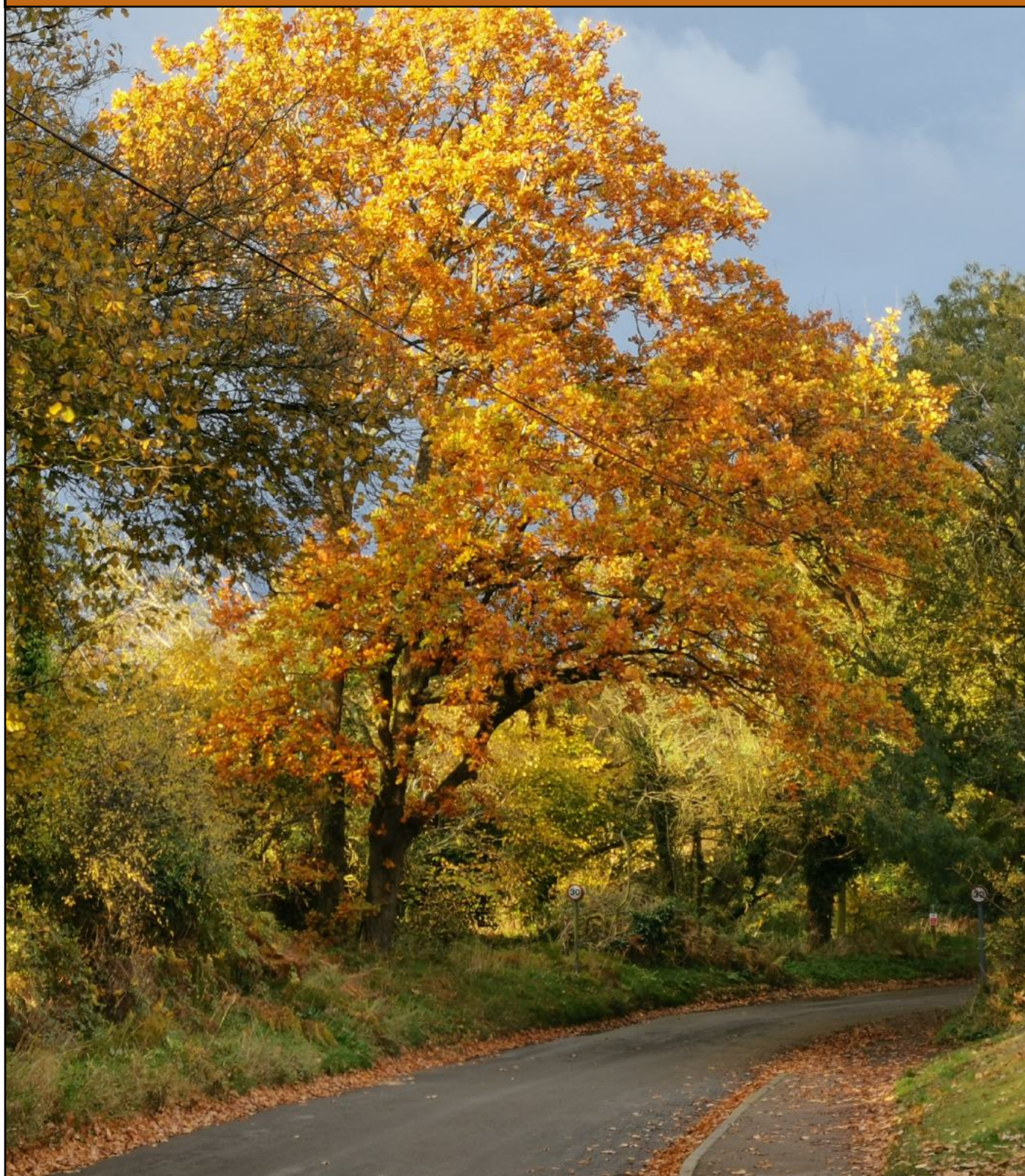


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THE BENTLEY BUGLE - COMMUNITY AND CHURCH NEWS COORDINATORS

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your tireless input and dedication in keeping the Bentley Bugle on its toes. How we have relied on you to make sure the bills were paid, the magazines distributed and being the central figure that binds us all as a team.

Thank you for your wisdom, faith and love which has guided your life and especially touched and supported so much of our village community.

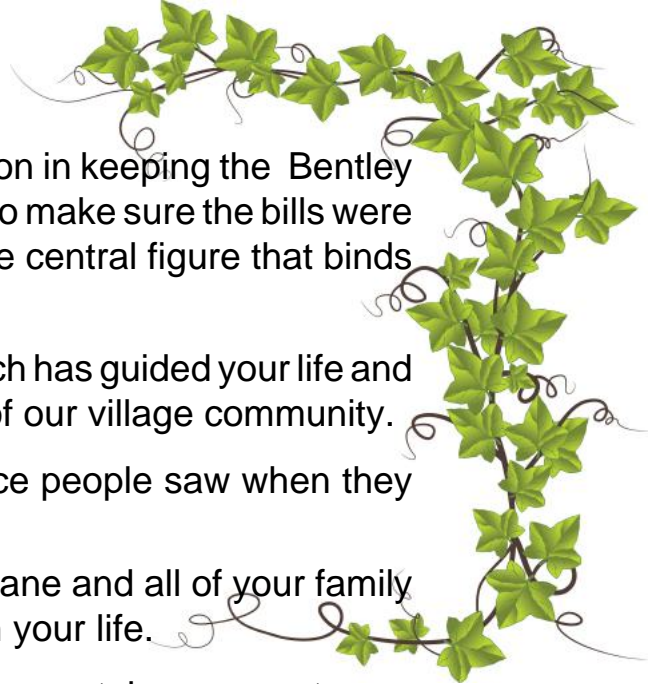
Thank you Peter for being the first smiley face people saw when they walked into St Mary's for Sunday Worship.

We offer our condolences and sympathy to Jane and all of your family and thank them for allowing us all to share in your life.

We wish you peace and send you our love as you take your rest.

With all our love and heartfelt thanks.

Team Bugle xx



THE FUTURE OF THE BUGLE

We have had some feedback from residents, with the majority saying they would wish to continue receiving a printed copy of the Bugle.

The Parish Council feel it is an important method of communication for the village and so have agreed to sponsor some of the printing costs. Many thanks to residents and other organisations who have also kindly offered sponsorship. The Bugle Team will endeavour to raise more funds from advertising as well.

If you want to view a digital version of the Bugle these are uploaded to the Parish Council website - see bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-bentley-bugle/

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Church Road Autumn. Photo by Bob Munday.

If you have any suitable photos for future issues, please forward to Christine at christine.bugle@gmail.com

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Assistant Priest	Revd Don Mehen	01473 310383

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Bentley Parish Council website - <http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

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

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

Parish Diary

OCTOBER 2024

2nd - Comrades - Village Hall - Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
2nd & 16th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.30-9.00 pm
3rd - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30 pm
5th - Food Vendor - Wagyu Burgers - Case is Altered - 5-8 pm
5th - Race Night - Village Hall at 7.00 pm
8th &- 22nd - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
9th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
10th & 24th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Blackmore Room at 10.30 am
10th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm
12th - St Mary's Church Quiz - Village Hall
18th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
20th - Harvest Festival Service - St Mary's Church at 11 am
26th - Footpath Society Walk - from the Village Hall at 2.30 pm
26th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

NOVEMBER 2024

2nd - Bentley Fireworks Display - Village Playing Field from 5.00pm
5th & -19th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
6th - Comrades - Village Hall Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
6th & 20th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.30-9.00 pm
7th - Parish Council meeting - Village Hall from 7.30 pm
9th - Charity Book Sale - Case is Altered - from 11.00 am
13th- Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
14th & 28th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Blackmore Room at 2.30 pm
14th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm
15th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
16th - Food Vendor - Pizza Amore - Case is Altered - 5-8 pm
23rd - Footpath Society Walk - from the Village Hall at 10.30 am
30th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

Other Activities in the Village

Toddler Group - Mon & Weds 9.30 am to 12 noon (Term Time only) - Village Hall
Holistic Yoga - Every Mon 7.30 - 10.00 pm - Village Hall
Aerobics Class - Tuesday 9.45 am (Term Time only) - Village Hall
Pilates Class - Tuesday 11.00 am to noon (Term Time only) - Village Hall (contact Jill Sharp for information - 01473 311546)
Carpet Bowls - Every Tues 7.30 pm & Weds 2.30 pm - Village Hall
Coffee at the Case - Every Friday between 10.30 and 12.00

BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

CONNECT (Benefice Service).

Please note our service pattern has changed. The first Sunday of each month will now be a "Connect" service (Benefice) led by Rev Chris Willis and will move around the parishes each month.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sunday 6 th	10am	Connect (Benefice) service at Brantham - Rev Chris
Sunday 13 th	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th	11am	Harvest Festival service
Sunday 27 th	10am	Holy Communion

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 3 rd	10am	Connect (Benefice) service at E. Bergholt - Rev Chris
Sunday 3 rd	5pm	All Souls Service in Churchyard - Doreen Savage
Sunday 10 th	10.50am	Remembrance Service - War Memorial
Sunday 17 th	10am	Family Worship
Sunday 24 th	10am	Holy Communion

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LUNCH 20th OCTOBER

The service will start at **11am NOT 10am (followed by lunch)**. We are asking for a minimum donation of £5 per person for lunch.

Please sign up on the list at the back of the church or email Jane on ellispark5363@yahoo.com by 12th October if you would like to join us for lunch to enable us to cater accordingly.

HARVEST GIFTS

We will be collecting Harvest gifts of tins and packets of food for Homeless Families, as part of our Harvest offering. Please bring your gifts to one of our services on or before 20th October or deliver them to 19 The Link. West Villa has moved and is now East Villa. thanks.

ALL SOULS SERVICE - Sunday 3rd November - 5pm

A short service for those who wish to remember loved ones, there will be an opportunity to light candles and hang names of our loved ones on a special lit tree in the church yard. All are welcome.

THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE will be held at the War memorial starting at 10.50am. Please join us for this special service.

EAST VILLA (FORMALLY WEST VILLA)

Continued thanks for the donations of towels and bedding that we take regularly to East Villa for those made homeless. They are always very gratefully received. Please feel free to contact Sandra on 01473 310383 or leave donations on our doorstep. Thank you. Your generosity is much appreciated.

SUNDAY SERVICES

If you would like to help at one of our services by reading the Bible or leading prayers please let us know. New voices are always welcome. Please speak to Jane Day, Ken Felgate or Sandra Mehen. Thank you.

LONELY? NEED A LISTENING EAR?

Do you know of anyone in the village who would like a visit at home, in a care home or in hospital? Would you like someone to visit you? Would you like someone to talk to, pray with you or for you? Please call Doreen or 311122; Carolyn on 311090; Jane 310518; Sandra 310383.

CAN'T GET TO CHURCH?

Do you need a lift to church?. Please contact Sandra on 01473 310383 or Jane on 01473 310518.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christingle Service - Sunday 8th December at 10am

Nine lessons & Carols - Sunday 15th December at 10am

Crib Service - Tuesday 24th December at 3pm

Christmas Day Communion - Wednesday 25th December at 10am

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PCC Secretary – Sandra Mehen – 01473 310383

Peter - A man about the village

Jane and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and love during Peter's illness over the past few weeks. Peter was indeed a man about the village. Busy in all aspects, thoroughly enjoying the company of all he met.

Peter's funeral will take place on Friday, 4 October 2024 in St Mary's Church, Bentley at 1.30pm. Followed by a private cremation and a gathering at the Case is Altered. All are welcome. The family requests to wear something coloured lilac.

TUESDAY CLUB

I hope everyone has been enjoying the last of the sunshine, the dark nights are fast approaching. Firstly I would like to say on behalf of our club how sorry we are to learn of the passing of Peter Day, not only was he a Member of the club but also a dear friend to many.

Our Members have been once again enjoying talks and entertainment. Kim a Paramedic, spoke about the work she does and demonstrated CPR. We had singing and music from The Harbour Lights. Our second outing of the year was to Clacton for Lunch at the Esplanade Hotel. Josie will be telling our Members about Candle making, she will also bring some of the candles she has made.

In the weeks ahead Frazier will be back with Chair Aerobics and Boccia, Sonya will give a talk on 'Drought Gardening. Pip Wright will be giving a talk 'What Happened here in Suffolk'. Griff Johns will test Members knowledge with a Quiz. This year our Christmas Lunch will be 3rd December at the George, Hintlesham. Our Christmas Party will be held on 17th December when Brian Mann will be our entertainment. This will be the last meeting of 2024. **Catherine Sweeney, Secretary**

WI BENTLEY BLUEBELLS

Our August meeting was our annual garden party, where everyone had a fantastic time. This month, we had a talk about the swifts and how we can help them by putting nest boxes on the northern or eastern facade of our houses. The swifts come to the UK to bring their chick(s) up. They generally have one chick and come back every year to the same area.

At the October meeting we will be having a talk about the bees and wasps in Suffolk. In November, it is our AGM and games night.

If you would like to join us, please contact our secretary Sandra on 01473 310072.

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

We have now finished the season and unfortunately not done very well. We will go down a division in the Samford and Triples League. We have managed to turn out a team for all games despite us being so small in numbers.

The bowls club in Bentley has been going for over 100 years and we really do need new players to keep it going. The game of bowls is played on an equal footing with all genre. We will start our new season in April next year. Why not think about coming to join us?

Our race night is being held on 5 October 2024 in Bentley Village Hall doors open at 7.00 pm with racing starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available at £3 each from Colin Rose on 01473 313102. We shall have a bar and raffle but bring your own nibbles/food. We hope you can support us as this brings in much needed funds to keep the green in good order. Members will be working on the green through September to get it in shape for next season, thereafter maintenance can be done during the winter.

Lillian Calvert, Secretary

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Our match against Belstead away was always going to be difficult and so it proved as we lost 0-10 with only one game going to the last end.

Burstall were our next opponents at home and we played very well to secure an 8-2 win. However this proved to be the last of the Summer League season as in all the remaining three matches we lost.

Copdock at home beat us 8-2 and then a somewhat disastrous match against Stutton away saw us lose heavily 10-0. The last match against our old rivals Harkstead away saw them get their revenge with a well deserved 8-2 win.

With the Summer league now behind us we look forward to the challenge of the 1st division of the Winter league once again after a year away. **David Howe**

DISPOSAL OF DOG WASTE

Bentley Parish Council respectfully reminds parishioners that dog waste must be cleared from footpaths and the Village Playing Fields.

There are waste bins in Capel Road and Station Road or you can take it home and put in your black bin, the contents of which are incinerated by Babergh District Council.

Thank you for your help.

Joy Scott, Clerk, Bentley Parish Council



BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Village Show was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 19 August 2024. Thank you to all those who exhibited and made the Show a success. Thank you too to those who came along in the afternoon to support us.

The following is a list of the Cup winners -

South View Cup	Flowers	Sandra Ford
Mills Cup	Pot Plant in bloom, Indoor foliage plant and vase of Grasses	Beryl Baker
Carruthers Cup	Annual Competition Plant-Fuchsia	Gail Lochtie
Farmers Cup	Vegetables, Herb and Longest Runner Bean	Gail Lochtie
James Cup	Fruit	Gail Lochtie
Booth Cup	Floral Art	Emma Finney-Hewitson
Saward Cup	Domestic classes	Gail Lochtie
Arnold Cup	Best in Show	Roy Spicer
Presidents Shield	Individual with most points in show	Gail Lochtie

Very well done to all the Winners!

Our monthly meetings commence on Friday 20 September when Lucy Skelhorn will talk and show a film on her topic, "My family and other Irises". This lady is very well known "Iris" expert holding some of the National Collection.

The meeting on Friday 18 October will see one of our regular speakers come to talk on "FUNGI". Barry Gayton is well known in the area having been an RHS speaker for many years. All the meetings are held in the Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm All are welcome

On 15 November 2024 at 7.30pm the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the Village Hall. **Pam Lovell**

Edward Poole – Ted, sadly passed away on Tuesday 10 September.

Ted had lived in the village for many years, initially with his parents and more recently in the new house they had built on the corner of Link Lane. He had spent much of this year in hospital and had recently been moved to a care home. He was transferred back to hospital as he had developed pneumonia. Regrettably he did not recover from this.

His passing sees the end of an era, certainly for the Case Is Altered. Ted had been a major benefactor in its acquisition and as a volunteer. He was also well known for his many stories about the village and the pub in bygone days.

His funeral will take place at 9:45am on Wednesday 2 October at Ipswich Crematorium, Cemetery Lane, Ipswich IP4 2TQ. Ted had requested no flowers but donations to the RSPB in his memory.

NOTES FROM THE CASE



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What a glorious end to the summer August and September were! At least the last few weeks have in some way made up for the cold, wet and windy weather we had earlier on in the summer. Now though, as the days become noticeably shorter and certainly chillier, we at the Case are looking towards Christmas. Before this though, we do have a few events happening during the autumn months to keep us all busy.

Fireworks Night

We are very much looking forward to the return of the Bentley Fireworks display this year. We will be open from **5pm** on **Saturday 2 November** to help you celebrate Bentley's own Bonfire Night.

Charity Book Sale

On **Saturday 9 November** we are holding a second hand book sale in aid of our charity of the Year the **Alzheimer Society**. The Case will be open from **11am to 4pm**. In addition to the bar being open, **tea and coffee** will be available. We will be serving sweet and savoury **light lunch bites** between **12 and 2pm**. There will also be a few craft stalls selling items from jewellery to soft furnishings. All profits from the book and food sales will go directly to the charity. We will re-open at **6pm**.

Christmas Raffle

We will be running another Christmas draw for the **Alzheimer's Society**. We have already had a £100 voucher prize from Amazon and B&Q have donated a £25 voucher. We have also had donations from Adnams and Lacons breweries, Next and The Place for Plants. Other prizes include a bottle of whisky, a food hamper and a pamper set. Tickets will be available from early November – just ask at the bar. The draw will take place on **Saturday 21 December**.

Open Mic Nights

Our Open Mic Nights continue to be very popular. The next two dates for your diary are **Thursday 10 October** and **Thursday 14 November**. Music starts around **8pm**. As always PA is provided, all performers welcome! Further enquires please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

Quiz Nights

Can you beat our quiz masters? Quiz nights are a firm favourite so do come early if you want to guarantee a table. **Quiz starts at 8pm**. Teams are up to 6 people, entry £2 per person. First prize, £36 in pub vouchers. Losers are awarded a wooden spoon. Our next two quiz nights are **Saturday 26 October** and **Saturday 30 November**. All profits from the quiz and raffle go to our charity of the year, **The Alzheimer's Society**.

If you would like to set a quiz for next year please, contact Chris at cottage.garden@btinternet.com and we'll add you to the list.

Street Food Vendors

On **Saturday 5 October** our favourite burger van, **Wagyu Burgers** is making a very welcome return visit. Then on **Saturday 16 November** a new food vendor **Pizza Amore** will be with us for their first time. They come highly recommended for their Italian style, wood fired, 12" pizzas. Both vendors will be serving from **5pm - 8pm**. Closer to the time please look out for more information around the pub or on our website or Facebook page. **As before, food can be eaten inside the pub from 5pm**. Please bring your own cutlery if you wish to. **Families welcome.**

Games Nights

We have already been asked if we are going to be running our Saturday games nights this winter. This year they are starting from **Saturday 16 November**. Board games can be played any Saturday evening during the winter months – if of course there are no other events happening at the pub. Come along anytime and choose from one of our many board games or if you wish to bring your own board game. This year we are combining our first Games Night with a visiting food vendor Pizza Amore. Grab a pizza, have a drink and play a board game!

Art Exhibition

As from early October we will be exhibiting a new selection of original art works by one of our own local professional artists. Originally from Trimley, Angela Ashford is self taught and enjoys working in mixed media. Her work being shown at the Case is primarily composed of found pieces of sea glass and drift wood. Angela has informed us that she will be donating 20% of her sales to our charity of the year the **Alzheimer's Society**

Community Police Surgery

September saw the first Community Police Surgery to be held at the Case during a Friday Friends coffee morning session. Katie Jarrett, our local community officer, chatted with local people on various subjects that they had concerns about. Katie said she was very pleased with the interest shown and hopes to hold a regular surgery every 6 months. Councillor Marianne Munday, chair of Bentley Parish Council was also on hand to discuss any parish problems people had. The Friday Friends coffee morning is open to all and is held between 10:30am and 12midday every Friday morning.

Children's Party

September also saw our first Children's Party for a few years. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those volunteers who made it such a great event. We know the kids had a wonderful time and the parents looked quite relaxed too!

Carols at the Case

And finally for your diary – we will be holding our annual Christmas Carols on **Sunday 22 December, starting at 4pm**. Come and join us for a cheery celebration of Christmas Carols.

We hope to see you soon.

Children's Party at The Case is Altered



WILDLIFE NOTES

The Joys of Counting

I am sure that there are Bentley villagers who already take up the challenge of a Garden Birds count and the Big Butterfly count. Up and down the country over half a million people took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch this year and this survey has now been running since 1979.

The simplest of observational sciences – counting things – can lead, over time, to a valuable resource for monitoring nature and the environment. If many people do it consistently and persistently, we can get a picture of how wildlife is faring, and this can be correlated to other observations such as climate and other environmental factors.

The Garden Birdwatch has noted the decline of such relatively common species as House sparrows, Song thrushes and Starlings, but more positively, the thriving figures for Goldfinches, and Blue and Great tits – species which benefit from garden feeders.

In addition, there have been new visitors to gardens, such as Collared doves, Red kites and even Ring-necked parakeets with an expanding population from their base in West London.

On the increase: Goldfinch



Apart from environmental factors, such counts can monitor the impact of diseases on populations. In recent years there has been a marked decrease in Greenfinch numbers, ironically caused in part by cross infection at bird feeders – a reason to clean your feeders regularly.

Various wildlife study groups supervise many such observational studies – the British Trust for Ornithology is one of the sponsors of one of the longest running surveys of Waders and Wetland Birds on the Stour and Orwell estuaries with monthly high tide counts which have noted the impact of river traffic, recreational pressures and erosion of intertidal mud on this Internationally important staging post for migrating water birds and waders.

In decline: Song thrush



I know some will be concerned about being unsure of identifying species of birds, butterflies and plants, but there are numerous online resources to help, and the sponsors of the counts give reference guides. More recently several apps for smartphones such as inaturalist have been developed which can identify many plants, animals and birds from photos, and even identify birdsong (Merlin). While these are not infallible, they can make watching and listening much more interesting and help gather confidence with time.

I would encourage everyone with an interest and an hour or two to spare to GET COUNTING!

If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who might be interested in joining the WEBS bird counts on the Stour estuary – please get in touch.

Michael Bamford

BENTLEY COMMUNITY STORES

As the leaves start to drop, it can only mean one thing....it's going to get colder.

You may be thinking of soups and stews, well here in the shop, we are thinking the same, with our thoughts turning to winter veg. such as potatoes, leeks, swedes, carrots, onions, parsnips, butternut squash and anything else you can think of. All good roasted but perfect for warming soups and stews. Don't forget the suet and flour for those all important dumplings.

For ease and quickness you can check out our range of canned and packet soups and pastas.

With Christmas lurking around the corner we have all the ingredients for your seasonal homemade cakes, puddings and pies. Currants, sultanas, raisins, mincemeat etc.

Nearer to the big day, we will offer a selection of chocolates, cakes, biscuits and other goodies. More on that in the next edition.

Remember we can order pies, breads and rolls for any occasion, any time of the year.

At your village shop we try to make things a little easier for you, and we are on your door step for anything you may have forgotten.

Anything you would like us to get for you, or if you would like to join our team of volunteers, please let us know.

Our opening hours are:

Monday to Friday 9am to 1.30pm

Saturday 9am to 12 noon

Sunday 9am to 11am

You can contact us at info@bentleystores.co.uk We look forward to seeing you soon.



BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 September 2024

Seven Councillors, District Councillor Dave Busby, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator and 15 members of the public attended the meeting. Apologies were received from two Councillors and District Councillor H Davies.

Planning – One planning decision was received – Two Planning Applications were received plus the reconsultation on the Solar Farm application – two were approved. The Solar Farm was refused – Bentley PC's response and a copy of the Conservation Area Appraisal document were sent to Babergh District Council following the meeting.

Reports were received from County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor D Busby & Speedwatch Co-ordinator. District Councillor Busby urged residents not to charge rechargeable batteries overnight and to make sure smoke alarms are working following a house fire in Capel St Mary.

Matters discussed:

Brockley Wood – Following a Judicial Review claim by Bentley Parish Council and a Bentley resident against Suffolk County Council, this application has now been quashed by the High Court.

Bentley Historic Core Appraisal was discussed – BDC have been formally requested to consider designating a Historic Conservation area at the earliest opportunity.

Babergh District Council Consultation on Joint Local Plan Part 2 – Development Plan document Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report & the Proposed Approach to the Strategic Housing Land Available – Bentley PC voted to join Sproughton and surrounding villages to send a joint response.

External Audit was approved and the notices have been put on the notice boards and website

Quarterly Accounts were approved

Change of Bank & Online Banking was agreed

Insurance Policy Renewal was discussed

Funding for Bentley Bugle was discussed – PC to fund next issue

Horse Chestnut Tree – Junction Grove Road/Capel Road – Tree Warden looking into suggestions for a feature tree

Lorry Watch – 13 HGV's reported in July & 8 in August – slight reduction.

Wild life sanctuary in the Copse - investigation continues for funding of project

Affordable Housing

Traffic calming/Weight Restriction – Survey being undertaken by SCC in September

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan – will be discussed in 2025.

Playing Field Society – Firework Event taking place this year on 2 November .

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the PC website -

<http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Brockley Wood Quarry and Waste Processing Plant - SCC/0105/22B

Following a Judicial Review claim by Bentley Parish Council and a Bentley resident, the High Court has quashed the planning application decision made by Suffolk County Council (SCC). It was found that SCC erred in failing to properly consider a directly relevant policy of the statutory development plan (LP18 of the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Nov 2023) and to perform its duty to 'protect and enhance valued landscapes' as required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Unfortunately the applicant has disregarded all our claims and has re-submitted the application unchanged. A period of re-consultation has started and finishes on **19th October**. Bentley and Copdock & Washbrook Parish Councils will do our utmost to ensure that our previous concerns regarding impact on our Valued Landscape, HGV movements and noise impacts on nearby residents are addressed by Suffolk County Council.

You can make individual comments to Suffolk County Council by 19th October

a) Write to: -The Head of Planning, Growth, Highways & Infrastructure, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road' Ipswich. IP1 2BX

b) Email to: planning@suffolk.gov.uk or;

c) Submit an on-line representation at: <http://suffolk.planningregister.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC/0105/22B>

Please ensure the Planning Reference (see Ref above) is in your reply.

Grove Farm Solar Farm

The reconsultation for this application ended on 6th September. Bentley Parish Council continues to recommend refusal of this application on grounds of harmful impact on Landscape, Heritage Assets and Residential Amenity. Babergh District Council will now make a decision on the application.

The Parish Council will keep residents updated on both applications via the Bentley Facebook page, Parish Council meetings and The Bugle.

Marianne Munday, Chair Bentley Parish Council.



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

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

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

Bentley Fireworks Display

We will be holding this year's Bonfire on
Saturday 2 November

We have a varied array of pyrotechnics, with a predominantly "Low Noise" display. We do have some old stock from 2022 that isn't low noise, so a good display is on the cards.

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

A sparkler will be issued free to every child, but please don't bring your own sparklers in the interests of safety.

Please note we are cash only on the night, and we have held the child's ticket price, but have had to increase the adult price.

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

Tickets will be on sale 3 weeks before the event and up until 12:00 on Friday 1st (or until all the early bird tickets are sold) from the Bentley Community Shop, and the Case pub.

Adult early bird tickets £4.50 then £5 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.

Gates open at 17:00

Bonfire lit at 17:30

Fireworks at 18:30

If you would like to get involved and volunteer, contact
timhamstead@yahoo.co.uk.

We cannot run without our band of volunteers. Tim and Jan Hamstead

*******Cash only on the night*******



NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Bentley Primary 01473 310253
admin@bentley.suffolk.sch.uk

Copdock Primary 01473 730337
admin@copdock.suffolk.sch.uk

<http://www.bentleycopdock.co.uk/>



We were excited to welcome our new intake of Reception children in September. Everyone settled in to the new term very well and all looked smart in their new uniforms. We had a busy start to term; children and staff across the federation joined together at Copdock and Washbrook Village Hall to explore a Healthy Living theme with a range of activities to engage their mind and body. Parents were invited to join us for the end of the day as we gathered for our annual Macmillan fundraiser.

All children and families attended the church for the Harvest Festival and we will end the first half term of term with the Year 5/6 residential trip to Bawdsey where all children will take part in lots of general sporting activities and enjoy lots of exciting evening games and tasty meals.

The second half of this term is always exciting as we look ahead and formulate our Christmas performances, and make preparations in school to embrace the festive period.

Look out on the website for the details of our November Open evening for September 2025 starters.

HELP STOP SPEEDING IN BENTLEY

Speedwatch is operated in the Village by volunteers with the authority of Suffolk Constabulary.

Are you concerned by vehicles speeding?

Are you able to volunteer for just an hour each fortnight?

If so please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Joy Scott

clerk@bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk

Be part of the team. Full training is provided.

ANOTHER SAD LOSS FOR THE VILLAGE

Sadly John Tombs died on 22nd of August 2024.

John was a former headmaster of Ranleigh Road Primary School, Ipswich, and a former Bentley Village History Recorder. He also taught History at the village primary school.

He wrote articles for The Bugle giving fascinating insights into earlier village life. A resident recalls "He was always happy to stop and talk about anything from the Wars of the Roses to the Bentley Bunker".



QUIZ NIGHT 2024

NEW – Quiz Master

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Saturday 12th October 2024

Bentley Village Hall

7pm for 7:30pm start

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Hospital**

For more information & Tickets contact

Alison Partridge 07759745678

CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

Capel Library welcomes everyone. We are a small and friendly library based in the heart of the Capel community. We offer books, internet access, children's activities, tea and coffee, all with a friendly smile.

The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema

October's film: The Fall Guy

October's film is The Fall Guy, where “a stuntman, fresh off an almost career-ending accident, has to track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy and try to win back the love of his life while still doing his day job. What could possibly go right?”

Please keep an eye out on the Capel Library facebook page for details of what November's film will be!

Home Library Service

Do you or someone you know struggle to get to the library? We have volunteers ready and waiting who can bring the books to you. Just give us a call at the library and we can discuss how the service can benefit you, a friend, neighbour or a loved one.

Angie's Curious Creatures

On Saturday 2nd November at 10:30 we'll have Angie with her curious creatures visiting our library, places will be limited, so save the date and keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

The Friends of Capel Library 

Community Cinema



Tuesday 15th October 2024 at Capel Library
Doors Open: 7pm, film Starts: 7.30pm
Tickets in advance: £4.50 members, £5 non-members
On the door: £5.50
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Regular Events in the Library:

- **Tot Rock & Stay & Play:** Thursdays during term time 9.30 onwards; songs, and stories followed by a more social play session with free refreshments.
- **Minecraft:** Children of all ages welcome and those under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring with you your tablet or phone equipped with Minecraft Pocket Edition or Minecraft Windows 10 Edition. Try to remember to charge your device beforehand! Contact the library for more details.
- **Lego:** Every 4th Saturday we hold our Monthly Lego Club. It is £1.50 per child which includes a drink and a biscuit. Each month has a theme, but you can also build what you like. At the end of the session a prize is given to the most creative build, as voted for by fellow creators. So, join us 10.30-12.00 for some building fun.
- **Sunday Crafts** is every week from 10.30 to 12.30. All children & families welcome, no booking is required and there is no charge. Come and get crafty at Capel Library.

We welcome book donations, and don't forget we sell cards and stamps too!

We also now have a copy of New Scientist magazine to read at the library, just ask at the desk for the latest issue.

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday:	Closed	Friday:	2.00pm-5.30pm
Tuesday:	9am-12.30 & 2.00pm-5.30pm	Saturday:	9.00am-3.00pm
Wednesday:	9am-12.30	Sunday:	10.00am-3.00pm
Thursday:	9am-12.30		

Telephone: 01473 311699

e-mail: capel.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Web: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

THE FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY

The Friends of Capel Library 100 Club- Draw results

August

£20 John Mellish

£10 Pearl Thomas

£ 5 Gary Bunkell

£ 5 Brenda Green

September

£20 Keith Gilbert

£10 Ann Hawes

£ 5 Sue Crane

£ 5 Irene Rowland

BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many;”(Hebrews 9v28)

“If at first you don’t succeed try, try again” is a well-known phrase associated with Robert the Bruce, king of Scotland in the 14th century. Often we don’t succeed at things the first time we do them, and have to try again (or give up!)

When the Lord Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself upon the cross at Calvary, shedding His precious blood and laying down His life, He succeeded completely in paying the price for sin.

This was therefore a one time event that didn’t need, and never will need, repeating.

“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;” (Hebrews 10v12)

There is complete salvation for those who repent of their sins and believe and trust in Jesus. Indeed, God says of these: “And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” (Hebrews 10v17)

Weekly Services

Prayer and Bible Study – Tuesdays 7pm

Worship Services – Sundays 10.45am and 3pm

For further information (or for a FREE Bible (King James version)),
please do get in touch:

Tel. Admin: 07814 465222 www.bentley-reformed-baptist.uk

e-mail: admin@bentley-reformed-baptist.uk

Or find us on Facebook.

FOOTPATH SOCIETY

Walks in October and November from the Village Hall

Saturday 26 October at 10.30 am

Saturday 23 November at 10.30 am

Routes to be decided according to the weather!

Stout boots and walking sticks if wet!! Bring water to stay hydrated.

John Wheals. 01473 310569

“AMEN” CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024

‘AMEN’ is the name of a Christian Charity who are asking for support with their Christmas Family Shoebox Appeal for 2024. AMEN is a registered charity; more information can be found on their website. www.amentrust.co.uk or on Facebook. These boxes are given to very poor communities in Romania, the emphasis being on family and therefore should include something for Mum and Dad and children.

All boxes will be delivered by volunteers direct to families in time for Christmas and will bring much joy and happiness. So, can you help please? Last year we collected 105 boxes, and these were added to ones collected at the central depot in Capel St Mary, a total of 301 left in November 2023.

Doreen Savage is the local co-ordinator being assisted by Alison Partridge. We have leaflets that contain ideas for things that can be included in your boxes, we can provide empty shoeboxes and deliver to you, and we will happily collect filled ones. Completed shoeboxes can be left with Doreen at DELPHIS, Station Rd, Bentley.

More information can be obtained, mobile 07784787596 or Doreen, savage2545@btinternet.com or contact Alison Partridge 07759745678.



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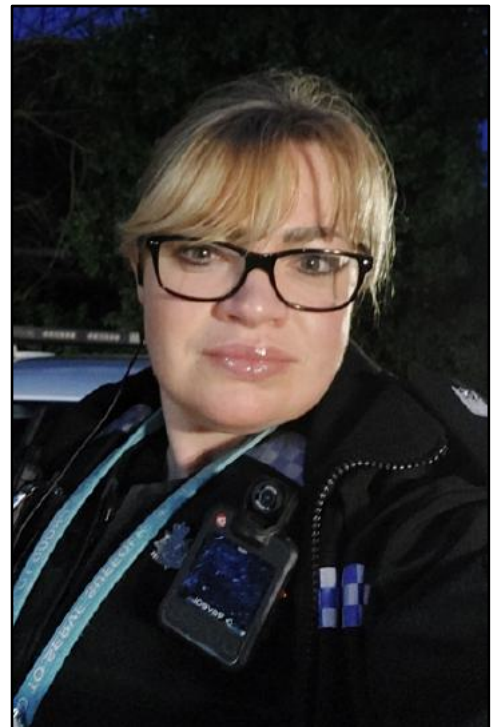


Just before the School holidays, I had the pleasure of attending several village and school fetes. This is always a good engagement opportunity, not just for me but for you to get to meet me in person.

Remember there is just one of me so if you want me to attend next years' events please get in touch.

There are some villages I know better than others, so my goal for the remainder of the year is to visit as many of the community groups as I can. If you know of any groups who would like a visit, please also get in touch.

My role is a community police officer and I have been given a dedicated area and been given a profile to deal with certain investigations. However fundamentally I am a Police officer who is governed by a hierarchy system and when there is a problem elsewhere in the county or nationally then I can be called upon to go elsewhere. This has happened to many of my colleagues, we have been tasked to carry out other jobs, other areas and longer shifts over the last few weeks. I just want to thank you for your continued support and you're understanding.



I have supplied my email address which can of course be used but please can I emphasise, this is not to be used for crime reporting.

Katie.jarrett@suffolk.police.uk

If you need to report a crime, please use the online service on the Suffolk Police website or call 101.

PC Kate running a community surgery at The Case Coffee Morning last month



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