

## **Bentley Parish Council meeting Thursday 5 January 2023**

### **Tree Warden**

Planning Application SCC/0105/22B: following my emails to SWT and PTES (see PC report for Dec 1st), I emailed the SCC Tree Officer Gary Battell, the SCC Ecologist, Suffolk Naturalists' Society and our District Councillor David Busby and gave them all the flora, fauna and other information about this proposed site as well as asking them to offer their support to our objection.

Dodnash Fruit Farm (DFF) AONB 6<sup>th</sup>December: attended meeting at DFF AONB where I demonstrated and helped construct a stag beetle loggery (using apple wood) for stag beetles that are known to inhabit this site. A TW second visit to DFF AONB to discuss wildlife improvement is planned for January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Hazel Shrub veteran oak adjacent to 'Ruseley: On Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> I was called to attend a threat to a veteran oak at this site. The tree surgeon had already removed one branch from the tree when I arrived. Although I knew the tree had no TPO, I asked the tree surgeon and the said owner of the tree not to fell the tree until they had contacted David Pizzey (Babergh- MidSuffolk DC Tree Officer) to which they agreed. After I left the site, I later learned that that they had removed all the tree's branches leaving it in such condition that it no longer was worthy of receiving a TPO. On 27<sup>th</sup> December, the remaining bole of the tree was cut down.

### **FoCL**

The Friends of Capel Library (FoCL) will hold their AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The first trustee's meeting is planned for 8<sup>th</sup> February.

The next library film show is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris' (doors open 7pm, film 7:30 pm).

Colin Hawes will stand down in June 2023 when he will have completed 10 years as a trustee.

Colin Hawes

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