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NEW WEBSITE

The Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust have recently launched a new website. Minutes of past meetings will be put on once they have been approved, and there is information about the Parish Council and NOTT. Do take a look: www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net

PAPER/CARDBOARD RECYCLING BINS

I have been informed by Bolton Bros who operate the paper and cardboard recycling bins located in the Quay Street car park, that the last few times these have been emptied they have been contaminated with fish guts, meaning that the contents have the bin have had to be disposed of rather than recycled. If this continues, then there is a chance that Orford may lose this valuable recycling facility. Please could I ask that any fishermen gutting fish in the car park dispose of the rubbish appropriately (or take it home with them!). Many thanks.

Kara Reed, Clerk to New Orford Town Trust

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

Many thanks must go to Adrian Grassing, Neil and Sharon Jacobs for erecting and decorating both of the village Christmas Trees.

Children's Christmas party

22 children enjoyed an afternoon's fun at the Town Hall - they had a bouncy castle and some Di-Di cars. Father Christmas even found time in his busy schedule to visit them - his sleigh broke down, but he still managed to arrive on the magnificently decorated Eastern Fire and Rescue fire engine! Thanks must go to New Orford Town Trust for the use of the Town Hall and to the Flower Show for sponsoring the party.

Carols around the Christmas Tree

What a wonderful turn out for our carols around the tree evening. Everyone had a lovely time, and this was made possible by donations from local people; forgive me if I miss anyone out: Sue (Orford Supply Stores), Modern Box Design, The Meat Shed, Peter Benstead, Lisa Trinder, Linda Scarce, Jeremy Ruge-Price and Judith Golder. The Brass Band and tree were covered by the above people and Sue kindly plugged in! Many thanks to The Mixing Bowl, The King's Head and Orford Primary School who provided the refreshments.

Anne Macro

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 12 February: Valentine's Tea - Bart's Hall, 2.30pm-3.45pm, and 4.15pm-5.30pm

Saturday 25 February: Children's Society Coffee morning - Bart's Hall, 10am-1pm

FLOOD ALERTS

Following a number of flood alerts for our area the Emergency Committee met at the Quay Office at midday on 12 January to assess the next High tide for which a surge of 1.3 metres had been predicted. In the event this tide did not rise to the level expected although it covered the beach up to the sheds.

The Committee reconvened at 1830 that evening to assess the Low tide which at Lowestoft remained 1.3 metres above normal low. At Orford Quay the tide similarly did not recede to the normal level but the Committee's assessment was that, bearing in mind the 1.8 metre surge was forecast to occur mid-afternoon, the next High water at 0110 did not pose a threat to our river walls or to residents in the area. One or two members of the Committee agreed to monitor the High tide at midnight onwards - this tide flooded some sheds and the Quay Office to a depth of approaching 1/3 metre.

Michael Pearce, Chairman, Emergency Committee

FEBRUARY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 5 February - 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

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Sunday 12 February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck

10.30am Family Service - Mr G Marshall

Sunday 19 February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 26 February - Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Village Service - Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 5 March - 1st Sunday of Lent

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FEBRUARY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 5 February	10.30am Stephen Caley Soup & Pud Lunch too!
12 February	10.30am Rev. Dr. Alan Palmer - <i>Hospital Chaplain</i>
19 February	10.30am Stephen Caley
26 February	10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes - Holy Communion 3pm CREAM TEA & SING
5 March	1st in LENT 10.30am Stephen Caley Soup & Pud Lunch too!

SHROVE TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY - SOUP & PANCAKE LUNCH with RAFFLE too - from 12noon to 2pm

Monday's TEA ROOM is open from 11am – 2pm (ish). There's always a warm welcome, good food together with art, crafts, preserves, cards and much more.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH is served at 12.30pm – you are welcome to join us – booking for this meal is essential.

Advent and Christmas services were joyful in anticipation and celebration of the Birth of Jesus. At one Advent service everyone received an Angel to help focus on the Message given by the Angels. On Christmas Day boxes of sweets and chocolates were given out and on New Year's Day three-dimensional hand-crafted Stars (complete with hangers) were distributed to the 'congregation'. The Candlelight Carol Service needed no electric light as the 150 candles shone brightly providing a wonderful atmosphere as we sang the familiar carols, heard the story once again, and listened to Michael's account of his visit, along with others, to the Stable (that is, Michael the mouse)!! Afterwards everyone enjoyed the sumptuous Christmas tea.

Our Wednesday Lunch Christmas meal was enjoyed by no less than 35, feasting on traditional fare including turkey, homemade Christmas pudding, mince pies and chocolates and afterwards the opportunity to sing favourite carols, exchange Christmas cards and greetings. The large food hamper was won by Peggy Brown and other prizes distributed amongst the diners. Sincere thanks to Liz, Karen, Louise, Pam, Stephen Y, and Stephen for their dedication in setting tables, cooking, serving and clearing away – very much appreciated by all.

Finally, as we mention Christmas, grateful thanks to those who spent many hours decorating the church, which once again, looked fabulous (that word of 3 syllables)!! Many thanks too for generous donations given for Church Funds. The charities, 'Children in Distress' and 'Embrace the Middle East' have benefited from collections over Christmas.

Stephen Caley

MOBILE POLICE STATION TIMETABLE for Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhoods Team. The mobile police station will visit the Quay Street Car park on the following Wednesdays, from 12noon-1.30pm: Wednesday 1 March, 24 May, 16 August and 8 November

ORFORD SHRIMPS PLAYGROUP NEEDS A TREASURER!

Calling all those with a good financial brain! Orford Shrimps is a Charity organisation run by a committee of trustees. The executive post of Treasurer has become vacant, and the role is crucial to the effective running of our local preschool provision. For further information please contact me.

Jonny Peart, Chairman, Mobile: 07976 035743, email: jonnypeart@yahoo.com

ORFORD TENNIS COURTS

The Orford Craft Shop has been looking after the bookings and keys for the tennis courts on Saturday and Sunday for many years. Now that it is closed we need someone else to take this over, ideally who lives fairly close to the Recreation Ground. If anyone is willing to take this on please could they contact me on 01394 450771 or dianampaterson@btinternet.com

Diana Paterson

ORFORD, SUDBOURNE AND GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW, 26 August 2017

Advance copies of the Schedule List are now available at Friend's Garage and the newspaper kiosk. Copies can also be downloaded from <http://www.orford.org.uk/community/flower-show/>

This year the Advance Notice contains the recipes for classes 154: Cake and 155: Chutney; giving keen cooks plenty of time to hone their skills. Class 47, Knitted Vegetables will give many a new direction for their knitting, the web gives lots of ideas and many bookshops have informative manuals. Class 52 Cornucopia Cake will give plenty of opportunity to display your design and making skills.

Beverages: We have, for this year, continued with the Rhubarb Schnapps which proved to be very popular last year. Some drinks can take a long while to mature so advance notice is required. However for 2018; the speciality will be Limoncello, a favourite of Mike Redmond, the Flower Show chairman. Limoncello matures very quickly so you have plenty of time to perfect your entry. Sloe Gin will continue as a class. Your suggestions for other interesting liqueur/schnapps type drinks would be much appreciated, perhaps an additional drink could be squeezed in to a very crowded schedule in 2018.

Class 176: A Scare Crow, for those people under 14 years old. We hope to have sufficient entries to use the Crows as a back drop to the Giant Vegetable display.

Ian Castle

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Dates for your diary:

Club nights are Friday nights, from 8.30pm on 4 February - live music from Midnight Road from 8pm. £3 members, £5 non-members

24 February, Jimbo's Bingo from 8pm

Dawn Phillips, Secretary

VALENTINE'S TEA AT BART'S HALL

In aid of Thomas Marshall Education Fund

Finger sandwiches, home-made scones with clotted cream and home-made jam, home-made cakes, unlimited supplies of tea, and wonderful music on the piano. Sunday 12 February, 2 sittings: 2.30pm-3.45, and 4.15pm-5.30pm, £10 per person.

Tickets 450090 or rogerhipwell@hotmail.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING AT BART'S HALL

In aid of the Children's society – committed to helping the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the country Saturday 25 February – 10am-1pm

Phoenix trading stall, piano entertainment, cake stall, raffle etc

Money box holders – please bring your boxes for emptying! Cakes, prizes if you can please!

Contact **Fiona Raison**, 450494

GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday 2 February 2017

Topic: Pruning apple and pear trees - this be a demonstration of what to do and what not to do....

Presenter: Piers Pool of High House Fruit Farm

Venue: Member's garden in Orford

Time: 2 pm in the afternoon

Piers will perform a practical demonstration of how to prune apple and pear trees depending upon their age and the type of root stock they come from. We will all leave with a much better understanding of how to get the best from our trees in the short and longer term. This will be followed by refreshments at the garden.

We will be collecting annual membership fees (£15) and this is an opportunity for new members to join. Please do come!!!

Please contact me if you are not a member but would like to attend so that I can let you know the venue.

Bulbs – Spring planting for summer colour

Matt Long of Riverside Bulbs provided a very interesting and well-illustrated talk for us in January about the bulbs we can be planting in early Spring to provide a splash of Summer colour. We are now browsing the catalogue and website so as to order some!!! Many members renewed and a number of new people have signed up for the exciting 2017 Programme.

Celebrating 40 years of the Orford and District Gardening Club

We are still trying to find out more information about the 40 years since the inception of the Gardening Club, but we have not been able to find out very much about its early days and would welcome any information anyone in the villages has which we can add to what we have and I will publish this next month.

Taster of 2017

Thursday 2 March, 7 for 7.30 pm, Principles of Garden Design by Timothy of Timothy Garden Design who has designed a great number of local gardens, and first competition of the year.

Thursday 6 April, 7 for 7.30 pm Flowers for a Cutting Garden by Frances Boscawen of Moat Farm who supplies Pump Street Bakery with flowers. Spring car-sharing trip to Priors Oak in Aldeburgh – date to be arranged.

As always, we welcome guests for £4 per event so do come along to any that appeal to you...

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KING'S HEAD NEWS

How quickly time flies – here we are virtually in to February already.

Firstly, an update on the building works. The Old Stables are scheduled to be re-roofed as soon as the weather picks up. The delay here is mainly due to the type of mortar Conservation have asked Adnams to use - being a lime-based mortar it needs to be above a certain temperature for it to go off. The two gable ends need to be rebuilt before they can continue with the roofing element. Fingers crossed for a spell of warmer weather.

In respect to the kitchen refurbishment this is scheduled to commence on 20 February. There is some demolition of internal walls and general re-organisation of the kitchen area, followed by the installation of a new extraction system and the fitting white rock to the kitchen surfaces. These works are scheduled to take four weeks. We are pleased to

say that throughout this period of time the pub will remain open and a restricted food service will be available.

Thanks to those of you who came to listen to Paul Pryce, we hope you enjoyed his performance and you will be pleased to know he is booked to return for Flower Show Saturday. Music continues this month with a double helping. Returning to perform is The Man in the Hat on 11 February, playing a wide range of country music to suit all tastes. Then on 24 February we will be introducing a new act, Leanne and Harry, both of whom are young locals who perform acoustic covers from a wide range of artists. Leanne is the vocalist and is accompanied by Harry on the guitar. It will be great to see many of you at these events and they start at about 21.00.

Thanks to the "Illuminations" for setting the last quiz and congratulations to "The Storm That Never Was" for winning. The next quiz night is 19 February, starting at 20.00, and is being set by "The Old Ale Pensioners". Some of you may be asking how comes the winners didn't set the quiz – that's because we have a new twist in the plan. Basically, the winners get to roll a dice and whatever number comes up the correspondingly placed team have to set the next quiz. Remember it is just a £1 to enter and you are guaranteed to have a wide range of questions set to ponder.

With the kitchen works underway we will not be able to have a food theme night this month, but we hope it will return in the spring. Wednesday remains Curry Night – with a choice of curries, rice, poppadum and mango chutney, with a pint or medium glass of house wine for £12. We also continue to do a take away menu Monday to Thursday, (Curry on a Wednesday).

Some of you may have noticed a couple of staff changes recently. Scott Backhouse has left us after two and a half years to join the team at Orford General Store, and our thanks to Scott for all his efforts during his time with us. Hannah Purkis has started a job using her degree, as an Environmental Engineer - fortunately she will still be with us on Saturdays. We are pleased to welcome Tracy Worne to our team and you will see Tracy behind the bar during the week. In addition Holly Hicks steps up to work behind the bar with us over the weekends.

Congratulations to the volunteers who have again been working over at the lighthouse to add to and improve the sea defences, so that visitors may continue to visit this historic building. Up to date information on can be obtained from www.orfordnesslighthouse.co.uk

As always we appreciate all of your support and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine

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MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be at the following locations on the following dates:

Stop	Village	Location	Time
8G	Snape	Village Hall	1205-1235
8H	Sudbourne	Bus shelter	1350-1400
8I	Orford	Baron's Meadow	1405-1425
8J	Orford	Market Square	1430-1535

Calling every 4 weeks on Fridays. 2017 dates:

17 February, 17 March, no visit Good Friday, 12 May, 9 June, 7 July, 4 August, 1 September, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November, 22 December

SIGN UP AND GET CONNECTED WITH POLICE CONNECT

Police Connect is a free messaging service connecting you to the very latest policing news for your area via email, text or phone. Operated by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies, Police Connect will provide you with localised information in a variety of situations including emergency alerts, missing people appeals, crime reports, neighbourhood policing news and events. You can register online at suffolk.police.uk/policeconnect

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OPEN DAY IN WOODBRIDGE to help those with hearing loss

One in six people in UK have a hearing problem, and if you think this sounds familiar there hasn't been a better time to have your hearing checked. Hearing tests and professional advice are being made available free of charge to encourage people to take that first step.

Local hearing care specialists, The Hearing Care Centre, have a hearing centre at Framfield House Surgery. They will be holding a free 'Hearing Care Open Day' between 9am and 5pm on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February 2017. All services are available by appointment only.

To book your appointment call The Hearing Care Centre on 0800 096 2637 or visit www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk

DEDICATED EAR WAX REMOVAL CLINIC IN WICKHAM MARKET

Every year in the UK approximately 2.3m people experience problems with earwax and need to have it removed. With more and more GP Surgeries reducing their wax removal services with long delays to get an appointment, one local hearing care has joined forces with a local surgery to help people in Wickham Market.

The Hearing Care Centre, based locally at Wickham Market Medical Centre, is now offering privately both ear syringing and microsuction. The private Ear Care clinics will initially be held on the third Monday of each month with the first session taking place on Monday 16th January 2017 (9am-1pm).

Given the company's highly regarded reputation in the area, Wickham Market Medical Centre personally invited Karen Finch and her team at The Hearing Care Centre to launch the new service and help offer its patients an alternative to having to wait long periods for an appointment. The company also offers an ear syringing service at nearby centres in Framlingham and Aldeburgh, on a fortnightly basis.

For more information call 01473 230330 or visit www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk/waxremoval

THE GREAT GARDEN TRAIL

Green-fingered supporters are invited to open their gardens to the public as part of St Elizabeth Hospice's brand new 'Great Garden Trail' this summer. The local charity is appealing for individuals or whole villages to open their gates and be part of the trail which will be taking place between May and September 2017.

All the gardens will then appear on a unique trail map, alongside a short description with key details of the garden and opening days and times, so that supporters can follow

the route and journey throughout the region, exploring the varied and beautiful gardens on display. By opening your garden for one morning or afternoon this summer you can make a difference and help St Elizabeth Hospice continue to improve life for local people living with an incurable illness.

The charity is looking for a wide variety of displays; so whether your garden is traditional or contemporary, tranquil or tropical, cosy or large, why not invite others to admire your horticultural skills whilst raising funds for your local hospice?

If you would like to open your garden this summer, or for more information on The Great Garden Trail please call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk.

St Elizabeth Hospice is an independent charity which provides vital care and support free of charge to patients and their families across east Suffolk. The hospice costs millions of pounds a year to run, and relies on fundraising events, donations and the income generated from its shops to meet the majority of these costs.

THE SUFFRAGETTES OF EAST SUFFOLK

In February the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group will meet in Kelsale Village Hall in the afternoon to hear Joy Bounds tell us about the Suffragettes of East Suffolk. Most people have heard of the Pankhursts and the London-based radical acts they organised – huge processions, determined parliamentary protest, window-smashing campaigns – and the high price they sometimes paid – imprisonment, hunger-striking, forcible feeding, poor health and even death. What is less well known is that such activity was supported by thousands of women in towns and villages across the country, who organised their own protests locally.

Joy Bounds' talk will be focussing on the actions of suffragettes in East Suffolk in the early years of the twentieth century, including how some locked themselves into a meeting room in Ipswich overnight to avoid filling in their Census forms, and how one woman went to prison for her beliefs.

Joy has been studying the action of the suffragettes in Suffolk for several years, and in 2014 had a book published on the subject. She is very interested in women's history as well as the inequalities women still face in society.

The meeting will be held in Kelsale Village Hall at 2.30pm on Friday 24 February, when visitors will be very welcome. Admission: members £1, visitors £3, including tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more info, see our website:

<http://aldevalleyfamilyhistorygroup.onesuffolk.net/>
or contact **Angela Skelcher** on 01728 830949

ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK Family history group

Family history open day

Family stories, research your past, dating old photographs (bring your own) and more...

Saturday 11 February, 11am-4pm, Garrett Room, Long Shop Museum, Main Street, Leiston IP16 4ES

Free entry. Refreshments. Donations to Long Shop Museum welcome.

For further details contact 01728 830949

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