

WHAT'S OFF? – FEBRUARY

- Due to current restrictions, from Monday 25 January, the Ipswich Park & Ride services at Martlesham will temporarily be suspended until further notice.
- Suffolk's libraries remain closed until further notice. The mobile library service is also suspended until further notice. Customers don't need to worry about returning items as all loans/charges will be suspended until 1 March 2021. Check out the extensive eLibrary services with thousands of titles to download and stream, plus online activities to enjoy at www.suffolklibraries.co.uk
- East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk Norse have temporarily suspended the bulky waste collection service from 22 January. This will ensure more vehicles and crews are used to collect household waste and recycling.

RECREATION GROUND

After the gluing of the tennis court locks early last year, we have again had problems with vandals. The pavilion has been graffitied and the old score hut has had the door kicked in. We will be putting CCTV up as a deterrent. This seems to be the only solution to an otherwise time-consuming business for the Committee.

DOGS ON THE RECREATION GROUND

We have received reports of two bits of dog poo on the Recreation Ground. It is regularly inspected and we have had no further incidents. I am sure everyone who uses the Recreation Ground clears up after their dog, and will continue to do so. Other people use the Ground, so it is unpleasant for them to come across it.

Local milkmen: Two firms deliver milk in the early hours of the morning in the village which might explain the 'suspicious' traffic mentioned in the last Bulletin.

WARNING - DEER

We have received several reports of recent near misses with deer, especially on the Sutton and Hollesley 'heath' roads. Please be alert. However, just a reminder that you should only be travelling to work or for essential shopping, exercise or medical appointments.

JUST FOR FUN

Answers to the sweets quiz in the December/January edition. 1. Black Magic, 2. Picnic, 3. Jelly Babies, 4. Polo, 5. Bounty, 6. Smarties, 7. Skittles, 8. Mars, 9. Fruit Pastilles, 10. Maltesers, 11. Tic Tac, 12. Minstrel, 13. Starburst, 14. Aero, 15. Fruit Salad, 16. Turkish Delight, 17. Topic, 18. Milky Way, 19. M and M, 20. Blackjack

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Gwen Zammit of Charlton and Bawdsey, who was awarded the British empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List.

BAWDSEY RADAR TRANSMITTER BLOCK

We hope you and yours are keeping well and safe. Well, we are looking ahead to our usual opening date of Easter with hopeful anticipation but, like so much else, this is not confirmed so please keep any eye on the website for updates.

The online shop is full of radar-related gifts that help tell the story of Bawdsey Radar and raise welcome funds. Do take a look from the comfort of your armchair www.bawdseyradar.org. You can also find a new podcast there about the role of women radar operators in WW2.

We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer. Volunteering is done from home these days which has opened up volunteering to more people as well. When permitted, we'll be meeting and greeting visitors too of course and you'd be joining a cheerful and friendly group to tell the story of Bawdsey Radar.

Do get in touch with Lynette 07821 162879 or Lynette@bawdseyradar.org.uk

BAWDSEY CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Thanks to everybody who took part in the Christmas Extravaganza. Collectively with Alderton we raised £90.00 for Bawdsey School. Congratulations to our winners who were: 1st 15 The Street, 2nd Tailors, The Street and 3rd 10 Fern Terrace.

WAR MEMORIAL

Work is nearing completion on the War Memorial. Villagers and friends raised money to improve the actual Memorial (which was finished the year before last), and the surrounding grass area. Not only do we now have a monument to be proud of, but the entrance to the Recreation Ground has been greatly improved, making it easier to maintain. A big thank you to Masters, Stonemasons for the Memorial work, and Vojtek of 'Green Art' for the surround.

VILLAGE RECORDER – 2020 REPORT

The 2020 village recorder report can now be read on the village website www.Bawdsey.onesuffolk.net/ourvillage/recorder

CHURCH SERVICES IN LOCKDOWN

★No services at St Mary's Church, Bawdsey until further notice★

Whilst the current Tier 5 National Lockdown remains in place the pattern of services in the Wilford Benefice will be as follows:

Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Orford (also broadcast on Zoom)

11.00am Holy Communion at St Felix Rendlesham

People can attend both these services in person if they so choose as strict social distancing and hygiene measures are in place. Please remember to wear your face mask if you do decide to attend in person.

Wednesday

6.00pm - Book of Common Prayer at St Bartholomew's Orford (also broadcast on Zoom).

If you would like to attend the Zoom services and do not currently receive an email invitation, please can you email the Team Rector, Revd Giles Tulk, on revgileswtr@gmail.com

Our main priority is to keep everyone safe and well at this present time and avoid putting people at unnecessary risk of infection. As soon as the situation in respect of the Covid Pandemic improves we will review the church service provision across the Wilford Benefice. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. With all blessings.

Revd Giles Tulk, Team Rector

LAPTOP CRISIS APPEAL

Local schools urgently need laptops to lend to pupils in need who, during lockdown, are losing out by having inadequate or no online access to their lessons. We have already distributed over 30 new and used laptops to Farlingaye High School and the surrounding primary schools that feed into it; but having talked to the schools they have identified that they still need 75 more laptops for all their families in need.

We are a group of parents from the local schools. Our aim is to give all pupils in need access to either a used or new laptop computer or notebook as soon as possible. Every day that passes means a day of education forever lost to them.

We are seeking donations of used equipment and/or money. Our target is to get 15 used devices and to buy 60 new laptops which will cost £15,000 (£250 each).

Please message us on the numbers below if you have any equipment to donate or for financial donations go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/farlingaye-laptops.

Contact for used laptops – Adam 07484 395842 or Claus 07809 626550

Follow our progress on www.facebook.com/groups/199272965263481

A CONSULTATION ON QUIET LANES

What are Quiet Lanes? Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads, typically C or unclassified routes, which have been designated by local highway authorities to pay special attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vulnerable road users, and to offer protection from speeding traffic.

Cars are not banned from Quiet Lanes and the use of Quiet Lanes is shared. Measures such as lower speed limits and discrete road signs aim to encourage drivers to slow down and be considerate to more vulnerable users who can in turn use and enjoy country lanes in greater safety, with less threat from speeding traffic.

What is the Quiet Lane Suffolk Project? Quiet Lanes Suffolk aims to benefit everyone who lives in, works in and visits the area to encourage the use of more active forms of travel – walking, cycling, riding scooters. The project is aiming to increase the number of Quiet Lanes in Suffolk. You can find out more at <https://sites.google.com/view/quietlanessuffolk/home>

What new lanes have been put forward in our Peninsula?

The following lanes have been put forward to be considered as Quiet Lanes:

- Dock Farm Lane, Capel St Andrew
- The Street, Boyton
- Mill Lane, Boyton
- Bushey Lane, Hollesley
- School Lane, Hollesley
- Shingle Street Road, Hollesley
- Red House Farm Lane, Bawdsey
- Long Lane, Bawdsey
- East Lane, Bawdsey
- School Lane, Bawdsey

How can you support these proposals? You can support these proposed new Quiet Lanes in two ways:

- Email Judi Hallett, Hollesley Parish Council Clerk hollesleyparishclerk@gmail.com with your comments about any of the above lanes. Judi will collect all comments and forward them on to the QLS Team. If you don't use email you can write to Judi at Manor Farm, Hollesley, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 3NB

- Attend a Zoom Meeting to discuss these proposed new lanes and voice your opinion on Quiet Lanes. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 24 February, 6.00pm. The Zoom details will be released on the Hollesley Grapevine a week before the meeting. If you do not receive the Hollesley Grapevine please call Judi Hallett on 01394 411405 who will arrange for the details to be sent directly to you.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AND HELP TO CALM

THE TRAFFIC IN YOUR VILLAGE

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

Telephone: 01394 411641, Website: www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk

DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	HOLLESLEY	ALDEBURGH
Mon	8.00am-2.30pm	8.00am-6.30pm	1.30pm-5.30pm	8.00am-6.30pm
Tues	8.00am-6.30pm			8.00am-6.30pm
Wed	8.00am-6.30pm	8.00am-1.00pm		8.00am-6.30pm
Thur	8.00am-6.30pm	8.00am-1.00pm		8.00am-6.30pm
Fri	8.00am-6.30pm	8.00am-1.00pm		8.00am-6.30pm

Staff Training Closure Dates: Alderton Surgery will be closed on Wednesday 10 February 2021 from 1.00pm. All calls will be diverted to NHS 111.

We appreciate that not all of our patients have internet access, but in the current rapidly changing climate our website and Facebook page are the most direct route for you to find up-to-date patient information. If you are unable to access the internet please call the surgery if you have any queries on 01394 411641.

eConsult is available via our website. It enables patients to seek online advice from a clinician at your surgery. It also gives patients the option of requesting general or administrative advice. eConsult also offers self-help information from the NHS and advice or help from appropriate local services. To access eConsult please visit our appointment page: www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/appointments

Supporting Kindness: It is with great sadness that we report the abuse from patients which has been endured by the staff at all sites - Alderton, Aldeburgh, Hollesley and Orford. They have suffered offensive verbal abuse, involving bad language and anonymous posters being put through the letterbox. These incidents have been most unpleasant and have deeply upset all members of staff. It is worth remembering that we are all in this crisis together and tolerance and understanding of each other's needs should be first and foremost in our minds. The staff of the Peninsula Practice do their utmost to support us, during this most difficult time and greatly appreciate how difficult it is for all patients.

Sarah Fiddes, Patient Navigation Liaison Lead, will be happy to deal with questions, queries or compliments. Please contact her on 01394 411641 or IESCCG.Peninsula-Practice@nhs.net to discuss any matter which you feel has not been dealt with fairly or appropriately. She is there to listen, advise and support.

The surgery has a zero policy towards abuse; any patient who is found to be so may be removed from the practice patient list. It is worth noting that the Triage System (phoning and awaiting a re-call) is now a nationwide system as the NHS continues to evolve. This is a frustrating and difficult time for all of us and all we ask is for everyone to remember to show kindness, respect and tolerance for each other as we move forward into the coming months.

The Patient Participation Group/peninsulapracticeppg@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS (FROM LAST YEAR!)

East Lane Sea Defences The Environment Agency regularly visit and monitor the state of the sea defences at East lane. Andy Rouse and myself met with EA Engineer, Gary Watson, to review the current state of the defences. He was very pleased (and so are we) to see how well the various kinds of rock armour are coping, and also that there is a real build-up of shingle at the north end where the rock finishes.

Although we had some high tides and strong winds at the end of 2020, because wind has not come from an easterly direction, the shingle and defences have not been pulled away, and the earth bank behind has stayed secure. Gary told us he watches wind and tide on our coast carefully, and does not worry too much about Bawdsey unless the wind is easterly. He explained that there is movement of shingle both north and south between the knolls in the mouth of the Deben and Orford Ness, so there is the expectation that at some point the massive build-up of shingle at Shingle Street could move south again, making the knolls larger again.

Although we no longer have rock stored at East Lane, Gary said that if there was risk of a breach and emergency repairs were needed they would be carried out. The Hold the Line policy is being maintained and monitored for the present. The new photo post system will certainly help in showing what is happening. Unfortunately Environment Agency responsibility does not extend to the soft cliffs south beyond Martello W, which continue to fall and erode at a worrying rate.

Planning Application for Crane's Garage Permission has been granted for development of this site subject to a long list of conditions, including an approved tree/shrub planting scheme, a lighting design strategy, limits to working hours, a construction management plan, etc, - over 30 in number. External access has to be improved, and internal access on the site addressed before work can commence.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS (FROM 21 JANUARY MEETING)

Councillors decided unanimously that our precept should not be raised this year. It was felt that with so many pressures on families and budgets generally, an increase, however small, was not appropriate.

We have applied for all the lanes in Bawdsey to be recognised as Quiet Lanes, and will discover how successful our application is in the coming weeks. Hollesley Parish Council has applied for the road to Shingle Street to be included in the scheme, so it's logical to include the Shingle Street stretch as well if possible.

The Council has written to object to further development at the north end of the Orwell housing site; this development would be separate from the Orwell housing already constructed. We are expecting a planning application from PGL for coastal defence work in front of Bawdsey Manor early this year.

Date of next meeting (via zoom) 18 March 2021, 7.00pm

Andrew Block, Chairman

HAVE YOU SEEN THE PHOTOPOSTS?

Maybe you've seen some new wooden posts while out walking along our local coastal paths. On the top of each post is a strange looking metal tray or bracket. What are they? There are, at present, four of these PhotoPosts located along the coast from Shingle Street (post no. 1) to Bawdsey Manor point (post no. 4). The other two posts have been erected on the sea wall between Shingle Street and East Lane. So what's the purpose of these posts? Each post has been carefully sited and is intended for passing walkers to take a photo from the post and upload to a Facebook page. These photos will provide the Bawdsey PhotoPost team and others with a record of the changing coastline. This information can be used in formulating future plans to safeguard our coastline.

To take a photo place your smartphone on the tray, in the landscape (lengthwise) position, with the camera lens pointing through the tray aperture, check you're happy with the image on the screen and press the shutter button. All done! Within the next few weeks all the posts will have details of where to upload your photo to a dedicated Facebook page. If, in the meantime, you wish to post photos to Facebook here are the four addresses. Please remember post no. 1 is at Shingle Street (north of The Beacons) and the rest are south in numerical order.

<https://www.facebook.com/Bawdsey-PhotoPost1-101469441796103>

<https://www.facebook.com/Bawdsey-PhotoPost2-101551411789000>

<https://www.facebook.com/Bawdsey-PhotoPost3-104406058175427>

<https://www.facebook.com/Bawdsey-PhotoPost4-105632521382125>

As well as local walkers uploading their photos a member of the PhotoPost team will be taking weekly shots at the low-tide time of day. This will give us a complete record of the changes that take place. It's all part of the beach measuring survey which started in 2013 and continues to monitor beach levels around Bawdsey Manor and the Deben estuary. More information from: rjtricker@gmail.com

BAWDSEY VILLAGE HALL GETS CONNECTED

Bawdsey Parish Council and Village Hall Committee are delighted to have a wireless connection into the Village Hall – all for a one-off set-up charge and no monthly fee. This has been made possible with the help of Gary Disley and Fibre WiFi's generous provision of a free internet connection for Bawdsey residents and hall users.

Fibre WiFi's willingness to support the local communities where they have customers means that the Village Hall can benefit from modern technology. The Village Hall plays a key role in the life of the community, hosting meetings, talks and other events. Access to the internet will improve the way information can be presented and shared as well as offering the opportunity to young and old alike to access the web and work online. Bawdsey is now considering proposals to have one or two laptops for use in the Hall.

CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT IN YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

As your District Councillor and Cabinet Member for the Environment, I am asking you to consider taking up practical ideas in your New Year's resolutions to help fight climate change and biodiversity loss. The start of a New Year is a natural time to begin as we mean to go on and I want to encourage residents to think more about the environment in 2021 and how we can all do our bit, such as reducing the number of plastic items we use, ensuring we're recycling right and looking after our local environment and wildlife.

We're the first generation to understand the urgency. We need to act now to care for and protect the planet and that starts at home in how we live our lives.

Living sustainability is all about making small changes and conscious choices and if everyone takes small steps to improve their environmental impact, we can really drive major change for the better. Small changes in our behaviour will make a big difference over time, so this year, what will your New Year resolution be?

Reduce plastic use - Plastic bags aren't easily recycled and often end up interfering with our water sources, trees, and animal habitats. If you haven't already, buying reusable shopping bags is a low-cost, one-time purchase that could have a big impact on cutting down on your plastic consumption.

Recycle right and waste less - To ensure your recycling isn't rejected, make sure you put the right waste in the right bin. An updated recycling leaflet will be sent to all households at the end of January as reminder to what can be placed in the blue bin. And we ask all residents to only put bins out for collection the night before and to be returned to your property as soon as possible the following day

Rubbish should be placed in the bin and the lid closed – wet recycling material cannot be recycled and will be rejected.

Think local - This has been a difficult year for many of our local shops and by shopping locally you can not only help your local economy but also reduce your carbon footprint. There are other benefits too of course, as shopping at local shops and farmers markets means you get the freshest produce whilst supporting your local economy.

Support nature - Putting food out for birds at this time of year will have an immediate impact on attracting birds into your garden. As you think about spring, think about planting wild flowers and perhaps creating a mini meadow.

WE as individuals hold the key to making a difference and in partnership with East Suffolk we will make sure we maintain and protect our environment for future generations.

Cllr James Mallinder