

## WHAT'S ON?

**1 Feb** Coffee & Chat – 10.30am, 1 Farmhouse Cottage, Bawdsey Manor Estate  
**3 Feb** Breakfast – 9.00-10.30am, Sutton Memorial Hall, book with Sue on 411793  
**3 Feb** Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club winter talk - 7.30pm, the Hall  
**6 Feb** Craft Group- 7.30pm, the Hall  
**7 Feb** East Anglian 3 Public Information Day – 3.00-7.00pm, the Hall  
**10 Feb** Hollesley Community Café - 9.30am-12 noon, Hollesley Village Hall  
**20 Feb** Craft Group - 7.30pm, the Hall  
**27 Feb** Mobile Library 2.00-2.30pm School Lane/2.35-2.50pm The Street  
**16 Mar** Annual Jumble Sale – 2.00pm, the Hall  
**Suffolk Punch Trust** open for breakfast every Sunday, 9.30am-1.00pm  
**Poppy's Café**, Rock Barracks, Monday-Thursday 9.15am-2.00pm  
**Thrift Shop**, Rock Barracks, Monday-Thursday 9.00am-4.00pm  
**Marsh Barn Café** RSPB Reserve, Hollesley 10.00am-2.00pm daily  
**Mobile Post Office** every Thursday 1.15-3.15pm, Alderton Village Hall  
**Yoga** on Tuesday morning suspended until further notice  
**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

★ Copy for the March Bulletin required by 22 February please ★

### EAST ANGLIA THREE – PUBLIC INFORMATION DAYS

East Anglia THREE is holding a drop-in public information day on Wednesday 7 February, 3.00-7.00pm at the Village Hall (rescheduled from January). Local residents can meet the project teams, learn about forthcoming activities and ask any questions they may have about the offshore windfarm.

### THE LATE BIDDY SPROXTON

Keith, Peter and families would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during Biddy's long illness and at her funeral, and for helping us to raise nearly £600 to date for her two favourite charities, Suffolk Sight and EACH. Thanks also to Rev Cake for leading us in a touching celebration of Mum's life.

### ROAD CLOSURE

29 January–1 February, 11.00pm–5.00am, A1152 (Melton Station)

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# Bawdsey Bulletin

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## THE BULLETIN NEEDS YOU!

After 18 years of producing the Bulletin, Louise Lennard has decided to stand down and hand the reins to some new blood. If you would like to take on the compilation of this much valued publication, please get in touch. You'll need a few hours per month, basic typing skills, and the ability to email the electronic copies. Printing is undertaken at East Suffolk Council and paid for by the Parish Council. Email louselennard127@btinternet.com for more details or a chat.

## DO YOU SOMETIMES NEED A LIFT?

The Good Neighbours Volunteers have a group of drivers able to take villagers to appointments. We are extending this service to Alderton and Bawdsey. Not everyone has a car, and it can be difficult to get a CATS bus at just the right time. In the past year we have taken people for 30 hospital visits in addition to many other appointments. We just ask for a small donation to cover petrol. We can sometimes lend out a wheelchair if required. If you need our help at any time, just phone our dedicated number 07707 850126.

We are also looking for additional drivers from these villages. If you can help on an occasional basis please contact danny.bethell@btinternet.com.

## BAWDSEY RADAR TRANSMITTER BLOCK

Already February? Christmas is but a distant memory! We had a smashing time at Bawdsey Christmas market. It was great to chat to many of you and thank you for the warm welcome.

The museum reopens on Thursday 28 March in time for Easter, then open Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays through the season. Admission tickets are valid for a year from date of visit so keep your tickets and come again?

Volunteers are at the heart of everything from welcoming visitors, looking after the museum and grounds, research and recording the collections, helping at events or running a social media account. We're a friendly bunch, volunteering here is flexible, no radar knowledge is needed and the kettle is always on. If you're interested in getting involved please get in touch? Lynette@bawdseyradar.org.uk or by phone 07821 162879.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 11 February – 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 25 February – 11.00am Morning Praise

Saturday 17 Feb - 12:30pm - Lent Lunch in Village Hall

Also many thanks to those who displayed "dates" as part of the Village Advent Calendar, those who contributed items for the food bank in Woodbridge and those who provided refreshments for and/or read at the Carol Service.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Parish Councillor Vacancy:** We have a vacancy following Matt Roche stepping down. If you would like to join us to help make a difference and influence village decisions, please contact [bawdsey-pc@hotmail.com](mailto:bawdsey-pc@hotmail.com) for an information pack.

**Bawdsey Sign Bench:** Following a recent Council meeting there was a discussion about the bench purchased in place of a village sign. Initially this bench was to be placed on the green by Red House Lane and The Street. Some people objected to this and a decision was made to donate to the Church. As this was not on the agenda a decision should not have been made, and in being open and fair we will discuss it again at the March meeting. If you have any views on this matter, please contact the Clerk at [bawdsey-pc@hotmail.com](mailto:bawdsey-pc@hotmail.com) or come to the March meeting, which will be advertised on the website, noticeboard and Bulletin.

**Greening the Village:** Recently several Bawdsey residents turned out to plant over 170m of hedge and 35 new trees along the verges of Manor Farm Drive. A big thank you to all those who volunteered. The Trees and hedging were obtained free from Suffolk Tree Warden Network and will provide a valuable wildlife corridor to link up two otherwise isolated areas of existing woodland. Additional hedging and resources were also provided by Suffolk Coast & Heath AONB, who will be returning to plant a further 200m of hedging to extend the project. It is hoped this may become an annual event to help green up other areas of the Parish and create a better chance for nature to live successfully alongside us. Planting opportunities may arise over the coming weeks should you wish to join us. Watch out for work party dates on the Village notice board.

## TETRAPAKS – A PLEA

This is a plea to everyone using the tetrapak recycling facilities at the Village Hall. Many paks have not been rinsed out resulting in the stale smell attracting rats. All the plastic sacks have been torn open and tetrapaks distributed over the floor, chewed and eaten. The mess in the storage shed had to be swept and cleaned out. Not a job we want to repeat! So please, please, please rinse out the empty tetrapaks, and flatten them before recycling at the village hall. This is an important recycling service we want to continue.

## BAWDSEY HAVEN YACHT CLUB ILLUSTRATED PUBLIC TALKS 2024

**Bawdsey Village Hall ~ 7.30pm ~ All Welcome**

**Saturday 3 February 2024** ~ Bawdsey Radar Trust ~ Graham Murchie, Chair of Bawdsey Radar Trust

**Saturday 2 March 2024** ~ Recent excavations and Anglo Saxon finds at the royal compound of Rendlesham ~ Angela Care Evans, President, Sutton Hoo Society

**Saturday 6 April 2024** ~ A Voyage to Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago between mainland Norway and the North Pole, famous for its polar bears ~ Annabel Burton, Purchasing Manager, Design Engineer, Spirit Yachts

Admission £2.00 (50p under 18s) at the door. Tea/coffee/biscuits after the talk.

## THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

01394 411641, [www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk), [facebook.com/ThePeninsulaPracticeGPSurgery](https://facebook.com/ThePeninsulaPracticeGPSurgery)

DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	ALDEBURGH
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

**Surgery Closures:** Closed for staff training from 13:00 until the following day on Thursday 8 February (Alderton)/Wednesday 6 March (Aldeburgh). The specified site is open to book future appointments and access repeat prescriptions. All calls will be redirected to 111.

**Healthy You:** Health check-ups are available allowing you to have a discussion with a clinician about your health and concerns you may have. This can include lifestyle, health checks such as blood pressure, and mental health discussions. Make an appointment in advance by contacting the surgery by phone or online.

**Menopause:** Tuesday 20 February, 7:30pm, Dr Crockett will be holding a Menopause information webinar. Involving a presentation followed by open questions, it is open to everybody; male or female, patient of Peninsula practice or not, pre-, during- or post-menopause. You can join anonymously – no camera or mic is required, and you can add questions/comments in the chat which will be answered by Dr Crockett during the session. To join on the date, enter the following information into Zoom: Meeting ID: 863 7967 1067 Passcode: 993730 Visit our menopause webpage [www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/menopause](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/menopause).

## COFFEE & CHAT

At Clare's, 1 Farmhouse Cottage (on Bawdsey Manor Estate, first house on right after the Radar Museum) 10.30am, Telephone 410205.

### BAWDSEY SCHOOL UPDATE

We have been very busy at Bawdsey School this term already! Over Christmas the BSA (our PTA) started a wish list of books and maths games the children wanted at school and lots of people donated them and we are loving playing with them! Year 6 have also been to a debating morning at Farlingaye with the other IP12 schools and we are looking forward to a dodgeball competition soon against lots of other Suffolk Schools. We are excited to be hosting a new Baby and Toddler group starting at the school on a Wednesday 7 February, 10.00-11.30am. Details below.

#### BRAND NEW BABY & TODDLER GROUP!

The session will provide a variety of sensory experiences and play opportunities based on the EYFS framework all while having fun!

Please feel free to join the group that is most suitable for your baby/child. Here you will find information and booking information for the session.

BABY BEAR - Newborn to crawling - A group designed to support sensory development and allow babies to play in a relaxed environment.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/915311560153351/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/915311560153351/?ref=share_group_link)

BIG BEARS - Walking to 3 years - These sessions will provide activities based on the EYFS, allowing children to explore a variety of play opportunities.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/347340064717827/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/347340064717827/?ref=share_group_link)

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who hosted advent calendar numbers in the run up to Christmas. There were some fantastic displays and the school children had great fun spotting them on their walk through the village, delivering cards.

Thanks to the children too for the magnificent display of stained glass windows in the Church. They looked fantastic from both inside and outside the Church.

#### Mobile Library

2.00-2.30pm School Lane and 2.35-2.50pm The Street opposite Red House Lane. Comes every 4 weeks on a Tuesday. Friendly staff and a good selection of books.

#### FREE BEACHCOMBING EVENTS IN HALF TERM

There are some free beachcombing events in Suffolk libraries in February's half term. There will be a mini beach to explore, a tableful of beachcombed treasures and a giant beachcombing board game. Suitable for all ages.

Tuesday 20 February 10:00am-12:00pm in Ipswich County Library

Friday 23 February 1:00pm-3:00pm in Shotley Library

### COUNCILLOR JAMES MALLINDER 2024 MESSAGE

In 2019, the conservatives were given the incredible honour to establish East Suffolk resulting out of the merger of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils. It was the newest and largest (by population) non-metropolitan district council in the country.

The environment is one of the principle foundations of the council's first administration, led by Cllr Steve Gallant. We should not underestimate the importance of this emphasis and it is crucial those with authority must engage with all political parties and all stakeholders. The environment is not a political issue but belongs to all of us.

We declared a climate emergency and we knew we had to lead by actions not just words, to question the status quo and to make bold changes in how the council functions. The environment is about jobs, employment, houses, consumption and waste not just about the trees. Our environmental policy, which I led, evolved so it worked alongside business, not acting as a separate pressure. Development can be and should be positive if it uses fewer resources more efficiently leaving a smaller carbon footprint. One of our important legacies is the Deben School project in Felixstowe which is being built to Passive Haus standard and is exemplary in its engagement with biodiversity. And I am working hard to make sure any new projects are held to this standard. It is crucial in local government that themes and visions thread across all divisions. We must continue to make sure environmental considerations are embedded in all policy formation and council decisions.

In East Suffolk, we have proposed clean-energy projects, but these national infrastructure works can also have an impact on the environment, such as on biodiversity or a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We must look at the full picture. It's perverse to solve one aspect of the environmental conundrum while destroying something else you want to preserve and nurture. However, such projects provide much needed local employment and secondary economic benefits from the necessary services industries. So we need to see better implementation and engagement with Westminster decision makers.

District councils have an important role to play in leading by example and empowering local communities to do something no matter how small making a real and lasting difference.

Moving into 2024, I want to reassure all residents that although in opposition, I continue to push hard for environmental issues, also looking at how to effect a change in long-term behaviour, buying and wasting less or adopting more sustainable forms of travel. I will continue to try to ensure delivery of environmental, realistic and financially prudent policy. And of course I defend, protect and champion our communities and wonderful biodiversity.

Wishing you all a very happy new year and peaceful 2024.