

## Tree Warden's report for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Tree Warden has been active throughout the period referred to above. Appointed by the Parish Council he has attended the majority of the meetings to report on matters relating to trees and shrubs within the Parish and the following actions taken Buddleias were planted to screen the Village Playing Field Container, GPS readings were recorded for many veteran trees in the parish, damage to roadside trees on verges by mowing too close to the trunks, ivy removed from the Sweet Chestnut tree by the War Memorial (C Hawes & M Bamford), participated in two AONB remote meetings, met separately with three tree surgeons to discuss reduction of the Horse Chestnut Tree at the entrance to Grove Road and reduction of Walnut tree on Village Playing field, attended TW webinar in November, ordered 150 free sapling trees from the Woodland Trust (through Suffolk Tree Warden Network) to plant out in the parish, these were delivered in November and since been planted throughout the parish, organised the setting up of a Community Orchard based at Dodnash Fruit Farm with the kind permission of Sandra Bond – the owner, plus the help of Jo & Dave of AppleTreeAcres who have generously let us use part of their acreage. The first fruit tree has been planted (A Williams Pear) by the WI. Other fruit trees purchased by Bentley resident will be planted between November 2021 & March 2022, and Tree Warden advised on reduction of Yew trees and a Lime tree situated in St Mary's Churchyard.

**Friends of Capel Library-** All events were cancelled during lockdowns. Borrowing could be arranged by telephone or e-mail. Items borrowed could be collected at the door after being contacted by the librarian (mask wearing essential). Library re-opened for restricted browsing on 7 July 2020 but after the following lockdown had to revert on the 16 February to arrangements by telephone or e-mail. On 12 April 2021 the library re-opened again for restricted browsing. 100 Club has operated with prizes awarded throughout the Covid 19 period. A FoCL Trustees/Committee meeting was held on 6 October 2020 to discuss future events and fund raising. A book & puzzle sale was held outside the library 13-16 April 2021 (Trustees volunteered to man the stalls).