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JANUARY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 6 January – Epiphany

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 13 January – Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 20 January – Epiphany 3

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 27 January – Epiphany 4

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev R Alderson

10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Rev. David Murdoch

JANUARY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 6 January 10.30am Stephen Caley – Soup & Pud Lunch

Sunday 13 January 10.30am Service arranged locally

Sunday 20 January 10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland

Sunday 27 January 10.40am Rev. Martin Dawes – COVENANT & COMMUNION

Refreshments are served after the morning service.

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM – now open from 11am– 2pm(ish) – always serving lunch, coffee, tea and cake. Cards, crafts and art always available. Call in, no need to book!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH – serving a two-course meal each Wednesday at 12.30pm (this is a bookable meal). PLEASE NOTE: No lunch on Wednesday 2 January – resuming on 9 January.

A welcome awaits you to any of our services and events.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Merry Christmas and a happy new year from all at the club.

Events coming up are:

- New Year's Eve, Glitter Ball Disco, 8pm till late
- Friday 25 January, Bingo night 8pm
- Saturday 26 January, live music from "Shattered", £5 non-members, members free.

And as well as the usual club nights on Monday, Friday and Sunday evenings, the club will be open on Boxing Day evening 8.30pm onwards.

January dates for your diary

- Thursday 10 January: Gardening Club, Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm

It is now Club policy that there are no children under 15 years of age at all live music events please (unless details on posters say otherwise).

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

MACMILLAN NURSES FUNDRAISER – THANK YOU!

We held a Fundraiser Party for Macmillan Nurses at the Kings Head on Saturday 8 December and it was a massive success! Donation per drink – A Macmillan Chilli – and a Silent Auction raised £700 on the night, and I've had over £500 in donations! A big thank you to Ian and Suzanne for hosting the night. Music by Johnny on slide guitar – guests by Steve Lay and Chris Doolan (cheers guys!)

Huge thanks to: Pinneys, Pump Street Bakery, Adnams, Mistletoe House B&B, Mightymast Leisure, Kings Head and Orford Stores for donating prizes.

But my BIGGEST THANKS go to those of you who turned up and supported us!

Trevor Martin

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW – 2018

The financial accounts for the Flower Show have now been finalized and show a healthy position.

Thanks to continued support from Friends, voluntary contributions on the gate, and strong cash takings on the day from the tombola, the raffle and field events, total income was £9,198, an increase of just over £500 on the previous year.

Total expenditure was £6,849, a reduction of around £900 compared with the previous year when we had needed to undertake repairs to the storage shed and show equipment. There was, therefore, a surplus of £2,349.

The committee has agreed to donate £1,250 of this surplus to projects for the benefit of the community. The balance will be retained to underpin expenditure for the celebratory one hundredth anniversary next year.

Lastly, the committee would like to thank all who contributed financially and with their time, as well as exhibitors, for helping to make the show another success.

Mike Redmond

NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

In view of the impending closure of Friends Garage it is important that the finances of the New Orford Town Trust (NOTT) , and the restrictions placed upon the NOTT by the Charities Commission, are fully understood so the stance of Trustee can be appreciated.

Below is an extract from the Charity Commission website. Members of the Trustee have to be aware of such expectations at all times when making decisions regarding the NOTT.

'As the regulator of charities in England and Wales, the commission expects trustees to decide, publish, implement and monitor their charity's reserves policy so that they can comply with their legal duties to:

*act in the interests of their charity and its beneficiaries
protect and safeguard the assets of their charity
act with reasonable care and skill
ensure their charity is accountable'*

The current financial position of the NOTT is:

General Funds Current balance: £163,586.67

The NOTT holds at least one year's annual expenditure (approx £160,000) in this fund at all times, for the day-to-day running of our assets (Town Hall, Bakers Lane cottages, car park, riverside and quay).

Designated/Restricted Funds Current balance £355,965.99

There is £355,965.99 in various designated/restricted funds. These funds are in place to maintain and upkeep our assets, as directed by the Charity Commission, and guard against any major expenditure that may be incurred. They can only be diverted for other use with a 10 out 12 (5/6ths) majority of the Trustee voting in favour.

These funds are broken down as follows:

Estates Fund (Town Hall, Bakers Lane cottages): current balance £67,151.48

Riverside Funds (Quay, riverbanks, moorings, and buildings): currently has 2 funds of £59,169.86 and £62,411.65.

There are 2 funds because the maximum we can hold in each fund is £85,000 in order to be covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. In 2008 the Quay had to be rebuilt at a cost of £320,000. At the time NOTT was ill-equipped for this, so raising the funds proved to be very difficult and resulted in a great division of both the Orford residents and the then members of the Trustee. To be prepared for any other major expense a second fund was instigated.

Highways Fund (Quay Street car park and toilets) current balance £21,349.45

The car park is the most profitable of all the NOTT assets. A recent estimate to re-surface the car park was over £75,000.

Housing/Land for Housing Fund current balance £135,000

This fund is for the purchase of houses or land on which to build houses, which will be administered by NOTT in a similar way as Bakers Lane cottages.

Village Fund currently has £10,483.81

Each year an amount agreed by the Trustee is placed into this fund, and three times a year the Trustee considers applications for money from this fund from local people and/or organisations. The Trustee gives consideration to activities it feels will benefit the inhabitants of Orford and Gedgrave in accordance with its objectives.

If the Trustee were minded to invest in **any** business venture there would need to be a viable business plan and the Trustee would need to seek the approval of their financial advisors. Should they be advised against such a venture but ignored the advice, the Trustee would **not** be covered by NOTT's liability insurance and would be held responsible as individuals.

Whilst every member of the NOTT does not want to lose the garage facility, the Trustee is not prepared to invest any NOTT funds into a speculative garage business that badly needs updating. It would be a reckless act to divert already designated funds into such a venture, and would jeopardise the assets for which these funds were originally intended.

The Trustee believes that it is complying with the Charity Commission expectations which are very clear: *'protect and safeguard the assets of their charity'* and *'act with reasonable care and skill'*.

Should land be made available on which to build houses or affordable housing, NOTT would be approachable as there are designated funds for this purpose.

Ian Thornton, Chairman, New Orford Town Trust

ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET JANUARY OPENING

The Country Market will be closed on 5 and 12 January, and re-opening for the weekly market from Saturday 19 January.

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 eighteen 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.

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. For nearly 350 years, Chelsea Physic Garden has grown and demonstrated medicinal and useful plants. Its time as a teaching garden for apothecaries may have passed but such is its evolution it still offers a collection of rare, medicinal and research plants, and the Garden continues to serve horticulture, medicine, conservation and education for generations. Not surprisingly this extraordinary and magic Garden depends on volunteers, outdoors and indoors. Margaret chose outdoors, for a year as a Horticultural Volunteer, working in all areas of the Garden in all weathers, wet or dry it was a year well spent ...

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!

AGM and Social Supper

On Thursday 6 December over 40 of us met to hold the AGM, chaired by our President Ken Yates, which was short and to the point and then to enjoy a delightful evening chatting and enjoying delicious food and drinks. The Town Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and many compliments were received about the event and are still coming in.

The Committee were re-elected for another year and are as follows:

Polly Sharkey

Susanne Hasting

Pauline Caswell

Caroline Gill
Anna Hills
Theresa Curtis
Denise Smith

My personal thanks to go to all of them for delivering an amazing and varied programme in 2018 along with the help of our partners and the many members who actively participate. Also thanks to Louise and Simon Schofield who hosted our Garden Party at their delightful garden, and Judy and Andrew King who allowed us to have our first 'Pop-up Garden Visit' at their home. Both gardens have been developed by their owners and it was so interesting to hear how they had achieved them.

The Eric Mason Shield was won by Alex Smith with Pat Tricker second and Pauline Caswell third. This was presented by our Vice President, Maureen Ballentyne. We had a record number of entries for the competitions last year. Let's see if we can beat it in 2019!

2019 Programme

We will be collecting the new year's membership fees in January and that remains fixed at £15 for the year, with a £4 fee for those who prefer to come to specific events. This year we will be accepting electronic payments into the Bank as well as cheques and cash direct to Pauline Caswell as well as at our January meeting. DO JOIN US! and get the whole programme.

Taster for some of the 2019 Programme:

- Thursday 7 February 'The wonderful world of Salvias' Janet Buist – Specialist Salvia Grower
- Thursday 7 March 'Climbers, Creepers and Crawlers' plus photographic tips for gardeners – Michael Warren Horticulturist, writer, lecturer and photographer
- Thursday 4 April 'Shade loving plants' Melanie Collins – Mickfield Hostas and owner of the National Collection, an RHS Gold Medal Winner.
- First Competition: Photo of winter in my garden.
- Wednesday 10 April afternoon visit to Wyken Hall Gardens Hoping to see you soon...

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

JANUARY AT THE KING'S HEAD

As we start this lovely festive season can we start by wishing you all a very merry, peaceful and fun time with every good wish for 2019.

Heading in to the New Year Period we have some great events ahead:

Christmas Day – Open 12 til 2 – No food on offer but please call in and join us for a drink and a chance to wish you a "Happy Christmas".

Friday 28 December – Steven Lay Open Mic Night – that gap between events – why stay indoors – come down and join in the last Open Mic Night of 2018. You can come along, recite, sing, dance, entertain or even just relax and support those that do. Fun for all.

New Year's Eve Party – If you want to come along to eat please pre-book as we have a very special menu and only a few places left. Email thekingsheadorford@gmail.com, phone 01394 450271 or call in to book. Live from 9pm we have "The Man in the Hat" performing all the way in to 2019. Free entry and everyone is welcome. Come down and party the night away.

Events in January 2019

Friday 25 January – Steven Lay open Mic Night – the anniversary event – one year on and getting better and better. If you haven't been make sure you come down to this one.

THANKS! – *Macmillan Fundraising Night* – well done all generous people – we raised in excess of £725 in one evening. Ren and Aga were amazed by your support and would like to thank all those who donated auction items and those of you who put their hand in the pocket to donate. Big thanks also to Johnny, Steven Lay, Chris Doolan and Bradley Jones for playing the music on the night. Great team effort and a tremendous result.

Over the past month we have seen a few changes in staff. We are sad to say goodbye to Theresa Knights who leaves us after nearly 3 years to move on to pastures new – many thanks for all of your efforts and we wish you all the best in your future. Joining the Kitchen Team is Kirsty Last. Kirsty joins us with several years in the industry, most recently at The Ramsholt Arms, and her enthusiasm and experience is a welcome addition to the team. Also in the kitchen Tammy Mitchell-Cotts has stepped up to the Kitchen Assistant role and is enjoying working alongside our Chef, Daniel Bunce. On the front of house side Tre Aylmer has taken on the role of Staff Training and Development, using her experience of working for the Deben Inn Group. We also delighted to welcome back Thomas Mattiuzzo who is over in the UK for another period, from his homelands of South Africa.

Every one of our team at The King's Head would like to wish you a healthy, enjoyable and peaceful New Year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Ian and Suzanne Ballantine, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

THE PENINSULAR PRACTICE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

New staff and new roles

In recent months, we have welcomed new members of staff to the practice. Ruth has joined our admin team as Data Administrator. Sue and Julia have joined our reception team. And Megan and Sophie have joined our dispensary team. We do value your patience and understanding as we induct and train all our new staff members.

Our dispensary manager Kay has also taken on the role of Deputy Practice Manager and we wish her well in this new position.

Staff Meeting Closure

The surgery will be closed between 13.30 and 16.00 on Wednesday 9 January for our Staff Meeting.

THE ALDE & ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP: January Update

Public Consultation

The Partnership will be holding a public drop-in session on Wednesday 27 February 2019, 2pm–8pm at Snape Maltings Trask Café and foyer with a presentation at 6pm in the Recital Room to update everyone on the cost of upgrading the estuary walls, projected income, both local fundraising and Environment Agency/Government contributions and enabling development. Everyone is welcome to drop in and discuss the project.

[Estuary Trust Fundraising Events – Save the Date!](#)

Great Aldeburgh to Orford Flotilla

Sunday 28 July 2019 10am. Ahoy! Swimmers, sailors, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, sculling, rowing boats and any miscellaneous non-motorised craft! Further details and entry forms to follow.

and also...

Second Big Pub Quiz

By popular demand the Pub Quiz is back! Friday 22 November, 6.30pm. "So you thought you knew everything about Suffolk?" written by comedian Max Norman. Celebrity quizmasters and lots of fun. Further details and participating pubs to follow.

Put it in your diary now!

Amanda Bettinson, Partnership Secretary

BECOME ONE OF THE FIRST EAST SUFFOLK COUNCILLORS

Local people who want to make a difference in their community and play a key role in the new East Suffolk Council are being encouraged to consider standing for election as a District Councillor.

On 1 April 2019, East Suffolk Council will be formed – a new 'super district' authority, serving the residents, businesses and communities of both Suffolk Coastal and Waveney.

The new district will be served by 55 councillors, each representing a 'ward' – the boundaries of which were recently

published by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

There are 29 separate wards in total and some wards will be larger than others, with eight of them represented by three councillors, ten represented by two councillors and finally eleven wards with one councillor each.

Stephen Baker, Chief Executive for Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils said: "We are looking for people who are interested in the exciting challenge of becoming one of the first ever East Suffolk councillors. Our new councillors need to be passionate about local issues, energetic and committed to making a difference to the lives of local people.

"Councillors play an important role in making sure the voices of a community are heard and the needs of local people are met. There are no formal qualifications needed and we would encourage anyone meeting the eligibility criteria to consider standing for election; anyone elected for the first time will be given all the training and support they need."

To be eligible to stand for election, applicants must be:

- 18 or over
- and a UK, EU or Commonwealth Citizen,
- and either be registered to vote on the current register with the local council
- or have either worked or lived in the council's area for one year
- or have been an owner or tenant of any land or premises in

the council's area for one year

Elections to the new Council will be held on 2 May 2019.

Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a councillor should visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/beacouncillor or contact the Democratic Services Team on democratic.services.wdc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or democratic.services.scdc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

SUFFOLK COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE

Is your child in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6)? Are they in their first year of learning to play an instrument? Starting from 8 January 2019, Suffolk County Music Service is hosting Beginner Ensembles across Suffolk. Created especially for young musicians in KS2, children are invited to join an ensemble to: develop their skills, make progress, play as a group, learn new music, and have fun!

Join us at Hollesley Primary School, School Lane, Hollesley IP12 3RE on Tuesdays at 3.30pm (term-time only).

Free membership is available for those pupils learning with Suffolk County Music Service. The usual termly charge applies for those not learning with the Music Service. Further details are on our website. Please visit our website for more information <http://bit.ly/ks2beginner> or call us 01473 263400 or email county.musicservice@suffolk.gov.uk

Flo Wenden, Communications Officer, SCMS




Beginner Ensembles

Fun music groups created especially for children in Key Stage 2!

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North & South Lowestoft Saxmundham
Stowupland Stradbroke Sudbury

Develop your skills
Play in a group
Make progress
Meet new friends

Free membership!
Conditions apply. Please visit our website to read the membership criteria.
Charges apply for those not learning with the Music Service.

Starting from
Tuesday 8 January 2019

For more information visit:
www.suffolkmusicclub.co.uk/beginner

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