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AUGUST AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 6 August – The Transfiguration of our Lord

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

6.00pm Quay Service at Orford Quay

Sunday 13 August – Trinity 9

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 20 August – Trinity 10

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

12.30pm Holy Baptism – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 27 August – Trinity 11

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Rev David Murdoch

AUGUST AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 6 August 10.30am Stephen Caley

6pm ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE

Sunday 13 August 10.30am Martin Ellis

Sunday 20 August 10.30am Stephen Caley

5pm informal TEA TABLE SERVICE

Sunday 27 August 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes – COMMUNION

29th Annual Quay Service on Sunday, 6 August at 6pm supporting the Fisherman's Mission (RNMTDSF). Preacher: Rev. Stephen Yelland. Andy Martin from the Fisherman's Mission will update us on the work of the mission. Music by the Suffolk Phoenix Band. Bring a comfy chair! In the event of inclement weather the service will be held in the Methodist Church.

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM – open every Monday from 12noon – 4pm. Great food served from lunch and afternoon tea – no need to book!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH is served at 12.30pm – you will need to book for this meal – however, please check up as Wednesday Lunch may be 'on holiday'!

There are two informal tea table services – the first is on Sunday, 20 August at 5pm, the next is at 5pm on Sunday, 24 September. *Friends and visitors are always welcome at any of our services and weekly events.*

The history of our church at Orford was given in print for the 115th CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY held on Sunday, 2 July. We were late in celebrating as the building was opened (costing £650) on 4 June, 1902 with public meeting and tea. The former chapel was opened in 1837 at a cost of £80 – this building, demolished in 1960, had been useful in

August dates for your diary

- Saturday 5 August: Bart's Hall brocante sale, Broad Street, 10am-4pm, proceeds to Thomas Marshall Education Fund
- Sunday 6 August: Orfordness Lighthouse open, and Quay Service, 6pm
- Saturday 26 August: Orford, Sudbourne and Gedgrave Flower Show, Recreation Ground, 1.30pm
- Monday 28 August: Orfordness Lighthouse open
- Thursday 31 August: MP Thérèse Coffey in Orford, outside Orford Town Hall, 12.40pm-12.50pm

WW1 as a bath house for soldiers and during WW2 as a furniture storage for the battlefield area of Sudbourne and Iken. We were delighted that old photos of the two chapels were made available to see. As you all know, much has been the redevelopment of the present building over the years, giving a pleasing and relaxing place of worship, quiet and peace – not to mention the useful areas to spend time eating in! The Anniversary Service was a joyful and enriching time 'Looking back, the present, and the future', ably lead by Rev. Stephen Yelland. It was great to see so many in attendance and staying afterwards for the Celebration Lunch. The children had a great time and made excellent art/picture birthday cakes. We were unprepared for the 90th Birthday of Barbara Roberts that same day. This was announced or rather, 'slipped out' after the service – a rousing 'Happy Birthday' rang throughout the place! A VERY HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL.

Stephen Caley

VISIT BY LOCAL MP

Thérèse Coffey, MP for Suffolk Coastal area, will be stopping off in Orford as part of her constituency tour. She will be outside Orford Town Hall between 12.40pm and 12.50pm on Thursday 31 August if anyone wishes to speak with her.

SPONSOR A TREE

Over the past few years the village has lost a number of trees from various locations, due to disease and safety issues. If you look back at photographs of the village in the past, you will notice just how leafy the village was! We would really love to start re planting some of these missing trees – that is why we are asking you to Sponsor a Tree. We have spots for trees around the village including Quay Street and Broad Street as well as others. For a relatively small amount we can get a tree planted in the village (with a plaque if you want!). If you are interested and would like more information on price, variety of trees available and locations please contact Marie Backhouse (OGPC Clerk) at the Town Hall (01394 459172) or drop her an email at orfordtownhall@btconnect.com Thank you.

Michelle Golder, Chairman, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council

PROPOSED ALDE ORE MCZ (Marine Conservation Zone)

For those who did not see Matthew Smy's letter in May's Village voice, we thought it should be re-run and would urge everyone (from those who have sailed, fished and explored our river for generations, to newcomers who have recently discovered its delights) to join us in urging DEFRA to understand that turning our river into an MCZ will be of no benefit, and that the river is well looked after as it is.

Michelle Golder, Johnnie Howard, Mary Iliff, Dick and Katherine Murphy, Richard Roberts, James Robinson, Matthew Smy, Ian Thornton, Sally Walton

"Further to the article in March's Village Voice regarding the proposed Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) plans for our area, I am writing to express my extreme reservations as someone who has enjoyed and worked the river for many years.

"Natural England is proposing the Alde and Ore to be designated a Marine Conservation Zone. The Estuary is already protected with SPA, SAC, RAMSAR, SSSI etc, does it really need more protection, and from what!?"

"Reasons put forward by NE (Natural England) are extremely questionable, e.g.

- The sites of Rocky Habitats which turned out to be man-made (more than once I heard them being corrected on this)
- Their identification of 10 sites of muddy gravel which turned out to be areas almost anywhere covered by the river and not a convincing argument
- The protection of the humble smelt fish that belongs to the salmon family and which is not fished in the river, they actually spawn in fresh water, not the salty water of the river, so working with the Environment Agency on the sluice a Snape might be a more worthwhile exercise to help their cause

"They appear to be trying to fill a gap in the map around the country of some sort of blue belt but this is not a basis for turning the Alde and Ore into a MCZ.

"Worryingly no recommendations on what will be stopped or changed on the Estuary will be known until it is designated and **then it will be too late to object**. The following are at risk from this proposed designation:-

- Moorings • Anchoring • Fishing • Wildfowling • Sailing (the area around Orfordness from mean high water to a 5m depth could compromise people being able to land)

"This may mean future generations would miss out on something a great many generations have enjoyed doing over 100s of years. At a recent meeting Natural England agreed the Estuary is very diverse and extremely well looked after by stakeholders who manage it. If it needs changing leave it to the people who know it and not those who think they do.

"Having attended 2 presentations by NE, what was apparent was the gulf of knowledge between those giving the talk and the locals being talked at. It was acknowledged by a NE representative the superior, wide-ranging, and innate understanding of the river and its environs we the audience had. This is not surprising.

"It is worrying that an MCZ will mean that specialized expertise will end up dying out and will be replaced by something less knowledgeable, and that will be a sad chapter in our Estuary's history because mistakes in its stewardship are more likely to happen.

"If you have any concerns please convey them to our Member of Parliament, Thérèse Coffey. She can be contacted on therese.coffey.mp@parliament.uk or by post at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

Matthew Smy"

ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP AND THE ESTUARY TRUST

Thank you to everyone for visiting us at The Suffolk Show; we were thrilled with the publicity which gave the Save our Suffolk Estuary campaign a magnificent lift-off.

We are keen for as many people as possible to be aware of the need to fundraise for our flood defences over the next five years,

to ensure that we are as prepared as possible for future tidal surges, and our recent press coverage (including the front page of the East Anglian Daily Times and local television) has been a great start.

Our next outing will be at the Aldeburgh Carnival on 21 August and we hope to see you there – watch out for our amazing float in the parade! Our stand at the carnival will be in The Aldeburgh Book Shop window (44 High Street) where you can see the 6-minute trailer of the film presented by Nick Robinson. We will also be at the Orford Flower Show on 26 August. Visit our website www.aosp.co.uk and join twitter @SOSestuary for our latest news and upcoming events.

Amanda Bettinson

RNLI COLLECTION IN ORFORD – Saturday, 5 August 2017

This year I have a license to collect in Orford from the RNLI and I am planning to have someone outside the Country Market, The Pump Street Bakery, Orford Stores and on the Quay. If anyone could do a stint I would be very pleased to hear from them. I would suggest an hour during 9am–4pm. Please email me on dianampaterson@btinternet.com or telephone 01394 450771

Diana Paterson

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB – August Events

- Thursday, 10 August at 6:00pm – Bike meet night, burger and chips available, bar open (and no bike required)
- Friday, 18 August at 8:00pm – Jimbo's Bingo night
- Saturday, 26 August from 1:30pm onwards – the bar and BBQ will be available at the Flower Show, as well as the other facilities of the building.

Looking slightly further ahead, Saturday, 9 September sees the return visit of Midnight Road, who proved to be very popular on their previous visit.

Don't forget club night every Friday night, and thank you (as always) for your ongoing support.

On another note, due to lack of use, the Committee is looking for alternative uses for the snooker room and a new home for the snooker table will be required (any thoughts/ideas, please contact a member of the committee).

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary (450358)

ORFORD, SUBBOUNE & GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW AND FETE

Plans for the Flower Show are now almost complete. If you have not yet decided on your entry into the competitions, we would like to encourage as many as possible to take up the challenge – let's see all the creative ideas. And of course, we look forward to seeing everyone at the Show.

Just a few comments on entries:

Art entries. Please refer to the rules in respect of size and framing. We only have limited space and display facilities. And HELP needed. We are still looking for two people with an interest in art (although this is not essential) to help hang and display all the art and photography entries early on the Saturday morning. Please call Alex Smith 01394 459732 if you can help with this.

Design and make class: Cornucopia Cake. Please don't feel obliged to simply imitate or replicate a Thanksgiving cake. Use 'Cornucopia' as a theme. Use your imagination and create a showstopper!

Entries. We are keen to have as many entries as possible across all classes. However, our admin team would be grateful if exhibitors could make every effort to submit their entry forms prior to Saturday, 26 August.

Mike Redmond, Chairman, Flower Show

HELP NEEDED!

Being involved with the activities adds to the fun of the day, and your show needs your help!

This year we are looking for local volunteers to help set up the site on Friday 25th and/or be involved running a side stall for an hour on 'show day'.

We also plan to hold a Tug of War challenge. It will be open to any team from pubs, clubs or just a group of friends, any age, any sex, just leave your name at the ToW stall on the day! So you have time to get organised and practice before the show!

Your local show needs you to help make it happen!

If you can help please contact: **Stephen Worrall**, 01394 450095 or stephen.j.worrall@gmail.com

THE ORFORD, SUDBOURNE AND GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW TOMBOLA

Once again, we will be having the Tombola stall at this year's flower show on 26 August. During August, it is likely that you will have a knock on your door asking for contributions to the stall. Obviously wines of all types plus spirits and soft drinks will be greatly appreciated but any contributions of food products and sweets etc. (in their sell-by date) will also be wonderful.

If you cannot find anything at the time or you are not at home, don't worry. We are planning to have a box at each of the Orford General Store, Friend's Garage and High House Fruit Farm so you can leave your bottles there as you do the rest of your shopping.

And remember, last year we had almost 400 such prizes and raised almost £900. So maybe £1,000 is possible this year! Many people have agreed again to help in collecting door to door or at the show itself, but if you would like to offer your services, please call us.

Mike and Polly Sharkey 01394 450959

ORFORDNESS LIGHTHOUSE VISIT DATES: Spring & Summer 2017

Orfordness Lighthouse Trust volunteers will be opening the Lighthouse to visitors on the following dates: Sunday, 6 August and Monday, 28 August (Bank Holiday Weekend).

To book your place and to join our mailing list, please email orfordnesslighthouse@gmail.com with the number in your party. Please see our website www.orfordnesslighthouse.co.uk for all the details including timing, ferry dues, visit advice etc. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Lydia Finney, Orfordness Lighthouse Trust

ORFORD TENNIS TOURNAMENTS 2017

THE LADIES DOUBLES will take place on Monday, 14 August at 9am. Partners will be drawn on the day so you can enter as an individual. The cost will be £3 per person.

THE MIXED DOUBLES will take place on Wednesday, 16 August from 4.30 pm. The cost will be £5 per couple.

Please let me know if you would like to enter by 10 August. Cups will be presented at the Flower Show on 26 August

Diana Paterson – 01394 450771 email: dianapaterson@btinternet.com

GARDENING CLUB

There is no August meeting

Date: Thursday, 7 September

Topic: The work of the Suffolk Floral Preservation Trust and plants of special interest

Presenter: Rose Battye

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Orford Town Hall 'Back room'

Rose will talk to us about the work of the Trust and its mission to purchase land to 'permanently preserve for the benefit of the public generally, especially the inhabitants of the county of Suffolk, sites of beauty or historical or ecological interest or scientific importance and in particular the natural flora of the county of Suffolk'.

The Trust currently owns two reserves: 'Orchid Glade' near Hasketon and 'Simpson's Fromus Valley' near Kelsale. Come and hear about these and the wonderful and diverse flora including ancient species from meadows, hedgerows, ponds and woodland including southern marsh orchids. Rose will also let us know how we can go and see these reserves and support their work.

Still to come in 2017...

Thursday, 5 October 'Ornamental Grasses for Garden' with Neil Ludman from Woottens of Wenhaston

Thursday, 2 November 'Vegetable Growing and the Potager' with David Keleel of Darsham Nurseries

Thursday, 7 December 'Social Evening and Supper' plus AGM

Membership and guests

We are offering half price membership at £7.50 for the remainder of 2017 and guests are always welcome at £4 per session.

Do join us!!!!

Polly Sharkey

Gardening Club: Trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park and Gardens

How lucky I am to live in a part of the country where people I don't really know phone me up and ask me if I would like to join them on a trip out. I had quite forgotten I had seen the advert from Orford & District Gardening Club in *The Link* when I had been compiling it last month and had left a message on Polly's phone to say if there were any spaces left I would like to go too. What a nice surprise, particularly since I have a friend visiting from Australia and she was able to come too.

The weather couldn't have been better, warm (but not too hot), bright and dry. Perfect. When we arrived Polly and Maureen went off and got wrist bands and maps for us and guided us to the Courtyard Cafe so we could sit outside at the tables and plan our day over a nice cup of coffee. We decided against the Pensthorpe Explorer which would have taken us for an hour-long journey through the woodland and wildflower meadow on the outskirts of the gardens, instead heading first through entrance into the Wildlife Habitat Garden where we were greeted by hundreds of ducks, geese and birds of all shapes and sizes and a beautiful outlook over the lakes. We then followed the pathway over bridges and through gates to the Wave & Sculpture Garden, obviously snapping photos all of the time. There were strategically placed seats everywhere so we could sit and take in the views and rest. My friend was enthusiastically snapping all sorts of wild flowers that we take for granted because so many cannot be found in the area of Australia where she lives.

The pathways took us through the Millennium Garden and then onto the area where the Red Squirrels could be seen. How excited we were to be able to get photographs of these rare creatures. My friend and I sat in this shaded area and had our picnic lunch, watching the waders on the ponds in front of us. We then moved on to see the flamingos and the cranes from inside the hides. I have no idea what the names of all the plants and flowers were without referring to the plant list or boards, I only know they smelt lovely and looked magnificent in such a natural setting. What a lovely day – thank you so much Polly.

Lorraine

THANK YOU FROM ST. ELIZABETH HOSPICE

On behalf of the St. Elizabeth Hospice in Ipswich, we would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to The Garden Trail held at Creek Cottage, Orford on Sunday, 25 June.

An amazing £2,103 was raised for this most important and very necessary service to the community – executed by the most amazing people caring for our, and other people's, relations, friends and neighbours in their days of need. Bless them all.

Sue Tristem and Team

ORFORD AND SUDBOURNE W.I. Day Trip to Norwich

Thursday, 16 November 2017

Pickups in Sudbourne, Orford and Snape to arrive outside John Lewis about 10.30am and depart from there at 4pm. Cost: £13.00 per person and **everyone** is welcome to join us. To book a seat contact **Louise Schofield** 01394 450108, louiseschofield0104@gmail.com

THE FOUR FERRIES BIKE RIDE

Come and join in on an unusual bike ride, and raise much needed funds for the Alde & Ore Estuary Trust.

Saturday 16 September. The ride can be 46 miles long or less if you want to do fewer ferries. Start either in Harwich or Walberswick, in a party or on your own. Cost of entry is £30 whether you do one or all four ferries. Registration form and full details of the day can be found on www.aldeandore.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/downloadable-bike-ride-registration-form.pdf. Fill in as soon as possible and start getting fit for this challenge!

Vicki Bingham

KING'S HEAD NEWS

Summer is in full flow in Orford and it is great to welcome so many of you to the pub.

As always, we continue to have events on at The King's and for the first time we are hosting an exhibition of fantastic wildlife photography from the award-winning Oscar Dewhurst. This runs throughout the summer so please call in and have a look and buy one of these great pieces of photography. If you want to view some of his works look online at www.oscardewhurst.com

Another first for us is to host a team of Morris Dancers on Sunday, 12 August. They will be performing in the pub garden from around 10.30am and the bar will open at 11.00am to give them the opportunity to refresh after the early morning exercise. Come on down and watch this most English of traditions in full flow.

Music is back on the agenda for Flower Show day with the return of Paul Pryce to keep the momentum of the day going in the evening. Many of you will remember last year and the fantastic party atmosphere Paul generated. More to come this year and remember it is free entry and everyone is welcome.

The cricket team continue to whirl away and have one match left – the annual Pearce vs King's Head trophy on Friday, 18 August at Sudbourne Hall Cricket Club - our last chance to shine before putting the kit away for another winter. With the mixed bag of results to date we could be saving the best until last.

Some of you may have come along to dine with us and will no doubt be seeing the changes with the return of Dan Bunce as our Head Chef. Dan's love of local produce and joy in cooking fish are a big influence on the menu changes, we hope you enjoy them and the great food Dan and the kitchen team are producing. Dan's experience of having worked in Michelin star and AA Rosette kitchens inspires him to create some fantastic pub food and creative specials. If you haven't tried the food yet please make sure you book as we tend to have the dining room full on many occasions, especially weekends. Call us on 01394 450271 to book your table.

Quiz Night this month is on Sunday, 20 August and starts at 8pm. Only £1 per head to enter and the winning team get the pot of money and chance to task of setting the next quiz. Always a mixed bag of questions to test the grey matter and this month being set by 'No Stars', starring the Millband family and John Gardner. Thanks to 'The Tourists' for the July quiz.

Front of house we are pleased to welcome Abbie to the team and back of house we have Euan & Josh working in the kitchen team. Always good to welcome new faces to work alongside the existing staff as one big happy family.

Let's hope the good weather continues throughout the summer and we all get to use the pub garden to relax and enjoy the sunny days and evenings in. Happy Summer.

Ian and Suzanne Ballantine, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

SUFFOLK DAY CELEBRATIONS

Wow! The first ever Suffolk Day which took place on 21 June was a great success and we would like to thank you so much for your tremendous support and for coming along to celebrate. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

There was everything from pony and trap rides from Alde Driving, to the treasure hunt around Orford Castle from English Heritage, to art & craft stalls from Saxmundham Craft Fair and Orford's talented Graham Spice, to Live Music, to cherries from High House Farm, strawberries and cream and prosecco from Orford General Store, Lisa Marie's ice cream, Honey B Chocolates, Procter's sausages sizzling on the Sausage Shack and loads more. Orfordness Lighthouse Trust was

there, as were Thomas Marshall Education Trust and Lady Florence River Cruises. There was a classic Mirror Yacht from Orford Sailing Club and Eastern Fire Service brought the fire engine down. The variety created a sea of colour and excitement across the village green.

Thanks to Peter Hepworth, Serena Grant and Max Wildwood for the great music entertainment throughout the evening, which was sponsored by The Crown & Castle, MBD Interiors, Pinney's of Orford, Pump Street Bakery and Air Manage Suffolk.

As you know these things take a while to set up and get going, so thanks to New Orford Town Trust and Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council for their support and use of the village green and tables and chairs. Also to Jason Leavey who kindly gave up his time to help with the set up and tidy up.

It's not often that you see a landlord awake at 7 in the morning or as nervous as he was for being on Radio Suffolk, not once but twice, all in a good cause.

Put the date in your diary – same day in 2018 and hopefully the same weather and fun. Thanks once again for your tremendous support.

Ian and Suzanne Ballantine 01394 450271

FITNESS & MOBILITY CLASSES IN ORFORD

Are you as fit and mobile as you could be? Come to Bart's Hall in Broad Street, Orford and join our happy group where simple exercises improve your muscle strength, flexibility and balance. The class is run by a trained instructor. All ages welcomed.

For more information: telephone **Maggie Beale** 450292

PENINSULAR PRACTICE NEWS – Travelling Abroad

Thinking of travelling abroad at the last minute? Hoping to book a fantastic deal on the internet? ... or get a bargain at the travel agents?

That would be great, but PLEASE REMEMBER we do not have last-minute appointments. You need your vaccines at least 8 weeks before departure. You need to book a travel appointment with a nurse for an initial consultation we will inform you of any vaccinations needed. This may mean more appointments as we do not stock all travel vaccines and some vaccines cannot be given together.

Surgery Closures: Staff Meeting – 3 August 2017

Linda Deabill, Practice Manager

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*Bart's Hall
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10.00am to 4.00pm

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