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Bluebells in Dodnash Wood - Mike Whiteman

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Tuesday Club	Veronica Howe	01473 310344
	Catherine Sweeney	01473 310095
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Bentley (in Suffolk) Community Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292599697915731/>

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

# Parish Diary

## APRIL 25

- 2nd - Comrades - Village Hall - Blackmore Room at 7.30pm
- 2nd & 16th - Whist Drive - Village Hall - from 7.30 - 9pm
- 3rd - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30pm
- 5th - Food Vendor - Wagyu Burgers - Case is Altered 5 - 8pm
- 8th & 22nd - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm
- 9th - Bentley Bluebills WI - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
- 10th & 24th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm
- 10th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm
- 12th - St Mary's Church Easter Bingo - Village Hall at 6.30pm
- 16th - Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12pm
- 17th - Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30pm
- 18th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 19th - Food Vendor - Suffolk Spiced Fusion - Case is Altered 5 - 8pm
- 20th - Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Competition - Case is Altered 12 - 2 pm
- 26th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8pm

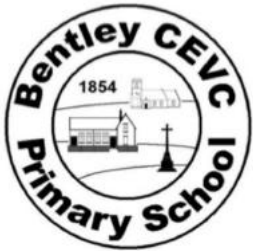
## MAY 25

- 3rd - Bentley Bowls Club Quiz - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 6th & 20th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm
- 7th - Comrades - Village Hall - Blackmore Room at 7.30pm
- 7th & 21st - Whist Drive - Village Hall - from 7.30 - 9pm
- 8th & 22nd - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm
- 8th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm
- 8th - VE Day Remembrance - Case is Altered at 9.30 pm
- 9th - Annual Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 10th - Food Vendor - Mac N' Cheese - Case is Altered 5 - 8pm
- 11th - VE Day Celebrations - Afternoon Tea - Case is Altered 3.30 to 5.30 pm
- 14th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 16th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 31st - Monthly Quiz Night - Case is Altered at 8pm

## Other Activities in the Village

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

# NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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**Copdock Primary 01473 730337**  
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<http://www.bentleycopdock.co.uk/>



Children have been taking part in some sporting fixtures and using the skills learned in PE. The older children took part in a Dodgeball Competition and represented the schools very well. The annual cross country at the Royal Hospital School took place at the end of term. It's such a lovely event to be involved with and the children always do their best in tricky conditions. We look forward to our cricket and padel tennis coaching during the summer term, using our community facilities.

Our Year 2 children were entertained in a Drama Workshop and performance whilst Year 4 children enjoyed a Drumming event, all kindly supported and delivered by Ipswich School.

We've had some 'dress down' days to mark Red Nose Day and to support PTA fundraising. To round off the spring term we held an Easter Bonnet Parade to open our special Easter Service at church.

We are looking forward to more trips and sporting events when we return after Easter for the Summer term.

## **Bentley CEVC Primary School PTA - 100 club**

Congratulations to the winners .....

### **January 2025**

1st - Barrie Hawley  
2nd - Angela Bramford  
3rd - Lauren Bayliss-Fuller

### **February 2025**

1st - Natalie Kite  
2nd - Marshall Revell  
3rd - Tori Przbyl

## **COMMUNITY LUNCHESES AT THE CASE**

**The next lunch will be on Wednesday 16 April, 12.00 for 12.30pm.**

Booking only, via the list in the shop. £12.00 per head. Places limited!

Please note because of other events there will be no lunches in May, July or September.

## NOTES FROM THE CASE



Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

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The days are now, thankfully, getting longer and just occasionally a little warmer, so why not come to the Case for a warm and welcoming visit and this is not just our opinion! In a recent analysis of pubs across the UK the **Case Is Altered** was rated **the 3rd friendliest in the country**. The UK's Friendliest Pubs – 2025 Rundown, which was published on 30th January 2025, concluded that: *“The Case is Altered pub in Bentley, Ipswich, placed third, with a friendliness score of 8.22 out of 10”*. They added that *“Over 68% of the pub’s **Tripadvisor reviews** mention its friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and it also has a 4.5 out of five rating”*. So come along and find out for yourself!

### Charity of the Year

For the coming year the charity the Case has chosen to support is **EACH – East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices**. Just over 25 years ago EACH first opened its doors to families and their children in Ipswich, in what was a rather modest 4 bedroom bungalow in Walker Close. Its aims were to offer help to manage long-term illness and make the best of their final days. Then in 2012 The Treehouse opened. This state of the art centre cares for babies and under 18’s and helps over 200 families a year. To mark its launch the Case will be holding a children’s **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet competition** between **12 and 2pm** on **Sunday 20 April**. We will also be holding an **Easter Raffle**. All profits from this will go to our new charity - **EACH**.

### Open Mic Nights

These evenings continue to be extremely popular and are enthusiastically supported by our regulars and those from further a field. We are always interested in new talent so if you would like to take part please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page. The next two evenings are **Thursday 10 April** and **Thursday 8 May**. Music starts at around 8pm. As always PA is provided.

### Quiz Nights

Our monthly quizzes continue to be very popular so it is often advisable to arrive a little early if you want to guarantee a table, quiz starts at 8pm. Teams can be a maximum size of 6 and entry is £2 per person. The winning team receives tokens to spend at the pub; the lowest scoring team get a wooden spoon! All profits from the quiz and raffle to our new charity of the year, **EACH - East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices**. Our next quiz is on **Saturday 26 April** and the May quiz will be **Saturday 31 May**.

### VE DAY Remembrance and Celebrations

To commemorate this special occasion the Case is organising two events. The first is on the actual day **Thursday 8 May**. During the evening, **at 9:30pm**, we, along with all those across the country who are taking part in the event, will be lighting our **Lamp Light of Peace** and reading out the **Tribute**.

On **Sunday 11 May from 3.30 to 5.30pm** we will be offering a **Superior Afternoon Tea**, with a 1940's theme. If you, or anyone you know, were around at the time of **VE Day** and have any **photographs of themselves taking part in celebrations that took place we would love to see them**. We would like to take a copy to make a display for our celebration Tea Party. Please let us know!

### **Street Food**

During April we have two street food vans visiting us. On **Saturday 5 April** our favourite burger van, **Wagyu Burgers** is making a very welcome return visit. Then during the Easter weekend, on **Saturday 19 April** we will be welcoming back **Suffolk Spiced Fusion** with their delicious flavours of Northern India. During May the very popular Mac Street Kitchen **Mac 'n' Cheese** van will be with us on **Saturday 10 May**. All vendors will be serving from **5.00pm - 8.00pm**. Walk ups and pre orders will be available. **For each of these events please look out for more information around the pub or on our website and Facebook page**. Please bring your own cutlery if you wish to. As always, food can be eaten inside the pub from 5pm. **Families welcome**.

### **Fish and Chips**

As you are probably aware a new Fish and Chip van is now regularly visiting Bentley on Wednesday evenings between 4pm and 8pm. If you enjoy a drink with your Fish and Chips why not come along to the Case, **from 6pm** and eat your meal with us!

### **STOP PRESS:**

As part of our reopening of the kitchens for our community lunches we have recently had an inspection from Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils Food and Hygiene Intervention Department and have been **awarded a 5 Star rating**. Our maximum risk score was 5 in two areas and 0 in the third – 0 being the best score possible. Our overall rating was described as **5 - Very Good**, again this is the maximum level achievable. The same inspector then asked to see the **beer cellar**. We are again delighted to report that he commented on the cellar as being **“one of the best kept cellars he had seen in a very long time”** and congratulated the Case on being a **“very nice pub”**.

### **Volunteers**

As always we are always looking for new volunteers to help support our lovely pub. Whether you would like to be part of our maintenance, gardening, cleaning or bar teams you will always find a friendly face to guide you. We offer complete training to work behind the bar. You do not need any previous experience just enthusiasm for our little pub. If you feel you have a few hours to spare please speak to someone behind the bar or contact the chair or just fill in one of the application forms that are on the bar. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Our Bank Holiday opening times this spring are:**

**Friday 18 April (Good Friday) 12 – 2pm**

**Monday 21 April (Easter BH Monday) 12 – 3pm**

**Monday 5 May 12 – 3pm**

**Monday 26 May 12 – 3pm**

**All other opening times remain the same.** We hope to see you soon!

## BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

In our recent run of matches we were somewhat unfortunate not to get better results. Against Chelmondiston at home we lost 3 - 7 and just by one shot in a match we should have at least drawn and probably won.

The next two away matches saw us play very well to win at both Hintlesham and Copdock by a margin of 6-4. In the Hintlesham game it was good to see the County player Frank beaten for once! The matches at Claydon and Barking were both lost by the same score 2 - 8 and saw us get a lesson by the top two teams in the division although we did not play badly.

Having lost the first leg 2 - 8 at home against Claydon in the Joe Rice cup we knew the second leg would always be difficult but we played very well to only lose 4 - 6.

We now have one more match to complete the winter league fixtures.

**David Howe**

## TUESDAY CLUB

The Daffodils are in full bloom and at last Spring is here. During the dismal months of January, February and March the Bentley Tuesday Club has been meeting as usual every other Tuesday. Lorrie and Gray entertained our Members with a song. Mick from the Fire Service gave an educational talk on fire in the home. He also brought along various types of fire alarms and carbon dioxide alarms. Linda and Marie were fabulous with their variety of songs.

Still to come, in April on the 8th, Fay will give a demonstration making spoons. Harbour Lights will return with their special kind of songs on 22nd. On May 6th Bob and Jan are going to give us a talk on 'Horse Riding for the Disabled'. Mandy our new Aerobics Teacher will be joining us on 20th May and we are looking forward to having our first aerobic session. We hope there is something for everyone in this years programme. We are always happy to see new faces so if you fancy popping in to the village Hall to see what we are all about you will be made welcome with a nice cup of tea and biscuits.

**Catherine Sweeney, Secretary**



### AN INVITATION TO ALL VILLAGERS



### At a loose end on a Friday?

A reminder that the Case pub is open every **Friday from 10.30am to 12.00** for coffee and biscuits. We ask only a small donation.

All are assured of a warm welcome. *(The pub is nice and warm too.)*

# BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

## SERVICES IN APRIL 2025

- Sunday 6th      10am Connect at Bentley with Rev Chris Willis  
Sunday 13th     10am Morning Worship with Communion  
Sunday 20th     10am Easter Service with Communion  
Sunday 27th     10am Morning Worship with Communion / APCM meeting

## SERVICES IN MAY 2025

- Sunday 4th      10am Connect at Tattlingstone with Rev Chris Willis  
Sunday 11th     10am Pet Service  
Sunday 18th     10am Morning Worship  
Sunday 25th     10am Morning Worship with Communion

## SUNDAY SERVICES

If you would like to help at one of the services by doing a reading or leading the prayers, please let us know. New voices are always welcome. Please speak to any one of the people listed below.

## EASTER SERVICE

The Easter Communion service will take place on Sunday 20th April, followed by an Egg hunt. Please speak to Ken Felgate for donations to purchase lilies for the Church.

## EAST VILLAS

We continue to collect items for East Villas throughout the year, but we welcome any donations of Easter Eggs at this time of year. Don and Sandra Mehen are happy to receive them at their home or any Church service before Palm Sunday – 13th April. They will then be delivered to the unit before Easter Sunday.

**We will be holding the Annual Parochial Church meeting after the service on the 27th April, including Wine and Canapes.**

We are looking to appoint a second Church Warden to work alongside Tom Hill. Please contact Rev Chris Willis for further information.

## EASTER BINGO - Saturday 12th April 2025

Doors open at 6.30pm to start at 7pm - £5 per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks. A raffle will be held – Raffle prize donations greatly appreciated. We will need an indication of numbers, please contact Alison Partridge for tickets.

## PET SERVICE – Sunday 11th May 2025 at 10am

Bring your family pet along for a blessing. If you don't have a pet, then you are welcome to bring a cuddly toy.

## **HISTORY WALK, TALK AND TEA – Sunday 18th May 2pm to start at 2.30pm**

Mr Tom Hill will lead a walk starting at St Mary's Church, heading North in a loop via Bentley Hall, Barn, Bentley Park, Old Hall Lane and back via Bentley Manor. The walk is 3.5km, well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome, **£15 per person to include tea, all proceeds to St Mary's Church, numbers are limited.**

**For tickets email Alison Partridge at [bentleychurchevents@gmail.com](mailto:bentleychurchevents@gmail.com)**

## **OPEN GARDENS AT "LONGLANDS PLACE" WASHBROOK IP8 3EZ**

Sunday 25th May 11-5.30pm. Entrance £5. Children 12 and under free.

By kind permission of Christopher and Christine Haines

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Johnny Cash** will be returning on **Saturday 14th June** doors open 2pm for 2.30pm start. Tickets £12 per person and available from Alison Partridge.

**Annual Community Service – 27th July** at 3pm followed by afternoon tea.

## **BENTLEY CHURCHYARD**

It has been brought to our attention that the churchyard needs a tidy up. If you have dead or unsightly flowers on family graves, please remove these as soon as possible. The PCC will remove any remaining by mid-April.

## **ALL WELCOME TO CLEAN THE CHURCH**

To ensure our church is kept in good order, the PCC has decided to trial meeting on the **1st Saturday of the month from 10am**. Please let Jane Day know if you would like to join us. (07767 697351). Tea and coffee will be available.

**Thank you to everyone who came to our dear organist Ann Little's last official service in St Mary's Church on Sunday 23rd February. We gave thanks and celebrated with Ann after many years of service to our Church. Ann was presented with a card, flowers, chocolates and a bottle of vintage champagne that she shared with her friends.**

## **Church Contact Details for Weddings, baptisms, funerals or other enquiries**

Church Warden – Tom Hill – 01473 311119

Rector Constable Country Benefice – The Rev Chris Willis - Via Administrator –

Michelle Jowers – [michelle@constablebenefice.org](mailto:michelle@constablebenefice.org)

Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 01473 310383

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PCC Correspondent – Sandra Mehen – 01473 310383

PCC Secretary – Jane Day – 01473 310518

Events /Tickets – Alison Partridge – [bentleychurchevents@gmail.com](mailto:bentleychurchevents@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU ANN FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHURCH ORGANIST



### IT'S 80 YEARS SINCE VE DAY

... If you missed it first time round (and most of us did) you are invited to join us

at **THE CASE IS ALTERED**

for a **POSH CREAM TEA.**

Enjoy a selection of mouth-watering cakes and savouries with tea or coffee, tap your feet to a wartime beat and be pampered by the elegant waitresses!

All for £7.50 a head. *Why go to the Dorchester and pay 10 times as much?*

**Sunday 11 May, from 3.30 – 5.30 pm.**

No need to book – just turn up. All welcome!

## BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

“..and he was numbered with the transgressors;..” (Isaiah 53v12)

**All welcome to hear about the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the salvation found only in Him on:**

**Friday 18th April 10am & Sunday 20th April 10.45am**

Jesus was crucified between two thieves, fulfilling the prophecy above, made over 700 years earlier.

Initially both thieves, along with the crowd, mocked and insulted Jesus, but then a wonderful thing happened...the Lord changed the heart of one of them, so that he said to the other thief:

“.. we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man {speaking of Jesus} hath done nothing amiss.” (Luke 23v41).

and then to Jesus Himself: **“Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.” (Luke 23v42)**

So, this thief recognised himself as a sinner, confessed and turned from his sin, and believed and trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, to save him.

Jesus’ response to him was this: **“Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23v43)**

That very moment Jesus indeed saved him, and when he died shortly after, he went immediately to be with Jesus in heaven.

We may not be thieves, but we are all sinners in many different ways.

So, how is it with you? Are you like the thief who sought and found salvation in Jesus Christ, or the one who didn’t?

### **Regular Weekly Services:**

**Prayer and Bible Study – Tuesdays 7pm**

**Worship Services – Sundays 10.45am and 3pm**

Admin: 07814 465222 [www.bentley-reformed-baptist.uk](http://www.bentley-reformed-baptist.uk)

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## WILDLIFE NOTES

### What's that White Bird?

Thirty years ago, the only Heron you could see at the waterside would have been the stately Grey Heron. More recently we can see more and more white heron-like birds in and around the water. The now familiar **Little Egret** only started nesting in Dorset in 1996 but have rapidly spread and become a common sight at the river or pond side and regularly nest in heronries in Suffolk.



**Little Egret**



**Spoonbill**

More recently still, two more, larger white relatives are seen increasingly often. The exotic looking **Spoonbill** had not bred in England for over 300 years but started to breed in Norfolk in 2010. They now breed on Orford Ness, and frequently wander to other areas in Winter, including the Stour estuary and Cattawade locally.

The Grey heron sized **Great White Egret** is now also becoming more widespread but only started breeding in Norfolk in 2017.

Again, it is now regularly seen in Suffolk and will, I'm sure, breed here soon.

A bird you may recall from more exotic places, standing in fields or on the Savannah with Buffaloes, big game or cattle, is the **Cattle Egret**. This stocky and rather ungainly bird has now spread its range to England and can be seen in Coastal marshes, in small flocks, not always with cattle. It started breeding in Essex in 2019, and Norfolk in 2022.

Little and Great White Egrets and Spoonbills were previously resident in the U.K but were driven to extinction through hunting for their decorative plumes and for food. They now are coming back, probably with the help of climate change and the provision of suitable habitats in bird sanctuaries.

Cattle egrets are extending their range globally and are now one of the world's most widespread species.

Keep an eye open for these birds and spot the differences.



**Great White Egret**



**Cattle Egret**

**Michael Bamford.** Photos all taken in Suffolk.



# BLUEBELL WALK

## FRIDAY 2nd May 2025

Choice of 3 miles or 5.5 miles

Ipswich Group Charity No. 1163321

Meet at Bentley Park, IP9 2LR at 10.15 am for Coffee and Tea

**In aid of Ipswich RDA, based at Bentley Riding School**

**TICKETS £10**

**PRICE INCLUDES COFFEE/TEA & CAKE**

FREE PARKING at Bentley Park, IP9 2LR. DOGS WELCOME (with poo bags!)

**\*\*SIGN UP HERE\*\***

[https://www.entrycentral.com/RDA\\_bluebell\\_walk](https://www.entrycentral.com/RDA_bluebell_walk)



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and pay online please contact  
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### Poppy Appeal Volunteers needed in your area

We need volunteers in your local area to help  
raise vital funds for this year's Poppy Appeal.

Interested in volunteering and  
supporting our Armed Forces community?

Search [rbl.org.uk/poppyappealvolunteer](http://rbl.org.uk/poppyappealvolunteer)

Registered charity number: 219279



### FOOTPATH SOCIETY

#### Walks from the Village Hall at 9.30am.

Wednesday 23rd April - Flatford or  
Bluebells

Monday 12th May - tba

Wednesday - 28th May - tba

John Wheals 01473 310569



## BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our meeting in February was all about trees – Jim Payne from Norfolk gave a very interesting talk with a film of trees of every size and description. He advised on suitable situations to plant trees for smaller as well as larger areas.

The meeting in March is all about pruning –more on that next time.

**On 18 April we have 'Gardeners Question time'**, when Roy from Shadow Pit Nursery will answer our questions. Anyone with a question should put the question in writing to Angela Ross who will pass them to Roy or you can feel free to ask your question at the meeting. He is very knowledgeable man please come along and ask the questions that I'm sure lots of us have.

**On 16th May Maggie Piper** will tell us all about the **RHS GARDEN AT BRIDGEWATER** - this I understand is the newest RHS GARDEN.

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

### GARDENS OPEN

Sunday 13th April Blakenham Woodland Garden

Sunday 27th April The Place for Plants, East Bergholt Place Garden

We just need some more warm pleasant days to be outside doing our best –happy gardening. **Pam Lovell**

## BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

Our season will soon be starting with our first game at home on 30 April 2025. We have managed to recruit a few more players for this season - let's hope they enjoy it. The green will open for roll up on Friday 25 April 2025 which will be our first club night - if you feel you would like to try the game of bowls do come along from 6.30pm. The entrance to the green is in Grove Road just passed the new build.

Our quiz this year is on **Saturday 3 May 2025** starting at 7.30pm in Bentley Village Hall. Bill and Simon are once again setting the questions. We shall have our usual bar, supper and raffle. Teams are of up to 6 players and these can be made up on the night if necessary. Tickets priced at £8 (the same as last year) and will be available from Lillian Calvert 01473 808652 or David Howe 01473 310344.

We hope you can support us as this brings in much needed funds to keep the green in good order.

**Lillian Calvert Secretary 01473 808652**

# BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 6 March 2025

Eight Councillors, County Councillor Georgia Hall., Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, and 14 members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr D Schumacher, District Councillor Dave Busby and Speedwatch Co-ordinator

The meeting was recorded by two residents. A sound system was trialled.

**Planning** – There was one planning decision- Refusal of the Solar Farm application and three new Planning Applications

Reports were received from County Councillor Georgia Hall & Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

## **Matters discussed:**

- Land East of Capel Road – Outline Planning Permission
- Bentley Historic Core Appraisal – The extended consultation period has now ended and Babergh are considering responses.
- Solar panel for second SID was discussed – existing pole will have to be replaced with a more robust one.
- Nine month Accounts April-December 2024 were agreed
- Review of the Neighbourhood Plan – Now in progress. Public drop in event for residents was held on Saturday 8 March
- Council Policies were reviewed
- Horse Chestnut Tree – Triangle Grove Road – SCC refused permission to take the diseased tree down to allow a new one to be planted in its place.
- Lorry Watch – 19 lorries reported for December.
- Traffic calming /Weight Restriction – SCC uploaded a new document via their Planning Portal re Brockley Wood application – Suffolk Transport Strategy have asked for a weight restriction to be put on Church Road and Bentley Hall Road as one of the planning conditions for Brockley Wood – to be paid for by the applicant. County Councillor Hall has promised £3K from her Locality Budget towards the costs of Unsuitable for HGV signs for the main road through the village.
- Playing Field Society – The Parish Council have purchased the two Maritime units.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - <http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

## MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS UPDATES

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

The Development and Regulation Committee considered this re-application at their meeting on 4th March. After pressure from Bentley & Copdock Parish Councils, the Stour and Orwell Society and our District Councillor, the Committee voted 6-2 in favour of deferring the decision due to late submission of documents. They have now decided to re-consult following the submission of these new documents.

**There have been no changes made to the siting of the Waste Processing plant or to the totally inadequate Lorry Route Management Plan.**

If you wish to make any representations, the consultation deadline is **6 April 2025**, you can:

- Write to: The Head of Planning, Growth, Highways & Infrastructure, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road' Ipswich. IP1 2BX
- Email to: [planning@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:planning@suffolk.gov.uk) or;
- Submit an on-line representation at: <https://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC%2F0105%2F22B>

The Parish Council will be submitting another representation and will keep residents updated about this application via the Bentley Facebook page, Parish Council meetings and The Bugle.

### **Grove Farm Solar Farm**

Babergh District Council voted unanimously to refuse this application. The applicant has the right to appeal against this decision.



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**

### **PROPOSED CONSERVATION AREA - BENTLEY HISTORIC CORE**

Babergh District Council are now considering the consultation responses.

Information about the proposed Conservation Area can be viewed on Babergh's website - <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/conservation-area-consultations>

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

## BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan drop in event was well attended and gave residents the opportunity to find out why our Neighbourhood Plan needs reviewing and what steps will be needed to be taken to review it.

Residents commented on 3 questions:

- What do you cherish about Bentley?
- What would you like to change about Bentley?
- Issues to be considered for the future

**If you were unable to attend the event and would like to make a short comment or agree or disagree with existing comments then:**

1. View the display boards and comments made at the event here - <https://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/news-posts/view/156>
2. Submit your own short comment (that would fit on a post it note – no more than 30 words) via email to [clerk@bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk)
3. Or If you agree or disagree with any comments already made

**There will be other more formal opportunities to comment going forward if any changes are required to be made to our existing Neighbourhood Plan, including the allocation of housing site(s).**



## VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD AND SCHOOL FIELD - UPDATE

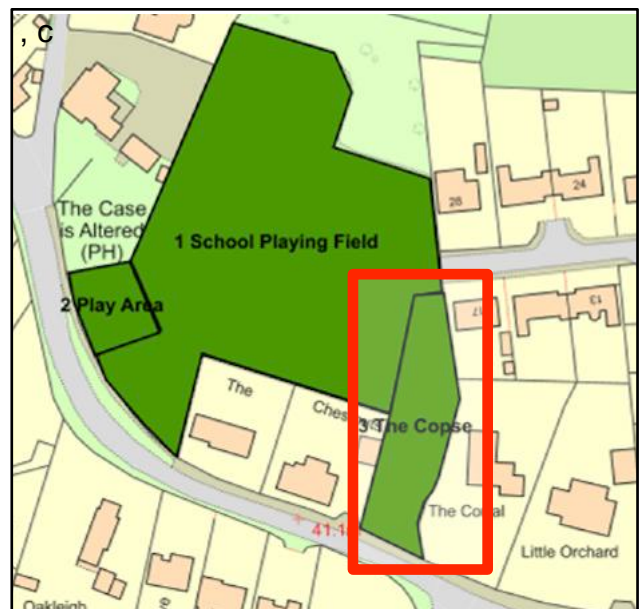
There is now a normal black bin on the Village Playing Field for **ALL WASTE** including dog poo bags. This will be emptied along with the normal black bin collections thanks to our Tree Warden, Colin Hawes who has volunteered to wheel it into Case Lane for pick up.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!**

### THE COPSE

Work has started on the Copse (the area to the right of the School Field which the Parish Council now owns). The area is to be cleared as a first stage of renewing the area before replanting.

**Joy Scott, Clerk Bentley Parish Council**



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## The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema

### April's film: Paddington in Peru

### Home Library Service

We're currently looking for a Home Library Service volunteer. If this is something you'd be interested in doing or would like some more information, please contact Capel Library.



### Regular Events in the Library

**Tot Rock & Stay & Play:** Every Thursday from 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday we hold our Monthly Lego Club. This is now completely free and you can drop in anytime between 10:30-12:30. We can also get out some Duplo or mega blocks for younger ones. Come and join us for some building fun!

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We're sorry to say that newspapers will no longer be available to read at the library due to funding.

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Isn't so nice to finally see some Sunshine. It certainly makes me feel much brighter and have more energy.

You might have noticed that I've not been out and about so much recently, I have several investigations that have been time consuming. Finding a balance is not always easy and can lead us feeling discombobulated.

I have mentioned neighbour disputes before and these are very common, but they can often be diffused at a much earlier stage. Do we have to like everyone? No, we don't. There are people that act differently to us, have a different lifestyle that we might not agree with. We don't need to be rude, abusive or disrespectful as a result. Sometimes we just need to pause and think before we react.

Over the February half term, I have received reports of youths acting anti-socially, generally being a nuisance and causing an upset. I appreciate that some of you might be of the opinion "we were young once" but this behaviour isn't acceptable and a word from me, might be enough for them to make better choices. It's great that there are local social media sites but please remember, I am not on these so if you have a camera footage of any ASB then please report it and attach the footage.

Can I remind you all, even if your vehicle is parked up on your driveway, please remember to remove any possessions and ensure you have locked it. I have seen a report recently where this has not happened, and a vehicle was broken in to and valuables stolen.

Every month, I try to conduct a monthly surgery, ideally, I want to do this jointly with the parish council. The most recent one was at Brantham and it went well. Going forward, these need to be better advertised but I shall continue with this going forward. If you think this would be a good idea for your parish then please let me know.

In case you haven't seen Jo before, she is the PCSO that helps cover not only my Policing patch but PC Johnson's as well. We would be lost without Jo because we are incredibly busy and as we come into the summer months our workload increases dramatically.

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