

## What's on ~ December 2015

- 01/12** Craft Group – Wreath Making (please bring greenery) – 7.30pm, the Hall  
**03/12** Coffee & Chat Christmas Lunch – 11.30am, the Hall (see notes)  
**3-6/12** Hollesley Players “Jack & the Beanstalk” – Hollesley Village Hall (see notes)  
**04/12** Quiz Night + Fish & Chips – 7.30pm, Sutton Memorial Hall, book on 384659  
**04/12** Hollesley Pre-School Christmas Fayre – 3.15pm  
**04/12** Wine Tasting Evening – 7.30pm, 23 Model Cottages, book on 411703  
**05/12** Craft Christmas Coffee Morning – 10.00am-Noon, the Hall (see notes)  
**05/12** Alexanders College Open Day – 10.00am-12.30pm. Report to Gatehouse.  
**05/12** Alderton Christmas Party – Alderton Village Hall, book with Veronica 411691  
**10/12** OAP Lunch – Noon, Bawdsey School. Please pre-book on 411365  
**11/12** Bawdsey School Christmas Fayre – 2.15pm  
**11/12** Girls Night Out – Carol Service, 6.30pm, Sutton Church  
**12/12** Community Café – 9.30am-Noon, Hollesley Village Hall  
**12/12** Gill Moon’s Photographic Exhibition – Noon-4.00pm, Shottisham Trust Hall  
**12/12** Christmas Market – 2.00-4.00pm, the Hall (see notes)  
**12/12** Hollesley School Christmas Fayre – 2.00-4.00pm  
**13/12** St Mary’s Carol Service – 3.00pm followed by tea in the Hall  
**15/12** Craft Group – Christmas Party, 7.30pm, the Hall  
**17/12** Jazz Group – 7.30pm, the Hall  
**18/12** Carol Singing Around Village – Meet at 24 The Street, 6.30pm  
**25/12** St Mary’s Christmas Day Family Service – 10.30am

## What's on ~ January 2016

- 01/01** New Year’s Day Events, Bawdsey Quay – Ferry/Deben Dip/Café (see notes)  
**05/01** Craft Group – Knitting & Crochet, 7.30pm, the Hall  
**07/01** Coffee & Chat with Bring-&-Buy – 10.30am, 1 Eastfields (see notes)  
**13/01** Parish Council Meeting – 7.00pm, the Hall  
**14/01** OAP Lunch – Noon, Bawdsey School. Please pre-book on 411365  
**14/01** Bird Club Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, the Hall  
**17/01** Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee Meeting – 7.30pm, the Hall  
**19/01** Craft Group – Make a shopping bag and beat the bag tariff, 7.30pm, the Hall  
**21/01** PCC Meeting – 7.30pm, 4 Eastfields  
**21/01** Jazz Group – 7.30pm, the Hall  
**23/01** Community Cafe – 9.30am-Noon, Hollesley Village Hall  
**23/01** Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club Talk – 7.30pm, the Hall (see notes)  
**29/01** Knit-In – 2.00-4.00pm, The Anchorage, Bromeswell  
**Mobile Grocer** Every Thurs, 12.15pm-12.45pm, the Hall **\*Not 24 Dec or 31 Dec\***  
**Woodbridge & District Safer Neighbourhood Team** Tel: 01473 613500, email: woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. Dial 101 when less urgent than 999. Now in new accommodation at Woodbridge Fire Station

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
From Liz, Lydia, Louise & the Bulletin Team



## Bawdsey Bulletin

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### BAWDSEY MARKET – SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2.00-4.00PM

Enjoy one-stop Christmas shopping at Bawdsey market. In the food line we will have meat, bread, cakes (dairy and gluten free), savoury pies, spreads and pickles, jams, olive oil and artisan vinegars. Why not make up your own Bawdsey Market hamper? It would make a wonderful gift. For more present ideas there will be plants, paintings and prints, home spun and dyed felted wool products and woodwork - all locally produced. Hope to see you there.

### COFFEE & CHAT

The Christmas lunch takes place on Thursday 3 December at 11.30am. Please bring a raffle prize per person and a contribution to the hamper draw (to Margaret King please at 28 Model Cottages prior to the day). Please also bring a plate of food – drinks supplied. On Thursday 7 January we will commence our warm mornings thanks to Brenda at 1 Eastfields, 10.30am.

### BAWDSEY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 11 December ~ 2.15pm ~ ALL WELCOME

### NEW YEAR'S DAY EVENTS AT BAWDSEY FERRY

On Friday 1 January, John White will run the Ferry between Bawdsey and Felixstowe Ferry from 10.00am to 3.00pm. His wife, Ann, will serve hot mulled wine, tea/coffee and mince pies from the Fisherman’s Hut on Bawdsey Quay. If bad weather the event will take place on Sunday 3 January. Julie Dovey is again arranging the ‘Deben Dip’ taking place at 11.00am on the sand opposite No. 5 Ferry Road. Anyone interested please contact her on 410043. The Boathouse Café will be open from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

### CRAFT GROUP

Tuesday 1 December - Annual wreath making evening – please bring greenery.  
Saturday 5 December - Christmas Coffee Morning between 10.00am-Noon at the Hall. Please give items for the hamper draw to Jenny Clouting (21 Model Cottages) prior to the date. Raffle, cakes, produce, crafts, refreshments, etc.  
Tuesday 15 December – Christmas Party, please bring a plate of snacks.  
We commence 2016 with a knitting and crocheting evening on Tuesday 5 January and on Tuesday 19 January we beat the bag tariff by making a shopping bag. All evenings start at 7.30pm in the Hall.

### Carol Singing Around The Village

Every year a group of villagers sing carols door-to-door to raise money for the Children’s Society – a charity supporting vulnerable children locally and nationally. Please join us this year. We will meet in Lydia’s driveway (next to the Village Hall) 6:30pm, Friday 18 December. Refreshments afterwards. Contact Marilyn 411011.

### BAWDSEY HAVEN YACHT CLUB

The first talk will take place on Saturday 23 January, 7.30pm at the Village Hall – The Story Behind the “Time Crashers” Programme at Ramsholt by Robert Simper. Adults £2.00, Under 18s 50p. Refreshments available.

### ST MARY’S CHURCH NOTES

**Services:** Sunday 29 November Advent Candle-lit Carols and Readings at St Andrew’s Boyton, 6.30pm led by Revd Ruth Hatchett (the only service on that day – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month) for the Deben parishes, now extended to include Shottisham and Sutton. All welcome. Light refreshments served after the service. Sunday 13 December 3.00pm (note time) Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols led by Revd Ruth Hatchett and Reader Lydia Calvesbert. Followed by refreshments in the Village Hall as a thank you for village support through the year. Wednesday 16 December 3.00pm at Alderton Church, Carol Service by Alexanders College led by Revd Ruth Hatchett. Thursday 24 December at 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Andrew’s, Alderton led by the Revd Michael Hatchett. Also at All Saints, Hollesley 11.30pm Midnight Service led by Revd Janice Leaver of Rendlesham. Friday 25 December Christmas Day 10.30am (note time) at St Mary’s Family Service led by Revd Michael Hatchett and Reader Lydia Calvesbert. Sunday 27 December Carol Service 3.00pm at All Saints, Hollesley led by Revd Ruth Hatchett. Sunday 10 January 2016 Holy Communion led by Revd Ruth Hatchett. Sunday 24 January Morning Praise 11.00am led by Reader Lydia Calvesbert and Elder Joy Andrews.

### DECEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

	Alderton	Bawdsey	Ramsholt
6	8.00am Holy Communion		6.30am Carol Service
13	6.30pm Carol Service	3.00pm Carol Service	11.00 Matins
20	11.00am Holy Communion		
24	11.30pm Midnight Mass		
25		10.30am Family Service	
27			11.00am Holy Communion

### JANUARY CHURCH SERVICES

	Alderton	Bawdsey	Ramsholt
3	8.00am Holy Communion		
10	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Matins
17	11.00am Holy Communion		
24	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Praise	11.00am Holy Communion
31	11.00am Holy Communion for Deben Churches, Shottisham		

Also Morning Prayer - Mondays 9.00am Alderton/Wednesdays 9.30am Bawdsey  
For weddings, baptisms, visits, activities, or to tell us something – contact Rev Ruth Hatchett (01394 412052)

### POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for your very generous support during the Remembrance period. Together, we have contributed £48.48 from Bawdsey School, £39.73 from The Boathouse Café, £240.30 from the house-to-house collection and £94.57 from the Remembrance Day service at St Mary’s. A sincere thank you.

Linda Cooper and Susan Foster

### BAWDSEY TO GET PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR

The lives of many heart attack victims can be saved if a defibrillator is used within the first few minutes following the attack. Bawdsey is to have its own public access defibrillator provided by a British Heart Foundation/Government scheme, which will be installed outside the Village Hall. These devices are automatic and can be used by anyone without previous experience. However, training gives more confidence and training sessions will be arranged once the defibrillator has been installed. For more information contact Rod Webb, mail@habss-cfr-group.org.uk

### JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 13 February 2016, 2.00pm, in the Village Hall, in aid of the Church and Village Hall and Recreation Ground. The Hall will be open at 10.00am to receive jumble and bric-a-brac.

### HOLLESLEY PLAYERS PRESENT JACK AND THE BEAN STALKS

3/4/5/6 December - Thursday-Saturday 7.30pm performance, Saturday/Sunday also 2.30pm performance, Hollesley Village Hall. For tickets call 01394 411079 - in advance Adults £5.00/Under 16s £2.50/OAPs £4.00, on the door Adults £7.00/Under 16s £3.00/OAPs £5.00. Refreshments available during the interval.

### FIREWORKS AT BAWDSEY

This was probably the wettest fireworks for Bawdsey in its history! But it did not stop the organisers, helpers and people coming. Many thanks to Bushell for lighting the fire, Brenda and her team for letting off the fireworks and Jane, Di and Terry for overseeing the food and hot chocolate. Thanks for everyone who came and brought food and donated to, as ever, an excellent show.

### ALDERTON CHRISTMAS PARTY – SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

After a great evening last year, we will be holding our Christmas Party once again. Don’t miss it! Live music with band “Carpe Diem” playing a variety of music at Alderton Village Hall. Table food provided, please bring your own drinks. Tea and coffee available. Saturday 5 December. Tickets £7.50 per person available from Veronica and Mal, telephone 01394 411691, or purchase from the Corner Shop.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Alderton based landscape photographer Gill Moon is holding a Christmas exhibition and sale at Shottisham Trust Hall on Saturday 12 December. On show and available to purchase as framed or mounted prints will be a collection of landscape photographs from across Suffolk including local scenes from Alderton, Bawdsey, Ramsholt, Shingle Street and Orford. Gill will also be selling her Suffolk Coast and Woodbridge Calendars along with a range of Christmas cards and greetings cards. Admission is free and the exhibition runs from Noon until 4.00pm at the Trust Hall, Shottisham. More information from Gill on 01394 410597 email gill@gillmoon.com.

### SORREL HORSE, SHOTTISHAM - MUSIC NIGHTS

Monday 14 December - Folk/Rock with Silbury Hill - 8.30-11.00pm  
Details from [www.thesorrelhorse-shottisham.co.uk](http://www.thesorrelhorse-shottisham.co.uk)

## A LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER!

Dear Friends of Alexanders College in the Bawdsey community

I was kindly invited by your editor to write a few words to introduce what might still seem to you a strange and mysterious place at the end of Bawdsey Quay! Since my family and I have now been living more or less in your midst for the last year or so, this seems an excellent idea.

You all probably know the long-term history better than I do. It has certainly been fun for me to find out about this during the last year. However, what concerns me most of all is the history of Bawdsey Manor as an educational enterprise.

After the Royal Air Force left the Manor for the last time in the early 1980s, the property was unused for a few years until Niels and Ann Toettcher purchased it in the early 1990s. The Toettcher family had been running English language schools for adults and children in London and Essex. A keen sailor, Niels was entranced by the opportunities offered by the location of Bawdsey Manor as a place to develop his enterprises.

Alexanders has had a few name changes along the way and a few shifts in its educational purpose too. It has offered English language courses and "preparation" for life in other English boarding schools. Right now, though, it offers exactly the same kind of secondary school curriculum as any other independent British boarding school. This includes a lower secondary (Key Stage 3) programme and, of course, a very good range of GCSE and A Level subjects.

So we are now very much "open for business" for UK pupils. Indeed, our first joined us this September and we have an Open Day on 5 December. This will be our moment to show our wares to the British community for the first time. Do come, even if you are simply curious about what goes on at the end of our imposing drive!

Besides our first British pupil, there are 83 others studying with us at the moment. They come from all over the world, with almost every continent represented. All are boarders, at the moment but, as we seek to recruit more local pupils, we shall, of course, be offering a very attractive proposition for those who wish to attend as day students. The GCSE and A Level courses contain the largest proportion of our pupils. Not surprisingly, the most popular subjects are Mathematics and the Sciences. However, there is a very healthy interest in the Arts too, with Music and the Visual Arts being well served. As an English Literature teacher, I am particularly pleased that we now have a class in that subject too.

Our pupils tend to stay with us for the duration of an examination programme, which is two years in the case of GCSE and A Level, of course. Some seek to accelerate the GCSE process in just one year and we also serve that goal as well as we can. We are always seeking to get the pupils to think long-term about their education and to extend their stays. However, we do recognize how difficult it can be for parents and children on opposite sides of the world to be separated from each other for long periods.

As you will, perhaps, have noticed, our school is almost never completely closed. Indeed, there is only a complete shutdown for the Christmas period. Otherwise, for pupils for whom the journey home is long, we offer the opportunity to stay at school during the half term and Easter holiday breaks, or we run popular trips to

other parts of the United Kingdom during these periods. This half term, for instance, a group of our pupils were in Scotland and in the February break, we shall, once again, be leading a party to Northern Ireland.

Summer School is a very popular part of our work, not just for our year-round pupils but also for hundreds of others who join us for sports, art activities and English lessons from mid-June to August. We plan to open these programmes to the British market too, so look out for our information and do get in touch if you're interested.

Finally, please allow me to introduce myself and, of course, a few of my key personnel. My wife, Sue, and I have returned to the United Kingdom after some sixteen years working overseas. I taught at and led schools in Spain, the United States, Brazil, the Netherlands and Cyprus. Sue is a ballet teacher by training and has taught in all the countries we've lived in! We have two sons, one in his final year at Farlingaye and the other in his final year at University College, London.

I travel often to various parts of the world in order to recruit pupils for Alexanders. I'm happy to say, though, that, whilst I'm away, the school is in the very capable hands of our new Deputy Head, Dan Leighton and our Bursar, Camille Nickson. Like me, Dan is also resident on site but his family is presently based in Cambridge. A graduate of that university himself, Dan was previously working in a senior management position at Leeds Grammar School.

Camille, meanwhile, has lived in Suffolk for many years and, as a Framlingham parent, has much association with the county. She worked as a consultant for several independent schools before we were fortunate enough to be able to recruit her considerable experience.

Well, I hope this paints some sort of picture of the people and the project that is Alexanders College. You will, doubtless, get to know others from our community during the coming months and years. I hope that our school can play its part in life on the peninsula and be a friendly educational resource, as well as quite an important contributor to the local economy.

Do please follow our adventures on our Twitter account @alexanders\_coll, check out our frequently updated website [www.alexanderscollege.co.uk](http://www.alexanderscollege.co.uk) or simply write to me [headmaster@alexanderscollege.co.uk](mailto:headmaster@alexanderscollege.co.uk). As you see, I am not the most concise of writers, nor, I fear, the most prompt of correspondents!

Thank you for reading this, though, and thank you for the warm welcome you give to our international pupil body.

Yours sincerely

Graham Gamble

ALEXANDERS COLLEGE OPEN DAY  
SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2015  
10.00AM-12.30PM

PLEASE REPORT TO THE GATEHOUSE WHERE YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE  
RECEPTION COMMITTEE

ALL WELCOME

### REPORT YOUR CHANGES

Are you claiming Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Support? Have you or someone in your household had a change of circumstances? You can report your changes over the telephone or online. It's quick and easy - Tell us now!

- Someone has moved in or out of your home
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- An increase in hours worked
- A change to childcare payments
- An increase in private pension
- An increase in savings

Telephone 01394 444838 to speak to our Benefits Team or report your change online [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

### WHAT IS SUFFOLK SAFEKEY – HOW DOES IT WORK?

Every year the Police are handed thousands of lost and stolen keys that, despite their best efforts, cannot be reunited with their rightful owners. The Constabulary is aware of the cost and concern resulting from the loss of keys, with the average cost of replacing keys on a fob being £500.

Typical costs for vehicle lock repairs and replacements

Make	Model	Repair	Cost
Toyota	Previa	Code and replacement key	£350.00
Ford	Focus	Lock set and re-programme	£495.00
KIA	Sorrento	Replace 2 x keys	£358.00

Typical costs for home lock repairs and replacements

Repair	Cost
Cut 3 x keys and replace locks	£225.00
Replace locks and access safe	£250.00

As a member of Suffolk SAFEKey you will receive a Constabulary branded key fob, with unique reference number, meaning that the Police can reunite you with your lost or stolen keys regardless of whether keys are **lost within the UK or EU**. As a member of Suffolk SAFEKey you can also register a 'key holder' - someone the Constabulary can contact to gain access to a property, if the registered owner is absent. Membership to Suffolk SAFEKey starts from £1 a month. This money supports the Safer Suffolk Small Grants Fund. To date over £150,000 has been given to local grass root projects. To join visit [www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk](http://www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk) or call the hotline 0844 4121 802. By joining you will automatically be entered into a free prize draw to win £250 of high street shopping vouchers.

### RAMSHOLT HERITAGE DAY

Ramsholt Tower Committee would like to wish everyone who came to our Heritage day, who worked on our project 'Ramsholt a Living Memory', before and on the day, a very Happy Christmas. If you have any pictures/stories on the Church or Tower ring 411586. We are now working on a panel about the Tower to go in the Church.

*Emergency Leaflet: Anyone who hasn't a copy of the Emergency Leaflet for Bawdsey can contact the Clerk on 410198 for one*

### MOBILE GROCER

The Mobile Grocer, 'womaned' by Sonya and Sheila will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 17 December between 12.15-12.45pm, and will then return after the Christmas period on Thursday 7 January 2016. They wish all their customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for your custom in 2015.

### SWIFTS IN WOODBRIDGE AND SURROUNDS RSPB WOODBRIDGE GROUP SWIFT SURVEY 2015

A lot of people will share our feelings about swifts. The screams and shrieks of swifts as they turn in the evening sky are a precious part of summer. We want this to be more than just a nostalgic memory, as swifts are declining in numbers.

This summer in Woodbridge I heard some bad news, swifts had been vainly trying to find nest sites in a restored building by the harbour. The spaces under the eaves where they had nested had been blocked. I also heard some good news, SCDC had recommended swift nest boxes for the building on Whisstocks site by the harbour and the developers had agreed.

We felt we needed to do something so we started our project with a survey asking for information about swifts. 35 observers in Woodbridge, Melton and the surrounding area responded. We now know about, at least 10 nest sites, some in roofs and some in boxes. The Peninsula is definitely a swift hotspot with reports of nest sites in Alderton and Sutton and plentiful sightings of swifts flying here and at Bawdsey (East Lane), with large numbers seen on Hollesley Common.

Our project can now move forward in three ways. We need to work closely with home owners, builders and developers to remind them that swifts need access to roof spaces for nesting. Swifts are clean and non-intrusive guests. We also need to publicise nest boxes. They are a possible alternative. They can be 'swift bricks', built into the wall under the eaves during building work, or traditional nest boxes. They work best with a CD of swift calls. Finally we should work with SCDC to encourage planners to make provision for swifts. Many local authorities have such a policy. If you have any information about swifts nesting in Melton, please contact us by email [woodbridge-swifts2015@outlook.com](mailto:woodbridge-swifts2015@outlook.com), and for further information please visit our web site [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge) or email.

### COFFEE STOPS

**Suffolk Punch Trust** Open Sundays until 20 December, 11.00am-3.00pm. Ring 411327 about January openings.

**Coffee Republic** (new name for Warren Hill café) Open 9.00am-1.30pm weekdays, 10.00am-1.30pm weekends. Closed 24-29 December inclusive.

**Poppies** (near Sandlings School) Open weekdays 9.00am-1.00pm. The Thrift Shop is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.00am-11.30am. Neither open during school holidays.

### BAUBLES, BANGLES AND BEADS

Following the sale of costume jewellery at 24 The Street on 1 November, the sum of £106 was divided equally between the Church and Recreation Ground. Thanks to those that came along on a very damp and grey day to support us.

Lydia and Alison

