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Parish Diary

APRIL 2023

5th & 19th - Craft at the Case - Case is Altered from 7.00-9.00 pm
5th - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
5th & 19th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.00-9.00 pm
6th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
8th - Games Night - Case is Altered 8.00 pm
11th & 25th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
12th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
13th & 27th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
13th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
13th - Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
20th - Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12.00 or 12.30 pm
21st - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
27th - Book Group - Case is Altered at 7.30 pm
28th - Galapagos Presentation - Village Hall at 7.00 pm
29th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered - at 8.00 pm

MAY 2023

3rd - Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm
3rd & 17th - Craft at the Case - Case is Altered from 7.00-9.00 pm
3rd & 17th - Whist Drive - Village Hall from 7.00-9.00 pm
4th - Local Elections - Village Hall
9th & 23rd - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30 pm
10th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
11th & 25th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm
11th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
11th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered at 7.00 pm
13th - Bentley Bowls Club Quiz - Village Hall at 7.00 pm
13th - Games Night - Case is Altered - 8.00 pm
19th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall at 7.30 pm
20th - Coffee Morning and Plant Sale - Village Hall at 10.00 am
25th - Book Group - Case is Altered at 7.30 pm
27th - 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

Bentley Directory

PARISH, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Parish Council - Chair	Marianne Munday	07808 259331
Parish Council - Clerk	Joy Scott	01206 298174
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Bentley Primary School		
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Bentley Comrades	Ray Savage	01473 311122
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Bowls Club	Lillian Calvert	01473 808652
Carpet Bowls	Jill Mills	01473 311103
Case Book Group	Jane Lockwood	01473 311797
Coffee and Company	Sandra Mehen	01473 310383
Computer Clinic	John Blackmore	01473 310655
Footpath Society	John Wheals	01473 310569
Footpath Warden	Tim Hamstead	07748 821594
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Horticultural Society	Stewart Rowe	01473 311994
Link Lunch Group	Veronica Howe	01473 310344
Maritime Football Club	Jon Haines	08442 023130
Parent and Toddler Group	Pam Rayment	07970 741581
Recorders	Moir Usher	01473 310322
Scrabble Club	Robin Owen	01473 311844
Tree Warden	Colin Hawes	01473 310678
Tuesday Club	Veronica Howe	01473 310344
	Catherine Sweeney	01473 310095
Village Hall - Bookings	John Blackmore	01473 310655
Village History Recorder	Nicky Moxey	01473 313125
Whist Club	Veronica Howe	01473 310344
Womens Institute	Sandra Ford	01473 310072

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BENTLEY

Rector	IN VACANCY	
Benefice Administrator	Hayley Purnell	07904 972116
Churchwarden	Peter Day	01473 310518
Assistant Priest	Revd Don Mehen	01473 310383

BENTLEY BAPTIST CHURCH ADMIN 07814 465222

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

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

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

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**We plan to make the June/July issue a
Coronation Celebration issue.**

**Please send us your photos of any village
celebration events for inclusion.**



Front cover - Bluebells and Wood Anenomes- photo by Bob Mawkes

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

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BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

Thank you for your continued support. Please join us for some of our services or our fund raising events.

SERVICES IN APRIL

2 nd April	Palm Sunday Family Service	10am
9 th April	Easter Day Communion Service	10am
16 th April	Holy Communion	10am
23 rd April	Family Service	10 am
30 th April	Benefice Service Communion at Copdock	10am

SERVICES IN MAY

7 th May	Holy Communion	10am
14 th May	Morning Prayer	10am
21 st May	Holy Communion	10am
29 th May	Pentecost Service venue and time to be confirmed	

Farewell Service

At the Benefice Service on 30th April at Copdock we will be saying goodbye to Sarah Hall who has been with this benefice as part of her training to become a priest. She will be ordained at the Cathedral in the summer and we wish her well in her ministry.

Palm Sunday

At this special service we will all receive palm crosses as we remember the time before his crucifixion that Jesus was greeted with joy as he entered Jerusalem.

Easter Sunday

We will remember the resurrection of Jesus with thanks and joy. There will also be mini Easter eggs for all the children.

Please join us for these two very special services.

There is still time to contribute towards the cost of lilies to decorate Bentley Church for Easter in memory of a loved one. We suggest a donation of £3 towards the cost of lilies. Contact Jane (310518) or Sandra (310383) by 2nd April at the latest. Thank you.

Zoom Service

There will be a Zoom Evening Prayer Service on 9th April at 6pm.

If you would like to join us and do not receive log on details already please contact sandramehen@gmail.com or 01473 310383

Easter Eggs

We are collecting Easter Eggs for West Villa Homeless Families Unit for the children there. If you would like to help please can we have the eggs by Palm Sunday 2nd April. They can be left at church at Sunday services or at 19 The Link or phone 310383. Thank you.

Lonely? Need a Listening Ear?

Do you know of anyone in the village who would like a visit at 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 or Sandra 310383. We are here to help.

SUPPORTING BENTLEY CHURCH

St Mary's Church Bentley has been at the centre of Bentley life for over 700 years. Generations it have worshipped and found it a place of refuge, reflection and joy. Please help us ensure that St Mary's Church stands for another 700 years. It costs £300 a week to keep this beautiful and historic church open. One way to support us is by giving via this QR code using your smartphone. There is also one in the church building. Thank you.



Summer Show on Cromer Pier - Thursday 13th July

Coach leaves Bentley Village Hall at 9am so plenty of time for lunch and a wander. Show starts at 2.30pm; we should be leaving around 5pm. Cost including coach and show £48 person.

Please contact Sandra Mehen: sandramehen@gmail.com or 01473310383 . All profits in aid of Bentley Church.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 26th March – 10am Family service followed by an update of Church activities and a light lunch.

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday + Palm Procession

Easter Day Communion 9th April 10am + children's Easter Egg hunt

Sunday 9th July 11am Hymns and Pimms

Galapagos Islands

Dr Michael Bamford will give a slide presentation on his visit to the Galapagos Islands on **Friday 28th April at Bentley Village Hall at 7pm** followed by cheese and wine. Tickets £10 in aid of aid of St Mary's Church. Contact Peter Day 01473 310518; mobile 07570 103005 or email peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk

Change is in the Air

Since the turn of the century Bentley Church has been linked with the churches of Tattingstone, Copdock, Sproughton, Burstall and Belstead. We shared a vicar across these six churches. Last summer our then vicar, Rev Annette Shannon, moved to a new parish and we have been without a paid minister. We have coped with our local ministers and our Church Warden has worked hard to find vicars to lead some our communion services. The Bishop has now decided that there needs to be change so from Pentecost Sunday 28th May we will be largely in a new grouping with East Bergholt and Brantham but will still be with Tattingstone. We hope that a new vicar will be appointed as soon as possible for this new group of parishes (benefice) and that, with God's grace, we will thrive.

Just a thought

Many of us find change difficult to deal with. We much prefer the status quo, but that is not always possible. As a parish we face changes and working with different people but with God's help we can rise to the challenge. In the words of Isaiah: The Lord is the everlasting God. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

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

Church Warden – Peter Day - 01473 310518

Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 01473 310383

Administrator – Hayley Purnell

northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com or 07713 863 023

Treasurer – Ken Felgate - k.felgate108@btinternet.com

PCC Secretary – Sandra Mehen – 01473 31038

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

Our season will soon be upon us with the green open for our first Friday night club night on April 28th 2023. Our first game is home to Westerfield on Wednesday 3rd May. We play in the 2nd division of the Samford League on a Monday night and the 1st division of the Ipswich & District Triples League on a Wednesday night. Games start at 6.45 pm but if we are all there, we'll start early. Why not come and try the game of bowls, the green entrance is in Grove Road just past the Old Postmasters House and building plot. Our roll up starts at 6.30pm

A reminder for our quiz on 13th May 2023 in the Bentley Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm with teams of up to 6 players. Teams can be made up on the night if necessary. We shall have our usual buffet, bar and raffle with Charles once again setting the questions so it will be a good night. Tickets will be available priced at £7 per person from David Howe 01473 310344 or Lillian Calvert 01473 808652. We hope you will come and support us as this brings in much needed funds to keep the green in good order. The members have been working on the green with the support of our sponsor "Energypeople" so we are hoping this work will help improve the playing surface this season. **Lillian Calvert - Secretary 01473 808652**

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On 21st April 2023 John Laughlin will speak on 'Growing Tomatoes' On 19 May 2023 Maggie Piper will talk on 'Plant Hunters Adventures who brought us garden colour'. The meetings are held in the Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along - we are a friendly crowd.

We are hoping to arrange some afternoon/evening outings to local places of interest. If you are aware of any likely places please let me or Angela Ross know and we will investigate. **Pam Lovell**

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

It has been busy for our bowlers with the league and Joe Rice Plate (JRP) matches to complete. Our match against Martlesham at home was successful with a resounding 10.0 win. However, we were beaten 0.10 at home by Claydon. On Sunday 29th January we held our Singles Competition, the first one for three years. The winners of the groups were, John Alexander, Sandra Mehen and Colin Rose. The loser with the highest number of shots was Lillian Calvert. A very closely fought match with Sandra winning at last!

In February we played Bildeston, in the JPR 1st leg which we won 6 - 4, followed by Barking (away) to a well played loss 1 - 9. A home game versus Hintlesham with a very close encounter that saw us run out 6 - 4 winners. The second leg of the JRP against Bildeston was won 8.2.

The start of March saw us travel to Needham Market Leisure Centre for the JRP quarter final against East Bergholt which we won comfortably 8 - 2. We returned a week later to play Copdock in the semi-final where we were, eventually, beaten 1 - 9, a good effort. Copdock were again our opponents the next night in league away fixture losing 0 - 10, Claydon was our penultimate match and again we lost 0 - 10 despite playing well. Our last match of the season will be on Tuesday 28th March against Belstead (away).

David Howe - Chair, Jill Mills - Secretary.

BENTLEY BLUEBELLS WI

Thank goodness that we have finally arrived in spring and can leave what seems like a long winter behind us. Needless to say we at the WI don't let a bit of cold weather dampen our enthusiasm for fun and games. We had a very merry evening of games followed in March by a wonderful Easter flower arranging demonstration by Patti from 'Lilac Thyme' in Woodbridge. The winners of the raffled arrangements were delighted with their prizes.

April gives us a chance to celebrate our anniversary with a buffet and musical entertainment while May is a chance to learn about the history of silk.

Please feel free to pop in and join us on any second Wednesday at 7.30, a warm welcome fun and interesting speakers awaits. Call our secretary Sandra on 01473 310072 for more info. **Theresa Bloomfield**

COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE

in the Village Hall

Saturday 20 May 2023 at 10am until noon

Please grow some extra plants for us to sell

BENTLEY STORES

About your Village Community Shop.

*If we haven't got what you want, let us know and we will do our best to get it.
We are there for you. Come and see for yourselves!*

Did you know?

Last year we supplied 1355 items from Capel Pies. You can order your own large or small pies from the shop and then collect them from us. We have regular deliveries each week. With summer coming you can also order Quiches, Sausage Rolls, Tartlets, Gala Pie, Pork Pies, Pasties and Scotch Eggs!

Did you know?

Our team of buyers are very aware of the cost of living and they actively go out and search for good value from over 22 suppliers to ensure we offer excellent value in the village, as a result we often find our prices are similar to other shops and certainly will save a trip out in the car!

Did you know?

The Prince's Countryside Fund helped us set up the shop in 2016 to assist villages like ours to provide a local facility for people to meet, shop and generally help our rural community thrive. To mark **His Majesty The King's Coronation** "**The Big Help Out**" **is on Monday 8th May** so why not call into your village shop and learn about the real benefits of volunteering. You will get comprehensive training from a village resident and someone will work alongside you until you are happy to work alone. It is only one and a half hours at a time and we all enjoy it! Maybe, as some of our volunteers do, you would like to buddy up and work together with a friend. It is surprising how many people you will meet from the village, even if you have lived here for years!

Did you know?

If you bring your laundry or dry cleaning into the shop by 1.30 pm Monday afternoon it is back by Thursday morning, only a few exceptions e.g. large duvets. We use local Press Gang of Hadleigh.

Did you know?

We are all volunteers so 100% of the benefit of the shop stays in our village.

Did you know?

We supply all the basics, milk, sugar, eggs, bread, frozen food, cheese, tea, coffee, bird food, A4 paper, crisps, biscuits, cereals, jams, pickles, sauces and so much more!

Did you know?

We are all volunteers so 100% of the benefit of the shop stays in our village.

If this article gives you a headache we sell Paracetamol !!

Opening hours weekdays 9 to 1.30, Saturdays 9 to 12, Sundays 9 to 11.

(We only close 4 days a year! Easter Sunday, Christmas Day, 26th December and New Years Day)

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 2 March 2023 – preceded by a Playing Field Society meeting.

Planning – One planning decision was received.

Councillors recommended approval on two Planning applications and had no strong objection to the third. The Brockley Wood Gravel site was also discussed

Reports were received from County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor Dave Busby, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, and Speedwatch Co-Ordinator.

Matters discussed:

- Suggested name for new Development – Oakleigh Green
- Changes to Procurement Thresholds – Standing Orders & Financial Regulations were agreed.
- It was agreed to keep the format for the Annual Parish Meeting the same as last year
- Cyclists – Bentley Water Meadow were discussed
- Flooding issue - Station Road was discussed.
- Veteran trees at Hazel Shrub were discussed
- WIFI at Village Hall
- Coronation of King Charles III
- Improvements to War Memorial –Bench & litter bin are being installed in the near future.
- Suffolk Local Biodiversity Action Plan (May 2012) was adopted as an appendix to Bentley's Neighbourhood Plan.
- Traffic calming – Laptop to be purchased to download SID data
- Playing Field Society – Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting Course (Footpath Warden)
- Clerk awarded NALC proposed National salary award increase

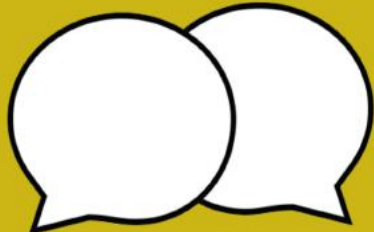
The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the PC website bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk

ANGLIAN WATER - UPDATE FOR BERGHOLT ROAD

Mark Pryke, Network Service Manager of Anglian Water will be attending Bentley Parish Council's April meeting to give residents an update on the proposed mains replacement scheme in Bergholt Road.

All are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 6 April at 7.30 pm.

Bentley Parish Council

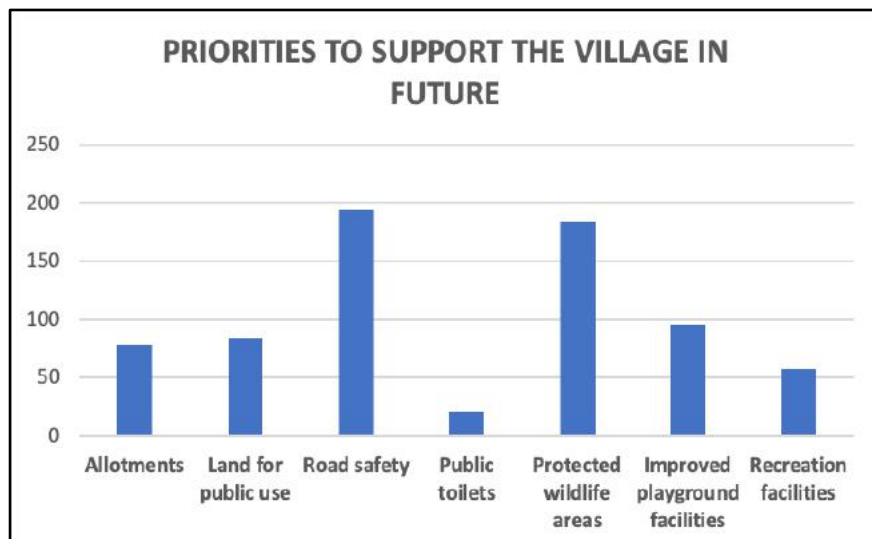


How should we spend Bentley's CIL money?

The parish gets a share of money paid to Babergh District Council for building development in Bentley, **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**, to spend on parish infrastructure.

When we did the Neighbourhood Plan consultation in 2018, we asked how you would like the village facilities developed.

You told us that these were your priorities:



What we've done:

Road safety – we've bought two Speed Indicator Signs, and persuaded Suffolk CC to put us on the rota of villages visited by the Automatic Number Plate Recognition speed cameras. The Parish Council took advantage of a county wide Quiet Lanes scheme to have several of our own.

Wildlife – we designated all the green spaces in the village in the Neighbourhood Plan, meaning that they can't be built on, including the Copse along Capel Rd.

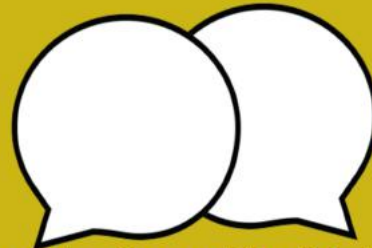
Playground – we put in the gym equipment on the Playing Field, along with the picnic benches, and put in drainage across the field to make it much more playable year-round. We added an upcycled slide/climbing frame to the Play Area (thanks to Mark Woods and Ray Bloomfield).

Land for public use – thanks to Sandra Bond's generosity, we now have the Community Orchard.

Recreation facilities – we have replaced several of the village benches and added new. The War Memorial area is getting an upgrade, with a beautiful commemorative bench.

On current development plans, we should get around £38,000 up to 2030. We need to update the Parish Infrastructure Improvement Plan that formed part of the Neighbourhood Plan. To do that we need to know -

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE US TO SPEND THIS?



**Come to the Annual Parish Meeting
and tell us!
13th April, 7.30, Village Hall**

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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Copdock Primary 01473 730337

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



The end of term saw some sporting events for the older children – they took part in Dodgeball and Cross Country. We welcomed parents in to school for a PTA organised Mother's Day afternoon tea, parent consultations, and we raised money for Red Nose Day and celebrated World Book Day.

We concluded the term with a lovely Easter Service with our traditional Easter Bonnet parade. There were some amazing creations, everyone always puts so much effort in to designing and creating these. This was followed on Friday by a Federation day at Copdock Village Hall for a STEM event where parents were able to join us at the end of the day to explore and share what we had been doing.



We are looking forward to some visits off-site, and are currently planning how we are going to mark and celebrate the coronation of King Charles III at the beginning of May.

Children have been helping to plant over 60 small trees at the back of the school which we will be excited to see grow in to beautiful trees to cover the fencing along the back of our playground and grassed area.

Bentley Primary School 100 club January / February

January:

1st place - Nicky Moxey
2nd place - Michaela Dury
3rd place - Lucy Fiddes

February:

1st place - Janet Buis
2nd place - Katie Coke
3rd Place - Diann Goodwin

BENTLEY WILDLIFE NOTES

Bentley's Ancient Woodland

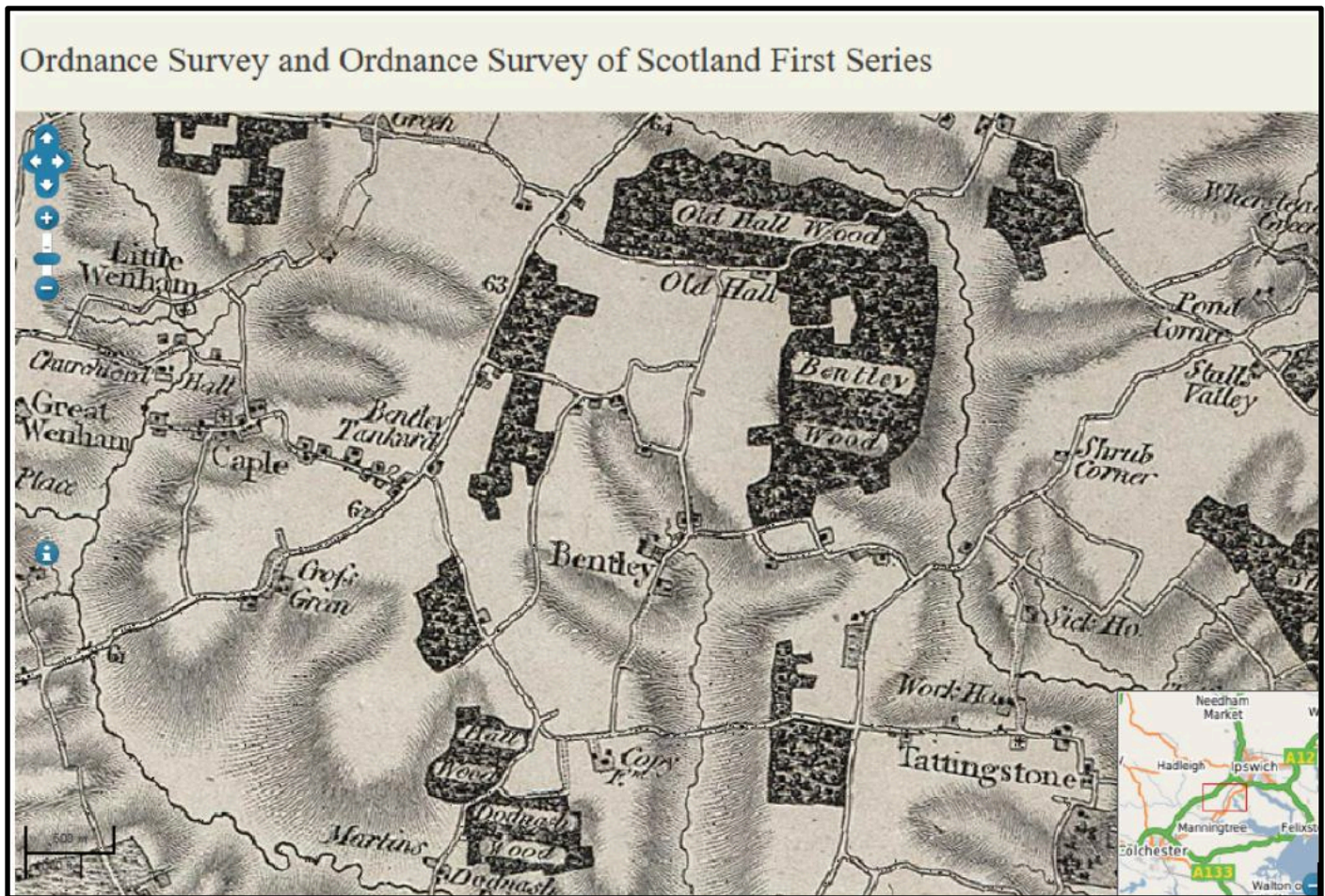
England's woodlands have arrived following the retreat of the Arctic landscape of the last Ice Age, some 12,000 years ago, with a succession of tree species re-colonising the landscape. Repopulation of the landscape by men began about 6,000 years ago, and woodlands were exploited for agriculture, building and as a fuel resource. Some of the woodland on better soils was cleared for agriculture. The woodland on poorer soils tended to remain but was also used for feeding pigs. Growth and spread was checked by grazing animals, including introduced animals such as Rabbits and Fallow deer. It is likely that all current woodland has been modified by human use, but certain woodland has remained constantly wooded for many centuries and has consequently developed a special and diverse ecology and great importance as a heritage asset. Ancient woodland has been defined as woodland that has persisted on record or maps since 1600. As of now only 2.5% of UK land area is covered by ancient woodland.

While the village name Bentley suggests a grassed (Bent) clearing (ley), the inventory of Suffolk Ancient woodland lists Brockley Wood, Old Hall Wood, Long Wood and Engry Wood as ancient woodland in Bentley. The woods of Bentley are mentioned in the Domesday book (and which could sustain 12 pigs!)

There are various ecological markers that denote ancient woodland, apart from vintage native trees, and specific tree species such as Wild service, and Small-leaved lime. Flowering plant species such as English Bluebells, Wood anemone, Dogs mercury, Red campion, and Primrose – all of which are present and particularly Bluebells and Wood anemone are prolific in our woods. (Photos: Bluebells and Beech, Wood anemone and Hazel)



The diversity of the ecology of an old woodland allows a great diversity of insect, mammal and bird species to maintain a toehold in the environment. **A special creature, particularly found in our woods, is the endangered Hazel dormouse, as so beautifully filmed in the current BBC Wild Isles series.**



OS map, First series - Bentley – from A vision of Britain through Time

On this map from 1837, Brockley Wood is included in Old Hall Wood. The woods are now divided and reduced. The land cleared between them is the current application site for the gravel pit and waste and concrete processing plant.

While some ancient woodland has been replanted with not-native trees, if left to their own devices, the woodland could and should be encouraged to return to its native character, and we should do all we can to prevent further attrition of this beautiful resource. **Michael Bamford**

Return of the Polecat

It has been exciting to see the polecats gradual return to Suffolk since their demise in the early 1900's. A member of the mustelid family this carnivore is a distant "cousin" to the domestic ferret, this makes identification of polecats difficult to determine against released domestic ferrets. It has been suggested however that polecat characteristics are potentially dominant over ferret characteristics giving reassurance that any hybridisation should not affect the polecat population, this is not to condone the release of any ferrets however. Continued overleaf..

My recent university project has involved mobilising over 30 camera traps at three sites across Suffolk with the help of my course leader and a few peers. All cameras were placed 50cm above the ground in a regular orientation in the hope to catch the most variety of mammals. It has been exciting to capture one shot of what I hope is a polecat and not a released ferret. (See the shining eyes in the clip from the video below.)

Their return to the area has been largely documented especially with the Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (SBIS) recording service. It is however always thrilling to get a glimpse of such an elusive creature even if it is just on camera. This project that I am undertaking with the university of Suffolk is in conjunction with Snapshot Europe and it is hoped once all the data has been analysed that a deeper understanding of mammal movement, behaviour and species richness can be determined.

Keep an eye out for polecats as they could soon be present in the village if not already. Do check out the Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service - <https://www.suffolkbis.org.uk/record> and report your sightings (including roadkill) to help with monitoring. Most species can be recorded here.

Fletcher Telling



FOOTPATH SOCIETY

The Spring Walk will be on Sunday 16th April at 10:30 from the Village Hall to East End and back with Colin Hawes to lead and comment on trees.

It will be about 4-5 miles with a half way break. Stout shoes are best. Good weather is hoped for!

John Wheals

NOTES FROM THE CASE



Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

Tel: 01473 805575

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

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

email: chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk



The last few months have been quite busy behind the scenes at the Case. The main bar area and the 'dark side' have been redecorated, a new carpet has been laid (more to come) and a brand new cooling system has been installed in the cellar, ensuring that if we have a summer like last year our beers will always be at the correct temperature. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who volunteered to help with these projects – especially the removal of the old carpets – it was a mammoth job! We also have a new exhibition of wild life photographs titled '**Suffolk to Svalbard**' by John Boyle one of our very talented local photographers. As always we have planned a few events for the next few months and we hope you'll be able to enjoy them with us.

Charity of the Year

Due to Covid we have continued to support the St Elizabeth Hospice slightly longer than we would do normally and with only one more quiz night before we move to our new charity we are please to announce that we will be donating over £2,500 to this very worthy cause!

This year our chosen charity is **Samaritans of Ipswich and East Suffolk**. The launch date for this is **Saturday 29 April**. To mark the occasion the pub will be open from **11am to 4pm** when we will be holding a **book fair and writer's talk**. In addition to the bar being open, we will also be serving sweet and savoury light lunch bites between **12 and 2pm**. **Tea and coffee** will be available and a **raffle**. Profits from the raffle and the food sales will go directly to the charity. We will be open again from 6pm and our **April Quiz Night will start at 8pm**. Again profits from this will go to our new charity, Samaritans of Ipswich.

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! Our next quiz is on **Saturday 29 April** and the May quiz will be **Saturday 27 May**.

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 13 April** and **Thursday 11 May**. Music starts at around 8pm. As always PA is provided.

More Live Music at the Case

On **Saturday 22 April** we will be holding another great music evening, with one of our regular Open Mic Night contributors, John Campbell. The evening is titled '**Folk, Blues and Booze**'. He will be joined by a couple of friends, Graham and Mark Kemp to bring us an evening of mixed folk and blues music. The music will start at around 8pm.

Coronation Weekend 6 – 8 May

To celebrate this special occasion the Case is organising a foodie weekend! On **Saturday 6 May** we will be welcoming **Suffolk Spice Fusion**. They are a local authentic Indian Streetfood business making their debut Pop Up at the Case. They will be serving their delicious flavours of Northern India which will include their curry and rice boxes and naan wraps. **They will be serving from 5.00pm - 8.00pm.** Walk ups and pre orders will be available. **Food can be eaten in the pub from 6pm. Families welcome.**

The next day, **Sunday 7 May** we will be serving a **Coronation Lunch**. The lunch will be home made quiche, with salad and coleslaw plus a pudding. You will need to book this before hand; tickets will be available from the shop next month. For more details of both these events please see our website and Facebook page closer to the time.

Cask Marque

We are pleased to announce that again the Case has been awarded the much coveted Cask Marque 'Certificate of Excellence' for our cask beers and our accreditation is being renewed for 2023! In this latest unannounced inspection, our ales scored the maximum rating of 100%. They were all declared as: '**Brilliant**' for appearance, '**Appetising**' for aroma, '**Excellent**' for taste and were all served at the **correct temperature**. Well done to all those involved in running such a brilliant cellar!

Our Bank Holiday opening times this spring are:

Friday 7 April	12 – 3pm	Monday 10 April	12 – 3pm
Monday 1 May	12 – 3pm	Monday 8 May	12 – 3pm
Monday 29 May	12 – 3pm		

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

THANK YOU BENTLEY

Tony Shoebridge
10th May 1943 - 29th December 2022

Sincere thanks to you for:-

sharing time with us, listening, shopping, making tea, providing transport,
comforting us, praying, smiling, gardening, cooking, bringing flowers.

Heartfelt thanks to all those responsible at Bentley Church for the sensitive service celebrating Tony's life. "The Case" for its generous hospitality on the day of Tony's funeral.

Thank you for your many kindnesses and continuing support.

With our love Julia Shoebridge and Family

SAMARITANS AT 'THE CASE'

"It doesn't matter who you are, what you've done or what the problem is. We are there to offer emotional support at all times". This is and always will be our opening gambit. Samaritans, a National charity with over 200 branches is approaching its 70th birthday after the inception by our founder Dr. Chad Varah in 1953.

Your local branch at Ipswich has been adopted as the pub's chosen charity of the year. We are extremely grateful for this privilege and look forward to sharing with you during this time, starting with the Book Fair and Quiz at 'The Case' on April 29th.

A number of myths surround the charity and whilst we are associated with matters of great tragedy, it is important to stress that there are no issues too big or indeed too small to warrant the support we offer. Our vision is to help prevent the needless number of suicidal incidences in the U.K. This is still today the greatest single cause of death in the younger age ranges.

Our immediate aim is to provide the space and opportunity for 'callers' to find a safe space to explore their feelings and be listened to without any judgement or prejudice whilst always respecting their right to self determination.

We offering emotional support and empathy, without giving specific advice, allowing the individual to begin to explore the issues confronting them and find their own solutions. On occasions we may 'signpost' to external sources of additional advice or help. To this end we are available 24hrs every day, as a free, confidential and anonymous service.

Contacts are normally made through any of the channels offered i.e. phone, e-mail, face to face or web chat, or at any Outreach event. Although our founder was undoubtedly led by a religious conviction and many current volunteers do indeed have a faith, as an organisation we are non-religious, thereby we hope being acceptable and approachable by those of any faith or no faith.

The Ipswich Branch opened its premises in 1975 and has since then flourished both with our 'caller contacts' and in our Outreach work. Current statistics indicate nationally a call is received by us every 7 seconds. Outreach involvement incorporates being involved on a regular basis with many local groups e.g. the Ipswich Soup Kitchen, Hollesley Bay Prison, Stowmarket and Ipswich stations, the Ipswich Job Centre together with the large number of festivals, carnivals and shows that we attend.



With best wishes to all in 'The Case' and local community for 2023.

TUESDAY CLUB

Thank you to all our Members for supporting the Club throughout the year.

We have enjoyed a talk by David Webb from Hi Di Hi. Lisa and the Brass Quintet entertained us earlier this month. Unfortunately Frazier was unable to take Chair Aerobics due to illness but never fear, Veronica came to the rescue and took us all through a good workout, so thank you Veronica.

On 11th April we have Tony and Claire taking us through the life of Bee Keeping and Honey making.

On 25th April, Mike from the Fire Service will speak on Safety in the Home.

Taking us into May we have Aerobics on 9th and a quiz on 23rd organized by Griff Johns.

Please come along and enjoy a sociable afternoon, all new comers welcome.

Catherine Sweeney, Secretary.

LINK LUNCH GROUP

We have had three link lunches in 2023. January saw us serve 33 meals. This enabled us with monies carried forward from lunches in October, November and December to donate £200.00 to Macmillan Cancer Support. In February we served 36 meals and in March we provided 37 meals.

We have therefore been able to donate a further £200.00 to the Turkish disaster fund. Our last link lunch of the season is on 20th April when all people are welcome to a two course meal with coffee or tea for £6.00. **Tickets from Veronica on 01473 310344**



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Please take a look at our website www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley for more information and contact details.

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CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

Spring Time in the Library

Here in Capel Library we are still buzzing with the success of our Suffolk Libraries Day events we had in March. On the 4th we saw three live bands light up the library and then on the 11th March the wonderful Nicky Moxey came to talk to us her books and experience with history. The feedback was amazing and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Nicky once again for her continued support of the library.

If there is anything you wish to see take place at the library, do come in and have a chat with me, Katharine, I'm always up for a new idea.

Warm Spaces

Even though Spring has Sprung we continue to offer a warm space to everyone, every day. Pop in for a coffee, tea, biscuit and a warm welcome.

Home Library Service

Do you or someone you know struggle to get to the library? We have volunteers ready and waiting who are able to 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 loved one.

The Friends of Capel Library

Not only do our Friends Group run the successful cinema nights, once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month – tickets available from the library, but they also support us in so many different ways. In April they are running a month long, take home quiz. Pick up your quiz sheets from the library during the month of April, complete them at home then pop them back in the library. There are prizes available!

The Friends of Capel Library will also be hosting a cake sale to help raise funds for Motor Neuron Disease Association, this is an organisation very close to our hearts, so please donate cakes, buy cakes and come and say Hi to us on 22nd April 10am-12noon

Regular Events in the Library:

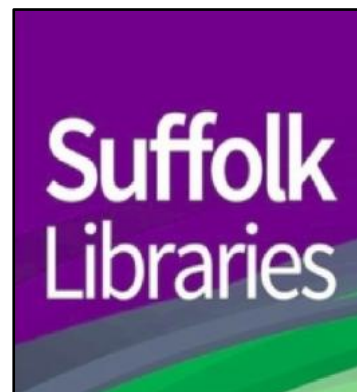
- **Tot Rock & Stay & Play** – Thursdays during term time 9.30 onwards; songs, and stories followed by a more social play session with free refreshments
- **Minecraft:** Children of all ages welcome and those under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring with you your tablet or phone equipped 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.

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		

Suffolk Libraries is an independent and charitable organisation which has a contract to run the county's library service. In today's challenging financial climate we appreciate any support people can give for our services and activities, which enrich the lives of people of all ages across the county. For details please visit www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/donate



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Katharine Liu (she/her) Executive Library Manager

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Prizes can be collected from The Library. Application forms for 2023 membership are available from The Library.

Thank you for your support. **Bob Perkin**

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URGENT INFORMATION ON VOTING

From District Councillor David Busby

For the local council elections on 4TH MAY (and all subsequent elections) the rules in relation to VOTER IDENTIFICATION (ID) will change. Please note the following important changes:

- To vote in person at your local polling station you will need to present photographic identification (such as a Passport or Driving Licence) in order to cast your vote. Please see details below on how to obtain this if you do not already have any.
- If you plan to vote via a postal vote (PV), you do not need photographic identification (ID). If you aren't a POSTAL VOTER, why not become one? It is quick and easy to register, and means that from this election forwards, you can remain registered, and will simply need to fill in your choice of candidate, at both local and general elections.

VOTER ID - Babergh District Council have produced their own guide about these changes. To contact Babergh's electoral services team:

By email: elections@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

By phone: 0300 1234000

By Post: Electoral Services, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX

Or visit their website: www.babergh.gov.uk/elections/voter-id/

To find out more about voter ID and discover further information about registering for a postal vote, visit the Electoral Commission's website:

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id

If you have any questions about the issues facing the District then please feel free to contact me on: 07855 777147 or dave.busby@babergh.gov.uk

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“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold,; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” (1 Peter 18-19)

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