

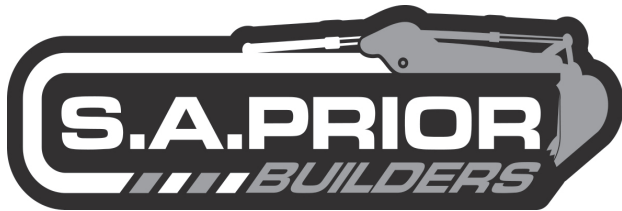
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We try our very best to include all copy sent to us but regrettably, on occasions we may need to edit or omit copy.

Christine and Marianne

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Poppy Wreath - Mike Whiteman

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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

OCTOBER 26

1st - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30 pm
3rd - Food Vendor 'Wagyu Burgers' - Case is Altered from 5 pm
6th & 20th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm
7th - Comrades - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
8th & 22nd - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm
8th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered from 8.00 pm
10th - Church Quiz Night - Village Hall - 7:00pm for 7:30pm start
14th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall 7.30pm
16th - Horticultural Society - Village Hall from 2.00 pm
17th - Music Night - Case is Altered from 8.00 pm
21st - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm
24th - Food Vendor 'Dolly's Pizzas' - Case is Altered from 5 pm
31st - Monthly Quiz - Case is Altered at 8.00 pm

NOVEMBER 26

3rd & 17th - Tuesday Club - Village Hall at 2.30pm
4th - Comrades - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 7.30 pm
5th - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall from 7.30 pm
8th - Remembrance Service - War Memorial - 10.50 am
11th - Case Community Lunch - Case is Altered from 12 pm
11th - Bentley Bluebells WI - Village Hall 7.30pm
12th & 26th - Scrabble Club - Village Hall, Blackmore Room at 2.30pm
12th - Open Mic Night - Case is Altered - from 8.00 pm
14th - Bentley Bowls Club Race Night - Village Hall from 7.00 pm
20th - Horticultural Society AGM - Village Hall from 7.30 pm
21st - Food Vendor 'MacN'Cheese' - Case is Altered from 5 pm
21st - Music Event - Case is Altered from 8 pm
28th - Monthly Quiz Night - Case is Altered at 8pm

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.

BENTLEY VILLAGE AT CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4th	10.30am Connect at Brantham with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 11th	10am Morning Worship with Communion
Sunday 18th	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 25th	10am Morning Worship with Communion – Rev Chris Willis

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday 1st	10.30am Connect at East Bergholt with Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 8th	10.50am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
Sunday 15th	10am Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd	10am Morning Worship with Communion – Rev Chris Willis
Sunday 29th	10am Morning Worship with Communion Benefice Service

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.

JANE & JULIE – Thank you to everyone who came and supported the musical fundraiser – a great time was had by all and we raised £265 for the church.

A big thank you to Jane Lockwood for getting her bike out on Saturday 12th September to ride round some local churches for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride event.

CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 10th October 7:00pm for 7:30pm start

in Bentley Village Hall

Please bring your own drinks and snacks - £4 per person in teams of up to Six. There will be 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 and setting up the hall.

ALL SOULS SERVICE – Sunday 1st November at 5pm in the Churchyard.

THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Sunday 8th November will be held at the War Memorial, at the top of Church Road, 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 – 6th December at 10.30am

Sing a long Carols at Bentley Village Hall – Friday 11th December from 7pm

Christingle Service at Bentley – 13th 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 – 20th December at 10am

Nativity Crib Service – Thursday 24th December at 3pm

Christmas Day Worship with Communion – Friday 25th 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. You can scan the QR code using your smartphone to make a donation or you can join the Friends of Bentley Church with a one-off payment for the year. Please make contact with someone from the list below. Support is very much appreciated.



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

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Church Warden – Jane Day – 01473 310518

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Serving families, children and teenagers

Dear all,

As Rector of the four 'wonderful' parishes of **Tattingstone, Brantham, East Bergholt and Bentley**, I have been really impressed by the passion and enthusiasm, so many have in the churches for young families, children and teenagers, and I hope over the next months to be able to let you know more about plans to make our churches more welcoming, accessible and relevant to all ages, particularly for parents and carers with younger children, and also, vitally, for our teenagers. Of course, communication is key – and there is always a danger that good things aren't shared – so I wanted you to know about a number of opportunities which may be of interest to you, your family or friends?

First, I am really pleased that a **brand-new Wednesday Toddler Group** is now starting at St. Michael's, Brantham, 9.30-11.30am each week in school terms. Whichever village you live in, if you have young children or know of others who may benefit from meeting other parents, having a safe place where your child can play, interact, sing songs, enjoy healthy snacks, then why not come along! This is now the second church-based Toddler Group we have – the other meets the same times Friday mornings at St. Mary's East Bergholt. Both groups are very much open to children/parents/carers from all four villages.

And thinking of older children and teenagers – I am delighted that we now have two groups running – '**Moving Up Club**' for school Years 6, 7 & 8, and then '**Connect Youth**' for older teenagers. Both groups are based upon three core aims: 'having **Fun** & making good **Friends** exploring **Faith**. All are welcome, with a faith or none! (Moving Up Club is at St. Michael's, Brantham, Sunday evenings, 6.30-8.00pm and connect Youth meets at the Rectory Thursdays 7.00-8.30pm. For more information - please e-mail youth@constablebenefice.org)

Whichever it relevant to you - we would love to see you.

God bless,
Rev. Chris
Rector

Doreen would like to express her heartfelt thanks for all the love & support she has received during the difficult days and weeks since Ray's death.

Belonging to such a community, as we have in Bentley, is so special and has helped to ease my sadness.

An incredible £1,696.50 was donated in his memory and was shared between St. Elizabeth Hospice & the REME Benevolent Charity

Love & thanks to you all, Doreen x

BENTLEY (SUFFOLK) HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual show was a great success especially considering the weather that made the growing conditions very difficult so well done everyone.

The cup winners were as follows

The South View Cup	Classes	1-11	Helen Whiteman
Mills Cup	Classes	12, 13 & 15	Helen Whiteman
Carruthers Cup	Classes	14	Gail Lochtie
Farmers Cup	Classes	16,28 32 & 33	Mark Usher
James Cup	Classes	29-31	Barry Ford
Booth Cup	Classes	34-36	Helen Whiteman
Seaward Cup	Classes	37-46	Gail Lochtie
John Blackmore Memorial Cup			Barry Ford
Best in Show			Gail Lochtie
President's Shield			Helen Whiteman

Monthly Meetings

16 October - Andrew Bailey, Landscape and Willdlife photography

20 November - A.G.M

Meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held in the village hall.

Pam Lovell

Robert, Sandra and Peter would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers, chocolates and biscuits, kind words and so many offers of help after Robert's accident.

Sandra Baldwin

Community Orchard Fruit Trees - Help needed!

The fruit trees in the Community Orchard have suffered in the recent drought and two unfortunately died. For various reasons watering the trees during this period has been difficult. The Tree Warden has removed the stakes from the 22 trees that remain because these were no longer supporting the trees, their base having rotted in the soil.

The Tree Warden is seeking help from volunteers to water the trees during dry weather, and help with other tasks as they arise.

Colin Hawes, Parish Tree Warden

COMMUNITY LUNCHES AT THE CASE

Community Lunch: change of date

Please note the October lunch will be on

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER.

Due to volunteers' absences, **there will be no coffee morning on 9 October**

BENTLEY CARPET BOWLS

Our last three summer league fixtures have now been completed and saw us finish where we might have expected to finish exactly half way in the league. The home match against our old friends Harkstead saw us gain revenge for our earlier defeat by winning 7-3 in what proved to be an enjoyable encounter.

Our match against Belstead away however was something quite different with the home side dominating and saw us crushed 0-10. But, in our last match, we recovered well to defeat Stutton at home 10-0 with a fine display. Our thanks go to Pam for keeping us all on our toes during the season and our congratulations go to Chelmondiston who won the league with a win against Belstead in their last game of the season.

We now look forward to the winter league which begins in October when we compete in the first division once again where we know it will be very difficult but are looking forward to the challenge.

David Howe

TUESDAY CLUB

Hi everyone it seems the dark nights are slowly creeping in and the shops are full of Christmas Decorations even though it's still only September. Let's not think of those long, dark nights, let's concentrate on the Club and what's to come.

In the past few weeks we have had the pleasure of Jane and Julie who entertained us with a variety of great songs, we look forward to seeing them at our Christmas party. We also had our September outing on Orwell Lady with afternoon tea.

In October we welcome Yana from 'Save a Life'. She will talk on Mental Health. We also have P.C Rocky 633 who will tell us about the work of a Police Negotiator and working with the FBI.

That is what is happening in the club over the next few weeks, if you would like to join us then please pop in.

Catherine Sweeney, Secretary.

NEWS FROM BENTLEY & COPDOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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<http://www.bentleycopdock.co.uk/>



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 and the school vision and look forward to completing learning walks to review our learning and behaviour in school.

We have voted in our school council for the year. Our new councillors will be planning ahead for our special fundraising events and support healthy eating and recycling initiatives.

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!**

We continue our Federation Learning Day on Mondays, with both schools gathering for an exciting day of activities including Forest School, PE coaching and swimming. We can't wait to put our coaching to good use with the sporting tournaments on offer this term! Sporting tournaments have started and children trained after school for U11 girls and boys football tournaments. Adders and Foxes are soon off to Bawdsey for the bi-annual PGL residential where they will take part in lots of organised activities for 3 days.

Bentley children and their families joined together for the Harvest Service along with our usual Macmillan afternoon. These events support our children to show our value of 'generosity' in action. Our regular visits to Ipswich Minster are also well underway, enabling our older children to volunteer their time to support families in need.

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 are planned for 19th and 26th November at Bentley School. At Copdock, week commencing 23rd November. Please call the office for further information about times.** However, school tours can be booked at any day with our friendly admin team!

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

WI BENTLEY BLUEBELLS

The Bentley Bluebells started the autumn talks last month with Steph Mackentyre and her story behind the mic. Steph explored her career at Suffolk Radio and interviewing the stars. There were some eye openers.

This month we have an open meeting with Pat Hodgkins talking about a Man and his Landscape, delving into John Constable's life and how this influenced his paintings. A fitting tribute to his 250th birthday. **The meeting is at 7:30 pm on the 14th of October at Bentley Village Hall.** There will be a charge for non members.

Emma Finney-Hewitson

BENTLEY BOWLS CLUB

The outdoor bowling season ended in September. Matches in the two leagues in which we compete finished in August and the finals of our own internal club competitions took place on Saturday 12th September.

In the Monday League, where each player bowls with two woods, Bentley finished mid table in Division B (there are five divisions). On Wednesdays, where team members play with three woods, we finished third, in Division 2 (of four divisions). Good results for a small independent village team. We are grateful to all members who worked so hard to achieve this outcome. Our core of members with many years of bowling experience are important to our continued success but thanks also to our new members who have given their time to learn the game, contribute to the club, and play for their village team.

We enjoyed warm dry weather for the finals of our internal club competitions, with Kevin Benton winning both competitions. We didn't get the crowd of spectators we planned for and had rather too many delicious homemade cakes – but those attending did their very best to ensure none went to waste! Trophies will be presented at our annual dinner on Friday 13th November.

Our next fund raising event will be a race night. Following on from the success of last year's event, this year's race night will be held **in the village hall on Saturday 14th November. Make this a date for your diary!**

Simon Faiers





AN INVITATION TO ALL VILLAGERS At a loose end on a Friday?



A reminder that the Case pub is open every **Friday**
from 10.30am to 12.00
for coffee and biscuits. We ask only a small donation.

All are assured of a warm welcome.

Many of you will know that I recently took part in the Tour de 4 with Jan, John and Linda to raise money for my chosen charity, St Elizabeth Hospice.

Together, our team raised more than £4,000 for the hospice, which has supported my care over the past nine months. I would like to publicly thank everyone who donated so generously.

Held in Glasgow, the event was both emotional and inspiring. The people of Glasgow were warm and welcoming, and the ride had a real carnival atmosphere. Residents lined the 40-mile route, cheering us on, ringing cow bells and playing bagpipes. With so much support around us, the time flew by.

We were also fortunate to ride for a while with Paralympic swimmer Ellie Simmonds, and later caught up with her at the finish for a chat and photograph.

Of the 5,000 participants, 191 of us had stage 4 cancer and were given gold armbands to identify us. Wearing mine brought many personal messages of support as I rode, which was deeply moving and added to the emotion of the day.

It was an unforgettable experience, made even more special by everyone's generosity. Thank you to all who supported us and helped raise such an incredible amount for St Elizabeth Hospice. If anyone would still like to donate, they can at <https://gofund.me/1487abd46> **Tim Hamstead**



WILDLIFE NOTES

Dragons and Development

Given this is the October edition and we're heading towards Halloween I thought I'd write a bit about the dragons we have roaming our countryside, or at least the closest thing we have, the great crested newt (GCN).

These amphibious creatures are the UK's longest, reaching up to 17cm and are most frequently seen during the spring when they return to ponds to breed. They have had their fair share of media attention given that they appear to have single handedly halted every single development EVER!, or at least that's what the Daily Mail would have you believe.



A male great crested newt with its distinctive dinosaur-like spine, and white-striped tail.

Credit: Getty

In reality over the last 6 years or so for most regular residential development newts

are one of the easiest species to compensate for under the district level licence approach. A district level licence (DLL) is a streamlined planning and conservation scheme in England that allows developers to legally proceed with construction projects that might affect great crested newts, replacing traditional site-by-site mitigation.

The process involves taking water samples from ponds on and adjacent to the development site. These samples are tested for GCN DNA. If all ponds return negative results, GCN are not considered a concern and works proceed. If positive results are returned then developers pay a conservation fee into a local or national fund, after which works can proceed. The money is used by organisations like local wildlife trusts or Natural England to create, restore, and maintain larger, high-quality breeding ponds in strategic, targeted areas.

Although this is only a brief overview, and works such as pond removal would require additional documentation and method statements as part of the planning process, it shows that for most residential developments, compensating for impacts on great crested newts is relatively quick and straightforward, and rarely presents a significant obstacle to developers.

Fletcher Telling

WILDLIFE NOTES

When we moved to Bentley we applied for a free hedgehog house from the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape after seeing a hedgehog in our back garden. We put up a trail cam to see how many were visiting at night, up to 4 hedgehogs were passing from our neighbour's garden. The hedgehog house came with 2 hedgehog highway signs and we put 1 on a side fence and 1 on the back fence, sawing away the bottom of 2 fence planks to create this.

Last year we noticed hedgehogs at the front of the house too and have since moved the hedgehog house which we know is being used daily. The biggest and fastest hedgehog is known a 'speedy'.

If you have seen a hedgehog you can go to <https://bighedgehogmap.org/> to record your sighting anywhere in the UK.

Phoebe and Max Phimister



What can you feed a hedgehog?

Cat biscuits

Meaty dog or cat food (dry or wet)

HEDGEHOG EMERGENCY

Ways to help the Hedgehogs

- Create a hedgehog highway by making a hole in your fence
- Ask your neighbours first so then they can help you
- Create a place so they can hibernate in over winter
- Leave a pile of leaves for the hedgehog to hide in
- Don't forget to check before lighting bonfires
- Place a dish of water over summer in your garden so they don't dehydrate



By Phoebe (9) and Max (7)

BENTLEY CONSERVATION AREA

The Parish Council has recently installed an AO size illustrated information board within the Conservation Area, in the shelter on the roadside next to St Mary's Church. This was a required action of the Bentley Conservation Area Management Plan and funded by a charitable donation from the Belstead-Ganzoni Charitable Trust and a grant from our District Councillor's Locality Budget. The beautiful artwork, created by local artist, Angie Ashford, has been combined with knowledge from heritage experts, to inform residents and visitors about the historical context of the Area.

The Conservation Area relates to a period of late medieval history that, whilst evolving, can still be readily perceived today with relatively little change in terms of later development.

Three of the four original manor houses (Bentley Hall, Bentley (Church) House and Falstaff Manor) are still present within the Conservation Area, all sitting within a mosaic of manorial farmland, ancient woodlands and historic lanes. There are 10 listed buildings and many others with historical interest and no fewer than 10 named ancient woodlands within the Conservation Area, many of which were actively managed by the Tollemache family's stewards (including John Constable's brother Golding) for 800 years. Some of the most important buildings are clustered around the Grade II* St Mary's Church and Grade II* Bentley Hall complex, which includes the Grade I Listed Bentley Hall Barn, reputedly the longest Elizabethan timber framed barn in the country.

We hope the board will also raise awareness of the urgent need for restoration work to save Bentley Hall Barn, which is currently on Historic England's 'Buildings At Risk' register. **Bentley Parish Council**



BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Bentley Parish Council Meeting took place at Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 September 2026, preceded by a Playing Field Society meeting.

Our new Clerk, Leigh-Anne Agnew, was welcomed to the Council.

PLANNING - Two planning applications discussed. Response made by the Council to Babergh's Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation. Agreement that the Council would fund jointly with other parishes in the 3Valleys Alliance, an indicative Housing Requirements proposal by Places4People consultancy, for each parish. The Council voted to accept the revised Neighbourhood Plan Review Fee proposal by Places4People consultancy, funded by the remaining CIL funds so that the Neighbourhood Plan review could progress. Additional funding has also been requested from Babergh District Council.

BENTLEY CONSERVATION AREA - The illustrated information board has been installed in the shelter by St Mary's Church. Agreement that an 'official' unveiling of the board should take place. 'Discover Suffolk' Heritage Trail walks around the Conservation Area being planned in consultation with Suffolk County Council who would produce leaflets. More signage quotes to be requested.

OTHER MATTERS - Continuing concerns re the state of Bentley Hall Barn. Agreed the Council would write to Babergh District Council. A Councillor's resignation was accepted by the Council. Sadly the Speedwatch Co-ordinator has had to resign. He was thanked for all his work and that of the volunteer team. Continuing problems with HGV traffic diverting through the village. Rotten bench opposite the Village Hall has had a temporary repair, hopefully to be replaced.

PLAYING FIELDS - Fireworks Display could potentially take place next year if enough volunteers come forward to help the organiser. New parking arrangements on the School Field for Brantham FC and the Case is Altered agreed to meet insurance requirements and ensure other field users were kept separate from moving vehicles.

FINANCIAL - Agreed that the new Clerk should act as the Responsible Financial Officer for the Council. External Audit and payments approved.

Full draft minutes are available on the P C website -. <https://www.bentleysuffolkparishcouncil.gov.uk>

HGVs - BROCKLEY WOOD AND FOLLY FARM QUARRIES

HGVs accessing these sites should not be using our village roads unless delivering or collecting within the village. If you see yellow TARS or Ipswich Grabhire HGVs on our roads, please report via the Brockley Wood Ventures website on their Vehicle Report Form - <https://brockleywood.co.uk/>



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

NOTES FROM THE CASE



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What a glorious summer we have had, perhaps a little too hot at times but it made up for last year's dreary summer! Like most gardens ours has looked a little parched at times but at least we know everyone has been able to enjoy it. Although Autumn is well and truly with us now, we hope there'll be a few more nice days when we can still appreciate it. The garden has certainly proved it's worth this year. We are of course already counting down to Christmas but before this we have a few events to keep us all busy and entertained.

Music at the Case

You may have noticed that this year, in addition to our monthly Open Mic Nights, we have put on a number of extra music events, as we know these events are well supported and enjoyed by many of our customers. Over the year we have had bands, duets, single artists and discos and during this Autumn we are continuing with more live entertainment. On **Saturday 17 October** we have **Buzz** performing for us. They are a Suffolk band that brings you the music that gets you dancing. They play a fine mix of tunes from the decades, which include some classic rock, reggae, blues, and country. So bring your dancing shoes and dance the night away.

More music . . .

Then on **Saturday 21 November** we have Bentley's very own talented acoustic guitarist, singer/songwriter **Brooke Telling**. She will be with us for a great evening of music and entertainment.

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 8 October** and **Thursday 12 November**. Music starts around **8pm**. As always a PA is provided, all performers welcome! Further enquires please contact Dave on 07885 963882 or look on our website or Facebook page.

Quiz Nights

Quiz nights are a firm favourite with many in the village so do come early if you want to guarantee a table. **Quiz starts at 8pm**. As always teams are up to 6 people, entry £2 per person. First prize, £36 in pub vouchers. Losers are awarded a wooden spoon. Our next two quiz nights are **Saturday 31 October** and **Saturday 28 November**. All profits from the quiz and raffle go to our charity of the year, **The Ipswich Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Centre**. If you would like to set a quiz for next year please, contact Chris at cottage.garden@btinternet.com and he will add you to the list.

Community Lunches

These usually take place at the pub on the second Wednesday of each month, all the way through to the end of the year. The next two dates for your diaries are **Wednesday 21 October** (this is a revised date) and **Wednesday 11 November**. As before please sign up for these, if you wish to attend, at Bentley Stores where you will find the menu for each date.

Friday Coffee mornings

Our Friday coffee mornings are very popular with many in the village. If you are at a loose end and would like to come along for a chat and some home made cake, as well as tea or coffee, please do. **It is open to all and is held between 10:30am and 12 midday every Friday morning. Please note there will be no Coffee Morning on the 9th October.**

Street Food Vendors

On **Saturday 3 October** our favourite burger van, **Wagyu Burgers** is making a very welcome return visit. Then on **Saturday 24 October** one of Bentley's favourites, **Dolly's Pizzas** will be with us for a visit. **MacN'Cheese** will also be making a welcome return visit to us on **Saturday 21 November** (the same evening as **Brooke Telling**). All the vendors will be serving from **5pm - 8pm**. Closer to the time please look out for more information around the pub or on our website or Facebook page. **As before, food can be eaten inside the pub from 5pm. Families welcome.**

Art Exhibition

From early October we will be exhibiting a new selection of original art works by a Suffolk artist, Trish Pearce. Trish is a self taught artist living in Ipswich but originally from Clare. Working primarily in acrylic on canvas, her portfolio has grown to include a wide range of Suffolk churches, village scenes, and rural vistas. It also includes some more imaginative works based on rural themes, such as the Green Man.

Christmas Raffle

Following on from our successful charity Christmas Raffle for the Alzheimer's Society we will be running another draw for our current charity of the year, **The Ipswich Hospital Diabetes and Endocrine Centre**. We have already had donations from Adnams and Lacons breweries plus Tesco's. Tickets will be available from early November – just ask at the bar. The draw will take place on **Wednesday 21 December at 8pm**.

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! This year they are starting from **Saturday 14 November**. 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 bring your own board game.

Dates for your diary

And finally for your diary – we will be holding our annual Christmas Carols on **Sunday 20 December**, starting at 4pm, come and join us for a cheery celebration of Christmas songs. Then on New Year's Eve, **Thursday 31 December**, **DJ Milly** will once again be entertaining us with his mix of pop, rock and soul classics. More details for both will be available closer to their dates.

Christmas Opening times

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

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

Boxing Day - (Saturday 26 December): 12 – 2pm

Sunday – (Sunday 27 December): 12 – 3pm

Substitute Day – (Monday 28 December): 12 – 2pm

New Year's Eve - (Thursday 31 December): 7.00pm – Late

New Year's Day - (Friday 1 January): 12 – 2pm and 6 – 10:30pm

We hope to see you soon.

“AMEN” CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

'AMEN' is the name of a Christian Charity who are asking for support with their Christmas Family Shoebox Appeal for 2026.

AMEN is a registered charity; more information can be found on their website. www.amentrust.co.uk or on Facebook. These boxes are given to very poor communities in Romania, the emphasis being on family and therefore should include something for Mum and 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? Last year we collected and made up 115 boxes, and these were added to ones collected at the central depot in Capel St Mary, a total of 488 left in November 2025.

Doreen Savage is the local co-ordinator being assisted by Alison Partridge. We have leaflets that contain ideas for things that can be included in your boxes, we can provide empty shoeboxes and deliver to you, and we will happily collect filled ones.

Completed shoeboxes can be left with Doreen at DELPHIS, Station Rd, Bentley between 26th October and 4th November. More information can be obtained, mobile 07784787596 or Doreen,savage2545@btinternet.com or contact Alison Partridge 07759745678 or bentleychurchevents@gmail.com

We would appreciate it if you can complete a full shoebox, however we have a collection point for donations at the village shop for items listed on the leaflets.

We need everything by 4th November 2026 – hopefully we can beat last year's total.

Doreen Savage and Alison Partridge

BENTLEY COMMUNITY STORES

Opening Times

Monday to Friday 9 to 1.30

Saturday 9 to 12 noon

Sunday 9 to 11

We hope you have enjoyed the lovely summer weather and have made the most of our continuous supply of fresh local summer fruits with ice creams. If it has been too hot for you, you will be looking forward to the cooler days when you can pop in for all your requirements for warmer meals. Country Pies are always a favourite.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new residents in the village and introduce our shop to you. We are fully run by a team of friendly and helpful volunteers. They can help you to find out about all the activities that go on in the village, if you would like to come in and introduce yourself and have a chat, you will be very welcome.

In the shop you will find a comprehensive range of groceries, household items, fresh fruit and veg. and much more. All sold at very competitive prices.

We do our best to use local suppliers whenever possible, with pies from Capel, bread from Harwich, meat and sausages from Hadleigh, ham and bacon and eggs from Norfolk and apple juice and honey made locally in the village.

We have a small range of medicinal remedies, pet supplies, batteries and stationary, stamps and greetings cards and also offer a dry cleaning service.

There's not much you can't get here!

Hopefully we will see some of you soon. You will be pleasantly surprised when you see what a lovely little shop you have so handy.

We are always looking for new volunteers, if this could be you, please come and see us and find out more.

Contact details info@bentleystores.co.uk

Footpath Society - Bentley Walks

From the Village Hall at 2.30

October Saturday 24th

November Saturday 21st

As always - Weather permitting!!

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

Autumn Update from Constable Medical Practice

We are pleased to remind eligible patients that our **flu vaccination clinics** will be taking place in October. If you qualify for a flu vaccination, there is no need to make an appointment — simply come along to one of the following clinics:

- ∞ **Thursday 1 October 2026** – 1.00pm–5.30pm at **East Bergholt**
- ∞ **Friday 2 October 2026** – 1.00pm–5.30pm at **Capel St Mary**
- ∞ **Wednesday 7 October 2026** – 1.00pm–5.30pm at **East Bergholt**
- ∞ **Thursday 8 October 2026** – 1.00pm–5.30pm at **Capel St Mary**

Repeat Prescriptions – Five Easy Ways to Order

We would also like to remind patients just how easy it is to request a repeat prescription. There are five ways you can do this:

1. **Online** – our recommended method is through our SystmOnline GP Online Service or the NHS App.
2. **NHS website** – requests can also be made through the NHS website.
3. **Through your pharmacy** – speak directly to your nominated pharmacy.
4. **By email** – send your request to ccmp.prescriptions@nhs.net. Please include your full name, date of birth, the full name of the medication or item you require, and your nominated pharmacy.
5. **On paper** – simply tick the items you require on your repeat order form and post it or hand it in at the surgery.

Your Local Pharmacies

We are fortunate to have two pharmacies serving our local communities, and prescriptions can be sent to either one. Please remember to allow **7–10 working days** for prescriptions to be processed at either site.

Capel Pharmacy

Located within the premises of our Capel St Mary surgery, Capel Pharmacy offers a **free home delivery service** to its customers and can accommodate a limited number of patients who require blister packs. These arrangements should be made directly with the pharmacy.

Opening hours: Monday–Friday, 8.30am–6.15pm (closed 1.00pm–2.00pm).

Telephone: 01473 311322

East Bergholt Pharmacy – Day Lewis

Located on Gaston Street, East Bergholt Pharmacy is also available for your prescription needs.

Opening hours: Monday–Friday, 9.00am–6.00pm (closed 1.00pm–2.00pm).

Telephone: 01206 298267

From everyone at the surgery, we wish you a healthy and happy Autumn.



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This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.” (Luke 15v2)*

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He certainly did not.

But, they were right in that Jesus was and still is the Friend of
sinners - not approving of sin, but calling sinners to turn from
their sin to Him, in humble repentance and faith. And all who
come to Him in this way, He receives and saves eternally.

As Jesus said: “..him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”
(John 6v37).

We are all sinners - and the Lord Jesus Christ is the only one
who can do us real, eternal good. Truly, He is the Friend of sinners!

Regular Weekly Services:

Prayer and Bible Study – Wednesdays 7 pm

Worship Services – Sundays 10.45 am and 3 pm

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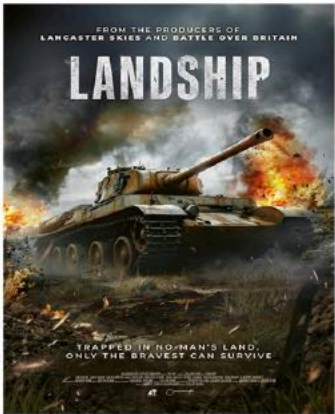
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Warm Welcome

Here at Capel Library we're still offering free hot drinks, free WIFI and a friendly space to charge your devices.

The Friends of Capel Library Community Cinema

The Friends of Capel Library
Community Cinema



Tuesday 20th October 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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October's Film: Landship

October's film is on Tuesday the 20th and will be Landship, which "follows the harrowing survival of a British WW1 tank crew trapped in the mud of Passchendaele, struggling against enemy fire and the elements for sixty tense hours."

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 November's film!

Annual Quiz Night

The Friends of Capel Library Annual Quiz Night will be back on the **14th November!** Doors will open at 7pm, there's a maximum of 6 per team, you can collect your entry form from the Library, and it will include the much-loved Ploughman's Platter!

Regular Events in the Library

Tot Rock and Stay & Play: Our Tot Rock sessions had 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 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!

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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
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September

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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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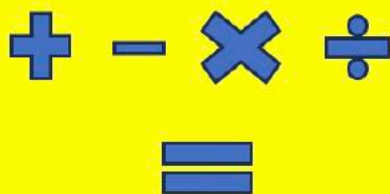
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