

WHAT'S ON?

- 4 Apr** Easter Extravaganza – 10.00am, the Hall
5 Apr Easter Day Holy Communion – 11.00am, St Mary's Church
6 Apr Family Easter Egg Hunt – 2.00-4.00pm, Hollesley Church
7 Apr Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall
9 Apr Coffee & Chat – 10.30am, Marsh Barn Café, Hollesley Bay
11 Apr Holy Communion – 11.00am, St Mary's Church
13 Apr Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall
15 Apr Fete Meeting – 7.30pm, the Hall
18 Apr Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall
20 Apr Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee AGM – 7.30pm, the Hall
21 Apr Mobile Library 2.15-2.45pm The Street/Opp Red House Lane
21 Apr Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall
23 Apr Annual Parish Meeting – 7.00pm, the Hall
26 Apr Morning Praise – 11.00am, St Mary's Church
27 Apr Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall
29 Apr Annual Church Meeting – 7.00pm, the Hall
30 Apr Hollesley Gardening Club – 7.30pm, Hollesley Village Hall
Marsh Barn Café RSPB Reserve, Hollesley 10.00am-2.00pm daily
Mobile Post Office every Thursday 11.30am-12.30pm, Alderton Village Hall
Chair-based Exercise Class 10.30am, the Hall, ring Jane 411373
Bawdsey/Alderton Emergency Planning Co-ordinator Tony Street 07764198759
Suffolk Police www.suffolkpolice.uk email woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk
Yoga with Darren Suspended until May

★ Copy for May Bulletin required by 23 March please ★

Family Easter Egg Hunt ~ Hollesley Church ~ Easter Monday 6 April

2.00-4.00pm ~ Incl refreshments ~ All welcome

Pay on the door ~ Adults £7.00, Children 5-11 £3.00, Under 5s Free

More information from allsaintshollesley@gmail.com or 07808 762622

HOLLESLEY GARDENING CLUB

We meet in Hollesley Village Hall @ 7.30pm. Our speaker on 30 April is 'Transition Woodbridge' who are giving a presentation about Ponds. If you would like to come along as a guest it's £5.00 on the night, or why not join us? Membership costs £20 per year. For more information contact Sue Barnes 01394 411579.

Please email louiselennard127@btinternet.com if you would like a Bulletin emailed to you. Email addresses will never be shared with third parties.

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THE 37TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT – GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL, £3.00

10.00am primary school age children at the Recreation Ground, children under 5 at the Village Hall. 10.30am adults tea, coffee and hot cross buns at the Village Hall. To donate eggs/raffle prizes contact Anne-Marie 07593 640487 or Rawdon 411459

APRIL'S COFFEE & CHAT

Marsh Barn next to the RSPB car park at HMP Hollesley Bay on **Thursday 9 April** (2nd Thursday due to Maundy Thursday). Meet at 10.30am and there is a chance to buy plants and good quality seconds clothes at the shop. All welcome.

BAWDSEY FETE AT PGL BAWDSEY MANOR BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 25 MAY, 1.00-4.00PM

We need help please, setting up, clearing away and manning stalls. Also cakes, tombola/raffle prizes, plants, White Elephant, books, toys and clothes. Fete meeting 15 April, 7.30pm. Please help to keep our Village Hall, Recreation Ground and facilities open. Village Hall & Recreation Ground AGM Monday 20 April 7.30pm.

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

In the Village Hall on 4 April from 10.00am 'til noon. A morning of making fabulous Easter arts and crafts, with refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Pop-Up-Pub ~ Saturday 9 May ~7.00pm ~ Village Hall

WOODEN SHED, RECREATION GROUND

Ben Tingle has done a superb job replacing the doors on the shed, damaged through repeated vandalism. The whole shed now needs a coat of paint. If anyone would like to volunteer please ring Rawdon on 411459.

2026/27 TENNIS MEMBERSHIPS

Running from 01.04.26-31.03.27. Individual membership £35, family membership £45 (incl anyone living in your house), PAYG bookings £8 per hour per court. Part year memberships available after September. Online payments, membership and court bookings at www.bawdseytennisclub.co.uk. Once you've paid, the gate access code will be emailed to you. Queries to admin@bawdseytennisclub.co.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5 April - 11.00am – Easter Day Holy Communion

Sunday 11 April – 11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 26 April – 11.00am – Morning Praise

Wednesday 29 April, 7.00pm - Annual Church Meeting in the Village Hall, with wine and nibbles. All welcome. Come and hear what is going on in your Church.

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

01394 411641, www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk, facebook.com/ThePeninsulaPracticeGPSurgery

| DAY | ALDERTON | ORFORD | ALDEBURGH |
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| Monday | 8.00am-2.30pm | 8.00am-6.30pm | 8.00am-6.30pm |
| Tuesday | 8.00am-6.30pm | | 8.00am-6.30pm |
| Wednesday | 8.00am-6.30pm | 8.00am-1.00pm | 8.00am-6.30pm |
| Thursday | 8.00am-6.30pm | 8.00am-1.00pm | 8.00am-6.30pm |
| Friday | 8.00am-6.30pm | 8.00am-1.00pm | 8.00am-6.30pm |

On days when surgery sites are closed from 1.00pm for training until the following day, all calls redirected to 111.

I am deeply concerned about the recent, unprecedented surge in heating oil prices, which is hitting our rural communities in East Suffolk. While households on mains gas and electricity have the relative protection of the energy price cap, the 1.5 million UK households reliant on off-grid heating oil, including thousands in our district, are left entirely exposed to an unregulated and volatile market. In just the past week, local residents have reported prices more than doubling. This volatility, exacerbated by recent global instability is a direct threat to the wellbeing of our most vulnerable neighbours, particularly the elderly and those in deep fuel poverty. As your District Councillor who has long championed environmental responsibility and social mobility, I believe we must address this inequality. It is simply unacceptable that rural residents should face such sharp, sudden increases without any of the safeguards afforded to urban areas. Therefore I have urged our Government to take immediate action to: investigate potential profiteering by suppliers who increase prices beyond wholesale costs; implement a price cap or transparency scheme for domestic heating oil to provide the same level of fairness and stability found in the regulated energy market, and grants to help homes to move away from fuel oil dependency or to increase efficiencies of our homes.

We cannot control global conflicts but we can, and must, control how we protect our residents here at home. Our rural communities deserve better than to be left out in the cold.

Councillor James Mallinder

THE SUTTON HOO HOPPER

A new seasonal shuttle service, the Sutton Hoo Hopper, is set to launch for the summer holidays. The hopper will be operated in partnership with Coastal Accessible Transport Service (CATS), Woodbridge Town Council and Melton Parish Council, Suffolk County Council, and the National Trust. The pilot service aims to make Sutton Hoo more accessible to tourists and residents, while promoting sustainable, car-free travel. The Hopper will follow a timetabled pick-up schedule, connecting rail passengers, bus users and local residents more easily with Sutton Hoo. Stops include Woodbridge Train Station, Woodbridge Turban Centre, Melton Train Station, and Sutton Hoo, dropping passengers directly at Sutton Hoo, as well as from the Sutton Hoo Campsite to Melton and Woodbridge. It will also support local schools and groups to be able to get to Sutton Hoo. The service hopes to start from the summer holidays to October this year, Monday to Saturday, 9:30am-17:30pm. The service has been designed to align with train times where possible, ensuring a smooth transition for those arriving from London, Ipswich, or Lowestoft. This service is subject to funding being agreed by Suffolk County Council.

BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM

As you may have seen in the news, coastal erosion is now on our list of things to worry about for the future. However for the time being we are still quite a way away from the sea, so business is very much as usual for now. The Museum is open every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until the end of October. On Sunday 5 May we will be running our award winning virtual reality "climb the 360 feet transmitter tower". This is an opportunity to experience what everyone stationed at RAF Bawdsey had to go through. The first series of very informative podcasts about the history of radar at Bawdsey called "Echoes of Bawdsey – The Story of Radar" is available on the website, along with details of all our activities www.bawdseyradar.org.uk/email info@bawdseyradar.org.uk/call 07821162879.

THE COLONY STUD IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Suffolk Punch Trust has decided to restructure its operations to focus on the future development of the Trust's Colony Stud. Our plans build upon our successful track record, albeit in a slightly slimmed-down form, to ensure future economic sustainability. If you are interested in our Stud Services, please contact the Stud Manager, 07776 210238 tracey.pettitt@suffolkpunchtrust.org or Head Groom, 07494 092420 lily.hammond@suffolkpunchtrust.org. The Visitor Centre, Café and Shop are closed. We also no longer offer horse adoptions. If you have any questions regarding previous adoptions, please get in touch. You can continue to help the Trust by donating or becoming a Friend (see website). Any enquiries to Peter Ingram, Trustee/Director, 07802 902448, peter.ingram@suffolkpunchtrust.org