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JULY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 2 July – Trinity 3

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

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Sunday 9 July – Trinity 4

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 16 July – Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 23 July – Trinity 6

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 30 July – Trinity 7

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev J Andrews

Saturday 22 July, 7.30pm - piano recital in Orford Church by our organist, Jonathan Rutherford – more details to follow.

Rev David Murdoch

JULY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 2 July 115th Church anniversary

10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland

Celebration Lunch follows

Sunday 9 July Action for Children Sunday

10.30am Colin Westren

Sunday 16 July 10.30am Stephen Caley

5pm Strawberry/Raspberry and Cream Service

Sunday 23 July 10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – Communion

Sunday 30 July 10.30am Café Worship

MONDAY'S CHAPEL TEA ROOM – open every Monday from 12 noon–4pm. Good food served in a friendly atmosphere with art, preserves, cards, books and lots more for sale too! Call in and see us – rest awhile in the church after eating – there's no need to book! Weekly WEDNESDAY LUNCH is served at 12.30am – booking is essential.

29th Annual Quay (seafarers) Service, Sunday 6 August at 6pm – preacher: Rev. Stephen Yelland. The Suffolk Phoenix Band providing the music. Andy Martin in attendance representing the Fishermen's Mission (RNMTDSF). Service will be held in the Methodist Church. If it's a rainy evening -refreshments afterwards at our Church.

Some recent notable BIRTHDAYS: John and Charlie Brown *same day* – 80 and 85. Dallas Cattermole, 80. Basil Smith (Wednesday Lunch) 94. Annie Wythe (Leiston, formerly of Dennington) 102

July dates for your diary

Sunday 2 July: Gedgrave Hall and Green Lane House open gardens

Wednesday 5 July: Gardening Club trip to Pensthorpe

Friday 14 July: Orford Museum talk - Orford Town Hall, 6pm for 6.30pm

Saturday 22 July: Jonathan Rutherford Piano recital, St Bartholomew's Church, 7.30pm

Sunday 23 July: Butley Flower Show, 2pm

Sunday 30 July: Orfordness Lighthouse open

years. Lots of celebration cake shared – Love and very best wishes to all.

Great to see and meet visitors joining our summer services from around the Methodist Connexion and other churches. It's been good, too, to welcome many to our Monday Tea Room sessions – so far the summer has been extremely busy and with many a conversation.

There is always a welcome to any of the services and weekly events – then there is the 115th Church Anniversary on 2 July – a time to give thanks for the many years of Methodism in and around Orford, commencing decades before the 1902 opening of the present building which replaced a much earlier chapel on the same site.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR GOVERNORS

We are looking for new governors to join the Governing Body in the Autumn term; that is from September. If you have an interest in education and would like to help with the continuing improvement of the school this could be for you. The governing body meets three or four times a year and governors also serve on one of the four committees that plan and monitor the work of the school.

This is an exciting time to be involved with the school as we are planning an after school club and major refurbishment to the school building during the next two years.

If you are interested please contact Mike Bradshaw – Acting Chair of Governors – on 01394 450375 or email mikebradshaw22@yahoo.com

Mike Bradshaw

ORFORD, SUBBOUNE & GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW

We are inviting all who so wish to become a Friend of the Flower Show, having the satisfaction of contributing to this important event for the villages. Friends can join the Preview of the Show

at 1pm on the day, and participate in the vote for the 'Best in Show' exhibit. We are very grateful to Adnams for sponsoring the Friends Preview this year.

We would like to suggest a minimum contribution of £30 to become a friend. If you want to take this up, please send a cheque, made out to The Orford Flower Show, to the Show Treasurer Andrew Curtis at Lavender Cottage, Crown Lane, Orford IP12 2NB. Alternatively, you can do a BACS transfer to: sort code 20-98-07, account number 80675962, account name Orford Flower Show. Please put your name as reference, so we know who has contributed.

A number of committee members are retiring this year, after helping for many years. Sue Snowdon is taking over as Secretary from Frances Barnwell; Maria Brenchley from Ian Castle in charge of the schedule; and Andrew Curtis as Treasurer from Howard Nash. Frances, Howard and Ian will be helping their replacements through this year's event to ensure a smooth handover. On behalf of the villages, I would like to thank all three for their work for the show over many years.

We still need replacements for running the children's races, and the dog race. Caroline and Patrick Cooper have been looking after these for about 10 years, and would like to hand over to others. They will handle this year, hopefully showing the ropes to their successors. How about some sporty parents with youngsters stepping forward – where are you! We could consider splitting off the dog race for someone else to handle.

And please pray for good weather on 26 August – see you all there!

Mike Redmond, Chairman Flower Show

THE ORFORD, SUDBOURNE AND GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW TOMBOLA

Once again, we will be having the Tombola stall at this year's flower show on Saturday 26 August.

During August, it is likely that you will have a knock on your door asking for contributions to the stall. Obviously wines of all types plus spirits and soft drinks will be greatly appreciated, but any contributions of food products and sweets etc. (in their sell by date) will also be wonderful. If you cannot find anything at the time or you are not at home, don't worry. We are planning to have a box at each of the Orford General Store, Friend's Garage and High House Fruit Farm so you can leave your bottles there as you do the rest of your shopping.

And remember, last year we had almost 400 such prizes and raised almost £900. So maybe £1,000 is possible this year!

Mike and Polly Sharkey 01394 450959

ORFORD MUSEUM TALK

On the evening of Friday, 14 July, there will be a talk in the New Room of Orford Town Hall entitled *Through the Eye of a Camera* on the work of William Walden Hammond, the pioneering WWI aerial photographer. He was appointed Photographic Officer at Orford Ness in 1917 and moved to Martlesham Heath in 1918 where he started the Photographic Flight. This will be an illustrated talk, using digital images from his photographs, by Victoria Gunnel, his great-niece. The talk will start at 6.30pm though there will be a complimentary glass of wine available from 6.00pm. The entrance will be £5.00 for Friends of Orford Museum and £7.00 for guests. There will also be a small exhibition in St. Bartholomew's Church to accompany this event.

Elizabeth Spinney

ORFORDNESS LIGHTHOUSE VISIT DATES: Summer 2017

Orfordness Lighthouse Trust volunteers will be opening the Lighthouse to visitors on the following dates:

Sunday, 30 July, Sunday, 6 August, Monday, 28 August (Bank Holiday Weekend)

To book your place and to join our mailing list, please email orfordnesslighthouse@gmail.com with the number in your party. Please see our website www.orfordnesslighthouse.co.uk for

all the details including timing, ferry dues, visit advice etc. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Lydia Finney, Orfordness Lighthouse Trust

ORFORD SAILING CLUB

We will be offering 'Taster sailing sessions' which are open to anyone. Come and have some fun sailing! No experience is required, however children must be at least 8 years old and must be able to swim. These sessions are aimed at local families to create an opportunity to experience sailing without any future commitments. We charge £5 per session.

Dates: Wednesdays, 5pm-6.30pm: 5 July

Sundays, from 10.30am-12 noon: 2 and 9 July

Should you be interested please contact **Sheena Barrow**, email: sheenabarrow@btinternet.com, 01394 450737

ORFORD TENNIS TOURNAMENTS 2017

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

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

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

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

CHARITY PIANO RECITAL BY JONATHAN RUTHERFORD

7.30pm on Saturday, 22 July 2017 at St Bartholomew's Church, Orford

Music by Chopin, Schumann, Schubert, Rachmaninoff, and Beethoven's 'Appassionata' Sonata; also, the Classic FM favourite 'Farewell to Stromness' by Peter Maxwell Davies.

Proceeds to be split between St Elizabeth Hospice and 'Save Our Suffolk Estuary'. Tickets are £15 and £12 and available from snapemaltings.co.uk or tel 01728 687110.

Jacki Maslin

GARDENING CLUB

Garden Party at Orford Lodge

The Watkins very kindly hosted our annual June Garden Party at Orford Lodge. It was such an interesting afternoon with so much variety and imagination inspiring their garden both with plants and sculptures and how they have used their lovely location. We are all very, very appreciative of their welcoming our members and giving us the opportunity to take ideas for our own gardens. There was also tea and cakes and a large number of plants sold and the judging of the Eric Mason Shield competition which was for a 'fragrant posy'.

Coach Trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park and Gardens – all welcome! www.pensthorpe.com Wednesday, 5 July 2017 departing Sudbourne/Orford at 8.45/9 am.

It's not too late to come! At Pensthorpe there is a variety of gardens to enjoy including the Millennium Garden designed by world renowned Piet Oudolf, the Wave and Waveline Garden designed by Chelsea Gold Award winner Julie Toll, and the Wildlife Habitat Garden which is a haven for wildlife and rare wildfowl breeds. There are 750 acres linked with trails through ancient fenland meadows and woodlands, so ideal for walking if that's what you like! But if not, there are many benches to enjoy the views as well as walking and relaxing. There is a cafe and shop on site for refreshments or you can bring your own picnic of course!

Cost: £25 for the coach and garden entry

Contact: Polly Sharkey to reserve your place 01394 450959 creativefutures98@btinternet.com

Do come and bring your friends - everyone welcome!

Polly Sharkey

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

On Sunday, 2 July 2017, the gardens at Gedgrave Hall and Green Lane House, both on Gedgrave Road, will be open from 11am to 5pm. Teas will be on sale at Gedgrave Hall. The combined charge for both gardens is £6.00, children free. Dogs must be on leads.

The National Gardens Scheme supports many major charities and your visits to these gardens can help change lives as well as being an enjoyable experience.

FITNESS & MOBILITY CLASSES IN ORFORD

Are you as fit and mobile as you could be? Come to Bart's Hall in Broad Street, Orford and join our happy group where simple exercises improve your muscle strength, flexibility and balance. The class is run by a trained instructor. All ages welcomed. For more information: telephone **Maggie Beale** 450292

KING'S HEAD NEWS

The great weather of June brought many visitors to the pub and let's hope that continues into July. It's lovely seeing so many people using the garden area.

The Quiz Night was won by our friends 'The Tourists' who made their annual pilgrimage to Orford from North of the border and London to reap the benefits of winning the quiz and the pleasure of setting the next one which is on Sunday, 16 July at 8pm. The first time we reverted back to winner takes all and sets the quiz – but from past experience we know they set a great quiz.

On the sporting field we carried on our cricket and battled bravely against Westleton White Horse but failed to win the Dickie Bancroft Trophy. Great praise to Niall O'Keeffe whose hamstring went in pursuit of a ball – as dramatic a scene as a deer shot in full flight – we hope it repairs well for the next matches. We pursue our chance of victory away to Westleton White Horse on 18 July and then at home to Thorpeness Dolphin on 27 July. Anyone interested in playing please let Stuart Moss or Ian know.

We are disappointed to announce that Zoe Backhouse will be leaving the kitchen team at the beginning of July to change career and off to new pastures. We would like to thank Zoe for all the hard work and effort she has put in to our time with us and the great food she has turned out. Every good wish for her new career; we will miss her smiles, her laugh and her occasional hissy fits. However, we are delighted to welcome back to the fold Daniel Bunce as Head Chef. Danny returns to us after spending the past 18 months working as Head Chef at Café 1885 at Snape Maltings. Danny brings a huge depth of experience, having also been Head Chef at Sommerleyton Hall. We look forward to working with Daniel again and seeing his influence on the kitchen team.

We all know how busy Orford can get during the next couple of months and we look forward to welcoming you all to The King's. **Ian & Suzanne Ballantine**, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

ORFORD AND SUDBOURNE W.I. Day Trip to Norwich

Thursday, 16 November 2017

Pickups in Sudbourne, Orford and Snape to arrive outside John Lewis about 10.30 and depart from there at 4pm. Cost: £13.00 per person and **everyone** is welcome to join us. To book a seat contact **Louise Schofield** 01394 450108, louiseshofield0104@gmail.com

PENINSULAR PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP: A quick phone call is all it takes...

We at the PPG were shocked to read that 94 surgery appointments were missed between 1 January and 31 March. That is one EVERY day and equates to nearly 22 hours of consultation time. We were also disappointed to learn that the numbers have been increasing over recent months. With ever mounting demand on doctors' surgeries this is a serious problem.

To address this situation other surgeries in East Suffolk use the football referee system, i.e. two yellow cards as warnings and a red card as a sending off meaning removal from the patient list.

Locally this would mean registering with a doctor in Woodbridge so, whilst not considering this action at the moment, any missed appointments are noted on patient records for future reference. Our surgery sends out reminders to mobile phones for forthcoming appointments. If you have a mobile phone, please could you ensure the number is given to the receptionist.

Unused appointments are one of the reasons you cannot always get an appointment where and when you want one. If you cannot attend for any reason please let the surgery know.

Alderton: 01394 411641 or Orford: 01394 4350315.

Patient Participation Group peninsulapracticeppg@gmail.com

BUTLEY FLOWER SHOW: FUN DOG SHOW

Does your dog have: The most beautiful eyes, the waggiest tail, or could your dog be the dog our Judge would most like to take home? Does he/she have talent? Do you AND your dog have a talent? Does your dog like fancy dress? If so, come along to Butley Flower Show on Sunday 23 July at 3pm for 45 minutes of fun in the Butley Flower Show Fun Dog Show. Your pooch could be the recipient of a highly prized Butley Flower Show rosette! £1 per class, payable on the day - no need to enter beforehand. See you there!

Susie White

ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP and THE ESTUARY TRUST

If you live, work or play around the Alde & Ore rivers, please join our shared campaign to SAVE OUR SUFFOLK ESTUARY @SOSestuary

Thousands of us benefit from life and holidays in and around the Alde & Ore Estuary every year. Yet without significant investment in the maintenance of the estuary walls, our landscape will not be able to withstand strong tidal surges. In total we will need around £12 million to upgrade the river walls. About £1.5-2 million will come from Government sources and our farmers have committed to raise £5 million. As a community we need to raise £5 million (£630,000 already received as a legacy). Help us now and together we can help protect our estuary life.

Some diary dates if you missed us at the Suffolk Show...

Visit us at Summer Events: Snape Maltings 1 July, Aldeburgh Carnival 21 August and Orford Flower Show 26 August.

- Saturday, 16 September 2017 – Four Ferries charity bike ride: cycle across the four foot ferries of Harwich, Bawdsey, Butley and Walberswick on one day – details to follow on the website.
- Saturday, 14 October 2017 – Launch of Fundraising Campaign – film shows in Aldeburgh and Orford – details to follow.
- Thursday, 23 November 2017 – Don't miss Suffolk's biggest ever pub quiz: 'How Well Do You Know Suffolk?' From Thorpeness to Hollesley, 15 coastal pubs are participating in an inter-estuary Suffolk-themed pub quiz, each pub with a local 'celebrity' quiz master. Prizes, surprises and lots of fun. Book a table at your favourite pub and bring a team. The event is for everyone! Further information on our website in due course.

Follow @SOSestuary on Twitter for latest news on events and project progress.

Tweet us a photo of your favourite stretch to #MyEstuary **Gather** friends together who love this estuary and organise events to help raise funds from your community.

Visit our website and see the flood cells most at risk if our river walls are not maintained.

Please make a donation via our website and help us protect the homes, jobs and future of the Alde & Ore Estuary. All proceeds go to the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust (Registered Charity No 1155115).

www.aoep.co.uk @SOSestuary Amanda Bettinson

GALA CONCERT AT WOODBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Love To Sing Community Choir and the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir will be joining together for a Gala Concert on Saturday, 14 October at Woodbridge Methodist Church.

The highly accomplished chorus of 80 singers will be performing a jam-packed programme with a mix of popular, Broadway and light choral pieces from our repertoires. The evening will be concluded with light refreshments and a Grand Prize Draw.

This event will be a fundraiser for a local charity or organisation that supports the elderly particularly with Dementia Care. We really hope you can save the date and join us on this occasion to support our fundraising.

Love to Sing Community Choir has helped to raise over £11,000 for local and national charities and organisations since 2014. The Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir has been serving the community for nearly 50 years performing many concerts for good causes in and around Suffolk.

If you would like further details or to preliminary book tickets, please contact: love2singchoir@gmail.com

Rachael Tecklenberg

HOLLESLEY PLAYERS 2017 PANTO AUDITIONS

The Hollesley Players are preparing to put on another panto which this year will be *The Wizard of Oz*. We are always looking for new members to join our cast. Whatever your talent, if you have the time and commitment, come and join us. We usually rehearse on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons.

Auditions for adults will be held on the evening of Friday, 7 July and for Juniors (aged over 7 years) on Sunday, 16 July, with a pre-audition on the evening of Friday, 30 June for anyone wishing to come along to learn the dance, get song words or extracts from the script in preparation for the auditions. Auditions will all be held at Hollesley Village Hall.

The show dates are Thursday, 7 December to Sunday, 10 December.

If you are interested, please email Hollesley Players (hollesleyplayers@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

COMMUNITY ACTION SUFFOLK AWARDS 2017: Celebrate the heroes in your community!

Nominations are now open for the Community Action Suffolk Awards 2017 (supported by Birketts Solicitors), which recognise the volunteers, communities and young people making an impact on the lives of people in Suffolk.

Eight awards will be presented to individuals and organisations in Suffolk, from Village Hall or Community Building of the Year to the Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering award. If you know of someone, or an organisation making a real difference, you

have until Friday, 21 July 2017 to make your nomination via the CAS website www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/awards

Freckenham Village Hall, near Mildenhall, won the 2016 Village Hall or Community Building of the Year award.

The eight CAS Awards are:

- The Anne Dunford OBE award for Youth Participation
- The Roddy Macleod award for Youth Club of the Year
- The Andrew Towers award for Young Person of the Year
- The Colonel Probert award for Community Initiative
- The Ian Campbell MBE award for Individual Initiative
- The Village Hall / Community Building award (supported by CAS Insurance Services)
- Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering (supported by My CharityGuard)
- Event Organiser of the Year (supported by Larking Gowen)

Awards will be presented at CAS's Annual Celebration event on 26 September 2017 at the Museum of East Anglian Life. Visit www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/awards for more information and to make your nominations.

HOSPICE'S BIG, BUBBLY EVENT IS BACK FOR 2017

After last year's success, St Elizabeth Hospice is bringing back its highly popular family event, Bubble Rush, this August.

Bubble Rush is a fun-filled, foamy 5k walk or run that will see people of all ages getting covered in colourful bubbles this summer in aid of the local charity. On Sunday, 13 August, hundreds of people will run, walk, dance or skip around a 5km route at Christchurch Park. The route will feature four 'bubble stations' which each have different coloured bubble cannons, covering you in safe, frothy foam!

Catherine Sheppard, St Elizabeth Hospice's events and challenges fundraiser, said: 'Last year was the hospice's first ever Bubble Rush and the event was a huge success, with more than 1,500 local people taking part and getting covered in colourful bubbles all for a good cause! Bubble Rush is an ideal event to take part in with your family, friends or co-workers as it's fantastically frothy and fun for people of all ages – whether you're six or sixty!'

Registration is now open and this year there is the option to get the cost of registration back if you fundraise £100 or more for St Elizabeth Hospice. All the money raised from St Elizabeth Hospice's event will go towards improving life for people living with a progressive illness such as cancer, motor neurone disease and heart failure.

To sign up to be part of the fantastic frothy fun, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/bubblerush or call 01473 723600.