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Thank you to Dick Leach for dealing with the distribution of the last few issues of the Bugle since Adrian Mill's 'retirement'.

We hope you and Gay enjoy your new life in Cyprus.

Having edited the Bugle for a little over 10 years I feel it could now be time to hand over the reins to someone else. If there is anyone who would be interested in taking over editorship of the Bugle please contact Robin Owen or Peter Day (details above).

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Dodnash Woods in April

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Bentley Parish Council website is at <http://www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net>

Other Village Web sites are listed on page 25

VILLAGE HALL RECYCLING CONTAINERS

The paper and glass recycling containers in the village hall carpark are supplied and emptied by Boltons. They have given short notice that collecting paper is now uneconomic, so they will be removing our paper bin (this may already have happened by the time you read this).

When this bin has gone, PLEASE do not leave any paper at the village hall.

We do not know whether Babergh will be able to arrange some alternative, whether any other bins (eg belonging to other recycling firms) may remain in the area, or whether all our paper will need to go into our blue bins.

In any event, please do not litter the carpark when the bin has gone (we realise most residents would not dream of doing so), but in a similar vein can we please ask that glass is not dumped around the glass container if it is full – please take it back with you and try again later.

Thank you

Bentley Village Hall Trustees

Would you like to volunteer at the Case?

The Case, post lockdown, has now been open for six weeks. Our stalwart group of volunteers have done an excellent job, turning out even on cold and rainy nights. As restrictions are lifted, and indoor seating is allowed, we are expecting more customers and also may look to extending the opening hours and days. Given this, and the fact that some volunteers may soon need a break to see family (or maybe even a short holiday!), we are very much in need of new recruits. Might you be interested? It is a great opportunity to meet people and to contribute to an important community asset.

You would be given full training and opportunities to shadow experienced staff, including how to follow our strict Covid guidelines. If you would like to find out more about this or any other way you can be involved in supporting your community pub please contact The Chairman at savethecase.bentley@gmail.com or ask one of our volunteers.

S C R A B B L E

2021 SEASON

**C
U
B**

We hope to resume our Scrabble sessions on 8th July.

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

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

Robin Owen



† St Mary's Church News

SERVICES IN JUNE

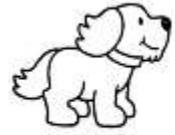
6th	Holy Communion	10.00 am
13th	Family Service	10.00 am
	Zoom Service	6.00 pm
20th	Holy Communion	10.00 am
27th	Morning Worship	10.00 am
	Zoom Service	6.00 pm

SERVICES IN JULY (IN CHURCH)

4th	Holy Communion	10.00 am
11th	Pet Service	10.00 am
	Zoom Service	6.00 pm
18th	Holy Communion	10.00 am
25th	Celebrating St. James	10.00 am
	Zoom Service	6.00 pm



Annual Pet Service
Sunday 11th July at 10 am
and all creatures great and small
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Annual Pet Service
Sunday 11th July at 10 am
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Gifts of tins of dog, cat & kitten food
or treats also welcome
No pet? Soft toys or photos welcome
We may be outside if the weather is suitable



To book in for services please contact Peter Day ☎01473 310383
or peter.d47@hotmail.co.uk

To get the Zoom log on details contact Sandra at sandramehen@gmail.com

St Mary's Church News

We hope that Covid19 restrictions may soon be relaxed but even then we would have to wait for the Bishop's and the Rector's ruling on how it will affect the way we conduct services. At present you need to **book in advance** to attend a service. Face masks must also be worn, unless you have an exemption, social distancing observed and sadly no singing is yet allowed. It seems likely that at least some of these restrictions will continue for some time. We will need contact details so that you can be informed in the, hopefully unlikely, event that someone attending has the infection. Hand gels are available as you enter the church. Communion will still be wafers only for the congregation and you will need to move round the church as directed. We are aware that this is all rather irritating but the safety of all is our top priority.

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West Villa – we have had a great response, even during the pandemic, from people who donated Easter Eggs and chocolate for the homeless. Your generosity was very much appreciated. Many thanks also for the donations of duvets, bedding and towels which are also vital for their work in re-homing families, and are also very much appreciated. Thank you.

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Churchyard Extensions

Thanks to those of you who make sure that the graves of their loved ones are kept well cared for. Don't forget that anyone who lives in Bentley can have a funeral service in the Church even if they do not come to services. Also anyone who lives in Bentley can be buried or have their ashes buried in our peaceful churchyard. When tending graves please make sure that you put only compostable waste in the brown bin. Items like plastic pots, flower wrappings, wire and wreath formers must be put into the black bin. Please also remember to turn off the outside taps once you have filled your pots or watering can. Failing to do this causes a waste of water as well as making our water bill larger than necessary. Thank you.

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Just a thought

How do you feel now restrictions are being gradually lifted? Apprehensive, worried, excited, relieved or uncertain? All of the above? We do know that we must still be careful as even with the vaccine there are those who are vulnerable. One thing we can be certain of is that God is there ready to listen, comfort, encourage and love us. Remember, as the children of Bentley School do, Jesus promised 'I am with you always' and be comforted.

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Contact Details for weddings, baptisms and funeral or other queries

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

Dates for your diary

With the improving situation we are hoping to hold some of our postponed events this year.

Saturday 28th August 7.00 pm in Bentley Village Hall -

The Red Barn Murder a dramatised talk about a famous local murder. Tickets £6 per person including a glass of wine and cheese or pate and biscuits. If you already have tickets they will still be valid and please let me know if you are coming. If you asked for some tickets to be put aside I still have them. Proceeds in aid of Bentley Church. Contact Sandra (sandramehen@gmail.com or ☎01473 310383

Church Quiz we hope to be able to hold this be on Saturday 16th October starting at 7.00 pm. More details later.

Bentley Community Orchard

I am sure you have heard about the amazing orchard project set up by Jo Hull and Dave Carney. Several village organisations and individuals have donated towards the cost of organic fruit trees. It is a lovely project and the Church as well as several members of the congregation are also supporting such a worthy cause. We are looking forward to seeing the orchard flourishing.

GARDENER NEEDED FOR BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL.

Probably 2 to 4 hours per month during the growing season, at times to suit you, mainly keeping weeds down plus some pruning.

Please contact Veronica Howe (310344) or Mark Usher (310322).



Come and enjoy a delicious CREAM TEA!

At the Case Pub, Bentley

Saturday 19 June 2021, 2.00 – 4.30pm

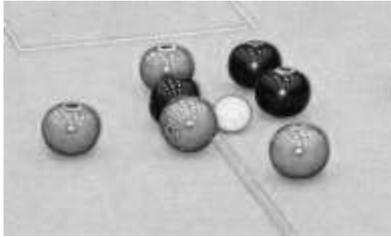
Home-made scones: a choice of savoury, fruit and gluten-free with all the trimmings including jam, clotted cream, cream cheese.

Tea or coffee with free refills.

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Can you resist? See you at the Case on 19 June!



BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Another two months have passed without a bowl being bowled. At the time of writing there is a light at the end of the tunnel and we are hoping to resume roll ups on a Tuesday Evening and a Wednesday afternoon after the 17th May.

To begin with we will have to stick to the guidelines of six players at each session. From June 21st all being well we should be able to return to some sort of normality. We are always looking for new players and anyone interested in joining us would be very welcome.

As you can imagine we will all probably be a little rusty after such a long time without bowling a bowl, so we will certainly have to get some practise in as we will remain in the first division when competitive bowling starts again.

As with many activities at the present the Government Guidelines will be followed which may mean these arrangements may need to be amended, fingers crossed this will not be necessary.

Hope to see everybody before too long.

Jill Mills

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

Our season has now started and we have played two games both in sunshine - considering all the rain that has been of late we have been pretty lucky. We played away at Ipswich and District winning one rink and losing two and a home game again winning one rink and losing two.

Our Friday night roll ups are proving popular, why not come and join us, we start at 6.30pm. The entrance to the green is in Grove Road just past the old shop and new build. You just need flat soled shoes, we have woods in the hut for you to use.

Lillian Calvert Secretary

01473 808652

BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

There are of course no meetings in June and July but we hope that everyone is working hard to have some wonderful entries for the Annual Show on Saturday 14th August 2021 which is held in the Village Hall.

It would be great after the difficulties we have endured for the last 15 months if we could have a really successful Show – we can't say we didn't have time !!

Our meetings will recommence in September – more details in the next issue.

I have just completed the 2022 programme let us hope life will be normal then.

Hopefully we will have at least one outing later in the year

Pam Lovell

BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

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Or find us on Facebook

NEWS

We are very glad to be back in the Chapel for both morning and afternoon services. We still have limited space, however, due to social distancing, but if you would like to attend, we would be delighted to see you!

If attending in person please contact us first via email so we can make sure there is a place for you: info@bentleyreformedbaptistchurch.com

If attending via Zoom, please go to our website front page and you will find the relevant links for the morning and afternoon services. No password is necessary.

In April, we were sad to say goodbye to our friend Grace Walklet, whom some of you may have known. She attended the chapel for many years and went to be with her Good Shepherd and Lord after a short illness. A lovely open-air service was held at the graveside in Bentley Parish burial ground.

The pandemic has opened links across the world as Christians have prayed for the nations and for the family of God. We have been glad to make a connection with the vibrant Christian community in Pakistan over the last few months and were able, as a chapel, to fund some Bibles in Urdu for new believers there. So we are glad to join with people of all nations in declaring:

O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

(Psalm. 117:1-2)

Be assured for our continued prayers for the people of Bentley.

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BENTLEY Bluebells W.I.

Hooray! We can finally meet again and to start us off we have something everyone enjoys, a garden party on Wednesday 9th June. This year we are invited to a new venue, Pond Hall Cottages, details will be circulated nearer the time.

We plan that by then we will have worked out a full diary for the rest of the year, so if you are interested in joining our group you only have to pick up the phone and call Sandra 01473 310072 or Jan 01473 313139, and they will be pleased to give you details.

Theresa

In April, Anne Little celebrated her 90th birthday with a few friends and neighbours in the garden of the Case is Altered.



TO ALL MY DEAR BENTLEY FRIENDS

What a wonderful surprise party / coffee morning you gave me for my 90th birthday. So many delightful cards, beautiful flowers and plants, and delicious sweets and goodies to eat.

Thank you all for coming, it was so enjoyable to see you all again, especially at The Case garden in the sunshine.

Much love to Bentley!

Ann Little.

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Bentley CEVC Primary School News

It looks like the sun is getting on board and summer is on the way. Great news for the children at Bentley who enjoy being outside as much as possible. The school have invested in a Den Building Kit which we know the children will love and give them even more opportunity to enjoy the school woodlands.

You may have spotted our Year 6 Children developing their skills and confidence in cycling as they complete the Bikeability Cycle Training. This is about gaining the practical skills and understanding of how to cycle safely on the roads today.

As lockdown has eased things have started to return to a sense of normality and some of the Key Stage 2 children are looking forward to getting back to swimming and focussing on achieving their 25m swim certificates.

Wolves class have been really embracing their topic of Australia this term, exploring some of the remarkable features of the country, particularly the different climate and the exciting animals.

The school took time to reminisce following the 10-year wedding anniversary of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Mrs Rudge joined Lesley Dolphin on BBC Radio Suffolk to talk about when the children re-enacted William and Kate's wedding 10 years ago. Such lovely memories.

We are looking for new governors! We are especially interested in anyone who may be able to bring experience in marketing, health and safety or property management. We are also keen to promote community engagement so would welcome interest from within our local communities as well as further afield. Maybe you know someone who may be interested! Please get in touch to find out more.

For more news and up to date information about the school, please visit our website:<http://www.bentleycopdock.co.uk/>

Telephone: 01473 310253.

Email: admin@bentley.suffolk.sch.uk

CAN YOU SOLVE THESE CRYPTIC CLUES TO UK SHOPPING OUTLET NAMES (OLD AND NEW)

1. Apex Outlet?
2. Office workers?
3. Seasonal meadow?
4. The full array?
5. Plural of a bird seed?
6. Certain types of primers?
7. Wartime affirmative from an RAF pilot?
8. Thereafter?
9. Best ever stimulant?
10. Copse's?

Answers on page 21.

Brian Rose



Male Minotaur Beetles.
Left hand photo from internet by gailhampshire.
Right hand photo by Gail Nye (see article opposite)



Recent additions to Bentley Stores (see article on page16)

BENTLEY WILDLIFE NOTES

Dung beetle surprise in Bentley

On the 10th of April this year, Mark Davies spotted an unusual beetle crawling across the public footpath in Dodnash Wood. Mark kindly sent me a photograph of the beetle for identification. To my surprise it showed a Minotaur dung beetle. Fortunately, identification was straight forward because the **male** Minotaur beetle with its three obvious, forward-projecting spines (horns) at the front cannot be mistaken for any other beetle. Female 'Minotaurs' do not possess horns but in place of these have just two small 'bumps'. As to 'my surprise', this was because in the 48 years I have been a resident of Bentley, I have never seen this species in the parish. Little did I know it at the time but I was to receive a similar surprise on two more occasions. First, Gail Nye discovered a male Minotaur beetle crossing Church Road close to Railway Cottage in late April and sent me a photograph to confirm identification. Then a few days later Mark Davies sent me another photograph of a male Minotaur beetle, this time found crawling on Grove Road opposite the entrance to Teapot House on the 3rd of May. [note: male size varies from 15 mm to 24 mm]. Like stag beetles, both sexes fly at dusk.

As you would expect from this beetle's name, dung plays a vital part in its life. After mating, the female tunnels into the soil and then adds several side galleries. In these she places dung collected from the surface (rabbit pellets seem to be preferred, but other kinds of dung, e.g. from sheep and deer, may also be used); tunnels can be as much as 150 cm deep. Her fertilised eggs are laid near to the dung, and the larvae (grubs) that hatch feed on this. The larvae continue their growth and development in these underground galleries.

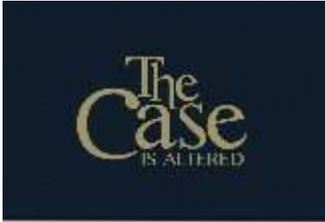
(Photos at top of page 13 - opposite)

St Mark's Fly

During the week (3-8 May), I was asked several times about the "horrible" jet-black flies that seemed to be hanging about in the air. This week (9-15 May) more of these flies have emerged. Named for its appearance around St Mark's day (25 April), this common fly is most often seen drifting at about head height with its long back legs dangling beneath it. It is abundant from April-June hanging in the air over grassland, hedgerows and at woodland margins. The flies' larvae live in the soil, feeding on rotting vegetation and roots.

It is intended that Bentley Wildlife Notes will be a regular feature in the Bugle.

Colin Hawes



NOTES FROM THE CASE

Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

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

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

Email: savethecase.bentley@gmail.com

As from May 17 the Case has been able to welcome customers back inside the pub, not just the garden area. Hopefully from mid June all current restrictions, including table service only, will be a thing of the past!

At the Case, we have decided that our 'Road Map for Recovery' will have a slightly slower and steadier approach than most, with the safety and confidence of our volunteers and customers as our priority. With this in mind we intend to keep in place, for the time being at least, the following safety measures:

- visual reminders to maintain a safe social distance unless in a group
- hand sanitizer stations around the pub (inside and out)
- retaining the full height screen around the bar
- seating will unavailable at the bar
- a one way system inside the pub
- contactless payments preferred
- over 18s only inside the pub

These will be in addition to any continued Government regulations.

Future events:

Cream Teas

On **Saturday 19 June 2021, 2.00 – 4.30pm** we will be holding a 'Cream Tea'. There will be a choice of home-made savoury, fruit and gluten-free scones with all the trimmings including jam, clotted cream or cream cheese. Tea or coffee with free refills. £4.00 per person. The bar will be closed. All proceeds will go to the charity FIND.

Dolly's Pizzas

On **Saturday 31 July**, Dolly's Pizza Van will be visiting us again! Why not enjoy your pizza while having a drink at the pub? As before all orders need to be placed in advance. Please ring 07856 070 123 or go to Dolly's Pizza Van (food Stall) on Facebook to see their menu. More details of timing closer to the date.

With the proposed easing of all restrictions after 21 June we will be hopefully looking to reintroduce our very popular monthly **Quiz and Open Mic nights**. More news on these events will follow; please keep checking our website and Facebook page for more information.

Our current opening times are:

- **Friday and Saturday evenings 6.00pm – 10pm**
- **Sunday 12 – 3pm.**

We look forward to see you soon.

BENTLEY STORES, OUR VILLAGE COMMUNITY SHOP.

Our recent receipt of “The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk Award” from Clare Euston, HM Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk and Bridget McIntyre MBE, High Sheriff of Suffolk, recognises the tremendous contribution from all our volunteers to keep this important village facility open 7 days a week throughout 2020 and 2021.



Since 23rd March 2020 Lockdown until 5th May 2021 our 54 volunteers have served 17,809 Customers in the shop, one or two at a time as covered by Government COVID regulations. We remained a safe place to shop and to meet friends in and around the car park while queuing, in fact a social magnet!

Our highest days sales were at the beginning when we sold 360 items for £554.28 in one single day, a very busy day!

During lockdown our volunteers took the opportunity to build a wonderful long porch to allow queuing in the rain! And more recently a new outdoor Vegetable Box. **(See photo on page 13).**

We must not forget those volunteers who buy all the products at a time when normal supplies, availability and prices varied so much, just think of the Toilet Roll shortage! We sold 998 individual toilet rolls and we never ran out!

Logistically this was an impressive achievement considering they purchased some 63,036 items!

Financially the shop is in a healthy position but because of our determination to keep our prices at reasonable levels we found 2020 very challenging !

We would welcome anyone who would like to help our shop in any way possible in the future, just pop in and talk to a volunteer or email: info@bentleystores.co.uk

Shop hours will continue as 9 to 1.30 weekdays and 9 to 12 noon weekends and bank holidays. (We only close on 25 and 26th December, 1st January and Easter Sunday)

We are Community Interest Company, 100% volunteer run, so all our benefits are real village community benefits.

Thank you for your support

Bob Feltwell on behalf of all our volunteers.

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chair – Cllr M Munday
Bentley Parish Council

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Bentley Annual Parish Meeting took place remotely at 7.00 pm on Thursday 6 May 2021. Present:- Cllr M Munday -Chairman, 8 members of the public and the Clerk to the Parish Council. Also in attendance were Cllrs Feltwell, Spicer, Perry and Wheals, County Councillor G Jones, District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden and Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman who explained that the Annual Parish Meeting should take place between 1 March and 1 June - due to Covid restrictions a meeting did not take place last year and from 7 May 2021 the Parish Council is required to hold face to face meetings. It was therefore decided to hold a very short APM and Clubs were invited to write a written report which will be published on the Parish Council website at the end of the meeting.

The two Head pupils from Bentley CEVC Primary School gave a very professional report about their experiences during lockdown and then left the meeting. The Chairman gave her report on the activities of the Parish Council over the past two years and expressed thanks to Village Organisations, volunteers, District Councillor Busby and the Clerk with special thanks to our extremely supportive County Councillor Gordon Jones, who is not standing for re-election. Reports were received from County Councillor Gordon Jones who reflected on the eight years working with Bentley Parish Council and the changes that had taken place – he listed a few of the challenges ahead but finished his report by saying that “Bentley is a great community, a smashing Village and I wish you all the best for the future” - District Councillor Busby reiterated the comments made by the County Councillor - Tree Warden and 16 Clubs had submitted reports.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their reports and a resident thanked the Parish Council for organising the road closures during the Commemoration Services at the War Memorial in November – it has made such a difference.

There were no Resolutions & Open Forum – or Discussion & Open Forum and the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

This was immediately followed by **Bentley Annual Parish Council Meeting**. Present were 6 Councillors, District Councillor D Busby, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator and 4 members of the public were present.

The Chairman Cllr M Munday opened the meeting and was re-elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Vice Chairman, Cllr B Feltwell was also re-elected. Declarations of Acceptance of Office were duly signed.

Apologies: Cllr M Bamford, Cllr P Cross & Cllr N Moxey

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

Council representatives were re-elected - Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, Village Correspondent/Website & Folly Farm Representative. SALC subscription 2021/22 (£363.34) was agreed

Planning - Six planning decisions were received. – Planning permission refused by Babergh for three – three were granted. Three Planning application were discussed. – Bentley Parish Council Recommended Approval

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

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Matters discussed

- Grants were awarded for Village Organisations (£200) each to Bentley Outdoor Bowls, FoCL & Bentley Bluebells WI.
- Grants were awarded to Other Organisations – (£100) each to Ipswich Citizens Advice, MAGPAS, SARS, EACH & Applewood Acres (Community Orchard).
- Traffic Calming – SID has been ordered - should be received early next month.
- Playing Field Society – Re-positioning Parish Goal posts - Long Term Agreement and Annual Fee Review
- Long term home for Rainbow Garage Door.
- Insurance cover for Volunteers
- Painting Bentley Parish Council sign on Notice Board at Village Hall
- Quiet Lanes – Waiting to hear from SCC whether the designation will go ahead.
- Bus Shelter – Seed Exchange - It was agreed to float the idea on Facebook and see if there is any interest.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm. Full draft minutes will be available on the P C website - www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Normally the Annual Parish Meeting is held in the Village Hall and gives all parishioners an opportunity to discuss parish affairs and for village organisations to inform them and answer questions. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, last year's meeting was cancelled and this year the meeting had to be held 'remotely' on Thursday 6th May.

There was a short spoken presentation by the Head Pupils from Bentley CEVC Primary School and reports given by the Chair of Bentley Parish Council, County Councillor Gordon Jones as well as District Councillor Dave Busby.

Organisations were invited to send in a written report and links to all those reports can be seen on the Parish Council website <http://bentleypc.onesuffolk.net/news-posts/view/78>

We hope that next year our meeting in April 2022 will return to the Village Hall.

Marianne Munday
Chair Bentley Parish Council

PEOPLE OF BENTLEY - YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

The rainbow has become an enduring image of hope and gratitude in a troubling time. On hearing of the potential demise of Bentley's own masterpiece it has now been rescued for posterity.

But how to make best use of it? This is where residents come in Please send your suggestion to **Parish Clerk Joy Scott**, post or email, by the end of July and join us at the August meeting to find out the winning idea!

Here are some ideas to get your creativity flowing:

1. Positioned inside the entrance to the playing field as a 'Welcome'
2. Hinged on the front of the container in the playing field (covering / beautifying the actual doors)
3. Create a shelter on the playing field with it.

CAPEL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

June brings exciting changes in the library. Subject to no changes in government guidelines from the 21st June will be relaxing restrictions on all of our services. Our groups and activities will be returning, Tot Rock on a Thursday and The Friends Film Night to mention but a few. Please keep an eye on our webpage, Facebook page and Instagram for full details as well as in the library.

Don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Challenge on the 17th July. Children will need to read one library book per week for six weeks. They will need to come to the library weekly to tell our wonderful volunteers all about the book they have read.

Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers are a huge benefit to the scheme. If you would like to volunteer, please pop into the library to see a member of staff, or drop us an email capel.library@suffolklibraires.co.uk

Home Library Service is now back up and running. Do you know anyone who would benefit from having books delivered to them? We have volunteers ready and waiting to help. Get in touch with us at Capel and we can arrange a COVID friendly service to the door, see the website for details <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/home-deliveries>

The Friends of Capel Library

Community Cinema will be starting again on 22nd June 2021. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of June. At the time of writing this Military Wives and 1917 are neck and neck in the voting. If you have a ticket for Judy, which was cancelled at the beginning of 2020 then you can use that ticket against a film of your choice.

If you would like to get involved with The Friends of Capel Library, please pop into the library and ask for Katharine.

Other Events Coming Up

Alzheimer's Cup Cake Day – 26th June 2021
East Bergholt – Spring Feast – 12th June 2021
Literary Village Trail – Summer Holidays
Membership forms are available from the library.

Jackie Harman



100 Club

April Draw winners are:-

£20 Jon Bunkell £7 Lynn Knowler £7 Linda Morrison

May Draw winners are:-

£20 Christopher Keeble £10 Simon Lowe
£5 Madeline Finch £5 Lisa Matthews

Prizes can be collected from the Library. Application forms are available from the Library and Bentley Community Shop.

To avoid losing newsletters etc to SPAM please add "focl.dontreply@gmail.com" to your Contacts as well as checking your SPAM box. (Note spelling of dontreply).

Bob Perkin (Treasurer)



ADVICE COLUMN

I've been living in my privately rented flat for years. I generally have a good relationship with my landlord, but I just can't get them to carry out various repairs that have built up. How can I get them to act - and what exactly do they have to do?

This must be a very frustrating situation. The law states that your landlord must provide accommodation that is safe, healthy and free from things that could cause serious harm.

You don't say exactly what repairs are needed. If you have problems such as electrical wiring that you think might be faulty, or there's damp, or an infestation by pests, the landlord has a legal obligation to put things right.

Landlords are also responsible for the maintenance of the general structure, and fittings such as boilers and radiators; basins, baths and toilets; and the drains.

The first step is to contact your landlord again, in writing. Include photographs of the problems. Keep a record of all communications and evidence relating to the disrepair.

If that doesn't prompt any action, the housing advisers at Citizens Advice can help with next steps. These could include contacting your local council (who will have dedicated officers for dealing with disrepair in private rented properties) or asking for a visit by the environmental health team.

Tenants can take their landlords to court to force them to carry out repairs. However, it's worth getting some advice and thinking carefully before embarking on this route.

If you need further information or advice contact Sudbury & District Citizens Advice. We are providing advice by telephone and email, Monday – Thursday, 10am – 1pm. Please phone 01787 321400 and leave a message and someone will call you back when available. We will attempt three times to call you back, so please expect a call from a withheld number.

You can also ring our Advice line on Freephone 0808 278 7868 or 0800 144 88 48.

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Suffolk Community Action registration No. CAS2398/16

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Answers to Brian Rose's Quiz on page 12 :-

1. Topshop
2. Clarks
3. Somerfield
4. The Range
5. Millets
6. Wickes
7. Wilko
8. Next
9. Superdrug
10. Littlewoods

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

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OTHER VILLAGE WEBSITES

Bentley Village Stores - www.bentleystores.co.uk

Bentley CEVC Primary School - www.bentley.suffolk.sch.uk

The Case is Altered - <http://www.thecasepubbentley.co.uk>

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