

WHAT'S ON? - AUGUST

Boathouse Café: Open all week, 11.00am-5.00pm, takeaways or outside seating only

Deben Ferry: Daily service, 10.00am-5.00pm (weather permitting). Social distancing measures in place & face masks must be worn by all over 11 years (exceptions apply)

St Mary's Church: Open for private prayer, Sundays, 10.00am-4.00pm

Mobile Library: Tues 18 August, 2.00-2.30pm, The Street opp Red House Farm Lane

Coffee & Chat: 6 August, 10.30am on the grass behind the Village Hall (weather permitting). Please bring your own refreshments and mug.

Meet-Up Monday: Re-starts Monday 3 August, new time 10.00am-Noon, Shepherd and Dog, Hollesley, following social distancing rules. Bring your own mug.

Blue Rabbit Café, Shottisham Campsite: Thursday-Sunday, 8.30am-11.30am. Can be pre-ordered on 07867 488955 or bluerabbitcafe@icloud.com

Pete's Pizzas, Shottisham Campsite: Thursday and Friday, 5.00-9.00pm. Pre-order on 87850 815486 or pete@petespizzas.co.uk. Wood-fired pizzas.

Yoga: Tuesday mornings, two sessions, on the Recreation Ground. With the current restrictions we can only have five people plus the coach, Ellie. Hopefully the restrictions on the number of people will change and we will be able to have more. If you're interested in coming when this happens contact Rawdon 411459.

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	Temporarily closed	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

NOTE: When a surgery is closed during the day, your call will be automatically transferred to another site without the need to re-dial.

Due to the Pandemic, our service has had to adapt to keep patients and staff safe, and to manage your medical care with responsiveness, professionalism and compassion. Because of the rapidly changing directives we receive in relation to the pandemic, we are unable to inform patients via local newsletters of changes to our service. Therefore all practice updates are posted on The Peninsula Practice Facebook page and website www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/coronaviruscovid-19

If you would like an emailed Bulletin, or you have any future items, please email louiselennard127@btinternet.com. No email address will ever be circulated to third parties.

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POP-UP-PUB

This may be the first opportunity for a lot of people to go to a function since lockdown. Above all else we want to make it as safe for everyone as possible. A two-metre distance circle (or bubble) will be placed around each table and chair group. Bubbles will be spread over the whole Recreation Ground. Every group or family must select their own bubble to sit in, and no-one else must enter without permission from those within it. The queue for drinks will be two metre distanced. The pavilion can only be used for the toilets, which will have the only entrance at the front and the only exit at the back. Children are welcome but parents must make sure they obey the two-metre distancing, their exclusion from any other bubbles but their own and that they are supervised using the one-way system for the toilets. Hand sanitiser will be available at points around the ground – please use it. Contactless payments will be available, but cash will also be taken. Please come and enjoy yourselves. Bring a picnic if you want, maybe a blanket or your own chairs in case we don't have enough.

BAWDSEY RADAR TRANSITTER BLOCK

Whilst we are closed for now, here are some ways to keep in touch.

Podcasts: The first in a series of podcasts is now available to listen to at <https://anchor.fm/bawdsey-radar> or from wherever you listen to your podcasts (incl Apple, Google and Spotify). Search for 'Bawdsey Radar'. This episode tells the story of Britain's earliest radar systems and the women and men involved – the scientists, the women on the frontline operating radar, the decision makers and the politicians. The second episode will be published on 10 August.

Summer holiday activities: A downloadable activity sheet will be available each week of the school holidays, five activities in total with a new one available each week. Free and suitable for all the family – try a word search, identify some aircraft or make paper planes. Visit the website www.bawdseyradar.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is now ready to hire. With a two-metre rule in place and sanitisers fitted, only 18 people are allowed in at any one time, and certain rules have to be complied with.

CCTV has now been fitted to the Village Hall. We hope that this will add to the general security of our village.

BAWDSEY SCHOOL NEWS

What a strange time for everyone, including schools. As a Governing body we have seen the school cater for all pupils who needed a place. All staff supporting home learning through online platforms, marking and giving feedback to all work uploaded from pupils. If the pupil put the effort into making or showing something, the staff have pulled out all the stops to review and praise it. The same staff have been phoning all families; some weekly, some fortnightly and for the last month they have been Zoom calling all the classes. Virtual transition has started with the year groups, which will be completed with all classes coming to meet up again in the last week of term. If we were not aware before COVID-19, of the versatility of Bawdsey school and its staff, we are now!

During this time there has been work happening on site to install a new sewage treatment plant meaning that all conveniences were out of action. This challenge was met with the installation of luxury porta-loos. The children and staff have enjoyed the multi-coloured LED lighting and music playing as they use them.

We have been lucky enough to have 5 people apply for our latest request for school Governors and I think this is a testament to how the school is seen in the community. I think we should be immensely proud of what our school has achieved, bearing in mind that several other primary schools in the UK decided not to open at all. Bawdsey's school vision to be caring, has been shown in all the extras they have provided to keep all pupils and their families safe, well and happy through this time. We look forward to September and having all the children back on site and to develop links with Orford CEVA Primary School, with Katie Butler's new appointment as Executive Headteacher of Orford and Bawdsey primary schools. I would also like to thank all the parents and carers too, who have been so positive in their feedback to the school during these unprecedented times.

Jim Wyllie, Chair of Governors, Bawdsey CEVCP School

STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

Our coast and rivers are experiencing a large volume of visitors. Every inflatable imaginable has been seen with a child or adult clinging to it! With the summer holidays upon us we are expecting this unusual volume of visitors to continue through the summer months. We are reminding the public of our 2020 safety campaign which is Protect Your Family - Follow Safety Advice - Save Lives.

On a more worrying note, a safety sign put up on the cliff top at Bawdsey to warn visitors of the unstable cliffs was removed by somebody shortly after it was put up? Why would anyone do that?

We wish everyone a safe summer on our shores and to enjoy the beauty of our coastline. In an emergency on the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

HM Coastguard, Shingle Street

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council held another meeting via Zoom on 23 July with all councillors able to "attend". It was decided to purchase a sign for East Lane car park asking visitors to leave space for the disabled to access the sea wall via the slope rather than the steps.

Councillors will also be meeting up with officers from East Suffolk and Suffolk County Council at Bawdsey Quay to discuss measures to improve parking on the quay itself and along the riverside as well as speeding issues.

Message from Citizens Advice Service: The financial hardship caused by Covid-19 is having a big impact on the people in our community. We are aware that this is likely to worsen for some people if they face redundancy or continued reduced income. On 1 July energy companies will be able to chase for arrears and it is likely that other creditors will take action to reclaim debts. It is therefore a good time for people who are struggling with their finances to seek advice and support. At Citizens Advice Leiston, (with Outreach at Alderton surgery) we have two Covid funds we can use to help people in our community who have been financially impacted by Covid.

- Covid Energy Fund where we can help clients manage their energy bills whether gas, electricity or oil
- Covid Secondary School Uniform fund where we can help people with the cost of secondary school uniforms.

Call 0330 1075627 or email moneymoneymatters@nescab.cabnet.org.uk

NEW NOVEL ABOUT BAWDSEY RADAR

East Anglian author Liz Trenow (*The Poppy Factory*) has brought out a new novel set at Bawdsey Manor before and during WW2. Entitled *Under a Wartime Sky*, it tells the friendship between Kath, a local girl living in Felixstowe, and Vikram, one of the boffins who came to the Manor in 1936 as part of the secret project to develop RDF, later known as RADAR.

If you would like to know more about this aspect of our national story which took place right on our doorstep, this accessible novel is a good starting point. It is published by Pan MacMillan and retails at £7.99.

BAWDSEY PARISH COUNCIL & EMERGENCY PLANNING

Don't forget the Bawdsey Emergency Planning Group is still in operation. If you need us for anything please call or text 07851 211230, or email rob@bawdseyemergencyplanning.co.uk. Also see our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/bawdseyemergencyplanning>

Dear All

Shingle Street has been particularly beautiful this year. A combination of sunny weather and bumper crops of Vipers Bugloss and Verbascum have cheered our locked-down hearts and made us prouder than ever to be custodians to our wonderful SSSI.

As lockdown lifts, we've had more visitors than ever before – families desperate to escape their own back gardens, dog walkers in search of new frontiers, swimmers willing to brave the North Sea and more fisherman than you can shake a fish at. We're delighted to welcome friends old and new, but would like to remind everyone that this rare and fragile landscape relies on all of us for protection.

To that end, could everyone pass the message to visiting friends that there are no toilets here (nearest public facilities are at Bawdsey Quay) and that burying dog or human waste on the beach or using the surrounding land as a toilet is not a friendly solution – walkers have had too many unpleasant surprises and the abandoned loo paper doesn't do anything for the pristine beauty of the landscape. (If all else fails, perhaps borrow a doggy bag? And speaking of doggy bags, leaving them by the path "for later" has proven that we all have failing memories, and would do better to keep a firm hold throughout the walk.)

While we're offering reminders, there are just a few more -- no overnight camping, no beach fires, no BBQs (on or off the beach), and no parked cars on fragile verges or across access roads.

As for fishermen, please be aware that dogs have eaten left-behind hooks causing a number of recent deaths and ruinous vet bills, so please be sure to take *everything* away with you.

And finally, a huge thank you to our habitual litter-picker friends from Hollesley and the surrounding area. You're our local heroes. With everyone's help, we can keep Shingle Street safe and welcoming for our flora, fauna, residents and visitors.

Best wishes and stay safe
The Residents of Shingle Street

SAVE OUR SWAN

If you would like to complete the community pub interest questionnaire in respect of the Alderton Swan and haven't received a copy, please contact Mal Ward, 07551 766718 mal@malward.co.uk or Christina Joyce, 07776 305447 cgm80@hotmail.co.uk.

Completed questionnaires should be returned in a sealed envelope to either Alderton Stores or to Tamarisk, The Street, Alderton, addressed to Mrs Christina Joyce by no later than 31 July.

THE SUNFLOWER COMMUNITY CARE FARM

The Sunflower Community Care Farm in Capel St Andrew provides a calm, relaxed and friendly environment for people living in the Suffolk Coastal area to participate in farming activities including working with animals and growing fruit and veg. We welcome adults and children and, through the work, improve their well-being: helping them gain confidence, independence, resilience and self-esteem. Everyone gains a sense of purpose and responsibility. Our farm has horses, ponies, rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, goats, dogs, cats and fish and other wildlife in the pond so there's plenty to keep us busy! But equally important there's space to take time out. As part of Countrymen UK, The Sunflower Community Care Farm has places available for men who have worked in farming, horticulture or in any other countryside and outdoor environment; or men who have simply enjoyed being outdoors as part of their leisure interest. If you know a man who might benefit from joining our Countrymen UK Club then please get in touch. We have an Outreach Specialist to co-ordinate our community efforts, to make contact with individual men and carers, and to collaborate with other organisations to ensure that outreach services get to those most at risk from the effects of being isolated and out of touch. For more information see www.thesunflowercommunitycarefarm.org.uk

Email countrymenuk@thesunflowercommunitycarefarm.org.uk

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www.facebook.com/The-Sunflower-Community-Care-Farm-1619725858322800

www.instagram.com/sunflower_cf/

RECYCLING TIPS

Over recent months you may have been using internet/mail order shopping more often. Here are a couple of tips to help you recycle/reuse packaging.

Bubble Wrap: Reduce – Ask what your purchases will be packaged in – there are 100% recycled paper alternatives retailers can use which can be composted. Reuse – Reuse it yourself to pack items or offer it to others. Artists often like to reuse to pack their artwork in.

Cardboard: Reuse – Cardboard boxes are ideal for moving and are often in demand. Advertise boxes for reuse on online reuse networks such as Freecycle or Freegle. Recycle – Can be recycled in your kerbside recycling bin or in the cardboard container at Suffolk Recycling Centres. If you remove tape and staples you can put them in your rubbish bin and know they are going to an energy waste plant and not landfill. Home Compost – Cardboard can be put in your compost bin and is a good way of reducing smells and increasing the effectiveness of your compost bin as it provides air pockets. It's more effective if crunched into handful sized bits.