

WHAT'S ON?

- 3 May** Car Boot Sale – 10.00am, Sutton Memorial Hall
5 May Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall – Glass etching/painted stones/decoupage
7 May County Council Elections – 7.00am-10.00pm, Polling Station at the Hall
7 May Coffee & Chat – 10.30am, Swann's Nursery, Bromeswell
9 May Big Brekkie – 9.30am-12.00pm, Hollesley Village Hall
9 May Pop-Up-Pub – 7.00pm, the Hall
11 May Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall
16 May Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall
16 May A Concert for Spring – 7.00pm, Hollesley Church
19 May Mobile Library 2.15-2.45pm The Street/Opp Red House Lane
19 May Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall
21 May Parish Council AGM – 7.00pm, the Hall
23 May Spring Market – 10.00am-12.00pm, Sutton Memorial Hall
25 May Bawdsey Fete – 1.00-4.00pm, Bawdsey Manor
2 June Building Community Resilience in Bawdsey – 1.30-5.00pm, the 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 returns from Wednesday 6 May, 9.30am, the Hall, £10/session
Deben Ferry 1 May-30 September daily, 10.00am-5.00pm, dependant on weather
★ Copy for June Bulletin required by 23 May please ★

Car Boot Sale ~ Sunday 3 May ~10.00am ~Sutton Memorial Hall
£6 per pitch on the day or £5 if booked in advance. To book phone 01394
411793 or 410279 or email susancollins0911@gmail.com
Teas, coffees and bacon rolls will be on sale in the Memorial Hall

HOLLESLEY GARDENING CLUB

On 16 May we have a stall at Hollesley Artisan Market at the village hall. Our speaker on 28 May is Suffolk Prickles who will be giving a presentation on Hedgehog friendly gardening. Meet in Hollesley Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like to come along as a guest it's £5 on the night or why not join us? Membership is £20 per year. More information from 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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BAWDSEY FETE AT PGL BAWDSEY MANOR BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 25 MAY, 1.00-4.00PM

We need help please, very few people have come forward from the village to help so far. Well over 60% who help are friends, family and PGL staff. We need the funds from the fete to keep the village hall and recreation ground open. Insurance, upkeep, repairs, improvements and only charging clubs for electricity, rather than hall hire, all have to be paid for to keep open. We especially need people to set up on the Sunday before and the Monday morning, man stalls, and clear up Monday evening. We need cakes to sell (if you can make several we can pay for the ingredients). We could do with trailers, especially big ones to transport stuff down and back. We need good quality white elephant, plants, clothes, books and toys. Extra parking at the Recreation Ground with free bus, also stopping at the Village Hall. If you can help please contact Rawdon rawdons@hotmail.com/411459.

BAWDSEY FETE GRAND DRAW: STOP PRESS

The Committee is delighted to announce that there will be additional cash prizes this year. In addition to the usual first prize of £250, there will be second and third prizes of £125 and £75 thanks to the generosity of local donors. And of course there will be many more fabulous prizes to win including tickets to Easton Farm Park, Riverside Cinema and Deben Leisure.

Like most modern draws, the cost of a ticket is £1 with a book costing £5. One book of tickets will be delivered to each household. If you do not wish to purchase them, please pass them on. If you would like more books to buy or to sell to friends, please contact Suzi at 6 Fern Terrace or Jenny at 5 Fern Terrace. Many thanks in advance.

BAWDSEY FETE: MANOR TOURS

Tours of the Manor can be booked via the Bawdsey Radar website www.bawdseyradar.org.uk at £7.00 per person for a specific time slot or you can turn up on the day and take your chance for £5.00.

MAY'S COFFEE & CHAT

This will take place on Thursday 7 May at Swann's Nursery at 10.30am. Hopefully we'll be able to sit outside The Garden Café if it's fine. All welcome.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 10 May - 11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 24 May – 11.00am – Morning Praise

If you have any spare tins or packets of food that you could donate there is a box at the back of the church which is taken to the Salvation Army in Woodbridge. Thank you.

Dates for your diary: the Flower Festival will be held on the 20 and 21 June. The theme this year is Pastimes in Petals. There will be stunning gardens open (if weather and circumstances allow) and also a variety of musical items. Please save this weekend for a lovely event.

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

01394 411641, www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk, 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

On the following days, surgery sites close for staff training from 1.00pm until the following day. All calls are redirected to 111. Thursday 14 May 2026, Wednesday 17 June 2026, Thursday 17 September 2026

Your practice team: When you contact us, you are triaged to the most appropriate healthcare professional, which can include our pharmacists and paramedic. Depending on your health concern, they may be more suited to support you than the GP and are able to direct you to appropriate care if more specialist treatment is required. This enables us to ensure that everyone gets treated at the right time, by the right healthcare professional.

Missing appointments: If you cannot attend your appointment, please call to inform us so that we can offer it to other patients and reschedule your appointment.

ANNUAL RECORDER'S REPORT

The report for 2025 can be read on the village website under Our Village. As village recorder, I try to give a round-up of what's been happening in the village over the past year. It's always interesting to look back at previous years, especially in Covid times. I am two years behind but hope to catch up on 2023-24 before too long. I am always happy to receive any news I might have missed as it's hard to keep an eye on everything. Visit Bawdsey-pc.gov.uk

Jenny Webb

Spring Market

Saturday 23 May ~ 10.00am-12.30pm ~ Sutton Memorial Hall

Lots of wonderful craft stalls plus refreshments, cakes, raffle, etc

BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM

May is a busy month at the block. The Museum is open every Thursday, Sunday and both Bank Holidays in May. On Sunday 3 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. Sunday 24 May sees a veteran car run stop at the Museum, while on 24/25 May, the popular 1940s Café will be in operation too. The Museum will also be present at the Suffolk Show on 27/28 May, in the Military Village at Trinity Park. Visit www.bawdseyradar.org.uk for details of all our activities or for more information contact info@bawdseyradar.org.uk or phone 07821 162879.

CLOTHING EXCHANGE/HELP YOURSELF

SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026 2.00PM-4.00PM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HOLLESLEY

Complimentary Tea, Coffee & Biscuits Available

The scheme is totally free and within reason. Please feel free to bring/take, or both, clothes in good condition. We are accepting Spring/Summer clothes only at this session. We do not take school uniform as schools have their own recycle schemes, however Hollesley Primary does not have such a scheme and therefore we are able to accept and offer Hollesley Primary School uniforms. If you are not interested in our Clothes Exchange, just pop in for a cuppa and a natter. ALL WELCOME Any queries or feedback gratefully received too. allsaintshollesley@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Village Sign: It would appear we are the only parish on the Peninsula without a village sign. This was discussed a few years ago but as there was no agreement it was shelved. Someone has asked about this recently and we would be interested to know if people within the village would like to see a sign and their thoughts on what should be included if indeed we decided to have one designed. Any thoughts can be email to the clerk at clerk@bawdsey-pc.gov.uk or mailed to Crown Cottage, The Street, Alderton, IP12 3BL.

Beach Clean: A big thank you to Dee and the 11 volunteers who did a litter pick along the beach by East Lane Car Park, where a whopping 35kg of litter was collected. We will be organising another pick in the future, so we do hope you will be able to join us next time.

Date of next meeting: 21 May, 7.00pm, the Hall

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR TO WILFORD DIVISION

The election will be held on Thursday 7 May 2026, 7.00am-10.00pm. The polling station is in the Village Hall. Candidates and their parties are:

DALY Tom – Green Party

MALLINDER James – Local Conservatives

PACKARD Linda Mary – Liberal Democrats

RAMSAY Jonathan – Reform UK

WATERS Des – Labour and Co-operative Party

Voters must have a form of photo ID in order to vote, such as:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or a British Overseas Territory
- A photocard driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass funded by the UK Government
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass funded by the UK Government

Do you have a spare afternoon to talk with other Bawdsey residents about the strengths and challenges of living in Bawdsey, with a free lunch and refreshments?

We are a group of researchers mainly at the University of East Anglia, and surrounding universities, and artists across East Anglia. We work with local communities to better understand coastal resilience (the capacity for communities near coastal areas to confront, learn from, and adapt to environmental and social challenges). We're most interested in learning from community knowledge and local people's perspectives. Our aim is to create something genuinely useful and accessible to better understand local strengths and community assets. We have an event coming up in Bawdsey on the 2 June, 13:30 to 17:00, at the Village Hall. We'd love to see you there! Participating in the event is completely free of course, and we'll provide lunch, refreshments, and hopefully some creative/discussion based activities in an informal environment. If you'd like to attend, or just want to learn a little more, please send a quick email to Dr Scott Leatham - s.leatham@uea.ac.uk. This helps us plan numbers and catering. But, if you decide on the spur of the moment to come along, you're very welcome! Supervised children are very welcome - we will not collect any data about them at all (another team are working with schools in the area).

You're invited to a Big Brekkie!

Hollesley Village Hall ~ Saturday 9 May 2026 ~ 9.30am-12.00pm
Full English Breakfast ~ Bacon Rolls ~ Tea & Toast ~ Coffee & Cake ~
Stalls

All profits to Christian Aid

YOUR GARDEN WASTE BIN LID COLOUR IS CHANGING

To support the transition to the new Better Recycling service, and to ensure that bin lid colours are the same for different waste types across Suffolk, we will be upgrading your garden waste bin with a new brown lid.

The process of upgrading every garden waste bin with a brown lid across East Suffolk started in April, with all garden waste customers receiving a visit from the refitting crew over the next few months.

The refitting of the new lid will ideally take place after your garden waste bin has been emptied, and as we are unable to give a specific date when the new lid will be fitted, please:

- Put your garden waste bin out as normal for collection (even if there is no waste to collect)
- Don't rush to put your bin away after it has been emptied. Leave the bin out until the end of the working day as the refitting crew may come along later in the day.
- Don't be concerned if your bin lid isn't replaced on the same day as your neighbours. Just keep leaving your garden waste bin out on your normal collection day - we will come back to make the upgrade.
- On the rare occasion that a bin is damaged in the process of the lid replacement, we will leave a notification sticker and arrange for the delivery of a brand-new bin.

Thank you for your co-operation in supporting this change for Better Recycling. If you do need to contact us about your garden waste collection, please email customerservices@east Suffolk.gov.uk or call 0333 016 2000.

All Saints' Church, Hollesley - Hollesley Singers Present

'A Concert for Spring'

Saturday 16 May ~ 7.00pm ~ Refreshments ~ Raffle

Retiring collection in aid of All Saints Church