

## WHAT'S ON?

- 5 Feb** Coffee & Chat – 10.30am, 1 Laundry Cottages, Bawdsey Manor Estate  
**8 Feb** Holy Communion – 11.00am, St Mary's Church  
**9 Feb** Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall  
**10 Feb** Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall  
**21 Feb** Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall  
**22 Feb** Morning Praise – 11.00am, St Mary's Church  
**23 Feb** Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall  
**24 Feb** Mobile Library 2.15-2.45pm The Street/Opp Red House Lane  
**24 Feb** Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall  
**26 Mar** Parish Council Meeting – 7.00pm, the Hall  
**23 Apr** Annual Parish Meeting – 7.00pm, the Hall  
**Suffolk Punch Trust** see [www.suffolkpunchtrust.org](http://www.suffolkpunchtrust.org) for days/times  
**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](http://www.suffolkpolice.uk) email [woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

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**Yoga with Darren** Suspended until May. Yoga is available on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am at Hollesley Village Hall with Jane, £10 per session.

### BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM

The new year season at the Block kicks off with a fund raising quiz on Friday 13 March (lucky for some!). This time we will be at Newbourne Village Hall. Teams of up to 6 people can be booked in advance via [info@bawdseyradar.org.uk](mailto:info@bawdseyradar.org.uk). Entry is £7 per person, payable on the night. More details are available on the website.  
The Museum itself re-opens on Thursday 2 April ready for Easter. The Museum will then be open every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until the end of October. Further details are on our website [www.bawdseyradar.org.uk](http://www.bawdseyradar.org.uk). For more information contact [info@bawdseyradar.org.uk](mailto:info@bawdseyradar.org.uk) or phone 07821 162879.

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# Bawdsey Bulletin

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## NEW YEAR DAY'S SWIM

Congratulations to all those who swam from Bawdsey Quay in memory of Julie Dovey and those who supported the 30+ swimmers and gave so generously. Organised by the Shingle Street Bluetits and Jane Tricker, it raised in total a magnificent £2,625.05 for the St Elizabeth Hospice. This was augmented further to £3,071.30 when Gift Aid was applied. The sum collected by the Bluetits and Tod Heyda came to £445.05 and Jane's Just Giving page collected £2,180. A cheque was presented to St Elizabeth's Hospice by Jane and Kerry Pratt from the Bluetits on Thursday 15 January.

## COFFEE & CHAT

Hosted by Clare Walker, this event will take place on Thursday 5 February at 1 Laundry Cottages on the Bawdsey Manor Estate at 10.30am.

## POP-UP-PUB

Saturday 21 February ~ 7.00-11.00pm ~ Bawdsey Village Hall

All the usual drinks, etc.

## BAWDSEY ANNUAL FETE

### BAWDSEY MANOR, BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 25 MAY

We are extremely pleased to again be asked by PGL to have our fete at Bawdsey Manor. Last year we had a fantastic result with takings of £10,000 and a profit of £9,000.

It was a learning curve for us. The extra help from PGL staff was invaluable, as were family and friends and the village people who helped. The next morning, Tuesday, PGL had to go back to their commitments, and other people also went back to work, etc. The clearing up on that Tuesday was undertaken by only six people – that is not a sustainable situation.

Please support your village. We need your help with setting up on the Sunday afternoon, or on stalls, and clearing up afterwards on the Monday evening or Tuesday morning. Many more hands will make the job so much easier.

### ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 8 February - 11.00am - Holy Communion  
Sunday 22 February – 11.00am – Morning Praise

### THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

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

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

On the following days all surgery sites close from 1.00pm until the following day for staff training 12 February. All calls redirected to 111.

**Changing the Way your Long Term Condition Appointments are Made:** You will automatically receive an appointment for your long-term condition much like the Hospital does, by email, NHS app or letter.

You will automatically receive an appointment for your long-term condition in a timely and organised way without you having to remember to contact the Surgery to book it.

All necessary blood tests will be done before your reviews. Your actual review appointment will usually be a telephone consultation with a member of our nursing team, but if you prefer, you can request a face-to-face appointment at the Surgery. From April 2026 onwards, appointments will be automatically scheduled in the month or your birth. To ensure you are reviewed at the correct time, you may notice the change before April if your birth month falls within the early part of the rollout. We are excited about this change and expect it to provide better care, reduce delays in long-term condition reviews and make the process efficient.

### VILLAGE HALL HEATING

With the money we made last year, it has enabled us to put in the first phase of the new halogen infra-red wall heaters. These are useful when people first arrive as they warm the person immediately and not the room. For those spending more time in the Hall, it allows the lower wall heaters to build the air temperature after a time to allow the higher heaters to be switched off. The second phase is to replace the lower wall heaters with more efficient ones, as they're pretty old.

### A12 GAS WORK AROUND WOODBRIDGE

The planned activity along the A12 involves the decommissioning of the current metallic gas pipes – which measure 1500 metres and were originally installed over 65 years ago – and installing tough new plastic pipes which will last for decades, future proofing the local network. As well as ensuring a reliable and safe supply of gas now, it will also help get the local gas network ready for more cleaner gases, like biomethane. The work is part of a £90m investment this financial year, which will see more than 300km of gas pipes upgraded across the East of England.

Following consultation with Suffolk Highways, Cadent has agreed to carry out this essential work between Monday 5 January and Friday 22 May 2026.

Due to the complex nature of the work – which will be carried out in phases – and the location of gas pipes underneath the A12, there will be the requirement for road closures, lane restrictions and other traffic management measures throughout the six-month scheme. Where diversions are required, these will be clearly signposted. If you smell gas, always ring the National Gas Emergency Service immediately on 0800 111 999, day or night. Do not assume it is related to planned works; it may not be and needs to be checked.

### WOODBIDGE BANKING HUB

The Woodbridge Banking Hub is a shared facility at **52 The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge**, offering everyday cash and banking services for multiple banks via a Post Office counter (deposits, withdrawals, bill payments) and dedicated days with Community Bankers from different banks for more complex needs, aiming to replace lost local bank branches. It serves personal and business customers from over 30 participating banks, providing essential financial access in the town centre.

**Opening hours:** Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm, closed Saturday & Sunday

**Community Banker availability:** Monday = Barclays; Tuesday = Nat West; Wednesday = Lloyds; Thursday = No Community Banker available; Friday = HSBC. Community Bankers may be unavailable during lunchtimes.

**Counter Services:** Withdraw cash (notes and coin); Deposit cash (notes and coin); Deposit cheques; Pay utility bills; Check account balances; Collect change (registered business customers)

**Additional Services:** External ATM available 24/7