

## WHAT'S ON? - OCTOBER

**Yoga:** Tuesdays, 9.30am, Recreation Ground. Details from Rawdon 411459.

**Mobile Library:** 13 October, 2.00-2.30pm, The Street opp Red House Farm Lane

**Boathouse Café:** Open Thursday-Monday, 11.00am-5.00pm, if weather allows

**Deben Ferry:** Weekends Only, 10.00am-5.00pm. Social distancing measures in place & face masks must be worn

**Suffolk Punch Trust:** Open Wednesday-Monday. Closes for the year on 31 October, re-opening March 2021. Café, heritage garden and gift shop all open. Pre-book guided tours of the farm on 411327

**Pete's Pizzas, Shottisham Campsite:** Fridays, 5.00-8.00pm. Book on 07850 815486

## CHURCH SERVICES

| Church   | ALDERTON              | BAWDSEY                | RAMSHOLT               |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 04.10.20 | 9.00am Holy Communion |                        |                        |
| 11.10.20 |                       | 11.00am Holy Communion | 11.00am Matins         |
| 18.10.20 | 9.00am Holy Communion |                        |                        |
| 25.10.20 |                       | 11.00am Morning Praise | 11.00am Holy Communion |

## VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who came along to our last Pop-Up-Pub of the year. Also, to those who supported the annual garage sale. Unfortunately, we will have to cancel our normal firework evening on 5 November.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Services** have now restarted with a Holy Communion on second Sunday (11 Oct) and Morning Praise on fourth Sunday (25 Oct).

**Cycle Ride** – Thanks to everyone who rode and those who donated.

**Annual Meeting** – The Annual Church meeting, postponed from April will now be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 15 October 2020 in the Village Hall. All welcome to hear what is going on. Social distancing etc will be followed.

**Harvest Supper** – Unfortunately cancelled due to the pandemic.

## CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Please be a responsible owner and clear up after your dog. Red House Lane is a particular 'hot spot'. Parents often walk their children to school along the Lane and poo on shoe is not good. There are two dog bins provided at both ends of the Lane, please use them. Failure to clean up your dog's mess can result in a hefty fine.

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# Bawdsey Bulletin

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## STAND BY YOUR BEDS!

### Bawdsey Radar Transmitter Block will be opening for October!

The Block will be open for pre-booked visits on Thursdays and Sundays in October 2020. As a 'Good to Go!' venue, the Block is Covid Secure and ready to welcome visitors back on a pre-booked basis. Tickets are on sale now, please ring 07821 162879 to book a timed slot and ask any questions you might have.

Thank you to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, SHARE Museums East and East Suffolk District Council for the funding that has enabled the reopening and an especial thank you to Bawdsey Radar's volunteer team for making this happen.

**'Back on the Radar'** The RAF Benevolent Fund launched a campaign last year to find more veterans who could benefit from support, to get them 'back on the radar'. In this, the 80<sup>th</sup> Battle of Britain anniversary year and to support this campaign, The Fund have made a spectacular film, part of which was a light projection filmed at the Transmitter Block. Here's the link: <https://www.rafbf.org/news-and-blogs/80-years-radar-tribute-highlights-it-was-more-flying-few-who-won-battle-britain> It couldn't be a more poignant and important tribute to the women and men who gave so much and those who can benefit from the Benevolent Fund's support now.

**Story of Radar Podcasts:** We have a series of podcasts which can be found at <https://www.bawdseyradar.org.uk/bawdsey-radar-launches-podcast-series/>

## BAWDSEY CHURCH APPEAL

Attached you will find our annual appeal letter, which this year is more vital than ever. With no fund-raising events, no services/collections and no Government support, we have had virtually no income – but all our usual outgoings! So please donate if you can.

## GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Following the Covid-19 lockdown, a number of customers Garden Waste collections were temporarily changed. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. However, the Garden Waste service is set to return to normal from Monday 28 September, in accordance with the original bin collection dates. This means that households who subscribe to the service will once again have their garden waste bins collected on the same day as their recycling bins.

Please refer to the collection calendar or check the online calendar to find your collection dates: <http://apps.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/pages/bins/collectiondays.aspx>

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council, after some initial difficulties with technology, had another successful Zoom meeting on 17 September.

As Bawdsey's experience of being the key point on the coast for electrical power arriving from wind turbines comes to a conclusion, just up the coast an even more challenging issue for Suffolk, in the shape of Sizewell C, is looming. This proposed nuclear power station raises a whole host of issues, and the County and District Councils have mounted a strong response on our behalf. Please follow and respond to any chance offered to give a response.

Traffic, parking and Bawdsey Quay/Ferry Road took up much time at our meeting. While we have been assured of support and understanding of our problems from both County and District Council, we have not yet managed to translate this into action. In cost effective terms, clear re-marking of the spaces on the Quay would be a good start, with proper layby areas on Ferry Road linked with time limited parking to follow. Extra spaces in the amenity car park would help. Meanwhile, we do have evidence that the radar speed display in the village does have a calming effect on overall speeds - just as well given the weight of traffic experienced this summer. Councillors supported a proposal for recognising the contribution that many of our residents make to individuals and to the life of the village. Details in due course... The Parish Council will, we hope, zoom into action for our meeting on 26 November.

## THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

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| 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 |

**Closure dates:** Alderton Surgery will be closed on Wednesday 7 October at 1.00pm for GP Training and on Thursday 15 October between 2.00-4.00pm for a staff meeting. Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.

**Flu Vaccination Clinics 2020:** We will be holding three Flu Vaccination Clinics. The clinics will be open from 9.00am-6.00pm and **by appointment only**. Anybody over the age of 65 years old or anybody with a pre-existing health condition who has received a letter from the Surgery is eligible for a flu vaccination. Dates and Venues: 12.10.20 Hollesley Village Hall, 22.10.20 Aldeburgh Community & Sports Centre, 27.10.20 Orford Town Hall. You can attend a clinic at a venue of your choosing. Please call the surgery to book your appointment for the Flu Clinic.

## THE "SAVE OUR SWAN" QUESTIONNAIRE - SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to those who returned the questionnaire. We posted 350 copies in Alderton and Bawdsey, of which 92 (26%) were completed. That means 74% of households did not return their copy. The majority of responders were in favour of buying the pub, and although 61 of those returned pledged to help the project by buying shares or making a donation, unfortunately, the sum raised would be less than half of what is needed to approach the owners and make an offer to buy the freehold. Even with available grants, we would still be well short of the asking price, and there are considerable start-up and running costs to consider. At the moment, it seems unlikely that we can take this any further, which is a great shame. However, the results of the survey make for some very interesting reading, and many good points were raised. Here are the highlights

- The majority of responders were in favour of buying the pub. Many thought it was important to have a thriving pub in a small village as the hub of the community.
- The majority of residents responding said they would use the pub regularly. Many said that reasonably priced 'pub grub' and good beer would encourage them to visit the pub, and most did not see the pub as a 'fine dining' venue.
- Most that responded said they would visit the pub to socialise with friends and family, and for special occasions and celebrations. They thought locally sourced food was important.
- As expected, locals would want to use the pub for food on weekday lunchtimes and evenings, and especially Sunday lunch. Mid-morning coffee and cake was popular. Like most pubs, food would be in highest demand Thursday-Sunday.
- When answering the question about what special activities they would like to see in the pub, we had a huge range of suggestions such as coffee mornings, 'knit and natter', meet-up Wednesday, Harry's ukulele club/live music sessions, themed food evenings (eg Indian and Chinese), movie/cinema club, fish and chips, bingo, quiz nights, craft clubs, darts, book club. In winter, a cosy fire and a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere were important (and free wi-fi if possible!)
- Most agreed that it was important that the landlord lived in the 2-bed flat upstairs. Most wanted child and dog-friendly areas (as well as dog-free and child free areas!!)
- The pub garden could be used much more for outdoor dining and BBQ's.

Conclusion: Unless we can raise lots more finance, there is very little chance of buying the pub at present, but it is clear that the majority of residents want the pub open again. Let's hope it will not be too long before we're able to eat and drink in 'The Swan' and enjoy the company of friends and family. Please email [mal@malward.co.uk](mailto:mal@malward.co.uk) for the full analysis of the survey results.