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#### FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Firstly, I would like to thank all those who attended the beacon lighting to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I. It was nice to see around 70 people there. Thank you to Cllr R Mallett for lighting the beacon. Also thanks to Lorna Harvey and Judith Golder for kindly knitting all the poppies that decorated the area round the beacon.

The annual Christmas Carols round the tree will take place on the village green outside the shop on Sunday 23 December - time to be confirmed- please look out for the posters nearer the time.

During November the Parish Council takes on one of its most important duties - setting out the budget and agreeing the precept for the next financial year. This year we have agreed to increase the precept, which is the portion of your council tax that comes to us to spend within Orford and Gedgrave. The increase this year is to allow us to start putting some money aside for future traffic and parking investment. You will also notice that when the weather improves the play equipment on the Recreation Ground will be painted. Figg's Shelter on the Quay will also have some work done to improve this area with the view of allowing people the option to have dedication plaques put up instead of the normal benches. We are also setting aside money for tree and village green maintenance.

It seems a bit early to say this, but I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

*Michelle Golder, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council*

#### TOWN HALL OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Please note that the Town Hall office will close at 11am on Thursday 20 December, and re-open at 9am on Wednesday 3 January 2019. The Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*Marie Backhouse and Kara Reed, Clerks to OGPC and NOTT*

#### DECEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 2 December – Advent Sunday  
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 9 December – Advent 2  
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck  
10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 16 December – Advent 3  
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch  
11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 23 December – Advent 4  
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev R Alderson  
11.00am Carol Service – Rev D Murdoch

Monday 24 December – Christmas Eve  
4.00pm Crib Service – Mr G Marshall  
11.30pm Midnight Mass – Rev D Murdoch

Tuesday 25 December – Christmas Day  
11.00am Christmas Morning Service – Mr G Marshall

#### December dates for your diary

- Friday 30 November-4 December: Great House Gallery Exhibition
- Saturday 1 December: Exhibition of development plans for proposed development at the site of Friends Garage, Orford - Bart's Hall, 10am-12noon
- Saturday 8 December: St Bartholomew's Church Christmas Bazaar - St Bartholomew's Church, from 2pm
- Sunday 9 December: Christmas Market - Orford Craft Centre, 10am-2pm
- Thursday 13 December: Christmas table centrepiece course - St Bartholomew's Church, 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Sunday 23 December: Children's Christmas Party - Recreation Ground Pavillion, 2-5pm
- Sunday 23 December: Christmas Carols around the tree - Village Green outside the shop, time tbc

Sunday 30 December – Christmas 1  
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck  
11.00am Cluster Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

*Rev. David Murdoch*

#### DECEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 2 December ADVENT SUNDAY  
10.30am Stephen Caley - Soup & Pud Lunch

Sunday 9 December ADVENT II  
10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland

Sunday 16 December ADVENT III  
10.30am Children's Nativity followed by Christmas Party Lunch

Sunday 23 December ADVENT IV  
10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – COMMUNION  
4pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE & Christmas Tea

Tuesday 25 December 10.30am CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Sunday 30 December 10.30am CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

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Sunday 6 January 10.30am Stephen Caley – Soup & Pud Lunch  
Refreshments are served after morning service

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM – now open from 11am–2pm(ish) – always serving lunch ,coffee tea & cake. Christmas gifts, cards etc. available too! PLEASE NOTE: The tea room will not be open on Monday 24 and 31 December – resuming on Monday 7 January 2019 at 11am

WEDNESDAY LUNCH – serving a two-course meal each Wednesday at 12.30pm (this is a bookable meal) – Christmas Lunch and Carols will be held on Wednesday 19 December 12.15pm for 12.30pm. PLEASE NOTE: No lunch on Wednesday 26 December and 2 January – resuming on 9 January 2019. There's always a welcome to attend out Sunday services and weekly events.

#### POPPY FESTIVAL AND EXHIBITION

With the commemoration of the Centenary of the end of the Great War many knitters have been busy throughout late summer and early autumn knitting poppies to benefit The Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes. The Poppy Festival and Exhibition staged for the end of October (Saturday –

Monday) brought together much planning with a superb but poignant collection of memorabilia from the First and Second World Wars – the whole of the Sanctuary was utilized with exhibitions of wartime cookery, knitting, a detailed model of a WWI trench, railways, Bevan Boy experiences, silk cards *sent home from the Front!*, an oil painting of a war horse, WWI medals, a wartime personal 'story', local roll of honour names, a book of remembrance and printed wartime poems, knitted poppies/poppy wreath and much more. A great exhibition and tea room visited and commented on by many visitors. Wartime lunch recipes were created and sampled by many with Anzac biscuits and 'trench cake' available for all. The Sunday service was well attended with many staying on to view the exhibition and enjoy lunch. The sale of poppies and exhibition donations, to be divided between the two named charities, has amounted to £805.

Our grateful thanks to all who supported and bought poppies or attended the Festival exhibition. We are grateful too to those who knitted poppies, loaned memorabilia and personal items and to Dave Purnell who kindly created and provided the printed matter and posters/fliers, to the tea room staff and cake makers, and to Karen King and Pam Caley for their unstinted organisation and energy given to create the Festival and Exhibition. The Festival Exhibition remained in place for the 11 November Remembrance Service when the names of the local Roll of Honours for the WWI and WWII (Orford & Sudbourne) and to the Book of Remembrance were read before the two-minute silence.

OUR GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL.

*Stephen Caley*

### ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

The Committee would like to wish you all seasons greetings for the forthcoming festive period. Please come and pay the club a visit over the Christmas season either for a chat, darts, pool, snooker, Wifi, music on one of our club nights or entertainment nights.

Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Draw, which will be held on Friday 21 December after the regular Bingo night.

The Children's Christmas party will take place on Sunday 23 December, 2pm until 5pm. Entry fee will be a plate of food (please), more details from Nicky on 459180. All children must be accompanied by an adult please, and we have set no upper age for participation (but any additional helpers could be appreciated).

*Further events include...*

Club nights on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays, 8:30pm onwards

- Friday 21 December, Bingo and Draw night from 8pm
  - Saturday 22 December, live music from Flaming Cheek, 8 till late
  - Sunday 23 December, Children's Christmas party, 2pm till 5pm
  - New Year's Eve, Monday 31 December, Glitter Ball Disco 8pm till late
- Further ahead, Saturday 26 January, live music from Shattered.

*Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358*

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 23 December, 2pm to 5pm at Orford Sports and Recreation Club. Entry fee - a plate of party food. Forms will be handed out through Orford Primary school and located at Friends Garage.

*Nicky and Naomi*

### BONFIRE NIGHT THANKS

Another year of tidy gardens and trimmed hedges helped build one of our biggest bonfires yet. Thank you for respecting the garden waste only signs. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped through the day and evening - it helps make it possible to continue through to next year. Also, this year special thanks to The Mixing Bowl, The Meat Shed, Orford General Stores, Orford Sports and Recreation Club, and Laura at Friends Garage for all your help and support you have given as over the years. Thanks also to Raydon Hall Farms and to Michael Cordle. Many thanks to all.

*Nicky Ehlert*

### ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

*Saturday 8 December 2018 from 2pm*

The popular annual Christmas bazaar will be held in the Church from 2pm on Saturday 8 December with 80% of the proceeds for the Church Fabric and 20% going to the Thomas Marshall Education Fund.

Always a great start to Christmas. Come along with your family and friends and have some fun on the bottle tombola, the raffle and 'Guess the weight of the cake' and grab bargains galore from the Bric-a-Brac and Book Stalls. Pick up those 'must have' gifts from the Christmas Stall which will be full of edible Christmas goodies and other Christmas fare.

Refresh yourselves with delicious mulled wine, mince pies, teas and cakes and listen to Nick Raison playing your seasonal favourites on the piano. Raffle prizes, cakes, mince pies, bottles for the bottle tombola and any items and books (no cookery or gardening) of good quality that you can

offer to be sold would be greatly appreciated. For a change, there will be a Puzzle Stall instead of the usual toy stall so we will be grateful for any jigsaw puzzles or indeed any other type of puzzle!

All items can be brought to the Church on the Friday afternoon (7 December) and on the morning of the bazaar, or alternatively contact the people below or Wendy Marshall on 01394 450090. Look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 8 December!

Bottle Tombola: Suki Pearce, Beacon Cottage, Broad Street, 450011

Raffle: Christine Murdoch, The Rectory, Front Street, 450336

Cakes: Pat Walker, Garden Cottage, Ipswich Road, 450276

Bric-a-Brac: Caroline Gill, Seawinds, Gedgrave Road, 450302

Christmas Stall: Wendy Marshall, Chantry Cottage, Gedgrave Rd, 450090

*Wendy Marshall*

### ORFORD WEA UPDATE

*NEXT COURSE: Philosophy: Makers of Modern Thought with David Sharp*

Venue: Orford Town Hall, Rear Hall

Date and Time: Monday 28 January 2019 14.00 - 15.30. 10 sessions, with a half-term break on Monday 10 February, concluding on Monday 8 April 2019. Course reference: C2225683.

David's talk will explore the life and ideas of such key thinkers as Kant, Darwin, Mill, Marx and Freud.

*Previous course: Architecture Appreciation: A century of mainly British Building.*

This course, held from September through to November, encouraged 18 members to take part. It was a lively course, with much sharing of knowledge and lively debate. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Course participants enjoyed broadening their knowledge and developing their vocabulary as they explored the architectural movements and buildings of the twentieth century.

*ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:*

Venue: Orford Town Hall, Rear Hall.

Date and Time: Monday 3 December 14.30-15.30.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us to help decide which courses to apply for in Autumn 2019 and Spring 2020. The committee has drawn up an initial shortlist including Local History, Art, Literature and Film and Media.

*Sue Snowdon*

### ORFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB:

*Our next open event*

**Talk topic:** A Year in the Apothecary's Garden

**Speaker:** Margaret Beveridge

**Venue:** Orford Town Hall, Back Room

**Date and time:** Thursday 10 January 2019 at 7.30pm

Margaret has her own business – Margaret Beveridge Garden Design – and specialises in planting design, working in London and Suffolk. She formerly volunteered at The Chelsea Physic Garden and will be using her experiences there to inform her talk. Personally, I can't wait to hear more about medicinal plants and herbs and of Margaret's time working in this most famous of all gardens. EVERYONE WELCOME!

In November, we welcomed Neill Ludmon back to Orford. He ran a very practical and informative workshop for us back in the Spring on 'Border Design and Planting' and previously spoke to the club about 'Grasses'. On this occasion, Neill spoke to us about 'Colour Theory for Gardeners' and gave beautiful examples of how many of the famous gardens in this country and in Holland use colour along with form and structure to such magnificent effect.

Coming next:

AGM (short and to the point) and Social Evening Supper on Thursday 6 December – always great fun! Members only.

Taster for the 2019 Programme being developed: The Wonderful World of Salvias, Shade Loving Plants, Sweet Peas ...

Do join us for 2019 and get the full Programme! £15 for the year... Just come along to one of our events...

*Polly Sharkey, Chair, 01394 450959 creativefutures98@btinternet.com*

### ORFORD ORGAN PROJECT

Fundraising for our new organ is now in full swing. We are tackling three main areas in our quest to raise the £120,000 we need to restore and install the Collins organ which we hope will speak again on Easter Sunday 2019. The sum we need is significant, but in relative terms it is less than the cost of the new heating system for the church, and has three attractive pluses: first, within a finite period of time we will take delivery of an instrument which will last for decades if not centuries – well-maintained organs can have very long pedigrees; second, the organ will be a glittering adornment to the church – something to be seen, heard and touched; and third, it will be an investment – the organ, worth £600,000 if built from new, will generate income for the church by supplementing the music fund which already supports the fabric.

The three areas we are pursuing are personal giving, trusts and charities: our fundraising manager Ciara Scallan is co-ordinating all of these

approaches. For information on the project and the many easy ways to donate, you can contact her here: Email [ciara@thegivingheart.co.uk](mailto:ciara@thegivingheart.co.uk) Tel: (07887) 524654. Every household in the village has received a copy of the Project leaflet, and copies are available in the church. A JustGiving site – <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/orfordorganproject> – allows donations to be made online, and visitors to the church can even donate by text message, using mobile phones. Importantly, the JustGiving site will remain available to the Church for future fundraising campaigns once we have raised the money for the organ.

One of the most exciting aspects of the project is to see the painstaking skill and craftsmanship which is going in to the intricate task of restoring the instrument's thousands of component parts. You can see picture galleries showing the work under way, at the Project website: [www.orfordorganproject.com](http://www.orfordorganproject.com).

**Graeme Kay**

## ARMISTICE CENTENARY

During the week before Remembrance Sunday it was inspiring to visit many local churches and other places which had made special efforts towards commemoration, not least on the Sunday afternoon at Tunstall. I was particularly struck by the research into the lives and service of local men and women, for instance in the displays at Alderton Church. The Suffolk Punch Trust staged wonderful exhibits including the arrangement of poppies in the shape of a working horse set up by soldiers from the Woodbridge base and other input from Hollesley Bay inmates. The involvement of local primary schools with their paintings, drawings and poetry or the laying of wreaths on war graves in Orford was equally impressive. In Orford Methodist Church we were treated to a magnificent exhibition of memorabilia, mainly related to WWI but also to 1939-45. A model of a trench section and transcripts of individual memories were among the highlights. The whole building was beautifully decorated with knitted poppies. All this was combined with a very personal welcome to visitors and the offer of delicious food. The following lines are offered as my own personal postscript.

### *November Wings*

As poppies' blood shines red	November is the time
The bright Red Admiral's wings	For memories of lives
Lovely still, but frail	Cut down by cruel enmity,
Beat upon the sun-bright pane.	Each precious to the ones
Must I now set you free	Who waved them off to war.
Into the shining sky	Listen in the silence
To fly and soar again,	Between the bugle calls
Then, when the day is done,	And you may hear,
To die?	Both far and near,
	The fluttering of souls
	Like wings.

**Richard Roberts**

## ORFORD GENERAL STORE NEWS

We are so flattered and honoured to have been nominated in the category of Best Village Shop and Post Office in the Rural Countryside Alliance Awards. We are really grateful to those who have already nominated us, but can we ask all our lovely loyal supporters, to spare five minutes for us, and head over to The Countryside Alliance website, and vote for us. It really would mean so much to all of us.

As you are aware, just three and a half years ago this business was dramatically downsized by the previous owner much to the dismay of the local community. We lost our cafe, our butchers, and most importantly, three-quarters of our retail floor space. However, following the acquisition of the business on 1 August 2016 by the present owner, Sue Snowdon, and the employment of Sue Gadd as Manager, this business has continued to develop and improve on an almost daily basis. We now retail almost the same number of lines as we did in our previously much larger site, and we are always looking to improve our offering, with a particular emphasis on supporting other local, rural businesses. The quality of our products is also highly important to us, and we are delighted to work with so many highly regarded and award-winning local producers and suppliers.

We love serving our local community and being so actively involved in it. This year in particular we have loved helping at the Flower Show, Suffolk Day Festivities partnering with Fishers Gin, and the Carols around the Tree. All of this would be pointless without you, our lovely loyal customers though. We really do appreciate all your kind words, thoughts and any suggestions you may offer to improve.

Please may we ask you to support our nomination in these awards. Voting closes on 9 December 2018. WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

**Sue Gadd, Orford General Store**

## DECEMBER AT THE KING'S HEAD

Here we are again, December, where did 2018 go? As always at The King's Head we are looking forward to celebrating the festive season with you.

**Christmas Party Menu** – Daniel Bunce has done it again and come up with a great menu for anyone who wants to celebrate the festive period at The King's Head. Menu available from the pub and book early.

**Thursday 6 December – Quiz Night** – the regular monthly quiz with a variety of questions to muse over. £1 to enter and winner takes all.

**Saturday 8 December – MacMillan Charity Night** – an evening of fun and live music with the aim to raise a few quid for a good cause. When you buy a drink, you will be asked if you would like to donate. Organised by Trevor we have live music from Chris, Dave & Steven starting around 8.30pm. In addition, there will be a silent auction throughout the evening – if you would like to donate an auction item then please let Trevor or us know.

**Christmas Day – 12 til 2** – open for drinks, and looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

**Friday 28 December – Steven Lay Open Mic Night** – the last one for 2018 will no doubt be of the same high standard of entertainment as the rest this year.

**New Year's Eve Party** – our excellent Chef Daniel Bunce has come up with a great menu for the evening. We will be serving pre-booked reservations only – so come in and get a copy of the menu and save yourself a table. From about 9pm we will have live music from The Man in the Hat – playing through in to 2019. Free entry and everyone welcome.

As always, our enthusiastic team of staff are looking forward to seeing you over the festive period and making your experience the best they can. We wish you a very merry and happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2019. Thank you for all your support, it is much appreciated.

**Ian and Suzanne Ballantine, [thekingsheadorford@gmail.com](mailto:thekingsheadorford@gmail.com)**

## ORFORD CRAFT CENTRE

**FIRST CHRISTMAS MARKET** – Sunday 9 December – 10am til 2pm

We are holding our first Christmas Market in front of the Craft Centre on Sunday 9 December, from 10am-2pm. Many of our wonderful craftworkers will have stalls - an ideal place to do your present shopping. In addition, we hope to have mulled drinks and hot sausages being sold. And all with the background of the sounds of Christmas tunes. All you need to get you in the mood for the festive season. There is space for a few more stalls – so even if you don't supply us and are a Suffolk based craft worker and would like to have a stall please contact us to book your space.

**Exhibitions in The Old Hayloft: Lisa Berry**  
Lisa is a talented local artist from Chillesford, some of you will remember her from Suffolk Day and all the balloons she had to blow up and twist. Her exhibition uses colours and outlines to make your imagination explore the themes. Every piece is an original and unique work of art.

If you are a local artist and would like to exhibit in The Old Hayloft please call in and see us to see if we can work out a suitable date for you to exhibit. We already have some bookings for 2019 so reserve your spot now.

**Workshops in The Old Hayloft:**  
**EJR Ceramics – Clay Workshops**

Emma's workshops continue on Friday 14 December from 10am-1pm. Thereafter they continue as the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 2.30pm, and the second Friday of each month starting at 10am, (except Thursday 27 December when Emma will be having a well-earned rest).

**White Cottage Candles – Candle Making Workshop**

Sian had a brilliant one-day course in November and is looking to hold some more in the new year, if you are interested please let us know so we can register it with Sian.

**Willow Craft – Bespoke Christmas Wreath Workshops**

Janet is running a workshop from 10am-11pm on Saturday 8 December to work with you to create your own bespoke Christmas Wreath. There are only a few places left so please book early.

We would like to thank everyone for the support they have given us since the opening in mid-2018. Your continued enthusiasm for the project is much appreciated. Particular thanks goes the extremely talented local craft workers for allowing us to display and sell their works. On behalf of all the team at Orford Craft Centre we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. We hope we made your Christmas shopping a little easier and more exciting.

**Ian and Suzanne Ballantine, [orfordcraftcentre@gmail.com](mailto:orfordcraftcentre@gmail.com)**

## THE PENINSULA PRACTICE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Peninsula Practice Health and Wellbeing Day 2018 was hugely successful. People arrived smiling and left smiling. The stall holders were buzzing with enthusiasm from the many people enquiring and benefiting from knowing more about the services available to them. 345 patients received the flu vaccination. From the 238 questionnaire forms we received predominately positive feedback, with three quarters of attendees finding the information stands helpful. We are grateful to The Peninsula Practice Participation Group who helped organise the day and to Hollesley WI who at short notice provide refreshments throughout the afternoon.

**Surgery Closures:** GP Closure: Wednesday 12 December 13.00-18.30  
Christmas Closures: Tuesday 25 December, Wednesday 26 December, Tuesday 1 January 2019. We would like to wish all residents of the Peninsula a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

## THE ALDE & ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP: December Update

The Partnership has received the defined costs for the whole estuary upgrade project from the IDB and the Government contributions for the lower estuary are being identified by Risk Policy Analysis (RPA), a Norfolk firm who have been commissioned by the IDB to cover this work. These estimates will be available mid-December. Although the overall costs for the project have increased, this may be mitigated by a considerable increase in Government contributions to those previously estimated. Once the RPA figures are provided, The Partnership will have a much clearer picture of the full anticipated costs and programme which will in turn inform the Alde & Ore Estuary Trust of the funding requirements over the next 5-8 years. The IDB should be ready to submit the business case for the upper estuary to the Environment Agency early in 2019, which is a necessary step in acquiring government funding.

The Partnership will shortly set a date for a public consultation meeting in February to give a presentation of cost of schemes, projected income, both local fundraising and Environment Agency/Government contributions and enabling development.

**Amanda Bettinson**, Partnership Secretary

## FROM THE ORFORD SUPPORT GROUP

It has been over a year since the Alde & Ore Estuary Trust's 'Save Our Suffolk Estuary' fundraising campaign was launched to protect the river walls, so now seems a good time to give an update on progress particularly in the Orford area.

A variety of successful fundraising events have been held including a quiz night in all three hostels, together with others further afield raising around £40,000 (which includes match funding). A Wine Tasting evening organised by Gilly Beddard raised almost £10,000, again with match funding, and there was a successful art exhibition at the Great House courtesy of Chris and Fiona Gerard. Slightly further afield a cricket match with the illustrious Authors Cricket Club took place at Sudbourne Hall with a delicious match tea. In addition, the campaign had a prominent presence in Aldeburgh High Street during the carnival this summer. Together with the many individuals who have already generously donated, these have all provided considerable funds in the first year, alongside the regular press coverage the SOS Estuary campaign has received in the East Anglian Daily Times and other regional publications.

Future fundraising includes applications to substantial charities whose objectives include environmental matters and the Heritage Lottery, all of which will involve a great deal of work to be done. A meeting with Essex and Suffolk Water has

taken place and one with Anglian Water is to be arranged and we are hopeful funds may be forthcoming from both of these.

In the build-up to the festive season, Charity Christmas cards are available from Aldeburgh Book Shop, and a West End cast are appearing at Aldeburgh's Jubilee Hall for 'A Crag Path' Christmas production. Please support the Gala Night on 27 December if you are able. More details of both can be found at <https://www.aoetrust.org/new-events/>

Local businesses are donating and raising money with the support of their customers and numerous fundraising events are being organised for 2019, including a repeat of the popular Pub Quiz as well as a flotilla from Aldeburgh to Orford for swimmers, kayaks and paddle boards, rowing boats and small dinghies on 28 July 2019.

If you haven't made a donation yet, please consider making one, however small. Donations from all the visitors to the area and all threatened homes and businesses would raise a substantial proportion of the amount required. Cheques, monthly payments and legacies are all welcome. With your help we will get there. Further information can be found at:

The Alde & Ore Association: [www.aldeandore.org](http://www.aldeandore.org)

The Alde & Ore Estuary Partnership: [www.aoep.co.uk](http://www.aoep.co.uk)

The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust: [www.aoetrust.org](http://www.aoetrust.org)

**Chris Gill**

## ESTUARY PLAN

I venture with reluctance to mention 'Enabling Development' lest readers' eyes are deterred from reading further: however, it is relevant to the future of the Alde and Ore estuary to mention the new report '*Managing the coast in a changing climate*' published by the Climate Change Committee. It warns that England will have to adapt to at least one metre of sea level rise at some point in the future. The report advises that coastal adaptation and/or managed retreat rather than hard-line resistance are necessary responses to the threat. The political argument on the question of Flood Defences is moving on and The Climate Change Committee report will influence, indeed probably be adopted by, central government. This is a challenge to the Alde & Ore Partnership's Estuary Plan which adopts the hard-line policy of defending every square inch of land against inundation. There are proper environmental arguments for the adaptive approach and the hard-line approach and it would be good if any reader with more knowledge than I have would expand on this discussion.

**Sir James Pickthorn Bt.**

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

### ORFORD GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE

Monday 24 December: 8.30am-4pm  
Tuesday 25 December: CLOSED  
Wednesday 26 December: CLOSED  
Thursday 27 December - Saturday 29 December: 8.30am-5.30pm  
Sunday 30 December: 10am-4pm  
Monday 31 December: 8.30am-5.30pm  
Tuesday 1 January: CLOSED  
Wednesday 2 January: normal hours resume  
Post Office is open whenever the shop is.

### FRIENDS GARAGE

Open as usual except for:  
Tuesday 25 December: CLOSED  
Wednesday 26 December: CLOSED  
Tuesday 1 January: CLOSED

### PUMP STREET BAKERY

Monday 24 December: 9am-12noon (café closed)  
Tuesday 25 December - Friday 28 December: CLOSED  
Saturday 29 December: 9am-4pm  
Sunday 30 December: 10am-4pm  
Monday 31 December: CLOSED  
Tuesday 1 January: CLOSED  
Wednesday 2 January: normal hours resume

### ORFORD MEAT SHED

Monday 24 December: 9am-2pm  
Tuesday 25 December - Thursday 27 December: CLOSED  
Friday 28 December: 9am-2pm  
Saturday 29 December: 9am-2pm  
Sunday 30 December: CLOSED  
Monday 31 December: 9am-2pm  
Tuesday 1 January - Thursday 3 January: CLOSED  
Friday 4 January: normal hours resume  
During January, February and March, we will be closing at 3pm. From April, we will return to opening until 4pm

### THE KING'S HEAD

	Bar	Food
Sunday 23 Dec	12-10.30pm	12-3pm
Monday 24 Dec	12-3pm 5.30pm-12am	12-2.30pm 6-10.30pm
Tuesday 25 Dec	12-2pm	No food service
Wednesday 26 Dec	12-5pm	12-2.30pm
Thursday 27 Dec	12-5pm	12-2.30pm
Friday 28 Dec	12-11.30pm	12-2.30pm 6-9pm
Saturday 29 Dec	12-11.30pm	12-2.30pm 6-9pm
Sunday 30 Dec	12-10.30pm	12-3pm
Monday 31 Dec	12 till late	12-2.30pm 6-10.30pm
Tuesday 1 Jan	12-5pm	12-2.30pm
Wednesday 2 Jan	CLOSED	
Thursday 3 Jan	CLOSED	

### THE JOLLY SAILOR

Usual opening hours except for:  
Tuesday 25 December: bar open 12-2pm, no food service  
Wednesday 26 December: bar open 12-5pm, food service 12-4pm

### ORFORD CRAFT CENTRE

Monday 24 December: Open  
Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 December: CLOSED  
Thursday 27 - Sunday 30 December: Open  
Monday 31 December - Thursday 3 Jan: CLOSED

### ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET

The Country Market will be open as usual on Saturday 22 and 29 December, closed on 5 and 12 January 2019, re-opening for the weekly market from Saturday 19 January.



The editors and Leiston Press wish all the readers of Village Voice a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

