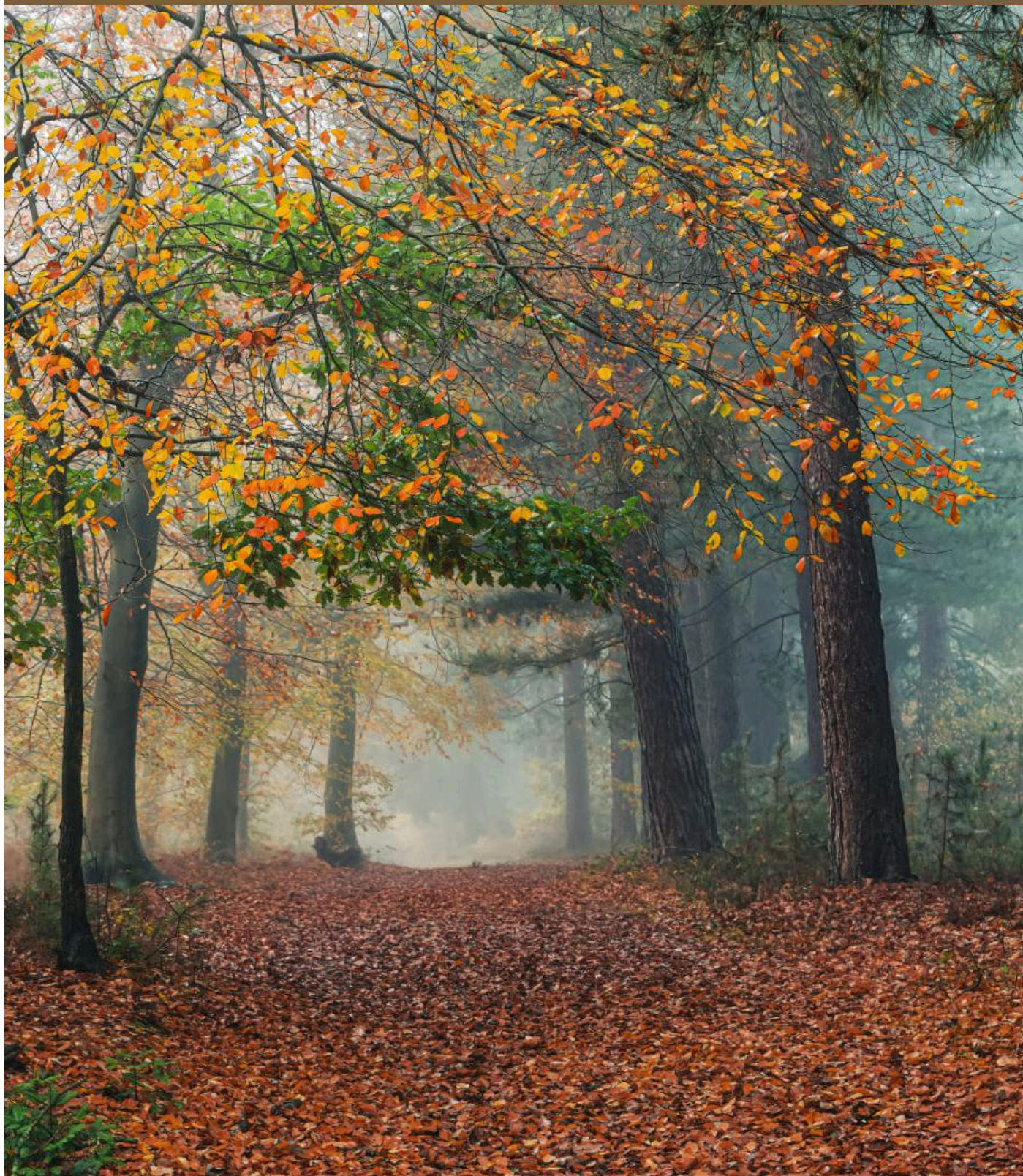


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### COUNCILLOR DAVID BUSBY

Thank you Dave for all you gave our community. You have represented us admirably as our District Councillor with a twinkling smile and dry humour and enjoyed taking an active part in our community events. You were there, always supporting, with a listening ear and a genuine care and passion about local issues. We will miss you and will raise a glass to you and celebrate your life and all you achieved and gave to Bentley.



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

Other village websites are listed in the publication.

# Parish Diary

## **OCTOBER 25**

1st - Comrades - Village Hall - Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm  
1st & 15th - Whist Drive - Village Hall - from 7.30 - 9 pm  
2nd - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30pm  
7th & 21st - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm  
8th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall 7.30pm  
9th & 23rd - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm  
9th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm  
11th - Church Quiz Night - Village Hall - from 7 pm  
15th - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm  
16th - District Council Polling Day - Village Hall  
17th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall - from 7.30 pm  
18th - Food Vendor - Real Thai Food - Case is Altered from 5-8 pm  
18th - Live Music Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm  
25th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8pm

## **NOVEMBER 25**

4th & 18th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm  
5th & 19th - Whist Drive - Village Hall - from 7.30 - 9pm  
5th - Comrades - Village Hall - Blackmore Room at 7.30pm  
6th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30pm  
9th - Remembrance Service - War Memorial at 10.50 am  
9th - Afternoon Tea - Case is Altered - 3-5 pm  
12th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall 7.30pm  
13th & 27th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm  
13th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm  
15th - Food Vendor - Wok n'Roll - Case is Altered from 5-8 pm  
19th - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm  
21st - Horticultural Society AGM - Village Hall - from 7.30 pm  
22nd - Bowls Club Race Night - Village Hall  
22nd - Soul Disco Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm  
29th - Monthly Quiz Night - Case is Altered at 8pm

## **Other Activities in the Village**

NEW! Bentley Baby and Toddler Group - Every Mon 9.30-11.30 am  
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 OCTOBER 2025

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Connect at Brantham with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am Morning Worship with Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am Morning Worship with Communion with Rev Chris Willis

## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am Connect at East Bergholt with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am Morning Worship with Communion with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am Morning Worship

## HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH

**Thank you to everyone who brought a plate to share. A picnic style lunch was provided to all who attended and thank you for the donations of non perishable foods, tins and packets.**

## **CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Bentley Village Hall**

Please bring your own drinks and snacks - £4 per person in teams of up to six. There will be a raffle – prizes would be appreciated on the night.

Tickets available on the door but we would appreciate letting us know if you will be attending for numbers.

## **All Souls Service – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 5pm in the Churchyard.**

**THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November** will be held at the War Memorial starting at 10.50am. Please join us for this special service.

## **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. **We will be collecting Christmas gifts for adults and children during November and the start of December at the Christingle service. Donations are always much appreciated.**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**CONNECT Service will be at Bentley – 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am**

**Sing a long Carols at Bentley Village Hall – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm**

**Christingle Service at Bentley – 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**

Come along and create your own Christingle, we may get a visit from a special visitor.

**Carols and Lessons in St Mary's – 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10am**

**Crib Service – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm**

**Christmas Day Communion – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**

## 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.

## UPKEEP OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

It costs £300 a week to keep your beautiful and historic church open. We have a QR code using your smartphone to make a donation or you can join the Friends of Bentley Church with a regular payment throughout the year. Please make contact with someone from the list below. Support is very much appreciated.



## Lost and Found?

When I was a young police officer, back in the days when you would find a uniformed Constable in the front office of a police station (by the way, I realise with some embarrassment, I'm sounding like one of those old coppers now – swinging the lamp recalling the good old days!!), I dealt with a lot of enquiries from people coming in about lost and found property – purses, keys, bicycles, dogs and on one occasion a pet rabbit!

Later in my service I spent a lot of time searching for *lost people*; that is people who were reported as being missing. Often by a loved one.

One of the key factors when trying to find a missing person, is whether they actually want to be found? Indeed, some people may not even realise they are reported missing! And some people when reported missing simply don't want to be found, and others know they are missing, and long for someone to find them.

I was reminded about a story that Jesus told about people who are missing. He of course, was not speaking about them being missing physically, but lost spiritually – using the picture of a sheep being separated from the flock. The story goes on...how the shepherd (representing Jesus) had 100 sheep - then realising only one was missing, thought that one so valuable, that he left the 99 on the hillside, and went in search for the one missing sheep – then finding it, celebrated and carried it back joyfully on his shoulders.

When I look at the church on a Sunday morning, I really celebrate the '99' who are there – but often my heart and mind are turned to those who are missing. And I wondered, how many of us think we are missing, and long to be found and how many of us don't consider ourselves missing at all?

I'm not a police officer anymore – but have the privilege to be the local Rector. You might say – I've gone from one form of searching for lost people, to another – one physically, and the other spiritually.

I don't know whether you ever feel lost – or like the idea of being found...but if you do – if you are the 100<sup>th</sup> sheep in the story – may I reassure you and encourage you - the same shepherd is still searching!

May God bless you, your home and your family with his presence and peace.

Rev Chris, Rector

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

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Carolyn, Sian and Eilish would like to send thanks to everyone in the village for their kindness and support following the death of our lovely husband, dad and grandad Peter Evans.

Special thanks to Rev Chris Willis and the Church family. Also to the great team at The Case is Altered.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the tribute page which raised £850 for Peter's chosen charity Children with Cancer UK. Peter would have been very proud.

## BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

Our season has now finished and we have done well in both leagues finishing 2nd in the Samford League and will therefore be promoted to the 2nd division next season. In the Triples League we came joint 4th but 5th on shot difference. Well done to all our existing and new bowlers.

We have finished our club competitions with Barry Ford winning the men's 2 woods with Bill Slegg runner up, Barry also won the 4 woods with Simon Faiers runner up. We had some very good bowling on finals day. The pairs competition played earlier in the season was won by Kevin Benton and Colin Rose. Three of our players got through to the final of the Samford Competitions and played in the final at Margaret Catchpole green. The final was keenly fought with Norbridge coming out winners. Kevin, Bill and Colin put up a great fight and only lost the game in the last few ends, we are really proud of them.

Our next fundraiser is a **Race Night on Saturday 22 November 2025** in the Village Hall. We shall have a raffle and bar but bring your own nibbles. Tickets will be available shortly from Colin Rose 01473 313102 priced at £5. We hope you will come and support us.

We shall be working on the green at the end of September to get it ready for next season. We are always looking for new bowlers so why not think about coming to join us next year. Our season will start at the end April.

**Lillian Calvert Secretary 01473 808652**

## BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Village Show was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th August 2025. It was considered a success despite the difficult growing conditions due to the extremely hot weather - so well done everyone.

The following is a list of the Cup winners -

The South View Cup	Flowers	Sandra Ford	
Mills Cup	Pot plant in bloom	Indoor foliage plant	Angela Ross
Carruthers Cup	Annual competition plant - Fuschia	Veronica Howe	
Farmers Cup	Vegetables Herb and Longest Runner Bean	Barry Ford	
James Cup	Fruit	Barry Ford	
Saward Cup	Domestic classes	Angela Ross	
John Blackmore Memorial Cup	Most Entries in Vegetable Class	Barry Ford	
Arnold Cup	Best in Show	Helen Whiteman	
Presidents Shield	Most Points in Show	Emma Finney-Hewitson	

Very well done to all the winners and thank you to all those who entered. Our thanks also to Robin Owen who has for years done all the administration work for the Show.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION which takes place at the AGM...The subject is AUTUMN COLOUR taken in the UK THIS YEAR.

### Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are on 17th October with Chris Parfitt speaking on The Fauna and Flowers of the Scilly Isles. The AGM is on 21st November. Meetings are held in the village Hall at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. **Pam Lovell**

## BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Our last three summer league matches have now been completed and were quite successful. Against Stutton we were back to our best once again and won convincingly 8-2. At Chelmondiston the opposing team wanted seven points to win the league. We made it very difficult for them by winning one and drawing the other on the first two mats. However they managed to win both the remaining two mats with difficulty to secure a 7-3 victory to just win the league. Congratulations to them.

Stutton away was our final match which we just won on aggregate 6-4 after some very hard fought games. So a quite successful season saw us win four and lose four to finish exactly in the middle of the league.

In the meantime we have had a Beetle Drive at the Village Hall and managed to raise £163.54 for club funds.

Thanks to all who supported and helped with the Drive. We are now looking forward to our winter league fixtures. **David Howe**

## NOTES FROM THE CASE



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Our glorious summer seems, at the moment, to have come to an abrupt end but as everyone has been saying we do need the rain. We can only hope that perhaps over the next few weeks we will see a few late summer days before winter's chilly days and nights really set in. As always at this time of year we at the Case are counting down to Christmas (yes already!) but we do have some very busy months before that.

### More Music at the Case

October and November both see more music at the Case. On **Saturday 18 October** (following Real Thai Food) we have a local duo, **Len and Juliette** with their style of folk music to entertain us. On the same evening and preceding them we have **David Williams** who is a regular at our monthly Open Mic Nights. The music will start around **8pm**.

Then on **Saturday 22 November** we have something very new at the Case to entertain you, a **Soul Disco Night!** Paul aka **Milly** is a DJ for Ipswich Community Radio and has his own two hour Friday evening 'SOS' slot, **Soul of Suffolk** when he plays his favourite music which is a mix of classic soul, funk and R&B. So get your dancing shoes dusted off and come and join in with the fun. For more information for both events please see posters around the pub closer to the time.

### Open Mic Nights

Our Open Mic Nights continue to be very popular and are attracting great guest performers as well as our regular jammers. The next two dates for your diary are **Thursday 9 October** and **Thursday 13 November**. Music starts around **8pm**. As always PA is provided, all performers welcome! Further enquires please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

### Charity Afternoon Tea with Fizz

To support our charity of the year, **EACH**, East Anglia Children's Hospice, we are holding an extra special **Afternoon Tea** - with a difference. On **Sunday 9 November**, Remembrance Sunday between **3.30 pm-5 pm**, we will be hosting another of our very successful afternoon teas. This time though each diner will be able to enjoy a 120ml bottle of **Adnams Prosecco**, along with the normal tea or coffee options. Tickets for the event will be available closer to the time but **numbers are strictly limited** so please keep a look out for more information in the pub and shop closer to the date.

### Community Lunches

Our community lunches have become a real success and have so far been over subscribed each month. The next two dates are **Wednesday 15 October** and **Wednesday 19 November**. As before a menu will be available to view in Bentley Stores along with the form to sign up on. **All are welcome**.

### **Visiting Street Food**

On **Saturday 18 October**, before the music, **Real Thai Food** is making a very welcome return visit. Where possible it is always advisable to place a **pre-order**. **To do so, please call on 07951 613 382**. Then on **Saturday 15 November** our favourite **Chinese** inspired food vendor, **Wok n' Roll** will be with us. Both vendors will be serving from **5pm - 8pm**. As always, food can be eaten inside the pub from 5pm. **Families welcome**.

### **Quiz Nights**

Can you beat our quiz masters? Quiz nights are a firm favourite with many in the village and those from further a field. **Quiz starts at 8pm**. Teams are up to 6 people, entry £2 per person. First prize, £36 in pub vouchers. Losers receive a wooden spoon. Our next two quiz nights are **Saturday 25 October** and **Saturday 29 November**. All profits from the quiz and raffle go to our charity of the year, **EACH, East Anglia Children's Hospice**. If you would like to set a quiz for next year please, contact Chris at [cottage.garden@btinternet.com](mailto:cottage.garden@btinternet.com) and we'll add you to the list.

### **Art Exhibition**

We are now looking for new work for our next exhibition of local art work. The work can be in any medium but must be able to be hung on the wall. Paintings, prints, photographs or 3D relief work should be framed, unless on canvas and the largest pieces no bigger than A1. We know our customers have really enjoyed the various exhibitions we have hosted over the last few years and some of the work have been real talking points. If you or someone you know would be interested in show casing their work please speak to someone at the bar or contact the chair at [chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk](mailto:chair@thecasepubbentley.co.uk).

### **Games Nights**

As the nights start to draw in we have already been asked if we are going to be running our Saturday games nights this winter – and we certainly are! Board games can be played any Saturday evening during the winter months – if, of course, there are no other events happening at the pub. Come along anytime and choose from one of our many board games or if you wish to bring your own board game.

### **Carols at the Case.**

And finally just a few things for your diary – we will be holding our annual Christmas Carols on **Sunday 21 December, starting at 4pm**. Come and join us for a cheery celebration of Christmas Carols.

### **Christmas Opening times**

**Christmas Eve - (Wednesday 24 December): 6pm – 10pm**

**Christmas Day - (Thursday 25 December): 12 – 2pm**

**Boxing Day – (Friday 26 December): 12 – 2pm and 6 – 10:30pm**

**New Year's Eve - (Wednesday 31 December): 8.00pm – Late**

**New Year's Day – (Thursday 1 January): 12 – 2pm and 6 – 10pm**

See you soon.

## **BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH**

“God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law.” (Galatians 4v4)

**All welcome to hear about the way of salvation in the  
Lord Jesus Christ**

**Every Sunday at 10.45am**

On one occasion Jesus was crossing the Sea of Galilee in a small ship with His disciples when a severe, violent storm arose - so bad was it that the ship was about to sink.

Jesus was asleep, so the disciples woke Him in a panic saying: “Lord, save us: we perish.” (Matthew 8v25). Jesus then arose, rebuking the winds and the sea, so that immediately there was a great calm.

The disciples were amazed and afraid and asked: “What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!” (Matthew 8v27)

The answer is that He is both truly Man (as seen in His being asleep in the ship due to tiredness), and truly God (as seen in His power over the elements); two natures forever joined together in one Person.

The Saviour must be a perfect Man to have paid the penalty for sin, perfectly obeyed God’s law and to represent sinners.

He must also be God so that His sacrifice on the cross would have infinite value, to sustain Him as He bore God’s wrath for sin, and so He can apply His work of salvation to sinners.

Have you repented of your sins, and believed and trusted in Jesus?

### **Regular Weekly Services:**

**Prayer and Bible Study – Tuesdays 7pm**

**Worship Services – Sundays 10.45am and 3pm**

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## WILDLIFE NOTES

### SUPPORTING BATS

Over the past thirty years, 13 bat species have been recorded in Suffolk, ranging from the commonly found common pipistrelle to a rare sighting of a solitary hibernating lesser horseshoe bat.

#### Pipistrelle Bat

Identifying bats, if not being handled, is largely done by the analysis of their echolocating calls. The American researcher *Donald R. Griffin* is often credited with pioneering the modern understanding of bat echolocation. In the 1930's and 40's, Griffin demonstrated that bats emit high-frequency sounds and use the returning echoes to detect objects in their environment, much like sonar. His research revolutionized our understanding of how bats



navigate in complete darkness and hunt for food.

Today those high-frequency sounds are still not fully understood however they do go a long way in species identification. Length, frequency and the type of call are all analysed in order to get an accurate species identification.

Most species of bats call at a frequency too high for human ear. However, Noctule calls can be heard by some adults and children. Their calls range from 20 to 45kHz and peak at 25kHz. So if you do ever hear a bat chances are it's these, the UK's largest bat.

As I mention in most of my articles, we're lucky enough to live in an area which supports so much wildlife and while not everybody's favourite animal, we should not neglect bats when trying to make our gardens more wildlife friendly.

Some plants that you could consider adding to your garden include honeysuckle, night scented Jasmine, rosemary, lavender and cornflower just to name a few. Any night scented and flowering species that attracts insects will in turn attract and support bats. Further enhancements can include the addition of bat boxes however it is worth noting that once up bat boxes are only supposed to be disturbed by a licensed ecologist so think carefully about the placement of your box and be sure that it won't be disturbed.

**For more information about how to build a bat box see -**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/build-a-bat-box>

**Fletcher Telling**

## Celebrating our Bentley Bluebell WI Artist

You would have seen in Ipswich this summer giant hare sculptures around the town. This was part of a sponsored programme called "Hop to it." Angie one of our talented artists in the village received two design sponsorships. One was called "Teddy Hare" sponsored by Ipswich Buses and the other "Punk Hare Do" sponsored by Willis Building in Ipswich. Angie has also exhibited her paintings for sale at the Case is Altered.

Angie has had no formal art training after leaving secondary school. She married and travelled with her husband and children over the years as they moved around Royal Air Force stations. During this



time, Angie managed to paint as a hobby and on one occasion was asked to design a stained-glass window for the church at RAF Laarbruch in Germany to commemorate the station's involvement and support during the first Gulf war. Another commission was at RAF Marham where she painted a very large mural, and met Queen Elizabeth when she visited.

Like many teenagers in the 1970s, Angie would have loved to have gone to University to study art, but dyslexia constrained her. It wasn't recognised as it is today, and she left school with no meaningful exam results. At the age of about 40 she discovered she was dyslexic when doing a simple test, and approached a local college of further education. After just one year she managed to achieve 2 x A\*s in GCSEs and 1 x AS level in Art. She would have carried on studying but she was posted abroad again.

In recent years she completed numerous portraits for people and done a lot of prophetic art, art that captures the essence of bible scriptures. At present Angie is the resident artist at Burlington Baptist Church in Ipswich.

Angie has designed and painted several Wild in Art sculptures for the St Elizabeth Hospice in Ipswich. She became involved in their second campaign with the "Elmer's on Parade" when her father was attending the Hospice day centre in 2018. They had just launched the campaign, and were looking for artists to put forward designs for the next summer's parade in 2019. Angie entered two designs and one was chosen, "Elmer's Travel Trunk". Each sculpture had a sponsor and Fred Olson Travel chose hers. They went on to purchase their Elmer at the Auction for over £4,000 and sent him on three four-month cruises to raise even more money for the hospice with various events on board and raised over £24,000.

The next campaign the Hospice organised was "The Big Hoot" in 2021 and Angela was asked to design and paint the initial Owl to start the campaign off. Her design was called "A Hoot to Suffolk", which had the county flower, and other things and places that Suffolk are famous for. In the following year Angie was asked to design an owl for Fred Olson again, but this time it was different; they had a competition amongst their guests to design an owl - they had quite a few entries. Angie got to help choose the winning design, one that she could interpret into a painting of an owl. She chose one called "Owl Hands on Deck!" Incidentally the two Fred Olson sculptures can be seen looking out of Fred Olson's main office windows.

In September this year, the Hare sculptures went under the hammer at a packed-out auction, raising more than £250,000 for the St Elizabeth Hospice charity.

Looking forward to retirement, Angie is hoping not to take on any commissions but to focus on what she wants to do! We at the WI really appreciate her support in our artistic endeavours. **Emma Finney-Hewitson**



## Thanks from Bentley Bottles

After five great years of running Bentley Bottles, it's time for me to move on and let somebody else take the reins. I just want to say a big thank you to all my customers - your support, generosity and loyalty has meant a lot to me, and I've really enjoyed getting to know so many of you.

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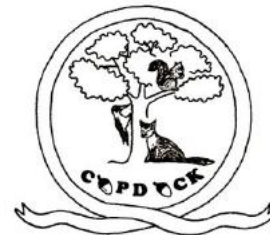
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It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this term. All had big smiles and were excited to be back with friends.

We have had a busy start to the year already, with lots of new opportunities to take on leadership roles across the school. Head Pupils have led assemblies on safeguarding, School Council are planning charity fundraising events and our road safety officers will be supporting walk to school campaigns as part of our climate action plan.

Children are working extremely hard to demonstrate our school vision in daily life, so we look forward to celebrating achievements as we all become...

## **Confident individuals, Successful learners and Responsible citizens!**

Monday has become our Federation Learning Day, with both schools gathering for an exciting day of activities including Forest School, PE coaching and swimming, music and languages. We can't wait to put our coaching to good use with the sporting tournaments on offer this term!

Bentley children and their families joined together for the Harvest Service at Church and brought donations which were for the homeless families unit at East Villa in Ipswich.

Our federation Victorian Learning day was in September, children dressed up in typical Victorian clothing and had their hygiene check to start the day. We finished the day with the Macmillan coffee and cake fundraising afternoon. Parents were served delicious cakes whilst children entertained them.

The new year has also seen the launch of our new school Instagram page: @bentleyandcopdockfederation

**If you are keen to find out more about our schools, why not make a visit. We would be delighted to show you around.**

**Formal Open Events begin week commencing 10th November:**

**Copdock Evening 11th November 6pm**

**Copdock Open Day 12th November 9.30am**

**Bentley tours throughout the week**

***However, school tours can be booked at anytime!***

## **COMING SOON ... A POSH AFTERNOON TEA AT THE CASE**



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## **Bentley Fireworks - Update September 25**

It is with genuine regret that Jan and I must let you know that we will not be able to organise or run the Bentley fireworks this year. This has not been an easy decision; we have explored various options and tried to find a way for others to lead the team, but sadly, it has not proved possible. Due to my current course of treatment, it is simply not practical for me to be involved in the event this time around.



We have both thoroughly enjoyed helping to put on the Bentley fireworks over the years (even if Covid did disrupt things for a while), and we are proud of how successful and well-received the events have been. They have become a much-loved part of village life, and it has been wonderful to see so many people coming together to enjoy them.

Of course, these events were never just about Jan and I. There has always been a fantastic team of volunteers behind the scenes, without whom none of this would have been possible. We want to extend a huge thank you to every single person who has given their time and effort to make the fireworks such a success.

It would be such a shame for the fireworks tradition to come to an end, and we very much hope that some villagers might be willing to pick up the baton and take things forward in the future. To help with this, we have an electronic file outlining the basics of how we have organised the event in previous years. We are more than happy to share this with anyone interested in helping keep this much-loved tradition alive.

If you would like to find out more or discuss what is involved, please do get in touch with us or Bentley Parish Council. Thank you once again to everyone for your support and enthusiasm over the years – it truly has made all the difference. **Tim and Jan**

## BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 September 2025 Preceded by a Playing Field Society Meeting at 7pm

Six Councillors, Footpath Warden, County Councillor Georgia Hall, District Councillor Helen Davies and 6 members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr D Jones, Cllr Thomas, Tree Warden & Speedwatch Planning – There was three planning decisions – two new applications and an appeal regarding the Solar Farm were received.

Reports received from District Councillor Helen Davies, Tree Warden & Speedwatch.

### Matters discussed

- Government Devolution was discussed in the Public Session
- Land East of Capel Road – Outline Planning Permission for 18 houses
- Brockley Wood – Information re Community Liaison Group
- Consultation CPM1015 – Proposed upgrade of Footpath 55 (Case Lane) to Bridleway
- Revision of Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan
- Funding & siting of Information Board & signage for the Conservation Area
- The Parish Council accepted Councillor Schumacher's resignation.
- Purchase of Chaplet for Remembrance Sunday
- Review of the Neighbourhood Plan – Awaiting quote for costs from our Consultant
- Quarterly Accounts were approved
- Hedge on Playing Field by 28 West Mill Green – quotes awaited
- Affordable Housing – Costs for Housing Needs Survey received
- Weedkilling re The Copse
- Playing Field Society –Brantham Athletic Youth will be using the field until the end of September – Quote for Replacement of gate set further back & rehang single field gate was accepted.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m. Full minutes can be see on the PC's website -

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

### THANK YOU

Jill, Samantha, Damian and their families send a very big thank you to everybody who made the celebration of Adrian's life so special. All those who attended the funeral, Chris, the rector, who led the service and had been so supportive during the difficult days before. The wonderful team at the Case who worked so hard to make the wake a time for catching up with family, old friends and colleagues and the wonderful supportive village residents.

Thank you to all the people who donated to our chosen Charity, Cancer UK, Research, an amazing sum of over £800 has been raised. **Jill Mills**

## TUESDAY CLUB

How quickly the time is passing - we are almost into the winter months but we have some good speakers and entertainers to get our Members through. Firstly let's recap on what we have enjoyed so far, we had Chair Aerobics and games with Mandy, Lorrie and Gray entertained us with Music and Song and Barbara gave a very interesting talk on 'The Cosy Cuppa'. All Members will have Afternoon Tea at Hintlesham Golf Club.

Still to come in October we have Mandy back for more Chair Aerobics. Kim a Paramedic will give a talk on First Aid. Gary from the Coffee Caravan will be along with all up to date information from the various local Agencies. Finally in the month of November Mandy will be along for her last class of Chair Aerobics.

The end of the year is fast approaching so if you are thinking of coming along to see what we are all about then please do so - you will be made very welcome.

**Catherine Sweeney, Secretary**

This is a real case which an adviser from Sudbury and South Suffolk Citizens Advice dealt with recently. We are only a phone call away! Citizens Advice 01787 321400



The client, age 65, was clearly distressed and showed the adviser a letter she had received from the Pension Service informing her that she was not entitled to a state pension because she had less than 10 years of National Insurance contributions.

It transpired that she had been working for a relative's business for the majority of her working life, believing that her National Insurance contributions were being deducted from her employee income. It appears that this was not the case and that the relative had failed to safeguard her state pension entitlement by processing her National Insurance. The relative had since died.

At this stage the client believed that she faced retirement without a regular income, but the adviser assured the client that this was not so.

The client, in the absence of a state pension entitlement, would become entitled to **Pension Credit** of (at the time) a weekly value of £217. Her rent would be paid via housing benefit and her council tax paid via council tax support entitlements.

Additionally, a Winter Fuel Payment of £200 would be paid and a Warm Homes Discount of £150 deducted from her electricity usage. Also, she would be entitled to a Cold Weather Payment of £25 a week, subject to winter weather temperatures.

The client was, understandably, delighted.

***Please do not park cars on the grass verges. This causes ruts that worsen in winter when the ground is wet. Colin Hawes***

## BENTLEY COMMUNITY STORES

*We are open every morning*

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

With the warm summer days behind and winter fast approaching, we turn our thoughts from strawberries and cream and ice cream to warm soups and stews and hot meat pies. (You may be interested to know that we have sold over 500 punnets of strawberries and over 200 of raspberries this summer).

If you visit our shop, you will find all you need to make delicious soups and stews from our fresh or frozen vegetables and our pulses and tasty meat pies with meat from East End Butchers.

For a quick alternative to home cooking, we have range of canned soups, cup-a-soups and pot noodles, plus our family packs of canned soups. Pies from Country Pies are always in stock. Vegetarian options are also available to order. We will also be stocking large and small fruit pies for a quick warm dessert, to be served with custard. Yum yum!

The shop is run by a group of volunteers, who serve behind the counter, buy stock or do admin work behind the scenes. New volunteers are always welcome, so if you fancy joining our happy band, please get in touch.

Email [info@bentleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@bentleystores.co.uk).

### **Constable Country Medical Practice News and Updates**

In today's rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, it's essential to remember that your local medical practice may not always be the first point of contact for every health issue. Please remember the other agencies available that might be more suited to address your specific needs, ensuring you receive the most appropriate care and advice. With the vastly expanding catchment area of the Practice, never, has this been more important to try elsewhere first, if you can.

As we approach the autumn months, it's crucial to stay informed about the upcoming COVID-19 and flu vaccination schedules. We have secured dates, times, and venues for October to ensure everyone gets the necessary protection.

Just a reminder who is eligible for these vaccinations? Individuals aged 65 and over, those with long-term health conditions, pregnant women, residents of care homes, primary carers for older or disabled individuals, those receiving a carer's allowance, or anyone living with someone with a weakened immune system. We will be sending out the details in due course to all those who qualify.

# 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**

Here at Capel Library, we're still offering free hot drinks, and we still have a few items like soap and toothpaste that you can take if you need them.

## **The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema**

### **October's film: The Unholy Trinity**

October film will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and we'll be showing The Unholy Trinity. *"A tale of revenge, dark secrets, and buried treasures, the film is set against the turbulent backdrop of 1870s Montana. It picks up in the moments before the execution of Isaac Broadway, as he gives his estranged son, Henry, an impossible task: murder the man who framed him for a crime he didn't commit. Intent on fulfilling his promise, Henry travels to the remote town of Trinity, where an unexpected turn of events traps him in town and leaves him caught between Gabriel Dove, the town's upstanding new sheriff, and a mysterious figure named St. Christopher."*

Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7:30pm. Tickets in advance: £4.50 for members, £5 for non-members, £5.50 on the door. Fully licensed bar!

**Please keep an eye out on the Capel Library Facebook page for details of what November's film will be!**

## **Colouring competition**

To mark the start of this year's Wild Reads programme, we're running a colouring competition for little nature explorers as part of our Go Wild offer for children and families for the chance to win some exciting prizes!

Pick up a colouring sheet from your local library, or head over to the Suffolk Community Libraries website and search 'colouring competition', then click on the first link that appears. You can then download and print any of the colouring sheets.

**They need to be handed into your local library before the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

Make sure to include your name and a parent or guardian's email address to be entered into the prize draw! Winners will receive bundles of age-appropriate books and book tokens.

## **Regular Events in the Library**

**Tot Rock and 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 and puzzle donations!

### **OPENING TIMES**

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**SEASON 2025**

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

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Last winter we saw an increase in shed/garage burglaries. Let's try to prevent this from happening again. Make sure your locks are substantial, consider cameras and movement activation lights.

**Halloween**, whether you agree with it or not, it is here every year and for the most part, young children will dress up and go trick or treating all in good spirits. However, there are some that want to ruin it for everyone else and cause a bit of bother. I don't think its written rule anywhere but if you are happy to have visitors knock at your door, leave out a pumpkin. For those of you going trick or treating please instil in your children to only knock on those with a pumpkin and to be respectful. If people leave bowls of sweets out, don't be rude - just take one and remember manners. A "please, thank you and your welcome" go a long way.

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

### "AMEN" CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025

'AMEN ' is the name of a Christian Charity who are asking for support with their Christmas Family Shoeboxes Appeal for 2025. 'AMEN' is a registered charity, more information can be found on their website [www.amentrust.co.uk](http://www.amentrust.co.uk) or on Facebook. These boxes are given to very poor communities in Romania, the emphasis being on the family and therefore should include something for Mum, Dad and Children.

All boxes will be delivered by volunteers direct to families in time for Christmas and will bring much joy and happiness. So can you help please? My name is Doreen Savage, the local co-ordinator. I have leaflets that contain ideas for things you can include in your boxes. I can obtain empty boxes and deliver to you and will happily collect filled ones or they can be left at my home - Delphis, Station Road, Bentley **before November 7<sup>th</sup> please.**

Contact me on 07784787596 or [doreen.savage2545@btinternet.com](mailto:doreen.savage2545@btinternet.com)

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