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One of the jewels of our ancient woodlands - the White Admiral butterfly - photographed in Old Hall Woods by Michael Bamford.

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	Jane Day	07767 697351
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Bentley Parish Council website - <http://bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

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

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

Parish Diary

AUGUST 25

2nd - Food Vendor - Wagyu Burgers - Case is Altered from 5-8 pm

3rd - Music and BBQ afternoon - Case is Altered from 12.00 pm

6th - Comrades - Village Hall - Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm

6th & 20th - Whist Drive - Village Hall - from 7.30 - 9 pm

9th - Horticultural Society Show - Village Hall - from 2 pm

12th & 26th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm

14th & 28th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm

14th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm

24th - More Beers, BBQ and Music - Case is Altered - from 1 pm

27th - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm

30th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8pm

SEPTEMBER 25

3rd - Comrades - Village Hall - Blackmore Room at 7.30pm

3rd & 17th - Whist Drive - Village Hall - from 7.30 - 9pm

4th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30pm

6th - Food Vendor - Suffolk Spice Fusion - Case is Altered from 5-8 pm

9th & 23rd - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm

10th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall 7.30pm

11th & 25th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm

11th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm

13th - Children's Party - Case is Altered from 3pm – 5pm

13th - Beetle Drive - Village Hall from 7.00 pm

14th - Harvest Festival and Lunch - St Mary's Church at 11.00 am

19th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall from 7.30 pm

20th - Music Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm

27th - Macmillan Coffee Morning - Case is Altered from 10.00 am

27th - Monthly Quiz Night - Case is Altered at 8pm

Other Activities in the Village

Holistic Yoga - Every Mon 7.30 - 10.00pm - Village Hall

Aerobics Class - Tuesday 9.45am (Term Time only) - Village Hall (contact Jill

Sharp for information - 01473 311546

Carpet Bowls - Every Tuesday 7.30pm & Weds 2.30pm - Village Hall

Coffee at the Case - every Friday between 10.30 and 12.00 noon.

BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES IN AUGUST 2025

Sunday 3 rd	10.30 am Connect at Bentley with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 10 th	10 am Benefice Service at Brantham
Sunday 17 th	10 am Benefice Service at East Bergholt
Sunday 24 th	10 am Benefice Service at East Bergholt
Sunday 31 st	10 am Benefice Service at Bentley

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday 7 th	10.30 am Connect at Brantham with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 14 th	11 am Morning Worship with Communion followed by Harvest Festival Lunch
Sunday 21 st	10am Morning Worship – Lay led
Sunday 28 th	10am Morning Worship with Communion – Rev Chris Willis

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH - 14TH SEPTEMBER

Please bring a plate to share. A list will be at the back of the church to add your contribution to the lunch.



SUNDAY SERVICES

If you would like to help at one of the services by doing a reading or leading the prayers, please let us know. New voices are always welcome. Please speak to any one of the people listed below.

OPEN GARDENS AT 'LONGLANDS PLACE' WASHBROOK

Thank you to those who attended the open gardens in Washbrook by kind permission of the Haines family. The event was well attended and it raised £1320 for St Mary's Church.

EAST VILLAS

We continue to collect items for East Villas throughout the year. Don and Sandra Mehen are happy to receive them at their home or at any Church service.

RIDE & STRIDE 2025

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride takes place on **Saturday 13th September**. Many Suffolk churches are open for visitors including ours. Please see posters for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Quiz night – Saturday 11th October at 7pm in Bentley Village Hall
Please bring your own drinks and snacks - £4 per person in teams of up to Six.

All Souls Service – Sunday 2nd November at 5pm

Church Contact Details for Weddings, baptisms, funerals or other enquiries

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80 mile walk at 80

My sponsored walk in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice raised the incredible amount of **£3308.80** and I would like to thank you all for supporting me in this venture as I celebrated my 80th Birthday !



Susan, Pauline and Katie Anderton would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all of the Bentley residents who shared lovely comments, sent cards and who attended the funeral of our wonderful Dad and husband, Michael Anderton. We are so grateful that those who could, came together to give him a fitting send off from Bentley. A special word of thanks to the team at the Case Is Altered, Sandra, Jane and all of those who volunteered their time to ensure we said our goodbyes in exactly the way that Dad would have wanted. He would have loved it and we had a very memorable day. Thank you for the support Bentley

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

We started our summer league fixtures with a very good home win against Belstead, a match in which we ran out 6-4 winners of a very close game. Against Harkstead away we lost 3-7 in a match which was played as usual in a very good spirit on a very sociable evening. The game versus Belstead away was a match which we will want to forget quickly as we took a bit of a beating 0-10. Maybe the Dunwich fish & chip outing had something to do with it! Playing against Chelmondiston is always difficult however in the home match we played brilliantly to win 8-2 and record one of our best results so far.

The return match with Harkstead was overshadowed by the very recent sad loss of Adrian Mills. He was a perfect gentleman who will be sadly missed by everyone. Our heartfelt condolences go to Jill and her family.

Our last three matches are Stutton home and away and Chelmondiston away.

Anybody who would like to play the game of carpet bowls would be welcomed on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 9.30pm and Wednesday afternoons 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

A note for your diary, a **Beetle Drive at Bentley Village Hall on Saturday 13th September 2025 at 7.00 pm start. Tickets £5.00 including Supper and a free glass of drink.** Tickets from David & Veronica Howe 01473 310344

Community Lunch at the Case

The next lunch will be on **Wednesday 27th August** when we will serve a Ploughman's featuring home-baked ham. For dessert we have Eton Mess.

Get your name down early – places are limited. **The list will be in the shop from 1st August.**

NB: There will be NO LUNCH in September due to the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

Our season is almost over - all too quickly - our new players have played well and we have been racking up some good wins. In the Triples League we have won 6 and lost 4 gaining points in all games. In the Samford League we have won 6 and lost 3 again picking up points in all games.

We have played our pairs competition with Kevin Benton and Colin Rose eventually winners - all games were keenly fought. We continue with our Friday night club roll up and anyone who would like to try the games of bowls would be most welcome, so do come along from 6.30pm. We have woods in the hut, you just need flat soled shoes. We are a small village club which has been going for over 100 years.

The entrance to the green is in Grove Road just passed the Old Postmasters House and the new build. **Lillian Calvert Secretary 01473 808652**

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Village Show (members only to exhibit) on Saturday 9 August in the Village Hall.

Exhibits will be staged and judged during the morning of that day.

The show will be open to the public at 2pm

Entry fee 50p which includes a cup of tea.

There will be a raffle and a sales table. Please bring along 'spare' fruit and vegetables. Cakes etc sell very well too!

Please come along and support the Show and the effort many have made.

Our monthly meetings resume on **Friday 19 September 2025 at 7.30pm** when Susan Moss from The Sutton Hoo Trust will speak on Foraging and Dyeing.

Pam Lovell

TUESDAY CLUB

It is with great sadness that I begin my report by letting you know that we have lost two of our beloved Members in the last few weeks, Peter and Adrian. They will be sadly missed and our Hearts and Thoughts are with their families. R.I.P Peter and Adrian.

Other news, our Members enjoyed Lunch at the Flora Tea Rooms in Dunwich, we also visited the Garden Centre on our return Journey. Kevin our speaker was due to talk on Local Photography but was unable to attend due to illness. Griff Johns came to our rescue and gave a very interesting talk on The Marines together with an impressive display of memorabilia collected during the time he served as a Marine.

Mandy was back with more Aerobics and games. In the weeks to come we welcome Singers Lorri & Gray, we have our second outing of the year to Hintlesham Golf Club for afternoon tea.

We try to arrange a variety of talks and entertainment that we think our Members will enjoy. If there something that might interest you then you are welcome to come along and join us.

Catherine Sweeney, Secretary

NOTES FROM THE CASE



Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

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In case you missed it we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon for our annual Garden Party in July – the weather managed to turn the heat down just a little bit so everyone could savour the glorious cakes and savouries plus the music for a very delightful sociable afternoon. The event raised an amazing £600 for our charity of the year, **East Anglia's Children's Hospice**, so we would like to say a **huge thank you** to all those volunteers who donated, helped plan, organise and run the occasion. The rest of the summer is looking very busy too!

Beer, BBQ and Music

We are holding our annual Music and BBQ afternoon on **Sunday 3 August**. Some of Bentley's very own musical talent will be there plus a few of the regular performers from our Open Mic Nights and finishing with Random Pieces to round off the day. Just bring a deckchair or blanket and sit back and enjoy the entertainment. The **pub will be open from 12pm**. The **BBQ starts at 1pm**. **The music will begin around 2pm**.

More Beers, BBQ and Music

On **Sunday 24 August (Bank holiday Sunday)** the very entertaining and congenial **Robbie Gladwell** and friends will be making a much welcomed return to give us a great afternoon with their repertoire of well known songs. The band will start around **3pm**. As before the **BBQ** will be available from around **1pm**. Again just bring a deckchair or blanket and enjoy the afternoon.

...and more Music

In September we are welcoming **Max Wildwood** to the Case for his first solo appearance. Max is a local singer songwriter and guitarist with his own unique style. He will be performing his own and other well known songs on **Saturday 20 September** from **8pm**.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning** this year is being held on, **Saturday 27 September**, from **10am**. The bar will be open from **10am – 1pm**, reopening as usual Saturday evening, **6pm – 10pm**.

Case Community Lunch

Our next community lunch will be held on **Wednesday 27 August** at **12noon**.

Children's Party

We are holding an outdoor children's party on **Saturday 13 September** from **3pm – 5pm** and would like to invite all Bentley primary aged children (and younger) to come along to join in with the fun. The entertainment will include face painting, party games, a fancy dress competition and mini disco. Further information will be available closer to the time. The pub will be open from 3pm.

Garage Sale

On **Sunday 17 August** to support and coincide with **Bentley's Garage Sale** the Case will be open from **10am**.

Cask Ale Week

This year we are please to be taking part in the **Cask Marque 'Cask Ale Week'**, which will run from **18th to 28th September**. During this time we will be offering wider selection of real ales than we are able to do normally. So if you're a beer enthusiast, we're sure you'll find something to appeal. There's also a **Beer Quiz** to try. Ask at the bar for a Quiz Sheet. In return we ask for a donation to our charity of the year, **EACH: East Anglia's Children's Hospices**.

Open Mic Nights

Open Mic Nights continue to be very popular and very busy. The next two evenings are **Thursday 14 August** and **Thursday 11 September**. Music starts at around 8pm. As always a PA is provided, new performers are warmly welcome to join us. Further enquires and dates, please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

Quiz Nights

Quiz nights are a firm favourite with many in the village and those visiting the area, so do come early if you want to guarantee a table. Quiz starts at 8pm. As always teams are up to 6 people, entry £2 per person. First prize, £36 in pub vouchers. Losers are awarded a wooden spoon. Our next two quiz nights are **Saturday 30 August** and **Saturday 27 September**. All profits from the quiz and raffle will go to our charity of the year, **East Anglia's Children's Hospice**.

Visiting Street Food

For our next visiting street food van, we have one of our favourite vendors returning to us, **Wagyu Burgers**. They have a large following of customers so it is always advisable to order early. Their visit is on **Saturday 2 August**. Then on **Saturday 6 September**, **Suffolk Spice Fusion** is making a very welcome return. As always Darren and Poppy will be serving their delightful north Indian cuisine. Both vans will be serving from **5pm until 8pm**. See our posters around the pub, our website or Facebook page for a menu and further details closer to the date. **As before, food can be eaten inside the pub from 5pm. Families are always welcome.**

Volunteering at the Case

Have you considered volunteering at the Case? We have many different volunteering roles as we depend totally on our volunteers to keep the pub open and looking great. Currently we are looking for **bar volunteers**. The bar is open for 19 and half hours per week and this is covered by 10, 1½ to 2 hour shifts. We are always pleased to hear from those within our community (and beyond) who are willing to train to help with this important role. Full training is given and no one works independently until they are completely confident to do so. If you would like to find out more we are holding an open evening on **Tuesday 9 September from 7pm. Please come along and find out how you can help support your community pub.**

August Bank Holiday weekend we will be open:

Saturday 23 August 6pm – 10pm

Sunday 24 August 12noon – 6pm

Monday 25 August (Bank Holiday) 12noon – 3pm.

We hope to see you soon.

ANOTHER GREAT PARTY! The Case, Sunday 13 July



The weather was kind, the music had us tapping our toes, and the array of food was mouth-watering, as the village came together to join in another Case Garden Party.

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to buy cake and savouries and those who, if they couldn't come, donated anyway.

A special THANK YOU to all those who baked for the event. You proved yet again that we have some fantastic cooks round here and we couldn't do it without you.

We are proud to say that because of your generosity and enthusiasm we made **£600** for the pub's 2025 charity, EACH.

Gill Pink

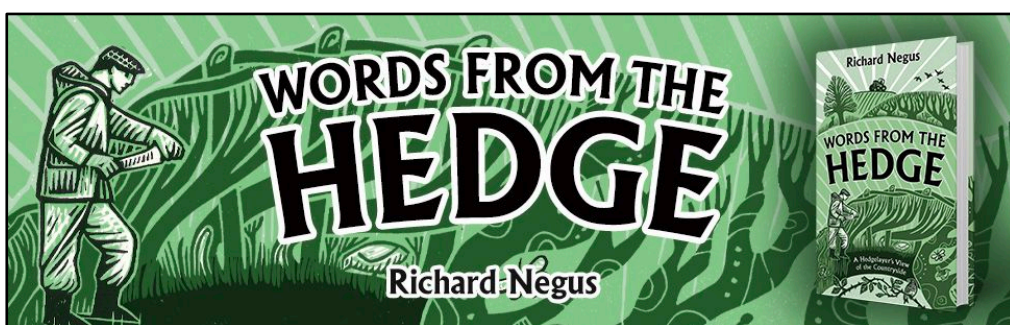


WI BENTLEY BLUEBELLS

It's certainly been a busy couple of months for the WI Bentley Bluebells. Our trip in June to the food museum where the group explored East Anglian Rural life exhibitions, how the production of food in East Anglian has been paramount and innovations in food production itself for the UK. The display about School Dinners past and present brought back some memories too. The Ukulele band of Felixstowe came along this July, with some older and newer tunes, the latest being an interpretation of Amy Winehouse's Valerie.

Next month we have a visit plan to Sutton Hoo, where there is an exhibition on the film 'the Dig', and the Saxon exhibition.

Looking forward to the autumn, in **September** we have an open meeting with **Richard Negus** a local **Hedgelay** and **Conservationist**, and **author**, and his wife



Clare, a **potter**, who is the creative talent behind **Floreat Pottery**. Clare is inspired by the Suffolk countryside and coast. She designs and makes beautiful, functional objects for the home and garden. **If you like to join us please come along on the 10th September to the village hall at 7.30 pm, non-members charge is £4.**

Ladies, we are always open to new members. For more information, please contact our secretary Emma on +447485017293.

WILDLIFE NOTES

Are kestrels gazumping Barn owls?

Kestrels are one of our most familiar birds of prey, often seen hovering gracefully, angel-like as they scan the ground below for prey.

Summer 2025 appears to have been a good breeding season for this small falcon in Bentley. Of the three active nesting sites that I was aware of, I saw a total of nine youngsters fledging. Two of these three sites were nest boxes, highlighting the importance of these man-made structures as natural nesting sites become scarce. Kestrels do not build a nest but scrape out a depression on a cliff ledge, building or in the hollow of a mature tree for the female to lay her eggs. They will also utilize the disused nests of large bird species such as crows.

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WILDLIFE NOTES

The female undertakes most of the incubation of the 4 to 5 eggs with the chicks hatching after about 30 days. The female will brood her offspring for the first two weeks with the male bringing prey to the nesting site. Both adults will then hunt to provide enough food for their growing brood. The young kestrels are ready to fledge at 4 weeks old but will rely on their parents to provide food for a further month whilst they hone their hunting skills.



A Barn Owl box in use

The nest boxes that our local kestrels used were both installed as part of an initiative to help the dwindling Barn owl population: this begs the question are kestrels breeding at the expense of the owls or just using surplus boxes? We don't yet know the answer to that question although it is possible that this competition is displacing Barn owls: maybe the solution to assist both species is more nest boxes.

Under the Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project nearly 2,000 nest boxes were erected over 15 years on nature reserves, farmland and community spaces in the county. The responsibility for maintaining these nesting sites and continuing this critical work has now passed on to Barn Owl Support Suffolk (BOSS) an initiative of the Suffolk Bird Group (SBG). Sally Nelson has been integral to the running of the scheme since its inauguration in late 2023.

Last year I met up with Sally and she made this appeal, "Our Barn owls need help! BOSS aims to assist the breeding efforts and population size of one of Suffolk's most popular and recognisable birds. With a small team of volunteers, we are encouraging landowners with suitable habitats to install a box (or two). If you already have a box on your land, we urge you to ensure it remains in good condition. We can connect you with skilled box builders and offer guidance on suitable locations and installation.

As Barn owls are protected under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, a licence is required to monitor them during the breeding season. We are able to assist with the monitoring so that we can track box usage and breeding success. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring a nest box, we would love to hear from you. None of our efforts to protect our owls would be possible without the passion of our nest box hosts and custodians and the energy and dedication of our amazing volunteers.”

Should you wish to volunteer or sponsor a Barn owl nest box, please contact BOSS as follows; barnowls@suffolkbirdgroup.org or phone 07708 141 276. Further information is also available at suffolkbirdgroup.org

John Boyle



Adult Kestrel - The Angel of the East



Male Kestrel at the nest box



A Bentley fledgling



Waiting to be fed

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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So another school year has been completed. We have said goodbye to some pupils and staff and made preparations to welcome new members of our community in September. We wish everyone a very warm and enjoyable summer break and look forward to doing it all again next year!

July saw both schools enjoying many sporting endeavours and our annual year 6 celebrations. We also held inductions for our new starters enabling them to meet their new teacher and classmates as well as familiarise themselves with the school, and even try the hot lunches

Copdock Primary School is about to celebrate a wonderful milestone, 150 years of providing educational experiences for children within our village. We are currently planning some exciting activities to commemorate this special occasion and would like to invite members of our community to be involved too.

**Do you have any old photographs of our school through the years?
Maybe you attended the school or have memories you would like to share.**

As we return to school in the Autumn term, we will be exploring our school history during the Victorian days. If you have something to share, please contact the school office 01473 730337.

We would like to welcome anyone who has any connection to the school to our commemorative day on Friday 26th September from 2pm. There will be fun for everyone with maypole dancing, cream tea, additional Victorian games and more.

If you would like to know more about our schools, please see our website or contact us - see contact details at the top of this page.



Working Together in Partnership



Two wonderful small schools, conveniently situated just off the A12
Where every child is valued and given the chance to shine!



Bentley CEVC Primary School



PLACES AVAILABLE
Contact us to
arrange a visit.

THE END OF AN ERA FOR BENTLEY'S TODDLER GROUP

Pam Rayment who set the group up in 1985 is retiring to have a very well earned rest! Pam has only missed 2 days in 40 years of running the group. Parents and children past and present came along to wish her an emotional farewell with gifts and cards.

Pam still hopes that someone will come forward to keep the group going. **If you are interested, please contact her on 07970 741581.**



Britain's Best Kept Secret

Did you know that Britain had a Secret Army?

Did you know that local men were part of the British Resistance?

Did you know that there were secret bunkers all over the Suffolk countryside?

In 1940 the innocently named Auxiliary Units, sometimes known as Churchill's Secret Army were set up as a sabotage organisation in case of invasion and occupation.

The members of the Auxiliary Units were highly trained and incredibly determined "stay behinds," farmers, tractor drivers, stockmen etc, who were to remain undetected in carefully concealed bunkers (Operating Bases – OB's) as the invading German Army made its way through Britain. They would have become the British underground resistance.

The wartime experiences of the units and OBs were kept secret for many years but there is still evidence of the underground bunkers locally and a replica can be seen at the Parham Airfield Museum.

Many of these men still have relatives living and working locally in the very areas in which they were operating. The Stay Behinds website - www.staybehinds.com/cg/suffolk-group-5Photos lists at least 5 Suffolk Groups and Suffolk Group 5 includes units from Copdock, Wenham, Bentley, East Bergholt, Hintlesham, Raydon and Sproughton and member's names are listed where available.

Do you know any of the men in the photographs? Are you related?

St. John's Church, Gt. Wenham

Britain's Secret Army



The role of the "stay behinds" in our villages during WWII

presented by
Chris Pratt

*from the British Resistance Organisation
at Parham Airfield Museum*

Friday 26th September

7.30 pm

St. John's Church

Gt. Wenham

CO7 6PL

£12 per person

Incl. Wine &
Light Refreshments

Book your ticket at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/greatwenham

Tel: 03336 663366

Chris Pratt from the British Resistance Organisation will be giving a fascinating insight into the Auxiliary Units at St Johns Church on 26 September. Please join us!

FOOTPATH SOCIETY

For summer Footpath Walks please refer to the shop external notice board for details and / or ring John on 01473 310589 or Colin on 01473 310678.

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 July 2025 preceded by a Playing Field Society Meeting at 7pm

Six Councillors, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, and 7 members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr M Bamford, Cllr D Jones & Speedwatch Coordinator
Planning – There was two planning decisions- and three new Planning Applications Reports have been received from County Councillor Georgia Hall & Speedwatch.

Matters discussed:

- Land East of Capel Road (Fruit Farm) – Outline Planning Permission
- RTA on Station Road leading to level crossing between HGV and people carrier – The PC are in discussions with SCC and it was suggested that residents also write to their local MP about dangers of traffic diverting through village
- Bentley Conservation Area – the Conservation Area Appraisal Management Plan needs to be edited following feedback from Babergh District Council.
- Decision not to go ahead with signage re SCC quote was ratified
- Review of the Neighbourhood Plan – The Government have cut all funding for support of Neighbourhood Plans. The PC may have to consider using CIL funds to complete the review of our Neighbourhood Plan
- Village Gateways - put on hold for the foreseeable future
- Affordable Housing – Meeting with Housing Enabling Officer & Hastoe arranged
- Playing Field Society –Brantham Athletic Youth will be using the field on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings for training and some Saturdays or Sundays for games in July & August - Signs regarding dogs on leads on School Field are now in place – Equipment on the Play Area/Case Lane entrance to Playing Field/ and resident's complaint were discussed. The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Full draft minutes are available on the P C website -

<https://www.bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk>

MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

BROCKLEY WOOD QUARRY and WASTE PROCESSING PLANT (SCC/0105/22B)

Regrettably the Brockley Wood Gravel pit and associated industrial waste processing plant application was granted by Suffolk County Council, despite some very cogent opposition from some Councillors. Now we have to try to hold the operators to their various pledges of good practice and policing their transport strategy.

Michael Bamford, Chairman

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

SPEEDWATCH IN BENTLEY

Vacancy SPEEDWATCH CO-ORDINATOR

Bentley Parish Council are looking for a new Speedwatch Co-ordinator. Speedwatch has been in operation for a number of years and has helped slow down traffic through the village considerably. Training and help will be given by the previous Co-ordinator to the successful applicant.

Volunteers are also needed to join the Speedwatch Team – could you spare an hour of your time to join this dedicated team to help improve road safety in our village?

If you are interested please contact the Clerk.

Joy Scott – Clerk

Whites Cottage, Heath Road, East Bergholt CO7 6RJ

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2025 at THE CASE IS ALTERED, BENTLEY

We are delighted to tell you we will be once again holding our very popular Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care

on **Saturday 27 September, 10am to 2.00pm.**

In the past you've been fantastically generous with donations of cake and savouries, and we know this year will be no different. Your contributions can be dropped off at the pub from 9.00am on Saturday.

As well as cakes and savouries, there will be tea and coffee, and the bar will be open from 10.00am. You can buy cakes to take home for later, and there's a chance to win a luxury hamper.

All are welcome – see you there!



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WE ARE OPEN EVERY MORNING

Weekdays 9 to 1.30, Saturdays 9 to 12 noon, Sundays 9 to 11

We hope that you are enjoying the lovely summer weather and making the most of the delicious summer fruits, **strawberries, raspberries, cherries and blueberries**, all of which are on sale in our shop. You may like some **ice cream** with your fruit. We have a variety of family tubs to choose from and have recently added another choice to our range. We now stock Bennetts **ice cream in Vanilla and Devon Toffee flavours**. And may add other flavours in future if these prove to be popular. Don't forget our selection of ice creams and lollies in the ice cream freezer. **New additions there are Haribo and Smarties lollies.**



Other new lines recently added to our range, are healthy organic snacks and family packs of baked beans, soups and tomatoes.

Since our last Bugle article, we have had to change our bread supplier. Our new baker is **Whistle's of Hadleigh**. We can't get the same range of bread as before, but will do our best to continue offering a wide variety of

good quality bread and rolls at reasonable prices. They also offer a wonderful range of **cakes and pastries, which can be ordered on request**. Pop in and check the list in the shop.

As always, we have our pies from Country Pies, orders can be placed for your special requirements. Remember, we always try to keep our **prices competitive** and to stock a varied range of goods for all your needs.

If you would like to join our happy band of volunteers, please get in touch.

Info@bentleystores.co.uk

CAPEL ST MARY LIBRARY

Capel Library welcomes everyone! We are a small and friendly library based in the heart of the Capel community. We offer books, internet access, children's activities, tea and coffee, all with a friendly smile.

Warm Welcome

Suffolk Libraries have always provided safe, warm spaces for anyone to come and spend time in or find support and resources. Even though the weather is warming up now, we're still offering free hot drinks and some essential items like soap, toothpaste and shower gel as part of our warm welcome. You are always welcome to use the computer and charge your devices too.

Home Library Service

We're currently looking for a Home Library Service volunteer. If this is something you'd be interested in doing or would like some more information, please contact Capel Library.

Regular Events in the Library

Get Connected sessions:

We now have Get Connected sessions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month between 10-12. If you're struggling with anything technology related, please pop along and our volunteer will help you! You can just turn up, but if you phone the library and book a place, we can let our volunteer know what you need help with.

Tot Rock & Stay & Play:

Every Thursday from 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. This is now completely free and you can drop in anytime between 10:30-12:30. We can also get out some Duplo or mega blocks for younger ones. Come and join us for some building fun!

Saturday and Sunday Crafts:

We are now doing our craft sessions on Saturdays as well as Sundays! Drop in between 10.30-12.30 and get crafty at Capel Library. All children and families are welcome. All materials are supplied and there is no charge.

We welcome book donations, and don't forget we sell cards and stamps too!

OPENING TIMES

Monday: Closed
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Saturday: 9.00am-3.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am-3.00pm

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Bentley Toddler Group

Registered Charity No:1026973

Sadly, due to health problems and decreasing numbers, the group will not be restarting in September.

If anyone has contact with other groups in the area, we have a lot of toys and equipment that need a good home.

Please call Pam on 07970 741581 or 07802 452219. Thanks.



The Scrabble Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

If you would like a gentle game of Scrabble, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat please come along and join us.

Dates of the meetings are shown on the Bugle diary page. Robin Owen



BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.” (*Proverbs 28v13*)

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Every Sunday at 10.45am

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Neither can we do anything to provide a remedy for our sins. No amount of good works or effort on our part will do, for our sins are against an infinite, holy God. And He is a just God, who must punish sin.

The only remedy is the sacrificial death and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross. If we come to Him, confessing and repenting (turning from) our sins, and believing upon Him for salvation, then our sins will be forgiven, and we will be made right with God.

“.. the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (*1 John 1v7, 9*)

Regular Weekly Services:

Prayer and Bible Study – Tuesdays 7pm

Worship Services – Sundays 10.45am and 3pm

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The last few months have been incredibly busy. I have been involved in Crucial Crew at both Sudbury and Ipswich. Crucial Crew is a personal safety programme run through Suffolk for year 6 children and a variety of different organisations are involved to deliver safety messages.

The topic for the Police this time was indecent images and social media. We are finding that children are being immersed into the digital age earlier and earlier and let's face it, a phone isn't simply a phone anymore - oh no, it's so much more. I often ask the question; can you survive without your phone? Of course you can, but can you live without your phones? The answer is still yes but we are relying on them more and more- diaries, shopping, reading the news, banking, satnav, communication-emails, keeping in contact with friends and family. The list is extensive. With this technology at our fingertips the risk to our safety increases massively.



Youth imagery is part of my role remit, so if a child decides to take, make or distribute an indecent image then I will be the Officer involved.

Anti-social behaviour is also in my role remit and year on year we see an increase of ASB. Off road motorbikes continue to cause issues in several areas and it's very difficult to Police as they will starburst as soon as they see us. We continue to act where we can, but I am acutely aware of the frustrations you may be feeling.

Any information please contact. **PC Kate will be at the Coffee at The Case on Friday 5th September from 10.30 am.**

Finally, a reminder that the next Police and Parish Forum will be on Wednesday 24th September at Stoke By Nayland village hall at 19:30.

If you need to report a crime, please use the online service on the Suffolk Police website or call 101. PC Katie Jarrett.

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