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Parish Diary

OCTOBER 2021

- 6. Comrades Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm.
- 7. Parish Council meeting Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 12. Tuesday Club Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
- 13. Bentley Bluebells WI Guide Dog Puppy Raiser Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 14. Scrabble Club Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm.
- 15. Horticultural Society Fungi Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 16. Church Quiz Village Hall at 7.00 pm. See page 6 for details.
- 26. Tuesday Club Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
- 28. Link Lunch Village Hall at 12 noon and 12.30 pm.
- 28. Scrabble Club Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm.
- 30. Bentley Fireworks see Page 11 for details.

For Other Events at The Case see page 13 & 14

NOVEMBER 2021

- 3. Comrades Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm.
- 4. Parish Council meeting Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 6. Quiz night Case is Altered at 7.00 pm.
- 9. Tuesday Club Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
- 10. Bentley Bluebells WI AGM Paper Sculpture Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 11. Scrabble Club Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm.
- 18. Link Lunch Village Hall at 12 noon and 12.30 pm.
- 19. Horticultural Society AGM Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 23. Tuesday Club Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
- 25. Scrabble Club Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm.
- 27. Quiz night Case is Altered at 7.00 pm.

THE COMPANYE OF MERRIE FOLKE TUDOR WEEKEND

The Event raised a staggering £4,600, so much more than I could ever have dreamed of or hoped for. This amount will pay for one injection and is well on the way towards funding a second one.

Michael and the family are so very grateful for all that you did for the Event. We give thanks for you all and you will all be in our thoughts and prayers and ask that Michael will be in yours.

With my very best wishes

Hilary Taylor, Bentley Coordinator TCoMF

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE.

CARPET BOWLS - Every Tuesday 7.30 pm & Wednesday 2.30 pm – Village Hall.

AEROBICS CLASS - Tuesday morning at 9.45 am (Term Time only) - Village Hall.

PILATES CLASS - Tuesday 11.00 am to noon (Term Time only) - Village Hall.

Contact Mrs Jill Sharp for information – 01473 311546.

TODDLER GROUP - Monday and Wednesday mornings 9.30 am to 12 noon (Term time only) at Village Hall.

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Other Village Web sites are listed on page 25

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VILLAGE HALL PAPER BANK - UPDATE

Following the removal of the Bolton paper bank, Babergh suddenly decided to replace it with one of their own. The difference is that this is emptied fortnightly by the crew that empty our domestic blue bins, so the paper does not remain separate.

You are of course welcome to use the paper bin in the village hall car park, but please don't make a special car journey – your paper will end up in the same place if you put it in your own blue bin.

The village hall will continue to receive a small sum simply for hosting this paper bin, but this will not now vary with how much it is used, as paper currently has very little economic value.

Cover Photo

Mossy Rose Gall or Robin's Pincushion

Caused by the Gall Wasp Diplolepis Rosae larvae

Bentley Village at Church News

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

3rd	Holy Communion	10.00 am
10th	Family Service	10.00 am
17th	Holy Communion	10.00 am
24th	Morning Worship	10.00 am
31st	Bereavement Service	5.00 pm

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

7th	Holy Communion	10.00 am
14th	Remembrance Service	10.50 am
21st	Holy Communion	10.00 am
28th	Advent Service	10.00 am



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

Zoom Services	10th October	6.00 pm	
	24th October	6.00 pm	
	14th November	6.00 pm	
	28th November	6.00 pm	

These are simple evening services and if you would like to join us and do not receive log on details already please contact sandramehen@gmail.com or sandramehen@gmailto:sandramehen@gm

Bereavement Service - Last year we held a very much appreciated outdoor service for those who wished to remember loved ones. This year the service will be on Sunday 31st October starting at 5pm and will be an opportunity to light candles and hang names of our loved ones on a special tree which will be lit. All are welcome.

West Villa - Again very many thanks for the duvets, bedding a towels left at our door to help homeless families. It is much appreciated. Families can come with nothing but the clothes they are wearing so bedding is vital. When re-homed they are allowed to take the bedding with them so there is a constant need. Sadly, due to storage limitations, they are unable to accept furniture or toys. Thank you for all those who contributed tins and packets of food at our Harvest Service, which were welcomed by West Villa.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms - We often get asked about who can have their wedding or baptism in St Mary's Church. The answer is yes if you live in the village or have family connections with the village. You do not have to come to church regularly. You can also use the church for funerals if you have village connections and anyone who lives in the village has the right to be buried, or have their ashes buried, in our beautiful and peaceful churchyard. Just contact one of the people on page 6 to find out more.

DEDICATION SERVICE

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the thanksgiving for the church improvements such a success. From the Bishop to those who helped put up the gazebo, set up tables, those who attended the service and the choir who helped swell the singing, as well as the amazing organist. Also thanks to all those who provided the delicious cakes, sandwiches and savouries, for the tea that followed, the endless cups of tea or coffee, or who washed up and helped clear up after the event. To cap it all the weather was glorious. Thanks be to God.

Prayers by Peter Day Adapted From Those Used at The Dedication Service

Open our senses God to understand the needs of others.

Keep our ears turned to the laughter of children, our eyes to the needs of the hidden. May our touch be gentle in raising up those who live under heavy burdens.

Lord we pray for all caught up in the trouble spots of the world remembering Afghanistan and all places on our hearts......

Lord we bring to you the sick, the grieving, those in broken relationships, the depressed, fearful and anxious. Those who lack direction and motivation for their lives......

We thank and praise you Lord for our Bentley Community; for the hall, the shop the pub and the church; places where people and clubs can meet and enjoy each other's company. May we use these buildings in gratitude to build up our Community to the glory of your name.

Be with us on our journey and help us to see where help, support or encouragement are needed, so that all in our community feel valued and cared for. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Bentley Church Quiz Night

You can have fun and support our beautiful church so please join us at our annual Quiz Night on Saturday 16th October. We will start promptly at 7pm.

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

Contact sandramehen@gmail.com or phone 01473 310383 for tickets.

Thank you for all those who came to the Red Barn Murder presentation in aid of church funds. It was an excellent if at times gruesome talk and I think we all learnt something new about the infamous event and helped raise money at the same time.

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

Rector - Rev Annette Shannon – 807674 Church Warden – Peter Day - 310518 Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 310383 Administrator – Hayley Purnell northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com or 07713 863 023

BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Show

The Show was held in the Village Hall and was a great success. Thank you to all those who made a terrific effort to make it so. Thank you too to all who came along in the afternoon to support us.

Following is a list of cup winners.



South View Cup	(Flowers)	Sandra Ford
Mills Cup	(Plants)	Angela Ross
Carruthers Cup	(Fuchsia-Annual competition)	Dorna Owen
Farmers Cup	(Vegetables)	Sandra Ford
Jensen Cup	(Fruit)	Gail Lochtie
Booth Cup	(Floral art)	Emma Finney-Hewitson
James Cup	(Crafts	Angela Ross
Saward Cup	(Domestic section)	Dorna Owen
Arnold Cup	(Best in Show)	Angela Ross
Presidents Shield	(Most points gained)	Sandra Ford
Childrens entry		Emily Cooper

Well done to All!

Monthly Meetings

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

Friday 15th October – subject FUNGI – speaker Neil Mahler.

Friday 19th November - Annual General Meeting.

OUTING

The first outing is arranged for Thursday 21st October 2021 to Anglesey Abbey to see the autumn colour. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 9.00 am and return leaving the garden no later than 4.00 pm.

Members of the National Trust and the RHS have free entry, Non members entry is £14.25 All are welcome.

Please contact Pam Lovell 01473 311335 to book a seat. Coach fare will be notified when numbers are known.

Pam Lovell

BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

We've reached a new milestone now; the Plan has gone to the Inspector for an independent review to make sure that it meets the standards required of Neighbourhood Plans. How long the inspector will take to do her work is a piece of string question!

If she rules that the Plan is ready to go to Referendum, that's the next step, with all parish residents able to cast a vote in a formal voting process that will be the subject of a future update. If not, we'll make whatever amendments she suggests and loop back through the appropriate consultation step.

All the documentation, including the comments to the latest round of consultation, are available on the Babergh website:-

https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-babergh/bentley-neighbourhood-plan/

Three years and counting; but we're winning, slowly!

Nicky Moxey chair, Bentley Neighbourhood Plan team.



BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Things are looking up we actually played Carpet Bowls against another Club. Thank you to Harkstead Bowls Club for inviting us to play a friendly match.

It was great to go over to Harkstead to play against Harkstead Carpet Bowls, on the evening of Thursday 26th August, not only to meet up to play Bowls but to socialise with local rivals.

The games were played in the usual competitive spirit which included the odd advice from the side lines.

After the four matches were played Bentley had won 3 matches and Harkstead 1. Bentley also won the shots by scoring 48 and Harkstead scored 33. So overall Bentley won by 8 points to 2.

The return match was held on the evening of Tuesday 31st August at Home. These matches were very close indeed and we both won two matches but Bentley sneaked a win by scoring 32 shots and Harkstead 29.

So is there light at the end of the tunnel, we now await to hear from Suffolk Carpets Bowls Association as to what is going to happen to the Winter League, they are having a Meeting at the end of September to decide the way forward.

We all look forward to meeting up with other fellow bowlers when the time is right.

We are a very friendly Club who are always looking for new members why not come along on a Tuesday Evening or a Wednesday Afternoon and try your hand at Bowling. You don't need any special equipment just yourself and a sense of humour.

Jill Mills, Bentley Carpet Bowls Secretary.

BENTLEY STORES, CUSTOMER FEEDBACK.

It has been good for our Volunteers to hear reports from existing and new residents of Bentley what they think about our Community Shop.

"I only moved here because of the community spirit embodied in the Pub and the Shop"

"I have lived in Bentley for some time and ran out of milk so went along to the shop and, wow!, what a fantastic range of things available. I didn't realise there was so much on sale with brands I know and recognise"

"I was served and looked after by a friendly volunteer who said they enjoyed their one and a half hour shift as they meet so many people and are helping the village provide a valuable service."

"COVID has taught me that I have a good selection of everyday food on my doorstep and I do not need to drive anywhere to get it!"

Volunteering opportunities

If you would like to join our team call Gill Leafe on 07932 746619. Or send us an email to <u>info@bentleystores.co.uk</u> and we will get back to you.

Looking back on Covid 2020

Our volunteers did a wonderful job keeping the shop open 7 days a week throughout all the trials and tribulations of 2020. We served 16,671 customers who purchased 52,498 items from our wide range of supplies.

Our Covid Screens and outside Canopy have kept us all safe.

Or in the words of our accountants the shop has "used government incentives where needed and feel they have taken appropriate action and measures to allow the company to continue to trade and meet its liabilities as they fall due"

In 2021 we received **The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk Award in recognition of** "Outstanding Service to the County of Suffolk during the Covid19 pandemic" which was signed by The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk and The High Sheriff of Suffolk.

ORWELL DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

The Afternoon of October 6th will be special as



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For more information see our web site www.orwelldfas.org.uk
or contact Wendy Robbins 01394 823 807

LINK LUNCH GROUP

We intend to re-start the Link Lunches on Thursday October 28th at 2.00 pm and 12.30 pm.

Tickets priced at six pounds for the usual two course lunch with tea or coffee.

Contact Veronica on 310344 for tickets.

We look forward to seeing some old faces as well as some new ones.

Veronica Howe

TUESDAY CLUB

I will be holding a get together on Tuesday September 28th at 2.30 pm to see if there is still interest in resuming the Tuesday Club as due to the sudden sad death of our secretary Margaret some help will be needed to carry the club forward.

Looking forward to seeing you there for tea and biscuits.

Veronica Howe

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

We have now finished all our club competitions - the men's 2 woods was keenly fought between Colin Rose and David Howe, with David coming out the winner. The Open 4s was played between Colin and Mark Boyland - another good game with Colin being the winner.

The green will soon close for the winter until we start again in April.

The League games have finished with us coming 4th in the 1st division of the Triples League, but unfortunately last in the 1st division of the Samford League, but as this season was a friendly one we will not be relegated.

We are always looking for new players so why not think about giving bowls a try next season.

Lillian Calvert, Secretary.

01473 808652

SCRABBLE

We have now resumed our Scrabble sessions and the next meeting is on Thursday 14th October.

2021 SEASON

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Comittee Room. Anyone who would enjoy a gentle game

of Scrabble, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat is welcome to join us.

Robin Owen



BENTLEY FIREWORKS 2021

Well looks like we will be able to have our display this year on Sat 30th October. We have added to the aerial fireworks that were bought for last years aborted attempts. It's an outdoor event so there will be plenty of space to socially distance so do come along. We do have a good stock of fireworks to let off (before they meet their sell by date!!).

As before, we will have a BBQ, hot drinks and refreshments, and mulled wine from the Witches Cauldron, plus light novelties for the children, a sparkler area and fire pits to roast marshmallows.

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

Tickets will be on sale 3 weeks before the event and up until 1700 on Friday 29th (or until all the early bird tickets are sold) from the Bentley Community Shop, and the Case pub.

Adult early bird tickets £3.50 then £4 on the gate.

Children 5-16 years early bird tickets £2.50 and £3 on the gate.

There are a limited number of early bird tickets, so be sure to get yours in good time.

Timings will be: Gates open 1730, Bonfire lit 1800, Fireworks 1900 If you wish to get involved, drop me a line, Timhamstead@yahoo.co.uk.

See you there.

BENTLEY BLUEBELLS W.I.

It has been a busy month for the WI, we had great fun serving refreshments including lots of delicious homemade cakes, (a big thank you to all those who brought them along), at the Medieval Weekend in the village. Judging by the comments a great time was had by all for a very worthy cause.

Our summer outing took us all to Bramford, to the Sleep Studio where Bob Wilden hosted a wonderful afternoon of sheep and wool. We drove our cars up to a beautiful rolling meadow where he showed us his lovely rare breed sheep and his sheep dog, who he put through their paces while we sat out in the lovely sunshine. We returned to the farm for a very welcome and delicious afternoon tea. Then we went into the Sleep Studio where everything to do with sleep, bedding and wool was explained and demonstrated. If you should be interested in visiting book an appointment on 01473 831723.

Theresa



Registered Charity No: 1026973

We meet every week on a Monday and Wednesday, in term time, at Bentley Village Hall, from 9.30 until 12.

We welcome mums, dads, grandparents and carers to our friendly sessions with their babies and toddlers up to school age. We have lots of toys, and we enjoy painting, reading and games. There are drinks for all, and plenty of laughter and chatting.

We have a lovely hall with good clean facilities, including an enclosed outside play area, great for when the weather permits!

We would love to see you and for more information please call Pam Rayment on 01473 310283, or 07970 741581.



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NOTES FROM THE CASE

Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

Tel. 01473 805575. www.thecasepubbentley.co.uk

https://www.facebook.com/TheCaseBentley

Email: savethecase.bentley@gmail.com

Here at the Case, as the summer has progressed (if you can call it a summer, although at the moment we do appear to be having a brief 'Indian Summer') it feels as if we have found our 'new normal' with regards to Covid precautions. We are very mindful that despite the fact that Covid is no longer the top news item every night on TV, it hasn't gone away. So we have decided to continue to keep in place some of the safety measures we have installed over the last 12 months for our customers and volunteers. These include:

- hand sanitizer stations and cleaning equipment around the pub (inside and out)
- retaining the full height screen around the bar
- adequate ventilation throughout the pub
- one way system when ordering
- over 18's only inside the pub

Quiz Nights

Our first quiz night for over a year, held at the end of August, was very successful. At the end of the evening £82 was raised and contributed to the money raised by one of our regular volunteers, Andrew Budd and his wife Mary-Jane. During the Bank Holiday weekend they under took a 250 mile sponsored bike ride around Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire in aid of the St Elizabeth Hospice.

Please note that our October quiz for will be held a week late due to the Bentley Fireworks. Our next quiz will be on Saturday 6th November, starting at 7pm. As always teams can be up to 6 members, entry is £2 per person. All profits from this and the raffle will be donated to St Elizabeth Hospice. Winning teams receive pub vouchers. The November quiz will be on the Saturday 27th November as usual.

We are still looking for contributors to our quiz nights, so if you are interested in setting our very competitive but friendly quizzers a quiz please contact Chris Pink, 01473 3117, for further details.

Open Mic Nights

We are hoping to continue our Open Mic Nights but at the moment the next date is uncertain. Please look on our website www.thecasepubbentley.co.uk or Facebook page for next month's date and time. For more information please contact **Dave** on: 07885 963 882.

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MeetUpMondays

At the end of September last year, the Case started its own MeetUpMondays group. This is a group for those, who, as the original organiser put it 'are fed up with their own company'. Although they were very popular, sadly they had to close due to the second lock down. We have now decided it is the right time to start them again and the first one will be held on **Monday 27th September from 2pm to 3pm**. As before, tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied free of charge, plus lots of conversation, laughter and smiles. Some even brought cakes to share but the main thing is you get a chance to have a chat and meet other people. If you wish to bring a young child we will ask you to sit outside but we do have a very nice marquee that will keep the weather out, if need be. The bar will not be open.

Share offer

Committee members are often asked, especially by those new to the village, how they can become more involved in the pub. Of course volunteering is one way, but becoming a shareholder is an alternative way. So this autumn we will be offering another opportunity for the community, new and old, to obtain shares and thus becoming members. For more information on this please check our website in the coming weeks.

Our opening hours continue to be:

Friday and Saturday: 6pm - 10pm

Sunday: 12pm - 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Would you like to volunteer at the Case?

As life returns to a new 'normal' and all Covid restrictions are now lifted we at the Case would like to return to our previous opening hours. We would also like our small group of stalwart volunteers, who have done an excellent job throughout the pandemic, the opportunity to take a well earned break.

This means we are very much in need of new recruits or returning volunteers.

Might you be interested? It is a great opportunity to meet people and to contribute to an important community asset.

You will be given full training or refresher sessions including opportunities to shadow experienced staff. If you would like to find out more about this or any other way you can be involved in supporting your community pub please contact The Chairman at savethecase.bentley@gmail.com or ask at the bar for an application form.





BENTLEY WILDLIFE NOTES

Bentley's Butterfly Year

While the world shrank for most of us during lockdown, it offered us a chance to focus on some of the closer outdoor world around us, and butterflies offer us some bright highlights to this in the garden or countryside.

A friend complained to me that he 'only sees Cabbage whites' but saying that, he may be seeing any of 5 species of white butterfly that can be seen locally. Only two of these are 'Cabbage whites' in that their caterpillars have Brassicas a their caterpillar food plants.

The year started rather poorly for butterflies, with an extended cold and wet Spring, and many species were delayed by a couple of weeks in emerging, and were very sparse, but lately there has been a very good showing of the brilliant Red admirals, Peacocks and Small tortoiseshells which has coinciding with the blooming of Buddleia, together with flashes of blue from the Holly blues around the Holly in our hedges. Most are in their second generation in the year.

One species that has also shown well lately here has been the Painted lady (picture), whose remarkable lifestyle involves a yearly migration from North Africa. Another that has had a good year is the Small heath (picture), a previously rare, delicate butterfly that benefits from the preservation of rough grass, and the late mowing of verges, which has lately been promoted by Councils, and has bucked the national trend of species decline.

Bentley is a good place for butterflies with its varied habitats of mixed woodland, meadows and gardens, and 26 of the 59 national UK butterfly native species can be seen, most of them regularly. In wider Suffolk we can find an additional 11 species, although some of them are very local.

We can contribute to butterflies success by being sparing with insecticides, and allowing patches of rough ground and wild corners of field and gardens, with wild flowers, nettles, gorse and brambles which will offer them foodplants and refuge. Butterfly friendly nectar plants, not just Buddleia, but Verbena, Valerian, Scabious, and Lavender, can attract them into the garden for our enjoyment, and planting native species hedges including Ivy and Holly will give them food plants for their caterpillars. Hopefully we can halt their decline and keep them for future generations to enjoy.

For further interest see <u>Butterfly Conservation - Suffolk Branch</u> (suffolkbutterflies.org.uk)

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chair – Cllr M Munday Bentley Parish Council Mrs J Scott
Clerk – Bentley Parish Council
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Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12th September 2021 – A risk assessment had been carried out for 9 Councillors and up to 24 - 28 members of the public with seating 1 metre plus apart.

6 Councillors, County Councillor G Hall, District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden. Footpath Warden and Speedwatch Co-ordinator were present. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Feltwell.

Items reported under Matters Arising:

Response from Bentley Parish Council had been sent to Babergh Planning re Planning Application DC/21/03954 Land at Capel Grove, Capel St Mary.

Oak Bench had been purchased from Nelson Potter awaiting two quotes for cement plinth.

County Councillor Hall and District Councillor Busby's Reports are displayed on the Parish Council Website.

Planning - Three planning decision were received.

One Planning application was discussed - Councillors Recommended Approval.

Reports were received from the Tree Warden, Capel Library, Bentley Long Barn and Speedwatch Co-ordinator

A short presentation by Natalie Fowler Project Lead - County Broadband - a fully funded company backed by investment who are engaging with the Community who should by now have received a letter. Zoom meetings have been held with East Bergholt & Capel PC's - a meeting to be arranged with Bentley PC.

Matters discussed

- Insurance Policy renewal and uplift of cover on assets.
- Quarterly Accounts April-June 2021.
- CPR Training re Defibrillators. Suggested by a resident re initial assessment before organising training.
- Litter bins for Playing Field & Play Area as part of Babergh's Welcome
 Back Funding 2 bins have been requested.
- Possible extension to a Bentley Footpath was discussed suggested by a resident - request and map to be sent to County Councillor G Hall for consideration with the Parish Council's support.
- Tree on Silver Leys Babergh's Arboriculturist to be contacted re removal of the tree.

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- Tudor Fund-Raising Event was very successful They would like to do something similar for 2022. The first weekend in September was agreed which will include some fundraising for the Playing Field Society.
- Playing Field Society i) <u>Deep aeration treatment</u> (Terralift) by Terrain Aeration Services Ltd due to start on 11th October for four days. Field Access was also discussed. ii) <u>Equipment on Field</u> A CIL application will be submitted to Babergh in October a quotation is awaited from Action Play and Leisure to install surface. (iii) <u>To discuss use of the field</u> A Working Party to draft out draft policy for agreement by Trustees.
- Neighbourhood Plan Last Consultation Phase finishes on Friday 14 comments received - All comments will be published on Babergh's Consultation Site in due course.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm. Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net.

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD WILL BE OUT OF ACTION FROM 11th OCTOBER -15th OCTOBER 2021.

Due to deep aeration treatment (Terralift) being carried out by Terrain Aeration Services Limited on the field.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING Would you be interested in training to use a defibrillator? If so please contact the Clerk.

LITTER ON PLAYING FIELD

Bentley Parish Council respectfully reminds parishioners to either take their rubbish home or pop it into the bin provided by Maritime FC – please do not leave it on the field for someone else to clear away.

HEDGES

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.

IS BIGGER ALWAYS BETTER?

For the supply chain the combination of Brexit and CoVid has generated the perfect storm. The news reports on the shortage of lorry drivers and the resulting shortages in goods. During CoVid, many smaller businesses struggled and had to sell out to larger companies. Councils have exacerbated the situation by approving applications for massive warehouses.

So, what are the consequences of this? Let's take an example of a local hotel chain who prior to CoVid had many contracts with smaller local suppliers – an approach encouraged by councils. With their suppliers now under the control of huge national companies the hotel chain is now in direct competition with much larger, prestigious outlets in the larger cities. Given the pressures on deliveries the suppliers focus on honouring their larger clients leaving our hotel short of laundry, food and drink.

In the 'old' days the hotel could go to their supplier and collect the goods but now these are transported to the large distribution centres before onward delivery. This has added an extra journey into the process – not desirable when there is a shortage of drivers. The hotel has had to resort to shopping locally when deliveries don't materialise but this is frowned upon by the supermarkets who find shelves stripped of certain products.

The alternative – which is happening – is for the hotel to shut for a number of days and to cancel big events where supplies cannot be guaranteed. Weddings, parties and Christmas lunches are all under threat. Housekeeping staff have to work much longer hours as laundry is not delivered until the middle of the afternoon, if at all. The hotel sector does not operate on large margins and short-term problem-solving eats into these margins.

We can expect the situation to get worse before getting better. However, difficulties create opportunities and as a council we need to be aware of this and work much closer with our local companies to ensure the health of the local economy.

Dave Busby - District Councillor for Bentley dave.busby@babergh.gov.uk

A SLICE OF CULTURE.

A Quiz by Brian Rose

- 1. Which season of the year may be referred to as Vernal?
- 2. Which profession's members use the initials FRICS after their name?
- 3. In 2019 'Cinderella' was the most popular pantomime, but which production came second?
- 4. Which precious stone represents 45 years of marriage?
- 5. By what name is the Finnish language known?
- 6. In the novel by Boris Pasternak, what was the christian name of Dr. Zhivago?
- 7. Which of Beethoven's Symphonies is known as "Eroica"?
- 8. In Dicken's "Pickwick Papers" who was the mean spirited man in Christmas at Dingle Dell?
- 9. Which three Monarchs were children of Henry VIII?
- 10. What nationality was the painter Francisco Goya?

(Answers on page 25)

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NEWS

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. (Psalm 105:2)

In September, we had a very interesting visit from the chair of the **Free Grace Evangelist Association**, Dr Ian Sadler. Around 20 attended online or in-person and were encouraged to hear of the continued work of the FGEA in Bible distribution and relief for orphans and the poor, despite the restrictions of the pandemic.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust 'Ride & Stride' on 11th September, was not so well attended this year but we very much enjoyed sitting in the sunshine and chatting to locals who passed by (both biped and quadruped).

As some sense of normality returns, we will continue to be mindful of health and safety and visitors are kindly asked to let us know if you would like to attend. We will, of course, be delighted to see you but please contact us first via email: info@bentleyreformedbaptistchurch.com, or by phone: 07814465222, so we can make sure there is a place for you.

The pandemic has had many effects but:-

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Isaiah. 40:28-31)

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ADVICE COLUMN



I'm a single parent and lost my job during the pandemic. My local Citizens Advice helped me apply for Universal Credit which has been really helpful to cover some of the income I've lost. But I'm very worried about the upcoming £20-a-week cut to

Universal Credit - I don't know how I'll be able to pay for the school uniforms and shoes, especially as they grow so fast! Is there any other support out there to help plug the gap?

If you're on a low income or employed, you might be able to get help with some of the costs of sending your child to school, including school meals, transport and uniform. It's always worth talking to your local education authority to see what support is available as some of their resources and offerings can differ. The following information is for England.

Free school meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. If you have older children, you can apply for free school meals if you get certain benefits. In your case as you're on Universal Credit and you applied after 1st April 2018 you would be eligible if you earn less than £7,400 a year without benefits. You can see the full list of eligibility requirements on the <u>Citizens Advice website</u>.

To apply for free school meals, you need to contact your local authority, you can check the details at <u>Gov.uk</u> by typing your postcode in.

Transport

If your children are aged between five to 16, your local education authority might offer free or lower cost transport if you don't live near school or your child's unable to walk there. You need to apply to your local education authority for help.

Uniforms and other costs

Your local education authority might also be able to help with some other costs, like uniforms, music lessons or trips and activities. There may also be local charitable schemes to help with these costs, it's worth checking with the school to see if it knows of any. Schools can also sometimes also advise on finding second-hand uniforms.

What's next

If your child is staying in education after year 11, you must tell HMRC's Child Benefit Office if you want to continue receiving child benefit and any extra support for children within means-tested benefits. When your child turns 16, HMRC will send you a letter asking whether your child will stay in education or training. You must reply to this letter to keep getting Child Benefit.

If you need advice or information, contact Sudbury & District Citizens Advice. We are providing advice by telephone and email, Monday – Thursday, 10am - 1pm. Please phone 01787 321400 and leave a message and someone will call you back when available. We will attempt three times to call you back, so please expect a call from a withheld number. You can also telephone our advice line on Freephone 0808 278 7868 or 0800 144 88 48. Alternatively, contact us via email at advice@sudburycab.org.uk or by using the contact facility on our website www.sudburycab.org.uk

CONSTABLE COUNTRY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEWS

The group has continued to meet each month on Zoom. In the last year we have been pleased to help the practice with the flu and Covid vaccinations. We joined staff making phone calls to book appointments and we recruited marshals to help with car parking, etc – and what a great job they did! This year text messages are being sent out so that those of us with Smartphones or i-phones can book our own appointments. Patients who don't or can't respond via this method will be called.

It has been worrying to see that a number of people who have been double vaccinated have contracted Covid in recent months. The relaxing of restrictions may have led us into a false sense of security. As the protection from the vaccine wanes, the Delta variant has led to a surge in cases. We are still waiting to hear whether Covid booster shots will be available this Autumn. We cannot afford to be complacent. The wearing of face masks in supermarkets, shops and on public transport helps to protect not only ourselves but also those around us. This is really important for people like me, that have compromised immune systems. As we go into Winter we don't know what is ahead of us!

NHS app: You may be aware that you can look at your test results on the NHS app – not to be confused with the NHS Covid app. You will need your NHS number to sign up and the surgery will need to verify that you are a patient there. The hospital are also encouraging people to sign up to their portal at www.esneft.nhs.uk/

Zoe Covid app: I would also recommend the Zoe Covid symptom study app. There is a weekly podcast which gives an update on cases in the UK and elsewhere. Each day you fill in any symptoms you may have. Your data is held securely. Scientific analysis is provided by King's College London and passed on to the Government.

Please contact us with any comments or concerns or log directly on the practice website. Our email is constablecountryppg@gmail.com. Or you can phone me on 01473 311384. Comment cards are also available in both surgeries.

Kathy Pollard, Chair Constable Country PPG

FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY 100 CLUB

August Draw winners are:-

Steve Lodge £20, Robert Smith £10, Wendy Harris £5. Brenda Green £5 September Draw winners are:-

Marion Parnell £20, Clive Powell £10, Mary Butters £5, Frank Calvert £5 Prizes can be collected from the Library.

The draws for October, November and December will each have a prize pot of £50 ie 1 x £25 1 x £15 2 x £5.

Good Luck,

Bob Perkin (Treasurer)

CAPEL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

As Autumn starts to how itself to us, we continue to look at interesting and engaging ways to provide a library service to all our communities.

In September, To celebrate our Summer Reading Challenge participants, the Friends of Capel Library Group organised a magic show as well as a Book Treasure Trail around the Village. October sees the return of the ever-popular Friends Quiz Night and November we welcome a new event from our Friends Group, the Beetle Drive. Our wonderful Friends of Capel Library also continue to host the Community Cinema.

The Library holds weekly Tot Rock sessions, for all pre-schoolers and their grownups, this is an opportunity to meet other families, learn new songs, and have a giggle at me trying to remember the correct tunes!

Fortnightly on a Sunday we have a Minecraft club, superbly run by another one of our volunteers, Richard and once a month on a Saturday we have Lego Club. Every Sunday is also Family Craft Day, crafts can be completed in the library or taken home to complete.

Other things you can do at the library, as well as borrow books are:-collect Lateral flow tests, recycle batteries, and ink cartridges and crisp packets, on behalf of Capel Primary School's PTA.

But what else would you like to see in your library, what events or activities do you think would benefit our lovely communities? Get in touch via email capel.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk or pop by and have a chat. This is how the Journalling Club started, by talking about what skills someone had and how they would like to share them with the wider community.

Journalling Club is brought to you by the Capel Parish Nurses and is every 2nd & 4th Friday 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Many of these groups wouldn't be possible without the help of our lovely volunteers. If you have some time to spare or have a particular interest you think others may enjoy too, get in touch.

For further details on the events, we hold in the library call us on 01473 311699, check out our Facebook Page or pop in and have a chat.

Katharine Liu

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library calls every 4th Wednesday at Bentley Village Hall car park from 13.30 hrs to 14.14 hrs and at Tattingstone Wheatsheaf from 14.20 hrs to 14.40 hrs.

Forthcoming dates are: 29th September, 27th October, 24th November, and 22nd December.

This information is taken from the Suffolklibraries.co.uk web site.

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- 6 rolls of heavyweight vinyl wallpaper, finely intertwined gold/red/black. Type "Boutique wallpaper 101449" in a search engine for some images or come and look! (Cost £35 a roll - supplier error).
- 3-handset BT6500 cordless landline phone system, used but "as new".

Mark & Moira Usher 310322

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Two Office Wooden Filing Cabinets, length 75cm, width 41.5cm, height 72cm.

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Contact Peter 310518.



Answers to "A Slice of Culture" (Page 19)

- 1. Spring. 2. Chartered Surveyors. 3. Aladdin. 4. Sapphire. 5. Suomi. 6. Yuri.
- 7. The Third Symphony. 8. Gabriel Grub. 9. Edward VI, Elizabeth I, Mary I. 10. Spanish.

If you use Facebook you may be interested in:- Bentley (In Suffolk) Community Page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/292599697915731/

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