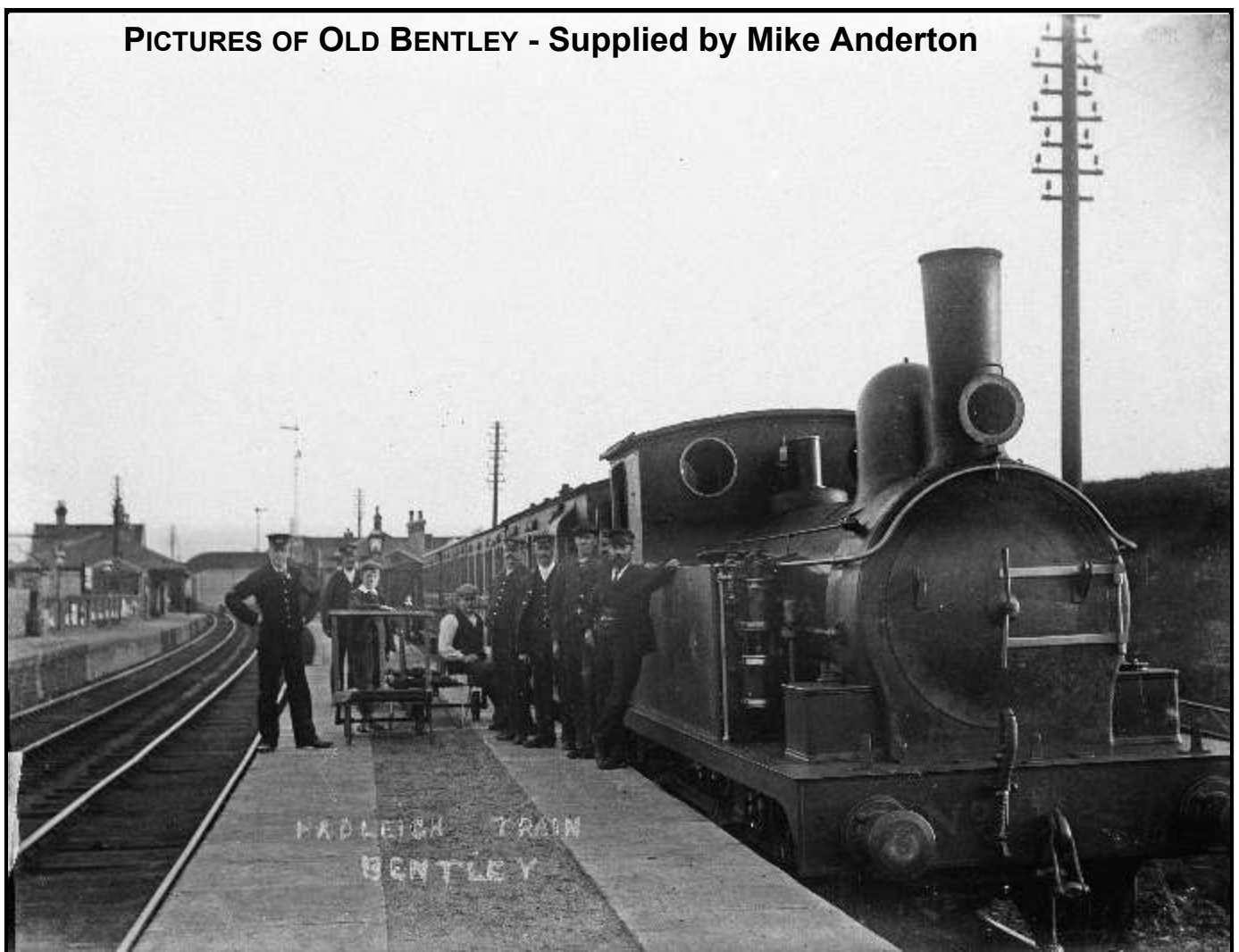
Nicky will host Zoom meetings on **Thursday 15th Oct, 7-8pm** and **Friday 23rd Oct, 7-8pm** – login info from her contact details above.

## **A BRIEF NOTE ON SIGHTINGS OF THE TANNER BEETLE IN BENTLEY**

The Tanner beetle, sometimes known as the Sawyer beetle, has been seen at several places in Bentley, most recently it has been spotted in gardens first at Roy and Kate Spicer's then at Matt and Gail Nye's. One of Britain's largest beetles, this species has a life cycle much like that of Stag beetles. Its larvae (grubs) feed on the damp, decaying wood of broadleaf trees, their growth taking at least three years before they build an underground cocoon in which to pupate. The adults, like Stag beetles, become active at dusk when mating takes place. Although they are known as longhorn beetles the long 'horns' are actually antennae (feelers). These feelers are distinctive and can be used to identify this impressive insect. Tanner beetle larvae and Stag beetle larvae are sometimes found in the same piece of decaying wood. **See Photos on page 10.**

**Colin Hawes**

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**The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.**

**I was driving this morning when I saw an AA van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.**

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Notes of the Bentley Parish Council & Playing Field Society meetings on 3rd September 2020

Details of all meetings, agendas and minutes from those meetings are available on the Bentley notice boards and Bentley Parish Council website:-

<http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/meetings/>

### Meetings during the Coronavirus pandemic

Due to restrictions in place, the September Playing Field Society and Parish Council meeting was a remote meeting held via Zoom application. The meetings are open to the general public. Requests to attend the meeting remotely need to be made via email to the Parish Clerk Joy Scott.

### Playing Field Society

- **Fireworks** – although the full display is cancelled due to Coronavirus restrictions, rockets will be launched by Tim Hamstead on 5th November (weather permitting) from the Playing Field Area so they can be viewed by the village at a distance.
- **Football Pitch** – a successful start to the season by Maritime FC under 11 team. Jon Haines, the chairman requested additional training sessions for local children 8-9 years old to take place at the same time as current training and home matches. The Playing Field Society Trustees felt this was a good development and would provide an opportunity for local children.
- **Playing Field Enhancement** – a planned working party will be re-convened and will report back to the next meeting in October about the siting of possible play/exercise equipment that could be purchased by the Parish Council for residents use.
- **Container** – plans to paint the container are now going ahead and will be completed by a team of volunteers.

### Parish Council

- **Planning Applications**

<b>DC/19/05429</b>	Holly Oak Hazel Shrub	Outline Planning Application Refused. Appeal lodged (all matters reserved) Erection of 2 dwellings	
<b>DC/20/02231</b>	Wayside Capel Rd.	Erection of two storey rear extension	Permission granted

### Report from Councillors David Busby, Babergh District Council and Gordon Jones, Suffolk County Council

See the latest SCC & BDC Newsletters on the Newsletters section of the Parish Council Representatives & Notices page of our website

<http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/parish-councilparish-representatives/>

**Suffolk 2020 Fund** - In addition Councillor Gordon Jones reported that there had been several successful bids to the Suffolk 2020 Fund.

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Funds were now available for Electric Vehicle Charging Points and it was felt the village may want to take advantage of this with 1 or 2 points being installed at the Village Hall. The Quiet Lanes Suffolk project bid has also been successful. Progress is still being made with the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras project with two recent meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **Other matters discussed**

- **Footpath Warden** – Fallen tree on footpath reported by a resident via Facebook has now been cleared.
- **Tree Warden** – to meet with Arboriculturist once quotes received regarding reducing walnut tree on Playing Field and tidying horse chestnut tree on entrance to Grove Road. Friends of Capel Library are having their first meeting after lockdown on 1st October.
- **Traffic calming** – contact with SCC Highways is ongoing to try to progress the installation of SID poles. There have been significant delays to installation of poles over lockdown. Once these are in place, the Parish Council intends to purchase a SID device to warn motorists of speeding through the village.
- **Dog bin** – several residents have requested a dog bin be placed in Potash Lane near to the footpath exit. It was agreed this could be purchased.
- **Community Speedwatch** – there is a resident who is interested in taking on the role.
- **Website Accessibility** – the Parish Council website has been updated and checked by our hosting platform One Suffolk. A website accessibility statement is available on the website.
- **Village Historian** – John Tombs, the village historian has now stepped down and Nicky Moxey will be taking over the role.
- **Quiet Lanes** – Now that the bid to Suffolk 2020 Fund by Quiet Lanes Suffolk group has been successful, consultation of residents and local businesses can go ahead. See article in this Bugle publication for more information.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – the Parish Council agreed that the formal Regulation 14 consultation could take place starting from 1st October.
- **Affordable Housing** – Hastoe Housing to be contacted for progress in looking for a 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**



**Len Munn and assistants - See article on page 21**



**The Young & Not So Young**

**Bank Holiday music at the Case - See article on page 20.**

**BENTLEY SCHOOL PTA AND FRIENDS OF BENTLEY SCHOOL**  
**100 CLUB LOTTERY DRAW - Congratulations to these winners**

	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
March	Lukas Przybyl	Michaela Drury	Gary Daynes
April	Jo Drain	Rebecca Boudville	Sue Mcneil
May	Rachel Wheeler	Peter Day	Verity Mcavoy
June	Mrs S Ford	Mr T Ford	Jo Drain
July	Mr J Graham	Mrs V Przybyl	Kim Steer
August	Janine Frosdick	Gail Nye	Kim Steer

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**VILLAGE HISTORY RECORDER**

After many years of serving as our Village History Recorder John Tombs has decided to stand down and 'pass the baton' to Nicky Moxey.

Nicky would be pleased to hear from anyone who has anything which they think people in the future would be interested in; her contact details are on page 3 of this issue.

The Parish Council extend their thanks to John for the sterling job he has done over all those years

The members of the Bentley Bugle Team would like to express their thanks to John for supplying so many interesting articles on the history of Bentley over the years and wish Nicky a long and happy occupation of the post.

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**BENTLEY Bluebells W.I.**

Hello to everyone from the WI, we are still not able to start our monthly meetings for the moment but we hope to have some good news for our members in October. We would like to have a meeting at the village hall on Wednesday 14th October at 7-30 where we will have a demonstration of silk flower making. If this is going ahead we will contact all members by phone or email.

We all enjoyed a surprise Cream Tea delivered to our doors in August, this was the closest we could get to our usual summer afternoon treat and it brought us all together in thought even if we could not see each other. All our members are well and seem to have been spending the enforced 'home time' productively in the garden, looking after family, reading, crafting and walking.

Looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as we are able.

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<https://www.facebook.com/TheCaseBentley>

Firstly, a huge Thank You! and Well Done! is due to all our wonderful volunteers who made it possible for us to reopen the Case on Friday 17 July! Even with our reduced opening hours, without our dedicated team of volunteers this would not have been possible. Our first night open was a huge success and many of our regulars turned up to enjoy a lovely summers' evening.

To achieve this, all our volunteers have had to under go extra Covid 19 training and awareness. They, along with the committee, are very conscious of the safety of all our customers as well as their fellow volunteers.

We would also like to send a big thank you to Brooke Telling for organising our musical entertainment on Bank Holiday Monday. Brooke put together a number of acts that entertained us (at an acceptably social distance, of course) during the afternoon session. Although the sun didn't shine all afternoon the smiling faces of the audience certainly made up for this. Well done Brooke and all those who made the event possible. **See photos on page 17.**

Another thank you is due to the dedicated team of gardeners who are still caring for our garden and now autumn is here to those who regularly clear away the bullet sized acorns that are falling at an alarming rate from our magnificent oak tree!

Behind the scenes, inside the pub, the lighting system has had a major update and almost all lighting is now LED, so saving quite a considerable amount on our annual electricity bill! In addition to this, as part of our planned maintenance and repairs programme, building work is shortly due to begin on replacing the very dilapidated side door entrance and window. And before the winter sets in we will be repainting the fencing around the yard area.

Currently, only the garden area is open to customers, with service from the doorway, as we did with off-license sales earlier during the lock down period. Due to the generally excellent summer weather, this has worked very well. Opening the inside of the pub is of course a major change and one which we know many of our customers are keen to see happen. The Government guidelines and code of practice for this is very stringent and due to our unique situation, being run wholly by volunteers, is something that will require detailed planning and further training for all those involved. At the moment the committee are working towards this but to alleviate the seasonal change in temperature during the evening opening hours, we will be erecting a more weather proof marquee in the garden. This will still be available for those who would prefer to stay outside when the pub doors are eventually opened to our customers.

As stated previously, during these strange times we feel it is of utmost importance that we have at heart the interests of all those concerned and those of our community when making such decisions. We all want to be able to offer the best and safest service we can.

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

### **What a Wonderful Village !**

While the nation has been disrupted by the Covid Virus here in Bentley our Community Shop has been open seven days a week.

### **New Canopy area ! - See photo below and on page17**

With no sign of a change in Covid restrictions for this winter we have erected a temporary Canopy to allow queueing outside the shop during the winter weather.

Our Canopy was designed and built by Len Munns and a team of "assistants" and we are so pleased to have such a professional finish which makes us an all weather shop!

Our 7 day a week opening is all thanks to about sixty village residents who have ensured we stayed open by serving in the shop and behind the scenes buying all the stock.

As so many of us are over 70 we have been very lucky to find younger volunteers from 18 years old upwards to keep us open and now to welcome back original volunteers as things slowly improve with our new counter screen designed and supplied by Graham Cooper.

Who would have thought there would be a **Toilet Roll shortage** ? With all sorts of pack sizes we have sold 750 toilet rolls this year!

**Opening hours** at the time of writing are Monday to Friday 9 to 1.30 and weekends and Bank Holidays 9 to 12 noon.

We now allow two masked customers in the shop at a time providing both customers and volunteer are happy. This should allow time to browse and choose cards etc, rather than rush round because of a queue outside!!

Please pay by card whenever possible as we have never had any minimum spend.

If you would like to help us in any way please talk to a volunteer in the shop or email [info@bentleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@bentleystores.co.uk).

**What a wonderful village and community spirit we have in Bentley, Thank you everyone.**

Bentley Community Shop Management Group.



## **BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB**

Our non season has now finished. Some of our members did enjoy the Friday club night again once we were allowed to open with government guidelines in place. The greenkeepers have been looking after the green all season and it is looking good going into winter considering all the hot dry weather we have had. Ever optimistic we hope to have the postponed race night at the end of March and our usual quiz the beginning of May. more details later when we hope the situation will be clearer with the virus.

We are always looking for new members to swell our small band of players, if you would like to join us next season please give me a call.

**Lillian Calvert Secretary**

**01473808652**

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## **CONSTABLE COUNTRY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP SEPTEMBER UPDATE**

### **Giving feedback to the surgery**

There are a number of ways in which you can give feedback to the surgery: Via the website [www.constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk](http://www.constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk) – where there is a “Have Your Say” tab. You can either contact us via this tab (Patient Group) or feedback direct to the practice (Friends and Family test). You can also email us on [constablecountryppg@gmail.com](mailto:constablecountryppg@gmail.com). Alternatively if you don't have internet access you can ring Kathy on 01473 311384.

If you wish to make a complaint you can either write to the Practice Manager, Pete Keeble at the East Bergholt surgery address or to NHS England [www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/complaint/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/complaint/)

### **Capel surgery**

As I write Capel surgery is open on a few days each week. Hopefully by the time you read this further appointments will be available – including appointments for flu vaccination.

### **We are recruiting!**

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Patient Participation Group. We usually meet once a month at the surgery, but currently we are meeting via Zoom. We are particularly interested in improving our representation from the 20-60 age group.

We aim to provide constructive feedback to the practice in order to improve the patient experience. We also help, for example, on flu days and we have organised a number of talks on subjects of interest to patients like heart health, diabetes and first aid.

If you would like to apply please contact us on the email address given above or call Kathy on 01473 311384 and we will send you an application form.

**Kathy Pollard, Chair Constable Country Patient Participation Group**

## **NEWS FROM CAPEL LIBRARY**

We welcomed people back into the library on the 22nd September. We are limited to four people browsing at any one time plus one person on the public computer. We also operate a one-way system, which hand sanitising and face masks.

The public computer is also available to book, through a member of staff. You will need your library card to make the booking over the phone and when you arrive at the library. Please note the computer is on a priority-based booking system for those needing emails, job seekers, universal credit, HMRC etc. Photocopying and printing are now available.

The Home Library Service is now back up and running with two new lovely volunteers. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this service, please ask them to get in touch. Home Library Service is a service we offer for those people who are housebound but still love to read or listen to books. It's us bringing the library to you.

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  
   Thursday 10am to 1pm  
   Saturday 10am to 1pm

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

We also now have some lovely new (2nd hand) jigsaws for people to borrow, swap or buy for £1. Our book sale trolley is available with books from 30p.

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

## **The Friends of Capel Library**

It is hoped to reactivate Friends Group activities as and when Covid restrictions are eased. The Trustees will meet in early October to determine a way forward.

The 100 Club has been operating normally but other activities have been severely affected. As a thank you for your continuing support, there will be three bonus 100 Club prizes of £20 in December to those who were 100 Club members up to the 1st September 2020.

To celebrate the re-opening of Capel Library on the 22nd September the Friends are holding a raffle. Tickets are available up to the end of October when the draw will take place.

Looking ahead, forms for 2021 membership and 100 Club renewal are available at the library.

The Trustees look forward to seeing you in 2021

Thanks. Bob (Treasurer)

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## **FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY 100 Club**

I am pleased to advise that following the monthly prize draw

In August the winners are:

£20 Christopher Keeble; £15 Irene Rowland; £5 Jill Girling; £5 Peter Ellis.

In September the winners are:

£20 Angela Stevenson; £15 Sue Edwards; £5 Steve Lodge; £5 Wendy Perkin.

Congratulations to all of the winners, you may collect your prize from the library.

**Trevor**



### **Flu Vaccination Programme**

We will operate our flu vaccination programme very differently this year. All flu vaccinations will be by appointment only. We will commence vaccinations at the end of September and aim to complete them by the end of November.

We will be contacting all eligible patients through this period, initially prioritising vulnerable patients and patients with medical conditions that put them at risk.

Please be patient and do not contact the practice regarding flu vaccinations, as the reception team will not be able to book them. The practice will contact all eligible patients in due course.

When attending the practice for a flu vaccination, please arrive at your appointment time but not more than 5 minutes early. Please follow strict guidelines regarding entering and exiting the building, hand sanitising, and wearing of face masks/coverings. In addition, please wear appropriate clothing so you can quickly expose your arm for vaccinating. This will enable us to deliver vaccinations efficiently and safely.

### **Coronavirus Update**

As we head into autumn it is vital that we continue with the measures which have been in place for the last few months to protect both staff and patients from Covid -19. 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. 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.
- If you need to come to the practice, the clinician will ask you to wait in your car with your mobile. Please inform the practice when you have arrived. The clinician will then call you when they are ready to see you.
- You must tell us if you are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms such as fever, a new cough, or loss of taste and smell.
- Please wear a mask or wrap a scarf around your face when you come to the practice, and sanitise your hands.

Please be assured that you can contact us if you feel you need to speak to a clinician about any health concerns you may have. If you have concerns regarding the health of vulnerable patients, please inform us.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

**Pete Keeble**  
**Practice Manager**

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If you use Facebook you may be interested in:-**Bentley (In Suffolk) Community Page.**

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

### **OTHER VILLAGE WEBSITES**

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

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

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