

Bentley Parish Council meeting Thursday 5th May 2022

Tree Warden (TW)

Woodland Trust trees and hedging delivered in November 2021: most of these were due to be delivered to schools but due to Covid schools have not been able to accept them as yet. They being cared for are thriving and will be delivered as soon as conditions allow. Several have already been planted in Bentley, Capel and elsewhere. Six more trees would have been planted in Bentley but this has been delayed because of the recent very dry weather (no rain and bone-hard ground).

TW emailed David Pizzey regarding the flailing of TPO oaks along Bergholt Road.

SBIS has recently moved from Ipswich Museum to 'The Hold' the new Suffolk Records Office. This is good news because in moving all their stock s they came across a box holding all of the Bentley Hedgerow Survey record sheets to which we are now able to refer.

At this point I would like to suggest that the PC appoint an assistant tree warden who could help me when I am otherwise engaged, especially when I cannot attend a tree warden meeting but also to assist with mapping all of the veteran and substantial trees in the parish. If willing he or she could take over from me when I retire form this role.

Friends of Capel Library

Jenny Patch completes her role as temporary lead librarian on 7th May. Jackie Harman and Donna Grand will share this role until Katharine Liu returns in September. The Community Cinema continues to show the latest films on the third Tuesday of every month. Next film is 'House of Gucci' on Tuesday evening 17th May. With rising costs of hiring films, ticket price has increased by 50p from July. There are currently 130 Friends members 90 of whom are also members of the 100 Club.

Bentley Barn

No Further news.

Public Session

1. Scoping documents for sand and gravel extraction.

TW has emailed the PTES Dormouse Officer Ian White for advice regarding the scoping document (PTES is the lead organisation for dormouse conservation in the UK). His reply has been forwarded to the parish council chairman.

TW has almost completed a document to be emailed to our local MP, BDC/MSDC, Dr Simone Bullion SWT Dormouse expert (licenced for handling dormice), and PTES (copy to be

sent to BPC) regarding particularly the effect of disturbance on dormice if this industrial activity were to go ahead.

2. Jill Ganzoni, sister of Lord Belstead and well-known philanthropist has died aged 91

Jill was a long-term resident of Bentley and friend of many.

Jill was born in Ipswich in 1931 the only daughter of the first Baron Belstead a Conservative MP for Ipswich under three Prime Ministers. She grew up in Stoke Park, was keen on riding, and when she moved to Grove House, Grove Road, Bentley her love of horses continued (her horses were stabled in what has now been converted into a house 'The Old Stables which lies opposite to where the horses' groom used to live and where Bob Mawkes now lives). Jill involved herself in many local charities and organisations, to mention a few of the many examples, she played host to girl guide events in her garden here in Bentley and was a guiding light of the Historic Churches Trust, her Ganzoni Charitable Trust offered support to charities across Suffolk, one such example was the substantial donation she made towards the building of our 'new' village hall where there is a room named after her. She remained actively involved in her Charitable Trust until a couple of years ago (some details extracted from the EADT of Wednesday 04.05.22.)

Colin Hawes

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