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Grove Farm Solar Farm Planning Application

Following the Public Inquiry held in January this year into an appeal by Greenswitch Capital against the decision by Babergh District Council to refuse the construction of a Solar Farm at Grove Farm, Bentley, the Planning Inspector has issued her appeal decision.

She has dismissed the appeal on the grounds that the harms to heritage assets, the Conservation Area, landscape character of the area, the setting of the National Landscape and to local tourism outweigh the public benefits of the proposed Solar Farm scheme.

The appeal decision notice can be viewed [here](#) or on the Babergh District Council Planning Portal - <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> under reference DC/23/05656. Marianne Munday, Chair Bentley Parish Council

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Male Falcon keeping guard - John Boyle

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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

AUGUST 26

5th - Comrades - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
11th & 25th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm
12th - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm
12th - Panama Talk by Charlie Partridge - Village Hall from 6.30 pm
13th & 27th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm
13th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered from 8.00 pm
15th - Horticultural Annual Show - Village Hall from 2.00 pm
31st - Music and BBQ - Case is Altered from 1.00 pm
31st - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

SEPTEMBER 26

2nd - Comrades - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
3rd - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30 pm
5th - Food Vendor 'Dolly's Pizzas' - Case is Altered from 5 pm
8th & 22nd - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm
9th - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm
9th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall 7.30pm
10th & 24th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm
10th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm
12th - Carpet Bowls Beetle Drive - Village Hall from 7.00 pm
18th - Horticultural Society Talk - Village Hall from 7.30 pm
19th - Music Event - Case is Altered from 8 pm
25th - Bentley School Fayre
26th - Macmillan Coffee Morning - Case is Altered from 10 am
26th - Monthly Quiz Night - Case is Altered at 8pm
27th - Harvest Festival and Lunch - St Mary's Church at 11 am

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.

BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES IN AUGUST 2026

Sunday 2nd 10.30am Connect at Bentley with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 9th 10am Benefice Service at Tattingstone
Sunday 16th 10am Benefice Service at Bentley
Sunday 23rd 10am Benefice Service at East Bergholt
Sunday 30th 10am Benefice Service at Brantham

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday 6th 10.30am Connect at Tattingstone with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 13th 10am Morning Worship with Communion
Sunday 20th 10am Morning Worship – Lay led
Sunday 27th 11am Morning Worship with Communion & Harvest Festival lunch
– Rev Chris Willis

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH

Please bring a plate to share. A list will be at the back of the church to write 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.

“BENTLEY AND THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA”

Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed Tom’s talk and the refreshments afterwards. We raised £750.

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.

Not everybody goes to church every week, maybe you go a couple of times a year for a special service, a wedding or a funeral? Or to one of our fantastic fundraising events? St Mary’s church needs your continued support to keep the church in good repair which is why The Friends of Bentley church was created. Will you be a friend? Please contact Ruth on ruralblue66@gmail.com for further details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ride and Stride 2026 – Saturday 12th September – The church will be open from 9-5pm to receive visitors either taking part or a general open day.

Church Quiz night – Saturday 10th 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 1st November at 5pm

We are dismayed to have to report vandalism and theft from St Mary's churchyard. We have had problems previously but hoped the problem had gone away, unfortunately not. As a Parochial Church Council we endeavour, at a cost, to maintain the grounds in good order and protect the area where our loved ones are at rest.

We would ask the person responsible to desist from damaging the area further and respect the precautions we have put in place to keep the graves safe from damage.

Did you know that singing is good for you? And singing with others communally – is even better! A BBC article noted that singing is good for both 'the brain, and the heart'! Singing, so the article advises, especially when done in groups, draws people together, helps us fight illness, and 'even suppresses pain'!

The 'social cohesion' which singing together can create, is mirrored by the beneficial physical effects of using your lungs well. Add to that, 'improved heart rate, blood pressure, and even a boosted immune function' – and it seems, there is something incredible about singing that's puts a new positive slant on the well-known phrase 'singing your heart out'!

Of course, coming from a Vicar, it will be no surprise that I have a positivity about singing – after all – in church we do a fair amount of it! and personally, I love singing. So, I wanted you to know about a new opportunity to *sing* – to *join with others and sing* – to know the fun and achievement of 'making a joyful noise' by inviting you to come along to one of several '**welcome to the choir**' sessions – where you can come along and join in for an hour with our newly re-formed Church/Benefice choir and our excellent new choir leader Julian, and simply enjoy singing! Who knows, if you like it, you may want to come again!

You don't need to be an existing or previous church attendee, or have previous choir experience – you don't even need to have a personal faith – but as long as you don't mind singing about God with others, then why not come and give it a go? Just come along on any of the following times and dates - have a sing, ask any questions, and hopefully have a really fun time; not to mention, all those physical and social benefits!

Dates: 4th and 11th of September, or the 2nd & 9th of October 6.00pm – at St. Mary's East Bergholt. If you want to find out more – do feel free to get in contact with me directly. I'd love to speak to you.

God bless, Rev. Chris, Rector

COMMUNITY LUNCHES AT THE CASE

The next lunches will be:

August: Wednesday 12th - Ham and cheese ploughmans, fresh fruit*

September: Wednesday 9th - Pork fillet in sauce, rice pud*

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

**menus subject to change - always check the list*

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

The summer league matches have now commenced and we are still without a win! In our games against Belstead at home and Harkstead away we were well beaten 3-7 and 1-9 but, in our latest two away matches versus Stutton and Chelmondiston, we fared a little better. Because of outdoor bowls commitments we were several players short but still managed a very respectable 4-6 loss against Stutton and, on their very unpredictable floor, we achieved the same result 4-6 versus Chelmondiston. We now have the same four teams to play in the reverse fixtures.

A note for your diaries we shall be holding a **Beetle Drive at the village hall on Saturday 12th September 2026 at 7 pm.** Tickets are £6 including supper and a free glass of drink. You can buy or book your tickets from David & Veronica Howe on 01473310344. There will also be a raffle & all proceeds will go to the club funds.

David Howe

TUESDAY CLUB

Since the last edition of the Bugle it is with great sadness that we have lost one of our beloved Members. Mr. Ray Savage. Ray helped the club in so many ways, printing our programmes, menus etc. We all are going to miss him very much, R.I.P Ray.

During the months of June and July we had our outing to Dunwich where members had a Fish and Chip Lunch, we had our chair Aerobics workout with Mandy. We also had singing from the Song Byrds and Barbara gave an interesting talk.

In the coming months we have music from the Felixstowe Ukulele Band and Mandy with more Chair Aerobics. In September we have singing from Jane and Julie. We also have our second outing of the year a trip on the Orwell Lady which I think we are all looking forward to.

The next time you hear from us we will be heading into Winter so enjoy the rest of the summer months. If you are passing the village hall on any of our club days do pop in and have a cup of tea/coffee with us. **Catherine Sweeney, Secretary.**

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

By the time you see this, the lawn bowling leagues in which we compete will be approaching their conclusions. As things stand at mid July, we are doing rather better than might have been expected.

In the Monday league (in which each player uses two bowls or woods), we are in Division B (of five divisions) and are doing well, having won more games than we have lost. In the Triples league (where each player uses three bowls) games are played on Wednesdays. We are also in Division B (again of five divisions) and are about mid table. Not bad for a small village club with very limited facilities. You can keep up to date with progress via our Facebook page – Bentley Bowls Club.

We are very grateful indeed for the contribution of our six new members who joined this year. Our captains, Colin and David, have a less stressful time organising teams each week now we have a larger pool to draw on. If you are thinking about giving lawn bowls a try, do come and see us at about 6.30 pm on a Friday for a 'roll up'. You only need flat soled shoes - we can provide bowls and the other things you need to have a go. We may be past the longer days of summer but there's still time to give it a try!

We are sorry we had to postpone our **Annual Quiz** but are pleased to let you know that it will now take place on **Saturday 3rd October**. Tickets can be obtained from any club member or direct from Colin Rose (07872 015207) or David Howe (01473 310344). For £5 a ticket you can join us in the village hall at 7.30 pm for what should be an enjoyable evening. As usual, we will be having teams of six. However, if you don't have a full team we'll be happy to help make up tables on the night, so do come along and join in – you will be made very welcome.

Simon Faiers

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Horticultural Annual Show is being held on Saturday 15th August. The show will be open to the public from 2.00 pm. The entry fee of 50p includes a cup of tea. Do come along and support the Show and the effort many have made.

The monthly meetings recommence on Friday 18th September. The speaker is Guy Baker. His topic is Flowers, Foliage and Things of Interest. He has been to our meeting before and is an engaging speaker with much knowledge to impart. All are welcome to come along - visitors for £3 for the evening.

The meeting is in the Village Hall and commences at 7.30 pm.

Pam Lovell



Since our last article we had a fund raising lunch, thank you for your support. One of our members Diane Clover, won the SEFWI photograph competition at the Suffolk Show for light picture. We got creative and supported the Constable Group WI with a display to celebrate Constable's 250th birthday at East Bergholt.

Venturing in deeper into Suffolk, we had a day outing to Sutton Hoo, on the only day it's rained recently! This did not stop our enjoyment of the site, with exhibition hall, house, mounds, bookshop and National Trust shop. One of the Volunteer Guides gave us a talk on how the site developed with support of Mrs Pretty in the 1930 -1940 and our members could see exhibits from the film the Dig with Ralf Fiennes.

Earlier in the month, Diane Heasley talked through her journey with flowers.

Our plans for August are a garden party at one of our member's houses and September sees a talk from BBC Radio Suffolk presenter Steph Mackentyre with "My life behind the MIC." Steph was born and lives in Suffolk. She has a passion for many styles of music with Country and the old Jazz and Blues classics. Her "other" life involves writing and she joined the BBC initially as a volunteer for Suffolk Action. She progressed with the help of BBC Radio Suffolk to learn every aspect of radio production and can be heard regularly presenting the Dawnbreaker. **Emma Finney-Hewitson**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2026

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 26 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 the 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!



Notice from Bentley Village Hall

Following the change to waste collections, it's not yet certain what will happen to the community recycling facilities at the village hall.

We're told that the large blue bin for card and paper near the entrance should remain for a while, but no timescale is available. At the time of writing it hasn't been emptied for some weeks despite our reminders, but it should now be emptied every 3 weeks with our household green-lidded bins. **But while it remains, if you have anything that's longer than the bin would you please cut it so it fits within the bin.**

Babergh say they can't get an answer from the commercial glass collector, but we expect their bins to disappear sometime too. The clothing bank will remain for now.

So please continue to use these facilities while they remain, but please also do not leave anything at the site if the relevant bin is full or once they've been removed.

After their removal, any glass or card/paper beyond the capacity of your personal bin should be taken to a recycling site eg Portman Road or Foxhall.

Another consequence is that the village hall will no longer receive the £500+ each year it currently gets for the volume of recycling collected from the hall car park.

So thank you for using these facilities and we're sorry they are likely to be removed.

Bentley Village Hall Trustees

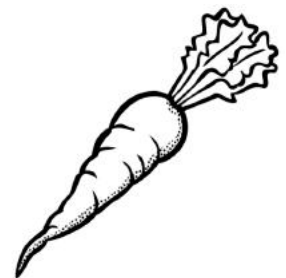
BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 15 August 2026 in the Village Hall

Doors open at 2.00pm

Entry 50p includes a cup of tea

All welcome



**Please come along and support those who work very hard to
produce exhibits of a very good standard**

There will also be a Raffle and Sales Table

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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As another successful school year draws to a close, we reflect with pride on all that has been achieved across our Federation. We have said an emotional farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they take their next exciting steps towards secondary school. They leave us with wonderful memories, and we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

July has been a particularly busy and exciting month, filled with sporting events, end-of-year celebrations and opportunities for children to shine. From competitions and team events to our annual Year 6 celebrations, pupils from both schools have demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience and excellent sportsmanship throughout.

We have also been delighted to welcome our new starters for induction visits. These sessions gave children the opportunity to meet their new teachers and classmates, explore their new surroundings and even sample our delicious hot lunches. The excitement and smiles on display were wonderful to see, and we are looking forward to officially welcome our newest Bunnies and their families into our school community in September.

If you are still looking for a school place for your child, we do have places available and would be delighted to arrange a visit. We would love to show prospective families what makes our Federation such a special place to learn and grow.

Looking ahead, we are already excited about the new academic year. The autumn term will begin with **Bentley School Fayre on 25th September**, followed by our **Macmillan Afternoon on Friday 2nd October**. These much-loved events are a wonderful opportunity to bring our school community together, and we look forward to welcoming families, friends and supporters.

We would like to thank all our pupils, families, staff, governors and wider community for their continued support throughout the year. We wish everyone a safe, happy and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, friendship and achievement.

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 730337 / 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



WILDLIFE NOTES

Bentley's Barn Owl Baby Boom

Early indications are that this year could be a “bumper” breeding season for our local birds of prey. During the winter volunteers from Barn Owl Support Suffolk (BOSS) visited the village to clean and repair our existing nest boxes and erect several new ones. In May they returned to inspect the boxes, so I joined licenced bird ringer Jade as she checked the man-made structures.

At our first site we found stock dove chicks, this bird, which can easily be mistaken for a feral pigeon, regularly takes advantage of owl boxes to raise its young. At our next location as Jade climbed the ladder and peered in, she couldn't believe what she saw, seven healthy barn owl youngsters, the most she had ever encountered in one brood. Jade later discovered that there have only been four records of seven chicks in Suffolk over the last 20 years. With the chicks hatching at two-to-three-day intervals the eldest was significantly larger and stronger than the youngest.



Now on a high, we went to see if the Hazel Shrub box had any owlets; we were delighted to find five healthy baby owlets in this well established box. Next, we inspected one of the new boxes and it was encouraging to find another good batch, four very young owlets and one egg still to hatch. Jade weighed and ringed the mother owl before returning the bird to her brood. Sixteen chicks and one egg from three boxes is an incredible outcome.



I was particularly interested to discover the contents of our final box; I had been watching a pair of kestrels for weeks, the male making regular food deliveries to the female inside the man-made accommodation. I was thrilled when Jade revealed there were five very young chicks present, they weren't large enough to be ringed, but she did put a ring on the mother bird's leg.

Two weeks later Jade returned to ring the kestrel chicks. It was fascinating to observe the difference in temperament between the barn owls and the falcons. Both young and adult owls were very passive when removed from the nest for ringing. The kestrels by contrast were loud and aggressive and only Jade's experience and expertise prevented injuries from the raptors' hooked bill and razor-sharp talons.

Photos and article by John Boyle



Amazing Hedgehog Numbers

At night, when it's dark, we regularly watch hedgehogs in our back garden. Sometimes only one ventures in to eat the food that my wife Ann puts out, but often there are two. Occasionally there are three, or even four of these delightful mammals visiting at the same time. But to our surprise, on one occasion five hedgehogs arrived and managed to huddle together to feed. However, on the night of the 4th of June, we were amazed when a sixth hedgehog turned up and tried to squeeze into the ring of the other five hogs. The largest hedgehog wasn't standing for this and barged the four smallest hedgehogs out of the way causing them to run off. Peace then returned leaving the largest hedgehog and another mid-size one feeding together. To date (10th of June) we have only seen two feeding together.



Colin Hawes

A prickle of hedgehogs

Cars at the Case

We are delighted to report that over 120 much loved examples were on the playing field behind the pub on a warm, sunny day. The range on show was impressive, from pre-war classics to modern supercars and vintage to modern motorcycles. As well as cars and motorbikes we saw tractors, commercials, kit cars and a line of campers of various vintages.

So this to say a big thank you for coming along. We hope you enjoyed the event – tea, coffee and home baked snacks; ice creams and goodies from the community shop; the excellent BBQ; and refreshments throughout provided by the team at our community owned pub, the Case is Altered. Musicians gave up their time to entertain until late in the afternoon.

The event was a huge success. Even though it was free to park and free to attend, welcoming all who wanted to come, your generous voluntary donations raised just over £1,600 for the Case is Altered charity of the year, the Ipswich Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Centre. A great result I think you will agree. Len M, Len U, Dave and Simon

Photos by Mike Whiteman - <https://thenaturaledit.pixieset.com/carsatthecase/>



FAREWELL TO JOY

Our long-standing clerk, Joy Scott, retired at the end of July after 23 years service to the Parish Council.

On behalf of the Council and everyone in Bentley, we would like to thank Joy for her dedication and everything that she has done to support the village in that time. Her enthusiasm and sense of humour will be greatly missed by everyone, but I am sure we will continue to see her in the village from time to time.

We are also pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Clerk, Leigh-Anne Agnew, who formally took up the role on Monday 27 July. We would like to welcome Leigh-Anne to the Parish Council and look forward to working with her over the coming years. Marianne Munday



Photo taken by Bentley Bluebells WI member, Diane Clover who won the SEFWI photograph competition at the Suffolk Show for light picture.

The Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes (SEFWI) operates an active Camera Club that holds an Annual Photography Competition.

NOTES FROM THE CASE



Suffolk's first Co-operative Pub!

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It's been a great summer so far for the Case starting with a very successful outdoor disco by DJ Milly. We all hope that the summer continues in the same vein, with perhaps a little bit of rain – mainly at night! As always the next few months continue to be busy with lots to keep you entertained.

Music and BBQ

On **Monday 31 August (Bank Holiday Monday)** the very entertaining and affable **Robbie Gladwell** and friends will be making a welcomed return to give us a great afternoon with their repertoire of well known songs. The band will start around **3pm**. As previously a **BBQ** will be available from around **1pm**. Just bring a deckchair or a blanket together with your dancing shoes and enjoy the afternoon.

...and more Music

In September we are welcoming **Dave Williams** to the Case for his first solo appearance. Dave is a popular, up and coming, young local singer-songwriter and guitarist. He has previously supported other acts at the pub and is a regular at our Open Mic Nights but this time will be doing a solo performance. He will be performing his own and other well known songs on **Saturday 19 September** from **8pm**.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

At the end of the month on, **Saturday 26 September**, from **10am**, we will be hosting our annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning**. This is a well established event for the Case and over the years we have raised many thousands of pounds for this great charity. As always cake donations on the morning are very much welcome and greatly appreciated. The bar will be open from **10am – 1pm**, reopening as usual Saturday evening, 6pm – 10pm.

Open Mic Nights

Open Mic Nights continue to be very popular and very busy. The next two evenings are **Thursday 13 August** and **Thursday 10 September**. Music starts 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

Our monthly quiz for August will be held on **Saturday 29 August** and for the following month it will be **Saturday 26 September**. As always teams can be up to 6, and winning

teams receive £36 in pub drinks tokens. Losing teams are awarded a wooden spoon. Entrance is £2 per person. **Quiz starts at 8pm.** All profits from the quiz and raffle will be donated to our charity of the year, **The Ipswich Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Centre.**

Visiting Street Food

For our next visiting street food van, we have one of our favourite vendors returning to us, **Dolly's Pizzas.** Dolly is one of our very long standing street food vendors and has a large following of customers. Their visit is on **Saturday 5 September.** Dolly 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 on food nights we open a little earlier and food can be eaten inside the pub from 5pm. Families are always welcome.

Case Community Lunch

Our next two community lunches will be held on **Wednesday 12 August** and **Wednesday 9 September both at 12 noon.** As before please sign up at Bentley Stores.

Finally - Thank you Bentley!

July was certainly a great month for the Case and our **Charity of the Year – The Ipswich Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Centre.** Bentley enjoyed two very well received events that were associated with and supported by volunteers at the Case.

In early July, if you missed it, Bentley held its first ever **Cars at the Case**, with live music and a BBQ. The display of over 120 impressive and fascinating (and sometimes very individual) cars, vans, motorbikes and all the other types of motor vehicles was amazing.

Then just a few weeks later we held our **Annual Garden Party**, which is always well supported by the fair people of Bentley . . . who mentioned cake? Both events raised incredible amounts for our Charity of the Year. The Garden Party cake sale, raffle and puzzle sale raised a wonderful **£996.20.** And the Cars at the Case event raised a staggeringly, whopping **£1,664.08!**

A huge thanks must go to the organisers of both events and to all those who contributed to these outstanding totals for our chosen charity. Thank you!

August Bank Holiday weekend we will be open:

Saturday 29 August 6pm – 10pm

Sunday 30 August 12noon – 3pm

Monday 31 August (Bank Holiday) 12noon – 6pm.

We hope to see you soon.



BENTLEY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

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(Philippians 2v8)

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for everything - even our every breath.

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we cannot do.

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Christ - the eternal Son of God who took upon Himself human
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Only in Jesus can there be salvation for your soul, on the grounds
of His perfect obedience and sacrificial death upon the cross,
through faith in Him, together with repentance of sin.

Regular Weekly Services:

Prayer and Bible Study – Wednesdays 7 pm

Worship Services – Sundays 10.45 am and 3 pm

*We'll be open all day for the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and
Stride Saturday, 12th September from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Drop in
for a cuppa and a chat.*

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BENTLEY COMMUNITY STORES

Opening Times

Monday to Friday 9 to 1.30

Saturday 9 to 12 noon

Sunday 9 to 11

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather. If the heat is getting you down, you can come into the shop to cool off and purchase your ice creams and ice cold drinks and have a chat with our friendly volunteers. You can also get all your picnic and BBQ goodies. If you have any special requests or need a big order for a summer party, please pop in to order.

We have fresh local strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and cherries available.

We had extended opening hours on July 5th, for the "Cars at the Case" event. It was a busy day, during which we had bumper takings of just under £600. If you visited the shop on that occasion for the 1st time, thank you for coming and we hope you were surprised at the range we have on offer and will visit again. Thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time to keep the shop open until well into the afternoon.

SHOP 5 STAR RATING CONFIRMED AGAIN!!

On 24th June we had an unannounced visit from Babergh to make sure we are doing everything right and we have had our 5 star rating renewed. Thanks to everyone for keeping the shop so clean and compliant with modern Food and Safety regulations.

In the last Bugle issue, you had the chance to do a little quiz about what is available in our shop. You were promised answers in this issue, and here they are!

1. Bread, 2.Kitkat, 3.Ice cream, 4.Marmite, 5.Domestos, 6.Frozen Peas, 7.Rich tea, 8.Trebor mints, 9.Flash, 10.Bird Seed, 11.Fish Fingers, 12.Yorkshire Tea, 13.Orange Squash, 14.Cream, 15.Hot Chocolate, 16.Bisto, 17.Self Raising Flour, 18.Eggs, 19.Fishermens Friend, 20.Paracetamol.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Contact details info@bentleystores.co.uk

Footpath Society - Village Walks

From the Village Hall

August Saturday 29th - 6pm

September Saturday 26th - 2.30 pm

Weather permitting - distance put to 4 miles (10,000 paces)??

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

John and Colin

BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 2 July 2026

Five Councillors, County Councillor Darius Laws, Speedwatch Coordinator and 3 members of the public attended the meeting.

Cllr Munday welcomed everyone to the meeting that was due to be recorded by a resident. However, the resident who made the request failed to attend. Our new County Councillor Darius Laws was also welcomed.

Apologies were received from Cllr D Jones, Cllr K Spicer, Cllr J Campbell, Cllr A Horne, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden & District Councillor, Marc Rowland.

Planning – There was one planning decision – and one planning application.

Report received from Speedwatch Coordinator.

Matters discussed -

- Brockley Wood – Community Liaison Group –Cllr Bamford attended a meeting on 17 June – next meeting is in September – They seem to be complying with planning conditions
- Conservation Area – Information Board and Tosca plaque have been delivered.
- Code of Conduct was formally adopted
- Termination date of current Clerk's Contract was agreed – 31 July 2026 – to allow time for a handover with the new Clerk
- Request for removal of non-functioning electric fencing adjacent to footpath between Church Road and Potash Lane
- Cllr Munday & Cllr Bamford will compile response to Babergh's Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation 2026 on behalf of Bentley Parish Council.
- Request from The Case Community Pub Ltd for permission to insert a vehicular access onto the School Playing Field from the Pub Car Park
- Promoting Councillors on the Website – all Councillors will have an official .gov.uk e-mail address for council business
- Traffic Diverting through the Village – No planning conditions were imposed when agreeing to the extension of the Folly Farm quarry regarding traffic routing via the A137 and not through the village and also concerning the unsuitability of our village road for HGVs
- Three Valleys Parish Council Alliance Group – will be meeting to discuss spatial distribution of housing in South Ipswich and sending a response re Babergh's Scoping Consultation
- The Copse – a local resident has been cutting the grass and is happy to do it at no cost to the PC
- Playing Field Society – Cars At The Case – Insurers agreed to extend PC insurance policy to include the one day event.
- The Clerk was thanked for her 23 years of service to the Bentley Community and presented with a bouquet.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm. Full draft minutes are available on the P C website - <https://www.bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk>



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Community Policing is a balancing act, crime investigations, dealing with anti-social behaviour, working with partner agencies and the engagement side of things.

Recently the engagement side has taken a dip, the ASB and partnership work has increased.



However, I have managed to attend a few summer fetes, Brantham, Stutton, Bramford and I know colleagues have attended Holbrook, Bentley and Tattingstone.

There are so much time and effort from the organisers that make these events a success. It was wonderful to see them well attended and for me personally, when people recognise me and the children run up to me shouting “PC Kate” it makes me feel like I’m part of the community.

The spell of hot weather has caused a significant concern, water safety being one of them. I get it, playing in water on a hot day can feel refreshing but activities like jumping off bridges, diving off closed piers and swimming in quarries carry serious and sometimes fatal risks.

Major risks

- 1- Cold water shock
- 2- Hidden hazards below the surface
- 3- Unpredictable water conditions
- 4- Access restrictions- Known to be dangerous
- 5- Impact injuries from height
- 6- Water quality

Please educate your children and grandchildren about water safety. There are far too many accidental deaths that could have been avoided if people hadn’t of messed about in the water.

Lastly, I just want to mention to any road runners, I used to be able to run 10k, that’s certainly not the case anymore. I understand why the road might be more inviting than the pavements however it does increase the risk, so the guidance for a runner is to use the pavement if there is one, if not, run facing traffic close to the edge of the road and wearing high visibility/reflective clothing.

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, despite the heat! We also have air conditioning, and you are very welcome to fill up water bottles or have a drink of water.

The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema

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Tuesday 18th August 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

Fully Licensed Bar & Air Conditioning

August's Film: Choral

August's film will be on the 18 August and we'll be showing Choral, "Set during World War I, "The Choral" follows a Yorkshire choral society as they navigate loss and resilience through music, led by the enigmatic Dr. Henry Guthrie."

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 September's film!

Regular Events in the Library

Tot Rock and Stay & Play: Our Tot Rock sessions will have a pause over the summer holidays, however, at the usual time of 9:30 on Thursdays, we will have some toys out in the children's area that you are very welcome to come and play with!

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 fourth 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

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Wednesday:	9am-12.30	Sunday:	10.00am-3.00pm
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July

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£ 5 Chris Keeble

Congratulation and thank you for your support. **Steve Lodge**



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

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