

What's on ~ February 2018

- 01/02** Coffee & chat with Bring-&Buy – 10.30am, 1 Eastfields
01/02 PCC Meeting – 7.00pm, 4 Eastfields
02/02 Girls Night Out 'Candles' - £6 prebook on 411793, 7.00pm, Sutton Memorial Hall
06/02 Police Mobile Unit – 2.00-3.30pm, lay-by near the Hall
06/02 Craft Group – Poppies, Free Motion Sewing, 7.30pm, the Hall
08/02 OAP Lunch – Noon, Bawdsey School. Please pre-book on 411365
10/02 Hollesley Community Café – 9.30am-Noon, Hollesley Village Hall
14/02 Shottisham WI Lunch/Talk by Gordon James "South of France Orchids" - Noon, Trust Hall
14/02 Ash Wednesday Service & Lent Lunch – Noon, Sutton Church
17/02 Parish Council Coffee Morning and Information – 10.00-11.30am, the Hall
17/02 Lent Lunch – Noon, Alderton Church
17/02 Bawdsey Haven Yacht Club Talk – 7.30pm, the Hall
19/02 Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee Meeting - 7.30pm, the Hall
21/02 Orwell Housing Presentation – 3.00-7.00pm, the Hall
21/02 Hollesley Gardening Club Talk 'Pruning Made Easy' – Bowls Hut, 7.30pm
23/02 Knit & Natter – 2.00-4.00pm, The Anchorage, Bromeswell
24/02 Lent Lunch – Noon, Hollesley Church
24/02 Jumble & Nearly New Sale – 2.00pm, the Hall
 The Hall" – Village Hall, Bawdsey
Deben Ferry Until April 2018 dial-a-ride (book day before) on 07709 411511 (office weekdays). Normal charges
Coffee Republic Warren Hill Weekdays 8.00am-4.00pm/Weekends 8.30am-3.00pm.
Mobile Grocer Every Thurs, 11.30am-Noon (new time), the Village Hall
Woodbridge & District Safer Neighbourhood Team Tel: 01473 613500, email: woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk. Dial 101 when less urgent than 999.

FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICES

	Alderton	Bawdsey	Ramsholt
4	8.00am Holy Communion		
14	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Matins
18	11.00am Holy Communion		
25		11.00am Morning Praise	11.00am Holy Communion

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)

If you'd like your Bulletin emailed to you or if you have any future items please email louiselennard127@btinternet.com.

VILLAGE HALL CLEANER REQUIRED

One hour a week to clean the Village Hall. £12.00 per hour. If you are interested please contact Rawdon Saunders on 01394 411459.

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NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES PROPOSED FOR BAWDSEY

Orwell Housing Association has been working up proposals for some new affordable housing on land at The Street in Bawdsey opposite Crane's. This consist of 12 homes – eight of which will be affordable housing for local families being a combination of rented and Shared Ownership through Orwell Housing, a local Housing Association and the remaining four will be outright sale. Orwell are holding a 'drop-in' consultation event on 21 February between 3.00–7.00pm at Bawdsey Village Hall where interested members of the public are invited to come along and look at the proposals and comment. Staff from Orwell and the architect will be on hand to explain the proposals and answer any questions members of the public may have. If you wish to view the plans but are unable to attend the event please contact Greg Dodds, Orwell's New Business Manager on 01473 228648 or e-mail greg.dodds@orwell-housing.co.uk.

NEW VILLAGE SIGN

Bawdsey Parish Council is holding a fundraising coffee morning on Saturday 17 February from 10.00-11.30am to showcase the design and construction materials of the proposed village sign. The highly original and eye-catching sign, designed by Mark Dovey, is in the shape of a radar transmitter tower and will stand on the corner site in front of 1 Eastfields following planning consent. Mark has included two fun details in his design: a model of a seagull to sit on top of the aerial and a plastic crab climbing half way up the structure to reflect the much-loved pastime of crabbing at Bawdsey Quay. Please see the design on page 2. The council has some grant funding but is hoping to raise £1,000 from donations and additional fundraising. Everyone is welcome to come along to the village hall where local boy, Christian Deas, the structural engineer responsible for the technical drawings will be present to answer any questions about the tower. Any home-made cakes and offers of help on the day would be much appreciated. Contact the Clerk on 410198 or email bawdsey-pc@hotmail.co.uk

BRIAN FOSTER

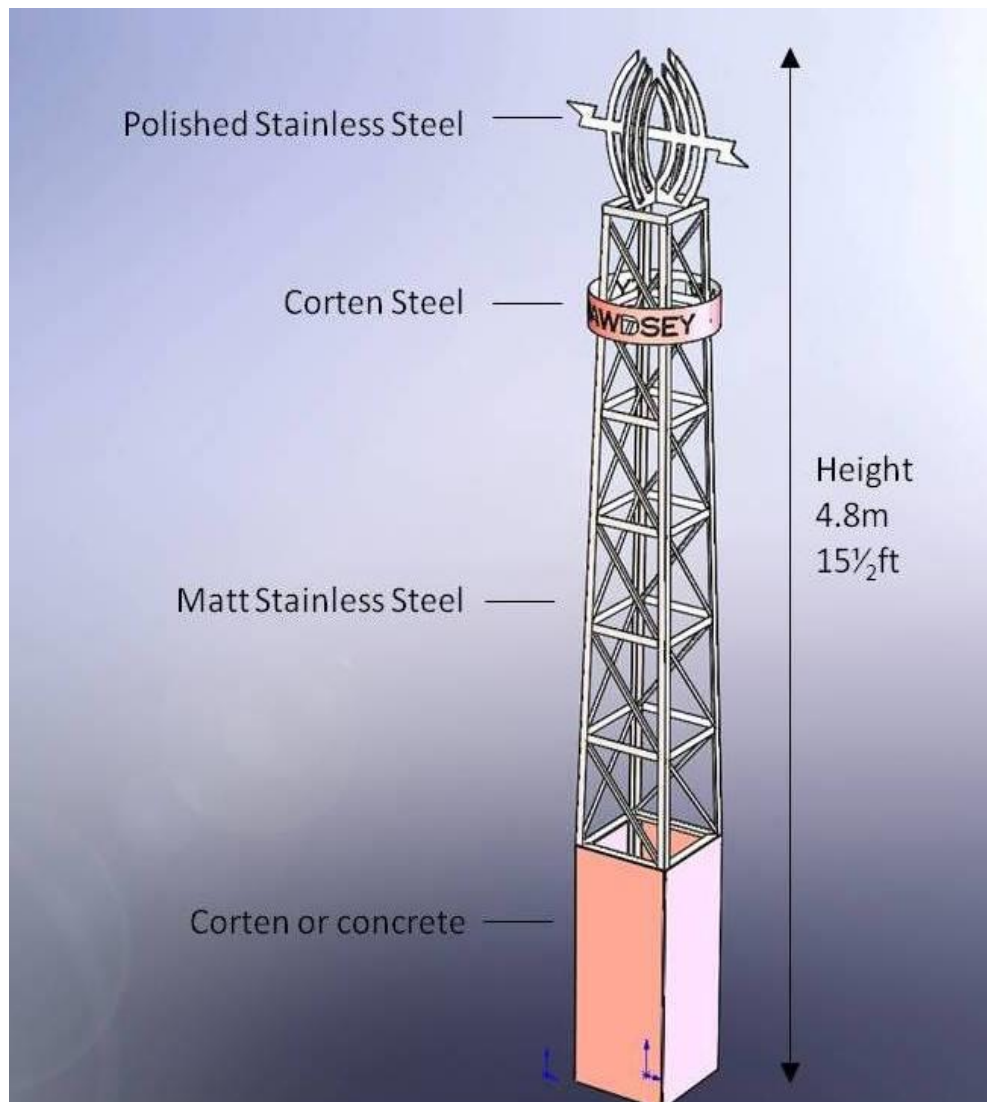
We have been overwhelmed by the messages of support and love we have received since Brian died.

'Mr Foster's Final Assembly', a celebration of his life, will take place in St Andrew's Church, Alderton at 2.30pm on Friday 9 February 2018 and we would love to see you there.

Cheerful colours preferred, hats encouraged and bring a large handkerchief to wave!

No flowers please, but donations to RNLI and UNICEF will be gratefully received.

Susan, Alice, Nell and Laura Foster



JUMBLE SALE

24 February, 2.00pm, Village Hall in aid of Church and Village Hall. The Hall will be open at 10.00am to receive jumble and bric-a-brac.

OPEN GARDENS

We are planning to do an Open Gardens for the whole of Bawdsey on Sunday 10 June in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. This is a fully supported event by the hospice and would be part of their Great Open Gardens trail which takes place throughout the Spring and Summer months. While June may seem a long way off I know Bawdsey is full of gardeners who would love to show off their year round efforts and will appreciate the notice to plan ahead and make it a special day. If you would like to register your interest or just know a bit more you can contact me, markdovey@hotmail.com, telephone 410043 or Sue Foster telephone 411382.

ST MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Services – Sunday 11 February Holy Communion (CW) at 11.00am led by Revd Michael Hatchett; Morning Praise on **Sunday 25 February** at 11.00am led by Lydia Calvesbert (Reader) and Joy Andrews (Elder).

Messy Church – From Noon-2.00pm at Hollesley Church on 17 February – open to children 4-12 years plus parents, grandparents and carers with craft activities based on a Bible theme and a hot meal provided. Contact Di Barnard on 411079.

Church Decoration – Sincere thanks to ALL who contributed to the lovely display on the window sills at Christmas – particularly Angela Vaux, the daughter of the late Mrs Cynthia Brett, who has supplied the beautiful cyclamen for many years and also the Coffee and Chat for the donation of the variegated ivies and the men folk who raised the splendid Christmas tree.

Snowdrops – If you are new to the village do go along to view the snowdrops that have been planted on the north side of the path in the churchyard in memory of those in the Memorial Garden – they are indeed a joy to see – harbingers of Spring!

Lent Lunches Our series of Lent lunches begins at Sutton Church on Ash Wednesday 14 February at noon with Holy Communion followed by a light lunch of homemade soup and bread with donations going this year to FIND – Families in Need, an Ipswich charity helping homeless people and running a foodbank for those who find themselves in financial difficulties. The series continues with a short service of midday prayer at noon each Saturday - 17 February Alderton Church, 24 February Hollesley Church, 3 March Shottisham Church.

Lent Course Churches in the Woodbridge area are again running a series of talks for Lent with the intriguing title 'God and Politics'. The talks will be given by Bishop Tim Stevens, formerly a bishop in Suffolk and will address questions such as:

- 1) What does the Bible say about God's action in politics and history?
 - 2) What can we learn from outstanding Christian Leaders?
 - 3) How can the Church enter the Public Square and what is our responsibility in this?
 - 4) What does the Cross have to teach us about the cost of public discipleship?
- 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings 21, 28 February and 7, 14 March at St Mary's Church Centre, Woodbridge. There will be opportunity for discussion and all welcome to any or all sessions. No charge. Lifts available. Contact Rev'd Ruth for further details.

71 YEAR'S SERVICE AT SHINGLE STREET COASTGUARDS

In November, Shingle Street Coastguards joined representatives from Felixstowe and Holbrook to celebrate a combined service of 71 years from two of their colleagues.

After a long and dedicated service of 41 years as a Volunteer Coastguard Rescue Officer, Roy Clark, from Hollesley, has decided to retire in order to spend more time with his family and young grandchildren. Roy has been Deputy Station Officer at Shingle Street since 2010 and was awarded his long service medal for 40 years' service. He will be truly missed by the Shingle Street team.

Richard Clarke, from Alderton, was presented a long service medal for his 30 year service as a volunteer Coastguard Rescue Officer by Tony Garbutt, Coastal Operations Area Commander for the East of England. Richard succeeded Dick Parsey MBE as Station Officer for a number of years before handing the reins over and will continue to provide valuable assistance on maritime issues as our "living Google"!

From tragic accidents to people reporting seals on the beach, dealing with washed up ordnance, sinking vessels, searching for missing persons, guarding illegal activities to overseeing the removal of a 10 tonne whale, they have both had interesting times with the Coastguards. Their commitment and passion has been 100%. Roy and Richard's invaluable knowledge and skills are gratefully handed down to the new recruits, which will help to maintain the good reputation Shingle Street Coastguards have gained over the many years of its existence. Their wit and humour is their trade mark and both are much loved characters in the community.

THE MOBILE GROCER

The Mobile Grocer still visits the Village Hall every Thursday, but now at the new time of 11.30am-Noon.

BAWDSEY SCHOOL NEWS

Last term Bawdsey School took part in the national Lego League competition in Basildon and with the help of Professor Stentiford's advice and training we won the best robotic programming trophy and were highly commended for teamwork for the Eastern region. We have also gone to many sporting fixtures like netball, football and athletics and have done very well, which helps us work towards our fourth National School Games gold sports award. As part of this we are also joining with local sporting clubs and they are coming in to instruct the pupils; so far Woodbridge rugby club has come to help and Hollesley Judo club is booked for a couple of sessions soon. In our successful early years class we are able to offer inexpensive sessions for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. For 3+ year old children we still offer sessions to match any government funded time you bring, so 15 hours will get 15 hours extra hours free from the school - giving 30 hours free. There are no additional charges for lunchtimes. We are also offering senior residents from the Peninsula a roast lunch and pudding for a small sum, the second Thursday of each month. For free taster sessions for the Nursery or to book a lunch please ring the school on 01394411365. Or come along to our Baby and Toddler group at 1.30pm every Thursday. There are no costs and no booking is required.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT THE QUAY

The weather was better than forecast and John White was busy ferrying passengers across the river, while Ann served the refreshments in the Fisherman's Hut. £800.00 was raised in aid of the Felixstowe Volunteer Patrol Rescue Service, who are also delighted to have received a legacy which has enabled them to purchase a new rescue boat.

Some fantastic Deben Dippers and supporters raised £120.05 in aid of the RNLI. Thanks to the Coastguards and our First Responder, Rod Webb, whose presence is somewhat comforting! We are very grateful to all.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The budget for 2018-19 was passed at January's PC meeting. The council has raised its precept by 3% to £7,500 due to additional future expenditure. Councils now have to pay for extra bins, 30mph painted roundels on the roads and new data protection measures.

The Parish Council agreed to progress a decorative village sign and to commence fundraising. (See coffee morning details).

The Bawdsey sign as you enter the village has been hit again. This has been reported to SCC Highways.

The Parish Council signed the Statement of Intent of the new Community Land Trust to enable all villages on the peninsula to work together to champion local housing for local people.

Councillors met with PGL to hear about their proposals to develop activities on the site and to restore part of the River Jordan. Their plans were approved by the PC.

Bawdsey Councillors are meeting periodically with other councillors on the peninsula to share concerns such as speeding, housing, planning and litter and to act jointly where possible.

News From Scottish Power Work at the landfall site for HDD(Horizontal Directional Digging) is planned to start in February and will, hopefully, complete in mid-May. The HDD drilling in this area is under the River Deben, the Queen's Fleet and the Landfall site. There will be no HDD under Ferry Road. SP will be excavating across Ferry Road to install the cable ducts. The latest plan is to use the HDD from 0700 to 1900hrs, 7 days a week. Lighting will not be intrusive to surrounding private property. All lighting will be adjustable so that it can be focussed on the working areas and not over unnecessary wider areas. All generators will be housed in sound-reducing enclosures and will be within permitted noise levels.

A Scottish Power compound at the site will sit alongside the HDD compound. This will enable site managers to oversee all the contractors working in the area. The wheel wash will be in this compound and should help mitigate mud on the roads. A road sweeper will help keep Ferry Road clean. SP will continue to undertake inspections of the road and clean up after its own workers. Nikki Berry of SP asks residents to continue to raise any issues or concerns about the state of the road but reminds villagers that SP are not the only workers in the area who might be causing dirt and mud on the roads. SP will not be cleaning up after others for the duration of its works. She concludes: "Please note that the HDD compound is off limits, being a live construction site. An unauthorised site visit by a member of the public anywhere on our project is potentially very dangerous. Please don't do it."

SORREL HORSE, SHOTTISHAM - MUSIC

Monday 12 February, 8.30pm – Tin River. Details from the Sorrel Horse website (<http://www.thesorrelhorse.co.uk/>) or flyers available in the pub or Woodbridge Library.

SHOTTISHAM WI JUMBLE & NEARLY NEW SALE

Shottisham WI had an excellent morning selling jumble and 'nearly new' items on 13 January. So far the total raised towards the renovation of the Trust Hall is £265. Thanks to all who supported.

CHRISTMAS REPORTS AND THANKS

Coffee and Chat Christmas Lunch had the most participants ever, 35! There was plenty of delicious food and two hampers, as Margaret had been inundated with donations. Unfortunately Brenda was unable to host us in January due to illness, but we will be back at 1 Eastfields on 1 February.

The **Christmas Craft Coffee Morning** raised the magnificent sum of £680 thanks to a first class raffle, a packed hamper and fabulous craft stall. Thanks to all who attended.

Village Carol Singing Thank you to all who came and sung and to everyone who donated. £176.78 was raised for the Children's Society. Thanks also to everyone who provided refreshments for this and the tea following the Carol Service.

HOLLESLEY COMMUNITY CAFE

Hollesley Community Café continues to be a very popular meeting place once a month and we finished 2017 with a very successful event. Thanks to your support, over the last three cafes of 2017 we again raised over £1,000 for our chosen charities which was distributed as follows:

East Anglian Air Ambulance: £540 Lighthouse Women's Refuge: £202.50
Riding for the Disabled: £137.25 Families in Need (FIND): £135.25

2018 got off to a good start on 6 January, raising just over £200. The next two cafes are on 10 February and 10 March. Why not drop in for a hearty breakfast, a bacon bap or just a cup of tea?

WILD VILLAGES

Enjoying the Wildlife in Bawdsey, Alderton, Hollesley & Boyton

We have been very fortunate to secure a little more funding for Wild Villages, for exploring and sharing the wonders of the natural world in our coastal parishes. There will be at least one more event: a look at winter birds on Boyton Marshes RSPB Reserve, with an update on the plans for the new extension to the reserve. Meet at Banter's Barn (TM387475) at 9.30am on Saturday 10 February 2018.

Check our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wildvillages/>) nearer the date in case of any changes (and for posts on matters of local wildlife interest). There may be a few other pop-up events, which will also be listed there.

For further details/questions, contact Gary Lowe, Groundwork Community Project Officer (Email: gary.lowe@groundwork.org.uk; tel: 07736 132871). Funding thanks to Tesco Bags of Help.

BAWDSEY HAVEN YACHT CLUB – WINTER TALK

Saturday 17 February 2018, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Brian Cornell talks about being a Thames Waterman/Lighterman. Adults £2.00, under 18s 50p. Refreshments available.

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

Alderton 01394 411641 & Orford 01394 450315

www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk

DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	HOLLESLEY
Monday	8.00am to 2.30pm	8.00am to 6.30pm	1.30pm to 5.30pm
Tuesday	8.00am to 6.30pm	CLOSED	
Wednesday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to 1.00pm	
Thursday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to 1.00pm	
Friday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to 1.00pm	

Please note when a surgery is closed during the day, your call will be automatically transferred to the other site without the need to re-dial.

GP Closure Afternoon Staff Meeting 7 February 13.00-16.00, GP Closure 8 February 13.00-18.30

Travel Vaccinations If you are travelling further than Europe on holiday please allow more than six weeks when booking your travel vaccination consultations with our nurses. This allows the surgery to assess your risk and ensure we have the correct vaccinations available to you.

Repeat Prescriptions All repeat prescriptions take two working days to process so please bear this in mind when requesting them.

BAWDSEY BEACH BONKERS BEACHCOMBING WORKSHOPS

My name is Kate Osborne and I run Beach Bonkers. I take people out on guided beachcombs to treasure hunt Suffolk's shingle beaches. Everything we find tells us a story about our seas. Beachcombing reveals an animal that looks like seaweed; egg cases of creatures we never see that are also cannibals; seashells galore; and fossils including sharks' teeth.

There are four Beachcombing workshops in Bawdsey on 10 March, 20 May, 3 June and 15 September. We will spend the morning beachcombing East Lane beach and in the afternoon, will explore your treasures in greater detail.

There are also two Beachcombing and Art workshops on 25 March and 29 September. We will spend the morning beachcombing and then the artist Carole Massey will show you how to draw your treasures.

Booking for the workshop is essential. You can find a full programme as well as details of how to book at <http://www.beachbonkers.org.uk/come-to-the-beach/> or by calling me on 0751 255 7200.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Rainbow Café planned for January through to April has been cancelled.