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may need to edit or omit copy.

Christine and Marianne

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Wisteria in full bloom - Bob Munday

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Bentley Parish Council website - <https://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

JUNE 26

- 3rd - Comrades - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
- 4th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30pm
- 6th - Food Vendor - Wagyu Burgers - Case is Altered from 5-8 pm
- 10th - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm
- 10th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Visit to Sutton Hoo
- 10th - Police and Parish Forum - Capel St Mary Community Hall at 7.30 pm
- 11th & 25th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm
- 11th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered from 8.00 pm
- 16th & 30th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm
- 19th - Morris Men - Case is Altered from 8 pm
- 27th - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8pm
- 28th - Afternoon Summer Disco with Dolly's Pizzas - Case is Altered 3-6 pm

JULY 26

- 1st - Comrades - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
- 2nd - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30pm
- 4th - Talk 'Bentley and the Founding of America' - St Mary's Church at 2.00 pm
- 5th - Cars at the Case - Village Playing Field from 11 am - 3.00 pm
- 8th - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm
- 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
- 15th & 28th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm
- 19th - Annual Garden Party - Case is Altered from 3 - 5 pm
- 25th - Monthly Quiz Night - Case is Altered at 8pm
- 26th - Music event 'Jane and Julie' - St Mary's Church at 2.00 pm

Other Activities in the Village

- 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.
- Book Group at the Case - every 4th Thursday at 7.30 pm.

NOTES FROM THE CASE



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Despite the rather chilly unseasonable weather we experienced during the month of May we at the Case would like to give **Charlie Partridge** a huge round of applause for really brightening up a drab May Day Bank Holiday Monday with his charity Darts Challenge. It was an undoubted success providing an afternoon of fun and lots of laughter. Charlie exceeded his fundraising target for the **Future Sense Foundation** to **£150** but he also raised **£146** for the Case's new charity of the year **Ipswich Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Centre**. Thank you to everyone who came to play and congratulations to Jenson the winner of the trophy.

Colchester Morris

On **Friday 19 June** we have a return visit from the **Colchester Morris Dancers**. The group are a Morris Ring side from North Essex. They were founded in 1926 and this year they are celebrating their 100th anniversary of Morris Dancing. In 2024 they dropped the title Morris Men as they became a mixed side with lady Morris Dancers in their group. They will be performing many of their traditional Cotswold dance routines outside the pub **from 8pm**.

Summer Soul Disco Party

Following the huge success of our New Year's Eve disco by **DJ Milly** we will be holding a first for the Case; a Summer Disco! This will take place on **Sunday 28 June**. DJ Milly will get the party started at **3pm** through to **6pm**. It's a really family affair and all are welcome. **Dolly's Pizzas** will also be there serving their delicious pizzas from **3pm**. Bring a chair and your dancing shoes!

Cars at the Case

On **Sunday 5 July** a brand new event will be happening in Bentley. Thanks to a group of dedicated car enthusiasts Bentley is holding its first ever car show. There will be lots of interesting vehicles to see and appreciate. To support this exciting new occasion the Case will be open a little earlier from **11am** for refreshments and staying open a little longer. There will also be a **BBQ** and **live music**. All donations received during this event will be added to the pot for our new Charity of the year - **Ipswich Diabetes and Endocrine Centre**.

Annual Garden Party

On **Sunday 19 July** we will be holding our annual **Garden Party** from **3pm to 5pm**. The pub will be open **12pm to 6pm**. There will be cakes and savouries, tea and coffee, a raffle and live music from **John Campbell and Friends**. Entry is free but tickets from the pub or shop will entitle you to a free cuppa and gives us an indication of numbers. **Cake or savoury donations will be warmly welcome from 10 am on the day**. This year all profits will go to, **Ipswich Diabetes and Endocrine Centre**.

Open Mic Nights

Our Open Mic Nights are always very popular and continue to attract some excellent musicians and singers. The next two evenings are **Thursday 11 June** and **Thursday 9 July**. Music starts at around 8pm. As always a PA is provided, all performers welcome! Further enquires and dates, please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

Quiz Nights

Quiz nights continue to be firm a favourite with our regular quizzers. Our next two quiz nights are **Saturday 27 June** and **Saturday 25 July**. Quiz nights support our chosen charity each month with all profits from the quiz and raffle going to our charity of the year, **Ipswich Diabetes and Endocrine Centre**. **Quiz starts at 8pm**. As always teams are up to 6 people, entry £2 per person. First prize, £36 in pub vouchers.

Street Food Events

On **Saturday 6 June** we are welcoming back one of our all time favourites, **Wagyu Burgers**. They will be with us from **5pm to 8pm** as normal. Walk ups or pre-orders available, although it is advisable to pre-order as they sell out quite quickly. Please call **07580 076408** to place your order.

As always when we have street food vendors visiting the pub will be open from 5pm and food can be ordered as takeaway or eaten in the pub. Families welcome.

New Art

We are now exhibiting a new selection of artworks by the **Capel Art for Fun** group. This friendly group of amateur artists meet every Monday morning (during school term times) at Capel St Mary Church Hall. They work on their own pieces and twice a term they hold longer sessions with a visiting local artist to produce individual pieces on new themes or using different techniques. The works on display demonstrate the use of a variety of techniques. Some of the items are for sale; please check the labels for details.

New Low and No lines

At the Case we are committed to offering 0% alcohol drinks to meet consumer demand for health-conscious, mindful drinking. We know people are increasingly seeking premium, alcohol-free alternatives instead of standard soft drinks. So as from this month we are now stocking the number one alcohol free canned lager, **Corona Cero**. And to add to our range of no and low spirits we are also stocking **Captain Morgan Spiced Gold 0.0%**.

Save the Date:

On **Monday 31 August** (Bank Holiday Monday) we are inviting back one of our favourite entertainers **Robbie Gladwell** and friends. Music will start around 3pm. As always the pub will be open from **12pm**. There will also be a **BBQ from 1pm**. For more information see the next Bugle or posters around the pub closer to the date.

And Finally

We are incredibly pleased to announce that the final total for our previous charity of the year, **East Anglia's Children's Hospices**, which ended last month, was a fantastic **£6,110.00**. A heart felt well done and thanks goes to everyone who contributed. We hope to see you soon!

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES AT THE CASE

The next lunches will be:

June - Wednesday 10th Mediterranean quiche, Fruit meringues

July - Wednesday 8th Salmon Steaks, Chocolate and Raspberry Tart *

As always, a booking list will be in the shop. Price £12 per person

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

It proved to be a tense end to our winter league season. A bit like Ipswich Town we left it to the last match to secure promotion back to the first division after one year away. In the penultimate game at Kesgrave we lost 2-8 in a cold church hall with a very unpredictable floor. Nevertheless our last match at Stutton where we needed five points or more we ran out 6-4 winners so well done to all our members and our Captain Deirdre.

We have also played Tattingstone for the Cynthia and Derek Page Trophy. Played over two legs and after two very enjoyable games, we once again retained the trophy, but the overall winner was the charity where a donation of £206.00 was made.

Finally four of our ladies represented Bentley in a match for the Suffolk league against the Bury league played at Needham Market. In a close match Bury ran out winners by 13-11. Our ladies winning one game and losing one game.

We now look forward to the summer league fixtures which begins soon.

David Howe

TUESDAY CLUB

Almost half way through the year and we have hardly seen any sunshine. We have some good talks and entertainment in the coming weeks at the club. We have already been entertained by Craig who sang Shanty Songs and stories. Steve will be with us to talk about Minsmere Nature Reserve. During the month of June we have Mandy and Chair Aerobics, singing by Song Byrds and we have our yearly outing to Dunwich for Lunch.

During July we welcome Barbara back for more of her story telling 'When the clock strikes 12". To finish July, we have Andy from the Fisherman's Mission.

We try to bring a variety of speakers and entertainers so that there is always something for everyone. We welcome new Members so pop in and say Hello.

Catherine Sweeney, Secretary.

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

The 2026 season has begun and our two teams have made a steady start in both league competitions; our Monday team won their opening game against Sproughton, and the Wednesday team secured a win against Kesgrave Greens but were defeated by California. There is a full season ahead but even though we are a small village team, there are signs that we can continue to be competitive. You can keep up to date with progress via our Facebook page.

Despite the endeavours of the team that maintain the green, the very dry early spring means that the surface is less than ideal – it remains a work in progress but has not stopped us from enjoying some good matches.

We are sorry that we had to postpone our quiz scheduled for Saturday 9 May; the organisers are looking for an alternative date.

Thank you to those who responded to our call to give bowls a try. At our first few informal Friday roll ups, several people new to the game have 'had a go' and we are delighted to welcome four new members. At the time of writing we are hoping that one or two others might join too. If you are thinking about giving the game a try, do come to the green in Grove Road on Friday evening from about 6.30 pm. Flat soled shoes are essential but we have bowls (woods) for general use. You will be warmly welcome.

Simon Faiers

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We had a very interesting and informative meeting on 17th May, the subject being Weed Control. Slides of various weeds were shown - unfortunately I had a lot of those weeds in my garden!

That was our last meeting until September **BUT there is the Annual Horticultural Show on Saturday 15th August**, so exhibitors will be busy nurturing their plants ready to display at the Show.

There are many gardens to visit in the county during the summer. These websites give details of gardens to visit:

The National Garden Scheme -

<https://ngs.org.uk/>

St Elizabeth Hospice's Great Garden Trail -

<https://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/get-involved/events/great-garden-trail/>

Leaflets are also available from Bypass Garden Centre. **Pam Lovell**

Constable Country Medical Practice In Memory

For those who may not have seen the recent posts, it is with great sadness that we share the news that Dr Charity Tetteh, our Senior Partner, passed away suddenly last month.

The surgery have been inundated with messages of condolences and wishes which has been wonderful to see and read and we thank you for these.

She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of working with her, and by the many patients whose lives she touched.

During this difficult period, we would ask you to bear with us and show our staff kindness and consideration whilst we work through the various changes that need to be made at the practice with the vast hole of experience Dr Tetteh leaves us with for now.

Important Update: Discontinuation of Batch Prescribing Service

After careful consideration with the practice team and consultation with local pharmacies, the practice has taken the decision to discontinue the batch prescribing service with immediate effect.

This decision has been made in line with guidance and recommendations from NHS England. Patient safety remains our highest priority, particularly in relation to medication safety, medicines management, and ensuring appropriate monitoring and regular clinical review.

How to Order Your Repeat Prescriptions

Going forward, patients are asked to use one of the following methods to request repeat prescriptions:

- **Online services** - SystmOnline GP Online Service, NHS App, NHS website
- **Pharmacy** - Request directly through your nominated pharmacy
- **Email** - ccmp.prescriptions@nhs.net (always include Full name, Date of birth, full list of medication required and your nominated pharmacy.
- **In person (paper requests)** - Complete your repeat prescription slip and hand it in or post it to the surgery

Footpath Society - Village Walks

Saturday 3rd June at 2.30 pm

Saturday 18th July at 2.30 pm

Saturday 22nd August at 6.00 pm

All start at the Village Hall

Contacts - John Wheals 01473 310569 and Colin Hawes - 01473 310678

John and Colin

BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES IN JUNE 2026

Sunday 7 th	10.30am Connect at Brantham with Rev Chris Willis*
Sunday 14 th	10am Morning Worship with Communion
Sunday 21 st	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 28 th	3pm Annual Community Service followed by afternoon tea

SERVICES IN JULY 2026

Sunday 5 th	10.30am Connect at East Bergholt with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 12 th	10am Morning Worship with Communion
Sunday 19 th	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 26 th	10am Morning Worship with Communion – 2pm with Jane & Julie

*Everybody is welcome to attend the Connect service in Brantham on 7th June and bring along your picnic lunch, seats or blankets and stay for the garden party at the rectory.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE – 3pm on Sunday 28th June
The service will be led by Rev Chris Willis, followed by a afternoon tea

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.

EAST VILLAS

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Eggs for the homeless families at East Villa. On your behalf we were able to give the staff there over fifty chocolate Easter eggs as well as more bed linen. They were delighted to be able to distribute your generous contributions. Don and Sandra Mehen.

We held the Annual Parochial Church meeting after the service on the 26th April. Tom Hill and Jane Day were both re-elected as Church Wardens. We continue to support them and wish them both well in their roles.

The PET SERVICE was held on Sunday 17th May 2026. Lovely to see many pets and cuddlies in church. Thank you for all the donations for the Blue Cross they will be enjoyed by the cats and dogs currently living at the shelter.

CHURCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ride and Stride 2026 – 12th September - The Church will be open 9-5pm for visitors

Harvest Festival Service – 27th September - in St Mary's Church at 11am including a sharing a plate style lunch

Church Quiz night – 10th October - 7pm in Bentley Village Hall, BYO snacks and drinks.

Do you feel the church is part of village life that should be preserved? The Friends of Bentley Church needs your support!

Not everybody goes to church every week. Maybe you go a couple of times a year for special services, a wedding or a funeral. Or you have attended a fundraising event that we have put on. **St Mary's Church needs your continued support to keep the church in good repair. Will you be a friend?** Please contact Ruth on ruralblue66@gmail.com for further details.

In the near future we hope to create a working party to make small repairs ourselves from the ever growing list of jobs that needs to be completed. **Please let us know if you would like to be a willing volunteer in the working party.**

EXCITING NEWS – JANE & JULIE

are coming to St Mary's Church on Sunday

26th July

doors open 2pm

music starts at 2:30pm

They play various instruments including the saxophone, trombone, flute, recorders and the clarinet, they sing lots of genres of music over 700 songs in their repertoire from all through the decades.

Come and join the sisters for a great afternoon of musical entertainment and chat.

£10 per person to include refreshments in the interval. Please let Alison Partridge know if you wish to attend on bentleychurchevents@gmail.com



Saturday 4th July 2026

2pm for 2:30pm start

“Bentley and the Founding of America”



On the 250th Anniversary of American Independence – Come along to the church for a talk by one of our Church Wardens, Mr Tom Hill.

£10 per person including refreshments.

Please contact via bentleychurchevents@gmail.com to make payment.

What's in a flower?

I was walking this morning – during ‘no mow May’, when for the first time I have deliberately left an area of the front Rectory Lawn unmown, and been treated to a carpet of stunningly beautiful flowers, ranging from delicate white petals, the bluebells, daisy’s and many others I simply can’t name; each with such intricacy and variety; and all a joyful surprise! After all, previously, it had just been green lawn!

And it reminded me of an intriguing few words in the Bible – which say that ‘*all creation declares the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands*’. The verse goes on to explain, that day and night they are making a huge statement, a massive declaration; one which surpasses even human languages.

The idea, so the passage continues, is that the detailed wonder of what we can see in nature has a voice of its own, a voice which speaks, circumnavigating languages, which anyone can potentially understand and comprehend: that there is a maker and a sustainer behind every flower, tree and rainbow.

Of course, that is a matter of faith, and I trust you’ll indulge me a moment in this article to reflect from a faith perspective – which of course it very much is – a perspective – and not necessarily shared by everyone. But I love that idea, that when we see nature, when we see [creation], in its unspoilt form, we see the hand of the creator.

Sometimes people say, if there is a God, why does he not come down and prove it? Of course, at Christmas and then Easter, it was just such a visitation which Christians celebrate.

But perhaps, we might all, in what we see, or smell, such as the scent of the Lilac tree currently in bloom as I write, or the glorious sound of two robins calling to one another – that behind the sound, fragrance or song, there is a deeper voice speaking, a deeper voice calling.

I hope you are able to enjoy this beautiful season of late spring and early summer. I hope that by the time this is printed and read, that we may have had some much needed life sustaining rain, although not I hope too much! but I hope also, that you might, when seeing, hearing, smelling, or even feeling nature, that you may spend a moment, to pause, and to listen for that deeper voice.

May God bless you and those you love. Rev. Chris, Rector.

WILDLIFE NOTES

Native Bluebells

50% of the world's native Bluebell is found here in Britain where they are protected from being dug up (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981). Bentley's native Bluebells put on a wonderful display this year. The native Bluebell is a plant of ancient woodland but there is more to this Bluebell than meets the eye. Much has been written about this Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), and surveys have shown that it is Britain's favourite flower, but it was not until 1989 that research began to reveal more about this Bluebell's life cycle and what was happening in the soil below the plant. By 2001 the research revealed that these Bluebells benefit from a fungal association with their roots. The three-year research project came to an end in mid-2001 having further revealed that the Fungus-Bluebell partnership enabled an exchange of nutrients between the two species, the fungus helping the Bluebell to increase its uptake of phosphate through most of the year, while the fungus benefited from carbohydrate supplied by the Bluebell.

Most people, including me, assumed that when the Bluebells die-off in late April to early May, their underground bulbs remained dormant but the above research also proved that the bulbs remain active. In autumn the bulbs produce new roots which are invaded by the fungus to increase phosphate uptake, which in turn stimulates the formation of a new bulb.

Life cycle

When Bluebell seeds are shed they fall close to the parent plant

but most of these fail in the early stage of plant growth, thus the spread of Bluebells is slow. Those seeds that do survive burrow into the soil to a depth of up to 20 cm (8 inches), forming new bulbs as they descend. On reaching maturity a Bluebell plant begins to form a colony because its bulb is able to divide forming a pair of bulbs genetically identical to their 'mother' plant (forming a clone). Groups of clones often join up to form the great carpets of Bluebells that we see in our woods.



Native Bluebells in Dodnash Wood (Colin Hawes)

Spanish Bluebells

The Spanish Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*) is an alien species imported into Britain from Europe. Unfortunately, these are sold at Garden Centres as 'Bluebells', (often omitting the word Spanish). Customers may buy them thinking they are native Bluebells, and then find that they spread rapidly because they are so vigorous. They are very difficult to remove because their bulbs are buried so deep in the ground. Sadly Spanish Bluebell pollen gets carried by bees which then visit and pollinate our native Bluebells, thus hybrid Bluebells are formed, which are much more vigorous in growth and would soon out compete our native Bluebell. One can imagine what might happen to our carpets of woodland Bluebells, which would disappear to be replaced by an alien Bluebell that looks nothing like our wonderful, bright blue native species.

Ecologists Garden Advice for Spanish bluebells

If your garden is near wild areas it is strongly recommended to grow native bluebells to prevent hybridization. If you have Spanish bluebells, do not compost them but dispose of them in household waste. To stop their spread: dead-head the flowers before they produce seed.



How to tell the difference between the Native Bluebell and Spanish Bluebell

Native Bluebell: 1. Stem droops (curves over), flowers are tubular, deep blue, and hang down one side of the stem. 2. Flowers give off a strong sweet scent. 3. Leaves are 1-1.5 cm wide.

Spanish Bluebell: 1. Stem stiff and upright, flowers on all sides of the stem. 2. Flowers are pale blue and give off no scent. 3. Leaves are 2 cm or over wide.

Colin Hawes



WI BENTLEY BLUEBELLS

The WI have celebrated two important events; our oldest member, Anne Little's 95th Birthday and the groups' anniversary. We were serenaded with songs from a range of decades by the Colneis Singers from Felixstowe. Anne enjoyed her evening with a special party hat and cake. Always good to have cake!



On the 13th May we had a wholefood cookery demonstration from Frances Harper. Frances had been exploring whole food cookery for 30 years. During the demo Frances cooked a Dorset apple cake and wholewheat pasta salads. She went on to spoil us with the heady aromas of a vegetable curry using Rafi's spices from Sudbury. The last item was a Russian cheesecake made with quark. All very appetising.

In June we are hoping to have our outing to Sutton Hoo and on the 8th July we have a presentation from Diane Heasley on My Journey with Flowers. We are looking forward to seeing her creations as she takes us on a journey through her varied career.

Emma Finney-Hewitson

Scan here for tickets!



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For Folly Farm Quarry at Tattingstone (including Collins Skiphire) please email details of sighting to Cllr Alan Horne - alan.horne.ah@gmail.com

Date/time/location/direction of travel/company name and if possible registration number will be needed

News from Bentley and Copdock Primary Schools



NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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We have continued to support Ipswich Minster through regular volunteering at the Top Up Shop. The children enjoy spending the morning supporting the community and sharing donations from families to support those in need.

Woodpeckers enjoyed their visit to the Suffolk Farm Fair, learning lots about farming and agriculture in Suffolk. One of their favourite activities was dissecting owl pellets to understand the food chain!

Adders and Foxes children took their SATs at the start of May, putting their learning to good use. We are proud of the hard work our children put into their learning and know they did their very best.

Children were excited to see new play equipment in both schools. At Copdock a new climbing frame has been installed, and both schools now have access to Scrapstore Play Pods to promote creative play and lots of teamwork and imagination outdoors.

We look forward to welcoming new families into our school as part of their induction, especially for our Teddy Bear picnic.

Children have some exciting visits to look forward to at the end of the summer term; Pleasurewood Hills, Mersea, The Hold and Crucial Crew. Some older children will be taking part in Bikeability and summer sporting events such as cricket and Quad kids and we have exciting visits to Suffolk One planned too.

Towards the end of the year, we will be celebrating our Year 6 contributions to school life as part of our leavers assembly and Bentley will gather as a school at the end of year BBQ to give them a special send off.

We wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer break.

If you are looking for a place for your child for September, we do still have spaces available and would be delighted to arrange a visit.

Governor Vacancies

Bentley CEVC & Copdock Primary School Federation is seeking enthusiastic and committed governors to join our friendly governing body. If you share our vision of helping every learner become a confident individual, successful learner and responsible citizen, and can offer time, curiosity and a collaborative approach, we'd love to hear from you.

Governors do not need specialist experience — just a commitment to partnership with school leaders, a willingness to ask probing questions and a desire to make a positive difference to our pupils and community. For an informal conversation, please contact Executive Headteacher Joanne Austin or the school office on 01473 73033 / 01473 310253 / joanne.austin@copdock.suffolk.sch.uk

For photos and updates about our recent activities in school. You can follow us on www.instagram.com/bentleyandcopdockfederation/ or www.bentleycopdock.co.uk

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Annual Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 May 2026

Eight Councillors, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, Speedwatch and 5 members of the public attended the meeting.

Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year - Cllr Bamford and Cllr Wheals stepped down from their roles. Cllr Munday was willing to stand as Chair and was duly elected. Cllr Whiteman agreed to stand as Vice Chair and was duly elected.

Apologies were received from Cllr D Jones & District Councillor, Marc Rowland. We have yet to meet our new County Councillor Darius Laws

Planning – There was two planning decision.

Reports were received from District Councillor Marc Rowland & Speedwatch.

Matters discussed:

- Council Representatives were duly elected.
- Conservation Area – Information Board – Art work is now complete with drawings of building of historic significance and veteran trees – quote from Fitzpatrick Woolmer was accepted.
- Clerk's Resignation – was accepted. The Clerk was thanked for her 23 years service.
- Grants were awarded to Village Clubs.
- Three Valleys Parish Council Alliance Group – a group of parishes whose objective is to work collaboratively in a partnership with Babergh re allocation of housing sites in the Joint Local Plan - had a meeting with Babergh on 30 April.
- Hedge on Playing Field – West Mill Green – was discussed.
- Annual Playground Inspection Reports – were discussed and accepted.
- New IT Policy was discussed and adopted.
- Traffic Diverting through the Village – Keep reporting any TARS lorries through Brockley Wood Ventures website – Date, Time, Direction of vehicle.
- Monitoring HGV Traffic through the Village – Volunteers needed to commit to hour long monitoring sessions during peak traffic times.
- Horse and rider accident outside the Village Hall – Clerk to contact SCC for progress report on signage.
- SID – SID stats have been uploaded onto the website.
- Review of the Neighbourhood Plan – Babergh have promised some funding to support NHP and Bentley PC have applied.
- The Copse – The Eco Council/School Council's brief for the garden at the Copse was received at the Playing Field Society meeting held before the Annual Parish Council meeting.
- Playing Field Society – Dog fouling on the School Field was discussed.
- Payments were authorised.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - <https://www.bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk>

HGV Traffic Monitoring Group

The purpose of this group is to monitor HGV traffic servicing both the Folly Farm Quarry and Waste Processing Plant and Brockley Wood Quarry.

We wish to ensure that the traffic routing plans, to which the site operators have agreed, are being respected, avoiding routes through Bentley unless their destination is within Bentley.

Volunteers would monitor key routes, observing and recording details of any inappropriate HGV traffic.

We are looking for three to four volunteers to gather HGV movements for an hour (ideally during peak times), approximately every 2 or 3 weeks.

Please contact Alan Horne (alan.horne.ah@gmail.com) if you wish to volunteer.

Bentley Speed Watch Co-ordinator



The Bentley Speed Watch group plays a vital role monitoring traffic through our village, helping to keep our roads safe. The group runs periodic sessions to monitor and record traffic speed, passing details of speeding vehicles to the Police.

We are now looking for a volunteer to take over responsibility for co-ordinating the group.

The Co-ordinators role is to organise speed watch sessions with volunteers, liaise with the Police, train new volunteers and upload speed data to the central administrator.

If you are interested in supporting us, please contact clerk@bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk for further information.

BENTLEY COMMUNITY STORES

Opening Times

Monday to Friday 9 to 1.30

Saturday 9 to 12noon

Sunday 9 to 11

Pit your wits and see what's available in our very own shop!

(Eg. Question - Potato snacks for strollers (7 - 6). Answer - Walkers Crisps).!

1. Born and raised (5).
2. Have a break with one of these (6).
3. This is what I do if I get hurt (3 - 5)
4. Pa won't like this but....(7).
5. Kills all known germs (8).
6. The result of spending pennies in the arctic? (6 - 4)
7. Do you have these with a posh cuppa? (4 - 3)
8. Proper Bob got it back to front. (6 - 5).
9. Saviour of the universe (5)
10. Mary Poppins paid tuppence a bag for this (4 - 4)
11. Give the cod a hand (4 - 7)
12. A proper brew (9 - 3)
13. What you get if you sit on a citrus fruit (6 - 6)
14. The best there is (5)
15. It started with a kiss, everyone's a winner baby (3 - 9)
16. Ahh..... ((5)
17. It sounds as though the rose gets up by itself (7 - 7 - 5)
18. But they don't come from Layham (4)
19. Do you start singing sea shanties if you suck one of these? (10 - 5)
20. Why there are no aspirins in the jungle. (11)

Answers in the next issue!

Contact details info@bentleystores.co.uk



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“.. all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags;” (Isaiah 64v6)

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Every Sunday at 10.45 am

Jesus told a parable of two men who went to the temple to pray.

One was a Pharisee - outwardly highly religious and respectable, believing he was accepted with God on the basis of his own so-called righteousness.

The other was a publican - a tax collector on behalf of the Roman authorities - a notorious sinner who was despised by others.

The Pharisee proudly told God the various ways in which he considered himself better than other men.

The publican, feeling the guilt of his sin against an infinite, holy God, prayed only: “God be merciful to me a sinner.” (Luke 18v13).

The publican went home right with God, but the Pharisee did not.

We have no righteousness of our own which is acceptable to God. All we can bring to Him is our sin and need, confessing and turning from our sin, and believing and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

In this way, Christ’s perfect righteousness is put to our account, and our sins are forgiven by His death on the cross. This is the only way to be made right with God and have eternal life.

Regular Weekly Services:

Prayer and Bible Study – Tuesdays 7 pm

Worship Services – Sundays 10.45 am and 3 pm

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As we move into the summer months, the lighter evenings are a welcome change for many. Unfortunately, they can also bring an increase in anti-social behaviour, which is both frustrating and unfair to those trying to enjoy our beautiful area. Sadly, it only takes a few to spoil things for everyone else.

I've mentioned before how important partnership working is, and it really is a key part of my role. With that in mind, I'd like to introduce you to Vicki Sargeant, a Communities Officer who covers Babergh and Mid Suffolk and works specifically with anti-social behaviour (ASB).



Vicki and I have been working closely together and have recently carried out visits to a number of young men who have been seen riding mopeds and motorbikes irresponsibly — revving engines, speeding around, and showing little consideration for others. We hope these conversations have been taken on board, but if the behaviour continues, formal action will be taken.

I'd also like to highlight reports of dens being built and fires being lit in wooded areas across more than one of my villages. These spaces are there for everyone to enjoy, and using them in an anti-social way is unfair to others. I completely understand the importance of children spending time outdoors, enjoying fresh air and freedom away from screens, but it's vital that we also teach them to respect their surroundings.

Lighting fires is extremely dangerous. In one recent incident, a fire very nearly got out of control and was only prevented from escalating thanks to the quick actions of a nearby resident. Leaving litter behind can also be hazardous, as well as unsightly.

As the weather improves, more people will be spending time in their gardens. Naturally, this means windows and back doors may be left open, which can create opportunities for crime—please remain mindful.

We also receive regular reports relating to tree and hedge trimming. You may cut back branches that overhang onto your property, but **only the parts that cross the boundary line**. You cannot enter your neighbour's garden without permission, and remember—the cut branches legally belong to the tree's owner. You must offer them back and cannot dispose of them or throw them over the fence.

Don't forget the next Police and parish forum is June 10th 19:30 at Capel St Mary community hall.

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

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! We have a few items like soap and toothpaste that you can take if you need them.

The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema

June's Film: Song Sung Blue

The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema



Tuesday 16th June 2026 at Capel Library

Doors Open: 7pm, Film Starts: 7.30pm

Tickets in advance: £4.50 members, £5 non-members

On the door: £5.50

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June's film will be on the 16th June and we'll be showing Song Sung Blue, "The inspiring true story of two down-on-their-luck performers who form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams."

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 on the Capel Library Facebook page for details of July's film.

Angie's Curious Creatures

Angie's Curious Creatures will be visiting us again on July the 23rd! Further details of this will be advertised in the library, and on the Library's Facebook page, so keep an eye out for it if you think you'll be interested.

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 4th Saturday we hold our Monthly Lego Club. This is 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: 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 usually put what the craft will be on our Facebook page the Friday before.

The events we put on at Capel Library are kindly supported by The Friends of Capel Library. A couple of trustees on our friends' group are stepping down. If you think you would like to join our Friends team and support Capel's lovely little library, please get in touch for more details.

We welcome book and puzzle donations!

OPENING TIMES

Monday: Closed

Friday: 2.00pm-5.30pm

Tuesday: 9am-12.30 & 2.00pm-5.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am-3.00pm

Wednesday: 9am-12.30

Sunday: 10.00am-3.00pm

Thursday: 9am-12.30

Telephone: 01473 851370

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£5 Michael Spink

Congratulations and thank you for your support.

Prizes can be collected from The Library from 14 May. **Bob Perkin**



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**

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