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ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL AND NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

We are in the process of building a new website for the Parish Council and NOTT, and this should be up and running in the New Year. It will have dates of meetings on it, as well as minutes from meetings, and information about the Parish Council and NOTT. The new website address will be www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net

Kara Reed, Clerk to NOTT

JANUARY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

- Sunday 1 January - 2nd Sunday of Christmas
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck
11.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck
- Sunday 8 January - The Baptism of Christ
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
11.00 Family Service - Mr G Marshall
- Sunday 15 January - Epiphany 2
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
11.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
- Sunday 22 January - Epiphany 3
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
11.00 Village Service - Mrs J Maslin
- Sunday 29 January - Candlemas Sunday
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
11.00 Cluster Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

JANUARY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

New Year greetings to all

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| Sunday 1 January | 10.30am Stephen Caley |
| 8 January | 10.30am Alicia Holmes |
| 15 January | 10.30am informal CAFE Service with Soup & Pud Lunch |
| 22 January | 10.30am Rev Martin Dawes Covenant & Communion |
| 29 January | 10.30am NEW YEAR SONGS OF PRAISE |

Refreshments served after all morning services. There's a warm welcome to all.

MONDAY'S Tea Room open 9 January onwards from 11am-2pmish with preserves, cards, arts & crafts always available - no booking necessary

Every WEDNESDAY - Lunch: 2-course meal served at 12.30pm. A great way to Meet, Greet & Eat with family and friends. Please book, Tel: 450676 **Stephen Caley**

AFTERNOON TEA

My thanks go to all the loyal helpers and those who kindly

donated delicious cakes for the afternoon tea at the Rec Hut, and thanks also to the Sports and Social Club for use of the hut.

Anne Macro

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

This year the Poppy appeal in the 5 villages will have raised just over £3000 (once Gift Aid has been added) which is a great result and some £200 up on last year. I am very grateful to all who donated, and of course to the volunteers who braved the cold and dark to conduct the house to house collections. Ideally we could do with a few more volunteers as there is a lot of ground to cover in a short time! If you would like to help with this most worthy cause in 2017 please let me know on 450093.

Mike Finney

CHILLESFORD POPPY APPEAL

A big thank you to everyone in Chillesford for their generous donations that led to a grand total of £363.44. Thank you once again for your support.

Angie Gardiner

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Dates for your diary:

Friday 20 January - Jimbo's bingo from 8pm

Saturday 28 January - Tandoori curry night from 7-9pm

Dawn Phillips, Secretary

ORFORD BONFIRE NIGHT

We would like to thank everyone who helped build a large bonfire this year, also to everyone from near and a far for turning up on a bitterly cold night and giving generous donations for next year's fireworks. As always there are HUGE THANKS to everyone involved with making it all possible: Mr Cordle for his field; David Golder keeping the bonfire in one place; Barry, Darren, Hannah and Scott for the fireworks; Libby and Kirsten for the cooking; Guy and May with all the children at Wednesday club for making the main man himself, also to the extra Mr G Fawkes (who turned up on Saturday watching all that goes on sitting on some pallets); Amanda and girls for the collection buckets and finally to Darren Worne (plant construction) for sponsoring the BBQ.

Now to apologise for half the village waking up to their cars covered in ash. We are also sorry for all the extra smoke which engulfed the village again the following week but due to a complaint, we had to try and extinguish what was still burning which obviously made it worse and smoke more.

Nicola Ehlert and Richard Mallett

THOMAS MARSHALL VALENTINE'S TEA

Picture the scene.

One hundred happy people enjoying finger sandwiches, sausage rolls, home-made scones with clotted cream and home-made jam, home-made cakes, unlimited supplies of tea and wonderful music on the piano. The trustees of the Thomas Marshall Education Fund are delighted to announce that Bart's Hall will be hosting another Valentine's Tea on Sunday February 12th 2017, when a small team of hard working volunteers will serve up a quintessentially English Tea to raise money to help advance the education, training & life skills of the young people of Mozambique.

Tickets are priced at £10 and may be obtained from Wendy Marshall at Chantry Cottage 01394 450090 or rogerhipwell@hotmail.co.uk

Roger Hipwell

WEA COURSE SPRING 2017

Nature, Ecology and Permaculture: the Wildlife and Habitats of East Anglia

Speaker: Alexander Bass

Next term we have a change. We are lucky to live in such an unspoilt part of England and see beautiful birds, animals and plants every day. Next term's course will help us to broaden our knowledge of the wildlife around us with an expert.

The broad content of the course includes the following areas:

1. Wildlife of RSPB Minsmere,
2. Conservation Organisation & Pioneers of Conservation in East Anglia,
3. Woodland and Heathland of East Anglia,
4. The Brecks,
5. The Suffolk & Norfolk Broads,
6. North Sea Wildlife,
7. The North Norfolk Coast & Coastal Erosion,
8. The Cambridgeshire Fens and Essex Marshes.

A guided field trip will be arranged after the course for anyone interested.

Alex Bass is a wildlife tour guide and speaker who has been running tours professionally since 2003. He also does a range of illustrated history/wildlife talks with bird song for groups in East Anglia including RSPB & Wildlife Trust local groups, U3A, WI, History Societies and Gardening Clubs. Due to their success he is now involved in adult education for a range of companies working freelance as a specialised tutor in the fields of wildlife identification and climate change issues in Suffolk.

This WEA course will take place starting at 2 pm in Orford Town Hall on Monday on 16, 23 and 30 January, 6. 13 and 20 February, 6. 13 and 20 March 2017

All are welcome - try out the first lecture for only £4.70! The full enrolment fee is £47.25.

For more details contact:

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GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday 5 January 2017

Topic: Spring Planting for Summer Colour by Matt Long of Riverside Bulbs

Venue: Orford Town Hall 'back room'

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start of the talk

Matt Long will speak to us about which bulbs to plant to give us summer colours, and give us tips and ideas on planting so as to create a beautiful display in our gardens or in pots and containers.

At the AGM in December it was agreed that future meetings would begin at 7 pm to allow us to socialise with a drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic!) before our speaker begins his presentation. We hope everyone will find this an enjoyable way to start the evening.

We will be launching the 2017 Programme too.

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

AGM and Social Evening in December – Celebrating 40 years of the Orford and District Gardening Club

Around 40 members enjoyed an evening together starting with mulled wine whilst we conducted the AGM and continuing with a 'bring and share' supper and a delightful 40th Anniversary cake. The food was delicious and 'thank you' to everyone who contributed.

Ken Yates our President spoke 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. Our Chair, Maureen Ballentyne and Treasurer, Pauline Caswell, reported on the very successful year we have had and the fact that we now have 76 members (and still recruiting...)!!

Daphne Gardner won the 'best pot plant' competition on the night and Lizzie Carr was presented with the Eric Mason Shield for having gained the most points overall in the three competitions we have held during the year.

Our thanks to everyone who has joined with us to make 2016 a memorable year..

Taster of 2017

Thursday 2 February, 2pm, Apple Tree Pruning by Piers Pool of High House Fruit Farm in a local garden followed by refreshments

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

Thursday 6 April, 7 for 7.30pm, Flowers for a Cutting Garden by Frances Boscawen of Moat Farm who supplies Pump Street Bakery with flowers.

Please do get in touch if you would like to join and are unable to come to our next meeting.

Polly Sharkey

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ORFORD MUSEUM CALENDAR 2017: Local Lives

The Orford Museum calendar for 2017 is now available. You can get it from Friends Garage, Orford or from Brundish Lodge, High Street, Orford. If you would like one, please telephone me on 01394 450622 or email to a.spinney43@btinternet.com and I will deliver or send one to you. The cost of the calendar is £6.50. If it has to be posted, please add £1.50. The illustrations are of many different groups: the Orford String Band c1900, children's parties, football teams, school photographs, outings, and choirs to mention but a few. You may well recognise faces amongst them and we hope that some of them will bring back happy memories.

Elizabeth Spinney, Orford Museum.

KING'S HEAD NEWS

Happy New Year everyone and may 2017 bring you all that you wish for.

As always we're having a busy Christmas and New Year period and we are delighted to see so many of you, and for all those who have given us Christmas greetings they are all much appreciated.

It was nice to see so many people at the Carol Service by the tree and we hope the hot chocolate and mulled cider kept you warm whilst you sang away.

The 23rd sees Three Steps to Heaven playing live in Orford for the first time, getting everybody in the mood for the festive period. Congratulations to our Christmas Draw prize winners.

Once again Dave Taylor will see us into the New Year so do come along to make the party go with a swing.

Heading in to 2017 and the pace of events keeps on flowing.

Quiz Night is Sunday 15 January and many thanks to Potkins Planks for setting the December quiz. Remember it is only £1 per person to enter and everyone is welcome.

Paul Pryce returns on 20 January to perform live again. The wide variety of music Paul plays means that there will definitely be something to suit all tastes. If you are struggling to think who Paul is – remember the Flower Show night – that was Paul.

Food Theme Night is back and this time celebrating Rabbie Burns with a traditional Burns Night Supper on Saturday 28 January. Food service starts at 8pm and as always it is best to reserve a table, as we have limited numbers.

Wednesday night stays as Curry Night with a choice of curries, rice, poppadum, mango chutney and either a pint or medium glass of house wine for £12 – served from 6 til 9. If you prefer to eat it at home then we have a take away service available. Don't forget that we have our normal take away menu available on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.

On the sporting front our Darts Ladder is in full flow and anyone is welcome to join the ladder, just a £3 entry fee. Matthew Smy topped the ladder going in to the New Year but several players are looking to topple him off the top rung.

Please note that we will be closed in the evening on Tuesday 17 January as we are taking the team out for their well earned Christmas Party, please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

In respect to the building works some of you will have noticed that The Old Stable roof is taking a little while to get completed. This is because when the tiles were uplifted ready for re-installation the sub structure was in a fragile state and this meant that the gable ends of the building were on verge of collapsing. So Adnams had to wait for Building Control to agree the manner in which the repair could take place. The type of mortar agreed can only be installed above a certain temperature so it is now weather dependent. We hope this will be completed early in the New Year. At the same time some remedial works will be undertaken to the boundary wall with the church.

Staying on the building theme, everything, at last has been agreed for the kitchen refurbishment and this looks set to commence on 20 February. We are pleased to say the pub will remain open throughout these works and a limited food offering will be available.

We hope that you all enjoy the festive period as much as us and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine

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JACQUI DANKWORTH AND CHARLIE WOOD

'Just You, Just Me'

Returning by popular demand, Jacqui Dankworth and Charlie Wood will be performing on Saturday 22 April 2017 at 7.30pm at Snape Maltings Concert Hall.

This event will be in support of our six churches in the Cluster splitting the profit equally, Orford, Sudbourne, Iken, Chillesford, Butley and Tunstall.

Volunteers are needed on the project committee, please call me on 01394 450799 or jackimaslin@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Jacki Maslin

ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

Make a difference this New Year and volunteer for your local hospice

Why not do something amazing in 2017 and volunteer for St Elizabeth Hospice?

The local charity is always looking for new people to join their incredible team of more than 1,100 volunteers, and offers a variety of volunteer roles, whether it's in one of their

26 shops, at their highly popular fundraising events or in the hospice building itself, assisting on the ward, in day care or with administrative tasks.

St Elizabeth Hospice is also keen to hear about skills and experience that volunteers can bring to the charity, creating and developing new roles to make use of volunteers areas of expertise.

Sue Joy, HR Volunteers Business Partner at St Elizabeth Hospice, said: "The hospice is extremely grateful to its wonderful team of volunteers, and we rely on their hard work and dedication to open our doors.

'Volunteering can be a great way to meet people in your community, learn new skills and boost your CV, all whilst supporting a good cause.

'By donating their precious time and invaluable skills, our volunteers save us an incredible £1.01million a year, money which we can use to support our patients and their families and carers.'

Find out more about volunteering for St Elizabeth Hospice, and view a full list of current vacancies at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/volunteer or talk to our volunteer team by phone on 01473 707016.

HOSPICE NEEDS YOUR UNWANTED PRESENTS

Did you receive any unwanted or duplicate presents this Christmas?

Then why not donate them to your local St Elizabeth Hospice shop, so they can be sold to raise money to help provide vital care and support to patients and their families.

Jason Rudderham, St Elizabeth Hospice's head of retail, said: 'There's always a few presents we are given that we don't want or don't need, so instead of putting it to the back of your cupboard, please consider donating them to the hospice.

'Whether it's clothing or accessories that don't fit, homeware that doesn't suit your house, or if your child was given two of the same toy, these items can be resold in our hospice shops. 'All the money raised from their sale goes towards providing local hospice care for local people.'

Items including clothes, accessories, homeware, DVDs, books, toys and china can all be donated directly to St Elizabeth Hospice's shops. To find your nearest St Elizabeth Hospice shop, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/shops

If you would like to donate furniture, please don't drop it off, just call 0845 259 0319 and the hospice will come and collect it from you.

PUB NAMES WITH A DIFFERENCE

On 16 January the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group will welcome back Geoff White to tell us about some pub names with a difference. His original interest in pubs and their names stems from about 1950 when Whitbread pioneered the restoration of pub signs and released miniature replicas as a trade promotion. At school he and his friends collected these rather like cigarette cards, and Geoff's interest in pub names expanded as a result. Travelling around Kent and East Sussex in the course of his work with British Gas, Geoff was able to photograph many pub signs, and although there has been a decline in pictorial pub signs lately, an exception is The White Horse at Sweffling where a new sign was unveiled in December 2015, together with a decorative ale garland. Geoff will be speaking mostly about unusual names, but with some interesting stories to accompany the illustrations.

The meeting will be held at Snape Village Hall at 2.30pm on Monday 16 January, 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

ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

...FLOOD, TIDAL SURGE, STORM, FIRE, POWER LOSS, EXTREME WEATHER,
VILLAGE ISOLATION...



IN THE EVENT OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY GROUP

- The first member of the **EMERGENCY GROUP** to become aware of an emergency will immediately convene a meeting of all members of the **GROUP** at the Town Hall.
- The **EMERGENCY GROUP** will assess the risk posed to the community and use the map in the Hall to identify persons at risk.
- They will ensure that the appropriate emergency services (fire, police, ambulance, red cross) have been alerted.
- They will plan the action needed and contact the **COMFORT GROUP** to prepare the Town Hall, the **ATLAS GROUP** for physical assistance, and other resources as necessary.
- The Town Hall will be made ready to receive those in need of refuge (who should bring blankets, duvets, food, drink and personal medication).
- If evacuation is required urgently then whistles and horns will be sounded in the risk areas to identify an emergency.

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