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FEBRUARY 2022

1. Tuesday Club - Chair Aerobics - Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
2. Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
2. Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm.
3. Parish Council meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
9. Bentley Bluebells WI - Haunted Pubs - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
10. Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm.
10. Open Mic night at the Case - 7.00pm.
15. Tuesday Club - First London Bridge - Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
16. Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
17. Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12 noon and 12.30 pm.
18. Horticultural Society - Growing Dahlias - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
24. Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm.

MARCH 2022

For Other Events at The Case see page 17 & 18

1. Tuesday Club - Pip, Chair Aerobics - Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
2. Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
2. Comrades - Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm.
3. Parish Council meeting - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
9. Bentley Bluebells WI - Trees of Shotley Peninsula - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
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15. Tuesday Club - Fashion Wear - Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
16. Whist - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
17. Link Lunch - Village Hall at 12 noon and 12.30 pm.
18. Horticultural Society - Henstead Exotic Garden - Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
24. Scrabble Club - Village Hall Committee Room at 2.30 pm.

EDITOR WANTED FOR BENTLEY BUGLE

**The current Editor of the Bugle is retiring in March 2022
after publication of this issue.**

**If there is anyone who would be interested in taking over
this post please contact any of the Bugle team whose
contact details are given on page 4.**

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE

CARPET BOWLS - Every Tuesday 7.30 pm & Wednesday 2.30 pm – Village Hall.

AEROBICS CLASS - Tuesday morning at 9.45 am (Term Time only) – Village Hall.

PILATES CLASS - Tuesday 11.00 am to noon (Term Time only) – Village Hall.

Contact Mrs Jill Sharp for information – 01473 311546.

TODDLER GROUP - Monday and Wednesday mornings 9.30 am to 12 noon (Term time only)
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Other Village Web sites are listed on page 8

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Yellowhammer - Photo by Graham Darton

Bentley Village at Church News

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

6th	Holy Communion	10.00 am
13th	Family service	10.00 am
20th	Holy Communion	10.00 am
27th	Family service	10.00 am

Sunday 6th February

During this service we will commemorate our Queen's accession to the throne 70 years ago on this date. It is an amazing and important milestone.

We welcome everyone who wishes to attend our services but our Rector, Annette Shannon had asked that everyone who came to services wear a face mask including during the singing of hymns, unless they had a medical exemption. This was to keep everyone safe so thank you for your cooperation. The rules are now changing and it seems it will now be mainly down to individuals as to which if any precautions we take. So from our service on 6th February you will not have to wear mask or socially distance unless you feel safer if you do so. .

Thank you to all who managed to come to some of our Christmas celebrations. It was good to see you all.

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13th	Family Service	10.00 am
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27th	Family Service	10.00 am

ZOOM SERVICES

Can't get to church? Then join us for our 6pm Zoom services.

These have been very helpful to those who are vulnerable during the pandemic. We have planned to continue these up until June but may need to review this in light of the lifting of restrictions, unless sufficient people wish these to continue. Our next Zoom service is on Sunday 13th February at 6pm.

These are simple evening services and if you would like to join us and do not receive log on details already please contact sandramehen@gmail.com or ☎01473 310383

See In Touch for details and for all other services in our group of parishes.

Platinum Celebrations

During the long Bank Holiday weekend we are hoping to put on some special events at the church or in the grounds. Look out for details as they emerge. Any good ideas will be welcomed. It will be a great time to celebrate especially after all that so many people have been through.

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West Villa

Thank you very much indeed for everyone who supported our appeal for Christmas gifts for the homeless families supported by West Villa. We had a van full of gifts of all kinds of shapes and sizes and suitable for all ages. The people sorting the gifts were touched by the care you had taken in selecting suitable gifts for all ages. Thank you also for the bedding and towels that are still delivered to our home they are always needed and always greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you have unwanted bedding or towels. (sandramehen@gmail.com or ☎01473 3103830.

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Advent Windows

Very many thanks again to Sue for organising the Advent Window trail round the village. Thanks also for the creative way people used lights and decorations to make some stunning displays. It was lovely to see families walking round and spotting where the new displays were. It gave us all a great reason to walk round and discover a new window each day up to Christmas.

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Rest in Peace

Many of us were saddened to hear of the death of Marie Piper. She had lived in Bentley for many years and involved in many village activities including bowls and running Tuesday Club with Peggy Kite. She was a regular at church services. A lovely lady and will be missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Our condolences also go to John Frost's family and friends as he has also recently died.

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Hope and Love

It is said hope is the last thing ever lost. We keep hoping that things will get better and that has been true during the pandemic. According to Paul three things remain 'faith hope and love.' All important; 'But the greatest of these is love.'

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

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Church Warden – Peter Day - 310518
Assistant Priest – Rev Don Mehen – 310383
Administrator – Hayley Purnell
northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com or 07713 863 023
Treasurer - Ken Felgate - k.felgate108@btinternet.com
PCC Secretary - Sandra Mehen - 01473 310383

Wedding Festival Weekend

There will be a wedding Fair at Bentley Church on the weekend of **19th and 20th March**.

Bentley Church is a beautiful church for a wedding and this weekend will be an opportunity for some local businesses to show what they can offer and hopefully there will be a display of wedding dresses and photos of people who have married in St Mary's over the years.

If you or someone in your family was married in Bentley Church and would be willing to allow your wedding photos and / or your wedding dress to be displayed please contact Peter Day to let the organisers know.

See church contact details for telephone or email address to make contact.

S C R A B B L E

2022 SEASON

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The next meetings of the Scrabble Club are on 10th & 24th of February and 10th & 24th of March.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Comittee Room. Anyone who would enjoy a gentle game of Scrabble, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat is welcome to join us.

Robin Owen

TUESDAY CLUB

Happy New Year to one and all.

Club Members have been busy in the months leading up to Christmas.

We had a lovely Christmas Meal at the Belstead Brook Hotel.

The 14th December was our last meeting before Christmas. A buffet was organized by the Members and we had Entertainment from Ivan Cole who played the Keyboard and sang songs and Carols.

A Christmas Raffle was arranged by Veronica and at the end of the afternoon all members left with a gift from Secret Santa. It was an enjoyable afternoon enjoyed by all.

We started 2022 with our AGM on 18th January. Our next meetings are on February 1st and 15th, and March 1st and 15th.

Existing and new members all welcome.

Catherine Sweeney.
Secretary.

BENTLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

It seems an eternity since we were in normal times but hopefully this year will herald better times and we can all take up the threads of what was our normal life. Take care as we move forward in optimism.

The horticultural society's monthly meetings are held in the Village Hall on the 3rd Friday of the month January – May & September – December and commence at 7.30pm All are welcome – membership is at present £5 per year Come along to see whether you might enjoy it. We are a friendly crowd and you will be made welcome. The Annual Show is held in August.

The meeting on 18th February will be about growing Dahlias - Matt Long a local dahlia specialist will be the speaker.

On 18th March our speaker is Andrew Brogan from Henstead Exotic Garden which featured in a TV programme recently. The garden is open to the public at certain times

As this may be my final contribution thank all who have supported the Society on the outings, helping to make the Show a success and generally offering support

I hope that we will soon be able to organise some outings - watch out for information.

Pam Lovell

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BENTLEY BLUEBELLS W.I.

Well the dreaded virus is still with us and impacting on our lives in strange roundabout ways. But are we downhearted? Never, we are the WI, we just keep sidestepping and adjusting as we go along.

Our meetings for Feb 9th and March 9th are Haunted Pubs and Trees of the Shotley Peninsular, interesting subjects, so as usual you are invited to join us to see what WI is all about. It might just float your boat!

Jan 01473 313139

Sandra 01473 310072

Theresa

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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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News From Bentley & Copdock Primary Schools



The Spring term saw us returning to the classrooms in somewhat chilly conditions. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, things have warmed up slightly and the sunshine is once again bringing a few smiles to all. This term has seen a mix of virtual gatherings as well as face to face events, enabling more families to join us to share learning and celebrate our achievements. As always 'the show must go on!'.

The children have once again been immersed in a range of exciting topics many linking to our curriculum driver this year... Knowledge of our World. Our younger children have been exploring a science based theme about animals and they even met a real tarantula! We also enjoyed learning all about bees, with a visit from a local bee-keeper and a practical session for some of our pupils following a whole school assembly. We have been as busy as the bees this term!

KS2 have been keen Geographers, investigating "what's so special about the USA", producing some art work in the style of Andy Warhol, and comparing physical features of London and Ipswich. Sadly a trip to our capital city had to be scheduled for another time.

Our year 3 and 4 pupils, who have enjoyed swimming lessons each week are really pleased to be celebrating their progress, most achieving their 25m and water safety assessments. We really missed competitive sports activities last term and can't wait to attend events once again as they are available. Although we have engaged in many virtual opportunities, pupils have certainly missed their joint events with other schools in the county.

In the coming month or two we will be planning our Jubilee Celebration and hope to be able to gather as a Federation to celebrate the life and reign of our Queen.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our community and school Facebook pages for ways to support our wonderful schools. We are extremely lucky to have such committed parents and community supporters and look forward to making more contact within our local communities when possible. A special thank you to Robin for sharing our news and photos.

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

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

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HYSTERICAL AND HISTORICAL IN BENTLEY

We had so much fun last year that we're again going to have a historically-based village fair this year - mark 3-4th September in your diaries! The wonderful Companye of Merrie Folke will be visiting us again this year, perhaps with other historically based re-enactors for a wider range of delectation and delight.

If anyone would like to have a stall, either for a village organisation or for individuals, please contact Nicky, details below. Space is limited, so don't delay.

We also need to fill 15 or so volunteer slots across the two days - again, please let me know if you're available.

Looking forward to another great event! See you in the first weekend of September.

Nicky

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BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Bentley Parish Council

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Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 6 January 2022 – A risk assessment had been carried out for 9 Councillors and up to 24-28 members of the public with seating 1 metre plus apart. 7 Councillors, County Councillor G Hall, District Councillor D Busby, and one member of the public were present.

Apologies were received from Cllr C Perry, Tree Warden. and Footpath Warden

Items reported under Matters Arising: Thanks sent to SCC & Network Assurance re Remembrance Service – Pavement at Silver Leys reported to SCC - Outdoor Bowls and Citizens Advice Ipswich have been advised of grants put in the budget – road name suggestions sent to Babergh – Litter bins supplied by Babergh are now in situ – Maritime FC have very kindly offered to empty the bin on the Playing Field. County Councillor Hall's Report is displayed on the Parish Council Website.

Cllr Bamford told Robin Owen that the Council were very sorry to hear of his retirement, thanked him for the sterling work he has done in running the Bugle and wished him a long and happy retirement – it is hoped that someone will come forward and take it on.

Planning – One planning decision was received.

One Planning application was discussed – Councillors Recommended Approval of the extension to the rear but Recommended Refusal of the very large workshop.

Reports were received from the Tree Warden, Capel Library, Bentley Long Barn and Footpath Warden

Matters discussed

- Precept to remain the same as last year – (£14,500) giving a Council Tax increase for 2022/23 of -5.23%
- Oak bench is to be purchased for Silver Leys
- SALC to be instructed re Internal Audit.
- Clerk was appointed as the Responsible Financial Officer.

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- Improvements to the War Memorial were discussed. As a first step ivy to be removed from large tree.
- No report was available re Community Fibre.
- Purchase of a projector was deferred – costs to be obtained.
- SID is functioning well – Cllr Schumacher is to prepare proposal for second SID to be discussed at the February Meeting.
- Playing Field Society - application has been made for S106 money – Babergh are looking to finalise CIL funding for the gym equipment by the end of this month.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Two changes to the Plan were agreed by Councillors

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net.

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BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

BENTLEY BUGLE

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity on behalf of residents to thank Robin Owen, Adrian Mills, Peter Day, Sandra Mehen, and the Team who have worked tirelessly to get Bentley Bugle through every door in Bentley since its inception.

We wish Robin a long and happy retirement from his editorial duties and hope that someone will come forward to take on the Editorship of the Bugle so that this vital village publication will continue for many years to come.

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BENTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Nothing further to report at the moment.

Nicky Moxey
chair, Bentley Neighbourhood Plan team.



A Hibernating Peacock butterfly - Photo by Fletcher Telling



A Cold and Frosty Morning at Flatford - Photo by Robin Owen

BENTLEY WILDLIFE NOTES

Hibernation

As signs of spring begin to show you may be looking forward to seeing a wider variety of wildlife, especially those that have hunkered down over the winter hibernating.

There are just three types of UK mammal that hibernate: the hedgehog, dormouse and all the bats. Not to forget that many insect species will hibernate or become inactive over winter sometimes referred to as diapause.

The dormouse sometimes referred to as Britain's sleepest animal can go seven months hibernating and even through the summer can go into a state of torpor if the weather is bleak. Hibernation for dormice is not without danger. Many will form small nests at the base of tree trunks where they are vulnerable to predation by foxes or other scavengers.

Having said that many species that hibernate actually live longer than other species of the same size, bats for example can live 20 years or more.

All our reptiles go into a type of hibernation called brumation this is different because while mammals can choose to lower metabolic rates and body temperatures reptiles cannot choose as they are governed by the daytime temperature. All our amphibians hibernate, and the common frog can hibernate at the bottom of ponds staying submerged for several months. However, if ponds ice over decomposing matter in the pond can cause a build up of gases which can deplete oxygen in the pond, this can prove fatal to the frogs.

Insects can also become inactive over the winter and if you look in your shed or the underside of logs you may be lucky to see hibernating butterflies like this one in my garden (see photo opposite).

Now it's getting warmer these creatures need to build up energy. So try to supply hedgehogs with food, and produce south facing basking places with corrugated iron or even logs for reptiles. Early flowering plants can help feed early emerging insects too.

If we all do these things we can really produce a utopia for wildlife in Bentley.

Fletcher Telling

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

A very successful New Year's Eve party was held at the village hall which was enjoyed by 39 people and gave a whole new meaning to a masked ball! An excellent buffet was enjoyed and music was provided by the G R disco. Thanks to generous donations to a raffle organised by Hilary £330 was divided equally between Friends of Bentley church, The Blossom Appeal & Blue Cross.

David Howe

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Sunday at 10.45 am and 3.00 pm – Worship Services at the chapel by arrangement.

For further information: Telephone Admin: 07814 465222

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Or find us on Facebook

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we are reminded that life on this earth is short and uncertain. Even if we live to be 100 years old, in the light of eternity that is but a very short time.

Whereas ye know not what *shall* be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (James 4:14)

However, our time on earth is not the end. We all have immortal souls, and the bible tells us that:

....we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)

It doesn't matter how good we think we are, or what good things we think we have done, we will be condemned, unless we believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

....Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, (Acts 16:31)

If we believe and trust in Him, our sins will be forgiven, and we will receive His righteousness, as if it were our own. Then we will be able to stand before an Almighty and Holy God.

We would be delighted to see you at one of our services. However, we continue to be mindful of health and safety during the COVID pandemic. Therefore, if you would like to come, please contact us first via email: info@bentleyreformedbaptistchurch.com, or by phone: 07814 465222, so we can make sure there is a place for you.

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

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NOTES FROM THE CASE

Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

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Today is a bright, sunny but chilly winter's day with the frost still evident on the grass and long shadows being cast by the low winter sun. The blue sky is a reminder of warmer days to come when we'll be able to enjoy relaxing in the pub garden chatting to friends and family. For now though we can still enjoy a drink inside our comfortable, warm and cosy pub and look forward to those not too distant days. We have of course, come a long way from this time last year when we were in the middle of yet another long lock down and the Case, like all pubs was not permitted to open. Fortunately this winter we have been able to remain open and recently we extended our opening days and hours.

Our new opening times are:

- **Thursday 6pm – 10pm**
- **Friday 6pm – 10:30pm**
- **Saturday 6pm – 10pm**
- **Sunday 12noon – 3pm**

Events

After a short break our popular Open Mic Nights restarts in February. As before they will be on the **second Thursday** of each month, beginning on **Thursday 10 February** from 7pm – 10pm, all performers welcome! Further enquires and dates, please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page. PA is provided.

Our next Quiz Night will be in April and will be part of our **8th Anniversary Celebrations**. Yes, it seems incredible that it is 8 years since we became a community pub! This year the anniversary is on Easter Sunday (17 April). To celebrate we will be holding a quiz on **Saturday 16 April**. The quiz will start at 8pm. [Teams can be up to 6 members, entry is £2 per person.](#) **Dolly's Pizza Van** will be with us from 4:30pm. We will be opening a little earlier than normal so you will be able to enjoy a drink while eating your pizza. Dolly's pizzas are very popular; to avoid disappointment it is always best to pre-order. Gluten free pizzas are available. Please ring 07856 070 123 to place your order or go to Dolly's Pizza Van (food Stall) on Facebook to see their menu.

If you would like to organise and host a quiz at the pub this year, please contact Chris at cottage.garden@btinternet.com and we'll add you to the rota.

We are still in the planning stage for events during the extended Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and would be particularly interested to hear from those in the village who have **younger, pre-school and primary aged children**.

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Share offer

Just before Christmas we opened our latest opportunity for customers or perhaps those new to the community to purchase shares and thus becoming members. To take advantage of this offer, just complete an application form. These are available during pub opening hours and are be behind the bar, just ask a volunteer for a copy.

Meet up Mondays

If you want to get out on a Monday afternoon to meet up with friends or just to have a chat to someone new then why not pop to the pub for a free tea or coffee between 2pm and 3pm. You'll find a warm welcome plus someone always bakes a cake or biscuits to share.

A Special Thank you!

As we are sure you will agree the last 2 years have been a very trying time for everyone, especially for those who have suffered illness or bereavement due to Covid. The hospitality industry has been especially hard hit with long closures and months of change, challenge and uncertainty. We would like to say a huge '**Thank You**' to all of our loyal volunteers who have worked so hard to keep our wonderful pub going and to say thank you in advance for this coming year. We would also like to thank our customers and shareholders and all those who have continued to support us during this time. We hope that gradually this year we will be able to return to our previous opening hours and conditions.

If you would like to support us in any way we are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in helping out whether it's behind the bar, painting a fence or tidying the garden, or any of the other 101 jobs that need doing throughout the year, please ask at the bar for a volunteer application form.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Having not played competitive bowls since March 2020 our bowlers were pleased to get back into action with a league match against Chelmondiston at home in November 2021!

With a fine display of bowling we ran out convincing winners 8-2. However this success was short lived as in the next match we were well beaten by Hintlesham 2-8.

Our first game in 2022 saw us travel to Chelmondiston to play them on their notoriously sloping and uneven floor, and although we played reasonably well the inevitable happened and we lost 0-10. Our matches in February are against Hintlesham and Harkstead at home and Belstead away.

David Howe.

A NEW START FOR MANY

Hello. New year often brings changes for many of us, and this year has been no exception for me or for Capel Library and I'd like to take this chance to introduce myself. My name is Jenny and for the next six months I will be working at Capel St Mary Library as interim manager. I want to say a huge thank you to the staff, volunteers and library users who I have met in my first few weeks, you have all been very kind and welcoming. I look forward to meeting many more of you.

During January, Suffolk Libraries promoted its Jumpstart January campaign with many fantastic offers both physical and online for our customers and communities to take part in. But it doesn't stop at the end of the month. Rather, we will always bring you new as well as loved old ways to learn, be entertained, to try new things and to meet and make friends. Whether it be Lego Club or Tot Rock, or one of our online courses, books borrowed, audio books listened to, or films watched, we hope we can help to keep Capel healthy and happy throughout the year.

Come and see us or keep an eye on our services on social media or the Suffolk Libraries website www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Capel St Mary Library 01473 311699

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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FRIENDS OF CAPEL LIBRARY 100 CLUB

December Draw winners:-

£25 Graham Phillips, £15 Caroline Alder, £5 Caroline Prangle, £5 Terry Knowler.

Special Draw winners:-

£20 Mark Harman, £20 Sue Edwards.

Prizes can be collected from the Library.

The draw for January 2022 will take place in early February..

2022 membership renewal forms are available from the Library

The AGM is at 4.00pm on Saturday 29th January at the Library

Thank you for your support.

Bob Perkin (Treasurer)

BENTLEY STORES.

Looking forward to 2022!

Your Community Shop has been a safe place to shop all through the recent difficult times and we continue to be open to serve Bentley residents. Our screens and sanitisers remain in place for your protection.

As we all get older it is good to know how much can be bought locally with no need to drive elsewhere for so many basic supplies at reasonable prices.

We have many new residents in the village so If you are new to Bentley why not pop in and take a look, you will be genuinely surprised by the amount of items we stock, including greetings cards and our Dry Cleaning and Laundry service.

The world keeps changing and in particular with Newspapers. We provide a newspaper service at cost which last year sold 8119 papers saving our Bentley residents delivery charges. Many of us have on line papers but still like a paper copy!

In 2022 we still need your support....Please use the Shop

We look forward to 2022 but would like to see more customers and indeed volunteers to help us keep everything going for the whole village, especially those who need us for social contact as well as food, essentials, and a very wide range things we sell!

Please let any volunteer know if you would like to help the shop in any way, all skills are welcome as you would be surprised how we make it all work so well, but need holiday and illness cover, and any web site or accounting expertise?

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2021 in Numbers.

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21,804 free range eggs, 4302 bottles of milk and cream,

3975 fruit and Veg, 1443 delicious Capel Pies,

3236 loaves from Capel Bakery,

974 Medical and Personal and Hygiene products, 426 greeting cards, 1326 packs of Broadland Hams, 956 Wholefoods, 899 Household products,

1172 biscuits and 2997 sweets! 575 Frozen food, 2549 Beverages,

115 Dry Cleaning and Laundry, 571 East End Butchers,

Finally a big Thank you to Robin and his Team for giving us The Bugle all these years and we hope a new Editor will soon emerge to carry on the good work.

Community Speedwatch

Bentley Community Speedwatch consists of volunteers in teams of three monitoring the speed of vehicles, using hand held approved equipment, from designated sites which have been approved by the Police.

Over the last six months over one hundred vehicles have been reported for excessive speed, with a maximum speed recorded of 47mph.

However Speedwatch activities are limited to the availability of volunteers! Are you interested in improving road safety in your village?

Sessions last no more than one hour. Can you spare one hour a fortnight?

If you are interested or have questions please contact the Clerk to the Council,

Mrs J Scott on Tel. 01206 298174 or by email 'joyvscott@outlook.com'.

LINK LUNCH GROUP

At the lunch in December 40 diners were served with the usual Xmas fare of roast turkey with all the trimmings followed by Xmas pudding & cream mince pies & tea or coffee with mints.

The first meal of the new year saw 39 people provided with beef cobbler, savoy cabbage & mash potatoes followed by strawberry or chocolate gateaux, tea or coffee. After restarting the lunches in September we have donated £150 to each of three local charities; St Elizabeth Hospice, Suffolk Sight, & Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

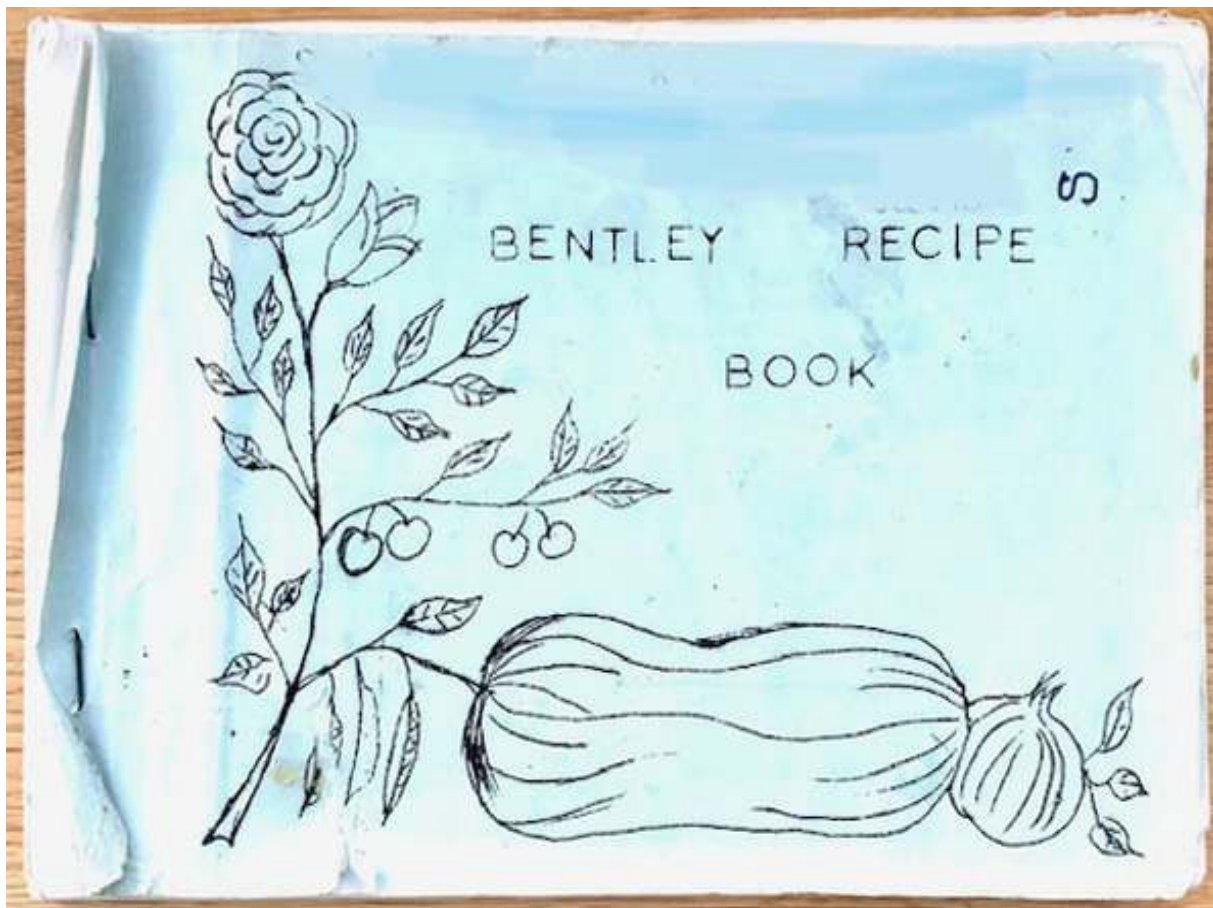
Veronica Howe

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

A reminder for our quiz on Saturday 7th May 2022 in Bentley Village Hall. Charles will once again set the questions and we shall start at 7.30pm. We shall have the usual buffet (if allowed!!!) and raffle. We hope you can join us as this brings in much needed funds to keep the green in good order.

Why not think about giving bowls a try - we are always looking for new members, we play on Monday evenings in the Samford League and Wednesday evenings in the Ipswich and District Triples League, games start at 6.45pm or earlier if we are all present. The green entrance is in Grove Road just past the old shop and building plot.

Lillian Calvert, Secretary. 01473 808652



THE NEW BENTLEY RECIPE BOOK

Do you have a favourite recipe that you would you like to share with the rest of the village?

We are looking for recipes to add to the new Bentley cook book which will be published to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Sweet, savoury, dessert, cake, biscuit, stews and miscellaneous dishes are all welcome.

Please email Gill Pink at gill.redcotts@icloud.com or telephone Kate Spicer on 01473 314187 for further information.

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