

WHAT'S ON?

4 Nov Mobile Library 2.15-2.45pm The Street/Opp Red House Lane
4 Nov Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall
6 Nov Coffee & Chat – 10.30am, Harvey & Co, Bentwaters Business Park
7 Nov Christmas Craft Fair – 10.00am-1.00pm, Hollesley Village Hall
10 Nov Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall
11 Nov Act of Remembrance – 9.30am, War Memorial
15 Nov Bawdsey Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall
18 Nov Craft Group – 7.30pm, the Hall
22 Nov Christmas Market – 10.00am-12.30pm, Sutton Memorial Hall
24 Nov Pawns on the Peninsula Chess Club – 6.00pm, the Hall
27 Nov Parish Council Meeting – 7.00pm, the Hall
30 Nov James Woodrow Concert – 2.30pm, St Mary's Church
Suffolk Punch Trust see 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
Yoga with Darren Wednesdays, 9.00-10.00am, £10.00, the Hall
Bawdsey/Alderton Emergency Planning Co-ordinator Tony Street 07764198759
Suffolk Police www.suffolkpolice.uk email woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk
★ Copy for Dec/Jan double edition Bulletin required by 22 Nov please ★

Christmas Market

Saturday 22 November, Sutton Memorial Hall, 10.00am-2.30pm
Stalls include cakes & bakes, raffle, tombola, refreshments & hamper raffle
Plus lots of local craft stalls. A Christmas shopping opportunity!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Hollesley Village Hall ~ 8 November 2025 ~ 10.00am-1.00pm ~ Local stallholders offering a variety of handmade items for that special Christmas gift

BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM

Sunday 2 November is the last opportunity this season to visit Bawdsey Radar, 11.00am-4.00pm (last admission 3.00pm). Children go free. We hope to be at Bawdsey Christmas Market, so pop in for great gifts and stocking fillers. Details at www.bawdseyradar.org.uk, info@bawdseyradar.org.uk, phone 07821 162879.

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COFFEE & CHAT

We are trying out a new venue for Coffee and Chat this month which is taking place on Thursday 6 November at 10.30am. Harvey and Co is both a café and a bakery offering lovely pastries and brunch. It is situated on Bentwaters Business Park next to Happi Days, Dog Day Care on Thompson Drive, IP12 2TZ. With a candy pink frontage, you can't miss it. If you wish to car share contact Jenny on 410198.

Celebrating the life of Jill Mercer

10/12/2025-24/8/2025

There will be a celebration of Jill's life on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at Bawdsey Village Hall, 12.00 noon-2.00pm.

The family, Carolyn, Jack and Francis would be delighted if you could join them for a light lunch and to remember a long life well lived! RSVP: Carolyn Dicken: carolyndicken394@gmail.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Remembrance Sunday: There will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 9:30am on Sunday 9 November. This will be followed by refreshments in the Church.

Annual Church Appeal: Thanks to everyone who has given so far. It is still not too late to give! See the Appeal Letter in last month's Bulletin for details or drop donations off at 4 Eastfields, The Street.

November Services

Sunday 9 November - No Service but Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Sunday 23 - November – 11.00am - Morning Praise

A PERFECT START TO ADVENT

James Woodrow returns to enchant us on Sunday 30 November, a musical box of delights for the first Sunday in Advent.

2.30pm for 3.00pm ~ St Mary's Church, Bawdsey ~ Tickets £15

Programme includes works by Bach, Berg, Bryars and Roger Quilter
Tickets in advance from Marilyn Turner at 4 Eastfields or on the door

Yoga with Darren has changed to Wednesday mornings, still at 9.00am for an hour in the Village Hall, £10 per person. For more details contact Darren 07933926952

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council will meet on Thursday 27 November, 7.00pm to discuss village matters. There is a 15 minute slot at the beginning of every meeting for residents to raise any questions. The agenda will be on the PC website and noticeboard.

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

01394 411641, www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk, [facebook.com/ThePeninsulaPracticeGPSurgery](https://www.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 all surgery sites close from 1.00pm until the following day for staff training 12 November, 12 February. All calls redirected to 111.

Contact Details: Have you given us your current mobile number? This allows you to get information directly and quickly from us. We can send you appointment reminders, results, and information via your phone if you share your up-to-date mobile number (you can also opt out of these if you wish). To check if we have your current number, and to update, go to your account at <https://systmonline.tpp-uk.com/> or call the surgery after 11am.

BAWDSEY SCHOOL NEWS

We've had some amazing sharing assemblies this term showcasing all the children have learnt. With refreshments for parents/carers beforehand, we love these school community events. We have started our school games tournaments this term to maintain our Platinum School Games sports award. At the football tournament one of our pupils received the 'sportspersonship' award. Another pupil is competing at a National level for horse vaulting. We couldn't be more proud. We will be going to the Olympic Pool in London again to represent Suffolk and defend our title from last year. Year 5 and 6 loved being evacuees at Mildenhall, learning what they would have done in the war; feeding chickens, pigs, collecting wood and helping in the garden. Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying beach school, as have Year 3 and 4 with forest school. We are looking forward to watching the Magic Flute nearer Christmas too, all of which are funded by the BSA (PTA) with no costs to families. We had a personal thank you from the Salvation Army leader for our wealth of Harvest donations. Alongside this we are really pleased with our Statutory test results in the Summer. Don't worry we do the academic work too!

CLOTHING EXCHANGE /HELP YOURSELF

All Saints Church, Hollesley, Tuesday 25 November, 2.00–4.00pm

What is it all about? We know we all struggle sometimes to make ends meet. With economical demands ever present, it makes sense that we share what we no longer have use for, to enable others to use it at no cost. It also is the "green" way forward for our planet! Making use of the resources we already have. We thought we would start off with a monthly clothing exchange for adults and children, whereby villagers could come and browse clothes in good condition, which no longer suit our needs. Children grow so fast in the Summer sunshine that what fitted 2 months ago is now too tight....too short... no longer cool! But may be just the thing for others. Tea and Coffee will be available through the morning. We will **not** take school uniform as we understand the schools do this fantastically well already. The scheme is **totally free** and within reason, if you can make use of what's on offer, you are welcome to just help yourself to what you need. We may review aspects of the conditions of use and if this idea takes off adjust accordingly if necessary. To avoid storage issues, we will offer items on the day, if they are not taken, we will pass on to local charity shops on the donor's behalf, unless you wish to take back things you brought with you after the session. Please feel free to bring clothing as well as take, however if you are not interested in a clothes exchange just pop in to see what it's all about! Any queries or feedback would be most welcome too. allsaintshollesley@gmail.com

PHOTOS WANTED

As most locals are aware, the Black Hut which stood between Alderton and Bawdsey was the community hub where the Brownies and Scouts met as well as the WI. Events such as film nights, barn dances and gang shows took place there on a regular basis. Sadly it was severely damaged in the 1987 hurricane and was subsequently burnt down. At present, I only have a couple of old photos of the hut and would very much like to have more to include in my photographic history of Bawdsey. If you were of the age to have participated in life at the black hut, I would be grateful if you could look through your old albums to see if you have any images which I could scan to showcase any particular event. Please contact me on 410198 if you can help.

Jenny Webb

BAWDSEY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 11 December in the village hall with the usual Secret Santa. Items for the Hamper will be sought nearer the time.

UPDATE FROM JENNY RIDDELL-CARPENTER, MP

These parish newsletters are always an important opportunity for me to share the work that I am doing in Parliament, on behalf of Suffolk Coastal – and, most importantly, to let you know how I am taking forward opportunities to campaign for change on issues that matter to us locally. Over the past few months, I've been working to champion change on rural road safety, particularly on road safety around our primary schools. On almost every school visit I make, I hear the same concerns time and time again - from teachers, parents, and students - about the dangers children face just getting to and from school each day. From speeding traffic on 60mph roads right outside school gates, to unsafe crossing points and roads that were never designed with children in mind, these are everyday realities that simply aren't good enough. Since I began campaigning on this issue, I've been more determined each day to ensure that good road safety - and ensuring children can get to school safely each day - should be a basic right. In September, I invited children from Bucklesham Primary School to present our constituency petition to Number 10 Downing Street. In many ways, this petition was just the beginning of a campaign that I'll now be taking forward nationally. In November, I'll be presenting my own "Ten-Minute Rule Bill" to Parliament, which will begin a national campaign to call on government to take steps to enshrine in law measures to improve the safety of our roads around schools. Young students, parents, teachers, parish leaders, and our communities see the dangers around our schools every day – at drop off and pick up. Yet when their concerns are raised, they are too often met – at best - with shrugging shoulders. And I've heard some pretty terrible justifications as to why there has been a lack of desire to tackle these issues – citing that we're a county that puts road users first, or that it needs to be parental responsibility. Like many people, I worry that action will only be taken once the most unimaginable tragedy occurs. Road safety – or rather, people's and children's safety – is, to me, such a core principle that we should all be able to demand action on. It shouldn't be party political. In fact, it shouldn't really feature in politics at all. Over the next few months ahead, you'll hear more from me about this work – in Parliament and locally. If there are stories or experiences that you'd like to share with me about this important issue – to help shape my work and campaign, please do get in touch.

Many of you in Bawdsey will be aware of my ongoing concerns about the way energy infrastructure is being handled on the Suffolk coast. For too long, energy infrastructure projects here on the Suffolk Coast have been brought forward one after another with no real coordination – and very little regard for the cumulative impact on local communities, our countryside, or our coastline.

That's why I recently led a debate in Westminster Hall – a formal parliamentary forum where MPs can press Ministers on issues that matter to their

constituencies. My debate focused on how Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) are coordinated – or, too often, not coordinated at all. I've often described the current approach as a game of "whack-a-mole" – with individual projects popping up one by one, with no serious effort to understand how they interact, overlap, or affect the bigger picture. That's not a strategy – and it's not fair on the communities expected to live with the consequences. In the debate, I made the case for proper strategic oversight of energy NSIPs when they are being proposed in the same area - one that recognises the cumulative impact of all projects, values local knowledge, and ensures that consultation is meaningful – not just a box-ticking exercise.

I also made clear that we cannot and must not deliver the net zero transition by overriding the views and needs of the very people, nature and places expected to host the infrastructure. Following the debate, I'll be continuing to engage with Ministers, departments, and local authorities to push for a better, fairer system – and to ensure that communities like Bawdsey are genuinely heard.

If you need support or want to raise an issue please get in touch 01394 330260 jenny.riddellcarpenter.mp@parliament.uk/ www.jennyforsuffolkcoastal.org

UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JAMES MALLINDER

I trust you had a good summer and enjoyed our lovely weather, how wonderful it is to live in such a beautiful area. However the summer months have proven to be busy with many local issues that needed addressing.

I am delighted to see some new road signs and road painting in a number of pinch points. Keeping the highways clear of sand and debris proves a big challenge. Please flag any particular issues with your parish council so they can be dealt with. Across the Peninsula we have some serious issues with water supply and in particular I have been working with Butley to try and improve information flow from Anglian Water and to seek compensation - this is proving a big challenge.

A number of complaints have reached me about noise from building works and barking dogs. Just as a general reminder please be mindful of neighbours both human and animal. We live in a peaceful, nature rich landscape and I know that's why we choose the Peninsula to be our home.

Finally as we move into autumn if choosing to have a bonfire please do not burn plastics or paint which omit toxic fumes, and again please think of your neighbours. Nobody wants to see the sky full of smoke when you've just hung your washing out. Always here to help with any concerns.

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